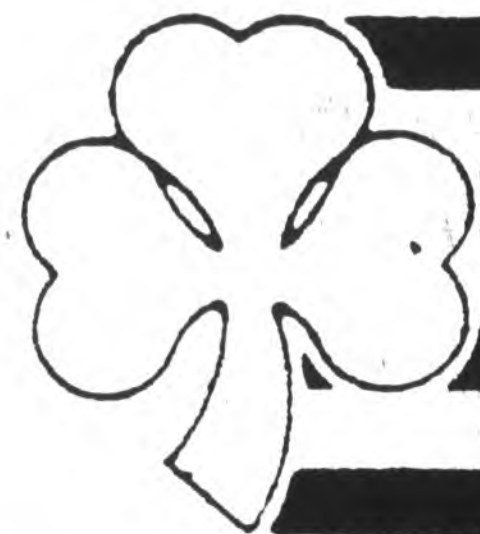


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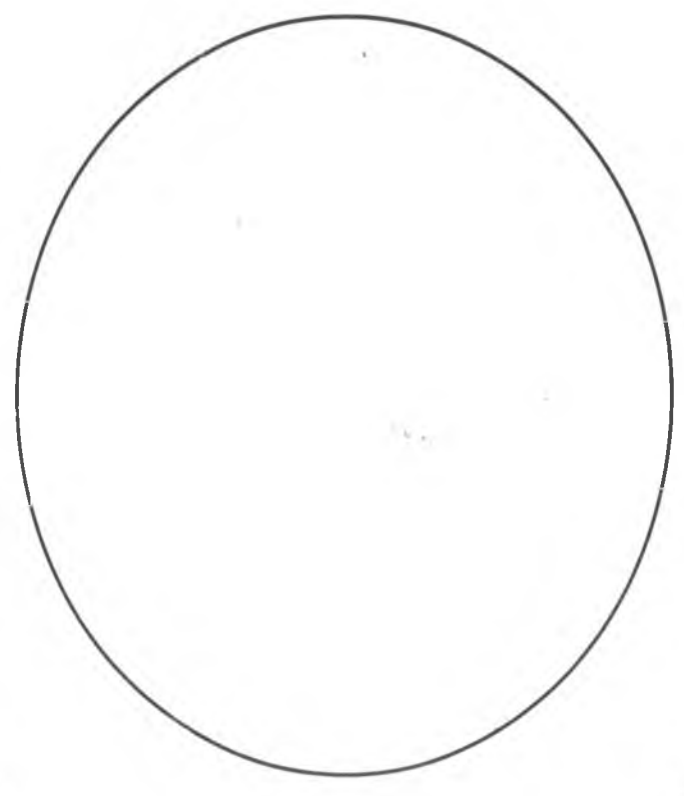
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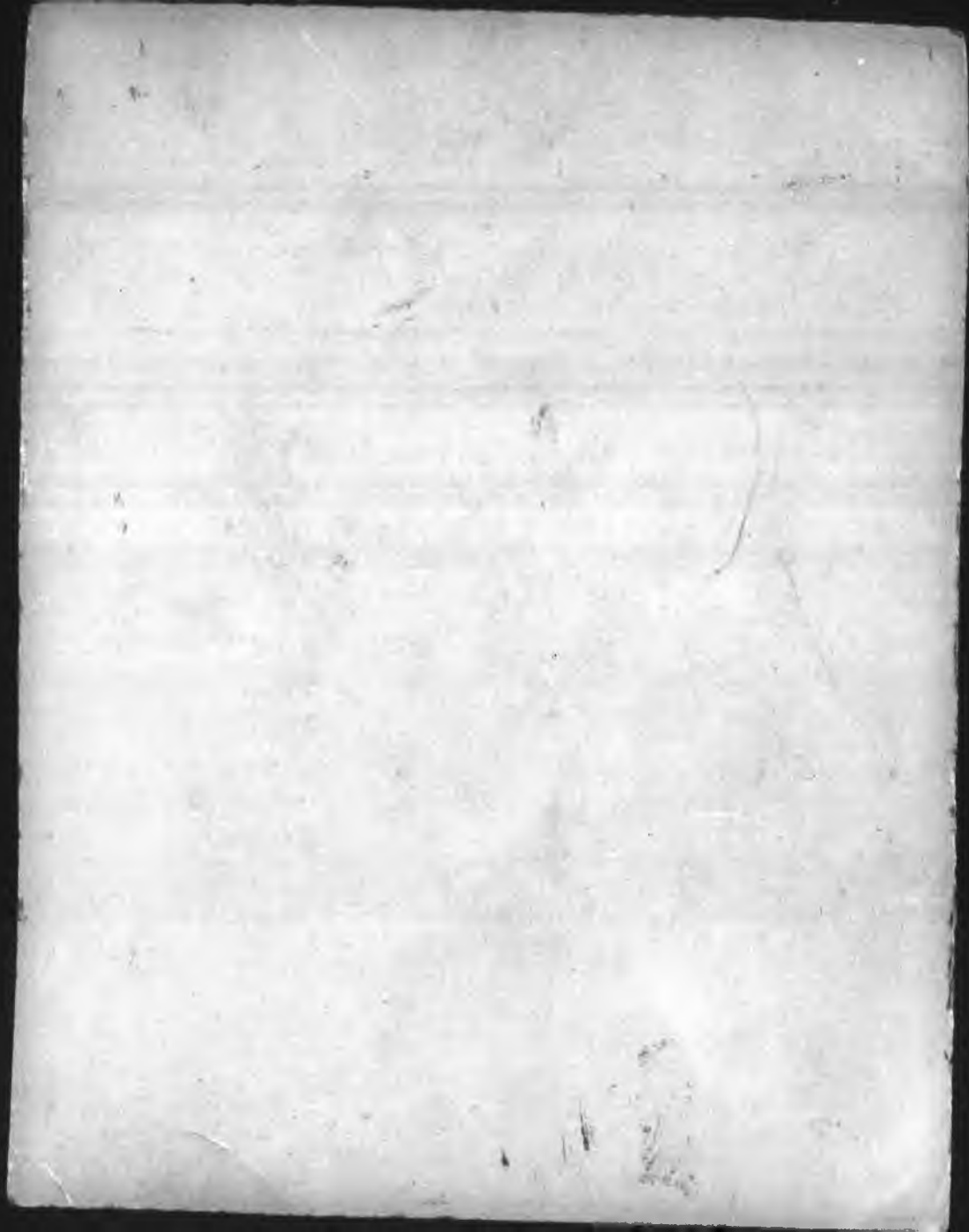
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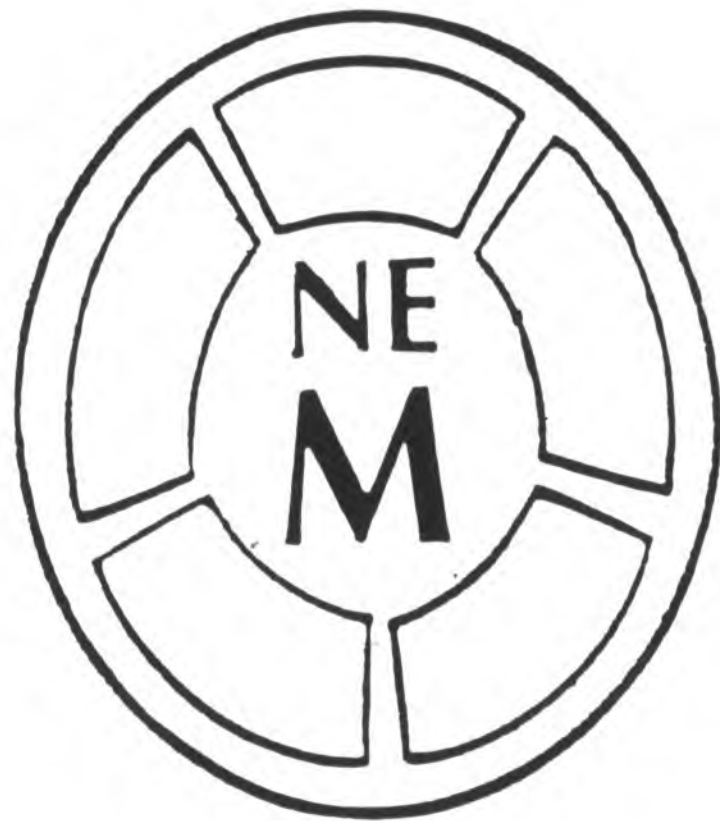
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"Roots - Trees" Flight Reservations Due Now



REVIEWING PLANS for the August 1987 Ancient Order of Hibernians "Roots" Flight to Ireland are AOH National President Nicholas Murphy, at left, and Rockland County travel agent Connie O'Sullivan.

NEW YORK: Plans for a special Ancient Order of Hibernians "Roots" flight to Ireland in August 1987 were announced by AOH National President Nicholas Murphy.

The Hibernian "Roots" flight will be via Irish International Airlines, with departures scheduled from New York on July 29th and 30th, and from Boston on July 30th. Participants can arrange for return flights after one, two, three or four week stays in Ireland. Flight arrangements are being handled by Healy-O'Sullivan Travel of Pearl River, New York.

The Hibernian flight, via Irish International Airlines, takes its "Roots" name and theme from the fact that the two National Boards of the AOH, both men's and ladies', have adopted the "Trees for Ireland" reforestation project as a "pet AOH charity." And one of the major events

planned for this "Hibernian visit to the land of our roots," says President Murphy, will be participation in the "full pomp and ceremony dedication of an 'AOH Memorial Forest' in memory of the Order's deceased members." The "AOH Forest" dedication will take place on August 4, 1987.

The AOH National Chairman of Charity and Missions, David R. Burke of Lawrence, Massachusetts, reports that plans for the dedication are now being finalized, with several forest locations in Ireland presently under consideration as the most suitable site for the AOH Memorial Forest. The final decision, Burke says, will be announced shortly.

Charities Chairman Burke reports that individual Hibernians, as well as AOH divisions, county and state boards, may memorialize their beloved dead by arranging for the planting of a tree, dedicated to their memory, within the AOH Memorial Forest. These "living" memorials will be recorded in the tree registry of Ireland's Department of Forestry.

National President Murphy and AOH "Roots" Flight Chairman, John Foody, are working on arrangements for a number of "entertainments and events, both serious and fun, in various parts of Ireland," which participants in the "Roots" flight may take in if they wish. Chairman Foody notes that the "Roots" flight is open to all Irish Americans.

For full details on the AOH "Roots" flight, prices, optional tours, etc., contact Connie O'Sullivan at (212) 733-4611 or (914) 735-9500. Or refer to announcement on Page Four of this issue.

"St. Patrick's Day
breaks my heart."

On Staying
Irish

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Solidarity!

Dialog Begins
With Irish AOH

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England Replies to Biaggi

Ambassador's Letter Raises More Doubt

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) released a letter from the British Ambassador to the United States relative to the ongoing investigation into the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Biaggi said the letter "casts further doubt on the ability of the British to identify and prosecute those involved in official acts of violence in Northern Ireland."

The letter was sent by Ambassador Antony Acland and was in response to earlier letters from Biaggi and 20 other Members of Congress (most of whom serve with Biaggi on the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs) in which they charged the British government with "whitewashing" a preliminary report on RUC violations prepared by John Stalker. Biaggi said the situation has been complicated by the British government's "harassment of Mr. Stalker which first caused him to be removed from the inquiry and most recently led to his resignation from the Manchester police."

Biaggi said that he plans to share a copy of the response with Amnesty International which had been critical of the British government's handling of the inquiry. In addition, he said he would present it to the State Department which he said must be "concerned" about this. "I would hope they would insist on the British

government completing the inquiry or instituting a new independent probe before we approve of any projects which might involve U.S. economic aid."

The text of the letter follows:

"The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has asked me to reply to your telegram of 6 October and letter of 3 December about the conduct and procedures of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, particularly in relation to an alleged 'shoot to kill' policy. I am sorry that you have had to wait so long for a reply.

"The United Kingdom Government fully shares your and Amnesty International's concerns at the situation in Northern Ireland which has resulted in tragic loss of life. We are committed to protecting the human rights of everyone in Northern Ireland, in the difficult circumstances of a prolonged terrorist campaign. This is expressed internationally by our ratification of the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and of the European Convention on Human Rights including the rights of individual petition, and our acceptance of the jurisdiction of the European Covenant on Human Rights. The Government has striven to ensure that its policies and practices conform with the letter and spirit of both the Covenant and the Convention. And within our domestic law, a number of special measures in recent years have been introduced to prevent discrimination and protect human rights in Northern Ireland. We are always willing to listen and talk to those who have a genuine concern about human rights in Northern Ireland: Northern

Ireland Ministers have, for example, recently offered to discuss the issues touched on in your telegram with representatives of Amnesty International.

"Our commitment to human rights is also expressed in our aims of reconciling the rights, interests, and traditions of the two communities in Northern Ireland; defeating those who seek to exploit divisions within the community by violence and building a happier and more peaceful future for the people of Northern Ireland. These aims are shared by the Government of the Irish Republic; and it was to achieve these shared objectives that we concluded in November 1985 the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Through the machinery of the Intergovernmental Conference with which we and the Irish Government, with growing mutual confidence and respect, are cooperating, we hope to improve the prospects for lasting peace between the two North Ireland communities. Through the Intergovernmental Conference the Irish Government has put forward views and proposals in the interests of the nationalist community which the UK Government has listened to very carefully, although, of course we also continue to make the final decision. In particular, we have discussed the action the British Government are taking — in areas as diverse, for example, as strengthening police complaint procedures, promoting employment equality, removing electoral anomalies, and enhancing the standing of the Irish language — which should all be of particular benefit to

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U.S. REP. MARIO BIAGGI (D-NY) together with leaders of major Irish American organizations held a meeting recently in Washington to discuss the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs and its agenda in the new 100th Congress. Attending the organizational meeting with Rep. Biaggi were, from left clockwise, Joseph Roche, Kathy Holmes, Martin Galvin, Peter Burns-O'Brien, John Finucane, Rita Mullen, Robert Bateman, Robert Bianco, Rev. Sean McManus, Biaggi, and Nick Murphy.

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'Irish Summer' Program Begins Twelfth Year

ST. PAUL, MN — The Irish American Cultural Institute is again offering American teenagers the chance at a unique "Irish summer" as it begins accepting applications for its 12th annual Irish Way Program. Up to 150 American high school students will take advantage of that offer and converge on Ireland from all over the U.S. for more than five weeks this July and August.

The Irish Way's "Irish Summer" provides American students with a comprehensive introduction to Ireland. Students study Irish history and literature, travel, and are "adopted" by an Irish family during the program's "home stay." They are also exposed to traditional Irish arts and sports, and participate in a variety of social, recreational and cultural activities.

Each student sees a play at Ireland's national theatre, for example, attends a match of Ireland's fast-paced national sport of hurling, and dances at ceilidh (traditional Irish dances). Students can also play in sports matches against Irish teenagers during the program, which runs from July 4 through August 10.

Irish Author Begins Tour

ST. PAUL, MN — Des Lavelle, Irish author, environmentalist, photographer, and man of the sea, will show his own color slides of Ireland's magnificent and intriguing Skellig Islands during a North American tour for the Irish American Cultural Institute's annual Irish Perceptions series in February.

The fourth of six Irish artists and experts the Irish American Cultural Institute will bring from Ireland for the 1986-87 Irish Perceptions season, Lavelle opens the spring half of the series. Storyteller Batt Burns (April) and biographer/historian Anne Chambers (May) follow, completing the Institute's 17th consecutive year of importing speakers and performers from Ireland.

Born and still living in County Kerry, Lavelle is descended from a long line of islanders and lighthouse keepers. The salt water is in his blood, he says, whether he's fishing, scuba diving or guiding tourists, occupations he has been involved with most of his life. Even his hobby is boating.

Lavelle has combined other interests — writing, photography, the study of bird and sea life — with his interest in the sea to produce two books, *Skellig - Island Outpost of Europe* (O'Brien Press, Dublin, 1976) and *Kerry* (O'Brien Press, Dublin, 1986).

During the past decade, Lavelle has drawn heavily from his extensive

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President's Message

By Nicholas Murphy, National President

Dear Brothers:

I would like to begin this message by wishing all Hibernians and their families a very Happy and Prosperous 1987.

As we begin the new year I would like to bring you up to date on some of the initiatives we have taken during the latter part of 1986 and those which we will take in 1987.

Our National Convention in Buffalo called for the boycott of Ford Motors based on Ford's refusal to sign the MacBride Principles which we feel are a basis of rectifying sixty years of rank discrimination against the minority in Northern Ireland. In the latter part of 1986, together with P.E.C. Chairman Joe Roche, Public Relations Director Mike Cummings and Deputy F.F.A.I. Chairman Jack Irwin, I met with high ranking representatives from Ford, Detroit, to discuss with them our convention's call for a boycott. We had a productive exchange of ideas with the company agreeing to meet again early in 1987. I would like to add that the AOH delegation felt that calling a boycott should only be a final resort — for should a boycott be called and not succeed all options have been exercised without achieving the goal. Therefore our delegation opted for negotiations in an effort to resolve the situation. We will continue to pursue this avenue in an effort to achieve equal employment opportunity for our sisters and brothers in North East Ireland.

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their first chance to experience the Skelligs through Lavelle's eyes. They will explore the 6th century monastery and village built on a sheer cliff on a very forbidding outpost, the thousands of seabirds, the seals and sharks, the lighthouse, the history, the folklore and colors. Lavelle will also speculate on the Skelligs' future and the job the human race is doing as steward of what he calls "priceless treasures history and nature have placed in our custody."

The Irish American Cultural Institute is a non-profit public foundation whose purpose is the non-political, non-religious promotion of Irish culture. Its programs include the Trees for Ireland reforestation project and the Irish Way, an annual summer program in Ireland for American high school students.

Early in December I had the pleasure of meeting with John Cardinal O'Connor of New York. I conveyed to His Eminence the best wishes of all Hibernians and I thanked him for his many fine statements on the Northern Ireland situation since he became Archbishop of New York. Cardinal O'Connor spoke of his great admiration for the work of Hibernians over the past 150 years and pledged his support for our efforts. I was extremely pleased to hear his Eminence speak with such command of the facts on the situation in Northern Ireland. We look forward to working with Cardinal O'Connor in the years ahead.

The major problem facing most organizations is the maintenance of their membership rolls. The AOH is no exception, and we must take the necessary steps to protect our organization. I have instructed our National Organizer, Mike Hession, to mount a major organizing campaign during 1987 with the goal of doubling our membership. Mike has instructed all divisions to formulate their individual campaign plans. The national drive will be supported by advertising at the national level. We request your total cooperation with Mike Hession and his deputies in their effort to increase our membership rolls.

On January 7, I participated with other Irish American National leaders in a meeting with Congressman Biaggi and his staff to discuss an agenda for the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on Irish Affairs for the 1987 Congress. This is the tenth anniversary of the Biaggi committee and we found the Congressman and his able assistant Bob Blacato as enthusiastic as ever about the work of the Committee. Among the proposed agenda items were:

(a) Legislation for adoption of the MacBride Principles.

(b) Change in the discriminatory visa policy as it now pertains to representatives of the Nationalist community in Northern Ireland.

(c) Congressional hearings on Northern Ireland.

(d) Close monitoring of the distribution of U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland.

(e) Change in discriminatory immigration policy as it pertains to Ireland.

The Ad Hoc Committee will conduct formal hearings on the agenda on January 28, 1987.

As previously announced the AOH together with the Ladies AOH will dedicate an AOH forest in Ireland on August 4, 1987. We invite all Hibernians to take part in this historic dedication if they plan to travel to Ireland in 1987. In this connection the AOH National Board will sponsor group flights to Ireland on the nights of July 29, and 30, 1987. For further information on this flight, please call Flight Chairman John Foody at 914-359-1386 or our travel agent, Connie O'Sullivan at 914-735-9500 or 212-733-4611.

And finally, I would like to thank all those Divisions who contributed so generously to Martin Higgins' annual appeal for the needy in Northern Ireland. Through your caring, Martin was able to send a substantial contribution to our favorite charities.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
Nick Murphy

Hibernian National Boards Begin On-going Dialogue

The National Board of the AOH in America, at the urging of National President Nick Murphy, has undertaken to establish an ongoing dialogue with its counterpart Hibernian organization in Ireland, the Board of Erin. This goal was given considerable impetus when National Political Education Chairman Joe Roche recently spent some time visiting with members of the Board of Erin in Ireland.

The substance of the visit was confirmed by both sides in follow-up correspondence, and the boards have begun to swap their national publications. The letters indicate how eager the Irish Hibernians are for closer mutual contact in the interest of Ireland's well-being and how they will welcome visits from travelers to their country. One letter is devoted to stating their position on the British Occupation of North-east Ireland.

Both letters from Hibernian Brother John F. Kieran follow in their entirety. Following the letters is a story which will graphically portray what Hibernians in Ireland may encounter when they parade through their streets.

Dear Bro. Roche,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th September; I was glad to know you returned home safe and well. It was a pleasure and honour to meet such a distinguished member of the Board of America of our Order. The members of the Board who took part in the discussions were very much taken by the complete agreement we have on the mottoes of our Order, both here and in America, our complete allegiance to Faith and Fatherland and the belief that the way forward is through Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity.

At a Meeting of the Board of Erin on the 27th September, when we reported on your visit, our President, Bro. Raymond McCormack, and the Brothers of the Board expressed satisfaction that you had taken the time to meet us and to endeavour by all means in our power to keep close contact, so that we can foster the aims and ideals of our Order in these difficult times in Ireland. Bro. McCormack has requested me to send you his fraternal greetings and to assure your members of a hearty Cead Mile Failte to any of our centres.

I am enclosing a list of Club Rooms in Ireland overleaf. The members were very attracted by your Lapel Badge and I have been requested to ask if you will send us on three gross of same (on the undertaking that we pay for same).

I look forward to meeting your secretary, Bro. Tom McNabb, and you can assure him he, or any other

member, will always find an Irish Welcome.

In conclusion, I reiterate your sentiment of continuing the dialogue and agree we have been too long apart. We extend an invitation to your Board to send observers to our Convention in Drogheda, Co. Louth, on 26th September 1987.

With best wishes and hopes for the future.

Yours fraternally,
John F. Kieran

Dear Bro. Roche,

You ask what we are doing to relieve the position in Ireland to-day. Our members North and South, in Scotland and London, take active interest in Political Parties as individuals and take every opportunity to strive to interest these people in Ireland's cause for Unity and Liberty by democratic means.

We gladly plead guilty to the indictment of repudiating the right of a British Government to govern any part of Ireland and we register also a plea of guilty to the charge that none but Roman Catholics of Irish birth, or descent, are eligible for membership. Our stand down the years is a tribute to the constancy and purpose of our forefathers. Love of Ireland is the monopoly of no man, or no party, and patriotism does not mean hatred of any country but love of one's own.

The old National Party was swept aside and the use of force was substituted as a means of settling the Irish Question. The Nationalists and their chief allies always strove for a United Ireland. So far we have not succeeded but the men who overwhelmed them in their appeal to force against constitutional methods have not achieved it either. You have only to look at TV, or read the papers to see the result of their doctrine. Our country is now bitterly divided, graveyards full of innocent people, not enough facts to hold so called convicted terrorists, homes shattered, broken families and wives and parents mourning their lost ones. The financial stability of both the Republic and N.I. in shatters and no sign of Peace.

Politicians in the Republic now preach Friendship with our northern brethren. If they had only listened to Redmond, Dillon and the other leaders of the National Party and the AOH, we believe Ireland would be a better place to live in. We believe that the unity of Ireland must come about and that this present day tyranny and violence must cease for in that way, and in that way only, will we achieve our hopes and ideals of Ireland a Nation Once Again.

Yours fraternally,
John F. Kieran

Disturbances Mar Hibernian Demonstration at Toome

Several thousand Hibernians were on parade in the village representing divisions from Derry, Antrim, Tyrone and Armagh. There were three divisions from Scotland and a newly formed division from the North of England.

The parade headed by a number of bands proceeded through the village to the Erin's Own G.A.A. field on the Randalstown road watched by thousands of spectators who enjoyed the colourful spectacle of band

uniforms, regalia and flags — the Tricolour and flags of the Four Provinces predominant.

The trouble erupted shortly afterwards when stones and bottles were showered on R.U.C. Landrovers. At one stage a Union Jack was burned.

Windows in business premises and private homes were broken and one man struck on the head with a stone, was taken to hospital for treatment. When R.U.C. re-inforcements arrived there was a baton charge



ACTIVELY FORGING a closer relationship between the AOH of Ireland and America was the goal of the above group during a dialogue in Ireland last fall. Left to right, front row, are John F. Kieran, National Secretary of Erin AOH; Joseph A. Roche, National Board of America AOH; and Patrick McCormack, Board of Erin AOH. Back row, Jackie Smyth, Assistant National Secretary, Board of Erin AOH, and Brian Lavery, Board of Erin AOH.

during which a number of arrests were made.

Speaking at the public meeting, AOH National Secretary, Jr. Jack Kiernan, from Dundalk, referred to the previous day's disturbances in the County Louth town. He said that supporters of D.U.P. deputy leader, Peter Robinson, had gone to Dundalk looking for trouble. They claimed that they did not get sufficient protection from the Gardaí but he 'dreaded to think what would have happened had it not been for the good work of the Gardaí.'

'The Gardaí are one of the fairest police forces in the world and would in no way allow anyone to be abused,' Mr. Kiernan declared, adding that if Loyalists were to get away with such thuggery on other occasions, it could prove very serious for the people of the Republic.

He went on: 'Ever since partition was imposed by Britain, it has been strongly opposed by the overwhelming majority of the Irish people. The passage of time has served merely to intensify that opposition. Bitter experience has confirmed the conviction that the division of the country is immoral, unnatural, politically and economically disastrous and a mockery of the facts of history and geography. Every Irish nationalist wants to have this injustice removed with all possible speed.'

Mr. Kiernan slammed those who would resort to violence to achieve re-unification. Their tactics, he said, were to be deplored by every right thinking citizen.

'If any section of our fellow countrymen, however wrong headed they may be at the moment, were to be dragged into a re-united Ireland by means of armed force, the result would undoubtedly be to leave us with a legacy of bitterness and hatred, the speaker declared.

The National President of the Order, Mr. Raymond McCormack, claimed that since the establishment of the Northern government, Catholics had never experienced social justice or fair play, yet they had never failed to live up to their

responsibilities. Mr. McWilliams, Secretary of the Scottish Board, referring to the Order's principles of peace, friendship and true Christian charity, said they had always extended the hand of friendship to their Protestant fellow countrymen, but on the other hand it had never been extended to the majority.

'Is there any hope at all that this generation of Irish men can come together and settle their differences or are we going to leave it to another generation and carry on with this bigotry and hatred?' he asked. It was time the followers of Paisley, Robinson and McCrea realised that there was no hope for them, if they continued to have such people as their leader, Mr. McWilliams stated.

Resolutions passed reaffirmed the

Order's loyalty to the Holy Father, the allegiance of Hibernians to a united Ireland, rejecting all forms of violence to attain this goal and pleading to establish good relations with their Protestant fellow countrymen.

An official of the Antrim Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who organised Friday's demonstration in Toomebridge, said the trouble which started at the end of the parade was caused by youths, whom he described as outsiders and hangers on.

These were people whom they did not want near their demonstration, he went on, adding that only one window in a dwelling house was broken as a result of the stone throwing.

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England Replies

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the nationalist community.

"Both our Governments also believe that the defeat of terrorism is the key to achieving a happier future for all the people of Northern Ireland. As a result greater security cooperation across the border with the Republic is achieved. There has been greater contact between the two police forces and agreement reached on a series of joint reports on intelligence cooperation, liaison structures and operational and technical matters. Many of the recommendations in these reports are now being implemented, further planning is under way and there is determination on both sides that progress should continue.

"Just as the Irish Government has publicly expressed their repugnance at terrorist methods by the IRA or anyone else in Northern Ireland, so they have joined with us in praising the work of the security forces and in particular the Royal Ulster Constabulary. As Alan Dukes, the Irish Minister of Justice said in a speech on 15 September, 'there is increasing support among the nationalist community for the RUC and it is well merited' while more recently Peter Barry, the Irish Foreign Minister,

has paid even warmer tribute to the RUC. The police and Army continue to face great dangers in carrying out their duties in combatting terrorism with courage, impartiality, and professionalism. Since the Autumn of 1982 (the period referred to by Amnesty International) a total of 136 members of the security forces have been killed by terrorist action. In such circumstances there will be inevitably occasions when the security forces will have no reasonable alternative but to use force. But like everyone else they must obey the law, and are answerable to the courts for their actions.

"The police inquiry to which you refer, which was commissioned by the Chief Constable of the RUC in May 1984, under the leadership of the Deputy Chief Constable of Manchester Mr. John Stalker was not set up to investigate over 35 separate shooting incidents involving civilians since 1982. Some 33 civilians have died in incidents involving the security forces in the course of their duties since Autumn 1982 (the period referred to by Amnesty International). The great majority of these (25) were armed and engaged in terrorist violence, or

were attacking the security forces in some way. Of the remainder, in one case a soldier was found guilty of murder, and in another a civilian was accidentally caught in crossfire between the security forces and terrorists. All these cases have been thoroughly and impartially investigated.

"The inquiry set up in May 1984 concerns only the circumstances surrounding the remaining six cases; which arose from three incidents involving the RUC in Co. Armagh in late 1982. The deaths and ensuing court proceedings, where four officers were acquitted of murder, gave rise to allegations that the RUC had been operating a 'shoot to kill' policy, had conspired to suppress or falsify evidence and, in one of the incidents, had deliberately infringed the border with the Republic. Mr. Stalker submitted an interim report in September 1985 to the Chief Constable of the RUC, who in turn submitted it to the Director of Public Prosecutions (Northern Ireland). In March 1986, the DPP directed that further investigations should be undertaken. This task was to have been completed by the same inquiry team, but was overtaken by Mr. Stalker's enforced leave and subsequent suspension from duty while allegations about his personal conduct in Manchester were being investigated. No evidence has been found of any connection between the allegations against Mr. Stalker and events in Northern Ireland. Mr. Sampson, who is Chief Constable of the West Yorkshire Constabulary in Great Britain took over the inquiry. The first part of his report was submitted to the Chief Constable of the RUC on 22 October. The DPP (NI) also received a copy. A second part will be submitted to the Chief Constable as soon as possible. Once the DPP has received the completed report, along with any comments from the Chief Constable, he will decide what directions to give as to criminal proceedings. I should perhaps add that the Director is completely independent of the Government in the discharge of his functions. British Ministers have made it clear that they will also study those aspects of the report which concern the management of the RUC and report to the Parliament at the earliest appropriate opportunity. There is no question whatsoever of any attempted 'whitewash.'

"Finally, I can assure you the British Government will continue to work with all people of goodwill in and outside Northern Ireland, including the Irish Government, to secure a better life together for both communities and to defeat the men of violence. We will continue to work towards these goals wholly within the law.

I am sending copies of this letter to those who signed your telegram."

National Awards To Benefit Trees For Ireland Fund

The National Boards of the AOH have approved the proposal that the proceeds of the 1987 Awards program be contributed to the AOH Trees for Ireland fund.

The wasteful stripping of Ireland's forests by those occupying our homeland during the mid-centuries, in order to preserve their own, has led to millions of barren acres which can and must be replanted. With your help the AOH will play a major part in ending the need to import lumber and wood products, an unnecessary drain on the economy, help

March Is Education Month



AT THE NATIONAL AOH convention, R. Joseph Kriegbaum, standing at right with National President Nick Murphy, proposed a resolution to foster knowledge of Irish history, which reads as follows: "That the National Board declare the month of March as Irish Education month and that the national historian make available information to assist schools, etc., throughout the states to better understand Irish history." The resolution passed unanimously. Kriegbaum is president of the Clark County, Springfield, Ohio, R.F.K. Division 1.

Ohio Division Grows

MARTINS FERRY — Little did the some 100 Irish-Catholic men who met in the Bridgeport, Belmont County, Knights of Columbus hall 10 years ago realize what an influence the Ancient Order of Hibernians was to be in their lives. For from that historic meeting on a cold evening in February 1977 grew one of the more influential AOH divisions in the State of Ohio and from that new division came active members who played a vital role in the AOH in Ohio.

Among the catalysts who played a role in organizing the AOH again in Belmont County — and in eastern Ohio — were Michael Muldowney, who spent countless hours telephoning and visiting prospective AOH members. But in reality it was not just the hopes of one man but the goal of many Irish-Catholic men who cherished the idea of forming and joining a group that was pledged to the betterment of Irish culture, history and policies. Amid the group of men who met in Bridgeport was immediate Past National President Joseph A. Roche who at the time was National Organizer. With him was an old friend from Pittsburgh, Pa., Kevin Donohue.

Nearly 100 men finally joined the newly-formed Belmont County Division No. 1, and from that group came a state president, a state vice president, and a member of the National AOH Board. Elected as first president of the division was Muldowney, who eventually was

in the addition of thousands of jobs, as well as adding significantly to the beauty of Ireland.

The first award is a round trip to Ireland for two via Aer Lingus, courtesy of Connie O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan Travel Agency, Pearl River, N.Y. A second and third prize will also be awarded.

Richard Rogers, assistant national secretary and awards chairman, has mailed out guidelines for the program. Any additional materials or information is available through him at Box 623, Mineola, New York 11501.

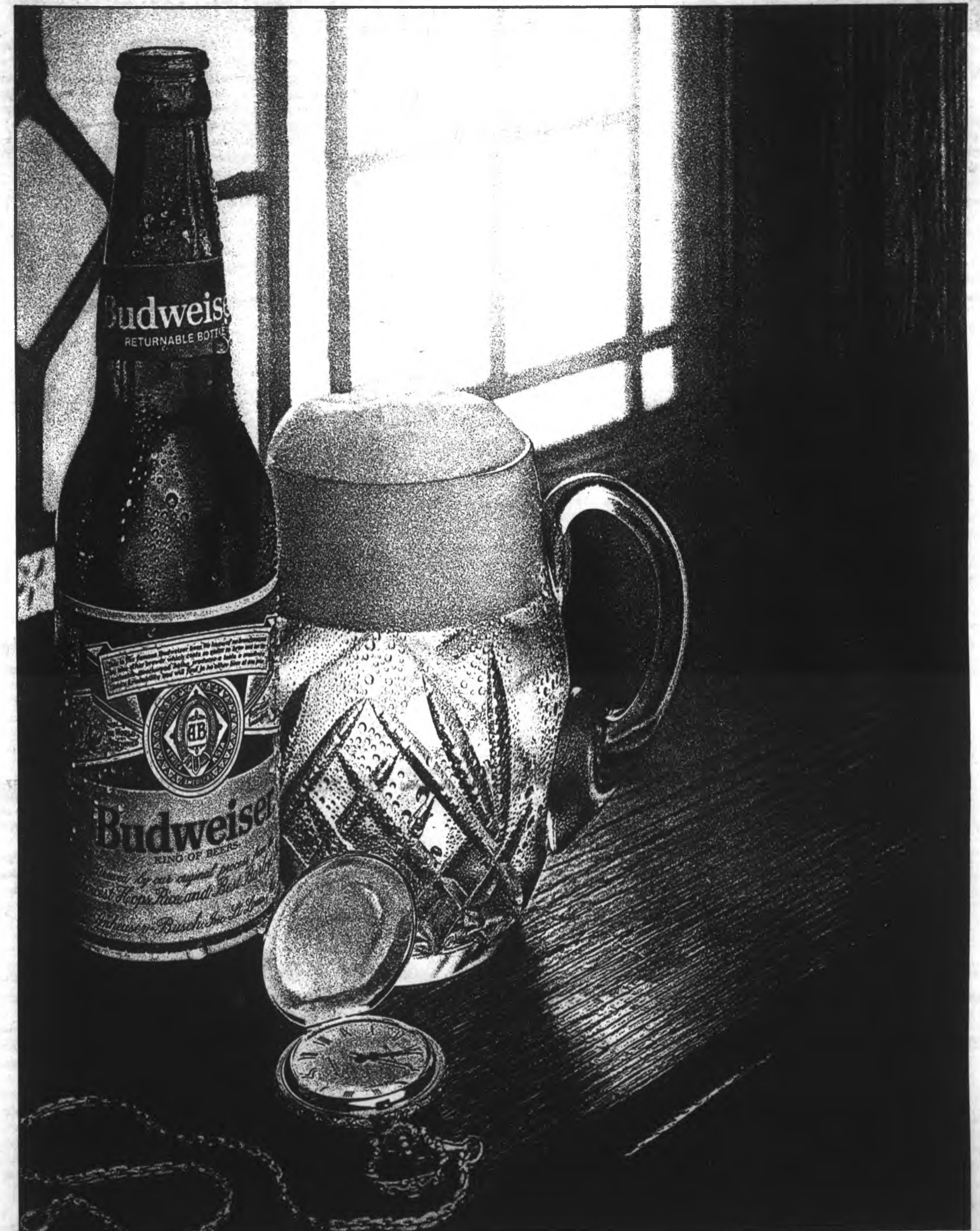
elected a state president; Tom Murphy, vice president; James J. Brennan, recording secretary, and John Gallagher, chairman of the Standing Committee. Other officers were James Hughes, treasurer, who is now president of the division and Timothy Coyne, financial secretary.

Not standing on its laurels as the newest Ohio AOH division, Belmont County members decided to bid for a state convention and won that right for the 63rd biennial state convention at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, Wheeling W.Va. in 1981.

In a sense, that was just a beginning for the active division. Eventually the division produced a state president, Muldowney; a state vice president, Murphy, and a state public relations director, James J. Brennan. Brennan, who held the post of state PR director for six of the first seven years he was an AOH member, also served as state Hibernian/Notre Dame committee chairman. In December 1985, then National President Joseph A. Roche named Brennan as National Director for Advertising for the *National Hibernian Digest*. He was reappointed to that post by President Nicholas Murphy of New City, N.Y.

Original charter members of Belmont County division came from nearly every county in the Ohio Valley region of Ohio and from Fairmont, W.Va. Eventually, three divisions were formed from the original Belmont County membership: Washington County, Jefferson County in Ohio and Marion County, West Virginia.

Division President James J. Hughes said that plans are under way for a gala celebration of the unit's 10th anniversary. The event will be held in conjunction with the division's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in March. The division still meets once a month and its sessions are usually well attended by active and progressive members, according to Hughes, who recently retired from an office with the State of Ohio.



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Jack Flatley

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Bord Failte, The Irish Tourist Board, was directly responsible for this important stimulus to the Irish economy. The Board's vigorous leadership in all aspects of Ireland's tourism industry has been the prime mover. Bord Failte is an Irish governmental agency. It is part of the Ministry of Tourism, Fisheries, and Forestry. Mr. P.V. Doyle heads the Board of Directors in Dublin, overseeing a (1986) budget of 31 million pounds. For this expenditure Bord Failte was instrumental in pushing Ireland's tourism business to a new record performance. It is Mr. Doyle's opinion that by the turn of the century tourism will be the world's biggest revenue producing industry, and Ireland is certainly looking for its share of the world market.

It may surprise many readers to learn that the U.S. and Canada account for only 17% of the visitors to Ireland. British visitors had 46% of the action, Continental Europe 14%, Northern Ireland 20%, and the rest of the world 3%. However, the U.S. tourists spent far more money — 177.6 million pounds of the 462.2 million pounds spent by foreign visitors in direct tourism revenue. As expected, more revenue was earned in Dublin and the east, 230 million; next came Cork and Kerry with 167 million; the west of Ireland received 103 million pounds of the tourist pie; while the midlands got 48 million; and Shannonside pocketed 78 million pounds.

Bord Failte points to careful planning, marketing strategy and good public relations as being responsible for Ireland's good fortune in 1985. "Promotion and marketing is the name of the game," quotes Michael Howard, of Dublin, the Board's East Coast executive stationed in New York City, the Board's North American headquarters. Michael emphasized the mission of the Board to be one of leadership, direction, and

encouragement, rather than direct public salesmanship — that job the Board leaves for the Travel Agencies, Tour Charter companies, and the many working elements of the tourism industry. The Board is always available, however, to anyone, at any time, for advice and help in planning that trip to Ireland. A source of information for the traveler and the public is the Board's identity these days, Michael Howard explained. He re-emphasized the mission: promotion and marketing, planning and leadership strategy. The Board is affiliated with four airlines: Aer Lingus, Pan Am, Northwest, and Delta for air travel to Shannon and Dublin. The new airport at Knock is showing increasing overseas air traffic and is expected to share in the travel market and to prime the airport environs with tourism money.

Bord Failte promotes Irish tourism on a worldwide basis. The market is continually being researched and clever advertising campaigns are being introduced in many countries. "The most interesting people go to Ireland," was advocated as an ad personality campaign. Trade and professional organizations are targets for sales presentations. Extensive TV publicity coverage, and Tour operator workshops led to promotional successes, such as, the recent convention sponsored by the

Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. 358 top dealer and sales representatives and their spouses were invited to a 5 day Dublin vacation and shopping spree. Each participant received \$1000 from GM, which had to be spent in Dublin shops. 1200 auto insurance agents from Michigan held their convention in Dublin in 1985. Other major gatherings in Ireland included the 12th World Congress on Health Education (1500 delegates), International Seed Traders (1100 delegates), European Congress of Building Societies (800 delegates), and many, many more for a total of 58,000 conference delegates. Golfing clubs and fishing societies, caravan and camping lovers, major consumer exhibitors, and show horses and riders also made the trip.

Travel Agencies specializing in Irish travel have joined together in local promotional groups. There are 26 agencies in the New York area group alone. Discounted and attractive tour packages offered by the agencies are always quickly snapped up by hundreds of thousands of vacationers. During the year Bord Failte provided 14 million pounds in investment grants directly to Irish hotels, guest houses, parks, hostels, and many tourism-related building projects to enhance the tourism capability with improved facilities. The Travel Agencies also benefit from the Board's funding activities and an important businesslike link is maintained between them.

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The Board tracks the business and vacationing behavior of every visitor, noting days spent in Ireland (average 11), how the visitor money is spent, how much, who gets it, accommodations used, food preference, regional bednights, and even the social class of the traveler. Every conceivable tourism income factor is collected and disseminated by new computer systems, electronic communications, video text, and all the modern assortment of devices used to mind the store and count the money. Awards are given by the Board of tidy towns, service excellence, top restaurants, best Irish craft salespeople, tourist menus; and even the Garda is rewarded — in each Province.

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Efforts Under Way To Change Immigration Act

A far reaching Immigration Bill was recently passed by the Senate and House of Representatives and signed by President Reagan. We are fully aware that it was not a perfect Bill and the law still discriminates against Irish and other European nationals. The U.I.A.I.C. has been the prime mover in trying to secure legislation to eliminate this discrimination. As a matter of fact legislation was introduced in the House to reduce discrimination under a Bill sponsored by this Committee, but was amended by members of the Senate and the House at a conference meeting. The revised Bill provides for 5,000 nonpreference visas per year or 10,000 over a two year period, and these are to be allocated among 36 countries.

The rules and regulations for the Amnesty phase of the new Bill have not been issued as of this mailing; however, a full assistance program has been put in motion and further details will be sent to you as soon as the regulations are issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The attached instructions for applying for these visas (courtesy Consulate General of Ireland, New York) is self explanatory. If further details

are required feel free to contact one of our members listed below.

Of course fuller participation will increase the effectiveness of our effort to bring about long term changes in the present immigration laws. Therefore we are suggesting that you consider undertaking the following steps:

1. That the president of each organization appoint a delegate who will attend our monthly meetings as your delegate.
2. That a permanent time slot be set aside on your agenda at each regular meeting so that this delegate can keep you informed of any new developments.
3. We ask that this notice be read out publicly at the next regular meeting of your association.

We would like to hear from you as soon as is practical.

We are confident that the infusion of new ideas from your respective organizations will serve to strengthen and redouble our efforts.

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On Staying Irish

By HUGH O'NEILL

I have no idea what to tell my son about March 17. St. Patrick's Day breaks my heart.

It brings to mind my maternal grandmother, Beatrice Haran, nee Reynolds, whose voice was for me and my brothers and sisters — Anne, Kevin, Kathleen, Eileen, Timothy and Mary — the very sound of Ireland, somehow at once soft and fierce, a whisper of flower and fog. That voice is gone now from our family and, looking at my son, I often find myself wondering what endures across the years, played out through Brooklyn and the not-Irish suburbs. Beyond the familiar fragments of our history, the railroads, the bridges, the union halls, beyond the booze and blarney slanders that have a day in the sun each March, what remains true about our people? What lingers in the blood? The answer is buried in an ethnic joke, a story invented like all such stories by a fellow of black heart, a story that accidentally reveals the secret glory of our crowd.

Pat and Mike it seems grew up together and for twenty years, boys and men, scratched out a hard life planting and digging potatoes. Then one day Pat tells Mike he's tired and he's going to America, a place where a man, you see, might have a little opportunity. Barely looking up, Mike gives a half-wave and mutters "God bless you, Pat" in farewell to his lifelong friend. Anyways, thirty years go by and Pat returns, a fancy man in a limousine. He pulls up to the field where he left Mike three decades earlier and sees an old man bent over a hoe. Carrying a walking stick in a jeweled hand, his eyes

abrim, his heart beating quickly, Pat staggers across the tilled field to the companion of his youth. Finally he yells out "Mike, Michael Ryan, it's me, Pat. Pat McQuade. At that moment Mike looks up, squints into the sun and says, with the affectionate hostility reserved for the good people when they go wrong, "Well, are you back or what?"

Mike, you see, is supposed to be a fool, an ignorant earth-bound man, unable to see beyond the end of a hoe, a creature without imagination, fit only for the work of back and blade. But in his darkness the inventor of this tale has stumbled upon our virtue. Mike's no fool. Indeed, he's wiser than his now wealth and American friend. He knows that the commerce, the action, the traffic of the world is a trick, a sleight of hand designed to make us feel either better or worse than we are, as though we weren't all of us just fine and humble, God's good people. Mike's "Are you back or what?" proclaims the primacy of the heart. It is an announcement that the years, the mistake his friend made thirty years ago, the vulgarities of the world couldn't matter less, Pat appears to be back.

Ever suspicious of the past and the future, the Irish have a genius for the moment. But on St. Patrick's Day we diminish that gift, delivering ourselves into the hands of those who would describe our readiness for life as rather more whimsical than grand, into the hands of envious men who are all wrong about the light in our eyes. It isn't a twinkle at all. It's a shimmer, the shimmer of something happening, of the spirit

being instantly and forever renewed. It's a bad business this day in the sun.

My father and I share the name of the great O'Neill, the Earl of Tyrone. Red Hugh, who in 1599 drove Elizabeth's Essex out of Ireland, before some years later submitting to the crown. But my son, whose red hair is an ancient Celtic gift, is not Hugh O'Neill. We named him Joshua to honor his mother's people, the Stalbergs and Friedenhofs, Russian Jews who arrived, thank God, in Philadelphia about the time my mother's parents left Sligo and Longford for a new life. Joshua O'Neill is an American. New York-born.

But he hears ancestral voices. Three months ago upon hearing a first few notes of pipe and string, he looked up, a fawn catching a fire on the wind. "I like this music," he said not thirty seconds into the Clancy Brothers' rendition of "Roddy McCauley." "It's a special record." I smiled and he began to dance — a sweet, silly jack-leg baby jig that revealed a silver truth. St. Patrick's Day couldn't be less like the people it celebrates. Demanding and deliberate, full of huzzahs and self-importance, it parades us all out of shape, denatured, reduced to a cartoon version of our gracious selves.

Perhaps I'll tell my boy that St. Patrick's Day betrays our secret with a shout. Perhaps I'll tell him that every green plastic derby worn in public celebration is a private wound. Or perhaps I'll say nothing. For even now, at close of day, he demands a lullabye of the vigorous sounds. "Put on my Clancy Boys record," he'll say, snuggling down in his quilted nest.

I swear his voice reminds me of my grandmother.

Ballad of St. Patrick

By GEORGE R. DARRAH

Swept up by Raiders when he was sixteen
Who brought him from Gaul to the Land of the Green
In Ulster's fair fields he was made to herd sheep
Till God sent him a message one night in his sleep
He made his way south to Wicklow, they say
Where he found a ship's captain to take him away
Back with his home folks he could not fit in
For the Irish kept calling him, "Save us from sin."
So he studied in Gaul and a priest he became
And finally was sent back to Ireland again.
He landed at Down but his stay there was short
For he had to confront the High King and his Court.

Born to be Ruler in Rome's dying day
Taken by pirates a shepherd and slave
He brought the good news of Christ and His grace
Of God in Three Persons to our Irish race.

In Ireland all fires were put out in the spring
And only relighted by Tara's High King
But Patrick encamped on a neighboring hill
And on Easter eve a great fire he did build
When the Druids saw the fire they knew in their hearts
That the Christians from Ireland would never depart
The fire he started that night on Slane's hill,
Brings pride to the hearts of all Irishmen still:
For when Europe lay silent in Barbarian waste
The Irish came swarming sent by God's Grace.
They rebuilt the churches and taught in the schools
And with faith and with toil brought learnings' renewal.

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Thanks to George Horn

New Brunswick (Canada) Irish Festival
Thanks to Mary Murphy

Rockaway Beach (N.Y.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Adrian Flannelly

Hartford (Conn.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Mike Connolly

Holyoke (Mass.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Dan Tierney

Hunter Mt. Celtic Festival
Thanks to Guy Garraghan & Dan Conover

Rocky Glen (Pa.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Tom Boyle

Project Children (Endicott, N.Y.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Bob Clune

Leeds (N.Y.) Irish Festival
Thanks to John & Gertrude Byrne

Great Irish Fair (Coney Island, N.Y.)
Thanks to Al O'Hagan

Friendville (Pa.) Irish Festival
Thanks to Rev. Father Edward Huntsman

"The King of the Irish Festivals" (quote by Al O'Hagan, chairman of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Great Irish Fair in Coney Island, New York).



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PAT ROPER'S NEW ALBUM

Pat Roper's many followers were delighted to learn of his fourth album, "Our Heritage." The album was released in conjunction with the centennial observation of the Statue of Liberty. It is described on the jacket of the recording, as follows: "America's concern with cultural roots has been made more visible by the reawakening of interest in Irish and Irish American music in recent years. One of the first rate artists to capture this Irish and American hands across the sea sentiment is Pat Roper."

Included in "Our Heritage" are such standards as Danny Boy, Ireland's 32, Dear Old Donegal, Black Velvet Band, McNamara's Band, and Maggie, to mention a few.

Also included are such American classics as Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Grand Old Flag, Over There, Give My Regards to Broadway, and East Side, West Side.

IN MEMORIAM

AR DAIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

Patrick Sherwin An Appreciation



PATRICK M. SHERMAN

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT: Patrick M. Sherwin, a long time Hibernian, — member of J.F.K. Division — died in St. Vincent's Medical Center, here, on January 2, 1987. He was born in Kilglass, Co. Roscommon, on November 4, 1908,

one of six children in the family.

Pat was a past division and state president, and national director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. An active man — a participator rather than an onlooker — he never let the sand lie on his shoes. He had many talents over and above his considerable aptitude in working with his hands.

He was an Irish historian (who could recite the poetry of our land), a raconteur and eloquent debater. His speech was colorful, interspersed with descriptive Irish sayings. In debate, Pat's witty incidental analogies provoked sudden laughter and added spice to many a Hibernian meeting from Division to National Convention.

A dominant man, he never needed to take a back seat to anyone. He was no respecter of persons. He was close to irreverent on occasion and a clerical collar was no protection. Friend and opponent were kept on their toes, just as likely to receive a sharp humorous barb, but he held no

grudges and enjoyed a similar come-back retort.

Pat had a never-ending fund of humorous stories about the Irishmen of his early days in Bridgeport. His prodigious memory recalled their names, relatives, incidentals and circumstances.

In 1956 he acted as personal representative of Gov. Abraham Ribicoff when he invited Robert Briscoe — the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin — to visit Connecticut. Briscoe accepted and was given a reception in Hartford.

He was an all-around athlete in baseball and softball. He also represented the YMCA in boxing and wrestling. The YMCA appointed him chairman of their annual handball tournament. He often referred to it as Irish handball. It was one of our oldest gaelic games. He ensured that the Irish stars from New York and Ireland received invitations and they often took the honors.

Herbert Geller wrote an Ethnic History Series in the Bridgeport Sunday Post which lasted 2 1/2 years (1977 to 1980) on the many local immigrants. Pat, the late Ed Speer, Bob Allen and myself (all brother Hibernians) furnished enough material on the Irish to keep it going for six weeks — the longest ethnic contribution. This series was printed in booklet form by the Bridgeport Board of Education and used in the curriculum of several schools.

Pat's lively "Letters to the Editor" in the Bridgeport Post often triggered a follow-up from me and we formed an effective one-two punch, providing information on oppressed northeast Ireland. Our letters were often long but every word was printed.

Sometimes, when pressed for time, he would call me to be refreshed on an incident or date in Irish history and I would tell him exactly where he could verify my advice.

The church and other good causes were beneficiaries of his fundraising ability and aptitude for enlisting helpers. His corned beef and cabbage I.N.A. dinners were legendary. Pat planned and supervised every detail, purchasing the ingredients, cooking and finally entertaining with his stories. Out-of-town groups of Hibernians were attracted as well as many local non-Irish.

Irish Northern Aid was never far from his mind. He referred to his aides as "the twelve apostles." I was pleased to be designated his "Northern Ireland man."

Pat was popular and widely known and made his mark on the Bridgeport community. On innumerable occasions when I was introduced to people who found I was Irish, the first question would be: Do you know Pat Sherwin? He was indeed "Mr. Bridgeport Hibernian."

Fr. John Bowler, Rocky Hill, past Conn. state chaplain, led the prayers of the Ritual with the JFK Division at the funeral home. President Maurice Kiely voiced praise for Pat and his family. A constant stream of Hibernians from Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Danbury, Waterbury, New Haven, Meriden and New York City came to pay their respects.

After the Mass in the Cathedral, Mike Clifford led in the singing of the Irish National Anthem. Vincente Carrafiello speaking for the family, in an eloquent tribute to Pat's life and achievements, elicited applause from the large congregation.

Pat Sherwin was a man of many achievements. He walked with the great Irish American patriots of our time. Many of us are grieving while remembering the greater grief of Ann and the family.

Frank McEvoy

Rev. Edwin J. Gaffney

BRANFORD, CT — Rev. Edwin J. Gaffney, 90, of 246 Greens Farm Road, died Friday at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Born in Meriden, Oct. 3, 1896, he was a son of the late John and Elizabeth Toner Gaffney.

Gaffney was an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father McKeon Division No. 7 for over 35 years. He helped establish the St. Patrick's parade in New Haven. He was the recipient of the

Ancient Order of Hibernians Friendship Award in 1968 for his loyalty and service to the AOH, of which he was the chaplain for last 38 years. He was also county and state chaplain of the AOH, and chaplain to the Santa Maria Circle of the Catholic Daughters of America until his retirement.

He is survived by two nieces, Mary E. Delaney, Kathleen M. Delaney, and a brother-in-law, Thomas J. Delaney, with whom he made his home. He is also survived by several other nieces and nephews.

John C. Dermody

WASHINGTON, D.C. — John C. Dermody, 77, a long time member of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH, died of cancer on December 6, 1986, at his home in Washington, D.C. Division members offered their sympathy to his widow, Mildred, at the funeral home.

Jack, as he was known to his Hibernian friends, was a retired Air Force Budget Officer. He was born in Cincinnati and came to Washington as a child. He graduated from what is now St. John's College High School and Benjamin Franklin University.

Jack served in the Navy in the

North Atlantic during World War II. After the war, he worked briefly as an accountant for the old Office of Price Administration, then became a Budget Officer in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Dermody of Washington, D.C.; one brother, Woodrow Dermody of Tampa, Florida and two sisters, Marjorie Allan and Mary Louise Eichhorn, both of Dallas, Texas. Please remember Brother Dermody in your prayers.

James J. O'Connor

Singers Commemorate Dooley At Special Memorial Service

A memorial Mass commemorating the 25th anniversary of the death of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley was sung by the Dr. Tom Dooley Choralists at Most Holy Rosary Church, Syracuse, NY, on Saturday, November 29.

The Rev. John Ahern, national chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, celebrated the Mass. Members of the Dr. Tom Dooley Division No. 1, Camillus, participated along with all Hibernians in Central New York.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley was born in St. Louis on January 17, 1927. He studied at the St. Louis University School of Medicine and served as a Navy doctor in the jungles of Indochina. He established medical teams and clinics in Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia with the help of contributed funds from the United States. He formed Medico, which later became part of CARE.

He was honored by both the United States and Vietnam for his work. He was the youngest officer ever to receive the Legion of Merit Medal. Stricken with cancer, Dr. Dooley died January 18, 1961, at the age of 34.

President John F. Kennedy said that Dr. Dooley was the inspiration of the Peace Corps. In June 1961, Dr. Dooley was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal by President Kennedy.

The Dr. Tom Dooley Choralists

began in 1962, named in honor of the famous doctor-missionary. The 30-man chorus is reported to be the only Irish Choral Group in the country. From its inception, the chorus has been directed by Michael E. Pinkasewicz, who was inducted as an honorary member of the AOH at the National Convention held in Elmira, NY in 1964.

Among the Choralists' memorable appearances have been: the Liberty Weekend Celebration in New York City July 4, 1986; the pre-Mass ceremonies for Pope John Paul II's visit to Toronto in 1984; a 1982 St. Patrick's Day performance for President Reagan and the Prime minister of Ireland at the White House; the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia; St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and a tour of Ireland in 1972; the Chautauque Music Festival in 1971; the 1967 Montreal Expo; and the New York World's Fair in 1965.

The chorus is hopeful of singing at a special 25th Memorial Mass, to be held in honor of Dr. Thomas Dooley, at "Our Lady of the Snows" Shrine, Belleville, Illinois (near St. Louis). They are currently searching for a sponsor to help pay for the travel expense.

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The National Organizer's Corner

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

The National President Nicholas Murphy has designated March 1987 as National Ancient Order of Hibernians Awareness month.

For the next six months, an all out effort will be made to recruit new members into the AOH. The program will be conducted at the Division level with the cooperation of County, State and National Boards.

The goal is to double the membership by September 1987. We propose to award prizes to the Division that initiates the most new members; also a prize will go to the Division with the highest percentage gain for the same period, based on the 1986 annual report. Awards will be given to the three members who individually recruit the largest number of new members during the campaign.

The awards will be presented at the National President's dinner in October 1987. Any member who signs up five or more members will have his name and his Division's name published in the National Hibernian Digest in the Organizer's column.

SUGGESTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM:

Each Division President should write a letter to every member of the Division with a membership application enclosed. The President would request the members' support and co-operation with the drive and explain what is expected of each member. An award might be offered to the member who recruits the most new members. Every member must surely know a Catholic of Irish birth or descent who would qualify for membership.

The National Board will initiate a National advertising campaign during the months of February and March. Each Division should tie into this national program at the local level with an ad in the local newspaper or a number of Divisions could share an ad in the Catholic Diocesan newspaper, which has a wider circulation. Church bulletins might also be utilized with good results.

Or you might ask your pastor for permission to recruit new members outside the church one Sunday during the month of March. I am sure you can think of many other ways to reach out for new member. Let's give it our best shot.

Each President should formulate a plan of action and have it in effect by February 1, 1987. The National Directors and the Deputy National Organizer will assist and supervise the campaign. This is a team effort so let's work together for the good of the Order.

Michael P. Hession,
National Organizer

ARIZONA

Phoenix is on the move. Bob Field and John Savage have 38 men signed up and ready to organize a new Division. Watch the Irish move in Arizona.

DELAWARE

We have a petition from Vincent Scully, Delaware County, with enough names to start a third Division in that County. It will be called Black Jack Kehoe Division.

HAWAII

The Island State of Hawaii is alive with Hibernian activity. Division 50 is now being organized. Our contact and hard working go-get-them is Herb Coleman. If you know any Irish Catholics in the Honolulu area, please let me know. We have a place for them in the AOH. Bill Condon, Tom Gilligan, Joe Roche, and Jack Hassett are responsible for this new division.

TEXAS

The west's awake. Thanks to Larry Hogan, Harris County, a new Division has been formed under the leadership of Stephen Horgan, who is President. We need more in the Lone Star State; keep up the good work, boys. I had a nice year-end report from James Brown, Deputy National Organizer, San Antonio, Texas.

NEW YORK TORONTO, CANADA

Deputy National Organizer-at-large James Patterson also filed a three-page report of his activities for the past six months. It looks like Jim will soon have two new divisions, one in Brasher Falls, New York, and another in Toronto, Canada. Jim's profession requires him to travel a lot. Wherever he goes he gets on the phone and contacts any Hibernians in the area. He often calls the local Catholic parish pastor, inquiring about the Hibernians. If he gets a negative answer he gives the parish priest a sales pitch on Hibernianism. He has made many valuable contacts this way. Good work, Jim.

MICHIGAN

James O'Kelly contacted me recently with good news. Jim is also looking at the prospect of organizing a few Divisions in the vicinity of Windsor, Chatham, London and Hamilton, Ontario. I expect much progress in Jim's territory.

MASSACHUSETTS

National Director Mike Carroll is doing a fine job in his territory and has the situation well in hand. John Devlin of West Roxbury requested Hibernian Digests be mailed to Cardinal Law and 16 other pastors in the greater Boston area. The Digest is a means of introducing the AOH to the clergy with a hope of organizing new division in their parishes.

RHODE ISLAND

The Ocean State of Rhode Island is making good progress under the direction of State President William McEnery and Deputy Organizer Chris Behan from Newport. We expect big things from the Wee State; good work, fellows.

FLORIDA

Tom Gilligan, National Director and past organizer is making progress in the Sunshine State; a couple of divisions are in the works. Any Hibernians retiring and moving to Florida, please contact Tom Gilligan or myself and we will put you in contact with a division of the order in Florida.

Special Notice To All Newly Installed Presidents: Make sure your division has filed a Certificate of Election Form 9 with the national secretary, Thomas D. McNabb.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day. Pray for peace in Ireland. Slainte agus seol fada agad.

Michael P. Hession

Immigration Act National Legal Counsel Plans Education Drive

On November 6th, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Act includes a provision which imposes substantial penalties, both civil and/or criminal, on any employer who hires any person not legally permitted to work in the United States. Elaborate verification and reporting requirements are now being established by the Department of Justice. The Act also provides for legalization ("amnesty") for certain undocumented foreign nationals, such as those who have continuously resided in the United States since January 1, 1982, and those who have worked in U.S. agriculture for 90 days between May, 1985 and May, 1986.

These and other recent changes in the immigration law may profoundly affect our brothers and sisters.

Under a section of the Act a provision allowed the issuance of 10,000 non-preference immigrant visas over a two-year period.

These visas were to be issued to nations "adversely affected" by changes made in 1965 in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 which precluded many would-be Irish emigrants to enter into the U.S. The State Department — at U.S. Embassies throughout the world — has stated how these visas will be issued.

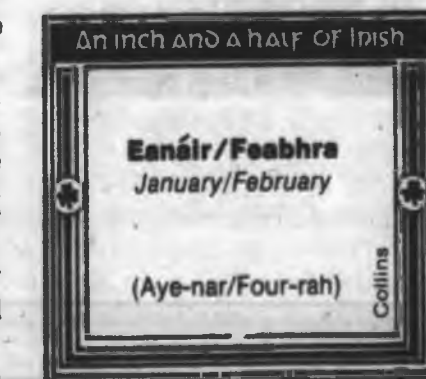
The visas will be allocated in two blocks of 5,000 each. The first will be issued before September 30, 1987 and the second between October 1, 1987 and September 30, 1988. The visa program has been given a designation of NP-5.

The State Department has set up a registration system centralized in Washington by mail only. The department believes this will be the fairest system for potential applicants both near and far.

This act provides benefits and obstacles for those Irish emigrants who wish to reside in the United States for economic reasons. The AOH has a responsibility to assist those people from Ireland trapped by the procedures instituted by the U.S. Congress.

Please send me the name of any and all Hibernian lawyers (including honorary members) who would volunteer to assist those of our brothers and sisters who are caught in the legal maze. A network across the country will be set up to educate the lawyers in what has to be done. No fees will be charged under the program. Please write or telephone with the names of the volunteer lawyers.

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Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

We are saturating prospective clients with AOH advertising releases and we hope the returns for the National Hibernian Digest, through this effort and your help, will increase the newspaper's advertising pages for 1987.

In recent weeks, nearly 100 releases have been mailed to shops and stores throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey and other states selling Irish goods and products. A number of these shops and stores advertise in other Irish publications in the United States, and we think it is about time they place their advertisements in the finest Irish-Catholic newspaper, the AOH Digest.

Considering our advertising rates, it is a wonder that we are not flooded with advertising not only from Irish goods stores, but from all retail businesses in the U.S. and Canada, and Ireland, too. If you take the time to check out the rates for advertising in other publications similar to the National Hibernian Digest, you'll soon learn that you can't find a less expensive way to get good financial results.

Thus, when you, as AOH members, do business with shops in your area, check to see if they're selling Irish goods and tell them about the National Hibernian Digest, the best Irish-Catholic newspaper in North America.

Support Our Advertisers

Our slate of advertisers for the January/February issue of the National Hibernian Digest is not as bright as could be hoped for, in the light of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Members must keep in mind that the financial health of your newspaper depends on the support you give it not only from reading it, but promoting the newspaper's fine advertising rates and circulation.

AOH members are the best salesmen we can find for the continued progress of your newspaper. Continually be on the lookout for

prospective advertisers. Some of our members have done a fine job of sending prospects' names to me.

This time of year is excellent for getting new advertisers; with summer time not that far off, vacationers are probably planning where to spend a week or two to relax. Tap those sources of your pleasurable summer period to come and join the best advertisers in the country and North America.

Support Our Advertisers

It's always good to see new clients join our pages, and even better to have some of our 'old' advertisers indicate they're planning to rejoin us in the future.

Some of the new clients in the January/February issue are Ballbay, under the direction of Kevin Lynch, for fine Irish entertainment; for 'canned' enjoyment you might try material from Emmetsburg, Iowa, St. Pat's Association.

Then there is Irish Genealogical Services from Belfast, Ireland. The firm promises to handle a search for family histories with dispatch and accuracy.

It's always a happy time when we received letters from clients who indicate they are either renewing their advertising or plan to resume advertising in later issues.

That fine AOH member from McLean, Virginia, Roger Furey wrote us to keep his advertisement in the NHD for another six issues. Thanks, Roger.

Dr. Gerald P. Monks of Houston, Texas, tells us he plans to resume advertising for his Action Federal Bail Bond agency later this year. Finbar Enterprises owned by Virginia Brennan of Gardiner, N.Y., is also back with us.

Now, if we could only get Aer Lingus and Pan American World Airways and some of the other major air carriers carrying passengers to Ireland to advertise in the National Hibernian Digest, that would be a real coup!

James J. Brennan



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IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGED

Dear Editor,

In the wake of a long series of disappointing results of U.S. Government responses to Irish-American interests with respect to Northern Ireland, I appeal to and challenge the Irish-American leadership, in all organizations, to critically evaluate the effectiveness of our activities; to present a long-term, well thought-out and coordinated plan for Irish-American political and economic assistance to Ireland; and, to present a plan for the education of Irish Americans in Irish and Irish-American history and culture.

Let us first address assistance to Ireland. Through the myriad independent causes that we identify and support, particularly political action with respect to Northern Ireland, I would hope that we are all addressing the broader, basic issues that apply to all of Ireland, namely:

- (1) Human and Civil Rights
- (2) Economic Opportunity
- (3) Political Independence

In what appears to be our typically reactive mode we tend to disguise these broader issues with specifically titled narrower causes that the reported 40 million Irish-Americans in this country may not understand or may perceive as controversial or even Communist-oriented. Most of these 40 million Irish-Americans are not properly informed about recent Irish history, of the true conditions in Ireland, nor of their Irish-in-America heritage. Concerning events in Northern Ireland, Irish-Americans have been and continue to be brainwashed by the media to believe that opposition to an oppressive government in Northern Ireland is akin to terrorism practiced in the mid-east. We must recognize that many of the specific and narrow causes are actually disconnected sub-sets of the identified basic issues, and, that we usually react to English initiatives when she jerks our chain. As a result we tend to work, often myopically and ill-prepared, for the quick fix of a single issue, and, with relatively narrow effective support. We con-

tinue to allow ourselves to be placed in a defensive position because we have no plan to pursue our goals. Why do we not heed the axiom that "The best defense is a strong offense?"

By no means have we been as effective as we proclaim, not over the past 20 years nor now. We must agree that England's wind still controls the sails of Ireland, directly in the North, indirectly in the Republic and indirectly in the U.S. Irish-American community; with U.S. Government support. Let us execute a well planned offensive by publicly focusing on the activities of England with respect to Ireland, north and south, over the past 100 years and particularly over the past 20 years, as these activities apply to the basic issues. Keep the English propaganda machine off-guard and on the defensive. Let us continually point our fingers at the collusion of the U.S. State Dept. and the English Government with respect to Ireland. The facts are on our side — let us use them properly and effectively. There is no need to fictionalize or exaggerate the situation.

At this point it is fitting to address the issue of the education of Irish-Americans on Irish history and culture. We must make them aware. We must appeal to their conscience and pride. We must stimulate their interest and energy. We need the masses to gain the clout to influence the U.S., and world, politicians. We must determine who our audiences are, present our well planned arguments frequently and broadly in the U.S., Canada, England and Ireland. We must penetrate the shield of the U.S. syndicated media. In particular, let us get the message, with historical and cultural perspectives, to the college campuses, to all State and Federal politicians, and to that potentially powerful Irish-American community; this latter group must be approached during the entire year, not just around St. Patrick's Day. Unfortunately, this uninformed audience is largely an uninterested audience. So, we must educate before we can effectively

promote programs. Certainly, we should describe the history of the "Partition", from Home Rule to the present, and, of the history of Civil and Human Rights violations under English rule, from the Penal Laws to the present. Let us attempt to relate British and the Northern Ireland Protestant political powers' activities in distracting the successive Dublin Governments, since the formation of the Free State, from properly addressing their internal economic problems and from concentrating larger energies to more effectively compete in the world economic market.

In summary, how will we develop a meaningful long range plan to counter the collusion of the English and U.S. Governments with respect to Ireland? How will we coordinate this plan among the principle Irish-American organizations? How will we effectively educate the Irish-American community with respect to Ireland? How will we effectively distribute and implement this plan? How will we measure the effectiveness of the plan? Please, let us get better organized. While history is on our side, time is not. In another generation in the U.S. we will have a larger St. Patrick's Day Irish mentality and a smaller concerned and active contingent, and, over a longer time this ratio will increase.

James J. Gallagher
351 Boston Post Rd.
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P.S. What about the supplemental Extradition Treaty? What actions will we now take — none? watchdog? clinically analyze impact? attempt to have this treaty rescinded after the Fall '86 elections?

RUMOR SQUELCHED

The Editor,
Hibernian Digest,
U.S.A.

A Chara,

It has recently been brought to my attention that accusations of involvement by myself in the burning of the U.S. Flag in Dublin earlier this year were circulating at the AOH convention in Buffalo in July.

While normally such accusations would not warrant the dignity of a response, I feel that on this occasion — given that the motivation for such baseless rumor-mongering can only be aimed at damaging support for the cause of Irish freedom in the United States — that one is required. This rumor has no foundation in fact and its source can only be attributed to those who wish to damage the struggle for freedom in Ireland.

Sincerely,
Gerry Adams, M.P.
President, Sinn Féin

FORD BOYCOTT

Dear Sirs,

It is my regret to inform you, that if your company continues its policy of secular and religious discrimination in its Northern Ireland based plant (Golden Inquiry, 1986), I, as a past and current owner of several Ford vehicles, will no longer be able to purchase any product which is manufactured by the Ford Motor Corporation. By the denial of equal representation of Catholics in the work force, you have become a contributor to the bigotry and social unrest that has brought about the economic and political strife in Northern Ireland. If you wish to avoid this type of re-occurrence, I strongly suggest that you implement the MacBride Principles as a guideline to the hiring procedures at your West-Belfast operation.

Enclosed, you will find a copy of

Four-Time President To Be Honored

Kevin J. Kearney, a native of Woodside, Queens whose parents were both from Kilkenny, will be honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by Division No. 2, Rochester, N.Y., which he served as president for four terms. Kevin is both well known and respected in the Rochester Irish community.

This event will take place on Saturday, March 28 in Fairport, N.Y. at Packett's Landing. Music will be provided by the very popular Blackthorn Ceilidh Band, the top group in the area for traditional Irish dancing. A good turnout is expected. For tickets and further infor-



KEVIN J. KEARNEY

mation, please contact Ticket Committee Chairman Gerry Dee, 716-342-0735, 183 Thornton Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14617. General Chairman is Frank Hogan, 716-244-9044 and Vice-Chairman is Bernie Conolly, 716-392-7519.

BOOK REVIEW

THE LAST POST, compiled and published by the National Graves Association, Dublin. Third enlarged U.S. Edition, 1986. Edited by Seamus MacCarrain. 192 pages.

Reviewed by Jack Flatley

The Last Post is a memorializing compilation of Irish patriots who gave their lives in the fight for Ireland's freedom and unity. It is a remarkably detailed chronological record of the deeds and fate of the many women and men, and young girls and boys who paid the supreme sacrifice for the ideals outlined in the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, Easter Monday, 1916. These honored dead truly believed the stirring words, "... In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old traditions of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom." And strike they did — these beloved heroes. This book covers the period 1916 through 1985. The alphabetized lists, by year of death, of 1440 patriots killed in action against the Black and Tans, RUC, British Army, UDR, and UDF is certainly an eye-opener. It describes the tragic story of each Irish soldier and where he lies today

the MacBride Principles, which by the way, is now a law in several states that have financial holdings and investments in Northern Ireland.

Respectfully,
E. Graham Harold
President, Div. 1, Savannah, GA



BILL BURKE
Photo by Tom Matthews

Rockland AOH To Honor Bill Burke Feb. 28

Bill Burke has been named "Man of the Year" by the Rockland County, N.Y., AOH and will be honored at this year's Emerald Ball. The event will be held at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Nyack, New York, on Saturday, February 28, 1987.

Burke is a Senior Vice President of the Bank of Ireland and is an officer and member of numerous Irish Organizations in the Tri-State Area. He is a native of Tubbercurry, County Sligo, and is listed in "Who's Who in Banking" and "Who's Who in Irish America." He is also an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1, Yonkers, N.Y.

Special Hibernians Honored by Division

Mrs. Anne McGrath and Mr. Michael Treanor were given special recognition by the Frank Fox Division 16, AOH, Mount Kisco, N.Y., for their tremendous contribution to the AOH in the area.

Newly elected officers of the division for 1987 are: Michael Hurton, president; Terry Moran, vice president; Peter McKenna, recording secretary; James Keefe, financial secretary; Jim McHugh, treasurer; Pat Ormond, marshal; Joe Hurley, sentinel; and John Flynn, Standing Committee.

in Ireland. The first section of the book is composed of biographical sketches of patriots buried in the U.S. There are photos galore, and the old Irish axiom, "Ireland's history is written on her tombstones," is evident. It is a splendid accounting of the tragic side of the history of Ireland's struggle for independence and will be a research source for years to come.

The orderly manner of presentation shows that the layout was well thought out, and the indexing is convenient. Irish historians will strike gold in this notable literary work. The National Graves Association, Clan na Gael, and Sean Fitzpatrick, who originally proposed the American edition, are due well deserved praise for their herculean efforts in compiling a segment of Irish history and presenting it in a concise, clear, and detailed narrative style report.

The Last Post may be ordered from: Mick Dawn, 162 Preston St., Ridgfield Park, N.J. 07660. The price is \$12.50 plus \$1.50 postage.

CLONTARF: (Dublin, Ireland) BLOODY GOOD FRIDAY

By WILLIAM MERYMAN

The sun, in slanting rays of rose and gold, flashed across the plains from the Irish Sea, reflecting from the silver shields and swords of the massed warriors. The breaking dawn revealed the somber battalions; face to face across the field at Clontarf and holding fast to their positions. The aged Brian Boru, King of all Ireland, looked across his brave thousands and beyond to the equally numerous foe awaiting the call to battle. One more struggle, the old king thought, one final blow to save his land. He signed wearily, recalling scores of battles past, regretting that he could no longer lead his troops into the fray. He was on the edge of eternity and he knew it. At any moment his son would give the signal at the head of his closely aligned Dalcaissians, and the answer would be returned across the field and the charge would begin. And so dawned Good Friday in the year 1014, the last sunrise that Brian and many thousands upon this field would ever see.

The drama about to be played out on the plain near Dublin had its beginnings in the dim mists of the ancient past, in and around the central European valleys of the Danube and the Rhine. There the Celtic tribes were born and grew, their seed gathered from Nordic lands, from the southern Russian steppes and the Clavic mountains — from wherever the winds came. Here gathered warriors, hunters, horsemen, and farmers, makers of iron weaponry, artisans and bards. Here, over many long centuries, they created their own language, worshipped their own gods, and extended their domain into Gaul and elsewhere in Europe, into Asia Minor. They traded extensively with the earlier established and further advanced peoples of Rome and Greece, all the while increasing in numbers and influence.

By 500 B.C. the Celts had become a recognized power in Europe. Their reputation as a warlike people was well earned, yet they were equally proficient in peaceful pursuits and, in particular, in the development of a highly trained oral tradition in lieu of written language. (It would be more than a thousand years before their descendants would gain any degree of literacy.) Some of the Celts of mainland Europe were similar to those who were soon to inhabit Ireland — fair, tall, and vigorous, lovers of good food, drink, and song, tellers of tales both humorous and heroic, and fiercely clannish. (Their women, legend tells us, were often as aggressive as the men themselves.) These were the Gaelic Celts, as opposed to darker, shorter tribes who had been settled in Britain a thousand years before the conquest of Gaul by Caesar, Celtic ancestors of many in present day Wales, Cornwall, and lowland Scotland.

As widespread as Celtic culture became in Europe, particularly in Gaul, their tribes or clans never cooperated sufficiently to form a strong centrally governed nation. In time Teutonic and Roman legions took advantage of the loosely connected and scattered Celts, and they never again became an identifiable force in continental Europe. By that time, however, a number of Gaelic

clans had been long established in Ireland, and had spread their influence throughout the land, reducing native peoples to second class citizenship. They had partitioned the island into a half dozen or more Gaelic kingdoms which, still well before the Christian era, became happy hunting grounds for aggressive warrior chiefs.

This was the story for more than a thousand years in the Emerald Isle — a long and restless history of ambitious kings whose reigns were often brief and which nearly as often ended in violent death. There were few who were wise or powerful enough to maintain their realms in peace for any length of time, even after Christianity had become established throughout the land after 500 A.D.. Ireland continued to remain, as had earlier Celtic European settlements, almost entirely rural until the coming of Danish and Norwegian invaders by 800. After that time, largely under Nordic pressure, seaport towns were built around coastal harbors — today's Dublin, Cork, Waterford, etc.

In 980, Maelsechlainn became King of Ireland and managed a stable and progressive reign for more than twenty years. In 1002 Maelsechlainn turned his throne over to Brian Boru, King of Munster and hero of many a battle for Irish unity. Brian continued the wise policies of his predecessor and by 1014 had the country on a steady course. There remained, however, a large and ambitious segment of Danes in Dublin who were holding out for a Nordic Ireland. They soon found a powerful ally in the somehow disgruntled Maelmorda, King of Leinster, who envisioned a ruling partnership with the Danes. To this end he contacted foreign leaders he thought might see gain in the overthrow of Brian, and he persuaded them to send troops for that purpose. And so it came to pass on the morning of Good Friday Brian found himself on the plain at Clontarf, forced to match his national army against Maelmorda's Leinstermen and two large divisions of Danes and other foreigners out for his blood and for Ireland itself.

This was the scene upon which Brian pondered his fate in those brief moments before the onset of battle. Across the field he could see the Leinster legions, led by Maelmorda. They formed the second division of the enemy. On the right the first division of Dublin Danes was augmented by a battalion of Norwegians — a thousand of them clad from head to foot in iron mail. (Not another warrior on the field wore armor of any kind.) The third division consisted entirely of foreigners — men who had come in fleets of ships from the Hebrides, Orkneys, and along the Baltic, along with a number of Britons from Wales and Cornwall. Against this imposing array, aligned wide and deep under the rising sun, stood Brian's army — Irishmen all. His own beloved Dalcaissians — a large group of related north Munster clans — formed the first division, led by his son Murcadh and supported by his friend, the ex-king Maelsechlainn, and his warriors from Meath. The

remaining Dalcaissians on either side of Murcadh included great numbers of skilled warriors led by their clan chiefs — the likes of Kellach, Maelmada, and Menma of the Clann Collein. The second division was composed mainly of men from Desmond (South Munster), led by their King Kian and supported by others from Meath. The third division was mostly from Connaught, led by their chiefs, their ranks completed by Munstermen. This was the lineup Brian saw before him — two massive armies primed for battle to the death, wielding long swords, spears and battle axes, nearly equal in numbers that totalled upwards of forty thousand men.

For a moment or two, suspended breathlessly in time, all was silence. Not a bird sang, and mounted troops sat on their motionless horses. Then, almost simultaneously, horns blared from both sides of the field in the morning air and wild cries rose to the sky. Charge! — the word sparked the action.

It was a long day, that Good Friday between sunrise and sunset.

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Nat'l President Installs



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Nick Murphy, at right, recently installed National Catholic Action Chairman John J. Foody, center, as president of the Terence J. McSwiney Div. 5, Rockland County, New York. At left is John Carley, Rockland County president.



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NEW YORK State President Jack Irwin is seen here introducing Governor Mario Cuomo and New York State legislators at the recent signing of the New York Northern Ireland Investment Act 1986 at the Twin Towers, New York City.

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Peace Mass at Shrine



WASHINGTON D.C.—Mass for World Peace was celebrated last fall in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, here on the campus of Catholic University. Representatives from many countries attended in their native dress, gathering at the altars of their native homelands in the Shrine. A mass procession followed to the main altar, symbolizing the love and universality of the Catholic Church. Shown at the St. Brigid altar are James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division AOH, and his wife, Louise. The event was coordinated by the Rev. Roger C. Roensch, director of development and public relations for the Shrine.

Gaelic Mass Celebrated



WASHINGTON D.C.—Attending the recent Gaelic Mass in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here, sponsored by the Emerald Isle Division AOH are, left to right, William F. Reilly, president, Emerald Isle Division; Matthew J. Hannon, president, District Board; Hon. Padraic N. MacKernan, Irish Ambassador; Mrs. MacKernan; and James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division. In photo at right, shown through the harp at the Mass are Rev. Valentine Keveny, principal celebrant, and Rev. Columba Enright, T.O.R., concelebrant. Barbara Murphy-Edwards was the music coordinator and played the harp at the Mass. Photo by Irish Eye

AOH Annual Donations



BOB COLEMAN, secretary of the Carbondale, PA Division AOH, presents checks to Sr. Marian Denise Walsh, administrator of St. Joseph's Center, right, and to Diane Keller, executive director of United Cerebral Palsy Association, left. The donations represent proceeds from the Third Annual Wheelbarrow of Cheer sponsored by the Carbondale AOH. The winner was announced during the Irish Jubilee and Celtic Festival at Rocky Glen Park. \$5,000 has been raised for St. Joseph's in the past three years.

Forum Five on Civil Rights



AOH WAS WELL represented at the Speakers Forum on Civil Rights Abuses in Northern Ireland, held at Georgetown University in Washington dc. Left to right, Bob Blacato, press secretary to Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-NY, who spoke on "How U.S. Citizens and Congress Can Help"; Father Sean McManus, National Director, Irish National Caucus, who covered, "History of British Military Occupation in Northern Ireland;" Matt Hannon, President, AOH District of Columbia Board who was the moderator for the forum; Martin Galvin, Editor, *The Irish People*, who discussed, "Civil Rights Abuses and Discrimination in No. Ireland;" and Joe Roche, Past National President, AOH, who talked about "The Northern Ireland Investment Bill." The Forum was sponsored by the Committee to End Civil Rights Violations in Northern Ireland and the Progressive Student Union at Georgetown University.

Irish Eye Photo

Irish Television Show



WASHINGTON DC area saw its first local Irish Television Show at Christmas. The one-half hour Christmas Special was sponsored by local Irish business and produced at WNVN, Channel 56, Falls Church, VA. Co-hosts of the show were Pat Troy of the Washington, DC Irish Radio Show and Ed O'Brien, chairman, Knock Shrine Assn. of DC. Bringing the Irish onto the screen were musicians Seamus Kennedy and Brendan Sheridan, storyteller John Barry, Irish Embassy First Secretary Anne Anderson and Laureen O'Neill James with her Irish dancers. The program proved so successful that more shows are scheduled for Jan., Feb., and March. Pat Troy is a member of Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA. O'Brien belongs to the J.F.K. Div. 5, Prince Georges County, MD.

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Washington D.C. Reception



HIBERNIANS were among the many guests at the Christmas reception sponsored by members of the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, DC. Left to right are Matt Hannon, president, AOH District of Columbia Board; Martin Burke, Political Council, Embassy of Ireland; Ray Walsh, J.F.K. Division 5, Prince George's County, MD; Anne Anderson, First Secretary, Embassy of Ireland; Kevin Dowling, Cultural Council, Embassy of Ireland; Charles Vaughan, James Sullivan Dugan Div 4, Silver Spring, MD; and Dave Aland, Com. John Barry Div 1, Annapolis, MD.

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D.C. Installation Held



NEW OFFICERS of the John Sullivan Dugan Div. 4, Washington D.C. recently installed are, left to right, John Dowling, financial secretary; John Heneghan, secretary; John C. Maher, president; Matthew Hannon, president, district board, and John Monahan, vice president.

The Boy Who Decided to Be A Brother of the Poor

By GERRY ANDERSON
From *The Express And Star*

The poor of five counties owe a great debt to an 87-year-old man who paid a flying visit to Wolverhampton, England, at the weekend.

Brother Matthias, founder of the order of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, is the man who 35 years ago in New Mexico opened the first hostel for the destitute in two old shacks in the middle of winter.

Today there are 19 hostels in England, Ireland, Canada and America, including one in Wolverhampton. In honour of a life dedicated to helping the poor and the handicapped, the town of Waterford in Ireland bestowed its freedom on Brother Matthias, and last week named a street after him. He has also been awarded a doctorate by an American university.

Devotion

"I remember as a boy in Waterford seeing the poor people coming back from America in 1910-12, and I wanted to help them," says Brother Matthias.

"I've always loved the poor, and I had a great devotion for St. John of God, who used to beg in the streets of Granada in Spain to feed the poor.

"I decided that some day I would take care of the poor. I was 12 years old at the time. There was a St. John of God Hospital in London, and when I found out there was a branch in Dublin, I decided to join it, even though I'd been warned it was a lunatic asylum.

"In time I was sent to Lyons, in France, and then to Paris, where I learned to speak fluent French. Later I was sent to Canada with two other brothers to establish the order over there, and that was at the time of the depression in Canada.

"Then I wrote to the Bishop in Los Angeles, and he invited me to come to America. I went into town in Los Angeles with five dollars in my pocket, and when I saw all the poor

people there I decided to rent a small place to take care of them.

"The Bishop gave me his blessing, but no money. I think he was testing me, so I went to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and they gave me ten dollars. Then I rented a house at 45 dollars a month and passed the bill on to the Bishop."

Working on his wits, he then went to Boston where he set up a home for elderly priests, but when he was ordered back to Ireland in 1948, at the age of 48, he was heartbroken, feeling he had not completed his mission.

He just wanted to be away from everyone, and he got his wish in a way he never expected when he was sent to New Mexico, where he opened another home for elderly priests.

Then the Bishop sent him to Albuquerque and told him to start a home of his own for the poor, and so in 1951 the first real Good Shepherd centre was born.

"I think we can be very proud of this Wolverhampton centre," he says. "I wish all our homes were like this one. It's a credit to the town and to the order."

The Wolverhampton hostel, in Thornley Street, was built in April, 1985, at a cost of 750,000 pounds, paid for by a Government housing association and the town council.

Counselling

It can sleep 48 men and accommodate 100 a day in the day centre. Constantly full, it has a big turnover of people, with Wolverhampton being a major railway town.

There is also a hostel in The Scotlands which can accommodate 18 men on a long-term basis.

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EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Words? Or Action!!

Statements made by Anton Acland, the British Ambassador to the United States, in his letter of response to Congressman Mario Biaggi (See Page One story) are difficult to comprehend. Stating that the ongoing situation in Northern Ireland "has resulted in tragic loss of life" and that the English Government is "committed to protecting the human rights of everyone in Northern Ireland" is so much double talk. The tone of this letter suggests that he is either unbelievably unaware or is pretending ignorance of the blatant bigotry perpetrated daily on the Catholics in every walk of life — behavior supported by his Government. He further states that "we are always willing to listen and talk to those who have a genuine concern about human rights in Northern Ireland." It is obvious that England's reference to those who have a genuine concern means only those who see things from their point of view. Common sense as well as the experience of world history tells us that bigotry with all its ugliness underlies his own brand of terrorism.

Where is England's credibility with the United States government where the Irish are concerned? Did the Stalker affair not provide sufficient evidence of English insincerity and indifference towards the lives and well being of Northern Ireland Catholics? Whereas the English government's whitewash of Inspector Stalker's investigation into R.U.C. assassinations of Catholics may fit into the English policy of an "acceptable level of violence" in Northern Ireland, such a conclusion is totally unacceptable to Irish Americans. An "acceptable level of violence" in Northern Ireland might be beneficial to England in ruling the country, but no moral-thinking person in today's world can tolerate this depraved attitude toward human life. The "terrorism" created by the Protestant majority's bigoted oppression, abetted by the English government's support, is a product of the deadly partnership's own making.

The day is not long in coming when the U.S. Congress will realize it must weigh the credibility of British statements concerning the Irish. Congress will have to confront the discrepancies and contradictions between the rhetoric around the Anglo-Irish accord and the regressive actions actually occurring in its name. It will have to weigh English sincerity about dismantling job discrimination affecting Catholics against hard evidence that it is actually happening.

The Ambassador's letter is America's first dose of English propaganda for 1987 and there will be more in 1988 and 1989 and into the future ad infinitum. How often have we heard that the English Government is trying to bring peace to Northern Ireland, that they are trying to end, sectarian discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland? We must continue to counter this whitewash strategy when it arises. 1987 presents a new beginning for Irish-American concerns. The momentum generated through 1986 has been carried over to step up our support of the 400,000 Catholics of Northern Ireland who daily face the two-headed monster of English-supported oppression and Protestant bigotry. We must display on a nationwide basis the same determination with which we achieved the Northern Ireland investment act in New York State. There is no doubt whatsoever that our elected officials who want our votes each election will listen to and address our concerns. We do not want American money subsidizing the billions of pounds the English Government spends annually in Northern Ireland to breathe and feed the "terrorism" status quo.

The Congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish American Affairs has added a new U.S. Senator and six new Congressmen to its rolls. If your Senator or Congressman is not aboard, write him or her and ask them to join. It is painfully clear that the English Ambassador's letter paints a rosy English picture of Northern Ireland for American consumption and comes across like the English Tourist Board selling Northern Ireland as a holiday camp for Catholics. This type of English mockery of the Northern Ireland problem no longer holds water for our American legislators who were duped into changing our extradition laws with England. The United States Congress is now more fully informed of English intransigence to Irish-American concerns.

Was the Irish-American vote responsible for the majority change in the U.S. Senate? Who's to know. We know the Irish-American vote is responsible for the growth of the Ad Hoc Committee. We do have some hard facts about one Irish-American who ran for statewide office in New York. Although relatively unknown outside Irish-American circles and with very meager resources, he garnered 1.3 million votes; and what makes this more significant, he pulled this vote with only 35 percent of voter turnout. To the English Ambassador and the electorate at large we say, "Truth will prevail." Action speaks louder than words.

Senator D'Amato Introduces Fair Employment Legislation

U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) has introduced The Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act, which would deter efforts to use the workplace as an area of discrimination in Northern Ireland.

"Last year, after heated debate over policy towards South Africa, the Senate overwhelmingly applied economic sanctions against a government that maintains a policy of rampant discrimination," said D'Amato, who is a member of the Congressional Committee on Irish Affairs. "Today, we have the same opportunity to fight the same, ugly discrimination in Northern Ireland."

"This legislation will incorporate the MacBride Principles, which are modeled after the famous Sullivan Principles, designed to apply U.S. pressure to change the system of apartheid in South Africa. It does not call for disinvestment, but for the cooperation of U.S. companies active in Northern Ireland in the campaign to force the end of discrimination in the workplace."

The MacBride Principles

The legislation would incorporate the following principles, named in honor of Sean MacBride, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and co-founder of Amnesty International:

- eliminating religious discrimination in managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical, and technical jobs and significantly increasing the representation in such jobs of individuals from underrepresented religious groups;
- providing adequate security for the protection of minority employees at the workplace;
- banning provocative sectarian and political emblems from the workplace;
- publicly advertising all job openings and undertaking special recruitment efforts to attract ap-

Fish Places Fair Employment Practice Bill on House Agenda

WASHINGTON D.C.—"Discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland must be addressed in the 100th Congress," Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., R-NY, said in reintroducing the "Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act."

"The Catholic minority has been denied equal treatment in the workplace solely on the basis of religion. My Bill would ensure that American companies who operate in Northern Ireland would not contribute to this discrimination," said Fish, representative of the 21st congressional district and co-chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs.

The Bill requires all U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland to adhere to the MacBride Principles, a nine-point set of guidelines for fair employment in Northern Ireland.

plicants from underrepresented religious groups, and establishing procedures to identify and recruit minority individuals with potential for further advancement, including managerial programs;

—establishing layoff, recall, and termination procedures which do not favor particular religious groupings;

—abolishing job reservations, apprenticeship restriction, and differential employment criteria which discriminate on the basis of religious or ethnic origin;

—developing and expanding upon existing training and educational programs that will prepare substantial numbers of minority employees for managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical, and technical jobs; and

—appointing a senior management staff member to oversee the U.S. company's compliance with the principles described above.

"One of the most prominent and painful means of perpetrating acts of discrimination is through employment," said D'Amato. "Improving the employment opportunities for the victims of discrimination will help factor out economic reasons for the current strife in Northern Ireland and, hopefully, will begin the process toward a peaceful resolution to the problems there."

"Most of these U.S. companies now directly or indirectly support the systematic anti-Catholic discriminatory practices in Northern Ireland. This legislation would end this shameful record. It not only will enlist these companies in the effort to wipe out discrimination in the workplace in Northern Ireland, but it also will help enlighten other nations which do business in Northern Ireland," concluded D'Amato.

The Ad Hoc Committee began 1986 with a renewed effort to see movement on certain bills and resolutions related to Northern Ireland. On the very first day of the session, I introduced two measures, House Concurrent Resolution 6 and House Concurrent Resolution 7. The first expressed the opposition of Congress to the indiscriminate use of plastic bullets by the British security forces in Northern Ireland. The second measure called on the President to designate a special envoy for Northern Ireland.

It became obvious that as we approached St. Patrick's Day in 1986 that there was clear and evident interest on the part of various sides on some type of post-Anglo-Irish agreement initiative. The most logical approach would be some degree of first-time, U.S. economic aid. I was proud to have authored, in 1983, the first legislation calling for such aid. In the 99th Congress I had authored a new bill providing \$500 million over 5 years in economic aid

religious and sectarian emblems in the workplace, actively recruit Catholics for employment, place qualified Catholics in management positions, and develop training and educational programs for the Catholic minority.

U.S. companies that fail to comply with the provisions of this Bill will be stopped from importing their products into this country.

"Ability, not religion, should be the basis for employment opportunity. As a nation based on equality, our companies in Northern Ireland must take the lead in eliminating religious discrimination in the workplace," Fish said.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Biaggi Sums Up Ad Hoc Committee Work for 1986

WRAP-UP OF THE AD HOC CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR IRISH AFFAIRS WORK FOR 1986.

HON. MARIO BIAGGI
Of New York

In the House of Representatives
Saturday, October 18, 1986

MR. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be completing my ninth year as chairman of the bipartisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. At the close of the 99th Congress, the membership of the committee stands at 115, and I wish to publicly thank each member for their participation in the work of the committee this past year.

1986 may be recorded as a watershed year for the entire Irish question. We began 1986 fresh from the completion of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement between the Governments of Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. I referred to the document at that time as a "fragile first step." Congress saw fit to adopt a concurrent resolution of support for the agreement late in 1985 and the accord had the full support of the President as well.

As we approach the first anniversary of the signing of the agreement, one cannot be buoyed by the early stages of implementation. There continues to be strong disagreement to the agreement from all sides of the political spectrum in Northern Ireland. In my mind the greatest flaw in the accord is its failure to make any changes in the political status quo in Northern Ireland, which to me seems a basic prerequisite for any real prospects for a lasting political solution in Northern Ireland.

The revised version, H.R. 4329, which I was proud to cosponsor, passed the House on March 11. The bill maintained the authorization level of \$250 million over 5 years but established the following conditions. It guaranteed that the aid would be purely economic.

The bill called on the President to make every effort to ensure that there is U.S. representation on the board of the International Economic Support Fund which will distribute the U.S. aid; it requires the President to certify to Congress each year that U.S. aid is being dispersed "in accordance with the principle of equality and nondiscrimination in employment without regard to religious affiliation." The bill also requires the President to provide an annual report to Congress on the degree to which the United States aid "has increased respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people in Ireland and Northern Ireland."

The importance of this action cannot be underestimated. The absence of any conditions associated with United States aid would have put us in the position of indirectly subsidizing continued economic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

Ultimately in terms of the authorization bill, the final version provided \$120 million over 3 years but did maintain the conditions in the House bill. A separate measure providing \$50 million in fiscal year 1986 supplemental appropriations was also adopted by Congress in 1986.

While I evaluate the passage of the economic aid bill with conditions as a positive development, there were other developments in 1986 that were less than positive with respect to Northern Ireland. Central among these had to be the ratification of the supplementary extradition treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

This supplementary treaty had been proposed in the summer of 1985. It was supposed to be given

subject to the British Government declaring their intention to withdraw from the north.

The vaunted St. Patrick's Day initiative was unveiled on March 5 when the administration proposed providing \$250 million in aid over 5 years to Ireland and Northern Ireland. That very day I was proud to testify before the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East to urge that any U.S. aid proposal contain specific guarantees to ensure that the aid benefits both communities. The administration proposal as originally submitted contained no such conditions.

In my testimony I urged that there be specific linkage between the U.S. aid and the MacBride principles of fair employment and non-discrimination. I also recommended that the aid be provided in full compliance with the human rights provisions in the Foreign Assistance Act.

In what proved to be perhaps the most significant action taken by Congress on the Northern Ireland issue, the House Foreign Affairs Committee under the leadership of Chairman Dante Fascell and the critical assistance of my colleague Ben Gilman of New York, basically rewrote the legislation.

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My objections to the treaty were based on the fact that it was unprecedented and served to eliminate the political offense exception to extradition which is common to more than 90 other treaties we are a party to. In addition, the treaty was made retroactive. I am confident that this issue will be revisited in the future.

The ad hoc committee was active in several other areas during 1986. Together with 15 other Members, we contacted the United States Air Force to terminate their contract with Short Brothers, Ltd., of Northern Ireland because of Short's continued discrimination against the Catholic minority in hiring and recruiting. The Air Force did advise me in an October 16 letter they they have agreed not to "exercise" an option to purchase additional aircraft from Shorts.

The ad hoc committee continues to be deeply concerned about the visa policy of our Department of State relative to political figures from Northern Ireland. This policy has resulted in the absolute exclusion of certain segments of political thought such as Sinn Fein while allowing others such as those of the Reverend Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist Party to have carte blanche access to the United States. This is a policy of indirect censorship directed against the Irish-American community which must be terminated.

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Irish Media Reaction to Anglo-Irish Treaty

November 15th

IRISH INDEPENDENT

Today thousands of Loyalists and Unionists will march, talk, shout and sing. Spokesmen will denounce and threaten. And on the fringes the men of violence will be ready with their paraphernalia of destruction. The belief of all who take part in today's demonstrations in the North is that they can have the Anglo-Irish Pact buried if they do enough and make enough threats.

It is the historical tragedy of these people that such present tactics worked in the past, providing them with the conviction that they only have to say that they intend to do this or that and the opposing forces will back down and melt away. And there are many thousands of Northerners today who do actually believe that they will eventually get their way.

What they woefully fail to understand is that there are forces stronger than theirs working against them. A British Government has put its hand to the Anglo-Irish Pact, and its representative in the North, Mr. King, reaffirmed only yesterday the British Government's intention of going ahead with the Pact, no matter what bullyboy tactics are adopted.

Mr. King can make the reaffirmation since he knows that Northern Loyalists and Unionists have lost support in Britain because of their blocking tactics since the Pact was formed. It finally dawned on large sections of the British public that it is a joke to have a people who call themselves "Loyalists" going around acting in a very disloyal manner. The British now know that the Northern definition of loyalism is an exclusive one, meaning that whatever a Northern Loyalist decides is right is the only meaning that can be read into the word.

On our side of the Border we can only do two things in the face of today's demonstrations and marching. First is to intensify security everywhere, and that is being done. The second act on our part is to say once again that not one sentence in the Anglo-Irish Pact threatens any part of the Loyalist people in the North. Their rights remain intact, their beliefs are guaranteed and they have the assurance of the majority of people here that whatever solution is ultimately found for the North will be a peaceful one.

Anglo-Irish Treaty — A Year Later

IRISH PRESS, DUBLIN

In recent days John Hume, the SDLP leader, has been setting out his list of benefits which have accrued to the nationalist minority in the North as a result of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. As one of the chief architects of the pact, he is understandably eager to show it in its best possible light. But the reality, as he and his colleagues and the Government in Dublin well know, is that progress has been painfully slow and the benefits so far are very thin gruel indeed. The real test of this analysis is to ask if, in the heady days following the signing at Hillsborough, we had been told that a year later both governments would have achieved so little, would any spokesman for constitutional nationalism not have wondered what all the fuss was about.

We still have supergrass trials, even though Tom King, the Northern Secretary, offers some vague hopes about the future. We still have the Diplock Courts and here, despite strong pressure from Dublin and the fact that the issue was not a matter of controversy in the loyalist community, Mrs. Thatcher has sided with the ageing Lord Hailsham and the Northern judiciary and against the spirit of the Agreement. That, however Dublin, the SDLP or anyone else may care to dress it up, is a major setback. And now, on top of that, we have the threat of Loyalist bombs in Dublin.

To point out the promises that remain unfulfilled — and the list is a lengthy and much more formidable one than Mr. Hume's — is not to carp and cavil, or score political points. It is to reflect the feeling on the ground in the nationalist community in the North, which recognises that, whatever Mr. Hume and Mr. Barry may say, this particular emperor remains at best very scantily clad!

But nationalists in the North are also realists. They appreciate more than anyone on this side of the Border, the enormous symbolism of what has happened under this Agreement. Dublin voices in the corridors of Stormont, an Irish Government minister flying to Belfast to discuss the North as of

Bereavement

THE IRISH TIMES, Dublin

The Anglo-Irish Agreement is significant chiefly in that it registers a shift, even a turnaround, in British thinking on Ireland. Unionists are no longer to have an automatic veto on change in the Six Counties. They are not to be disfranchised or penalised or in any way deprived of their normal rights; but they are henceforth on a level with their non-Unionist fellow countrymen.

It is that shift which is so important. It is indeed possible to show that gains have already been made in this first year by the non-Unionist population, but they are not, in truth, great. What is vital is that in the Anglo-Irish Conference of Ministers there is an apparatus for careful monitoring, for adjustment of conditions, for righting of wrongs and for investigation. The conference already covers a broad field of activity between the two islands. That field can be enlarged.

The agreement is there and it is working. It will be there if Unionists step up their resistance; it will be there if they moderate their claims and resentments.

Psychiatrists and others involved in counselling recognise a variety of stages in the process of coming to terms with bereavement. And the Unionists do consider themselves bereaved. First, there is shock, then disbelief. Later comes anger — often anger at the person who has died. Sometimes there is an attempt to blame someone else for causing it. And then slowly there is a dawning acceptance of the new realities. Some of the family reach it sooner than others. Molyneux and his circle are perhaps beginning to do so.

Finally, there is acceptance that the loved one — or the person to whom one has become accustomed — is gone and that life must go forward. The Unionists will come to it and will get on with making a new life for their people, letting the dead lie with the dead.

right, are still powerful arguments in favour of the Hillsborough document. And the ever more hysterical cries of foul from Unionist politicians — who recognise that real equality means their days of hegemony are gone forever — reinforce the belief among the minority that, if it's that bad for them, then there must be something in it that's good for us!

The problem so far has been that Britain's special pleading for sensitivity in view of the continuing Unionist clamours of protest has meant that even minor reforms which should have been introduced within weeks of Hillsborough have been put back for what is deemed a more propitious moment. John Hume is right when he says that standing up to the Unionist veto on any political arrangement which threatens their position of domination lies at the heart of the Northern — and Irish — problem. So far the Thatcher Government has not given way on the Anglo-Irish Agreement per se, but it has shown very little evidence so far having the courage to follow through on what the Agreement was designed to do — end the alienation of the minority and create a climate for political progress.

The Fianna Fail leader, Mr. Haughey, has criticised the lack of

An Old Threat To the New Belfast

By ROBERT O'CONNOR
Newsday Special Correspondent

BELFAST, N. IRELAND: When young Protestants rampaged through Belfast recently, smashing windows and looting, they were not thinking of George Smith and his \$60 bonus.

But he was thinking of them, as he watched nervously from the city center store where he works as a salesman.

Suddenly, he recounted, "a bottle came and smashed against the window," which had become a backdrop for attacks on two police vehicles. For Smith, the afternoon's work was definitely over.

George Smith is not his real name. He spoke on the condition that neither he nor his employer be identified.

Smith is a part of Belfast's urban renaissance, often the biggest surprise for visitors to this city. The violence of the 1970's, which sapped Belfast of much of its spirit, had an unexpected side effect on the retail sector. It created a commercial vacuum that brought the cost of doing business low enough to attract aggressive — usually European — entrepreneurs who set up chic restaurants and boutiques.

Now Saturday-night diners around Shaftesbury Square have a choice of establishments with some very un-Belfast-like names: Ciro's, Speranza Pizzeria, LaBelle Epoque.

Even the high metal security fence thrown around the main retail district to deter bombers created a mall-like pedestrian zone that encouraged relaxed shopping. The mass influx of day-trippers from the Irish Republic means a huge pre-Christmas boost to the local economy.

But all that — and more — is in jeopardy.

George Smith was looking forward to November 15, as a day that would help put his store over its monthly quota and earn him that extra \$60, his share of a 15 percent bonus.

But it was also the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which gives the Irish government a consultative role in the running of Northern Ireland. Militant Protestants, who fear the agreement is the first step toward a united Ireland, have engaged in escalating, frequently violent, protest in an unsuccessful effort to persuade the British government to scrap it.

"We probably lost 10,000 to 12,000 pounds (\$14,000 to \$16,800) in trade," Smith said. There was, he

achievement under the Agreement, and his criticism is justified. He has pledged to renegotiate it when returned to power and, if he can do that, more power to him. But the important thing should be to build on the Agreement, not scrap it and try to start again. A constitutional conference on the future of this island sounds fine in theory, but in the present state of Unionist uproar can anyone see their representatives attending, even if the British agreed? At present they won't even talk to Tom King or go to Westminster.

It's not the Anglo-Irish Agreement which is not working — it is the politicians on both sides of the Irish Sea who are failing to make it work. It's time Dublin applied some real pressure to get things moving. Unionist cries of protest cannot be allowed to stifle decisions indefinitely.

added, no chance that the loss could be made up.

On November 4, Sir Charles Carter, chairman of the Northern Ireland Economic Council, warned that the anti-agreement turbulence of the last year had neither been good for the province's economy nor pleasing to the British government.

"There is impatience, I think, in Westminster (Parliament)," he said, "with a situation which seems to go on and on getting worse."

Carter was speaking at a press conference at which the council, an advisory body, released a pessimistic annual report. Next year, the report said, would bring "no absolute reduction in unemployment levels."

"The climate for new inward investment is likely to remain difficult," the document added.

Northern Ireland's economy, never the healthiest of entities, was traditionally based on such pillars as shipbuilding and textiles. Each has declined as the Third World has industrialized.

The view of the province from abroad as a place of unremitting violence has hampered the search for investment.

"We have lost jobs which we have not been able to replace," said a spokesman for the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry. "And we would have been in a better position to replace those jobs had we had a better image abroad."

In 1970, according to Arthur Luke, a director in the Belfast office of the international accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, 170,000 people were employed in the manufacturing sector in Northern Ireland. By 1979, that figure had dropped to 140,000. It is now 96,000, and the trend continues.

In the past 12 years, unemployment has almost quadrupled to just under a quarter of the work force.

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"The time lag between a demonstration and an effect is very obscure and it doesn't happen instantly," he said. "It's a long-term, drip, drip type of thing."

But he warned, "If it does continue, it will lead possibly to a continuous slow deterioration in the industrial base in Northern Ireland."

Big British department stores like Marks & Spencer are showing confidence, through increased investment. But some people have their doubts.

One retail clerk said that the sound of breaking glass brought brief thoughts of emigration. Another worried that if demonstrations continue, "you won't get a Saturday in which you get a free run."

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FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

THANK YOU

On behalf of the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Relief Fund. The monies realized from this collection have been forwarded for distribution to the families, and shortly I will have a picture for publication showing the presentation of the monies to the families.

Unfortunately, for one reason or another, some Divisions did not contribute, and for their benefit, please be advised that I will be happy to receive your donation at any time.

We of the AOH are pledged to help Ireland by all legitimate means to complete independence. This is one of the ways that we can be of assistance, and I know that you will want to be part of this worthy cause. Please, therefore, do not feel that because Christmas is over, that it's too late — your help is always welcomed and appreciated. Please try to take care of this at your earliest convenience.

Thanks again to all who responded to this appeal, and I look forward to hearing from those who forgot. God's blessing on us all for 1987.

MARTIN HIGGINS

Alter McCarran-Walter !!

Who should be denied access to American audiences? Can the mere beliefs of some foreigners be harmful to Americans? Is it a function of government to "protect" its citizens from exposure to the ideas or experiences of others? In part, the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act was passed in 1952 (over the veto of President Truman) to provide such protections. Deemed appropriate at the height of the Cold War era, some of its thirty-three provisions for excluding alien visitors and migrants are sensible, while others are out-moded.

In effect, the State and Justice Departments have become the beneficiaries of enormous discretionary powers. McCarran-Walter has enabled certain officials to exclude aliens whose ideas might not be acceptable to a particular administration or, even worse, simply offensive to a particular American ally. When the Reagan Administration denies an entry visa to Gerry Adams or Bernadette Devlin, it consciously manipulates honest debate by withholding information and ideas from otherwise uninformed Americans. Of genuine concern to Americans also should be the inherent risk of totally transforming the State and Justice Departments into White House/British lackeys.

The problem, then, is that the McCarran-Walter Act is too broad. Representative Barney Frank of Massachusetts, among others, has recently proposed legislation which seeks to limit the scope of McCarran-Walter without doing away with it. For our part, we should study any proposed changes, while at the same time informing our congressmen as to why we have been dissatisfied with past applications of the Act. What we should not do is sit back, silently brooding, only to erupt when a guest speaker is again denied an entry visa.

There well may be a need for a law which would continue to exclude those who would "endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States." However, freedom of speech was one of the founding principles of our nation. Should we fear the views of others which we find offensive or different from our own? Spokespersons for Sinn Féin or other Irish nationalist groups do not have to be feared and therefore excluded simply because they describe reality differently from our American media. Or because what they describe may well be embarrassing for Britain and its supporters in the United States.

Brendon Moore
Chairman, New York State F.F.A.I.

Quick Action Needed on Behalf of Joe Doherty

Since July, 1986, much has been said and written about the theoretical results of the new US-UK Extradition Treaty. Virtually nothing is being said about the real and human consequences that are being suffered by a young man, Joe Doherty.

Joe is the Irishman whose extradition to the UK was denied by Federal Judge John Sprizzo, who ruled that Joe was entitled to the protection of the time-honored "political offense exception" because the actions for which the British now want him arose from the ongoing war to oust British colonial rule from Ireland. Judge Sprizzo's ruling sparked a furor in Britain, culminating in a new extradition treaty that was written expressly to

insure that Joe will never again prevail in an American court of law. During September, Joe consented to be deported to Ireland, preferring the prison sentence that awaits him there to more years of imprisonment in the US, where he is separated from his family and from his country. On September 19, 1986 a United States Immigration Judge ordered Joe to be deported.

Shockingly, our government has, at the behest of the British, refused to comply with the Immigration Judge's order. Our government now claims that deporting Joe to Ireland would be "prejudicial to American interests." This extraordinary claim, the likes of which was never made before in the entire history of American immigration law, was un-

Aide Endures Stormy Years In Ulster Post

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

Special to The New York Times
BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Dec. 1 — The sense of being under siege can be pervasive in Northern Ireland, particularly on a rainy day at Stormont Castle, where Nicholas Scott reigns in uneasy solitude as a kind of a British proconsul.

The rumpled, resolute politician is reviled by the Protestant majority and doubted by the Roman Catholic minority, the groups that seethe in divided communities out beyond the wet bastions and watchful troops.

"You know, it's nonsense, that business about the snakes and St. Patrick," said Mr. Scott, the British minister of state responsible for security. He carefully explained the scholarship holding that snakes were never here in the first place.

Perhaps few other puzzlements of this land are so easily fathomed by the long line of officials who have come as alien appointees across the centuries to serve what some term "time on the cross" in Britain's governance of Ireland.

This summer Mr. Scott broke a modern longevity record for British officials here: It had been five years since the instant when his wife, Cecilia, burst into tears at the news that he was being appointed to a job at Stormont.

This is normally a two-year stint far removed from the more promising career paths near Downing Street. But Mr. Scott, who spends roughly half the week in Belfast, commuting from his London home, has been deemed indispensable here, and the junior minister's term has been extended. He is second in command to Tom King, Britain's relatively new secretary of state for the province.

Some Serpents May Remain

Mr. Scott may be reluctant, but he is also wily and respected in serving through London's latest attempt to pacify the violent politics of its more unwilling subjects on this island.

"Looking around, I sometimes wonder if the snakes have left," he said, smiling. He was referring to unnamed antagonists as he persevered through the familiar mixture of political depression and religious violence, a mixture easily stirred by the latest mortar attack or midnight assassination.

In the year since a British-Irish accord was approved over the objections of the Protestant loyalists, their anger at Britain has grown. They remain shocked that London and Dublin could have agreed on a method for trying to force the majority to guarantee civil rights and some power-sharing to the Catholic nationalist minority.

The accord also focuses on cross-supported by any evidence whatsoever.

Joe Doherty is a kind, generous, gentle and highly principled man. His life and future are in your hands. Please call (or write immediately) to your Senator, your congressman, or the Attorney General. Demand that the Immigration and Naturalization Service abide by the order directing Joe's deportation to Ireland. Please do it NOW while there is still time.

Joe Doherty Defended Against Deportation to Northern Ireland

U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), in a letter to Attorney General Edwin Meese, urged that the Immigration and Naturalization Service allow Joseph Doherty, im-

attempts to eliminate the retroactive clause. "The U.S. Constitution does not allow retroactivity for domestic laws, and we shouldn't allow it in our treaties," said D'Amato. "Regret-



U.S. SENATOR ALFONSE D'AMATO addressing supporters of Joseph Doherty recently at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza near the United Nations. Senator D'Amato defended Doherty against moves by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to deport him to Northern Ireland against his wishes.

Photo by Ronald L. Glassman

prisoned in the U.S. for over three years, to be returned to the Republic of Ireland rather than to Northern Ireland, where his life may be placed in danger.

"It is incomprehensible to me that certain persons in the State Department insist on involving themselves on the side of the British in the conflict in Northern Ireland," said D'Amato. "In the case of Joseph Doherty, they have objected to his deportation back to the Republic of Ireland, the land of his citizenship, for one reason and one reason only. They are trying to buy time so that the British Parliament can adopt the new extradition treaty in the next several weeks."

The Supplemental Extradition Treaty, which allows for the re-trial of political offenders who have previously been exempted from extradition by U.S. courts, passed in the U.S. Senate, despite D'Amato's border measures to combat the Irish Republican Army's violent resistance to a divided Ireland. But the loyalists were never offered the veto power over the pact that they furiously demand.

"They never thought they'd be treated this way by a British government, least of all a Conservative government run by Margaret Thatcher," Mr. Scott said. "So often in the past, British governments have been confronted either by an I.R.A. campaign of terror or loyalist intransigence and violence, and then they've ducked away. People haven't yet appreciated we're not going to do that again."

An Optimist by Local Standards
"I find it inconceivable that you could 'solve' the problem in under 10 years, and I think that it's probably more like 20 years," Mr. Scott said. He was uttering a bit of relative op-

tably, this treaty will change the political offense exemption that has been a cornerstone of our Nation's extradition policy."

Appealing to Justice Department
On September 16, Judge Howard I. Cohen of the Executive Office for Immigration Review granted Doherty an Order of Deportation. In a highly unusual and unprecedented move, the INS appealed Judge Cohen's order on the grounds that having Doherty deported to the Republic of Ireland would prove "prejudicial to the interest of the United States."

In an effort to block this political move, D'Amato and Congressman Mario Biaggi, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, have appealed directly to Attorney General Meese to intervene in the case and grant Doherty his right to be deported to where he chooses. "We have demanded that the Order of Deportation issued by Judge Cohen be honored, so that Joseph Doherty is returned to the Republic of Ireland," stated D'Amato, who is also a member of the Committee.

Doherty, a thirty-one year old Irish citizen, has been held in the U.S. federal prison system for no crime committed in this country, other than entering the U.S. without proper documentation. He has expressed a desire to be voluntarily deported from the U.S. to the Republic of Ireland, even though he faces a prison term there. To Doherty, this is preferable to being deported to Northern Ireland, where he was born, as he believes his life would be in mortal danger.

The letter to Attorney General Meese was also co-signed by Congressman Robert A. Roe, Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, Congressman Thomas J. Manton, and Congressman Joseph J. Dio Guard.

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If you're lucky enough to be Irish,
then you're lucky enough
... unless you're an Irish child who
lives in the occupied north.

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Ancient Map of Ireland Discovered



LAURI DELANEY-BOTTERI, of the Boston Graphics Society, with map of Ireland and compilation of names.

The Boston Graphic Arts Society recently discovered an ancient map of Ireland which sheds new light on Irish genealogy. The map, originally, drawn between the 16th and 17th centuries, outlines the origins of titled and prominent Irish families and points of historical interest. Ac-

cording to the society's director, Peter Bonfilio, the map lays to rest any doubts as to who really is a descendant of Irish royalty.

Scholars believe that the map was embossed on parchment by succeeding generations of monks. The reason the map was compiled is not

known. One theory is that local priests compiled lists of what they considered the principal Irish tribes of families in their area. The information was then carried to the monasteries and abbeys where monks used crow quills to draw the map and insert names in the proper

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Ireland's Oppressed Children

By HARRY MCGUIRK

Monsignor Brady, the pastor of St. Camillus Church in Rockaway Beach, N.Y., is a hero to all of us who work for the Jesuit Center for Peace and Justice in Ireland. It has undertaken the enormous task of "a rescue mission" to help the abandoned children of Ireland.

The first function on behalf of the Jesuits took place at St. Camillus' Springman Hall, Rockaway Beach, on November 26, Thanksgiving Eve, at 8 p.m. Monsignor Brady is unstinting in his support and encouragement for this worthy and noble cause.

The young Jesuit priest, Father Peter McVerry, a native of Newry, County Down, flew in from Ireland on Aer Lingus to be guest of honor at this function. He heads the rescue mission of unwanted Irish children from seven years and up who are sleeping out "rough" because they are homeless and have no place to go.

There was a hostel in Dublin which took care of these kids and was

manned by voluntary workers. But the Irish Government took away the funding (the Department of Social Welfare) and the children have been scattered like human refuse to find their own salvation. Now they sleep in alleyways, abandoned buildings and cars, unwanted and uncared for.

Father Peter McVerry, S.J., is leading a crusade of awareness. Not too many years removed from the charges he has pulled off the lonely, midnight streets of Dublin, he and his co-workers, young seminarians, have children piled into every flat and house they can find to keep the kids away from the deprivation that any big city offers to a child that is cold and hungry.

It is an almost impossible task for one man, with unsurmountable goals. There are perhaps hundreds of children and even with the amount he now has on hand there is a crisis of funds and moral support for him. No one seems to care what happens to the children and least of all those departments of government in Ireland which have the responsibility for the good and welfare of children have closed all avenues of aid.

Can you remember when you were seven years of age in Ireland? That was probably the year you received your first Holy Communion and even though the people were poor in Ireland, they made sacrifices on behalf of their children. Consider the position of "these kids" without the love and affection of parental kind, no introduction to God, no church, no school, just like young animals scurrying for a shelter in the night in abandoned places. Ireland is no Disneyland to them. If we had little else in Ireland during our growing-up years, we had a warm fire on a cold winter's night and a bed. In the absence of an extra blanket you at least had your dad's heavy coat or mom's shawl to cover you. We loved our parents all the more for their kindness to us and their sacrifices. There were nine in our family and no one who needed a shelter was turned away from our door.

During our recent visit to Ireland, (Continued on Page Twenty-Five)

Golden Anniversary



CHICAGO: Frank and Stella Brown, couple at left, were honored by the John F. Kennedy Division 59, here, on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Pat McGuire, standing next, made the presentation, while Division President John Crean; at right, looked on.

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200 Attend Joint '87 Installation

Division 36 and Ladies AOH of Worcester, MA held a joint installation of officers for 1987 at the Irish Club on Saturday, January 17. Two hundred members and friends attended.

Installing officers were Edward Furey, Massachusetts State president, and Michael Carroll, national director. Those AOH officers installed were Ed O'Connell, president; John O'Connor, vice president; Al McCarthy, recording secretary; William McCulloch, treasurer; W. Shea, financial secretary; Paul Brosnan, Standing Committee; J. Welch, marshal; and J. Horan, sentinel.

Officers of the Ladies AOH are Eileen Lynch, president; Alice Henry, vice president; Ann Hosgood, recording secretary; and Jackie Lee, financial secretary.

New Jersey NEWS

At a recent State Board meeting plans were made for the 1987 Biennial Convention. The convention will open Thursday evening, June 4, and close with a banquet Saturday, June 6, 1987, at the Berkeley Carteret

Connecticut News

By JAMES GALLAGHER

All State Hibernians are mourning the death of Brother Pat Sherwin, Bridgeport Division, one of the State's Hibernian elder statesmen. As Brother Lee Reilly eulogized, "A voice that spoke out loud and clear and often for the cause of Ireland's freedom was stilled."

The membership drive started in 1986 is continuing through 1987. Prizes are offered to those Divisions registering the most new members.

National Director and State Vice President Frank Kearney is leading a statewide drive to have "MacBride's Principles" supported and adopted in the State Legislature.

The final report of the First Annual AOH Golf Tournament revealed that 146 players participated. Unanticipated the attractiveness of this event, the Committee was forced to turn away a large crowd of players. Plans are being formed for the fall 1987 tournament, with hopes of accommodating a larger number of entries.

Newly elected officers of the New London Division are: President Ernest Muehlberger, Vice President John Hanley, Secretary Norman

Hotel in Asbury Park, New Jersey. AOH State Treasurer Ed Cosgrove and LAOH State Secretary Anna Cosgrove are co-chairmen.

All divisions have reported elections and installations. Past National President Marge Rust is working on revising the New Jersey constitution and by-laws. This should be ready for review at the 1987 convention in June.

LAOH State Board Vice President Mary Paglione presented to Lynn Brady a plaque naming her "Jr. of the Year" at last summer's national convention. New Jersey just wanted to say how proud they are of Lynn. Lynn's parents, Marie and John Brady are members of the Elizabeth Division. John is originally from County Mayo and Marie from Belfast.

Glidden, Financial Secretary Bob Shanahan, Treasurer Jim Quinn, Marshal Jack Lincus, Sentinel George McCarthy and Standing Committee, Joe Coleman. Father Frank Sullivan continues as chaplain. The division's annual installation dinner-dance was held at the Morton House, East Lyme, on January 30.

Connecticut was well represented at the Tri-State Organizational meeting held in Worcester, Mass. Former National President Bill McEnery presided over the meeting. The discussions were open and engaging. A follow-on meeting is scheduled for late April.

The Danbury Division's St. Patrick's Day dance will be held on March 14, in the Danbury Knights of Columbus Hall. Ron Keenan is Chairman. The New London Division will also hold their dance on March 14. John O'Keefe is Chairman.

The State Board first quarterly meeting of 1987 was held February 1, in the Meriden AOH Hall. The next State Board meeting is scheduled for May 3, in Danbury.

The North American Currach Association is holding its annual meeting on March 7, in Philadelphia. Currently, eight clubs constitute this association. They range from Annapolis, Md. to Boston, Mass. and west to Pittsburgh, Pa. The 1987 currach racing schedule will be established at this meeting. A currach builder from Maharees, Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry, is in Philadelphia to build several racing currachs for the Philadelphia and Long Island, NY currach clubs. The Association solicits interest from other regions or organizations in forming rowing teams or clubs and in building these boats in the traditional style. Currach racing may also be attractive to the competitive spirit of young Irish-Americans. For information contact Jim Gallagher, 351 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Ct. 06333.

Natl President Addresses New London Hibernians

The John F. Kennedy Division 2, AOH, New London, CT, held their annual Memorial Mass for deceased members and brunch following the Mass on November 23. Father Frank Sullivan, Division Chaplain, celebrated the Mass. The date of this annual event coincides with the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's death. George Ryan, of Waterford, CT, was Chairman of the event.

Following the brunch National

is about 30 million dollars annually.

Mr. Murphy reported that it is generally agreed by all parties that the root cause of the intensely raw situation in Northern Ireland has been the fanatic discrimination against Catholics in every facet of society over the past 65 years, since the partition of the six northeast counties. He went on to suggest that the one-year old Anglo-Irish Accord is proving ineffective. Security on



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Nick Murphy, left, with Connecticut State Secretary James Gallagher on the occasion of the John F. Kennedy Division's annual Memorial Mass for deceased members. President Murphy addressed the AOH members at the Brunch which followed.

AOH President Nick Murphy was introduced by State AOH Secretary James Gallagher. Mr. Murphy spoke about the cultural, humanitarian and political programs of the AOH. Specific cultural programs supported by the AOH include the Chair of Catholic Studies at Notre Dame Univ., the Chair of Celtic Studies at Catholic Univ., and the Irish Way Scholarship program. Concerning humanitarian activities, the Order recently erected an obelisk at Valley Forge, PA to recognize unclaimed U.S. Medal of Honor recipients buried there, many of whom were Irish. Also, Mr. Murphy and Ladies AOH President Sheila Clifford, of Waterbury, CT, joined to initiate a priority program of individual and family support for the badly needed reforestation program in Ireland. The Order is actively working to gain broad U.S. support for the MacBride Principles, to help combat discrimination against Catholics in employment in Northern Ireland. The initial thrust is directed at U.S. companies with unfair employment records in Northern Ireland and Britain's unenforced Fair Employment Act.

Prefacing his remarks on political issues Mr. Murphy cited his whirlwind activities during the past six months in meeting with influential government leaders in Britain, Ireland and the U.S. Using direct observations and information obtained during these meetings, he evaluated the U.S. news media's record in reporting events in Northern Ireland. To set the record straight, he said, there are no correspondents from the major U.S. newspapers or broadcast corporations operating in Northern Ireland. Rather, most of the news reported here is obtained from the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC). Further, Britain's budget for propagandizing the Northern Ireland situation in the U.S., largely via visiting teams who directly brief media editors, publishers and direc-

both sides of the border is being strengthened, partially funded by an initial U.S. allotment of 50 million dollars in support of the Accord, and thereby further solidifying the partition. Ironically, Britain's fiscal share in supporting the Accord is the cost of maintaining her troops in Northern Ireland. One hopeful note in all of this is that the U.S. Congressional Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs is requiring accountability for the expenditure of funds supporting the Accord, particularly as it should serve to stimulate employment, to correct the many human and civil rights violations and to foster an equitable justice system.

During recent Accord negotiations The Dublin Government request to modify the Diplock Court system in the North, to provide for three judges instead of the current one judge no jury court, was rejected by Mrs. Thatcher. It appears obvious that the Accord is a typical British stalling technique and that she does not intend to correct the disgraceful governmental actions in Northern Ireland. Consequently, pressure from the American Catholic community, i.e., Irish, German, Italian, Polish, etc., on the U.S. Congress and news media is absolutely essential if Britain's propaganda activity and her policy of discrimination and repression against Catholics in Northern Ireland are to be negated. It is incredible that these conditions are being fostered in 20th Century civilized western Europe despite the worldwide trend toward greater civil rights, and that these activities are officially accepted by the U.S. Government.

In closing, Mr. Murphy emphasized that the "AOH is determined to use every legal means at its disposal to apply pressure on the London Government to accept its responsibility to improve the plight of the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland."

James J. Gallagher

New Newport Officers



RHODE ISLAND Past State President Neil Sullivan recently installed Newport Division 1 officers for 1987. From left to right are Tom Gough, recording secretary; Martin Shea, treasurer; Mike Malloy, president; Norman King, vice president; and Christopher Behan, financial secretary.

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Junior Scrapbooks Guidelines Offered

It is important for the Juniors to understand the rules for the scrapbook before they spend their time and effort.

The scrapbook is to be presented to the National Vice President at the Convention in 1988. The exact time and place will be announced at a later date.

Each Junior Division must present a separate scrapbook. If more than one Division exists in your State, each Division must present an individual scrapbook if it wants to be considered for the Best Junior Division at the National Convention.

The general recommendations are as follows:

1. The size should not exceed standard large scrapbook or photograph album size.
2. Cover design and art work throughout the book is encouraged.
3. Material should show general participation in all listed projects — religious projects, Catholic Action Programs, mission activities, Promotion of Irish History, community involvement and social activities.

The work that a scrapbook involves cannot be put off until the last minute. Plan ahead, take the pictures, and experiment with layouts. It is fun and exciting to work on such a project when begun early and carried through according to a plan.

Junior Banner Contest Announced

The LAOH has announced guidelines for the Junior Division Banner Contest, whose entries will be judged at the 1988 National Convention, dates and place to be announced later.

The subject is: St. Brigid, Patroness of Our Order.

Three prizes will be awarded in the form of savings bonds of \$100, \$50, and \$50 dollars. There can be one banner from each junior division entered, of a size not to exceed 16" by 24".

Banners must be received by National Vice President Mary E. Bradley no later than June 1, 1988. They will be judged on organization of the material and originality.

Because much time, study and thought must go into the design and preparation of the banners, announcement is being made early to allow for the development of some excellent work on the part of junior LAOH members.

Essay Contest Now Closed to Entries

The National Irish History Essay Contest, sponsored by the National Board, LAOH, closed on February 15, 1987.

All State Historians are reminded to submit, from their state, the two best essays from each level (Elementary Schools and High Schools) to National Historian Kathie Linton, 620 West Steels Corners, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223, by March 15, 1987.

Kathie also wishes to make clear that to include the Table of Contents is optional and will not be taken into consideration during the judging.

The results will be announced as soon as possible after the final judging is completed.

Sympathy Goes Out To Sally Murphy

"SONA NEOMH PADRAIG LAE"
(Happy St. Patrick's Day)

BLUE
be the skies above you,
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be the grass you walk on,
PURE
be the joys that surround you
TRUE
be the hearts that love you
this St. Patrick's Day
and always.

This is the wish of the
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Ladies Connecticut News

Anne Marie McEvoy, Fairfield County president, installed the 1987 officers for Stamford, Division 59, on Sunday, January 4, 1987. Catherine Walsh was installed for her second term as president.

Division 65, Bridgeport, elected Mary Sheehan as president. Their installation took place in late January.

Danbury, Division 58, elected Kathleen Jacobs as president and she, too, was installed in January.

National President Sheila Clifford installed the new officers of Waterbury Division 66, on January 7. The Annual Installation Dinner Dance was held on January 31 and was a tremendous success.

Meriden, Division 15, held their in-

stallation on January 9th. Diane Daley was installed as president and presided over a buffet that followed the installation ceremony. Entertainment was enjoyed in the lounge to conclude the evening.

The Connecticut State Boards, AOH and LAOH, held their winter meeting on Sunday, February 1. The meeting was dedicated to St. Brigid with a Mass celebrated for the deceased members of the AOH and LAOH.

The State Chairman of Missions, Marge Sheehan, announced that the Annual Columban Mission Award will be under consideration over the next few months, with the winner announced at the Connecticut State Convention June 6 and 7.

New York Ladies News

World famous Irish actress, Maureen O'Hara Blair, became a member of the Lt. Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, LAOH, in New York last November. A reception was held in her honor following the initiation.

In Westchester County, Division 10, Peekskill, held a card party at the Assumption Church Hall. Many of the Ladies also attended Solidarity Day in New York City. Kathleen Casey from Division 11 sang the Anthems. Lorraine O'Sullivan, Division 11, Tarrytown, was honored at the American Irish Association of Westchester with the distinguished service award.

Divisions 6, 11, 16, and 17 were represented at Mass for Peace in Ireland on November 9 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale New York.

Lorraine O'Sullivan has been appointed liaison from the Ladies'

County Board to the American Irish Association of Westchester for the Irish Children's Summer Program and Toy Drive.

In Queens County, Division 14 held their installation on December 6 at our Lady of Perpetual Help in Richmond Hill. Mrs. Margaret Linehan was installed as the new president. On December 7, Divisions 13 and 15 held a joint installation at St. Robert of Bellarmine in Bayside. Installed as presidents were Betty Donnelly of Division 13, Bayside, and Marianne Fleisher of Division 15, Whitestone. Mrs. Anne Neville, county president was the Installing Officer at all three installations.

On December 10, two Divisions held installations. Miss Maureen Gallahue, county vice president, installed the Ladies of Division 23, Bellrose, when Mrs. Joan Sullivan was returned as president. At a

ceremony held in the home of Mrs. Sheila Twomey, past president of Queens County, Miss Dolores E. Voelker, national LAOH secretary, installed Mrs. Nellie Ryan as president of Division 17, Queens Village, along with the other division officers.

Divisions 16 and 22 held their installation on December 14. National Secretary Dolores Voelker again officiated as Mrs. Nora Conway was installed, by proxy, as president for Mrs. Anne Neville, who was ill. The ceremony took place at Slatery's in Woodside. St. Rose of Lima was the scene of Division 22's installation. County Vice President Maureen Gallahue was the installing officer, as Mrs. Jane Tubridy was installed as president.

Division 9 held their installation on Sunday, January 4 at St. Michaels Church in Flushing. County President Anne Neville installed the officers with Mrs. Katherine Waldmer, past president of Queens County Board, as president.



AT THE RECEPTION following the initiation into the LAOH of actress Maureen O'Hara Blair, third from left, are several members offering congratulations and welcome. From left are Marion I. Gullfoyle, past New York state president; Mary Hartnett, Division 29 president; and Monica Burke, New York state president.

Ladies Massachusetts News

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Springfield paid tribute to one of their members, Sr. Thomasine O'Connor, S.N.D., of happy memory. A memorial Mass was offered for Sister by Division Chaplain Father Francis Reilly, prior to their January meeting. Sister was chairman of Catholic Action for five years preceding her death, and was instrumental in establishing a Scholarship Fund four years ago.

Six lucky youngsters have benefited from Sisters efforts and in her memory the project will now be known as the Sr. Thomasine Education Awards. Under the direction of Sr. Patricia James, S.S.J., the new Catholic Action Chairman, this program will continue to flourish and

the next Awards will be presented in May to students who are or will be enrolled in Catholic schools or colleges.

Congratulations to the following newly elected presidents in the various counties in Massachusetts.

Essex County: Division 8, Ita Donahue; Division 10, Maureen Kidney; Division 11, Diane Gregory; Division 14, Alice Lyons; Division 18, Claire Kane; Division 20, Katherine Shine.

Hampden County: Division 8, Frances Hamra. Middlesex County: Division 6, Margaret Davis; Division 14, Deborah Barrett; Division 21, Mary Morey.

Worcester County: Division 8, Elaine Patterson; Division 36, Eileen Lynch.

A new Division was just recently chartered in Lowell and the State welcomes the members of Division 19 of Middlesex County.

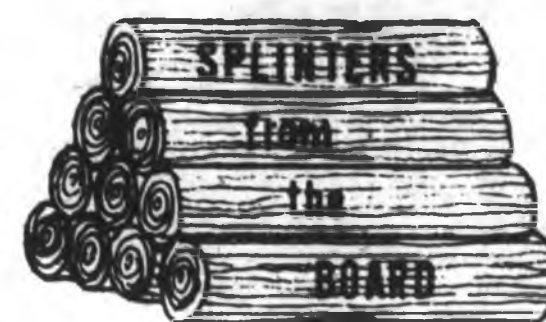
Middlesex County Board recently held their Annual Dance with Andy Healey's Band. The members of the County honored Miss Helen O'Leary for her contributions to the Hibernians over the years. A past president of Middlesex County and for many years a member of the Framingham Division before transferring recently to the Watertown

Division, she is the sister of Past National President Walter O'Leary of Massachusetts.

Christmas was a busy time for all the Divisions as they gathered for special activities. Division 36 of Worcester held their Christmas Party on December 10, with Mass celebrated by Rev. James Champion, followed by a dinner at the Emerald Isle. Division 14's party was held at Hibernian Hall in Watertown; entertainment was provided by Joanne Marshall on the accordion. Division 8, Clinton held their Christmas Party at Lord Ben's in Sterling, MA, and included installation of newly elected officers. Division 8, of Springfield, held their Annual Christmas Party and Dinner at LIDO's where Santa appeared with small gifts for all. Chaplain Father Francis Reilly entertained with songs, accompanying himself on the guitar.

Essex County Board held their quarterly meeting on February 1 in Haverhill. The Mass. State Board will meet March 1 in Salem and the Middlesex County Board will meet in Weston on March 8. On February 27, Andy Healy will participate in a benefit for The Little Sisters of the Poor. Kathleen McMullen is chairlady for this affair.

Plans are well under way for many St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Dinner dances will be held by Marlboro on March 14 at the Best Western; by



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

It is that time of year when we think of spring and hope that the winter will soon be a memory.

It is also the time when each of us should be looking for ways to increase our membership and to increase attendance at our monthly meetings.

How can we increase our membership???? We should encourage women to join the Hibernians. When they ask "Why should I belong?" "Why shouldn't you belong to the oldest Catholic Lay Organization?" Highlight the purpose of the organization as set forth in the Preamble to our National Constitution — to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity; to foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people and to promote Irish culture, etc. Highlight some of the activities — the Columban Mission Fund (note that at the 1986 National Convention a check for \$47,000 was presented to the Columban Fathers); Catholic Action activities; Annual Irish History Essay Contest; Trinity College Scholarship and the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund, established to fund the Study of American Catholicism, especially the Irish influence, and many Hibernian scholarships at Notre Dame.

During the past year has attendance at your monthly meetings been dropping off? What can you do

to increase attendance?

The President and officers should remember that a member will not sacrifice the time to attend a poorly conducted meeting or join an organization that doesn't offer a variety of activities.

Before a regularly scheduled meeting a President should prepare an agenda and see that the other officers are prepared to give reports. Our Ritual provides the Order of Business, but in order to keep the proper flow of business, an agenda is essential.

The President should conduct the meetings but not dominate them. She should be prompt in calling a meeting to order when a quorum is present. She should provide an atmosphere and framework in which the membership can choose its areas of emphasis. Other officers should be prepared to give complete and informative reports.

Responsibility for the welfare is shared by all members, not just the officers. At times, members do not agree with every decision, but should have the willingness to support decisions made by the membership.

All Divisions should set their goals for 1987, then establish a guide on how you are going to achieve them. The Hibernians offer many activities and programs; it is up to the Divisions to open the door when opportunity knocks.

Hibernian Trees in Ireland — A Magnificent Opportunity

The joint National Boards of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, have agreed on undertaking a project titled "HIBERNIAN TREES IN IRELAND". The project presents a noble opportunity to have a tree planted in Ireland — in your name, in your honor.

In 1183 Giraldus Cambrensis visited Ireland and described it as a "beautiful well-wooded land." By the year 1700, owing to its colonial situation, the country had been stripped of its forests. And an Irish poet could lament "Cad a deanfaimid feasta gan admad/Ta deiread na gcollte ar lar" (What will we ever do without trees/All our forests are destroyed).

Now, you can do something about it. By courtesy of the replanting program being undertaken by the Irish Government, you can have a tree planted in any county in the Republic — in your family name and in your honor. Also, your name will be enrolled in the register of the Irish Forestry and Wildlife Service at the

particular forest center (where it may be seen during visiting hours).

In addition, your participation in this opportunity will be verified by a certificate from the Irish American Cultural Institute's "Trees for Ireland" program.

As the old saying has it "They who plant trees love others besides themselves." And what better way to express your affection and regard for a member of your family, or for a friend, than by planting a tree in his or her name? Instead of the conventional birthday card or thank you note, what could be more special, or more welcome, than the living gift of a tree in Ireland.

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LAOH Michigan State News

The new officers of the Rose Kennedy Division were installed on January 7 at a lovely candlelight ceremony. Congratulations were extended to President Sue Lauster, Vice President Patricia "Murphy" Martin, Recording Secretary Margaret Murphy, Financial Secretary Rosemary Hoffman, Treasurer Alice Foley, Historian Peggy Gouin, Missions, Peggy Boland, Catholic Action, Katie McIntosh, Mistress at Arms Barb Kelley, and Sentinel Doris Long. In late fall the St. Bridget Degree Team of Michigan conferred the major degrees to 10 division sisters and the memorial mass for all deceased LAOH and AOH members was offered by Father McGrath and Father Cooney at the Hibernian Hall.

Mass in honor of Patroness St. Brigid was celebrated at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Hall in Detroit on February 1.

The Ethel Kennedy Division also installed new officers. The leaders of the division for the coming year are

President Agnes Gowdy, Vice President Nancy Mack, Secretary Betty Littlejohn, Financial Secretary Mary Ochab, Treasurer Nancy McCauley, Irish Historian Mary Jane Ryan, Missions, Lillian Hennigan, Catholic Action, June Flanigan, Mistress at Arms Ruth Minnick, Sentinel Melva Desmond, and Standing Committee, Garnet Fleming.

In November the division delivered bushels of canned goods and turkeys to the Capuchin Monastery for the Soup Kitchen's Thanksgiving dinners. Also in November the division manned a table at the St. Clement Craft Fair where Irish baked goods and Christmas items were sold.

One donation that really warmed our hearts over the holidays was being able to help our Past State Chaplain, Fr. Edward Farrell, who needed money for the installation of an elevator in St. Agnes Church for his elderly and handicapped parishioners.

LADIES Illinois News

November 1, 1986 marked the 90th Anniversary of the Chartering of Division 1, LAOH, in East St. Louis, Illinois. The occasion was marked by having Mass offered in the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, with the Most Rev. James Kelleher, D.D., Bishop of Illinois, as celebrant.

Some two hundred and fifty members attended and enjoyed a delicious Irish Buffet. Guest Speaker for the occasion was Bishop Kelleher. Everyone enjoyed after-dinner entertainment and Irish music provided by the Artie Stepping Orchestra.

General Chairman was Margaret Downey, assisted by Mary Jean Hemann, Mary K. Martz and Dorothy Keeling as co-chairmen. A large working committee made the event the huge success that it was.

Aide Endures Stormy Years

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timism by the measure of history and stressing that the pact was designed to outlive the changes of government in Dublin and London that loyalists are hoping for soon.

Mr. Scott, a 53-year-old survivor from the Conservatives' "wet" or moderate wing, concedes that history shows the "plain blame" of Britain at some crucial turns in dealing with Ireland. But he dismisses as "rubbish" the I.R.A. contention that underlying the ancient problem is a bone-deep British refusal to ever yield control.

"I think it is sad, direct rule," he said of the British presence that costs London \$1,500 a year in subsidies for each of the province's 1.5 million people. "The basis of our policy is self-determination for the people of Northern Ireland."

As the loyalist politicians are again vowing civil disobedience and further boycotts of local governments, Mr. Scott continues to insist that some of them eventually will soften and use the pact's provisions for negotiating power sharing with the Catholic nationalists.

Meanwhile, however, he must deal with the resurrection of loyalist killing squads imitating the I.R.A.'s long resistance to British rule.

"It's all nonsense, this business of 'one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter,'" he declared. "We're all going down the drain if we adopt that attitude."

Trying to End the Violence
Ending the violence is the key to the pact. Its countermeasures, Mr. Scott said, have been helped by the world's growing revulsion against terrorism and by the decision of the Roman Catholic bishops in the United States to start an Irish charity effort to channel funds away from gun-running drives by militant Irish-Americans.

"But let's be honest, you can't wipe out the violence unless you have the support of the communities," he said.

In that regard, Catholic nationalists contend that one of the larger weaknesses of the accord thus far is the Thatcher Government's failure to change the province's court system, which allows trial by a single judge hearing the uncorroborated evidence of turncoat I.R.A. members. Mr. Scott said London saw substantial "practical difficulties" in enlarging these courts to three judges, as critics have recommended.

North American Feis: Buffalo Resolutions

The North American Feis Commission on October 19, 1986, at its Buffalo, New York Convention, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Anglo-Irish conflict continues unabated even after eighteen years in the present campaign for human rights and Irish unity, making it the longest sustained operation in the over eight hundred-year-old British invasion of Ireland;

WHEREAS: The shoot-to-kill policy and coverup of same continues to be part of British policy in occupied Ireland as witnessed by the recent Stalker affair and now condemned by Amnesty International;

WHEREAS: Even after almost a year of the signing of the much ballyhooed Anglo-Irish Accord there still exists in British-occupied Ireland the shameful strip-searching of women prisoners in Maghera berry jail, the non-jury, one-judge Diplock courts, the internationally condemned supergrass trials where the only witness is a convicted criminal who is bribed with a large sum of money and a new identity in some part of the British Commonwealth, the harassment of the nationalist community by the acquisition of property overlooking large nationalist areas on both sides of the British-imposed partition;

WHEREAS: The fate of Joe Doherty in violation of the decision of the US courts is now being further delayed by a vindictive US State Department to further appease a vengeful British Prime Minister;

WHEREAS: The US Government and now the Canadian Government pursues a selective policy of exclusion by not allowing Irish Republican speakers to address Irish-American-Canadian audiences and allowing British Loyalists to freely come to both countries and get widespread publicity;

WHEREAS: Job discrimination continues to exist in the Six Northeastern Counties of Ireland by United States and Canadian companies as well as many others causing widespread distress and

disillusionment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North American Feis Commission in Convention assembled at Buffalo, New York, on this 19th of October, 1986, call upon our respective governments in the United States and Canada to use their influence with the government of the United Kingdom to end oppression, British terror and occupation of the Six Northeastern Counties of Ireland;

BE IT RESOLVED: That those same governments end forthwith their discrimination policy against the admission of speakers on behalf of the victims of oppression from Ireland;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Governments of the United States and Canada insist on fair employment practices by United States and Canadian companies operating in occupied Ireland by adopting the MacBride Principles as a matter of policy, and that the millions of United States and Canadian taxpayers' funds in support of the Anglo-Irish Accord be spent in accordance with those principles;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the United States State Department observe the decision of the United States Courts in the case of Joe Doherty and cease and desist in aiding and abetting the vindictive policy of the Thatcher government regarding all Irish political prisoners;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be sent to Secretary of State George Shultz and selected ranking members of the United States Government; to Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to other members of Congress; to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada and other appropriate members of the Canadian Government; to the news media in the United States, Canada and Ireland, and to the official representatives of Ireland in the United States and Canada.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Happy New Year for the Staff of NHD! Let's hit those sidelines!

BASEBALL — Free Agents aren't faring that well with the owners. Not too many have been signed for large contracts in dollars or in years! The owners seem to be adamant in adhering to not throwing their money around! YR knows somebody that would be willing to sign a one year contract for less than \$500,000/year. This guy hasn't much hair and what little is left is somewhere between white and grey. He wears glasses and he's already seen 50! Even for \$250,000/year, he would be willing to go out everyday and make a fool out of himself! At least, the owners would be getting their money's worth. Speaking of which, Reggie Jackson is returning to Oakland. As stated earlier in this column, Gene Autry didn't seem to think that he got a very good return on his investment in free agents.

THE NFL — As of this writing, the teams are reduced down to 4! The Giants vs the Washington Redskins in the NFC. In the AFC, it's Denver vs the Cleveland Browns! Of the 4, the Giants, Redskins and the Browns have been part of the NFL for years. Denver is Johnny-Come-Lately! Yet, YR remembers when Cleveland played in what was called the All-American Conference which merged with the old NFL, many moons ago. Paul Brown owned them then. The sages have been gazing into their crystal balls and coming up with various combos for the Super Bowl! These choices go Giants vs Denver; Giants vs Cleveland; Washington vs Denver; Washington vs Cleveland! There aren't any other options. These guys are also saying that the Giants should go all the way. They are saying that the only team that has a chance of beating them is the Cleveland Browns. By the time you read this, it will all be history. You can check out how these guys did with their picks!

What happened with last year's champs? A combination of things! Egos and personalities played a major role in it! YR thinks a different type of motivation may be needed. Money didn't seem to do it! There was Walter Perry overweight, trying to catch the Redskins' QB as he rolled out of pocket and couldn't do it! This play should have resulted in a sack! It did not! Perry had a clause in his contract that he would receive a bonus in terms of dollars for making a specified weight. He didn't! So much for money as an incentive! Diet For Dollars!

NCAA — The big news is that the NCAA has reduced the number of athletic scholarships for football from 30 to 25. That's good and that's bad! On the plus side, maybe some of these schools will once again emphasize the academic side of college. Not that these kids should be geniuses but they should know how to read and write and comprehend after 4 years of college. On the minus side of the coin, the kid that will be hurt the most is the borderline athlete who is a fair student but needs the scholarship to attend college. He won't be there because they won't offer him the scholarship!

Speaking of the NCAA, Congrats to Joe Paterno and his Nittany Lions of Penn State for their fine showing in the Fiesta Bowl and on being named #1! Congrats also to Coach Paterno on being named SI's "Man Of The Year!"

SOUR GRAPES — To the banned player from Okla who used steroids and then made a public spectacle of himself all over the tube. YR feels sorry for his parents. Being a parent, YR knows the heart break a kid can cause. YR is sorry but he sees no need for the use of steroids or any other drug. YR speaks from his own experience!

KUDOS — To Dennis P. Long and Anheuser-Busch on their "Know When To Say When" ad campaign. YR would like to know if this was done by Darcy McManus out of St. Louis? Great commercial, guys!

ROUNDBALL — Haven't heard anything from the two guys that keep me informed about basketball in Ireland, Jim Larkin of Conn or Danny Doyle. Jim is involved with getting Irish girls scholarships to play ball in the U.S. Danny is involved with the Shamrock Games and other aspects of the Irish-American Sports Foundation.

The Big East is playing ball! Syracuse looks good this year! Georgetown has been upset already this season! Villanova appears to have come back! Rollie Massimino has his charges in good shape! Even the UConn looked good in losing to SU!

The Atlantic Coast Conf (ACC) is playing! Maryland seems to have as many problems on the court as it did off-the-court and in the court in the off-season!

ND hasn't been seen or none of the other Midwest Independents or the Big 10! But they usually come through with some great teams! YR expects nothing less this year!

The 3 pointer may make the difference in this game! YR saw the Louisville-Kentucky game where Louisville beat Kentucky by use of the 3 pointer. If a team has great outside shooters they can take advantage of this. If they don't have outside shooters and no height, they are still going to lose!

HS LEVEL BASKETBALL — The Binghamton Patriots lost in a tournament held in North Carolina over the holidays! They met their match with a team from the Big Apple and a team outside NY State! Then the Pats came home and were upset by smaller Oneonta! Their ratings plummeted with the NYS Sportswriters!

Haven't heard anything from Indiana. This is the state that YR would stay up late to listen to the HS Tournament Finals being aired by WOWO, Fort Wayne, Inc., when he was a mere brot of a boy! Indiana always has some fine HS teams! Basketball is big in the Midwest!

Speaking of basketball, Al McGuire has turned down an offer or offers to return to the ranks of college coaches. Al states he prefers the less-frantic and less-ulcer-prone job of being a Color Commentator! He does an excellent job!

By MARIO DEMARCO

The Medal of Honor is bronze, wreathed in green enamel held by a white starred ribbon of blue silk. It represents a great honor and privilege to the man who has won it — since he is in the company of the few heroes which have been honored by the Medal since it was first awarded during the Civil War in 1861. He who possesses the Medal of Honor is the owner of the highest military award for bravery that can be issued to any individual in the United States.

There are regulations to judge whether a man is entitled to the Medal, and there should be no shred of doubt when he is chosen. His act of bravery above and beyond the call of duty must have been witnessed by at least two people, must be made at the risk of his own life, and must not have subjected him to any justified criticism. A recommendation for the Medal must be made within two years of the date of the deed, and the award must be made three years after the date of the deed. Apart from the great honor it represents, the winner is entitled to certain conditions and privileges.

The above information is a condensed version of the Medal of Honor code and in my nearly 30 years of writing and illustrating famous personalities in different fields, I still admire the series of panels I portrayed back in the early 1940s, titled "The Highest in Honor" for the Navy Times, which ran for many years in this newspaper (and many of the original drawings are now displayed in different military museums in the United States and Hawaii).

I really took great pride in doing these panels, for in order to create each of them I read the original citation which was furnished to me by the different military branches of the service. I spent many hours carefully reading them, and would pause in amazement and wonder at the personal acts of bravery and hardships that these soldiers endured.

They were all outstanding, but there was one individual who stood above them all for he was the winner of two of these Medals, and after carefully reading his military exploits during World War I, I really believe he was justified in being awarded a third. This is hard to

ever-his-name-is with Atlanta. This guy would be considered a hot dogger or a grandstander in YR's day. He has made slamming and dunking an art form! He is perfection!

YACHTING — YR's proposal about covering the 12 meter yacht races in Freemantle, Australia, didn't float. So it's back to the bath tub with his boat!

ODDS-ENDS — According to Frank Cull who writes a sports column for the Irish Echo, President Nick Murphy wishes to start a sports award program. YR will report more details on this once he has received them!

THINGS-TO-DO — By now you should have checked and redid your W-4 form; any IRAs or 401K plan you have. Check your medical insurance for coverage under what is called the Cafeteria plan! If you have done all this, have a good year! See you next time, on the sidelines! Until then, send those sport items to P.O. Box 166 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904! Even Ed McMahon doesn't write to YR!



GUNNERY SGT. DANIEL JOSEPH DALY

believe since the conditions of the awarding of this Medal are so strict — but this was no ordinary military man. He possessed a certain "something" that separated him from the rest. I really believe he held no conception of the word "fear."

His name was Daniel Joseph Daly. Daly was born in Glen Cove, N.Y., in 1873 and when he became old enough he began selling newspapers in the heart of New York City. It wasn't too long before this skinny, wiry kid became adept with his fists, fighting countless battles with neighborhood toughs. When he reached maturity, he stood about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed about 125 pounds soaking wet.

At the age of 26, he had hopes of getting into the Spanish American War. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on Jan. 10, 1899, but before his boot-camp training had finished, the war was pretty well finished, and he and his outfit were ordered aboard the USS Newark and sent to the Asiatic Fleet. In May 1900, they landed at Taku Bay, China, along with other Marines, and boarded trains for Peking.

At this period of time the Boxers were threatening the lives of foreigners in this country, which were made up mostly of traders, missionaries, and diplomats from Japan, Europe and America. All in all there were a mere 22 officers and about 400 enlisted men that made up the contingent from the countries of

America, France, Russia, Italy, Great Britain, Japan and Austria-Hungary to protect them.

In mid July, the American Marines and Germans had been positioned on Tartar Wall, south of the American legation, but intense fire from the enemy had driven them from this key position. It was then that Captain Hall and Pvt. Daly mounted the wall bastion and after looking over the situation, the Captain asked Daly if it was possible for him to hold his position alone until dawn so that he could round up and bring back reinforcements and Chinese laborers to build up the break in the wall. The wiry private responded with a grin, and said that he would hold it. He had a single bandolier of ammunition and his Lee magazine.

At dawn when the Captain arrived with laborers to construct the damaged wall, he was rendered speechless as he viewed the numerous dead Boxers all around the area where Daly had spent the night, picking them off when they attempted to rush him, for he had managed to see them perfectly as they became dark silhouettes against the burning buildings behind them. Single handedly he had done the job required of him — and for this unusual act of bravery and gallantry he was awarded his first Medal of Honor.

Four years later, he was Gunnery Sgt. Daly, and wherever there was

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Casement: Knight Against the Empire

Sir Roger Casement, one of the most intriguing and tragic figures in Irish history, went from a British Knighthood to the gallows in a space of five years.

Born in Co. Antrim in 1864, Casement enjoyed a comfortable youth as a member of the Protestant



SIR ROGER CASEMENT

ruling class of Ireland. He originally planned a career in overseas trade, and made a strong impression on his superiors and acquaintances when he went to work for a trading firm in the Belgian Congo. (Among these, incidentally, was a young novelist named Joseph Conrad).

But though Casement was ambitious, he recognized that commercial success was founded on exploitation of the African people. His eloquent, moving letters to the British press describing the horrors

of the rubber trade — murder, torture, and other brutal practices — aroused the interest of the Foreign Office. Before long, Casement was appointed British Consul in the Congo.

A worldwide outrage followed his 1904 report on the atrocities inflicted on the natives, resulting in many reforms. Casement followed this with an investigation into the mistreatment of Indians in Northern Brazil.

In 1911, Casement was knighted for his humanitarian work. He found this more of an embarrassment than an honor. Though his background was in the upper classes, Casement's first hand experience of colonialism had utterly changed his politics.

He saw his concern for the suffering people of the world as linked to his Irish origins. "I realized I was looking at this tragedy through the eyes of another race," he wrote, of people once hunted themselves, whose hearts were based on the root principle of affection at the point of contact with their fellow man, and whose estimate of life, was not something eternally to be appraised at the marketplace."

In 1913, Casement resigned from the Foreign Service to devote himself entirely to serving the Irish Home Rule effort. Irish hopes for a measure of independence were dashed when Home Rule was put in abeyance by the outbreak of World War I, and the movement took a more militant turn.

When Irish revolutionaries proposed a trip to Germany to recruit an Irish Brigade from among the ranks of captured British soldiers, Casement volunteered for the task. He reached Germany by a

dangerous and circuitous route, going first to America and then back to Norway. He was accompanied in the last leg of the journey by a Norwegian confederate — who was, in fact, a spy in the employ of the British government.

Casement recruited few POWs to the cause. When word reached him that a rebellion was planned for Easter Monday of 1916, he quickly returned to Ireland with a shipload of armaments. Through a mix-up in communications, no one met him when he attempted to land on the coast of Co. Kerry. Casement was promptly arrested, charged with treason, and taken to the Tower of London to await trial.

His trial was a sensational affair. Intellectuals and civic leaders around the world begged for clemency in recognition of Casement's humanitarian efforts, but the English court was determined to make an example of Casement.

A series of diaries, widely believed to be forgeries, were entered as evidence. Casement was never allowed to see the diaries — which supposedly showed that he was homosexual, among other defamations — but copies were circulated among religious leaders throughout England to further discredit him.

More incredibly, the prosecution unearthed a law passed in 1351 which declared that "adhering to the King's enemies without (outside) the country" must be punished by death. Though the law was not on any current statute book, it made no difference. Casement's conviction was a foregone conclusion.

Casement was executed at Pentonville prison on August 3, and buried in the convict's cemetery. The full details of his trial and conviction will not be known until 2016, when the court papers will at last be made public.

In 1965, Casement's remains were removed to Ireland and reinterred at Glasnevin Cemetery following an official State funeral. Thousands gathered in the rain to pay their respects to Casement, who had been hanged nearly 50 years before.

Tracey to Lead N. Jersey St. Patrick's Day Parade

BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.: The Bergen Co. Council of Irish Associations has elected John Tracey as Grand Marshal of the 1987 St. Patrick's Day Parade of Bergen County.

This year the parade has been moved to Bergenfield and will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 P.M. The chairperson of the parade is Mrs. Tom (Marge) Kean of Dumont. Several hundred invitations to individuals, clubs, schools, and civic organizations have already been mailed by Mrs. Kean and her committee.

Tracey is a former Republican councilman of Demarest (1957 to 1960); "godfather" of the local Ambulance Corps; and was a Freeholder candidate in the 1965 primary. He was born in Saugerties, N.Y., of Irish and German roots. In 1977 he was named Grand Marshal of the Rockland County, N.Y. parade for his activities on behalf of the people of Northern Ireland.

In 1980 he established a division of

the AOH with a base in Demarest. He served four years as president of the division and in 1983 was elected New Jersey State Secretary; and in 1985 he was elected N.J. State President.

In 1946 Tracey and fourteen other transportation executives formed the Delta Nu Alpha transportation fraternity dedicated to education in transportation, and the upgrading of the employment and compensation of those working in the industry. Today's membership is 15,000 persons, and Tracey has served in every national office — with two years as national president.

Tracey was nominated by the officers and membership of "An Cumann Cabhrach" (translated from the Irish to "A club of friends of oppressed persons") in Ireland.

The Grand Marshal, his aides, parade officers and officials will be installed at a festive ball to be held in St. John's Hall, Bergenfield, on February 7, 1987 at 9:00 P.M.

'Houston Is Irish Proud'

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Burke O'Rourke, a native Houstonian who served as an organizer of the parade in its early years, will be the Grand Marshal of the 28th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14. The parade series was started in 1960 by KPRC radio personalities Tim Nolan and Bob Byron.

A unique blend of the many cultures of the city, the parade theme this year is "Houston Is Irish Proud."

O'Rourke was named Grand Marshal by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Commission, a steering group composed of the AOH, and the Houstonians for Ireland, a local group with interests in the parade and the country.

O'Rourke, an independent oil operator here for 34 years, has a strong commitment to the ideals of his Irish cultural heritage. His grandparents came to Texas from the Ireland counties of Limerick and Tipperary. He is a charter member



BURKE O'ROURKE

and past president of the Dick Dowling Division, AOH, and a charter member of the recently-formed Sam Houston Chapter.

Eight Divisions Installed

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Virginia held a unique event on Sunday, December 14, 1986. At a most impressive and solemn ceremony the state president, Jerry Gorman, administered the oath of office to newly elected officials of five Hibernian Divisions from Arlington County, Fairfax County, Woodbridge, Virginia Beach, and Richmond.

Over one hundred persons witnessed the eight officers of each division pledge to support the Constitution of the United States and AOH Principles of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. State President Gorman congratulated each new officer and encouraged them to continue their displays of love for their fellow man, and urged them to further their endeavors to work together to increase membership and support the principles of the pledges just taken.

At an earlier ceremony in the same setting the ladies of the AOH were given their pledges by State President Anna O'Neill. President O'Neill urged the ladies to promote their charities and urged complete

cooperation with the men's divisions.

After the inspiring ceremony the group partook of an excellent dinner of roast beef and all the trimmings.

Joseph F. O'Connor

The Boy Who

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necessary. The finance for this operation comes from a 70 pounds per head grant, plus a local authority topping-up grant on a yearly basis.

It is an operation that is desperately needed in the town, as the number of people who daily descend on the centre proves.

The hostel scheme has come a long way since that small boy sat in a classroom in Waterford and decided how he was going to spend his life.

And clearly, from his jovial and kindly manner, Brother Matthias has got as much out of his work as he has put into it.

Brother Matthias is a recipient of the J.F.K. award, the highest order the AOH bestows.

Hibernianism at Work in Georgia



DIVISION 1, SAVANNAH, GA, was host on December 6 at the second annual Christmas Dinner and Fund Raiser to benefit St. Mary's Home for Children. Guest speaker, Nat'l Director Tom Gilligan, spoke on the implementation of the MacBride Principles as a state law. Sister Alvin, administrator for the home, thanked the AOH for their generous donation, to help clothe the thirty-five children who live at St. Mary's. Pictured: Chairman of Missions and Charities John Hoseney, at left, and the Sisters of St. Marys observe President Graham Harold presenting Sister Alvin a check for \$800.

Dublin and San Jose "Twinned"



CITY HALL, SAN FRANCISCO: Acting Mayor of San Francisco, Supervisor John Maher, presented the key to the city to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Bertie Ahern, T.D. The Honorable Mr. Ahern, accompanied by a high-ranking delegation from Dublin Corporation, had just concluded a very successful whirlwind promotional tour of San Jose and the San Francisco Bay area, which included finalization of arrangements for twinning the cities of Dublin and San Jose. From left to right are, John Moylan, president, American Irish Alliance; Mary Callanan, treasurer, city and county of San Francisco and past president LAOH; Lord Mayor Ahern; Supervisor Bill Maher; and Harry Gogarty, west coast manager, Irish Tourist Board.

Ireland's Oppressed Children

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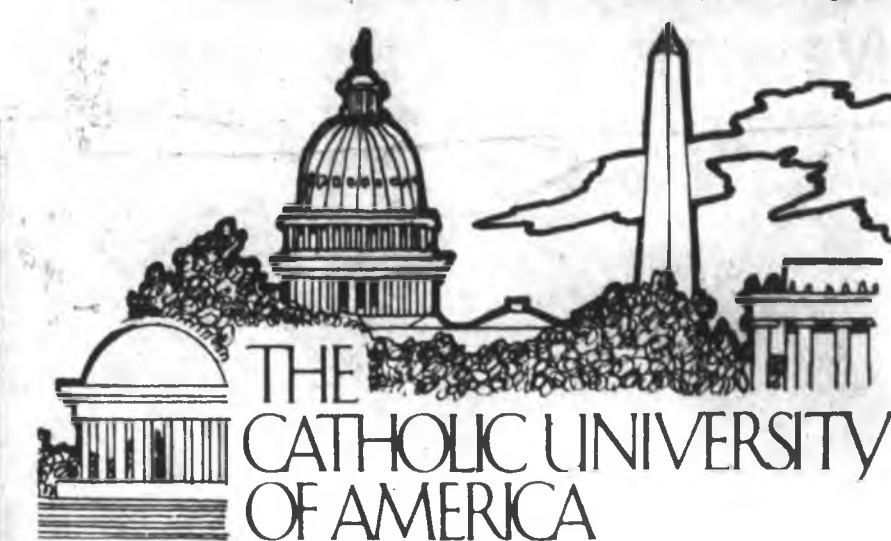
to that small empty house which in childhood had been our temple of peace, happiness and love the memories flooded back, the Sacred Heart picture is still in the same prominent place in the livingroom. He was our protector, our guardian and he still is. Not so many blocks away though, were the hideous tenements of Sean O'Casey's writings and Brendan Behan's

wrath. Those tenements were testimony to obnoxious British colonial rule in Ireland where tuberculosis ravaged people in their poverty, where starvation under the title of malnutrition decimated the population. The people rose in anger against the foreign rule which dictated that our own people should be poverty stricken or flee our native land. The leaders of 1916 produced a

proclamation and in it was stated "the children of Ireland shall be cherished equally — all of the children."

Fr. McVerry flew in to explain the seriousness of this situation. We will not deny him or the children of Ireland a crust of bread. We particularly appeal to the leadership of the Irish-American community to take particular notice of this problem.

Let Charlie, Garrett and Des tell



Questions and Answers

By Professor Robert T. Meyer, Catholic University

Note: Please forward questions to Professor Robert T. Meyer, Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Could you please tell me something of the name Kiernan? Bill Reilly, Staten Island, New York 10308

A. Originally the name was Mac Thighearnain, meaning 'son of Tighearnain,' which was a diminutive form of Tighearnain 'lord'. They were a branch of the O'Connors in County Roscommon, who are descended from Tighearnain, grandson of Turlough Mor O'Connor, King of Ireland. There are variants of the name: M'Kiernane, M'Kernane, Mac Kernan, MacKernan, MacCarnon, MacHarmon, Kiernan, Kernan, Kernon. Sometimes the name was simply replaced by the English Lord.

Q. Could you please tell me the origin and meaning of the name Kinerk? Eugene E. Kinerk, Sr., Prairie Village, Kansas 66208.

A. The name Kinerk was originally Mac an Airchinn, and it meant 'son of the erenagh' (Irish archbishop). In the middle ages the church properties, care, upkeep, rentals, etc. were in the hands of the laymen, leaving the bishops and priests free to devote themselves more fully to their sacred ministry. After a while these duties were taken over by the chancellor of the diocese, himself an ordained priest, sometimes the auxiliary bishop of the diocese. The erenagh then was a lay custodian of church property. Father Woulfe in his *Irish Names and Surnames* (Dublin, 1923) says that your family held considerable property in Clare and Limerick, but they lost it during the Cromwell confiscations. As you said yourself, there are several ways to spell your name: MacNairn, MacKinerkin, Kinarkin, Kinnark, Kinerk.

Q. Could you please check out Gilroy? I believe that we came from Co. Monaghan. Bryan A. Gilroy, Brooklyn, New York 11222

A. In Irish your name was Mac Giolla Ruidh, meaning 'son of Giolla Ruad, the red youth'. It probably had something to do with the color of his hair. Father Woulfe says that the name is common in counties Down, Cavan, Roscommon and Offaly. He makes no mention of Co. Monaghan.

Q. I would appreciate any information about the name Cannavan. Robert H. Cannavan, Kansas City, Missouri 64119.

A. In Irish your name was O Ceandubain, meaning 'descendant of Ceandubain, the black-headed one' probably referring to the color of his hair. This was the name of a West Connacht family, who according to MacFibris, the great 16th century genealogist, were physicians to the Murphy clan. At that time the name was prevalent in Co. Cork, but has since then spread through Ireland. Variants of the name are: O Cannavane, O Canavan, Kannafan, Kinavan, O'Kannavan, Cannavan, O Kinavane.

Q. I would appreciate any information on the history or origin of the name Goggin. It is my understanding that our branch of the family originated in Co. Cork. Merritt L. Goggin, McLean, Virginia 22101.

A. Originally it was a Norman name, de Cogan, meaning 'from Cogan' which was a parish in Glamorganshire in Wales. This surname came into Ireland with the Norman invasion in the twelfth century. Milo de Cogan was the first constable in Dublin. He received along with Robert Fitzstephen, a grant of the whole of County Cork from King Henry II. Later on the name was pronounced Goggin and is generally anglicized as Goggin in Muster. This quite agrees with your telling us that you were under the impression that the family did originate in Co. Cork. There are various forms of the name as Cogan, Cogane, Goggin.

N.B.: If you wish an immediate reply to your query, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope and a check for \$10.00 (ten dollars) made payable to Prof. Robert T. Meyer, Box 255, Division of Celtic Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. Dr. Meyer has now completed 40 years of teaching Celtic and Comparative Philology at the Catholic University.

the world how they are going to save Ireland. But let us begin to "save the children of Ireland." Let us all work hard to accomplish this goal so that our pride as sons and daughters of Ireland will be maintained. Let us challenge those responsible who offend our dignity as proud Irish people from a proud land and a proud heritage!

Editor's Note: New York State President Jack Irwin has appointed Harry McGuirk chairman of "Ireland's Oppressed Children" Fund. Please send your donations to: Harry McGuirk, Ireland's Oppressed Childrens Fund, 8400 Shore Front Parkway, Rockaway Beach, NY 11693.



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The Fighting Irishman

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any fighting being done, he would be in the thick of it. During the insurrection of Haiti, several U.S. Marines had been captured by Haitian bandits and were held in jail under heavy guard. Again it was Daly who came to the rescue. Alone, he managed to dig a tunnel under the wall of the jail, enter the building, take out the guards and liberate his buddies via the route he came.

On another occasion in Haiti on the

night of Oct. 24, 1915, Gunnery Sgt. Daly along with three officers and 35 enlisted men were suddenly attacked by about 400 Cacos while crossing a river in a deep ravine concealed by bushes about 100 yards from a fort. The Marine detachment fought its way forward to a good position which they successfully held during the night although being subjected to heavy continuous fire from the bandits.

Bloody Good Friday

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Brian Boru, seeing it all from the sidelines, ached as he had never ached before in all the battles he had actively led. The hardest of hearts could scarcely have remained unmoved by the slaughter that filled the many hours of that bloody day. Hand to hand and breast to breast the bearded warriors fought, hacking, slashing, thrusting — often one on one, where both would fall mortally wounded. The mailed Norseman, thought to have been well protected, soon found otherwise. Scarcely a single one of them lived through that gory fray. Back and forth the battle raged, deeper and deeper grew the piles of the dead and severely wounded. By mid-day there were few cries of exultation, only those of pain and despair. Men lay exhausted, only to rise and fight again. Others tried, only to find an arm or leg missing, and resignedly slump to the ground to die moments later. Strong warriors fell like cut wheat — nor were their leaders spared. King Maelmorda of Leinster lost all ambition, along with his life. Danish and other Nordic chiefs fell alongside their men. Although Brian probably never knew until the battle ended, his son Murcadh also died that gruesome day; and, it was recorded, other Irish chiefs and their sons as well.

By sundown it was all over. Sheer exhaustion would have ended it by darkness in any case. The result was clear cut, however. The foes of Brian fled as best they were able to do; and the bloodcrusted Irish, their ranks horribly thinned, dragged off the crimson field too worn to celebrate victory. At last it was Brian Boru himself who became a victim of the Clontarf carnage. The old king had retired to his tent in nearby woods, knowing of his hard fought and costly victory. Among the fleeing Danes a certain Bruadar, purely by chance, stumbled upon Brian's tent. The old man and his youthful attendant were no match for the frustrated Dane. As they died by the sword, so too did Bruadar soon afterward, it was said. This was, quite effectively, the end of the most massive and sanguinary battle ever fought on Irish soil — a soil that had soaked up the blood of countless warriors for centuries, the stage of a thousand battles. Of the nearly twenty thousand who died at Clontarf many were Brian's Dalcassian kinsmen. Maelsechlainn survived, however, and became again King of Ireland. After nine years he died a natural death — rare for an Irish king.

The effect of Irish victory, following a period of mourning for Brian and his slain followers was not readily apparent. Ireland had been saved from Danish rule, but this was at the time uncertain. And following Maelsechlainn's reign there were to be no more acknowledged kings of all Ireland. Once again provincial kings and chiefs vied for land and power. Nor was Irish unity assured even after much of the country came under Anglo-Norman influence. Without that Good Friday triumph, however, Ireland would certainly have become further colonized by Danes and Norwegians and perhaps ruled by them thereafter — which the later British were never quite able to do, despite long and persistent efforts.

Many Irish today, wherever they may live, are descended from the Dalcassians or from other old Gaelic clans, who were themselves direct descendants of ancient Celtic kings long before the time of St. Patrick. From Brian a number of clans were founded, including the Kennedys, the Regans (Munster branch), and of course the O'Briens, long the reigning chiefs of Thomond (now County Clare). From Menma came the MacNamaras, also leaders in Thomond; and the MacMenimans, some of whom, about three hundred years hence, would anglicize their name to Meriman or Meryman. (This had become a common practice, wherever Anglo-Normans ruled, simply for self-preservation.)

Brian Boru and his noble warriors of Clontarf earned their honored place in Irish history far beyond the immediate results of the battle itself. They gave to all Ireland a sense of national unity which, although it did not manifest itself completely for centuries, is surely evident today in the hard won Republic of Ireland; and in the ongoing struggle to consolidate the entire island under Irish rule. Pride alone cannot build or maintain a unified nation, but it is always a necessary ingredient. The spirit of Brian Boru has lived on for nearly a thousand years in free peoples everywhere.

At daybreak the Marines in three squads under the command of Captain Upshur, Lt. Ostermand and Gunnery Sgt. Daly began to advance in three different directions. Not only did they totally surprise the Cacos, but managed to scatter them in all directions. The irony of the situation was that if one squad had failed in their maneuver, not one man of the Marine party would have lived to tell the account. The most conspicuous soldier during the battle, Gunnery Sgt. Daly, was awarded his second Medal of Honor.

It was mentioned earlier that he should have been awarded a third Medal of Honor. During World War I in 1918, Daly was participating in combat in the Belleau Wood operations, and on June 5th, at the risk of his life, he extinguished a fire in the ammunition dump at Lucy Le Bocage. Two days later, while in the same sector his outfit was under one of its heaviest bombardments. He visited all the machine gun crews of his company, then posted over a wide section of the front, cheering his men. On June 10th, with his automatic pistol and grenades, he single-handedly attacked an enemy machine gun emplacement and managed to kill or capture the whole crew.

On that same date, during an enemy attack on the Village of Bouresches, he brought in several wounded men under heavy fire. It was Daly who led a platoon of Marines in an assault on German machine gun nests with the shout "Come on you sons of bitches! Do you want to live forever!" These daring words inspired his followers and later this dramatic phrase became one of the most widely quoted battle cries of all time.

When this war to end all wars was

ended, Gunnery Sgt. Dan Daly emerged as one of the most decorated soldiers in any service — his decorations included the two Medal of Honors, the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Medaille Militaire, Croix de Guerre with Palm and Fourragere; plus the fact that he had been wounded on three different occasions, plus he was awarded many other less important medals.

After spending 30 years in the Marine Corps, Sgt. Major Daly retired in 1929. His statement at this time justified his long-term service: "I can't see how a single man could spend his time to better advantage than in the Marines." Not one to boast about his deeds or medals, he was a model Marine and never drank. Daly was once acclaimed as the "Outstanding Marine of all time," by Major Gen. John A. Lejeune, and

Gen. Smedley D. Butler, another two-time winner of the Medal of Honor, called him "The fightingest Marine I have ever known." This was certainly great praise from brother Marines who knew and understood the great deeds of Daly.

When he left the service, Daly became a bank guard for Brown Bros. & Co. on Wall Street. He held this position for the next 17 years. Unmarried, he passed away on April 28, 1937, in Long Island, N.Y. For his exploits, a U.S. destroyer was named after this great fighter in the 1950s.

Daly's exploits in battle may never be duplicated again by any individual soldier — for this fighting Irishman surely deserved the title of "Devil Dog" Dan — the fightingest Marine ever.

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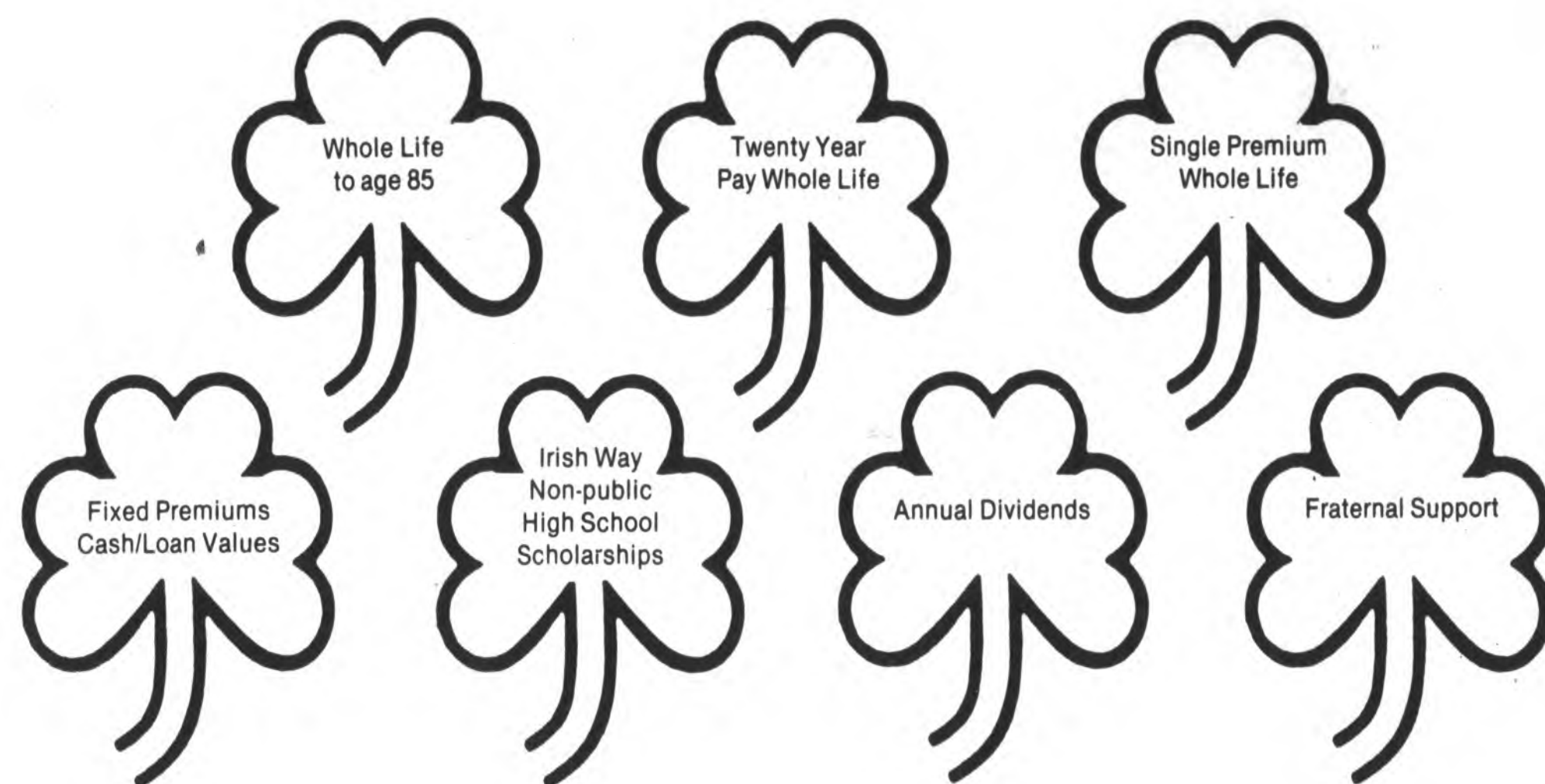
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Breakthrough Reported With Ford Motor Co.

National Hibernian President Nick Murphy announced a breakthrough after months of discussions with Ford Motor Company executives. "Ford Motor Co.," Murphy stated, "promised that the MacBride Principles will be used in an internal study they are about to undertake in Belfast and Ford will provide a MacBride Principles scorecard as part of that study when it is concluded in the fall."

A dialogue was initiated with Ford after a boycott resolution was adopted at AOH National Convention in July, 1986. "The main source of the violence and despair that comes from unemployment continues to be the blatant bigotry sponsored by the English Government at Harland-Wolfe, Sirocco's, the Electricity Board, Short Bros. and others which account for nearly 90 percent of the workforce in the north."

"We remain convinced," Murphy continued, "that the full adoption of the MacBride Principles will ultimately provide real hope to all in the North and believe Ford has met us halfway in agreeing to examine their policies and practices in the context of the Principles." Murphy stated further, "The North of Ireland needs real progress founded on the justice of the MacBride Principles and not the prospect of further economic chaos. While we remain doubtful that such progress can be achieved while England occupies and manipulates Ireland, we believe Ford has taken a small but significant step in that journey."

Ford agreed also to meet to discuss the progress of the study. "As a result of Ford's decision we

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mr. Chairman and distinguished Members of Congress. My predecessor, Mr. Joe Roche, began a vigorous political education effort amongst our members and friends and on Capitol Hill in 1983 and I expect to aggressively continue that same policy. This is my second visit to Washington since the 100th Congress began and I, as well as other Irish American leaders, expect to be here quite often throughout this session. The adoption of the amended Extradition Treaty by the U. S. Senate was acutely embarrassing for us but more importantly was a contemptibly shallow and fearful demonstration of raw ignorance by our Senators.

Many of our supporters, Irish American and otherwise, were under an illusion that their Senators actually represented them and not Whitehall's latest aberrant nonsense. We were deceived — call us naive if you will — but I believe deceived is a more accurate description.

This description was made manifestly clear in the lobbying activity leading to the Extradition Treaty vote. Let me illustrate a part of this deception in order to explain further why I am here today. During the Extradition Treaty lobbying effort on the part of the Irish American community, more than one AOH person was arrogantly advised by a Senator or staff person that we had to get more mail to them in support of our position. A staff person for Senator Heinz, an Englishman from the wealthy Fraser family, insisted that this was a non-issue because they did not have enough mail on the subject. When asked how many letters from constituents Senator Heinz had received in favor of this treaty they admitted they had received none. When queried whether that would suggest he had little to fear in supporting our position he replied that the Department of State was pressing them on this issue. In other words, it mattered little to this elected official that he could take up a position advocated by his constituents that was not only morally correct, but legally defensible and historically accurate; his paramount concern was the foreign policy cabal

are postponing any consideration of implementing a boycott of Ford's products but will prepare for that possibility when the study is concluded. We appeal to all Irish-Americans and all Americans of conscience to write Mr. Petersen and Mr. Pestillo at Ford to urge them to put the MacBride Principles to work in the North of Ireland."

Write to: Peter J. Pestillo, Ford Motor Co., P.O. Box 1899, Dearborn, Michigan 48121.

at Foggy Bottom and the latest deal that had been cut.

We endured a painful lesson on the Extradition Treaty and will do our best to challenge and expose these myths about out elected officials responding to valid constituent concerns. The next Member of the House or Senate who tells us to take our reasonable and valid requests and begin a letter writing campaign will reveal how sincere he or she really is on this issue.

One need only look at America's overt or covert involvement around the globe today to know it is virtually devoid of any "constituent" input. I would suggest to you, for example, that Members of Congress have, by comparison, been deluged with mail on the Irish conflict as opposed to expressions of constituent concern for the Angolan conflict, the Granada invasion, the plight of the Falkland Islanders, etc. In each of these and other hot-spots there lies a contradiction to the current U.S. non-involvement in Ireland. It is our contention, amply supported by documentation, that this U.S. "neutral" position — in the face of English rule without mandate and through oppression — contributes to the violence, the economic stagnation of partition and the perpetuation of human and civil rights violations. If America sincerely demonstrated its concern for freedom, democracy, and justice in Ireland as it does elsewhere, the English government would have long



NICK MURPHY

ago shut down the last relic of a colonial era — the Ulster garrison. The Extradition Treaty debate and vote was proof positive of America's acquiescence in the occupation of six Irish Counties in defiance of democracy. More frightening was how precious little awareness there is among Senators regarding the facts of life for the Irish under English rule. We have learned to expect hypocrisy from the rulers and their surrogates but to witness the same insensitivity and hypocrisy from U.S. elected officials is patently offensive and absurd because it contradicts positions taken for years by the U.S. government. The United

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U.S.-U.K. Treaty A Tragedy

To The Senators of The United States:

Encouraged by your repeated assurances that you always welcome observations and contributions from your constituents, I am sure you must be waiting anxiously to hear the revealing details of my recent visit to London.

Since you gentlemen share the dubious honor of having approved a piece of legislation which constitutes an act of gross political expediency, surely you want to hear the results of your recent ratification of the amendment to the U.S.-U.K. Extradition Treaty.

In the early hours of October 20th, William J. Quinn was secretly spirited from his cell in the San Francisco Hall of Justice to Crissy Field, where a helicopter flew him over the scenic San Francisco Bay to Travis Air Force Base. He was then delivered into the hands of Scotland Yard men who escorted him, via a Royal Airforce military plane, to London and eventually deposited him in Her Majesty's Prison — Wormwood Scrubs.

The 'Scrubs' is a large Victorian prison originally built to house 950 men (it has at times held up to 1600 men). Little space remains within the perimeter due to the construction of additional buildings.

A report compiled in December 1981 (published in February 1983) would indicate that the quality of life for prisoners is the same as in all overcrowded prisons. Bill, however, is on 'remand,' designated as a 'Special Category' prisoner — which means he is isolated and confined twenty-three hours a day alone in his cell. "Other prisoners (the report continues) are not being held in conditions which ensure respect for human dignity."

When I enquired of my son the state of sanitary conditions there, he replied, "Oh, we have the most modern facilities — we have plastic buckets." The Chief Inspector states: "As recently as February '83, Wormwood Scrubs was described as having "an overpowering stench of urine." (Guardian, Feb. 24, 1983). "We regard reliance upon chamber pots, particularly in shared cells, and the associated practice of slopping out as thoroughly degrading."

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Big Apple Grand Marshal



JOHN LAWE, Grand Marshal of the 1987 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, is being introduced by Parade Chairman Francis Beirne. (Story on Page 3).

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Teachtaineac an Uachtarán
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

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The plight of Ireland is "most distressful" in 1987 for a variety of reasons, one of which is the economy. As a direct consequence of the mismanagement of the Irish economy over the past several years, massive emigration has once again become a way of life for the people of Ireland. There is, however, a major distinguishing characteristic which differentiates the experience of this generation of Irish emigrants from previous generations, and that difference is found in the plight of tens of thousands of young Irish immigrants in America.

It is not that there is no work in the United States; on the contrary, the American economy continues to live up to its legendary reputation of being able to employ a large number of *industrious* immigrants. The problem is that under the current immigration regulations, any potential Irish immigrant seeking only the opportunity to work need not apply. The result is that there are tens of thousands of Irish immigrants working illegally in the New York area alone. The great problem here is that such "illegals" have no benefits, no medical insurance, no protection, no opportunity to lead normal lives or to become American taxpayers, much less citizens. But still the problems at home are so desperate that they are willing to take the risk rather than fall back upon the dole.

Under the recent Coalition Government there was no cohesive policy in Dublin to help organize Ireland's natural ally, the Irish American population, to work for policies which would benefit the people of Ireland (and this in spite of the example of Israel working through a much smaller Jewish population in the US with great success). That government consistently refused to cooperate with Irish American organizations which seek to help Ireland. In the area of immigration reform, despite major efforts by Congressmen DioGuardi and Donnelly and their co-sponsors, the lack of "Irish government" support left the Irish with the peoples of some 35 other nations in a one-shot compromise scramble after a limited number of visas. In the 99th Congress, H.R. 4478, the language of which was endorsed by the 1986 National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, could have given Ireland some 4,008 visas every year. Over 150,000 Irish applications alone in the non-preference visa lottery bear testimony to the demand. That government failed to realize that Irish emigrants in America could, in addition to finding the dignity of honest labor, send money home and/or save the capital which would enable them to return home and invest in the future of Ireland.

It is not that we have no friends in Congress; we have many (now one

hundred nineteen in the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs alone), but Dublin's representatives have often ignored them or even worked against them, preferring instead the occasional cocktail party with "Saint Patrick's Day" friends of Ireland, for whom being a "friend" of Ireland means nothing more than a pontificating statement on the Seventeenth of March followed by behavior for the rest of the day which can otherwise only be found in the caricatures of Punch magazine.

IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL INTRODUCED

The 1986 National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America issued a strong call for immigration reform to deal with a problem which has reached crisis proportions both in Ireland and in the United States. Virtually all of the reforms called for by the AOH (developed under the chairmanship of Tom Murray of New York) are contained in H.R. 1883 introduced into the 100th Congress on Saint Patrick's Day 1987 by Congressman Joseph DioGuardi of New York at the request of the AOH.

It is now incumbent upon each and every Hibernian to write or otherwise contact their Representative and their two Senators in Congress to request (firmly but politely) that they become co-sponsors of this legislation. Immigration reform is long overdue. H.R. 1883 would restore to the Irish the potential of receiving up to 4,008 visas (including preference and non-preference visas) each year.

As a separate, but related issue, we must address the problem of finding ways to normalize or legalize the status of the many Irish immigrants "illegally" in this country.

In all of these tasks, including our work for Peace, Unity and Justice (as Cardinal O'Connor put it) and for the freedom of all Ireland, our own labors can be more or less fruitful depending upon the attitude of the government of Ireland. We must therefore urge the newly elected government in Dublin not only to live up to the Constitution of Ireland, but to accept and even seek the assistance of Irish America in the quest to restore the sovereignty of the Irish nation over the entire island of Ireland, her islands and territorial seas.

JUSTICE DENIED

We need not look so far afield as the British or Soviet empires to see examples of injustice. Unfortunately we need look no farther than the Manhattan Correctional Center in New York City where a young Irishman named Doherty has been jailed since June of 1983 (except for some periods of several weeks when he was kept in solitary confinement at the Otisville, New York Federal Penitentiary).

You might wonder what law this man has broken to be kept locked away for so long and often under arduous conditions! It seems that he

entered the United States illegally—he has been charged with no other violation of law in this country! In fact he has been convicted of no crime at all in any American court! Mind now, it's not that he hasn't been before any judges. He has many times—and they all found in his favor!

Joe Doherty is different; he is a political prisoner and American jails have become his Gulag. Joe Doherty is a former member of the Irish Republican Army who was involved in a military action in 1980 when a squad of British SAS troops assaulted an IRA position in Belfast; a British officer was killed and Doherty was charged by the occupation government with murder. Joe Doherty subsequently escaped to what was supposed to be retirement in America. He was later arrested in a case of mistaken identity, but once his true identity was learned he was held pending extradition proceedings to return him to the United Kingdom. Joe Doherty fought extradition in court time and time again—and he won; for all the good it did him, he is not a free man.

We see the government of the United States, in apparent flagrant disregard of its own Constitution and of its independent judiciary, persecuting this Irishman after prosecution has failed. And for what reason? Have we returned to the Empire?

After all the appeals failed and the government could not overturn the 1984 ruling of Judge Sprizzo that Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty was not subject to extradition to the United Kingdom in that "the facts of this case present the political offense exception in its most classic form." (Matter of Doherty by the Government of the United Kingdom, 599 F. Supp. 270, 276 [S.D.N.Y.]).

What this means is that under law Joe Doherty was a soldier in a recognized political/military insurrection, not a criminal. It does not mean that you have to like Doherty or the cause he served, but what it does mean is that Joe Doherty has been denied equal justice under law. The British have yet to forgive Menachem Begin and the Irgun for the blowing up of the King David Hotel; yet when did you ever see the US government attempt to extradite any Israeli freedom fighter to England? Where the enforcement of Justice is concerned it would seem that no Irish need apply.

It is said that the English always play by the rules, until they start losing; then they change the rules. This time they got the US State Department and all but ten members of the US Senate (Jesse Helms and Al D'Amato among them) to change a lot of rules in order that they might begin again to extradite Joe Doherty to the UK. Every time Doherty prevails in court they invent a new obstacle. But this time they have violated the Constitution of the United States which prohibits

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John Lawe, President of TWU Grand Marshal of N.Y. Parade

John E. Lawe, the International President of the Transport Workers Union, achieved the highest honor that can be bestowed on an Irish American when he was elected Grand Marshal of the 1987 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Twelve Aides to the Grand Marshal—nine men and three women—were also elected unanimously by parade delegates. For the first time, an aide from Orange county, New York, will march behind the grand Marshal.

At a press conference announcing his election, 1987 Grand Marshal John Lawe noted that his first day in America in 1949 happened to be St. Patrick's Day. Like everyone else he saw in New York city, he went to watch the big parade.

He had arrived in the Big Apple from Co. Roscommon, one of 10 children, and secured his first job in New York City as a bus cleaner for the Fifth Avenue Coach Company. He later became a bus driver and began active involvement with the Transport Workers Union.

New York State Hibernians' president, Jack Irwin, said in his nominating remarks of John Lawe: "He went from sweeping Fifth Avenue buses in the early 1950s to sweeping elections for the highest office of International President at the Transport Workers Union, which he accomplished last year."

Lawe became International

President of the TWU in May 1985 following the death of William G. Lindner. He was elected to a full four-year term in September 1986.

The one-time president of TWU Local 100, New Yorkers well remember Lawe from 1980 when the city's subway and buses were shut down for two weeks in April.

In addition to the TWU, Lawe also serves as a Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO and is second vice president to the New York Central Labor Council.

John Lawe has been a member of JFK Division 9, AOH, for the past 30 years. He is also one of the founding organizers of MABSTOA Emerald Society in 1964.

Lawe is married to the former Mary Heaney, a native of Co. Longford. The couple resides in Bronxville, New York, and are the parents of three children: Desmond, Deirdre and Patricia.

The 12 Aides elected along with John Lawe include the following: Donald C. Smith (Manhattan); Daniel J. Dennehy (Bronx); Jack Cummings (Brooklyn); Maureen Gallahue (Queens); Martin J. Gillen, Jr. (Staten Island); William Casey (Nassau); Michael F. Quinn (Westchester); Kitty Allen (Suffolk); Patricia Ann (Toner) Dwyer (Rockland); Leo M. O'Grady (Orange); Manus Gallagher (United Irish Counties); and Denis Mitchell (Grand Council Emerald Societies).

The Two Canadas

By PAUL O'DWYER

A few years ago a group of Irish Canadians in the Province of New Brunswick put on a very impressive Irish Cultural Festival and issued a call to Irish Americans to help them. They got a very feeble response. The Tyrone Pipers did their best to salvage our honor. They traveled all the way to participate and were warmly welcomed by our brethren among our northern neighbors. The event was all the more significant because New Brunswick was the place of refuge for many of the Tories who fled the country during and after the American Revolution. The treatment they received here even after the Treaty of Paris was less than magnanimous. In fact, it was quite Cromwellian. We confiscated their lands and drove them off and in the aftermath some land grabbers did quite well. Understandably the memory of these events is still green among some of their descendants. I have heard them describe our Revolution as an irresponsible and unjustifiable rebellion. That may account to some extent for the rude behavior of some of their minions when delegates to the Irish American Unity Conference visited Windsor recently.

Windsor is spitting distance from our own Detroit and was selected by Dan O'Kennedy of our Detroit chapter. It was thought that irrespective of past differences between the governments on a variety of issues it would be good for Irish Americans and Irish Canadians to meet to discuss the problems of discrimination, brutality and harassment to which Irish Catholics are subjected in Northern Ireland.

The Canadian officials' performance got very negative reviews from all of us. We did not expect such

hostility as we crossed into Canada. Nobody actually insulted us, but we got out first shock as the other cars were pulled by while we were directed to pull over to the side while our cars were searched. We were then put through an annoying visa application process which has been abandoned even by British authorities as one crosses the border into Northern Ireland. To put it mildly, we got the distinct impression that we were not welcome in Canada.

Most of the Easterners who are accustomed to being spied upon by the F.B.I. and the agents of the Tobacco and Firearms Division of the State Department and the C.I.A. were less sensitive to the rudeness to which they were subjected, but Detroiters, our hosts for the occasion, who frequently shopped in Windsor, were incensed at the behavior of the government and determined to have appropriate protests lodged with Prime Minister Mulrooney for what they regarded as insults leveled at their friends and guests. In the light of Mr. Mulrooney's surrender to the whims of Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Reagan, I doubt if that protest will get a sympathetic response. Besides it seems Mr. Mulrooney has other personal problems these days which can be compared with those with which Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Reagan are wrestling.

On the positive side Sean McManus, the Sinn Féin Party delegate to the meeting, was permitted to enter Canada and to speak at our meeting without any interference from the Canadian authorities as was Jim Kenny, representing the Workers Party. In that respect Canada showed a greater commitment to freedom of speech than did

Ethnic American Day Celebrated



ONE OF THE HONORED AMERICANS accepting awards on the first Ethnic American Day was Hibernian Paul O'Dwyer, second left, with his wife Pat beside him, along with the chairman of the sponsoring group, Americans by Choice, Dr. Selven Feinschreiber, at left, and a board member of the sponsoring group, Hibernian Immediate Past President Joseph A. Roche, at right.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The first celebration of Ethnic American Day was inspiring.

The private lunch was held in the Banquet Hall of the DAR building, for the Honorary Committee, the National Advisory Board and the Honored Americans. There was ample opportunity for the leaders of the various ethnic American organizations to meet and become acquainted. The interaction promises increased cooperation between organizations and sympathetic support of each other's projects. The

Honored Americans were met on an informal basis by those who were present.

President Reagan sent a message which was read during the celebration in Constitution Hall.

Of the 21 ethnic Americans to be honored, all accepted the award and were present. Only three found it necessary to send a representative due to a previous commitment.

The cultural program of song and dance consisted of 17 individual ethnic American organizations with 282 participants. The performers

President presupposes that George Washington was never born.

Notwithstanding all the negative aspects of the border incident and recognizing all the pressure the Canadian government was under from London and Washington, the I.A.U.C. owe a debt of gratitude to Canada. It was Dan O'Kennedy, our Detroit leader, who proposed that we issue the invitation to all the political parties and all shades of thinking in Ireland (the Six and 26 Counties), the United States and Canada, to send delegates to our meeting. Had the locus been on American soil it is doubtful if we could hope that our

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During this Easter Season let us renew our faith in Christ, who suffered and died for the world's sins, and defeated death through his resurrection and ascension. Ireland too will be resurrected and united through its undying faith in our Lord, Jesus, who is our king, and our Holy Mother the Church, which is the body of Christ.

Please support: "Project Children", P.O. Box 933, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925; and "The Children's Committee 10, Inc.", P.O. Box 16133, Fresno, CA 93755—Programs and People striving hard to bring happiness to the hearts of Irish children in the troubled North through friendship, understanding, and mutual respect.

Please support: "Ireland's Oppressed Children Fund", c/o Harry McGuirk, 8400 Shore Front Parkway, Rockaway, NY 11693—a program to house, feed, cloth, and love the unwanted and homeless children of Ireland, whom even the Irish government has turned its back on. This program is run by our church's priests, and they desperately need our support.

It is said in the Bible that the greatest gift of all is charity, and I say that charity should begin at home with our own children and family. Well...these are our children, our Irish problem, and our Ireland. These programs need and deserve our fullest support. If we do not support them...then they will have to rely on outsiders' help. The Gaels, who have fought so hard for freedom, self-rule, self-determination...MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN!!!...or lose their sacred right and honor of our heritage to claim Ireland as our motherland. If we do not...then we should bow our heads in shame, and submit our destiny to the subjugation of others.

Ben Franklin once said, "Those who will not defend their liberty and freedom deserve neither." The choice is ours...will we choose wisely? Ireland may be a poor country, but we are rich in our love for her no matter how far away or how many generations away from her. OUR HEARTS WILL ALWAYS BE IN IRELAND!!!

If you can't help financially, that's all right...but you can help by spreading the word to your friends, your parish family, etc. There is always a way where there is a will, and nobody has ever defeated the Irish will.

T.D. (Highland Hooligan) Stewart, Proprietor
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States has begged off involvement in the conflict because it is an "internal matter" and yet the same government found justification to even invade a Commonwealth Country, Granada, and provide aid to Her Majesty's government to face its darkest threat — the Falklands fiasco.

One wonders where America would be today if France considered our struggle for freedom an "internal matter." This argument is particularly galling to me. The Irish people have a constitution duly adopted by the people in 1937. That constitution conforms to the wishes of the Irish people freely expressed by them in the last general election in 1918. If Ferdinand Marcos chose to ignore the Philippine's election results and set up an armed garrison in the Northern provinces, would America now sit idly by mumbling "It's an internal matter"? That's exactly what America did when England chose to occupy six counties of Ireland. Our government should not now dignify this defeat for Democracy by falsely exalting this zone of Occupation as a form of sovereignty.

One of the principal reasons for the still called the Anglo-Irish accord is to keep America and Americans from advocating the single step that is likely to succeed in bringing an end to the conflict — the decolonization of Ireland. Unfortunately, many elected officials know so little of the history of Ireland and England's complete domination and manipulation of its politics, economics, media and culture. Many do not make the connection between previous non-solutions like the Sunningdale Agreement, the New Ireland Forum, and the latest public relations effort of the Accord. These same officials are content to point an accusing finger at the often helpless Irish government rather than show the way through leadership and moral courage.

We will do our part to improve the level of understanding. A number of Irish American organizations have prepared, adopted and are now distributing for endorsement, a single policy position which we believe should be the position of the American government. We seek your support of its objectives and its endorsement for distribution. While that position clearly remains the goal for all to achieve and work towards, we also have adopted three positions related to this goal which we believe merit your serious attention and action.

First, we seek a condition on Anglo-Irish aid and American contracts awarded to firms operating in Northern Ireland that affirms the MacBride Fair Employment Principles and upholds these American values through economic sanctions. We applaud this effort in South Africa and ask its extension to combat Irish apartheid.

Second, the denial of a U.S. visa to an elected Member of Parliament and an elected leader of a legal political party in all of Ireland should be abhorrent to all in the land of the free and the brave. We may not agree with all Gerry Adams has to say, but we will defend to the death his right to say it. Mr. Adams has taken his platform of armed resistance to the people and received overwhelming support for it. Can the same be said for Jonas Savimbi, Commander Zero and the hundreds of other arms sellers, gunslingers and would-be adventurers who freely make a doormat of our hospitality? The real danger in allowing Mr. Adams into the country is the response his message may receive. You can be sure that the day a visa is issued to Gerry Adams by the United States he will be the target of British MI-5 and SAS assassins. One might ask why then seek the visa that may be a death warrant?

The same could be said for many people who have the courage of their convictions — colonial felons like Anwar Sadat, Robert Mugabe, Mahatma Gandhi and Menachem Begin. We seek your vigorous effort to reverse this dangerous policy of the department of State. The Dept. seeks to hide behind the provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act knowing full well such provisions have and could be waived. They were for Oliver Tambo, a guerrilla leader, who, like Adams, has the strongest arguments for violent resistance — living under an amoral, oppressive and non-democratic regime.

Not Mother England, you say! Not the nation of common law, you say! You must understand that what England has stood for elsewhere and promotes in America has absolutely nothing to do with its organized colonial corruption in Ireland. Listen not to me but the European Court of Human Rights, Amnesty International, International Lawyers Inquiry, and the English opinion polls, the BBC and people like Gerry Adams, Bernadette McAliskey, Ms. Thatcher is so confident she has the U.S. in her pocket. She told the English people in a TV interview recently that she must be re-elected so that she can represent the U.S. after President Reagan's term. To this I would only say that in 200 years more Americans have died combatting English malevolence than have ever died combatting Russia.

Third, the five year detention and vendetta against Joseph Doherty in U.S. is a moral scandal. He has now spent more time in American prisons than any Nazi collaborator and his real crime is only believing Americans loved freedom and justice so much they would defend their very lives to achieve it. He fled oppression only to find that after two years of good citizenship here he was a victim of the new "criminalization" policy instituted by Thatcher. The

same policy the U.S. Senate so warmly embraced in the Extradition Treaty. We ask for his amnesty and that he be permitted to remain in America. We believe you should give his case the same consideration you would give that of a Russian refusenik. We are presently preparing brief summaries of these positions and will circulate them to you in the coming weeks. Please keep in touch with us and advise us of your position and problems.

Finally, I would like to come to our Nation's Capitol and not have to argue for the freedom and justice for the Irish people. Our constitution commands me to do so until Ireland is a nation once again and so I will be faithful to that obligation. I would be remiss if I did not express my concern and that of my members for the flaws that remain in the Immigration Reform statute and failed to note our desire for amendments which will allow special consideration for those affected adversely by the 1965 statute — the non-preference visas are a beginning — and for nations adversely afflicted by conflict with another. The Irish government spends so heavily on security it finds it impossible to fund training

schemes and to attract investment. We are seeking to join a coalition already formed to further advance these positions and hope you will support us.

Lastly, in his 1979 address to Americans from the elipse here in Washington, Pope John Paul II asked all who believe in the sanctity of life and who abhor the unspeakable crime of abortion to stand up and speak forcefully against it.

Our National Board, indeed that of the Ladies Hibernians, have adopted resolutions time and again and have forwarded thousands of letters to you expressing our shame and outrage that the destruction of innocent and helpless human life is promoted, funded and absolved by our Congress and our Supreme Court. An abortion is the supreme act of violence upon and the degradation of a woman. We ask you to not argue you are supporting the death penalty for children to help women or the poor. A nation that seeks to balance its social agenda by such orchestrated destruction of human life is not a nation worthy of our constitution, not a nation committed to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of its people.

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day "is a dispiriting experience which deadens intellect, paralyzes initiative and promotes bitterness and depression. All but the strongest will find that unemployment accelerates descent into institutionalization and dependency." At the time of the inspection the following facts were noted: The regime was found to be very limited; there was no physical recreation other than the one-hour daily 'yard' exercise; and association is very restricted. Because prisoners spend the greater part of their day locked in their cells, it was felt that the regime fell "far short of the standards" at other dispersal prisons.

A recent report claimed that a prisoner at Wormwood Scrubs could be locked in his cell for 148 hours out of the 168 in the week. (*Guardian*, Feb. 22, 1983).

In other areas it was noted that "there was much evidence of neglect throughout the prison", both internal and external. The internal defects included dampness, exposed and vulnerable electrical wiring and "heavy accumulations of dust adding to the general air of shabbiness. The bathroom and central area of the kitchen and bakehouse were in particularly poor condition." (Note: On January 15, 1987 the laundry area was completely razed by fire).

In conclusion, the Council of Europe Minimum Rules state:

"Imprisonment and other measures which result in cutting off an offender from the outside world are, by the deprivation of liberty, a punishment in themselves. Therefore, the prison system shall not . . . aggravate the suffering inherent in such a situation."

Inmates of Wormwood Scrubs suffer not only from their loss of liberty, but from squalid physical conditions, restricted access to decent sanitary facilities and deprivation of sufficient employment, education, association and physical recreation.

So, dear Senators, these are the conditions to which you have consigned your 'brother,' a fellow American, whose only offense was his dedication to freedom. These are the indignities he suffers daily, in spite of the fact that he still has not been brought to trial.

For five years he was detained in

maximum security at the San Francisco Hall of Justice, denied his constitutional rights and finally extradited to England as a pawn in the political machinations behind the infamous raid on Libya. He was the token 'terrorist' Mrs. Thatcher demanded from Mr. Reagan. Together they (Reagan/Thatcher) conspired to commit a heinous act which resulted in the deaths of innocent children and civilians and which has heaped worldwide condemnation upon this country and its people.

As mentioned earlier, my son is being held 'on remand' (a term used for detention in prison while awaiting trial). A 'remand' prisoner must be brought to court every eight days until he is committed for trial. Because of overcrowded court calendars, a delay of six/eight months or more may elapse before a trial takes place.

During the course of my visit, I had an opportunity to witness the procedures which are followed in the performance of these court appearances. I have to admit here that I was not prepared for what followed.

As I approached the courthouse I found both ends of the street were barricaded and policemen posted there. On the roof of the building across the street were more police. In the opposite doorway of a building were more police and guard dogs. As I was about to enter, a helicopter flew over and I was informed that my son was approaching in an armoured van, with a police escort front and back. The helicopter flew over the motorcade as it transported my son from the prison to the courthouse (a distance of perhaps three to four miles).

Inside the courthouse, my purse was searched and an envelope (addressed to my son in prison) was confiscated and opened by a policeman. (I thought this highly unnecessary as the mail is opened and censored at the prison anyway). Then I was escorted by a policewoman into another room where I was told to remove my coat and where I was physically searched by her.

So, while our leaders undauntedly pursue their evil paths to destruction and go unpunished for their deeds, the lives of brave and bold young men are wasted in the prisons of

England, Ireland and America. And the great pity is that, as history has revealed, this mire of spent lives and wasted youth may one day spawn some of our really great statesmen who may once again restore credibility to our depraved governments and lead us again on the road to peace through justice.

You, gentlemen, had a great opportunity to achieve historical fame by assuring the preservation of the long standing principles of our Constitution. Instead, you have managed to eviscerate what was once a proud legacy of our country's heritage. You have wrecked irreparable damage to its people, its image and its reputation as a symbol of hope to all peoples of the world. It remains now for others to rise above the political corruption and bring true justice to all who honestly seek and desire it.

The irony here lies in the fact that one American youth, imbued with the ideals of the 'American way,' seeking to obtain for his Irish brethren their right to live in a free and just society, has now lost those same liberties through the betrayal of his own 'brothers' — fellow countrymen who call themselves American statesmen.

While the Reagan administration openly supports 'terrorists' activities in Nicaragua, it constantly denies the Irish their right to independence and self-rule (in spite of the fact that American courts have consistently acknowledged that a legitimate political uprising is currently being waged in Northern Ireland, and that Ireland's struggle for freedom is still recognized as a popular revolt).

While this administration continues to condemn Irish and Irish-American Freedom Fighters for their commitment to the re-unification and independence of Ireland, it secretly and shamefully deals illegally with the leaders of a nation which advocates terror against the American people. (With such a President as Reagan, we don't need enemies).

An article I read in a local paper regarding our Constitution quite accurately stated: "Fears existed within the states that an ambitious leader, however contained by the Constitution, could sidestep the checks and balances, ignore the separation of powers and return the people to the controls of a monarchy. And if all of the allegations about Reagan and Irangate turn out to be true, we may be seeing an effort by this administration to take unto themselves powers not so given."

Now you have my report on the situation as it stands at this point in time. Be assured that I will continue to keep you apprised of all future developments.

Mrs. Juanita (Quinn) Gonzalez
Magalia, California

February 24, 1987

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Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

Investing In Ireland

Ireland is going hi-tech. The image of the working Irish is changing. In 1962, 37% of the Irish labor force worked on the farms and in agriculture related trades. By 1986 only 15% remained in farming work. Services and industry now dominate the Irish working day. It is the rapid growth of Irish industry that is catching the eye of the foreign investor. Profits and productivity form the bottom line, and Irish workers and managers, backed by the Irish government, make it happen.

Ireland has 6500 product producing companies with a total industrial work force of 210,000. Included are 850 foreign manufacturing and service firms in Ireland today, employing more than 80,000 Irish workers and professionals. 60% of foreign investment is from U.S. based firms, providing 37,000 jobs. The annual gross product value from the U.S.-Ireland investment partnership is over 2 billion U.S. dollars. The average return on investment is 28.7%, which is more than twice the average for the EEC countries and the rest of the world. Today, Ireland

and concessions from a generous, appreciative and stable Irish government.

John O'Brien spoke fondly of Ireland's greatest asset — the young Irish people at work. Half the population of Ireland is under 25 years of age, and the country has a projected annual population increase of 1.2%. Ireland's manpower (and womanpower) is young, intelligent, English-speaking, well educated and capable. The U.S. Department of Commerce recently reported that Ireland has the most profitable location in the world. While Ireland's location with respect to the EEC and world market is a fundamental plus, the young people of Ireland make up the strength of Ireland's new look.

There is good money to be made in Ireland today. Many young professionals who received their education in Ireland and then emigrated are now returning and are rejoining the developing economy. The IDA's most vital contribution has been the creation of desperately needed jobs for the Irish people.

Electronic companies in Ireland (numbering over 300), home-based in the U.S., Europe, and the far East, read like pages from the electronic "Who's Who." Electronic component, such as integrated circuits, microprocessors, semi-conductors, printed circuit boards, and various type connectors, are manufactured,

and in many cases, designed in Irish plants. The component level work is matched by assemblies, such as, flex circuits, electronic sub-systems, control and display devices, instrumentation of all types, and automated test equipment. The production of computers, and main frame systems, software and floppy discs are a familiar part of the electronic scene in Ireland today. Data processing, and telecommunications for all purposes quite naturally evolved from successes in the electronic field, and Ireland's hi-tech proficiency has led to worldwide computer services utilizing wire, fibre optic, and satellite data link-ups to terminals worldwide.

Irish computer operators handle magazine and periodical subscriptions from Ireland for 77 million subscribers to such magazines as Vogue, Glamour, Money Magazine and many more. The distribution center for this service is in Boulder, Colorado. Irish computer operators in Limerick hit a release key and automatically print and mail hundreds of thousands of cards and renewal notices each day in the U.S. International computer data services in Ireland is expected to approach a billion dollars in total business in the next few years. Coupled with the electronic industry income, these are no small Irish potatoes.

Development (by the IDA) of Ireland's health-related care industry has achieved surprising success. Pharmaceutical, medical goods, and instrument and appliance companies abound in Ireland. Abbot Laboratories, Pfizer, Warner-Lambert, Bausch & Lomb, and Squibb are just a few of more than 60 companies now in production. The health care sector accounts for 16% of total manufacturing output and employs almost 20,000 people. Exports have been increasing at a 40% annual rate with no leveling off in sight. Again, the prime asset is the productivity of the eager young Irish.

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research electronics; computers, peripherals, and telecommunications; environmental control, fluid and mechanical devices; electrical and power equipment; energy sources; shipping and transport; food; health care; engineering, science and research; and to Ireland's credit, education unmatched. The ingredients for industrial potential are all there — in Ireland. Modern day Ireland is moving. Jump on while you have the chance.

The IDA deserves a "well done" for a commendable job. Ireland's future is tied to a growing economy and is dependent on the growth of industry with lasting jobs and careers. Investing in Ireland brings the workshop, the laboratory, the office, and the business people to the most beautiful land on earth. It is the land of Yeats and O'Casey; the land of green hills and lovely towns; of lively music and Guinness on tap; the land of Dublin's fair city where the girls are so pretty; a place where wonderful people dwell; where the modern life style is tempered with the traditional moral stability of our Irish heritage. It is the place where someone enters the home and says, "God bless all here." You hear that in only one place in all the world.

NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF RECOGNIZED FEISANA FOR 1987

May 17	Sun.	Emerald Assn. of Putnam County, NY
May 24	Sun.	Greater Cleveland Feis Society, OH
May 30	Sat.	Chicago Feis, IL
June 6	Sat.	Boston Feis Assn., MA
June 7	Sun.	Irish American Home Soc., Hartford, CT
June 7	Sun.	United Irish Counties Feis, NY
June 13	Sat.	Toronto Irish Folk Art Soc., ONT
June 13	Sat.	Irish American Club of Washington D.C.
June 14	Sun.	John Boyle O'Reilly Club of Springfield, CT
June 20	Sat.	Detroit International Feis, MI
June 21	Sun.	Newport, Rhode Island Feis
June 27	Sat.	Dayton Area Feis Society, OH
June 28	Sun.	New Haven Gaelic Football/Hurling Club, CT
June 28	Sun.	Irish Cultural Society of Cincinnati, OH
July 11	Sat.	Feis, Rochester, NY
July 12	Sun.	Gen. Sheridan Div., AOH, Stamford, CT
July 18	Sat.	Irish Center of Pittsburgh, PA
July 18	Sat.	Canadian Irish Youth Soc., Scarborough, ONT
July 19	Sun.	Rockland County Board, AOH, NY
July 25	Sat.	St. Catharine's Feis, ONT
July 25	Sat.	Youngstown Area Feis Society, OH
Aug 1	Sat.	Columbus Feis, Inc., OH
Aug 1	Sat.	Feis Rince, Montreal, ONT
Aug 8	Sat.	Irish Cultural & Folk Art Soc. of Western NY
Aug 9	Sun.	Divisions 8 & 9, AOH, Suffolk County, NY
Aug 15	Sat.	Akron AOH Feis, OH
Aug 16	Sun.	Irish Cultural Club of Delaware
Aug 22	Sat.	East Durham, NY
Aug 30	Sun.	J.F.K. Div. 2, AOH, New London, CT
Sept 5	Sat.	Glen Erin Irish Cultural Society, ONT
Sept 12	Sat.	Longs Peak-Estes Park Feis, Aurora, CO
Sept 19	Sat.	Dr. Tom Dooley Div. 1, Syracuse, NY
Sept 20	Sun.	Nassau County Board, AOH, NY
Sept 27	Sun.	Irish American Assn. of N.W. New Jersey, NJ
Oct 10	Sat.	Forest City Feis, London, ONT
Oct 11	Sun.	Forest City Feis continues

For information, contact Jim Gallagher,
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'87 Hibernian Shamrock Run Attracts Over 600

ST. LOUIS — A field of over 600 runners competed in the 3rd Annual Hibernian Shamrock Run held March 7 in Forest Park, here. For many St. Louis runners the Hibernian Shamrock signals the start of the running season in St. Louis, and although a relatively new running event, it is fast becoming one of the most popular.

The Hibernian Shamrock is ac-

tually two runs. First, there is a 3K run for the recreational runners, which is followed by a 10K for more competitive striders, although some used the 3K as a warm-up for the 10K.

The honorary starter for the run was Jack Keane, past national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (1974-1978).

The event is monitored and officially sanctioned by the St. Louis Track Club. The run is co-sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Louis and Anheuser-Busch Co. In addition to providing commemorative T-shirts, the brewery also donated refreshments for the post-run festivities. The Irish music group "Limmerick" provided entertainment following the run.

Proceeds from the run help support the St. Louis AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade which is held

Irish Study Grant Offered By Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, IND. — The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame is offering a research grant program for studying the Irish in the U.S., according to J. F. Dolan, director.

Funded by an endowment from the Ancient Order of Hibernians to further research in Irish American studies, the grant offers \$2000 to any post-doctoral scholar in any field of education who will study the experience of the Irish immigrants and their descendants in the U.S.

"This is an excellent opportunity to do the type of research that is needed to understand and explore the experience of the Irish in

America," said Dr. Eoin McKiernan, director emeritus of the Irish American Cultural Institute. "It is the type of scholarly activity that is needed among those who have contributed so much to the American nation and the Catholic Church here. We need to know our own history."

For applications, write: J. F. Dolan, Cushwa Center, 614 Memorial Library, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Conference Will Examine Some Stereotypes About the Irish

A conference "Ireland and the Irish: The Stereotypes Reexamined" will be held Friday, April 24, at The Catholic University of America's Center for the Study of Youth Development auditorium.

The program is in memory of Michael Kenny, CUA anthropology professor, who died in 1986.

The all-day conference will address a number of popular stereotypes about the Irish. Using records and other materials previously unavailable, new research completed by eminent scholars presents a more accurate picture. In the cases of mental illness and alcoholism, for example, the research disproves the stereotype, says conference organizer, Eileen Kane, head of the Department of Anthropology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, and a visiting CUA anthropology professor.

Michael Kenny had a deep interest in European studies, says Professor Kane. "He was about to participate in an exchange visiting professorship at St. Patrick's College at the time of his death." She is fulfilling her part in the exchange.

Stereotypes about the charac-

New Baltimore County Board 1987 Officers

At a special convention on January 11, 1987 the following were elected officers to the Baltimore City Board: President John L. Shaughnessy; Vice-President Richard Farley; Recording Secretary Dan Kelly; Treasurer James McNamara; and Financial Secretary Garry Farley.

John L. Shaughnessy,
President, Baltimore City Board

teristics of ethnic and racial groups have fueled group conflict, justified prejudice and discrimination, and influenced literary works and popular humor for centuries, says Professor Kane. "Stereotypes about the Irish are no exception. What is disconcerting is that many of these assumptions about Irish and Ireland are now passing unquestioned into the social science literature."

Conference speakers presenting papers include Aileen O'Hare, Medico-Social Research Board, Dublin, on "Mental Illness in Ireland"; Dermot Walsh, also of the research board, on "Alcoholism and Irish Drinking Patterns"; Liam Ryan, professor of sociology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on "The Social and Political Influence of the Catholic Church in Ireland"; Padraig O Riagain, An Bord Gaelige, on "The State of the Irish Language"; Patrick Commins, An Foras Taluntais, on "The Death of the West of Ireland"; and Ivor Browne, professor of psychiatry, University College Dublin and St. James's Hospital, on "Sexual Attitudes, Marriage and Family Life."

Monsignor Miceal Ledwith, president of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, will also attend the conference. He will be a guest of CUA President William J. Byron, S.J.

The papers were commissioned for a book to be published after the conference.

The conference is sponsored by CUA's Department of Anthropology and The Center for Irish Studies.

Registration is required. The \$15 registration fee will cover lunch. For information call Professor Joseph Sendry at 202-635-5488.



THEY'RE OFF! Runners are out of the gate fast at the start of the 1987 Hibernian Shamrock Run. The event, which attracted over 600 local competitors, signals the start of the St. Louis running season.

March 17. The remainder of the money goes to fund local and national AOH charities.

During the post-run party, many competitors commented that Hibernian Shamrock Run is one of the best and most enjoyable in the St. Louis area.

According to run organizer, Hibernian Dan Friel, "We are trying to keep this a fun, inexpensive event for the people. The assistance from Anheuser-Busch helps us keep the costs down and Forest Park provides a perfect backdrop for the run. I also have to thank Dan Sebben and Tom Eckleman from the St. Louis Track Club for helping us stage the Hibernian Shamrock."

But for AOH County Board Chairman Charles Putnam the biggest dividend is not the money raised or the fun, but the unity that events like the run and AOH parade have brought to the St. Louis Irish community. "In the past, the Irish community in St. Louis has been pretty fragmented, with each division pretty much doing their own thing. These events, and others, have really brought us all together with a renewed sense of cooperation and unity."



THE HONORARY starter for the 1987 Hibernian Shamrock Run, Jack Keane, models one of the commemorative run T-shirts provided by Anheuser-Busch. Jack Keane is a past national AOH president.

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F. Robert Dougherty's Death A Great Sorrow

The death of Bob Dougherty on Sunday, February 1, 1987 was felt as a great loss by members of Division 2, AOH, Chester County, Phoenixville, PA. Bob was one of the founding members of the division and served as historian for many of his membership years. His memorable essay contributions to the early newsletters of the division were later incorporated in his fine book, *The Enduring Gael*. He was a columnist and writer for other publications, including the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Bob was chairman of the Freedom

for All Ireland committee and a member of the Irish National Caucus. The list goes on. Active in the Knights of Columbus, affairs in his church, many civic organizations, Bob brought to them all his special insight and wisdom.

More importantly, he made a positive impact on those people whose lives he touched. It is the hope of his hosts of friends that the inspiration he provided to them will flourish, through them, in years to come until a realization of his dream, a world without oppression, is at long last, an actuality.

Charter Member's Death Mourned in Delaware Co.

William V. Kephart, 58, of Drexel Hill, died on Thursday following a long illness at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland.

Born in Philadelphia, he lived in Delaware County for 31 years and in Drexel Hill for the past four years.

Mr. Kephart was a supervisor for the Philadelphia Electric Company for 31 years. He worked in the T&D Department. He served in the Korean War with the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was also a member of the Marion Council of the Knight of Columbus No. 3753. He also belonged to the Cardinal Dougherty

Assembly and was one of the founding members and a charter member of the AOH Division 2, Delaware County, and was also secretary of the Delaware County Board.

He was the son of the late William S. Kephart.

Surviving are his wife, Anne Coleman Kephart; two daughters Theresa M. of Norwood and Michelle M. Haney of Glenolden; two sons, William V. Jr. of Philadelphia and Robert M. of Drexel Hill; his mother, Mariam Kephart of Norwood; one sister, Betty Landi of Florida; and a sister, Nancy Miller of Philadelphia; and five grandchildren.

NICHOLAS J. FINN

Fr. Nicholas J. Finn died on Wednesday, October 15, and with him went a chunk of Minnesota's Irish-American history.

Finn, 92, left his native Co. Kerry, Ireland, at the behest of Archbishop John Ireland. Ireland recruited young Irish seminary students for his archdiocese in Minnesota.

A member of the St. Paul Seminary Class of 1919, until his death Finn was the second oldest priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. A classmate and friend of his at the seminary would later become widely known as Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Finn served at St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown St. Paul, in Montevideo and founded a parish in Plymouth.

He held his longest tenure at St. Mary's of the Lake in White Bear Lake, as head pastor for 28 years and

after retiring from that post during his 80th year of priesthood, as an assistant for several years. He was also chaplain for the Minnesota Senate from 1973 to 1980.

Finn, whose signature as a priest was his rendition of "Danny Boy," requested that the last line of the song be inscribed on his tombstone. It will read "And you will come and kneel and say an Ave there for me."

Paul Tidmarsh
The Advocate, 12/17/86

Father Finn was a delegate to the 1962 (Pittsburgh) and 1964 (Albany) National Conventions. He nominated Thomas V. Reagan from Minnesota for vice president both years and his nominating speech for Bro. Reagan was so forceful that in 1964, his opponent, Walter O'Leary, an odds on favorite, beat Tom Reagan by only two votes. Fr. Finn was indeed one of the great old time orators.

WALTER BURKE

Walter F. (Ticky) Burke, 60, of Watertown, an accountant for 39 years, died of cancer February 5 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton.

Born in Waltham, Mr. Burke was a 1943 graduate of St. Patrick's High School, Watertown, and a 1948 graduate of the Boston School of Accounting.

Mr. Burke served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a comptroller for the Army Materials and Research Center in Watertown.

After he left the center, he established his own accounting firm in Watertown, which he owned for

six years.

Mr. Burke was a former secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 14, a former junior vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burnham-Manning Post No. 1105, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Pequotette Aerie No. 1928, all of Watertown.

He leaves his wife, Jeanne M. (Boudreau); four daughters, Kathleen M. Cerrati and Maureen F. Burke, both of Watertown; Karen E. Elliott of Bellingham and Margaret A. McAdam of West Newton; a sister, Mary T. Carey of Watertown; and three grandchildren.

Pro-Life News

This past January 22, 1987, marked the fourteenth anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the United States. Thousands of pro-lifers, including brother and sister Hibernians, went to Washington, D.C. to lobby their Congressmen. Those who made the trip this year were greeted with six inches of snow which crippled the city but did not inhibit those who travelled from Missouri, Indiana, or New York from joining the one and one-half mile "March for Life" which started at the Washington Monument and ended at the Congress.

One of two major issues in this year's session of Congress is the "Grove City Bill" (also known as the Civil Rights Restoration Act) which would amend Title IX (passed in 1972) and force religiously affiliated hospitals and colleges which accept federal funds to perform and provide for abortions. When you are writing to your Congressman on this issue ask him to support the Sen. Tauck/Cong. Sensenbrenner Amendment which would remove all pro-abortion requirements and make the "Grove City Bill" abortion neutral.

The other major issue in this year's Congress is the cutting of tax-supported funds to any organization, such as Planned Parenthood, which refers, counsels for, or provides abortion services. Since 1970 Title X has granted hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to family planning programs in the United States and Section 1008 of Title X states: "None of the funds appropriated under this Title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family

planning." Pro-abortion organizations like Planned Parenthood have played legal games with this funding by showing that they use their public money for family planning services other than abortion, while they use their private funds for abortion services. It is the thinking of many people, including people in the Department of Health and Human Services, that the intent of Section 1008 is to prevent monies going to organizations which advocate or foster a favorable attitude toward abortions.

With over 20,000,000 abortions performed in the United States since 1970 and your taxes going to support organizations like Planned Parenthood (which operate over 40 abortion clinics in the United States), isn't it time to do something? Why not sit down and write a letter to President Ronald Reagan and ask him in his two years as president to cut Title X funds to organizations like Planned Parenthood which refer, counsel for, and provide abortion services. Write to: President Ronald Reagan, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500. Send a copy of this letter to: Howard Baker, Administrative Assistant to the President, and to: Secretary Otis Bowen, Department

BOOK REVIEW

The Irish American Almanac & Green Pages. Published by Pembroke Press, New York; Brian E. Cooper, managing editor. First edition. 288 pages. 9" x 6" paperback. \$9.95 (add \$1.50 shipping charge).

Reviewed by Jack Flatley

The Irish Almanac & Green Pages is a Hibernian literary idea long overdue. The contributing editors have compiled a diverse journal of historical and cultural information, and have added "Green Pages" directory of Irish products, services, organizations, and source references. To the researcher and the buyer it is a useful and pragmatic handbook with a plethora of Irish, and Irish American facts, data, and tradition.

The format is a two section publication, neatly categorizing interesting, encyclopedic-style information in the Almanac first-half section, and a comprehensive listing of sources for everything from cemetery plots to imported turf briquettes in the "Green Pages" second-half section. The few omissions and inaccuracies (Capt. Colin P. Kelly did not sink a Japanese battleship) are hardly noticeable and do not detract from this remarkable book. It is concise, yet thorough, and belongs on the bookshelf of all who have the Irish pride. A comment/additions tear-out form suggests future updated editions will be published.

Gems of information sparkle throughout. Laois is pronounced "Leash", or less often "Leeks"; Irish women won the right to vote in 1919, a year before their American sisters. Beethoven was fond of Irish music. Ireland ranks 4th among nations in percentage of bachelors with 28.3%. 5.6% of U.S. adult males are bachelors. Ireland ranks higher (14th) than the U.S. in Quality of Life Index (could there be a connection?). The contributing editors are: Martha Moore Battles, Ann Kathleen Bradley, John Vincent Cody, Karen S. Daughtery, Joan Moody, and Timothy Rogus.

You may obtain your copy from: Pembroke Press, Publishers, Suite 201, 127 East 59th St., New York, N.Y. 10022

of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.

On the local level monitor the talk of the opening of school-based sex clinics which are already operating in some of the cities (St. Paul, MN.; Baltimore, Md.; New York City) and towns of the United States. These clinics are often presented by the pro-abortion family planning engineers as ways of helping youth with their health problems when one of their strong reasons for existence is to lower the birthrates by sending young women to abortion clinics. These school-based clinics are not necessary. Work along with your local pro-life and pro-family groups to stop them.

Br. Vincent Reese, F.S.C.
New York State Pro-Life Chairman



• National Directors' Action Reports •

The National Organizer's Corner

Saint Patrick's Day 1987, a great day for the Irish or those who claim to be Irish is now history, but the real Irish American knows that the traditions and history of the Irish race is a fragile product that must be cultivated and nurtured 365 days a year.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has pledged to foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people. To promote Irish culture. To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence. To encourage an equitable U.S. immigration law for Ireland.

These noble ideas are the reasons we are in the midst of a recruitment drive. In my last column I put forward some suggestions for increasing membership. I asked each division president to write a letter to every member of the division and enclose with the letter an application for membership. The member in turn was supposed to recruit one new member. I thought it a simple way of increasing membership. But to my dismay not too many division presidents picked up on the idea. We may have missed the prime season of the year for promoting anything Irish but all is not lost. The drive continues for six months.

Now let's settle down and concentrate on means of increasing our membership and next fall we can look back with pride and say we have done a good job, we have doubled our membership. It's within our grasp.

WASHINGTON D.C.

I have some exciting news to report: Matt Hannon has organized two new divisions, one at Catholic University and the other at Georgetown University. We have often tried to organize colleges and universities before but never succeeded until now. Congratulations, Matt, and thanks for your dedicated work on behalf of the order.

Matt Hannon has nominated John

Keeffe of Rockville, Maryland, for deputy national organizer.

CALIFORNIA

I received a report from State President Pat Bergin. He tells me things could be better in the golden state. Pat is sending me a nomination for deputy national organizer. We have a few divisions who have not paid their per-capita tax for 1985. We need a good recruitment drive to call attention to the work the AOH is doing all over this country.

MICHIGAN

National Director John McInerney called me on the phone recently and I was quite pleased with his report. We have a new division in Wayne County organized by Michael O'Hare, James O. Flynn and Deputy National Organizer James O'Kelly. Congratulations and good luck, and don't forget, men, even this new division is expected to double its membership during the next six months.

I have given a special assignment to Brother McInerney. It's an assignment I know he will deliver on. The state of Illinois is lagging behind all the states in the midwest as far as membership and organization is concerned. I have asked Brother McInerney to investigate the situation and recommend some course of action. We should have 50 AOH divisions in Illinois and 10 of them should be in Chicago. Our main contact in Chicago is Brother Hugh Gibbons of Division 52, Cook County. I would appreciate it if any Brothers in Illinois would write or call me and volunteer to help in recruiting new members or organizing new divisions.

ARIZONA

Tim Moynahan of the Wolfe Tone Division 1 has been nominated for deputy national organizer. Tim reports that Tucson is just about ready to come on line as a division of the Order. Arizona will soon be well represented in the roles of Hiber-

nianism. The cause of Irish freedom and the preservation of the traditions of the Irish people are being advanced in the southwest.

ALASKA

Calling Anchorage, Alaska. Would any Brothers reading the *Hibernian Digest* please contact me by phone or letter. I need your help, and maybe you need mine.

NEW MEXICO

I had a nice greeting card from national chairman of the Council on Youth, Peter Moughan. We are anxiously awaiting news from Brother Moughan on the Youth Conference which is scheduled for this summer. Our youth must get a more active roll in the government and management of our order. I would love to hear from our young members who have ideas or proposal to put forward. If we are to advance in membership and prestige it will be through the vitality of our young members. Good luck, Peter.

CONNECTICUT

The state board has followed the suggestions of the national organizer and initiated a major recruitment drive. National Director Frank Kearney is doing great in Connecticut. Also State President Phil Gallagher is doing a fine job leading his state. My representative Frank Patterson is keeping me informed on the progress of the membership drive and good results are expected.

MONTANA

Deputy National Organizer William Harrington reported in this week and the news was good. Membership is growing and a couple of new divisions are just about ready to come on line. Brother Harrington requested and received 4 organizers kits and about 200 applications; also a supply of *Hibernian Digests*. We will hear more good news from John Kelly, state president, and Deputy National Organizer Bill Harrington.

If you have news of organizing activities at the division, county, or state level I would like to report it in the Organizer's Corner. Don't hide your good works; share them with the membership. You may mail reports to Michael Hession, 12 Buchanan St., Albany, N.Y. 12206. (518) 489-3144

Michael P. Hession

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

Ideas for advertising products or programs come from various sources, and often develop from projects that many figure wouldn't have a chance to make it to the public. Just such an event has erupted for all Hibernians in North America, and for that matter, wherever else the AOH banner and principles are flown. National Organizer Mike Hession has come up with a program to increase the membership of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It's a noble and necessary project, and needs the full support of AOH members.

Now for the advertising program: although Brother Hession has rightfully suggested that divisions try advertising in their local newspaper and/or their diocesan newspaper, why not try the *National Hibernian Digest*? Your newspaper provides a really inexpensive source to advertise a division's AOH objectives and all of the benefits obtained from becoming a member of the Order.

Copies of the *National Hibernian Digest* are not only distributed to AOH members, but also to many, many friends of Hibernians, including businessmen, members of State legislatures and the U.S. House and Senate. And no doubt copies of our newspaper are given to various libraries, where the *National Hibernian Digest* is easily read by prospective candidates for membership in the AOH.

Equally as important for the advertising program is expense. I can absolutely guarantee you that in no other newspaper to my knowledge can you get the truly inexpensive advertising rates offered by the *National Hibernian Digest*. It's a costly program to advertise in general interest newspapers, as members will learn. So, don't forget the *National Hibernian Digest* for

your advertising!!!

On the subject of AOH members, divisions and state boards advertising in the *National Hibernian Digest*: at this time of year state boards are setting dates for their annual meetings. Advertise the dates and program in your AOH newspaper. You'd be surprised at how many Hibernians from out of your area would like to attend and see how a well-run state board meeting is held, and also meet new friends.

Division elections are over with for the year, but perhaps the new or reelected officers would like to thank those who supported them. Advertising in your AOH newspaper is an inexpensive way to say thank you.

It is also time for the many feis programs throughout the United States and Canada. It would be an excellent project for the chairman of such programs to let other Hibernians know when and where the feis is scheduled. Hundreds of Hibernians would more than enjoy to know of such events—and visit them, too.

As mentioned previously, you just can't beat the advertising prices in the *National Hibernian Digest*. And besides, you help the organization's financial program to maintain the high editorial and advertising standards in your newspaper.

One of the newest advertisers on the pages of the *National Hibernian Digest* is O'Brien of Bunratty, County Clare. Terry O'Brien is the proprietor of the firm which is offering some critical and beautiful photos.

If members have any ideas on how to improve our advertising programs, please take the time to drop me a note with your suggestion. Thanks.

James J. Brennan

The Book of Freedom

In recognition of the sacrifice of the many generations of Irishmen and Irishwomen, at home and in exile, we in America who are concerned with the freedom of all Ireland, have instituted a "Book of Freedom" for this purpose, and we offer this generation a means of permanently recording their participation.

To the many Americans who wish to identify with this noble ideal, the "Book of Freedom" offers a unique opportunity by reserving a page.

The pages in the handcrafted book are of the finest quality parchment and each donor's page will be uniquely illustrated in a full color Celtic design. A donor's page may include a quotation from an Irish patriot, a family coat of arms, or a memorial. The designs are based upon The Book of Kells and other Irish illuminated manuscripts.

Celebrate this Easter season with a lasting tribute to the accomplishments of those who bore arms in the 1916 Uprising and those who follow in their footsteps today. Be recognized as a supporter of Irish freedom during this crucial phase of her fight for complete independence.

A basic page is priced at \$300, with \$100 increments, in keeping with the Celtic tradition of recognizing achievements by the use of lavish color and intricate interlaced designs.

All proceeds will be forwarded to An Cumann Cabhrac, to aid the dependents of Irish political prisoners.

Reserve your page today!

For information: Gene Quigley, 6 Palisades Road, Elizabeth, N.J. 07208 • (201) 352-1495, or Irish American Fenian Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11206.

ITB Hosts Promotional Tour



SAN FRANCISCO: During a whirlwind promotional tour of California, Niall Millar, Executive V.P., North America Irish Tourist Board, briefed Bay Area leaders representing the business, financial, academic, civic, travel trade, media and Irish organizations. Left to right are, Harry Gogarty, reg. mgr., Irish Tourist Board; S.F. Chief of Police Frank Jordan; Mary Callanan, treasurer, city and county of San Francisco; Brian Nason, Consul General of Ireland; Niall Millar; State Senator Milton Marks; Bob Kane, former ambassador to Ireland.



O'HAIR AGGRAVATION

Dear David,

A short note on the Madeline O'Hair item in the Jan.-Feb. issue of *Hibernian Digest*, page eight. I checked with Congressman Douglas Applegate, 18th, Ohio, on this resolution. I am told this resolution was thrown out in 1976. I had previously read that this thing has been distributed periodically for aggravation purposes.

Best of luck on the new membership campaign.

Michael L. Muldowney
Jr. Past Pres., Ohio State Board

F.C.C. PETITION #RM-2493

Dear Brother Henshaw:

A few days ago I received the January/February 1987 issue of the *National Hibernian Digest* and came across the Madelyn Murray O'Hair article. This article matched one that I had received some years ago and again in 1986. I called the FCC and learned that this O'Hair matter was, indeed, an old one and that the FCC had responded with a communication on this matter as recently as November 7, 1985. I asked for and received a copy of this document.

Unfortunately, a number of well-intentioned people will get very upset by the content of the O'Hair article and will get involved in a great deal of "wheel spinning." However, it might be well worth the effort to keep the FCC diligent on this matter.

Hoping that this information may be of some interest to you, I remain

Patrick J. Mulrooney, President
Somerset County AOH, N.J.

FCC Not Banning

Religious Programming

In response to a revival of rumors, the FCC has reiterated that it is not considering, nor has it ever considered, a petition by Madelyn Murray O'Hair, or anyone else, to ban religious programming on radio or television.

The Commission emphasized that it is prohibited by the Communications Act of 1934 from censoring broadcast material and by the First Amendment from interfering with freedom of speech in broadcasting.

The FCC noted, however, that in 1975 it unanimously denied a petition by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam asking the agency, to among other things, "freeze" applications by religious institutions for TV or FM channels reserved for educational stations. The Lansman-Milam petition had routinely been assigned the rulemaking number RM-2493.

Since that time the Commission has received over 16 million pieces of mail and a corresponding number of telephone calls on the mistaken belief that the FCC was considering, in RM-2493, a ban on broadcasting religious programming. Despite all efforts to advise the public of the action on RM-2493, the rumors still persist.

Thus, once again, in a further attempt to stem the rumors, the FCC is not empowered by any statute to prohibit radio and television stations from presenting religious programming, nor can it direct any broadcaster to present, or refrain from presenting, announcements or programs on religion.

100TH CONGRESS

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

The Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, of which I am a member, recently held its first meeting for the 100th Congress. Since I know you are concerned about the situation in Northern Ireland, I thought that you would appreciate an update on the Committee's plans for the next two years.

The major legislative initiative on which we will be concentrating is the Fair Employment Act, introduced by Rep. Hamilton Fish. I am an original sponsor of this bill, which seeks to apply the MacBride principles to American businesses operating in Northern Ireland. I will work hard with my colleagues to see that this bill is passed in this Congress.

Two other issues of great importance are the U.S. visa policy and the monitoring of U.S. foreign assistance to Northern Ireland. Rep. Barney Frank will be introducing legislation to deal with the whole question of denying visas to foreign political and cultural figures. I have supported this legislation in the past and I will do so again this year.

As you know, Congress has provided funds to be used in Northern Ireland and I am concerned that these funds be used properly. They should not be used to support programs which practice discrimination against Catholics. Strong Congressional oversight is necessary in this area and I support the efforts of the Committee to monitor these funds closely.

In the next two years, there will undoubtedly be other issues affecting Northern Ireland which arise in Congress and I will be happy to keep you informed of them. As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these or any other issues.

Thomas J. Downey
Member of Congress

AOH ENROLLMENT

Dear Editor:

In the November issue of the *National Hibernian Digest* a letter appeared asking our National President why the writers of the letter were not able to join either the Knights of Columbus or the AOH. Of course, the only answer forthcoming is that anyone can join either of the above organizations as long as they show that they are practicing Catholics. A practicing Catholic is one who goes to Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, fasts and abstains on the days commanded; confesses his sins at least once each year, receives the Blessed Eucharist at Easter or within the time appointed; does not solemnize marriage at the forbidden times, nor marry persons within the forbidden degree of kindred; and contributes to the support of his church. The above is taken from the Ordinary Irish Catechism that I and millions of other Irishmen, women and children were trained in during our early years, growing up at home in Ireland. My answer to these people who want to join the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians would be to consult with the nearest Catholic Church closest to their home, or see a Catholic Priest with whom they are friendly.

The difference between the Knights of Columbus and the AOH

is that you must have an Irish background to join the AOH. We are all aware that many of the great Irish Patriots were not of the Catholic Faith and were great fighters for Irish freedom and every Irish man reveres their memory: Robert Emmet, Parnell, and hosts of others. I don't imagine that I would qualify to join the Orange Order as a Catholic; and any Catholic who does so is not a Practical Roman Catholic.

Please don't think that the Catholic people are a bigoted lot. Nothing could be farther from the truth, especially when one reads of the sacrifices by Catholics over the centuries, fighting in the armies of many lands for the cause of freedom throughout the world bringing the love of Jesus Christ into the hearts of all people. During the present troubled time in the North of Ireland, we find many people, both Catholic and Protestant, trying to cooperate to relieve the suffering of those families regardless of religious background where we all have a common purpose: To do what we can to bring together those people who are struggling for justice to the end that they are all Irishmen.

Pat Gorman, Past President
Divisions 8-10, Suffolk County, NY

POLICE FOUNDATION'S DECISION APPLAUDED

Mr. Hubert Williams
Police Foundation
10001 22nd Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for exercising sound judgment in withdrawing your invitation to Royal Ulster Constabulary Chief Jack Hermon to participate in the Police Foundation's March 5th-8th Seminar.

Clearly, the Royal Ulster Constabulary does not exist in Ireland to protect residents there. Rather, it is there to preserve British interests. If the RUC could behave as it did on August 12, 1984, while the whole world watched, it takes no imagination at all to realize what the RUC does out of sight and in the dark of night within the nationalist community in occupied Ireland.

Once again, I applaud your wise decision to withdraw the invitation. I also ask that you make it a practice in the future to consult leaders in the Irish American community before involving yourself and your fine organization with Jack Hermon and his sordid, maniacal peers.

Mary Wilson
Riverdale, New York

ST. PATRICK DAY CARDS

Recycled Paper Products, Inc.
3636 N. Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60613
Attn: President Ray Neufeld

Dear Mr. Neufeld:

I was recently in a card shop in Baltimore and picked up two cards about which I must say, I was shocked and angry at the depiction of my heritage. The cards were disgusting in their content and drawings. They were St. Patrick's Day cards. It was very obvious that there is a large degree of bigotry in these cards. I would think in this day and age this would not be the case, but after studying these cards, I see there is.

Card No. 1 was an ugly dramatic cartoon man of obviously Irish heritage with the disgusting look of drunken stupor. Card was designed by one Keith Taylor; the number of same is #SP-476250. Above the man's head is the following: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Stew, Irish Coffee Whiskey, Green Beer, Ale. Inside was, "No Wonder That Green Is

The Color Of The Irish." "Happy St. Patrick's Day".

Card No. 2 was designed by John Richard Allen, #SP-466384; again, this card depicting the Irish as alcoholics, drunks and disorderly. The front of the card states, "It's time for St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, so if you think you can be trusted to behave yourself, I might go out with you, with a picture of a cartoon woman standing in front of a house. Inside the card the woman is looking out the door from within; there is a cartoon smile, very large, with the caption: "However, if you want to get drunk and disorderly, I'll definitely be ready at 7:30".

The figures in both cards were distorted, showing the Irish as drunks and violent. There are 42 million people in the United States of Irish heritage, comprising the second leading educated group, and with numerous CEOs among the Fortune 500. For a small island we have given the world more than any other nationality in every endeavor. The cartoon images and bigoted thrust of your cards are using depictions 100 years old, when the slurs were used against the Irish immigrating to this country to prevent their getting jobs. I'm demanding an apology to my people and a course of action as to what you as the Chief Executive Officer of your company are going to do about the content and depictions of these cards.

John L. Shaughnessy
President, Baltimore City Board

THE WAY IT WAS

Dear Editor,

With reference to the recent big news item in the daily press regarding the great difference of opinion reported between the Pope and some Bishops and other professors of Catholic teaching, it seemed to me, a Catholic with no college education, to be "much ado about nothing."

When I was a boy going to school in Ireland, and learning my Catechism, one of the questions in the Catechism asked — "What is meant by the infallibility of the Pope," and the answer, word for word was — "The Pope cannot err when teaching doctrines of faith and morals to be held by all the Faithful."

So it seems to me that all the Pope had to do would be to exercise his prerogative and to remind those "Doubting Thomases" of their vow of obedience to the Holy Father and his power of papal infallibility. Since the Holy Father is called upon by Our Lord Himself to be His Vicar on earth and to teach His Gospel to all the Faithful, no one else has that power.

Anyone who questions that mission of the Pope is not a good Catholic.

You never would expect to find dissent to come from Bishops of the Catholic Church or from professors of the Catholic religion who think they know more than the Holy Father. Wonder why Our Lord did not pick one of them who know so much instead of John Paul.

I sincerely hope that this is the last time that a not-too-friendly press will be given the opportunity to create dissent in our holy religion among high officials of that religion.

Terence Donohue
Mannet, N.Y. 10964

SEANFHOCAL (shan ok-ull) IRISH PROVERB

Ni thagann ciall roimh aois.
(Nee hog-in keel rev eesh)

Sense doesn't come before age.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON 'FRIENDS'

Dear Legislator:

It has come to my attention that you have been solicited to become members in what has been referred to as "New York State Friends of Ireland." I am familiar with the Friends of Ireland in Congress, whose charter this new organization would adopt, and wish to share my thoughts with you so that you might consider our experience.

I would like to state from the outset that the proposal does not recognize the tremendous contribution the NYS Irish American Legislators already have made towards the cause of peace and reconciliation in Ireland and toward developing a cultural awareness of Ireland's achievements amongst New Yorkers. No legislature can boast the twin achievements of New York in the Northern Ireland Investment statute and the Irish-American Cultural museum support. This proposal therefore surprises me and makes me suspicious.

The Friends of Ireland in Congress, since their formation, have made little effort to confront the State-sponsored terrorism of the Catholic community by England in the North of Ireland (see Shoot To Kill by the International Lawyers Inquiry and Security Forces in Northern Ireland by Amnesty International) and even less to combat virulent anti-Catholic discrimination there. We repeatedly have asked for the support of these Friends of Ireland on federal issues such as the extradition treaty and in using the MacBride Principles as a condition of Anglo-Irish aid provided by America. We have always been met with inaction and, in some instances by outright contempt and character assassination. Senator Moynihan waxes eloquently, if not coherently, on Ireland and his Irish heritage, but denigrates his constituents in lecture and letters for their concern for Joe Doherty of English government-sponsored anti-Catholic discrimination at Short Bros. He intimated at a labor breakfast that the most honored Irishman living, (or dead), Dr. Sean MacBride, was a communist because he was honored by the Soviets with the Lenin Peace Prize.

A great New Yorker, Governor Al Smith would often tell questioners, "Let's look at the record." I ask no less of each one of you. Examine the principal product of these Friends of Ireland — the St. Patrick's Day Statement, and ask yourself if you have not already done more for Ireland as a member of the NYS Irish American Legislators Society. You have gone far beyond their chorus of condemnation and put words into action.

I would suggest finally, that it is you, Members of the New York State legislature, that should extend the invitation to the Friends of Ireland in Congress to join in your efforts as a means to showing real concern for all the Irish people.

Thank you. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 637-1886 or Mike Cummings at (518) 489-0349.

Jack Irwin
N.Y. State President, AOH

We Have Obligations To Our Roots

By REV. JOHN P. McHUGH

(The author is Superintendent of Paterson Diocesan Schools in New Jersey and a Roman Catholic Monsignor)

Those of us in America who are of Irish descent should study the history of Ireland. Anna Nolan, who wrote a *History of Ireland* in 1904, said: "There is no omen more encouraging for Ireland's future than knowledge of Ireland's past." Even a cursory knowledge of Irish history leaves no doubt in the mind of a reader that the unfortunate people of Ireland have been savaged by the British for 800 years. There is no other example in world history to compare with the horrifying methods used on the Irish nation to dehumanize its inhabitants to the present day. The Mayor of Cork, Terrance MacSweeney, before he died on hunger strike, said: "It is not those who can inflict the most, but those who can endure the most who will conquer in the end!" Patrick Pearse, before the rising of 1916, prophesized at the grave ceremony for O'Donovan Rossa, referring to the British he said: "The Fools! They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree will never be at peace!" To the bravery of the millions of our ancestors who died of war, persecution, poverty and hunger strike, I dedicate the words of Longfellow: "I can resist no more, but I will not yield; this is no tournament where cowards tilt, the vanquished here is victor of the field."

What can and should we do as the descendants of these unfortunate but brave ancestors? Our first duty is to become informed, to know the truth about the past and present. To overlook, to varnish or to conceal truth is a disservice to justice and freedom. Given the British expertise at editing and twisting truth, our obligation to know the facts is even more critical. A classic example of the perfidy of the British editing of history to suit themselves is the great famine or hunger in Ireland between 1844 and 1847. (Read "The Great Starvation")

Get to know the truth, don't keep it, spread it. Too many American Irish are too timid about speaking out. They still regard themselves as

second class citizens. Stigmas die slowly. Others, flushed by success, status, and affluence have no time for minority causes. Where are our American Irish business people, the number one richest group in America today, or our American Irish politicians, lawyers, law makers, professors, doctors and clergy? What do we hear from them in opposition to the blatant injustice in Ireland? A faint noise indeed! What a roar we could hear if they shed their timidity, their narrow interests and spoke out as one! What advances we could make for our homeland and freedom if only we raised our voices — all 43 million of us — not timidly, not sporadically, but loud and clear! I say to American Irish: "Wake up!" "Speak up!" You are a sleeping giant. It is a great tragedy for a giant to allow himself to be tied up, rendered useless by selfishness, inertia and by crafty British midgets adept in the art of twisting and hiding the truth.

Ireland will never be free unless the American Irish see to it that the United States intervenes in the cause of justice and civil rights. We surely cannot depend on the lackeys, now in power in the South of Ireland, who spinelessly bow and bend to Margaret Thatcher's every whim. They will live on in history as an opprobrium, a disgrace to the brave patriots and martyrs who for 800 years gladly died for Ireland.

I conclude by calling to action all Americans with Irish blood in their veins.

Special Sale for First Edition Books



IRELAND'S PRIME MINISTER Charles Haughey received copies of the *Irish American Who's Who* and the *Irish Directory* on a trip to New York. Looking on, l. to r., are Grand Marshal of the 1987 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade John Lawe, Mr. Haughey, Joe Murphy of the *Irish Echo* and co-author Frank Cull. Photo by Tom Matthews.

Executive Director Joseph Jackson of the American Irish Heritage Company of Iselin, New Jersey, has announced a "Clearing House Special" for the first edition of the *Irish American Who's Who* and the *Irish Directory*. Both books (considered collector's items as first editions) were originally sold for \$95.00. The current clearance sale calls for both books to be sold at the

drastically reduced rate of \$50.00 for both with no charge for postage or handling.

Mr. Jackson noted that co-authors John Concannon (Division 3, New York County) of *Newsweek* magazine and Frank Cull (Division 3, Pearl River, N.Y.) of the *Irish Echo* are making plans for second editions and have turned over the clearance sale to the American Irish Heritage

Company. Only a few hundred books remain in stock.

Interested parties may order the two-volume set by making out a check or money order for \$50.00 to the *Irish American Who's Who* and mailing same to the American Irish Heritage Company at 119 Worth Street, Iselin, New Jersey 08830. Their shipping department notes that patrons should allow four weeks for delivery.

PRIDE OF PLACE



IN TWO WORLDS

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Nat'l President Addresses Connecticut Legislature

I wish to first thank the committee for the opportunity to address you on a matter of great importance not simply to Hibernians here in Connecticut, but to a great number of Irish-Americans across this nation. First I would like to explain that the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish and Catholic lay organization in America, having first been established in New York City in May, 1836. For 150 years we have kept faith with the Irish people in moments of joy and sorrow and have enriched communities from Rutland, Vermont to Omaha, Nebraska by sponsoring Irish cultural, educational and charitable programs.

I note this for a particular reason. Last year I watched from the galleries of the state legislature in New York and listened to Black and Puerto Rican legislators speak passionately and convincingly for adoption of the Northern Ireland Investment Bill. Later I stood beside the first Italian-American governor of New York State, Mario Cuomo, as he addressed us and signed the statute into law. Few Irish American politicians have ever spoken with such courage and conviction regarding injustice. Fewer still have ever acted upon those convictions and given real hope to the persecuted Catholic minority as did Governor Cuomo. Finally, one of the most articulate voices against the systematic discrimination and oppression of Catholics in the North of Ireland was that of a Jewish man whose name is known to many here and whose reputation and integrity was respected by all. Almost to this day 15 years ago Abraham Ribicoff with unmatched rhetoric and reason argued before congress for an end to the Stormont Parliament which crafted the systematic exclusion of Catholics from every facet of life in the North, for an end to detention without trial, and for the withdrawal of British occupation forces. His vision will be fulfilled in our lifetime if you take the very small step we ask you to take today. This is not an Irish issue! This is an American issue — a test of America's willingness to extend a helping hand to those seeking to break the bondage of multi-generational unemployment and thus break the cycle of despair and violence that inevitably results. I emphasize this because we do not want you to weigh this issue and your vote in terms of the number of Irish-American constituents in your district. Instead if you would consider whether anti-Catholic discrimination in housing, voting and employment is a human rights and a civil rights issue which does concern your constituents!

There is explicit recognition in this bill as there is in all the others, that the systematic anti-Catholic job discrimination has fueled and has been an integral part of England's Irish apartheid policy since the

garrison statelet was set up — without benefit of one Irish vote — in 1920. The New Ireland Forum report released in 1985 and prepared by Irish elected officials representing 75 percent of the population of Ireland states as follows: "... The Catholic section of the community for over fifty years lived under a system of exclusively Unionist power and privilege and suffered systematic discrimination."

The problem in Northern Ireland today is as real and devastating as ever. In August, 1986 the prestigious journal *Equal Opportunities Review* cited government statistics showing the unemployment rate among Catholics twice that of the Protestant community with 36 percent of the Catholic men without work. The unemployment figures in Catholic ghettos like Short, Strand or Ballymurphy are much higher. This unemployment data, when broken down by sex, religion and age profiles, reveals that the situation regarding equality of job opportunity is worsening for Catholics. Further analysis of this data by Osborne and McCormack, the *Continuing Household Survey* (1983-84), and the *Labor Force Survey* (1984-85) depict a recipe for social disaster if anti-Catholic discrimination is not forcefully and comprehensively addressed. It is an inescapable fact that the bulk of this religious discrimination is government-sponsored in public Protestant preserves like Shorts Bros., Harland-Wolfe Ltd., and the Northern Ireland Electricity Board where Catholics barely reach 7 or 8 percent of the workforce.

This problem is deeprooted, current, and will not be easily overcome. The largest employer in Northern Ireland, for example, the English government-owned Short Bros., recently reported that the proportion of Catholics in their workforce decreased from 17 percent in 1984 to 14 percent in 1985 despite an increase of 10 percent in applications from Catholics. Of 248 school leavers in Belfast employed by Harland, Wolfe, Short Bros., Mackies, Scotts and the Northern Ireland Electricity Board in 1984, only 13 were Catholics. In government training centers in 1982 only 2 Catholics were promoted to fill the 37 vacancies that occurred.

There are 24 United States corporations that currently employ approximately 11 percent of the manufacturing workforce in Northern Ireland. One of these, Ford Motor Co., was recently found guilty of anti-Catholic discrimination by the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Agency. Ford was the first American corporation to be so cited and indeed with a skilled workforce that is 91 percent Protestant the honor seems richly deserved. Our condemnation of this bleak situation is simply not enough. We ask that you act now in a manner that gives

1987 Emerald Isle Officers



WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the helm of the AOH Emerald Isle Division for 1987 are the following officers: Left to right, bottom row, James P. Gallagher, financial secretary; John F. Madden, vice president; Richard Anthony Callahan, president; James M. Murphy, Sr., recording secretary; Paul D. Collins, treasurer. Top row, James J. O'Connor, president emeritus; Richard J. Tarrant, chairman, Grievance Committee; Charles F. Gallagher, marshal; James Anthony Shrewsbury, sentinel and Matthew J. Hannon, president, AOH District Board. Photo by Irish Eye

added dignity to your role as state legislator and new hope to future generations of Irish men and women.

The development of the MacBride Fair Employment Principles was intended to raise the consciousness of employers to problems of fair and equal opportunity employment. In the two years since their formation these principles have been adopted in state statutes and local regulations, by labor and fraternal organizations across the nation, and are currently before Congress as potential conditions of U.S. aid and contract awards. They have received the endorsement of every major Irish American organization and of civic, political and religious leaders from communities throughout this country. The British government shamelessly began a campaign of untruths and disinformation against the principles but this was recognized almost immediately by the media as shallow stonewalling.

Let me address some of the real and not-so-real criticisms leveled at this type of legislation. I must add these criticisms generally come almost exclusively from the British government and their surrogates like their roving ambassador — without — portfolio, Mr. Robert St. Cyr. The financial community in New York never once expressed criticism of the New York Bill and we believe this is primarily due to the investment rather than disinvestment focus of the bill.

Some have argued now that there is an Anglo-Irish Accord there is no need for this type of legislation. Those who take up this argument are simply unaware that this meaningless public relations stunt was crafted precisely to stonewall efforts like this in America. If it were anything more than a publicity stunt then there would be tangible evidence of efforts to combat government-sponsored anti-Catholic discrimination at Harland-Wolfe, Mackies, Sirocco's, Short Bros. or the Electricity Board. Those familiar with the results of this agreement must readily concur now regarding its failure even if they did not think so when the document was signed fourteen months ago.

Some argue that this issue is being addressed by statutory bodies in the North of Ireland. The existing Fair

Featured Speakers



WASHINGTON D.C. — During a program sponsored by the AOH Emerald Isle Division, the two featured speakers, Mrs. Evelyn M. Murray and John O'Donoghue, greet each other. Mrs. Murray is an international archaeological photographer who gave a slide presentation of archaeological work being done in Ireland. Mr. O'Donoghue, the Dublin Talk Show commentator known as "Ireland's Eye," talked about the current happenings in Dublin. The program was held at the Kenwood Golf & Country Club in Bethesda, MD. Photo by Jim O'Connor

Employment Agency and its statutory powers were scrupulously crafted to be useless in combating discrimination. If the situation were otherwise, would it be possible for Harland-Wolfe, Short Bros., Sirocco and Mackies, Ford, Gallaghers, the Northern Ireland Electricity Board and the banking sectors to have nearly 90 percent or better Unionist/Protestant employment profiles? Does anyone suggest that the seven boroughs/councils that have to this day still failed to sign even the symbolic equal opportunity statement regard the Fair Employment Agency as anything other than a paper tiger?

Others argue that the MacBride Principles are not good for business and could contribute to economic decline and loss of jobs. From June,

1979 to June, 1986 manufacturing jobs in the North declined by 33 percent (48,000 jobs) — a rate of decline greater than that sector in England. The economic decline of six counties in Ireland has had a good head start long before the MacBride Principles and may be more appropriately attributable to the poisonous sectarian atmosphere of this war zone of occupation!

Others like the past Irish government argued that "there are unique — often unnamed — factors ... which militate against an easy solution to the unsatisfactory job situation." We do not ask your support of this legislation because it is a solution but because it is a basic step in the sojourn for peace. The AOH

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Leaders Meet



JACK IRWIN, New York State President AOH meets with Knights of Columbus State Deputy Thomas C. Hovancik to discuss their organizations' mutual concerns, such as pro life issues and tax-tuition credits.

Connecticut NEWS

The Connecticut AOH was well represented at the public hearing for a Connecticut Legislative Bill to require companies doing business in Northern Ireland and receiving investment funds from the State to support the MacBride Principles. National Director Frank Kearney, State President Phil Gallagher, State Secretary Jim Ballagher and John Mooney of the Stamford Division testified in support of the Bill before the Legislative Finance Committee. The State Treasurer also voiced support for the Bill.

The Fairfield County Board will hold their Convention on April 26, at the Danbury AOH Hall. The second AOH Tri-State meeting is also scheduled to be held on that date in the Worcester (Mass.)

The Norwalk Division is sponsoring its Annual Bob Johnson Memorial Golf Classic on June 1. Prospective participants are requested to call 846-9339.

The next State Board meeting will be held May 3, at the Danbury AOH Hall. The bi-annual State Convention will be held on June 6 and 7, in the adjacent cities of Naugatuck and Waterbury.

Jim Gallagher

Addresses Legislature

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remains convinced that this journey of 1,000 miles can begin with the very modest step of the MacBride Principles which, at optimum, will affect less than 10 percent of the workforce.

The job situation in the North is not merely unsatisfactory — it is criminal! It would be so characterized in any court of law where human and civil rights were protected and promoted. We all know however, that Northern Ireland's only contribution to law is its incessant perversion.

There is nothing easy in this bitter climate of civil war. The implementation of the MacBride Principles to guide pension fund investment merely offers a slight ray of hope to those for whom despair and desperation have been all too constant a companion.

There may be some technical imperfections to this bill which I trust you will bring to our attention and we might work to resolve. We hope to develop bi-partisan support for a strong bill which identifies U.S. corporations not embracing the MacBride Principles and which prohibits further pension investment in those firms until they recognize the simple justice of this issue.

The distinguished Mayor of Boston, the Honorable Raymond Flynn, noted last January "that the U.S. must be careful not to become a part of the problem that British policy has been directly responsible for, namely the perpetuation of inequality." Governor Cuomo underscored this point at the bill signing. I would close however by quoting His Holiness John Paul II who remarked in his recent visit to India on the special gift of the spiritual leader and founder of that nation, Mahatma Gandhi. He stated "Gandhi showed the world how one could separate the struggle for justice from every form of hate." Hibernians see the MacBride Principles linked to pension fund investment as one such measure in the struggle for justice in Ireland.

National President Murphy Berates Hallmark Company

National President Nick Murphy criticized Hallmark for five of its St. Patrick's Day cards. "These cards are not simply in poor taste," Murphy states, "they are defamatory and insulting to any American." Mr. Murphy continued, "Each of these depicts the celebration of Ireland's national holiday as a feast day for drunken fools. Hallmark would not dare include stereotypes of Jews in Passover cards, of Italians in St. Joseph cards, or promote ethnic slurs of Blacks or Puerto Ricans. Why the Irish? I call upon Hallmark," he continued, "to apologize for these cards and to pledge it will not make St. Patrick's Day cards that are shaped like beer mugs and whiskey bottles and whose only theme is alcohol and drunken-

ness." Mr. Murphy indicated he will be forwarding letters to all major ethnic and Catholic organizations in America including the American Jewish Congress, the Arab-American League, the Sons of Italy, the Knights of Columbus, etc., to ask for their support in this endeavor.

"I further ask," Murphy concluded, "that Americans not purchase Hallmark Easter or Christmas cards until we have such a pledge from them and the Greeting Card Trade Associations."

For more information or questions please call Mike Cummings at (518) 482-0349.

Note: Offensive Hallmark cards bear codes of 100 KSP 11-9, 75 KSP 11-6, 75 KST 12-3, 90 WSP 1-3, 85 KSP 13-0.

CT Division Installs

The John F. Kennedy Division of the AOH, New London, Connecticut, conducted its installation of officers ceremony at the Morton House in Niantic, CT. Those installed were:

President, Ernest Muehlberger, New London; Vice President, Jack Hanley, Niantic; Recording Sec., Norman Glidden, Waterford; Financial Sec., Robert Shanahan, Uncasville; Treasurer, James Quinn, East Lyme; Sentinel, George McCarthy, Uncasville; Marshal, Jack Linicus, Waterford; Standing Comm., Joseph Coleman, New London; and Chaplain, Fr. Frank Sullivan, Waterford.

Jim Gallagher, state board secretary, and a past president of the local division, conducted the installation ceremony, which was followed by a dinner and dancing. Outgoing President John Moore of Waterford was presented a plaque of appreciation for his efforts during

1986. Joseph Coleman of Niantic was general chairman for the event which was attended by members, wives and friends.

In January the John F. Kennedy Division presented letters of appreciation and plaques to three members for contributions to Hibernian culture and ideals. Honored were Richard T. "Red" Shannon on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Coast Guard after serving a long career on the training ship "Eagle"; Thomas C. Gannon of Groton, who, at eighty-seven is the oldest active Hibernian in New London County; and Neil Shine of New London, who joined the Order in 1916 and holds the record for most years of membership of 70. Presenting the plaques were John Moore, president of the local division, and George Ryan, state director for New London County.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Senate and House Bills Call for Fair Employment Practices in Northern Ireland

S. 229. A bill to provide for adherence with the MacBride principles by United States persons doing business in Northern Ireland; to the Committee on Finance.

Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act

● MR. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to help correct a discriminatory injustice in another part of the world, Northern Ireland. Enactment of this legislation, entitled the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act, will deter efforts to use the workplace as an arena of discrimination in Northern Ireland. I first offered this legislation, cosponsored by my good friend the senior Senator from Arizona, in October of last year.

Last year, the Senate handed the President a rare foreign policy defeat by overriding his veto on legislation applying additional sanctions on South Africa. Congress overwhelmingly decided to follow rhetoric with action by applying economic sanctions against a government that maintains a policy of rampant discrimination.

Today, we have the same opportunity to fight discrimination in Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act incorporates the MacBride Principles, which are modeled after the famous Sullivan Principles, the incipient effort to apply United States pressure to change the system of apartheid in South Africa. The MacBride Principles are named in honor of Sean McBride, winner of the Noble Peace Prize and cofounder of Amnesty International.

This legislation does not call for disinvestment. It does, however, enlist the cooperation of United States companies active in Northern Ireland in the campaign to force the end of discrimination in the workplace.

One of the most prominent and painful means of perpetrating acts of discrimination is through employment. Therefore, it is at the workplace in Northern Ireland which can be used to either foster or eliminate discrimination, where we should focus our efforts to break the back of this awful practice. The unemployment rate for the area is hovering around 20 percent, 50 percent in predominately Catholic neighborhoods. Improving the employment opportunities for those discriminated against will help factor out economic reasons for the current strife in Northern Ireland and, hopefully, will begin the process toward a peaceful resolution to the problems there.

The United States is Northern Ireland's largest single investor. There are over 20 United States companies operating in Northern Ireland, and only 5 of them operate in Catholic sections. Most of these United States companies now directly or indirectly support the systematic anti-Catholic discriminatory practices in Northern Ireland. My legislation will end this shameful record. It not only will enlist these companies in the effort to wipe out discrimination at the workplace in Northern Ireland, but it also will help enlighten other nations which do business in Northern Ireland.

Mr. President, I truly believe that this body must address this important issue in the near future. I plan to fight to have this bill passed during this session of Congress, and I look to my colleagues to join me in this worthy effort.

Congressional Record

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland must be addressed in the 100th Congress," Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., R-N.Y., said in reintroducing the "Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act," House Bill 065.

"The Catholic minority has been denied equal treatment in the workplace solely on the basis of religion. My bill would ensure that American companies who operate in Northern Ireland would not contribute to this discrimination," said Fish, representative of the 21st congressional district and co-chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs.

The bill requires all U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland to adhere to the MacBride Principles, a nine-point set of guidelines for fair employment in Northern Ireland.

Unemployment in some Catholic communities in Northern Ireland exceeds 50 percent. This figure is far greater than the 20 percent unemployment rate of the general population. About 18 percent of the employees of the U.S. manufacturing companies in Northern Ireland are Catholic, while about 73 percent are Protestant. That is disproportionate to the number of Catholics and Protestants in the general population. Catholics make up 38 percent and Protestants make up 62 percent of the population.

Under the provisions of the bill, U.S. companies must eliminate religious discrimination and significantly increase the number of Catholic employees, especially in management.

The bill requires that companies provide adequate security on the job for Catholic employees, eliminate religious and sectarian emblems in the workplace, actively recruit Catholics for employment, place qualified Catholics in management positions, and develop training and educational programs for the Catholic minority.

U.S. companies that fail to comply with the provisions of this bill will be stopped from importing their products into this country.

"Ability, not religion, should be the basis for employment opportunity. As a nation based on equality, our companies in Northern Ireland must take the lead in eliminating religious discrimination in the workplace," Fish said.

Co-sponsors of the fair employment practices act are the following Congressmen: Biaggi, Bentley, Boland, Burton, Bustamante, DiGuardi, Downey, Fauntroy, Feighan, Frank, Garcia, Jacobs, Kanjorski, Lent, Manton, McKinney, Moakley, Morrison, Mrazek, Schroeder, Straton, Towns, and Traxler.

Editorial Comment: Please support these bills by writing to your senators and congressmen:

U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515



Two Prominent Congressmen Join Irish Ad Hoc Committee

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) today announced that U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy (D-Mass) has joined the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs.

Biaggi is Chairman of the Committee which is celebrating its 10th anniversary during 1987. The membership total has now reached 119 — one of the largest totals ever enjoyed in the Committee's history.

Biaggi said he was "delighted" that Rep. Kennedy has joined the Committee, calling him "a dynamic young leader of the present and the future." Kennedy replaced House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, who retired at the end of the 99th Congress.

Biaggi noted that Kennedy

becomes the second prominent Massachusetts House Member to join the Ad Hoc Committee in recent weeks. Earlier, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) joined the Committee. Biaggi said, "Rep. Frank is the author of critically important legislation that I have co-sponsored to amend the McCarran-Walter Act to revise current visa policies. At the present time, certain segments of political thought from Ireland and Northern Ireland are regularly excluded from coming to the United States. This represents a form of censorship against the Irish American community, which must be changed."

The Ad Hoc Committee consists of 115 House and 4 Senate members at the present time.

Trade Unionists for Irish Unity and Independence A Viewpoint

HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT

An extract from the report of the New Ireland Forum graphically illustrates the misery and suffering of the people of the Northern Ireland since 1969:

"The most tragic loss is that of the deaths of over 2,300 men, women and children. These deaths in an area with a population of 1½ million are equivalent in proportionate terms to the killing of approximately 84,000 in Britain, 83,000 in France or 350,000 in the United States of America. In addition, over 24,000 have been injured or maimed. Thousands are suffering from psychological stress because of the fear and tension generated by murder, bombing, intimidation and the impact of security measures. During the past 15 years, there have been over 43,000 reported incidents of shootings, bombings and arson. In the North, the prison population has risen from 686 in 1967 to about 2,500 in 1983 and now represents the highest number of prisoners per head of population in Western Europe. The lives of tens of thousands have been deeply affected. The effect on society has been shattering. There is hardly a family that has not been touched to some degree by death, injury or intimidation."

To many people, the "Irish Question" is a confused mess of senseless violence, a religious feud between sections of the Irish people, with Britain doing her best to hold the line for decency and fair play. This image is reinforced daily through the media.

But can the crisis in Ireland be dismissed glibly as Irish people re-enacting the battles of the 17th century? Is Britain merely playing the role of honest broker between warring factions? The answer to these questions is obviously no.

But in order to understand the crisis and find a way forward, some knowledge of Irish history is necessary.

The crisis in Northern Ireland, involving deaths, violence and repression, is not new. Its roots lie in the long struggle of the Irish people to achieve an independent all-Ireland state, in opposition to Britain's claim to rule any part of Ireland. Ever since the first Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland in 1169, the Irish people have resisted foreign domination. It took England four centuries to complete the conquest and the period since has been marked by regular uprisings.

An important feature of the conquest was the plantation of Ulster, the most northerly province of Ireland and this consisted of forcing the native Irish from their land to be replaced by settlers from Britain. These settlers differed in religion from the native Irish and thus religion became a badge of distinction, while in reality the differences were economic and political. These differences were submerged for long periods, only to re-emerge when it suited the ruling class to whip up sectarianism. This was done in the 1790s, when the Orange Order was created to counter the influence of the revolutionary "United Irishmen."

At the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries, Britain was faced with a determined national independence movement in Ireland. The response of the British Conservative

Party was to stir up religious hatred and promote opposition to independence by fomenting sectarian strife. Eventually, when the movement for independence could no longer be contained Britain decided on partition in 1920. Limited independence was conceded to 26 of 32 counties of Ireland, with Britain retaining the 6 counties in the north-east, which had an area with an inbuilt majority favourable to her own interests. Thus partition was born and this "settlement" was imposed on a weary country under threat of "immediate and terrible war", by British Prime Minister Lloyd George. Ever since, the territory known as "Northern Ireland" is disputed. Under statutes enacted by the British Parliament, it is British. On the other hand, Article Two of the Constitution of the Irish Republic reads:

"The national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland, its islands and the territorial seas". From the British point of view, partition worked initially. Britain continued to exercise economic domination over both parts of Ireland, which remained within Britain's "sphere of influence." Neocolonialism was in existence long before the term gained wide acceptance when used in the 1950s to describe the imperialist powers "going but staying" in their colonies. The nationalist minority in the north were kept in their place by institutionalised discrimination and repression, and a civil war was engineered in the south, which stultified political development in Ireland for generations. Connolly's grim warning had come through — "partition would result in a carnival of reaction north and south."

In addition, partition enabled Britain to pretend that the Irish question, which had bedevilled British politics for years, had been resolved. On the surface, Britain seemed no longer to have any direct involvement. Both lots of Irish had got what they wanted, Mother England had done the best she could and any subsequent conflict was entirely the fault of the implacable Irish. This strategy succeeded for a time and for almost fifty years the Irish question ceased to be a major issue in British politics.

The FAILURE OF PARTITION
The weak link in the partition settlement was the nature of the devolved Northern Ireland "state". It included within its boundary, a large nationalist minority and the "state" could only exist by denying to that minority their political and civil rights. They were discriminated against in employment and housing; the elections in the areas where they were in a majority, such as Derry, were rigged by gerrymandering the electoral districts; the electoral franchise was restricted; repressive special powers were enacted and a sectarian armed police force and the paramilitary B-Specials were created. Throughout the decades there was resentment and opposition, until in new circumstances, the civil rights movement of the late 1960s exposed what the *Observer* newspaper called "John Bull's political shum".

The response of the Unionist administration in Belfast was traditional and predictable — let loose the B-Specials and organise

programs — it had worked before in the 1920s and 1930s. But this time, the TV cameras were focused on events in Derry and Belfast. The brutal attacks by the Royal Ulster Constabulary on peaceful civil rights marches and the attacks on Catholic areas in Belfast by mobs, in many cases led by the RUC and B-Specials, horrified people around the world. The civil rights demands had exposed the contradictions within Northern Ireland, and with the Unionists demonstrating an unwillingness to make any real concessions, further conflict was inevitable. It must never be forgotten that the violence of recent years was initiated by the Unionists in response to the civil rights campaign, and violence beget violence.

For a time, the British Government remained inactive, hoping that the local administration at Stormont would resolve the crisis. In 1969 extra British troops were sent to assist them, but Stormont staggered from one crisis to another. Eventually internment without trial was introduced in August 1971; torture of prisoners became widespread and in January 1972, "Bloody Sunday" occurred — the murder of 13 peaceful civil rights demonstrators in Derry by the Paratroop Regiment. These events ushered in a new stage. In March 1972, the British Government dissolved the local administration in Belfast and instituted direct rule from Westminster clearly demonstrating where the responsibility for Northern Ireland lay. Thus, the Irish question was back in British politics with a vengeance. The Frankenstein monster had returned to haunt its maker!

BRITAIN'S ROLE

Far from being a referee between warring Irish factions, Britain has at all times had its own interests to protect in Ireland. The view of any section of the Irish people are of interest to Britain only to the extent that they help or hinder the implementation of British policy.

Partition was mooted not by any section of Irish opinion, but by the British Government. No single political party or organisation in Ireland supported it. But the effectiveness of British propaganda over the years has ensured that the attitude of the Unionists to partition at the time is now almost forgotten. As "unionists" they were opposed to any form of Home Rule for any part of Ireland. To them, the "union" was sacrosanct and any diminution would inevitably lead to the break-up of the British Empire. Hence the significance of The Solemn League and Covenant, signed by Unionists on 28th September, 1912. It read: "being convinced in our consciences that Home Rule would be disastrous to the material well-being of Ulster as well as to the whole of Ireland."

They then pledged themselves to: "use all means which will be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a Home Rule Parliament in Ireland."

The exercise was not to exclude Ulster from the control of a Dublin Parliament, but to retain all Ireland within the Union.

In a speech in the House of Lords in December 1921, the Unionist leader, Edward Carson, bitterly denounced the Treaty, which gave limited independence to the 26 counties. He declared:

"I did not know, as I know now, that I was a mere puppet in a political game. I was in earnest, I was not playing politics. What a fool I was. I was only a puppet and so was Ulster and so was Ireland, in a

political game that was to get the Conservative Party into power." Carson and the Unionists were blinded by their prejudices and were unable to perceive that Britain had decided on a new political arrangement, tailored to meet her requirements. However, they were correct in declaring that partition had no friends on one side of the Irish sea. It was solely a British creation.

PRESENT BRITISH POLICY
The stated policy of the British Government is that there shall be no change in the constitutional position of Northern Ireland without the consent of the majority of the people in Northern Ireland. However, this ignores the fact that the Unionists are a majority in an artificial state.

The line drawn across the map of Ireland in 1920 had no historical basis. It does not conform to the boundary of the Irish province of Ulster, three of whose nine counties are in the Republic, the other six comprising Northern Ireland. Thus, to equate "Northern Ireland" with Ulster is false. Furthermore, two of the North's six counties have nationalist majorities and the remainder have substantial nationalist populations. There is no distinctive physical feature delineating a border. In fact, it was a political division, the idea being to carve out an area sufficient to contain a unionist majority and then to regard that majority as sacrosanct. Britain conferred on a minority the right to frustrate the aspirations of the majority of the Irish people and then conceded to that minority a veto on any political change in the constitutional arrangement. This was not done out of any regard for the welfare of that minority but as a device to ensure continuing British domination over all of Ireland.

While it is irrefutable that imperial interest was the reason for partition, it has been argued that this consideration no longer applies and that Britain would be only too happy to withdraw from Ireland, if only she were able. Why then, does Britain still maintain partition?

Is it out of concern for the wishes of the Unionists? One would be hard put to find many on the Shankill Road who now believe this. They are aware of the many examples of those who gave "loyal service" to Britain, only to be jettisoned during the decolonisation process — Ugandan Asians, Tamils, and more recently, the Hong Kong Chinese, to name but a few. Self-interest is the only consideration in these situations and the Unionists suspect that if it suited Britain, they would be cast aside, like a child discarding last year's toy. This is one of the reasons for the break-up of the Unionist monolith in recent years and the outburst of unionist violence. They feel the icy wind of insecurity, now blowing stronger as a consequence of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. One must therefore look for other reasons for Britain's maintenance of partition.

Colonial conquest does not simply involve territorial claims or occupying armies. It is bound up with the social, economic, cultural and political expressions of power. These issues are particularly relevant in the case of Ireland, because of our geographical proximity to Britain. The two islands have been brought closer with the advent of modern communications systems. Accordingly, political events in one island have repercussions in the other. Born out of this situation is the deep belief that a united and truly independent Ireland represents a threat to the hegemony of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland. This view is strongly held by many within the Conservative Party, including Margaret Thatcher, the born-again jingo imperialist and self-proclaimed champion of the union.

But the world today is different than 1921, when partition was forced on the Irish people. Britain is a declining world power, in hock to the United States. Thatcher's Britain is as obsessed with war preparation as it is with smashing the trade unions. Yet the continuing crisis in Northern Ireland makes Anglo-Irish relations precarious and draws world attention to Britain's dirty back yard. While the policy makers at Westminster search for solutions, they are not over-concerned about the continuing war situation in Northern Ireland. Indeed, it has its uses. Valuable military expertise is being gained, new weapons and tactics for urban situations are being tested, society generally is under computerised surveillance — all in the name of defeating the "terrorist". If they can contain violence at an "acceptable level", the deplorable expression used by former British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling, they hope to buy time to defeat vigorous opponents of British rule, while seeking out new political forces in Ireland, with whom they can reach an accommodation.

Returning to the argument that Northern Ireland is a military laboratory, the British miners, during the course of their heroic strike, encountered at first-hand methods of "crowd control", perfected in Northern Ireland. The former Chief Constable of the RUC, Sir Kenneth Newman has displayed some of the lessons learnt in that post, in his present role as Chief Constable of the London Metropolitan Police. Many police forces in Britain now carry stocks of plastic bullets and it is only a question of time before they are used.

THE ECONOMIC ASPECT

Despite the greater part of Ireland having been independent for 65 years British involvement in the economy did not diminish. In fact, with the advent of free trade and the expansion of multinational companies, it is probably greater than at any time in the past. Irish banks, credit companies, insurance and assurance firms are largely British dominated. Most of the property speculation in Ireland is British, and British supermarkets and department stores

control a large slice of the market, despite the retention of Irish names. Protecting these financial interests is of concern to Britain and in this regard, partition serves a function — a divided Ireland is a weakened Ireland.

Obviously, in global terms, the economic significance of Ireland from a British point of view, should not be over-stated. Some might therefore argue that it is not worth the trouble. However, it must be borne in mind that any profit from Ireland goes to British capitalists, while the cost of the continuing crisis — the massive security bill — is borne by the British worker.

THE MILITARY DIMENSION

The fundamental reasons for the maintenance of partition today are military. Ireland straddles the western approaches; and in a conventional war, or a nuclear war preceded by a conventional one, Ireland could be strategically important. This was clearly expressed by Lord Windlesham, an Irish peer, during the debate of Britain's original application for EEC membership. In the House of Lords in 1961, he said:

"One has only to look at the map to see that the situation of Ireland, to the extreme west of the whole organisation, gives it a special position. Cobh has probably the finest inland anchorage in the world . . . the old naval base at Haulbowline in Cobh harbor still exists and is in excellent order . . . Then there is the great airfield at Shannon, the furthest west of any airfield or airport in Europe. Its potential for expansion is enormous, unlimited and incomparably greater than anything which exists in Northern Ireland . . . Then there is the projected Shannon deep-sea port, which if developed will take tankers of 100,000 tons and more into the Shannon, which in times of war might be of enormous importance and value, and again would be situated to the extreme west of the whole NATO set-up."

But for Britain, there is a problem. The Republic of Ireland is a neutral country and is the only EEC country not in NATO. On the other hand, Britain (and NATO) have bases in Northern Ireland and these must be

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Trade Unionists

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retained, or alternatives obtained. The relevance of Ireland's neutrality, in the context of partition, was highlighted in a revealing speech by Michael Mates, Conservative Member of Parliament, in Dublin in October 1984. Mr. Mates, who is chairman of the Inter-Party Committee of Westminster M.P.s on Irish affairs, informed his Irish audience:

"You're asking unionists if they are prepared to give up their allegiance to their sovereign and their association with the United Kingdom. That might be difficult, but if enough wanted it we might give way. But if you say that you don't want anything to do with Western defence, you're actually asking them much more than to give up their allegiance to their sovereign. It has to do with two totally different attitudes to Western defence. Neutrality was at the heart of your Irishness, but it was alien to Britain and to the Britishness of unionism. There you have a stumbling block twice the size of any other."

One can assume that forward-looking sections of the British ruling class do not fear a united Ireland as such, but they fear it outside their control. Partition was imposed by Britain to retain her influence within Ireland and she will only undo partition when she is satisfied that all Ireland is securely tied into the Western military alliance.

Already, pressure from Britain and the EEC is being exerted to undermine Irish neutrality. As a consequence of new technological defence systems, the west coast of Ireland has taken on a new significance as a base for early warning systems. It is possible that methods of communications already exist there, linked to RAF (NATO) radar systems. Irish neutrality and what bit of sovereignty remains is being whittled away through foreign policy co-ordination and agreed "security" positions.

While the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Irish Labour Party, Irish CND and all Left and democratic organisations are unequivocal in defending Irish neutrality, forces in the Southern establishment would be prepared to trade it off in return for some form of "Irish dimension" in the North. This is central to the Anglo-Irish Agreement of November 1985.

At the time of partition, the most reliable agents and "junior partners" for imperialism in Ireland were the Unionists landlords and capitalists in the North. In return for "holding the line" for imperialism in Ireland, they were given a relatively free hand to run the North as they saw fit. They have now outlived their usefulness, as the dominant sections of the capitalist class in the 26 counties have abandoned any notion of

independence and are prepared to settle for the "junior partner" role, as shown by the 1965 Anglo-Irish Free Trade Agreement and the joining of the EEC simultaneously with Britain in 1973. In contrast, the Unionists have now become an embarrassment to Britain. However, on the time-honoured principle of divide and rule, the British Government will not place all its eggs in one basket. Thus, we see the Anglo-Irish Agreement being sold to Irish nationalists as a major step forward, in that it gives the South a say in the running of the North, while the Unionists are being told that it guarantees that there will never be a united Ireland.

In fact, one of the first consequences of the Anglo-Irish Agreement was to further involve and institutionalise the Dublin Government in maintaining British "Security". In this area, there is now co-responsibility for a situation deriving from Britain's imposition of partition, against the wishes of the majority of the Irish people.

One thing is clear about the Anglo-Irish Agreement, it no more provides a solution than did the Act of Union of 1800 or the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. Any solution that does not vest control of Ireland in the people of Ireland cannot and will not succeed. A solution must be found which corresponds to the wishes of the majority of the Irish people. Such a solution must also enable the working class movement to exert its influence over the course of events, thereby protecting its future.

Trade Unionists for Irish Independence (TUII) was founded in 1984 in Dublin, and is sponsored in an individual capacity by some 40 leading Irish trade unionists. It is not a political party, with policies on a wide range of issues. On the contrary, the sponsors of TUII are members of different political parties and organisations, or of none. They would probably all describe themselves as socialists, using the term in the broadest sense, who share a common view on the national question and partition, in particular.

(1) The New Ireland Forum was set up in 1983 by the Irish Government, with the involvement of the main political parties in the Republic and the Social Democratic and Labour Party in the North. It reported in May 1984.

(2) The Society of United Irishmen, a radical anti-imperialist organisation, was founded in 1791 under the leadership of Theobald Wolfe Tone. Tone's name is frequently invoked and it is important to remember what he stood for. He stated that his objective was "to break the connection with England, the never failing source of all our political evils." He then added, "to unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of past dissensions and to substitute the common

N.J. Supports MacBride Principles



TOMS RIVER, NJ — Representatives of Ocean County Irish American Clubs gather with Ocean County Freeholder Damian Murray (center) displaying a Board resolution supporting Northern Ireland Investment legislation calling for a State investigation into U.S. corporations doing business in Northern Ireland and in which pension funds are invested, to adhere to fair employment practices. From left to right, Sean O'Driscoll, James McNamara, Peg Higgins, Murray, MaryLou Pownner, John Kenny and Tom McBride.

Michael Flannery Honored



AT THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET held at the Astoria Manor, New York, the Borough of Queens honored Michael Flannery, at right, with a Proclamation naming January 30, 1987 "Michael Flannery Day." Chairman Sean McGovern is at left. President Willie Joe Cunningham, center, made the presentation. Photo by Peter Dolan

name of Irishman in place of the denomination of Protestant, Catholic and dissenter — these were my means." Unity was not an end in itself. It had a political purpose.

(3) James Connolly (1868-1916) founder of the Irish Socialist Republican Party (1896) involved in the foundation of the Irish Labour Party (1912) and for a time, General Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union; founder and commander of the Irish Citizen Army, the first worker's army in Europe; executed by the British Government in 1916, he remains the greatest leader and theoretician produced by the working class in Ireland.

THE MINSTREL BOY

By Jack Mahoney

There's a stillness now on Ireland's moors that shuns the charging sea; and mutes the throats of heroes gone to fill their destiny. From Patrick's well no water flows to tempt the jealous skies; but Sarah's tears have wet the clay where Emmet's body lies. O'Connell's golden words are dust beneath Glasnevin's shale; but fogs that dance on Ireland's moors renew the ancient tale. Phantom barpiests greet the night, shrouded clarions ring; saints and martyrs pause to hear the minstrel chorus sing.

"In dirge we followed warriors' blood from hill to ocean sand; a thousand summers could not heal the scarred and pillaged land."

"From glens we heard the voice of Truth as soft as forest rain, then borne on Celtic lachie achieve crescendo on the plain." "On Tara's grass, we saw your kings, before a bishop kneel; not Viking sword nor Druid mace could rend the Christian seal." Now heather fields on Ireland's moors must woo the morning star; but those who love the minstrel boy will listen from afar. From "Irish Coffee," Darrance & Co. Copyright 1974

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman



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The above picture was sent to me from the Green Cross and shows a member of one of the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland signing for a donation given to her at the Green Cross office. The money was sent by me to the Green Cross and represents the proceeds realized from our Christmas Relief Project. Please be advised that this is an ongoing function, and donations towards the prisoners' relief fund will be gladly accepted throughout the year. Just make your checks payable to the Prisoners Relief Fund and mail to me at 1116 Ward Place, Woodmere, New York 11598.

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P.M. On that day, the Mass for Peace and the Reunification of Ireland will be offered in St. Agnes Cathedral, Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY. The homily will be delivered by Father Toney, who is well versed in Irish affairs. Please make a special effort to attend this Mass. I am sure you will find it a beautiful and moving experience.

On a personal note: Thank you all very much for your get well wishes, concern and prayers during my recent illness. I am very appreciative for all your kindness, and I am pleased to report that I am feeling fine again.

Martin Higgins

Assurance Sought That Arms Embargo Stands

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D, NY) sought assurances from the state department they have no plans to lift an eight-year-old embargo on the sale of U.S. arms and ammunition to the controversial Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Biaggi is chairman of the Bi-Partisan 114 member Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. An amendment Biaggi sponsored in 1979 led to a decision by the state department to suspend further sales of arms and ammunition to the RUC.

In a letter to the state department Biaggi noted, "The original basis for my amendment which led to the embargo was that sales of arms to the RUC violated United States law which bars the sale of arms to any nation or organization with a proven record of human rights violations. The RUC in the late 1970s had been cited by leading groups such as Amnesty International for inhumane treatment of prisoners in Northern Ireland. These findings were later confirmed by a British government appointed commission. At the present time the RUC is being in-

vestigated for an alleged 'shoot to kill' policy it employed in Northern Ireland. Again Amnesty International has been critical of the policy. They cited more than 35 separate shooting incidents since 1982 with more than half of the victims being unarmed. The RUC has been widely criticized for attempts to whitewash findings of an initial report highly critical of RUC policies. It would be most inappropriate to entertain any idea of relaxing or lifting the suspension at this time."

Biaggi also noted that the RUC has been cited for the "indiscriminate" use of plastic bullets against unarmed civilians in Northern Ireland which have resulted in more than a dozen fatalities since 1980, with more than half of the victims being under the age of 15. Biaggi said, "The Royal Ulster Constabulary is testament to the fact that there are two kinds of violence in Northern Ireland, civilian and official. Both are wrong and must be ended if there is to be peace in Ireland. The United States government must not in any way support either."

Observations

By PHYLLIS ZAGANO

This will be the twelfth or thirteenth St. Patrick's Day that Joe Doherty has spent in prison. He is 32 years old.

Joe Doherty was first imprisoned in Northern Ireland at the age of 17. He went to the Maidstone prison ship, and then to the Long Kesh prison camp. He had no trial. There were no charges. He was held then because it was "expedient" to "the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order."

Joe Doherty, you see, belonged to Na Fianna Eirann, the anti-English youth group. Whether they be the troubadours or terrorists depends not on which side of the aisle but on which side of the Irish Sea your sentiments lie. And whether he, Joe Doherty, is troubadour or terrorist is somewhat irrelevant in the tale which has unfolded.

In 1981 he was sentenced to life in prison for the killing of a British soldier after trial before a "Diplock" court, in which only the British Army testifies.

Joe Doherty and his superiors thought America was the answer. And so he came, and so he lived for two years or so until he was arrested in New York as an illegal alien. Since June of 1983 he has been in New York federal prisons.

Joe Doherty might be in Ireland now, except for the fact that our three branches of government cannot seem to get their act together. In 1984 a Federal District Court judge ruled that Joe Doherty could not be returned to Northern Ireland because he was of the political exception category to our extradition treaties. But *U.S. v. Dougherty* was not to end so soon. Appeals and more appeals, each decision affirming and reaffirming the original determination that "the facts of this case present the assertion of the political offense exception in its most classic form." But the political offense exception has been rewritten.

Joe Doherty, it turns out, was the reason the extradition treaty was rewritten, and all the while his appeals were grinding down. By the time they finished, a new treaty had been written and ratified; expressly it would seem to retroactively deny Joe Doherty the political offender status an American court had granted him. This treaty, finally ratified in July of 1986, refuses to admit to murder as an offense with a "political character." Fair enough, but whether you judge the shooting of one military man by a member of a well-established although illegal opposing militia, murder is irrelevant to the problem at hand.

Joe Doherty, you see, found out in September, 1986 that a U.S. Immigration judge had ruled he could be deported to the Republic of Ireland. And while the appeals to that judgement cycled through the judicial mill, the British House of Commons ratified the extradition treaty. His immigration case came up February 11, and the judgement is not in.

Joe Doherty can only hope that someone has read the Constitution lately, especially the part in Article I, Section 9 which reads "No bill of attainder or ex post facto law shall be passed." To make the law fit the criminal precisely, and then establish it retroactively, ought to be more than even an American Anglophile can stand. Beyond, how can we retry Joe

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Analysis/Northern Ireland

By FR. DESMOND WILSON
Director of Conway Mills, Belfast

Mr. Charles Haughey, who is likely to become the next Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of the Republic of Ireland, has made severe attack on the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The Agreement, signed over one year ago, was presented to Irish people by Mr. Peter Barry, Foreign Minister of the Republic, as a framework within which the "nightmare of Irish nationalism in Northern Ireland would at last be ended." But instead it has led to a renewal of sectarian killing in Northern Ireland reminiscent of the mid-seventies, a situation described with horror by the Roman Catholic bishop in Belfast, Dr. Cahal Daly.

Now almost thirteen months after the signing of the Agreement, the Irish Republic's government is trying hard to win some concessions for Catholics in Northern Ireland, who are virtually excluded from

Doherty — or anyone — on the same question?

This St. Patrick's Day you may find Joe Doherty a troubadour or you may find him a terrorist. Whichever, he is undeniably a 32 year old human being presently in residence at the Manhattan Correctional Center as Inmate Number 07792054. Should he be granted political offender status, as the first judge allowed? Should he be extradited to Northern Ireland, as the later treaty implies? Should he be deported to the Republic of Ireland, as the immigration judge ruled?

It would seem that in America, we could at least abide by our own Constitution. No doubt on this St. Patrick's Day, Joe Doherty would agree.

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government and from many jobs. Some politicians have made unwarranted claims that the Anglo-Irish Agreement has produced results for example that it was responsible for a British decision to demolish blocks of uninhabitable apartments in Belfast and Derry. That decision, however, was made after many years of agitation by the residents of the blocks themselves. It has also been claimed by Fr. Denis Faul, Catholic priest of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, that the Agreement was a direct result of the pleas of Pope John Paul during his visit to Ireland. Mr. Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, has complained bitterly that the Agreement has not produced adequate results for the relief of Catholics in Northern Ireland. Mr. Mallon was not in favor of the Agreement up to three days before it was signed (November 1985) but was persuaded to support it by Mr. John Hume who promised that the resources of the party would be available to Mr. Mallon to secure him a seat in the Westminster Parliament. Catholic bishops and clergy have bitterly complained that the level of abuse by British military and police against Catholics in Derry, Belfast and Strabane (Co. Tyrone) has not lessened since the Agreement, but increased.

Against this background Mr. Haughey launched his attack against the Agreement at a commemorative meeting in Cork (October 12th). He complained about the increasing arrogance of British actions in N. Ireland and of their demands about the internal affairs of the Republic including the demand that the British government should be allowed to help frame a charter of human rights for the Republic and that the Republic should alter its Constitution to suit British needs.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sean MacBride, Nobel Peace Prize winner and statesman, has predicted that the British government will be forced to leave Ireland within five to ten years.

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King Attacks Moynihan And His "Friends of Ireland"

Nassau County Comptroller Peter T. King today charged Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan with "attempting to divide the Irish-American community and sell out the Catholic nationalists of Northern Ireland" by forming an organization of elected officials which King said is "nothing but a front group for Moynihan's discredited pro-British appeasement policies." The organization which is to be known as New York State Friends of Ireland is modelled after the Friends of Ireland in Congress which was formed in 1981 by Moynihan, Senator Edward Kennedy, Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill and Governor Hugh Carey — the so-called "Four Horsemen" of Irish-American politics.

"Throughout his years in the United States Senate, Moynihan has been anything but a 'friend of Ireland,'" King stated. "Instead, he is an inveterate Anglophile who continually ignores British oppression of the Catholic nationalists in the occupied six counties of Northern Ireland. What is even more despicable is that he invariably attacks those in Ireland who fight for their freedom and against British injustice."

"Not surprisingly, that same pro-British elitist bias pervades the charter and policy statement of the New York State Friends of Ireland," King said. "Displaying a moral arrogance and self-righteousness that would do justice to the Royal Family, Moynihan and his group cavalierly condemn 'all violence' in Northern Ireland without once referring to the murders and systematic violence of the British

Army. Instead they assail the 'bomb and the bullet' and other time-worn allusions. They claim they support Irish unity but by accepting the gerrymandered boundaries of Northern Ireland they serve as guarantors of partition. They oppose American support for the nationalist movement while forgetting that the Dublin government was only able to attain its measure of independence because of overt assistance from American groups such as Clan Na Gael."

King continued that "what is most arrogant about Moynihan and his fellow collaborators is that they would deny Sinn Féin the right to participate in negotiations involving the future of Northern Ireland. Considering that Belfast is the major city in the six counties, that Gerry Adams has been democratically elected to the British Parliament by the people of West Belfast and that the majority of nationalist representatives to the Belfast City Council are members of Sinn Féin, by what divine right does Moynihan disenfranchise the Belfast nationalists from the negotiating table."

King said he was "calling upon all elected officials to reject Moynihan and the quiescent Friends of Ireland. Freedom and justice will only come to the people of Ireland because of the men and women of the nationalist movement and the Irish-Americans who have the courage and sense of purpose to stand by them. As for Senator Moynihan, he and his ilk should at long last drop all pretense and spend St. Patrick's Day exchanging toasts with their kindred spirits at the British Embassy."

..... The Gate Theatre

By Liz Heade
Liz Heade is literary manager of the Gate Theatre, Dublin.
(This article appeared in the Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin, Ireland.)

The building that houses Dublin's Gate Theatre has been a centre of cultural activity since 1767 and has one of the liveliest histories in a city where each of a thousand buildings is associated with a famous statesman, writer or rebel.

It was originally a group of recreation rooms built adjacent to the Rotunda Hospital in order to raise funds for the medical care of poor women. In earlier days it was the scene of readings by Charles Dickens and recitals by the Irish composer John Field. It was where Henry Grattan first spoke of an Irish parliament independent of Great Britain. British soldiers were billeted in its rooms during the Rising of 1798. Nationalists Robert Emmet and Wolfe Tone made famous speeches from its stage and it has housed, *inter alia*, a concert hall, a palais de danse, a cinema and, of course, the Gate Theatre itself.

As the Gate Theatre it first became internationally renowned in the 1930s, under the direction of Hilton Edwards and Michael MacLiammoir, as one of the most adventurous and far-sighted playhouses in Europe. It was at the Gate that Dublin audiences were introduced to international theatre, to the work of Ibsen, Chekhov, O'Neill and Zola; there it was that the first performance of Wilde's *Salome* was seen—the play was proscribed in London; there also that the mighty Ballets Russes de Paris—performing Fokine's *Spectre de la Rose*—filled in for the young Gate company absent on tour in Egypt. It was here, too, that Orson Welles, James Mason and Geraldine Fitzgerald began their prodigious acting careers, and that MacLiammoir created his own definitive portrayal of Wilde in his one-man show *The Importance of Being Oscar*. It was at the Gate that innovation, energy and partnership brought Irish theatre out of an introspective Celtic twilight into the light of the dynamic new century.

During the 1940s and 1950s the theatre flourished under the directorship of Edwards—MacLiammoir and the Earl of Longford, a playwright and director and a man of immense tenacity and courage, who sold a great portion of the Longford family inheritance to keep the Gate open and operational in the face of severe debts. There is little doubt that without his great personal commitment the Gate would not have survived until today.

Throughout the 1960s Edwards and MacLiammoir enjoyed distinguished individual careers in the theatre and in film. MacLiammoir performed world-wide his one-man shows on the lives and works of great Irish writers, and Edwards became Head of Drama at R.T.E., the national television and radio company.

Recently, the Gate has re-emerged as one of Dublin's busiest and most successful theatrical venues, invited to tour on four continents and winning awards for its high standards of performance, direction and design. Under the direction of Michael Colgan, the Gate has regained its reputation as the home of adventure, originality and style. Among the writers and artists associated with the theatre in the last twelve months

have been Samuel Beckett, Seamus Heaney, Brian Friel, Hugh Leonard, Thomas Murphy, Steven Berkoff and Joseph Brodsky.

The Gate started life as part of an international 'little theatre' movement in the 1920s. Two young actors, Hilton Edwards and Michael MacLiammoir, met while touring Ireland with Anew McMaster's Shakespeare Company and, finding a common interest in international drama and ways of staging it, set up a theatre company which they hoped might entertain those Dublin playgoers currently 'dividing their time between the Abbey and *No No Nanette*.' Their co-founders were Madame Bannad Cogley, the owner of a small theatre club, Gearoid O Lochlainn, who had been a considerable force in the Gaelic League movement, and the young actress Coralie Carmichael, who was to be the Gate's leading lady for many years.

MacLiammoir later wrote of the spark that had fired their and similar ventures throughout Europe:

"We honestly believed that the theatre was finding its way to freedom, mistaking, as so many new generations do, a welcome but essentially ephemeral shelter for the night for a permanent dwelling place."

Their first ephemeral shelter was the Peacock, a tiny studio attached to the Abbey Theatre, where they presented *Peer Gynt* in October 1928. They produced two seasons there, including works by Tolstoy, Elmer Rice and Karel Capek, with a good deal of optimism and some mild success.

But their permanent dwelling place for the ensuing fifty years was the former Assembly Rooms — then vacant — of the Rotunda Hospital which they noticed one day from a small hotel across the road in Cavendish Row. There they opened the Gate proper in 1930 with their version of Goethe's *Faust*. The small audience who had discovered them at the Peacock followed them to the Gate Theatre and started to grow.

In the first ten years, holding fast to the principle of one- or two-weekly turnarounds, the Gate company's repertoire stretched from *Cyrano de Bergerac* to *Mourning Becomes Electra* and from *Agamemnon* to *Sweeney Todd* and new work by MacLiammoir, Lord Longford and Denis Johnston. In that decade, they performed in London, Cairo, Athens, Belgrade and Sofia, as well as playing lengthy seasons at the larger Gaiety Theatre in Dublin. They began to attract the attention of the international press as an important complement to the already famous Abbey Theatre of W. B. Yeats and Lady Gregory.

It seems extraordinary that while Ireland had for centuries contributed so much to world theatre, international drama had failed to find a foothold in Dublin. But perhaps when a small country can produce so many of the world's greatest dramatists — Congreve, Sheridan, Farquhar, Boucicault, Wilde and Shaw — and establish one of the first national theatres in the world at the Abbey, it has no urge to look beyond its own shores for inspiration. The change began to happen in the 1920s, perhaps because Ireland, newly independent, finally had its political and economic destiny in its own hands, or perhaps because communications and travel made other cultures more accessible. In any case, Ireland began to look abroad — particularly beyond Britain — for

new ideas and began to assess what it had in common with other cultures and what was uniquely Irish. It was in that atmosphere of enterprise and conceit that the Gate took its first steps. The Abbey Theatre was one born of the Irish renaissance at the turn of the century, while the Gate was influenced by the international movement of the 1920s. The difference was not merely one of years, but of outlook and style. The first became a national theatre, the second international.

The young Gate company toured extensively from the beginning and its work began to be influenced by contemporary European styles of theatre. Old-fashioned, pictorial scenery was giving way to expressionism and abstraction, to glorious new colours and textures and to revolutionary use of space and lighting. These in turn were opening up a whole new style of acting. MacLiammoir was a painter in his own right. Edwards, as well as being a great choreographer of actors, was one of the most skilled lighting designers of his day. To these gifts they added a very solid background in the theatre as touring, fit-up actors, so that the Gate was not simply a product of the European avant-garde but had a foundation in practical theatrical skills.

Nowadays the Gate is partly subsidised by the government, but in the 1940s the company had no such support. Lord Longford, an enthusiastic supporter of the Gate, began to provide the theatre with subsidies and later, to fill the gap left while Edwards — MacLiammoir were on tour, he established his own acting company at the Gate Longford Productions presented a mainly classical repertoire of Shakespeare, Sheridan and Shaw, and occasionally Longford's own adaptations of Moliere and Swift. Within a year the company was playing at the Ambassador's Theatre in London. The name of the Gate was already a by-word for success.

For many years the two companies shared the theatre, each producing a six-month season, with Longford subsidising both his own company and, almost unacknowledged, Edwards — MacLiammoir's, thus enabling them to continue to experiment and take risks and not suffer the price of box office failure.

The theatre closed in 1957 for structural repairs and might not have opened again but for the always — outrageous Longford, who collected on the streets, sold clothes and jewellery and even had a copy made of a painting — a valuable heirloom — so that he could sell the original.

When the Gate re-opened it was to present MacLiammoir's new adaptation of O'Flaherty's novel *The Informer*, Brecht's *Mother Courage*, the world premiere of *The Importance of Being Oscar*, and at the Gaiety Theatre, Orson Welles directing and performing in *Chimes at Midnight*.

Edwards and MacLiammoir were at that time in such demand elsewhere both as performers and producers that less and less work originated at the Gate. Dublin was in danger of losing them for good when the Irish government stepped in for the last time with a grant, both for the refurbishment of the building and the subsidy of the theatre's work.

Since 1969 the Irish government has given an annual grant to the Gate through the Arts Council.

Ohio State NEWS

MARTINS FERRY — New officers of Belmont County Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians were recently installed and members were reminded of several major projects scheduled for 1987.

James J. Hughes of Bellaire was reelected president of the division, which is celebrating the 10th year of its reorganization during the unit's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and musical program March 20.

Other officers who were reelected and installed during ceremonies at Wayne Hays Towers here by State Vice President Thomas Murphy of Mingo Junction were: Brian Lyden Sr. of Bellaire, vice president; James J. Brennan of Martins Ferry, recording secretary; Michael Muldowney of Bridgeport, financial secretary; Paul Loftus of Bellaire, treasurer; John E. Gallagher of Martins Ferry, chairman, Standing Committee; Edward Bannon of Wheeling, marshal, and W. Ellis Schaffer of Bellaire, sentinel.

Hughes made the following appointments: Historian, John E. Gallagher; Organizer, Michael Muldowney; Chairman, Missions, John E. Brennan of Wheeling; Chairman, Catholic Action, Bryan D. Lyden; Freedom for All Ireland, Terry Coyne of Belmont; Chairman, Notre Dame Hibernian Fund, James J. Brennan, and Chairman, Right-to-Life, Michael L. Curran of Bellaire.

More than 120 Hibernians and guests listened to an evening of traditional Irish music during the Division's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and 10th anniversary celebration. For many of those attending at the "Someplace Special," it was their initial exposure to traditional Irish music, performed by the Irishmen quartet of Akron.

During the short program which followed, President James Hughes introduced the many guests and charter members present. Among them were National AOH Vice President Michael Coogan of Dayton, who congratulated the division on its many activities and as a forceful unit of Hibernianism in the state of Ohio.

Other guests were John Keaton of Dayton, a past Ohio AOH president and currently the state's organizer, and Thomas Murphy, state vice president from Mingo Junction, Jefferson County.

Hughes then presented the Irishman-of-the-Year award to Bryan D. Lyden, Sr., of Bellaire, currently the division's vice president. Certificates indicating their 10-year tenure as charter members were presented to those of the 35 original members present.

MacBride Principles Resolution Adopted

At a special board meeting on Thursday, March 5, 1987 the new AOH Baltimore City Board President, John L. Shaughnessy, introduced a resolution to adopt the MacBride Principles.

They were unanimously adopted by all officers of the Baltimore City Board, the Maryland State Board and the Divisions presidents of Baltimore City and State of Maryland.

In attendance as their speaker on the MacBride Principles was Joseph A. Roche, past national president, now the national Political Education Committee Chairman.

A committee was immediately formed to explore the issue.

Massachusetts' Lynn Division Helps Homeless

Members of Division 10, Lynn, Massachusetts recently delivered two truckloads of clothing and shoes to the Pine Street Inn, Boston, MA.

The Pine Street Inn was founded many years ago to feed, clothe and house the hungry and homeless of the Greater Boston Area. It has expanded from small quarters to a large former firehouse with surrounding buildings owned by the Pine Street Inn Association. The surrounding buildings provide low-rent homes for the working poor. At the present time the Inn is in the process of opening another building to provide sleeping quarters for an additional 300 people.

Free meals are served daily at the Inn and bedding is provided for those unable to find decent places to sleep.

Clothing is an integral part of the Inn services and Division 10 has done its share in providing it.

The division's on-going program has delivered literally tons of clothing and shoes, both winter and summer, over the past several years. In addition, the Lynn Division has helped provide much needed cash to the Inn through various fund raising events.



LOADING CLOTHING for delivery to the Pine Street Inn for the homeless are members of Lynn AOH Division 10. From left to right are Past President William Cashman; Vice President James Gately; President Joseph Kidney; and Public Relations Chairman John Donahue. Photo by James W. Greenlaw

Early Irish History

Cromwell's invasion, 1649-52, crushed the Irish. Soon, Catholic Ireland was owned by English Protestants. The system of wealthy, often absent English landlords and a massive, poor peasant class was well established. The Cromwellian government collapsed, and James II, a Catholic, became King of England. But James' English subjects turned against him. William of Orange was summoned from Europe, and James fled.

In due course both landed in Ireland and the "Cogadh an Da-Ri" war of the two kings commenced. When James and "King Billy" faced one another across the narrow Boyne river, James had 25,000 French and Irish troops and William had 36,000 English, Dutch, Danes, Germans and Huguenots.

In Ulster, the Battle of the Boyne is celebrated. 100,000 bowler hatted members of the Orange Order parade on July 12. The battle they celebrate, William's rout of James, occurred on July 1, 1690.

Actually the war went on, Patrick Sarsfield distinguishing himself as a cavalry leader and remaining one of Ireland's most beloved heroes. On October 3, 1691, Sarsfield surrendered the Irish stronghold of Limerick. He led 14,000 troops to the continent; the first of "the Wild Geese," Irish emigres to fight for foreign flags. At Aughrim a Dutch general named Ginkel defeated a French general named St. Ruth and Ireland was doomed to be oppressed.

"An Irishman could not speak his language, practice his religion, be educated, hold office or own a horse, secret masses, spoken in caves and open fields, the Protestant lease, a grave."

Soon even the Irish Protestants became restless. "We seem strange and remote to the English, they look at us at a distance, they have one impression, we are a disloyal and turbulent people, who could only be rendered harmless if we are disabled

by poverty," wrote William Wood, a Protestant. Not until 1798 would open revolt come again, fomented by Wolfe Tone and aided by a French army, adding more martyrs and battlefields to the Irish earth. The French and a motley mob of peasants were defeated by Lord Cornwallis of Yorktown fame, and the gallows claimed the losers. Wolfe Tone was captured and condemned to death. He died in prison, probably by his own hand. He was 35 years old. At this time there was strong anti-English feeling by the Presbyterians of Ulster.

In 1802 there would be another uprising as Robert Emmet attempted to reorganize the United Irishmen. He had just returned from France, and hoped for help from Napoleon. In Dublin, his plan was to attack the castle and Pigeon House Fort. July 23, 1803 was fixed as the date. He expected help from the Wicklow rebel, Michael Dwyer, and more from Kildare.

By some misunderstanding the Wicklow men did not arrive, and the men from Kildare had no leader. With 100 men he started up Thomas Steet toward the castle. But a mob rose up and the march became a rampage. The chief justice, Lord Kilwarden, an honest man and friendly to the cause, was dragged from his coach and murdered. The noble Emmet, only 24 years of age, was horrified, and his attempts to quell the mob were hopeless. He was captured on August 25.

After a mockery of a trial, he was convicted and hung on Thomas Street on September 20, 1803 after what history calls a few words. But those words were:

"When my country is free from foreign intervention, when my country joins its place among the nations of the world, then write my epitaph."

Joseph T. Rowan

Editors Note: This item was taken from the AOH Div. 2, Chester County, PA, newsletter.

Second Term Begins



EDWARD F. O'CONNELL, Worcester police officer, right, was recently installed for his second term as president of Division 36, Worcester, MA by State President Edward Fury, left. He was assisted by Michael Carroll, national director, at the division's headquarters, "The Irish Club," in Worcester.

R.I. Hibernian of the Year

Martin Shea was named "Hibernian of the Year" by Division 1, Newport, R.I. at a luncheon held on parade day, March 14. Brother Shea is the immediate past president of AOH Division 1, a former financial secretary, and now serves as treasurer.

During his two year term of office, Martin Shea spearheaded the very successful 150th Anniversary Ball held at Roseliff Mansion in Newport. Congratulations and a "tip of the green hat" are in order for Brother Martin Shea.

The award is presented each year on parade day by a group of past recipients of the award to a member of the Division who has done the most to promote the ideals of the national organization.



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Are you a part of the "Hibernian Trees for Ireland" program? Have you placed your order for a tree to be planted in Ireland? What better way can you be assured of owning a bit of the Emerald Isle and emphasize where your "Roots" are, than by arranging for a tree in the County of your choice.

If you have not already done so, send your name and address; in whose name the tree will be dedicated; and in what County. Give this information to your local Division or State or send it, along with your check for ten dollars

Ladies Virginia News

Demonstrating Christian Charity in action during the Holiday Season were members of the Woodbridge LAOH who donated food and joy to the Woodbridge Nursing Home.

Veterans from the Soldiers and Airmen's Hospital, of the District of Columbia were bussed to Woodbridge for dinner, gifts and an afternoon of warm friendship.

(\$10.00) per tree, made payable to National Board LAOH, to Mary Bradley, National Vice President, 66 Rand Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island 02863.

Columban Mission Goal Stressed

Over the past couple of months the National Chairman of Missions has touched base with all State Chairmen of Missions. Realizing that they are an important link in her chain of command, Dorothy Fowler keeps in touch.

She reminds the various Chairmen of their obligation to the Columbans

and encourages them to work diligently and together so that our goal of \$44,000 will be reached by next National Convention.

Video tapes, prayer cards, enrollments, and Mass cards are available for your convenience from The Columbans, Columbans, Nebraska 68056.

Where Does the Money Go?

Philippines	\$1,536,270	Pakistan	\$149,417
Korea	1,079,394	Taiwan	134,724
Chile	596,290	Brazil	41,516
Peru	581,231	Burma	94,080
Japan	94,983	Other allocations	
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This information taken from the 1985 Annual Report of the St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society. The money is allocated for the work of the Columbans in the countries identified.

Hibernians Mourn Death of M. Josepha Ahern

New York State Hibernians mourned the death on January 7, 1987, of that "darling girl from Claire," M. Josepha Ahern, New York State President from 1983-1985. "Jo" was much loved throughout the State, not only for her many contributions to our Noble Order, but also because she was a dear and lovable woman. It can be said without fear of contradiction, that Jo Ahern never had an enemy and never uttered an unkind word about anyone. She truly lived the Golden Rule.

Jo joined the then LAOH in 1955. Her dedication to the precepts of our Order and to its aims and aspirations were evident from the very beginning. Because she gave of herself unstintingly, she was elected to every office in the County and in 1983 achieved the highest office in the State of New York.

As Suffolk County President, she witnessed the growth of Hibernianism in that County. Certainly, the "Mother of Suffolk County," as she was affectionately called, will be remembered for so many things in Hibernian circles, but one goal that she achieved which gave her great satisfaction was the organization of the Suffolk County Degree Team. It was her "baby" and one that thrilled her when she saw it reach fruition. She was justifiably proud of "her girls" who received so many accolades whenever they conferred the Degrees because of the proficiency of their work and beauty of their costumes.

When the University of Notre



M. JOSEPHA AHERN

Dame Fund was established after the National Convention in Ireland in 1978, Violet Forcica appointed her East Coast Co-ordinator. She pursued her work with great diligence and witnessed the fruits of her labors in the growth of donations to the Notre Dame Fund.

During the wake in Kings Park, L.I., where she had been a resident for more than fifty years after leaving her native Ireland, Jo's friends filled Clayton's Funeral Home. Visitor after visitor spoke of

her kindness, her lady-like attributes and her genuine love for people. Her son William, who spoke at the end of Mass, mentioned what this meant to his sisters and himself. They knew their mother was wonderful and they were pleased to know all that she was, was recognized by others.

The Suffolk County AOH Choir sang the Mass at St. Joseph's. During the distribution of communion, they rendered the hymn, Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, the hymn to Our Lady of Knock. As her body was led up the aisle, Miss Elizabeth Harren, a Suffolk County Piper, played Amazing Grace. This was most fitting because Jo Ahern epitomized gracefulness in everything she did. Despite the downpour that morning, more than 400 people filled the church. The readings were done by her granddaughter, Mrs. Jane Tranel. The pallbearers, in accordance with Jo's wishes, were her six grandsons.

It will be strange to attend Conventions without her. "Jo, we will miss your smiling face at those sessions and miss your intelligent assessment of the subjects under discussion. You have been a most valued member, a most honored member. You can be proud of all you did to make the LAOH a force with which to be reckoned. You have left us with a "terrible void." You will live forever in the hearts of your family, just as you will in ours. We pray God will grant you Eternal Peace and a very special place in heaven which, by the life you led, you have richly earned."

Connecticut's Division 66 Celebrates 25th Birthday

At the February meeting of the LAOH Division 66, Waterbury, a double celebration was held. It was the 25th Anniversary of the Waterbury Division and also a tribute to the Feast of St. Brigid.

The meeting was attended by many members and several past presidents. Past presidents that attended were: Anna Tehan, the Division's first President; Helen Meehan; Frances Kearney; Sue Sweeney; and National President Sheila Clifford.

During the past twenty-five years

the division's membership has grown to 200. It's been an extraordinary quarter century, one which saw Sheila Clifford move from City to New Haven County, to State and finally National office. At the present time she is serving as National President of the LAOH. She was the sixth president of the local group and the first National President elected from Connecticut.

President Ann Harmon welcomed Fr. White, from Immaculate Conception Church. Father started the

evening by offering Mass for the deceased members and for a successful year for the new officers of 1987.

The next several months will be very busy ones for the membership. Among the events planned is the March 14th Annual Charity Fair at the Naugatuck Valley Mall. The LAOH will sell Irish Soda Bread and the profits will go to the Columban Mission Fund. The members will also march in the St. Patrick's Parade in the Washington Hill Section of Waterbury.



MEMBERS HELPING to celebrate Division 66, Waterbury's 25th Anniversary/St. Brigid Mass are, left to right, Sheila Clifford, national president; Father White, celebrant; Anna Tehan; Frances Kearney; Helen Meehan; and Sue Sweeney, all past presidents.

LAOH Pennsylvania News

Across the State of Pennsylvania, the twenty-one LAOH Divisions attended the serious business at hand of the election of officers. Then their attention turned to holiday activities. The Divisions celebrated in varying ways with parties, luncheons, and dinners.

Scranton Division 2, Lackawanna County, held a formal installation of officers. Mary E. Cawley was elected president and the other officers are: Joyce McGraw, Lois Cavezza, Loretta Ludvici, Mary Morgan, Catherine Holtham, Jeanne Goffney, Alice Ackroyd, Mae Goffney, and Catherine Kearney.

Carbondale Division 3, Lackawanna County, chose Lois Speicher as the new president. The Annual Communion Breakfast was held at Crystal Lake Hotel with Rev. Neil McLaughlin, S.J., celebrating the Mass. Dr. Fenton Cavanaugh of Marywood College was keynote speaker. Rita Brennan was chairman

and Betty Dempsey served as toastmaster. A Day of Recollection was held at St. Gabriel's Retreat House at Clarks Summit, with Rev. Bernard Tierney, C.R. as director. Mary Purcell, Catholic Action, was in charge of arrangements.

Wilkes Barre Division 1, Luzerne County, elected Ann Brown president. Twenty-four teachers from Ireland, who spent the summer at Kings College in Wilkes Barre, returned to their homeland with memories of a gala "Going Back Home Party". They were entertained in true Hibernian style at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Allegheny Co. Board, with Mary Margaret Maurath as president, hosted the county quarterly meeting, which included two very special workshops, preparing the Annual Financial Report and Christmas customs and celebrations of our Irish ancestors.



AT THE FAREWELL PARTY for the Irish teachers are, l. to r., Kevin Willoughby, teacher; Janet Wyde, Mary Bellas; Ann Brown, division president; Lisa Quinn, teacher; Monica Mullins; Joan McGrath; and Kitty Walsh, chairman.



THE CATHOLIC ACTION COMMITTEE, Division 3, LAOH, Carbondale, PA, participated in the lighting of candles for peace at St. Rose of Lima Church. Monsignor Thomas Hiram, pastor, conferred the Apostolic Blessing on the participants. Pictured at the ceremony are, from left, Betty Dempsey, historian; Eileen Mullaley, publicity; Clare Conny, secretary; Florence Boland; Ruth Neary; Rev. Riccardi; Rev. Joseph Kearney; Alice Kilpatrick; Mary Purcell, Catholic Action; Louise Speicher, president; and Catherine Gliblin.

Ladies Maryland State News

Division 1 in Harford County has chosen Forward Step, a home for women in crisis, as their main local charity. Forward Step, a 24 bed residential facility, provides shelter, counseling, job training, and other services. Division 1 donates clothing, toiletries, and money on a regular basis.

Things are moving right along for the May Mission Festival plans. The annual tribute to St. Brigid will be on April 26 at Saint Martin's Home. Nominating committees are busy

compiling slates of officers for the County and State Conventions.

In anticipation of the next National Convention in Cleveland in 1988, Arlene Callahan, Division 1, Anne Arundel County, has begun preparations for the State Scrapbook for competition.

The Ladies will again be attending St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Church. A fire, which caused extensive damage, interrupted this annual event for three years.

LAOH Jewelry Finally Arrives

Despite our predictions that LAOH jewelry was available, circumstances beyond the control of Chairman Sue Sweeney proved otherwise.

It is reasonably certain and safe to say that by the time you read this article, the supplies will have arrived and Sue will be happy to fill all your orders.

Among the items available will be the new officers medallions (\$12.00), bow knot pins, bracelets, charms, necklaces and stick pins, all with the crossed flag and LAOH emblem. Also paper weights, pen sets, and award plaques. These will also carry the same emblem.

Your patience has paid off. You will enjoy the new items.



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

Now that spring is here and St. Patrick's Day activities are behind us, Hibernians are planning for their County and State Conventions. New officers for 1987-1989 will be elected at that time. The officers are designated in the National Constitution and State By-Laws. Elections should be carried out as dictated by our Constitution. Please follow it.

Remember that the Organization will be as strong as its leaders. All officers have duties that must be performed on a timely basis. The State Board Officers are the link between the National Board and the Counties and Divisions; and the County Board Officers link the Divisions with the State Board. If a link is weak, it could cause communication problems.

Many divisions, Counties and

State Boards have sent in donations for the "Hibernian Tree Project." If you have not, please do not hesitate to send your donation to the National Vice President, Mary Bradley. If you have family or friends that wish to donate, please mail their donations to Mary.

As you are planning for your State Conventions, remember that a Catholic Action Report should be prepared and submitted to the State and National Chairmen of Catholic Action.

During the past several months, National Chairman of Missions, Dorothy Fowler, has sent you information on the videos and on the prayer cards that are available from the Columban Missions. If you are interested in either of these, please contact the Columban Missions.

Major Degrees Planned For Springfield, MA Area

Major Degrees of the LAOH will be presented on Sunday, April 26, in the John J. Power Auditorium of Our Lady of Hope School, Springfield, Massachusetts. The Degrees will be conferred by the impressive Kings County Degree Team from New York, with Ann Healon as Guardian. This will be the first time that Major Degrees have been presented in the Springfield area. Plans are being completed for a banner day under the co-sponsorship of Division Eight of Clinton, with Elaine Patterson as president, and Division Eight of Springfield with Frances Hamre as president.

Invited guests for this special occasion include: Most Rev. Joseph F.

Maguire, Bishop of Springfield; Rev. Daniel P. Bowen, Massachusetts LAOH State Chaplain; Rev. Francis X. Sullivan, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield; Rev. Francis Reilly, Chaplain of Division Eight, Springfield; Miss Sheila Clifford, national LAOH president; Miss Mary Bradley, national LAOH vice president; and Miss Sheila Lynch, Massachusetts state president.

Members from across Massachusetts as well as from Connecticut and Rhode Island will attend. Following the ceremony a social hour will be held featuring a light lunch. The team's trip back to New York will be made by chartered bus.

A Keepsake

Assistant National Editor Frances Hamre was happily surprised recently to receive the letter below, enclosing the Press Pass to an event she was privileged to receive back in 1975. Several of the Passes were resurrected and distributed as keepsakes. "I will number it among my souvenirs," said Frances.

Springfield Newspapers

Springfield, Mass. - February 11, 1987

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Dear Frank:

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Sincerely,

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LAOH Massachusetts News

The Massachusetts State Board held its quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 1 at AOH Hall in Peabody. Division 11, Peabody, of Peabody played hostess. Members of the newly formed Lowell Division attended their first State Board meeting.

During the meeting, Shirley Connolly, state Irish historian, announced the Massachusetts State winners of the Irish History Essay Contest. The Grade School winner was Stephanie Prescott of St. Patrick's School in Lawrence; the High School winner was Heather McDermott of St. Mary's School in Lawrence. Kathleen Fitzgerald, a student at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, received Honorable Mention.

A special constitution meeting was held following the State Board meeting during which the Constitution Revision Committee presented an up-dated version of the State By-Laws. The changes were accepted by two-thirds of the membership present and are now awaiting the final approval of the LAOH national president.

Division 18, Salem, held a very successful Irish Country Fair on March 7. Division 10, Lynn, will hold their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 26. Marlboro is planning a Memorial Mass for

deceased members on Sunday, May 17 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Members of Division 18, Salem, and Division 11, Peabody, are planning a two-week trip to Ireland from July 4 to July 18. Those interested may contact Beth Lynch. These two divisions have also scheduled a trip to Gairn's Golden Hill House September 18, 19, 10.

Middlesex County is planning a trip to Poland Springs, Maine, on October 16, 17, 18. This is an Irish weekend, featuring The Sounds of Erin. If interested, contact Mary Ryan or Margaret Davis.

Following the February meeting of Division 8, Springfield, guest speaker, Mr. John Spencer, was enjoyed. Mr. Spencer has just recently published the only book ever printed on St. Jude. He researched the life and devotion to St. Jude, then wrote the story and published the book, *Thank You St. Jude*, himself. If anyone is interested in the book or hearing Mr. Spencer, contact Frances Hamre of the Springfield Division.

A committee is working hard for a successful State Convention to be held May 29, 30, 31, at the Lowell Hilton Hotel. Mary Dolan, co-chairperson, will be happy to respond to any questions regarding the convention.



THE LAOH OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, Division 2, has donated one hundred and seventy-eight dollars to the Rockland Memorial Library for the purchase of an upholstered chair for the Reading Room. The check was presented by Diane Fletcher to Library Director, Janet Husband. A donor plaque on the chair will identify the source of the gift.

Ladies Michigan News

The 1987-88 officers of the Jean Donovan Division are: President, Sharon Eppler; Vice President, Ann Marie Mulcahy; Secretary, Eileen O'Sullivan; Financial Secretary, Nancy O'Hearn; Treasurer, Maureen MacVoy; Irish Historian, Mary Lou Bacon; Chairman of Missions, Fran Kremaki; Catholic Action Chairman, Pat Cronley; Mistress of Arms, Noreen Downey; Sentinel, Mary Towns.

The Rose Kennedy Division sponsored a St. Brigid Mass on February 1 at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Hall, with Father Robert McGrath as celebrant. The well attended mass was followed by a bake

sale. Lillian Hennigan of the Macomb Division won the award. Sue Lauster was responsible for the successful event.

Member Dorothy Brown was honored on February 3 with a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Council in Lavonia for her tireless work as publicity chairman — the first woman to be honored for her contributions to the K. of C.

The Court of St. Brigid Pageant was held at the AOH Hall in Detroit on February 21. Master of Ceremonies Mike Sullivan interviewed the lovely ladies. The difficult choice of winners resulted in Kathie Maye as Queen, with Siobhan Mary O'Donohue, first runner up and Marie Lesotte, second runner up. The Court of St. Brigid will represent the LAOH in the March 16 Detroit St. Patrick's Day parade and all activities on St. Patrick's Day.

The obligation of new members and a tea was held on February 22. The Michigan State Convention of the LAOH will be held on May 2 at the AOH Hall in Detroit.

Ladies Ohio News



EILEEN REYNOLDS
WALLENHURST

Ohio State Convention will be held in Akron on July 9, 10, 11. Great things will be happening in preparation for Cleveland '88, National Convention. The LAOH will be well represented on the Convention Committee, as Eileen Reynolds Wallenhurst has been named to Co-Chair the National Convention.

Eileen started her "Hibernian Career" as a Junior at the tender age of 10. She has been a member of Division #5, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, since 1970 and has served her sisters very well, holding offices of County President, 1979; 1981; State Vice President, 1981-1983, and finally to the top as State President from 1983-1985.

She also served as recording secretary to the Cleveland Convention Committee, planning the State Convention in 1979. A delegate to the St. Patrick's Parade Committee in Cleveland for the past seven years, she was elected as the Parade Co-chairman in 1988.

Eileen is a graduate of St. Joseph Academy and Providence Hospital School of Nursing and has been employed as a registered nurse for the past nine years at Benjamin Rose Institute, an agency which serves the elderly in the community. Being the dedicated person that she is, she is also a member of the Greater Cleveland Nurses' Association and Ohio Nurses Association.

By the time this news makes the *Digest*, Eileen and her husband Jim may be the proud parents of a new Hibernian. The date is April 1987 and hopefully it will be a member of the LAOH who will follow in her mother's footsteps.

LADIES Minnesota News

Mary Douvillen, Minnesota State President and National Chairman of Catholic Action, is recovering from recent surgery and, happily, is improving steadily.

On March 8 a St. Patrick's Day Tea to benefit the Bursar Fund was held at the Corcoran Hall of St. Michael's Church, Stillwater. The benefit was sponsored by the LAOH and was quite successful. The Bursar Fund helps young men studying for the priesthood.

Members of the Minnesota LAOH will attend Mass on March 17 to be celebrated in the Cathedral in St. Paul at 9:30 a.m. A brunch will follow the Liturgy.

President's Message

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retroactive laws (ex post facto) and legislative acts directed against a person (bills of attainder). They have made and ratified, after the fact, a treaty whose only purpose is to present the head of Joe Doherty to Maggie Thatcher on a silver platter.

For too long have we relied upon the independent judiciary to do justice; now the scandal is that after justice is done in court, it is not enforced by the executive. We must petition for redress from both the executive and the legislative branches of government; we must demand Justice for Joe Doherty.

The New Supplemental Extradition Treaty made it obvious to Joe Doherty that the petition for political asylum would never be granted by an administration preoccupied with currying favor in London, therefore he withdrew that petition and informed the court that he would consent to deportation to the Republic of Ireland, where he is a

citizen and welcome by law. Doherty's deportation to Dublin was ordered by Immigration Judge Howard I. Cohen of the Executive Office for Immigration Review in New York on September 19, 1986. Joe Doherty is still in jail and the US government continues to dishonor and disgrace itself by persisting in the persecution. Will the new government in Dublin ask for the repatriation of Irish citizen Doherty?

This case is an insult to all Irish people; it is an insult to Justice itself and a dangerous precedent threatening the destruction of civil liberties. All Hibernians must take pen in hand and demand justice for Joe Doherty, TODAY!

We must make the United States once again, as we would surely have Ireland as well, "one nation, under God; indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

March 17, 1987

Ladies New Jersey News

The LAOH of Passaic County announce their two major fund raising projects for 1987. Saturday evening, April 11, the Ladies will present the Bobby Byrne Show. This concert will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Butler.

On Saturday, October 24 the Ladies will present their fifth Annual Celtic New Year Dance at Holy Spirit Church in Pequannock. Music will be provided by the Willie Lynch Trio.

As the Ladies of Passaic County are committed to these two dates for 1987, they suggest that all Irish organizations in the Bergen, Passaic and Morris Counties join together and form a calendar of events to eliminate conflict among activities.

For information on either of these events, contact Ann Aldrich (201) 838-2397 or Pat Duffy at (201) 838-3258.

LAOH Washington D.C. News

In view of the extreme weather and the worst snow storm that Washington has experienced in fifteen years, St. Brigid's Day Mass was truly a test of faith. The largest crowd, ever, attended the services. Washington is not equipped to handle fourteen inches of snow and it was really a hardship for members to attend — but attend they did.

Following the St. Patrick's Day Mass, celebrated by Archbishop James A. Hickey, members gathered at Arlington Cemetery and placed some shamrocks on the grave of George Washington Parke Custis, a wreath on the grave of President

John F. Kennedy and a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On the evening of March 17, the AOH and the LAOH co-sponsored a dinner dance at the Kennedy Warren Hotel. Principal speaker for the evening was Jerry O'Leary, while John Barry, owner of the Irish Inn, acted as Shanachie (Irish story teller). It was a Caed Mile Fálte to all.

A Gaelic Mass, sponsored by John F. Kennedy Division AOH and LAOH, was held March 25 at Holy Family Church. It was well attended and climaxed a month-long celebration of all that is Irish.

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Hibernian Sports

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BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans! Let's go to Press!

NCAA TOURNEY: By the time you read this the NCAA Tourney will be history. A few comments on the 64 teams picked. Out of 64 teams, there are only 6 Catholic schools. This may be good or it may be bad. Schools such as Georgetown, Notre Dame and St. John's are usually powerhouses in roundball. DePaul is back. Two teams that YR doesn't remember being invited prior to this are Xavier of Ohio and Marist.

This could mean that Catholic schools put more emphasis on the academic side than the sports side. On the other hand, like Catholic High Schools, perhaps Catholic Colleges do not have the money to recruit and indulge in some of the other arenas associated with colleges. YR shall not pontificate on the evils of the existing system. You have read about the abuses to and of the system here and other places. In case you haven't, YR suggests that you acquaint yourself with SMU case.

YR wishes all the teams well. His sentimental favorite, The Fighting Irish! Due to Digger Phelps NY connection. YR's dark horses; Marist and Xavier of Ohio. Longshot; DePaul! YR's Favorite, Georgetown, in memory of one of his classmates, who played for Georgetown long before it became the powerhouse it is today. Everybody else's choice; UNLV!

Have not heard anything about the NIT! YR knows they're out there!

Baseball: Spring training is off and running! Now, with some of the free agents playing for other than the teams where they made their mark, this baseball season should be interesting. Will they do as well with their new teams? Will they fade into the woodwork? It almost sounds like a soap opera! Then again, for the amount of bucks being paid, it is hard for YR to feel real sympathy for some of these players. There are those players who deserve the big bucks. There are those who don't. Predictions? YR doesn't have any! He doesn't think that Boston or the Mets will repeat, however!

Football: The NFL is thinking about staging another pre-season game in London. Last year's was a money-maker in more ways than one! A long-range effect is that it expands the TV market for the NFL to a global market. Simply stated, the larger the market, the more money generated. Do not be misled, professional football is not a sport, it's entertainment and it is Big Business!

Yachting: Now that the 12 meter races from Fremantle, Australia, are over and the Cup is back in the U.S., albeit on the West Coast rather than in NYC, personalities raised their heads during the parade for the crew in the Big Apple. Donald Trump, the real estate tycoon, who has his name on many buildings and projects in and around Manhattan, offered to pay half the cost of a ticker-tape parade. Mayor Koch finessed him into picking up the tab for the whole thing. From there, it was all down hill. Trump did not wish Hiz Honor on the same float that he and D. Connor, the Captain, were on. Kock supposedly stated that the Capt. and he would share a float sans Trump. YR didn't see the parade so he really doesn't know who, if anyone, won this battle! As YR doesn't have the bucks to join one of the racing syndicates, he'll keep his boats and rubber ducky in the bath tub!

Lacrosse: Mickey Giblin of Div. 1, Broome County, NYS, has two sons involved in this hard-hitting, fast-paced sport. YR and Mickey were supposed to get together for an article. Due to YR's involvement with the local St. Patrick's Day Parade and all the associated functions, they haven't got together! YR promises that his next column will contain a piece on Lacrosse!

Odde-N-Ends: Who won the Indiana State High School Tourney? YR listened to part of a game on WOWO one night! For those of you readers who live in caves, Indiana is a hotbed of basketball. Basketball is a big sport throughout the Midwest. Locally, congrats to King Rice of the Binghamton Patriots. This HS senior has made his mark not only locally, not only in the conference in which Binghamton High School plays; not only in NYS, but now he has been cited nationally. There are rumors that the McDonald's chain will name him to their High School All American Team and also Gatorade will name him to something. Do we have any other players, male or female, who should be recognized? Send the facts, YR will put them in his column.

YR would like to mention an old friend, Tom McCarthy, who is now a Fire Medic in Chicago who has just published a book about the Chicago Fire Dept., *We Got A Hit!* For those Hibernians in Chicago, if you know Tom, say hello! If you don't, meet him. He's a really fascinating guy!

That's it for this time! Until the next time on the sidelines, send those bonnets to PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

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The Two Canadas

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guests from Ireland would have received landing cards. In Canada we were able to hear from the minority voices of Sinn Fein and the Workers Party. The Canadian press and the rest of the Canadian media published their interviews quite objectively. Many people unfamiliar with the issues were enlightened and the concept of giving a hearing to all shades of thinking meant that the Irish American community had, somewhat belatedly, come of age.

But with all respect to our Detroit chapter if we ever choose Canada again, and I hope we do, my vote goes to Quebec, the heartland of French Canada. Even though Ontario and Quebec are two provinces in the same Federal Government I doubt if either the Province or the City of Quebec would have tolerated even the appearance of a slight to a group dedicated to the end of British presence in Irish soil. But even if that were not the issue French Canadians (and the Irish Canadians being among them) have a sense of good manners which would not permit something like that to happen.

It would not matter whether our visit there was in early February during the Winter Festival which outpoints the New Orleans Mardi Gras in display if not in style. The Quebec bash compares with our recent national extravaganza commemorating the birthday of the Statue of Liberty which did much to remind us of what our nation owes to France for the invaluable aid given to General Washington.

But Quebec's history and the Irish struggle for survival are historically and permanently entwined. In reading the various books of the Great Hunger of 1847-1849 I had seen some passing reference to tragic events that took place in Canada. Frank Durkan, in a visit to Maine two years ago, had sought to get information about it but he was less than successful. Then a book on the subject was published two years ago giving the details of the French Canadian connection with the Irish Holocaust. Pat and I were in Quebec on the day the book was to be launched and we met the author, Marianna O'Gallagher, a third generation Canadian of Donegal extraction. She had gone back over the records and traced the descendants of many of the survivors of those who were literally cast ashore in Canada. For anyone who had read the other books on the Famine, which include Liam O'Flaherty's *Famine*, Cecil Woodham Smith's *The Great Hunger* or more recently, Thomas Gallagher's *Paddy's Lament*, the O'Gallagher book *Grosse Ile* is required reading.

Grosse Ile is an island located in the St. Lawrence River several miles up river from Quebec. It was an obvious place for the Canadian Government to set up a quarantine similar to Ellis Island. Emigrants from Europe through the last century came by the thousands and many carried with them the communicable diseases rampant in Europe at that time. In 1847 the lumber merchants of Europe and Canada imported to Europe the kind of timber it could no longer supply. The ships were returning empty. Then the rush of hungry immigrants from Ireland in 1847 gave these entrepreneurs a golden opportunity. They turned their

vessels into illegally, cramped passenger ships and indiscriminately housed the sick and the dying on board at so much a head. A goodly percentage of the passengers were buried at sea. The rest came to the facilities in Grosse Ile which were totally incapable of accommodating so large an influx. French and other Canadians working in the facility did the best they could. The refugees died so fast they had no time to bury them. Over 8,000 were buried in a common grave. Many Canadians tending to them also lost their lives in the charitable effort.

Canadians discontinued the use of Grosse Ile as a landing place for immigrants in the early part of this century and it became a testing place for animals being brought in from Europe. It was and still is operated by the Department of Agriculture and in this century little attention was paid to Grosse Ile except among Irish Canadians particularly those and their descendants in French Canada. To their credit be it said the A.O.H. in 1904 placed a 50 foot Celtic cross on the island to the memory of the victims and to mark the events of Irish-England history which was responsible for the imposed hunger in a country which at that very time had ample foodstuff to feed all the people.

The Canadian Government has lately decided to turn over Grosse Ile to the Parks Department. When the transfer is completed regular excursions will be scheduled to this historic spot. But in the meantime, Marianna O'Gallagher has arranged for groups to go there by private boat all through the summer. It is a full day's outing with lunch provided on the island at a very reasonable cost. For those interested, Marianna O'Gallagher may be reached at 860 Tremoy #204, STE FOY (Quebec) G1X 3Z2, Canada.

In September last Frank and Monica Durkan joined us in the excursion into history we had known so little about. We were met by many Irish Canadians, all bilingual, and some had been the children and grandchildren of Famine survivors and others had come from the Irish

Societies in Montreal and Toronto. We were treated with great warmth and courtesy. We were glad to see that the side of the common grave was well kept as was the Celtic cross which was placed on the highest point of the island and dominates the St. Lawrence. We left Marianna and her Irish Canadian friends, who by this time were also our friends, with fond memories.

Maybe it's not possible for the Hibernians or the Irish American Unity Conference to make that excursion, but the St. Lawrence in August and Vermont are probably the most beautiful places in the world (except for Bohola of course). On the basis of our experience I could guarantee them a warm and friendly reception by French Canada and Irish Canadian kinsmen, and if they got there in the winter I know that Bonhome (good man), a frozen fat little fellow and the kind of Santa Claus of Quebec, will greet each of them personally. Canada is entitled to another chance.

AOH Divisions Abroad Extend Invitations

To further the dialog which is continuing between the AOH in Ireland and the AOH in the United States, an invitation is especially extended to all Hibernians traveling abroad to visit their counterparts in Ireland and Scotland. Among these are the following:

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Armagh City Division 42
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Division 1, Foyle Street
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Outstanding President Citation



ASSEMBLYMAN PHILIP B. HEALEY, N.Y. is shown presenting a citation to Outstanding President of The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 15, N.Y., Thomas Farrell, at the recent installation of new officers. Left to right are Mr. John Brosnan, president AOH Division 15; Peg Anderson, president Division 15; Assemblyman Philip B. Healey, N.Y.; Thomas Farrell, outgoing president; and Nick Murphy, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

New York Divisions Elect Officers



THE AOH OSWEGO DIVISION recently elected new officers for 1987. Oswego officers are (seated) David O'Neill, financial secretary; (standing left to right): Patrick O'Brien, recording secretary; Thomas Pullen, marshal; Louis Sivers, standing committee chairman; Patrick Dewine, sentinel; James Goodall, president, and William G. Otis, treasurer.



THE FULTON AND OSWEGO chapters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians recently held a banquet at the Knights of Columbus in Fulton to announce new officers. Fulton officers for the new year are (seated) Bernie Otis, treasurer; (standing, left to right): Robert Jennings, vice president; Michael Holt, recording secretary; Dick McCann, president; James Reil, standing committee chairman, and Mike McNamara, sentinel.

AOH Origins in the U.S.A.

It is a proud fact that our venerable Order has celebrated 150 years of continuous existence in America in 1986, and the date May 4 the agreed upon anniversary of the Order's establishment in America. However, few Brother and Sister Hibernians are familiar with the origins of the Order in the homeland, and its founding here in the United States and Canada. Thanks to Bro. John T. Ridge, past president, and his excellent source of valuable Hibernian information, *Erin's Sons in America: The Ancient Order of Hibernians*, we can better understand what Hibernianism's roots are.

Because of the cruel oppression of the Irish people by the British, and their attempted crushing of the Roman Catholic faith in Ireland, particularly during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the Catholic Church was under seige by the forces of Protestantism, our priesthood brutally tortured and martyred, our language and dress banned from use, and all the traditions of the Irish, from games to Catholic devotions, forbidden by the Crown. Churches, chapels, convents, and monasteries were sacked and burned. Our clergy were forced underground, our people placed under the heel of the tyrant.

In a period of such persecution of our race and our creed, the origins of The Ancient Order of Hibernians can be traced. To protect the priest and to guard the celebration of the Mass, often held in the hills, ravines, and among the hedgerows, numerous secret societies were organized, with names still remembered with pride. The Defenders, often listed as the first Hibernian society (*History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary*, John O'Dea, 1923), the "Terry-Alts," the "White-Boys," the "Rapparees," the "St. Patrick's Boys," and the "Ribbonmen," all served as sentinels for protecting the illegal celebration of the Mass. The groups also fought to avenge the injustices of the Protestant landlord system. The Protestant landowners held almost all of Ireland, frequently owning estates the size of baronies, and made hundreds of thousands of Irish homeless in their insatiable lust for more land. Secret societies, oath-bound to each other, sought to right the many wrongs by nocturnal raids on the homes and property of the landlords, in order to punish these cruel men for their heartless treatment of the Irish peasantry.

These societies were in existence throughout Ireland, operating on a parochial level in total secrecy, traced back as far as 1585. They used secret grips, or handshakes, passwords, recognition signs, and as in the case of the Ribbonmen, a badge as an emblem (two pieces of ribbon, green and red, tied together). By the use of these, they ensured their safety, and the continued success of their organizations.

Eventually, many of these societies, not categorized as Ribbonmen, adopted a public name, such as the "St. Patrick's Boys," the "Sons of the Shamrock," the "St. Patrick's Mutual Benefit Society," and so forth, and branches of these societies were established in the Irish communities of England and Scotland by the early 19th century. They began to operate as fraternal societies, providing sick and death benefits for their members, as was a popular activity in the British Isles at that time. British benefit societies, such as the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of Druids, the Order of Odd-Fellows,

the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a host of other organizations, were founded in the 1700s, and also provided mutual aid for their members. Numerous Irish societies began to adopt similar titles, eventually choosing Ancient Order of Hibernians from the literary Latin name for Erin, "Hibernia," to emphasize their antiquity, as well as their patriotic love of their homeland.

Branches of the Ancient Order of Hibernians could be found in Ireland, Britain, and Scotland by the early 1800s, coordinated by its governing body, the Board of Erin. As was the tradition of secret societies of this period, its members could be recognized by grips and signs, and secret passwords, taught to the Brothers in the event of traveling to other jurisdictions. Often a warrant or certificate of membership was issued to members of these organizations (George Washington carried with pride his warrant of membership in the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick throughout the American War of Independence), eventually evolving into today's "Traveling Card."

Thanks to the immigration of the Irish to America during this same epoch, Hibernians were to be found in New York City. Little is known, sad to say, of those pioneers of Hibernianism, the founding fathers of America's branch of our Order, but we do know that they communicated with the Board of Erin, applying for a charter or dispensation to organize a Division, or lodge, in America. In the basement of St. James R.C. Church, on James Street in New York City, a group of anxious Hibernians warmly greeted a visiting Brother who bore a charter sent by the Board of Erin. It read:

"From the Brethren in Ireland and Great Britain to the Brethren in New York,

Brothers, Greeting:
Be it known to you and all it may concern that we send to our few brothers in New York full instructions with our authority to establish branches of our Society in America: the qualifications must be as follows: First: "All members must be Roman Catholics and of Irish descent and of good moral character, and none of your members shall join any secret societies contrary to the laws of the Catholic Church and at all times and at all places your motto shall be 'Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity.'"

"You must love without dissimulation, hate evil, cleaving to good, love one another with brotherly love, without preventing one another; let the love of brotherhood abide in you and forget not hospitality to your immigrant brother that may land on your shores, and we advise you, above all things, have natural Charity among yourselves."

The charter was probably read aloud by its recipients, perhaps even with solemn silence from the listening Brothers. It went on for three more sections regarding instructions on the establishment of the Order, protection and aid for all Irish women, including those not of the Roman Catholic faith, and for the fidelity of the new branch to the Church. It concluded with:

"Hoping that the bearer and this copy will land safe, and that you treat him right, we remain your brothers in the true bonds of Friendship, this fourth day of May, A.D.,

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Namesake Division Recalls Major Quinlan's Battle Bravery

When Division #3, Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized in the town of Warwick, Orange County, New York in 1984, they did not have far to look for a name for the division. They chose as their name, The Col. James Quinlan Division. The wife of George Quinn, the division's financial secretary, is the great-granddaughter of the Colonel. Quinlan, Commander of the 88th New York Regiment, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War.

Col. Quinlan was born September 13, 1833 at Clonmel, Tipperary. He emigrated to New York City in 1851. He enrolled at Cooper Union College and graduated with a degree in Engineering in 1856. As a boy in Ireland he had met Thomas Francis Meagher. When Meagher arrived in NYC in 1853, after he escaped from "Van Diemens Land", they renewed their friendship. James Quinlan enlisted in the 69th Regiment in 1853. Upon graduating from Cooper Union, he obtained a commission and was made Co. Commander of the

engineering company.

In 1860, when the Prince of Wales visited NY, Col. Corcoran, the Regimental Commander of the 69th Regiment, was ordered to parade the regiment in the Prince's honor. As a member of The Royal Irish Constabulary in the 1840s, Corcoran had seen the horrors of famine. He informed the Governor that almost all his officers and men were Irish-born and under no circumstances would they parade to honor any member of the royal family. In this he had the enthusiastic support of Captain Thomas Francis Meagher and Captain James Quinlan.

Col. Corcoran was about to be court-martialed for disobeying an order. However, before the court-martial, the Civil War broke out and the Regiment was ordered to Virginia. They were there to fight the first Battle at Bull Run (1861).

While the Regiment was engaged in fighting with the rear-guard, Col. Corcoran was captured. Corcoran was one of five colonels promoted to Brigadier General by President Lincoln. One of the others to be promoted was Col. William T. Sherman, who became famous for his campaign in the West.

Because of the 69th Regiment's gallant conduct on the battlefield, it was decided to form an Irish Brigade within the 69th, and the 88th Regiment of NY, and an Irish Regiment from Massachusetts. The command of the Brigade was given to Captain Thomas Francis Meagher, who was promoted to Brigadier General. Captain James Quinlan was transferred to the 88th and promoted to Major.

The following excerpt "Most Brave and Intrepid on the Field" is the story of the action at Savage Station for which Major Quinlan won the Congressional Medal of Honor. At the end of the war, he was promoted to full Colonel and given the command of the Regiment.

MOST BRAVE AND INTREPID ON THE FIELD

"On the morning after the battle of Gaines Mills, Va., the colonel and lieutenant-colonel of my regiment, the Eighty-eighth New York (Meagher's Irish Brigade), of which I was major, reported sick and went to the rear, the command devolving on me.

"The afternoon of that day we took up our march for our new base, which, we were informed, would be Harrison's Landing, Va. Harassed all the way by the enemy, fighting each day and marching at night, Sunday morning, June 29, we arrived at a place called Savage Station, Va., and were ordered to halt and make ourselves as comfortable as possible. Early that day the enemy appeared in force at Tyler's and Nelson's farms. My regiment and the Twenty-ninth Massachusetts, under Colonel Pierce, were ordered into action at both places. The fighting was pretty severe, but the enemy were repulsed, and we were ordered back to our original position.

"The army under General McClellan was crossing the White Oak Swamp on its retreat. Our turn came to move, as the corps of General E.V. Sumner, to which we were attached, had the rear of the whole army. As we neared White Oak Swamp a Confederate Battery of six guns, supported by a large column of infantry under Generals Magruder and Huger, opened a terrific fire, which caused Sumner's Corps to halt. General W.W. Burns, U.S.A., with his

Rockland Co. Grand Marshal Honored



THE GRAND MARSHAL of the Rockland County, New York, St. Patrick's Day 1987 Parade was recently honored at a breakfast. From left, are the host and proprietor of Bishop's Restaurant Pat Maroney; Grand Marshal and County President John Cauley; National AOH President Nick Murphy; Parade Chairman John Devlin; and National Catholic Action Chairman John Foody.

King Hosts TV Show Discussion



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King, left, interviews former Suffolk County, N.Y., District Attorney Henry F. O'Brien, right, and Niall O'Dowd, center, who is the publisher and editor of *Irish-America* magazine and a correspondent for the *Irish Press*, on his cablevision show "Questions and Answers." They discussed the American government's pro-British policy in Northern Ireland.

brigade, was sent to silence the Battery, and being unsuccessful called for re-enforcements. Several regiments were sent to his assistance, notably, the First Minnesota, under the gallant Sully, but still the fire of the battery kept up. General Sumner sent for the Eighty-eighth Regiment, and when I reported to him he said: 'Quinlan, what formation have you?' I answered: 'Double on the center.' 'Good,' he said, 'I know your regiment well, and they can deploy at the double-quick.' He ordered me to report to General Burns, who ordered me forward at

double-quick to charge the battery. As we started, the enemy's guns ceased firing, and when we got within the range that suited them, their six guns were discharged simultaneously. But the Eighty-eighth did not falter. They pushed on and silenced the battery."

In addition to Major Quinlan's account of the charge, the official statement of one of his superior officers is as follows:
"The conduct of Major Quinlan on that occasion was that of a self-sacrificing soldier. He dashed into the very face of death, so far as he could

know, thereby relieving the troops massed in a cul de sac from the battery's devastating fire, and probably discouraging the enemy for the day, for the fighting was not renewed after the silencing of their guns until past nightfall. Major Quinlan deserves the badge of gallantry to be awarded to the most brave and intrepid on the field."

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New York State Board Scholarship Exam in June

The New York State Board of the AOH is happy to announce that the Austin V. Carew Scholarship examination will be held on Saturday, June 27, 1987 at various locations throughout the state.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be students who will be graduating from high school in June 1987, and who are either members or the son or daughter of a member in good standing of a New York State Men's Division of the AOH or if the father is deceased, was a member in good standing at the time of his death.

2. An official application must be filed and postmarked no later than May 31, 1987.

3. Applicants must have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test and have had an official school copy of the SAT math and verbal scores submitted no later than the day of the examination.

4. Participate in the competitive examination on Irish and Irish-American history, culture and geography.

Scholarship

The winner will receive \$500.00 for the first year of attendance at a university, college, school of nursing

or seminary approved by the Scholarship Committee and \$500.00 for each of the second, third and fourth years when he or she submits a transcript of the previous year's grades to verify the maintenance of a satisfactory academic standard.

Computation of Scores

The scholarship examination and the candidate's highest SAT scores will each be weighed 50% in determining the winner.

Subject Matter

The scholarship exam will be based on information about Irish and Irish-American history and Ireland's geography and culture. It is expected that each candidate read at least one book on the development of the Irish nation from 1750 to the present and be familiar with its folk songs, where much of Ireland's culture is preserved. Candidates should familiarize themselves with Ireland's current events by reading recent issues of the *National Hibernian Digest* and other Irish-American newspapers.

If your son or daughter is eligible, please have them complete the application and mail it by May 31, 1987.

Applicants who will be graduating

on June 27th or have an equally legitimate conflict with the date should notify the Scholarship Chairman in order to make proper arrangements to prevent exclusion from this opportunity. If there are any additional questions, contact the chairman at (718) 317-1081. Specific bibliographies have not been developed with a view toward exam preparation. Students are encouraged to frequent Irish bookstores and public libraries to secure materials for their preparation.

Since the Scholarship Chairman expects that a member of his family will be an applicant this year, he has requested the State President to appoint an Examination Chairman. President Irwin has appointed Assistant State Secretary Richard M. Rogers as Examination Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Brother Rogers' responsibilities will include developing, reproducing, distributing, collecting and grading the examinations and determining the 1987 recipient of the Austin V. Carew Scholarship. At his own request, Brother O'Connor will limit his role to administrative functions this year.

American West Britons

As I have moved about in the U.S., I often have run across blinkered and intellectual species of Irish that evince an interest in Irish "culture" but repudiate the politics of Irish nationalism. No doubt this same sort of pseudo-Irish exists in many American communities.

This type of Irish will promote and discuss Irish music, song, dance, ancient history, accomplishments — everything but the national political aspirations of the Irish people and the appalling conditions that repress them. Brooch the subject of the nationalist struggle and they will tell you that they are non-political and the subject is not welcome. They wear this political cloak as if it were a badge of liberalism and, under that shelter, find no difficulty tolerating anti-Irish stances in the areas and activities they profess to support. They become examples of the "faith an' begorra" caricatures. Devoid of the spirit of Irish national pride; blinded by their own superficiality; and with nothing to guide them individually or collectively, they feel impelled to fill the roles that have been created for them by others. Thus they often perpetuate the stereotype of the drunken and irresponsible Irish. Some even consider that role-playing as the avenue to acceptance in an Anglo-American society that views them only as clowns.

Just as one cannot select just a few characteristics of an individual and conclude that is the whole personality, so it is with a people and their heritage. The language, mores, values, historical experiences, and the social and political relationships are all elements of the same tapestry of development that have made that nation unique — a people distinct from others. Ignore one or more of those elements and the people to

whom they apply gradually diffuse into the greater indistinguishable mass of humanity. By thus "chipping away" at those characteristics that give a nation identity, a people is absorbed and their nationhood extinguished.

A people's music, song and story evolve from their historical and political experiences, interacting with each other to provide the matrix of the national heritage.

During its eight centuries of suffering, Ireland may not have produced world-recognized classics in music. Nevertheless, as with all peoples, in the song and story of the ordinary Irish there is imaged the remembrance of a golden age; the suffering that accompanied the invaders' pollution of the land; the long struggle for self-determination as a nation; and the tributes to heroes who gave their lives for the national ideal. One wonders — if the Irish were to discard the traditional music and story that have political implications, just what would be left?

Of course, these American West Britons fool no one. We know their "non-political" stance is determined by self-interest and is intended — like their stereotyped role playing — to assure their acceptance in an Anglophile society. When the freedom and unity of Ireland is achieved (as it surely will be) and the fact is acknowledged by the world, those same American West Britons will be there to claim credit for an accomplishment they not only failed to support but that they actually impeded. Meanwhile, for the amusement of the Anglo, they perform their "dancé macabre" on the graves of Irish patriots.

Remarks of John Tracey

Grand Marshal of Bergen Co., N.J.
St. Patrick's Day Parade 1987

Irish-Americans

Toward the end of the war an Irish color bearer, Mike Scannel of the 19th Massachusetts, got ahead of his battle line at Petersburg and was captured by a Confederate officer. "Hand over those colors, Yankee," he said, pointing a pistol at Mike and reaching for the flag. "Yankee is it, now," said Mike in slow wonder. "Faith, I've been twenty years in this country and nobody ever paid me the compliment before." And he was forced to hand over the flag. That was it. The Irish had gone into the Civil War the helots of the nation — alien, Catholic, clannish, unlettered, and poor. And now they were Americans: Yankees. A hundred and forty thousand of them had picked up arms and fought for their new country and their country had now adopted them. They had fought to preserve the Union and they now had become part of that Union (McCarthy: 1968).

The above anecdote describes but one of the ways that many of our ancestors became Americans. Some of them quickly merged into American society; others held on to their Irish identity for generation after generation down to the present day.

Many scholars see the Irish-Americans as highly assimilated in American life so that many of them are "Irish" only on St. Patrick's Day. And even those who are more aware and proud of their heritage do not make an impact on American life. We used to be considered "outsiders," but now are "insiders".

From the perspective of maintaining our Irish heritage and defend-

ing and promoting the Catholic Church — the primary goals of the AOH — we are losing our clout. The slight drop in membership is only a sign of the future; the liberalization and apathy of members' Catholicism is a shadow of the "Faith of our Fathers."

What we need to pray for and work for during this St. Patrick's season and every season, is *zeal*. We need to stir up our enthusiasm for our Irish heritage and for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Read and learn about your past. Read and learn about what is happening in Ireland today. The Irish-Americans are the living hope for freedom in Ireland. Become concerned that the freedom won for us in preserving the Union of the United States of America might also be the possession of the Irish people in the united Ireland.

Promote Hibernianism. Promote the Gospel of Christ. Invite your Irish Catholic relatives and friends to join the AOH. Invite your non-Catholic friends and neighbors to attend Church with you. When converts are asked why they did not join the church sooner, the most common answer is — No one ever asked me to join!

Don't be a no-one; be a proud Irish Catholic on March 17th and everyday.

May St. Patrick and all the Irish saints pray to the Lord for you today and always.

Fr. Capistran
Chaplain, Div. 5, Albany, N.Y.

The Gate Theatre

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which pays for the running of the building, while each production must pay for itself. As a result of the grant, in 1971 the Gate was completely restored by the architect Michael Scott, giving it a beautiful eighteenth century European-style auditorium and proscenium stage.

For their distinguished contribution to theatre in Ireland, Edwards and MacLiammoir were awarded honorary doctorates by the National University of Ireland and they were made members of the Legion d'Honneur by the French government and Freeman of the City Dublin.

Longford for his part was so overshadowed by the dynamism of Edwards and MacLiammoir that his importance in the history of the Gate is often overlooked, although as long as the building continues as a theatre it stands as a testimony to his vision as much as to theirs.

Since the beginning of 1984 and the appointment of a new management under the direction of Michael Colgan, the Gate's reputation has spread as an actors' theatre, a theatre for young people

and especially as an international theatre. It has won the loyalty of many thousands of theatre-goers, the acclaim of the international press and invitations to tour from all over the world. It received ten nominations — twice the number of its nearest rival — for the Harvey's Irish Theatre Awards of 1985.

The Gate is still a champion of cultural exchange and has played host to many important overseas theatre companies in recent years, including Wrocław Contemporary Theatre from Poland, Collettivo di Parma from Italy and Grips Theatre from Berlin. In the next three years, there are plans for major co-productions and exchanges between the Gate and theatres in Paris, Parma and Pittsburgh. There are also plans for the establishment of a school of stagecraft and for extensive building work, including restoration of the oval room at the apex of the building and of the exquisite pillar room beneath the theatre. Never without its ghosts, the Gate is likely to stir up all its dormant spirits in the years ahead.

'Art' Has Their Irish Up

By RICK GREEN

Staff Writer

Savannah Morning News

The Irish long have been thought of as loving their beer and liquor and the stereotype has some local Irishmen crying foul.

In recent years, the caricature of drunken Irishmen celebrating St. Patrick's Day by imbibing has become widespread, especially on T-shirts.

And "art" on those popular pieces of apparel has broadened in recent years to include sexually suggestive pictures and a few that are more than suggestions.

The local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has asked merchants not to sell St. Patrick's Day shirts, buttons and other articles

that show leprechauns or Irishmen drinking alcoholic beverages or carry lewd or sexually explicit messages.

The same sentiment was expressed by Monsignor Daniel Bourke, a native of Ireland, when he spoke Sunday to members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

For years, it was common to see Irish participants in the annual March 17 parade in Savannah carrying cups with mixed drinks or cans of beer. The sponsoring parade committee finally forbade the practice and occasionally has ordered drinking participants out of the parade.

"We are asking everyone to please

U.I.C.A. Installs Officers



UNITED IRISH COUNTIES ASSOCIATION installed its 1987 officers at a recent gathering. From left to right are Manus Gallagher, installation chairman; Willie Joe Cunningham, outgoing president; Frank Feighery, new president; and guest, David Henshaw, editor of the *Hibernian Digest*. photo by Peter Dolan

refrain from purchasing or selling any St. Patrick's Day items that might be construed as offensive or derogatory to those of Irish descent," Graham Harold, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said.

"For too long has our society allowed this profitable style of degradation," he added. "Surely, this ancient race of people who have given to the world so much of themselves deserves a better commercialized image than that of drunken lepre-

chauns, animals and scenes of obscenity," he said.

Bourke, who spoke during a reception for R. McDonald Laird, grand marshal of the 1987 St. Patrick's Day Parade, urged the 500 people at the gathering not to buy degrading items.

He noted that St. Patrick's Day is a holy day in Ireland, where families attend church to celebrate the feast day of the country's patron saint.

"No true Irishman would tolerate

these things," the monsignor said. "They would not be allowed in Ireland."

Jerry Hogan, general chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, said the items he finds most offensive are buttons that connect sexual promiscuity to the Irish.

He said he was on River Street the night before the parade last year and noticed the buttons. "I didn't like it too much. It upset me a little," he said.

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FR. JOHN PAUL MOHAN, Division 7, Ancient Order of Hibernians, one of the newest divisions in the order is comprised of students at Catholic University in Washington, DC. Newly elected officers were installed by Matt Hannon, president, District of Columbia Board, AOH at their first meeting. From left to right, seated, are Matthew T. Toomey, treasurer; Thomas L. Gallagher, president; Timothy P. O'Brien, vice president; David J. Gorman, recording secretary. Standing, Michael O'Leary, Catholic Action; Thomas Coleman, financial secretary; Michael Orr, historian; Matt Hannon; Mark O'Donnell, Standing Committee; Niall K. Freyne, marshal; and William Connor, sentinel.

Irish Eye photo



JACK KEEFE, left, and Matt Hannon of the District of Columbia Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians, swearing in students at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. The newest AOH Division will elect officers and select a division name at their first meeting.

Irish Eye photo

Irish Youth Foundation Meets



ON A RECENT VISIT to Ireland, National President Nick Murphy met with officials of the Irish Youth Foundation in Dublin. From left to right are Executive Director David Downes; Nick Murphy, president of the foundation; Norma Smurfit, U.S. representative; Joe Malone, fund raising chairman; Desmond Kilroy, Irish Youth foundation for troubled youth in Ireland. The Foundation has been designated as an official charity of the AOH.



Questions and Answers

By Professor Robert T. Meyer, Catholic University

Note: Please forward questions to Professor Robert T. Meyer, Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Whenever I read your fascinating column, I wonder if the Catholic University of America has a historical relationship with the National Hibernian Organization, which is 150 years old this year. The University begins celebrating its own Centennial in April. Could you please answer this question for me? Eithalia Walsh, Washington, D.C.

A. You have asked this question at a most opportune time. There is no connection with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the founding of the Catholic University of America in 1887. But the idea of an endowed Chair of Celtic Studies came close upon the founding of the University in this wise: The idea of a Chair of Celtic first originated with a Congressman from Michigan, Thomas Addis Emmet Woodcock of Bay City. On September 9, 1889 he wrote a letter to Cardinal Gibbons, who was Archbishop of Baltimore and Chancellor of the University. He asked whether the Ancient Order of Hibernians might be permitted to endow such a Chair at the University. As the prompt reply was in the affirmative, the matter was brought up at the national convention held at Hartford the following year. At a later meeting in New Orleans in 1892 it was resolved to collect by assessment of the members the sum of fifty thousand dollars required by the Trustees of the University for the endowment of a chair. However, the depression of 1893 threw many people out of work and it was impossible for some to pay seventy-five cents levied on each member.

Luckily, Monsignor Thomas A. Shahan of the University faculty attended the meeting in Omaha in 1894 and he gave a stirring address, telling the people not to neglect their own ancient language, which was being studied by foreigners at the universities of Oxford, Edinburgh, Leipzig, Paris, and Göttingen. Monsignor Shahan was later Rector of the University and became a bishop and is buried in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the Catholic University of America. He had studied at the University of Berlin and also in Paris before joining the faculty and was much interested in higher scholarship. His address had the desired effect: the money was collected and formally presented to the University on October 21, 1896.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians recommended the appointment of the Rev. Richard Henebry, a native Irish speaker, who had taught Irish at Maynooth Seminary. He accepted the offer and was willing to begin his duties at once. However the Board of Trustees thought it advisable that he possess a university degree before coming to Washington. Accordingly he was sent to Germany to study Celtic Philology first at Freiburg in Breisgau with Prof. Rudolf Thurneysen and later at Grieswald with Prof. Heinrich Zimmer, where he took his degree with a dissertation on the Desi-Irish which was his own Munster dialect. He came to the University in October 1898 under a three-year term as Associate Professor of Celtic. After two years he fell ill and went to Colorado to recuperate. He recovered but left the United States in 1901 and later became Professor of Celtic at University College, Cork, and he died in 1916.

One of Father Henebry's students in his brief stay at the University was Dr. Joseph Dunn, who held a degree in Romance Languages from Yale University in 1898. He was teaching Latin at the time that he audited Father Henebry's courses in Modern Irish. He was made Fellow in Celtic and went on the Harvard, later to Freiburg and spent the 1903-04 year at the University of Rennes in Brittany. He later edited a medieval Breton miracle play about St. Patrick with a French translation. He returned to Washington in the fall of 1904 and became a Full Professor in 1914.

His English translation of the great Irish epic *Tain Be Cuailnge* appeared at London in 1914 and is today a much prized rarity. He combined the teaching of Celtic with instruction in Old French and Provençal. He retired from the University in 1931, going back to New Haven to live with an older sister. He also occasionally read Irish with a small group of graduate students at Yale University and he died in 1951.

One of his students was the Rev. James A. Geary, who had studied Theology at Paris and Louvain, was ordained for the Springfield, Mass. diocese in 1907 and then did parish work in Maine close to the Canadian border. After five years he asked for permission to go to work with Prof. Dunn and he taught Philology and Irish as well as American Indian languages until his retirement in 1953. At that time the present incumbent, Professor Robert T. Meyer, was appointed to the endowed Chair of Celtic by the Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, then Rector of the University. Dr. Meyer has now taught Celtic and Comparative Philology at the Catholic University for over 40 years.

N.B. If you wish an immediate reply to your query please send a stamped self-addressed envelope and a check for \$10.00 made payable to Prof. Robert T. Meyer, Box 255, Division of Celtic Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

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In Ohio Committee for 'MacBride Bill' Shows Strength

Michael J. Coogan, national vice-president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is chairman of the Committee of Irish Organizations in Ohio which is working for the passage of the MacBride Principles legislation about to be introduced in the Ohio legislature by State Representative Robert E. Hagan, of Madison.

During a meeting of the committee on Saturday, May 9, attention was focused on getting as many representatives as possible to co-sponsor the bill, and planning petitions to be signed by citizens declaring their support of the MacBride Principles.

Serving on the committee with Coogan are Kevin Reynolds, AOH state president, Cleveland; John J. O'Brien, Columbus; Dave Hartigan, president of the Shamrock Club.

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Connecticut Passes MacBride Bill

Dodd Pledges Hearings On Northern Ireland

By FRANK McEVROY

FFAI Chairman

JFK Division, Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. — U.S. Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, in a vigorous speech at the Annual Communion Breakfast of the John F. Kennedy Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians on March 15, pledged that later this year as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee he will force hearings on the conflict in Northern Ireland.

After Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 450 men welcomed the guest speaker at Journey's Inn. The senator vowed: "If we can hold hearings on every other problem known to mankind in many nations — and God knows, we do — with few problems having much bearing on what is going on in your lives, certainly we can examine and explore what is happening in Northern Ireland. It is fair, fitting and proper."

He called Irish Republican Army member Joseph Doherty, jailed in New York City "Tombs" prison on charges of being an illegal alien, a political prisoner. Doherty has been imprisoned for four years while fighting extradition to Britain. He escaped from Crumlin Road jail in Belfast where he was held in connection with the death of a British soldier in a gunfight. He faces extradition to the United Kingdom under a new treaty ratified last June that eliminated the political exemption clause in the previous treaty.

"What are we talking about is not defined by six counties (of northeast Ireland)," Dodd said. "It's a due process issue. The treaty was rewritten exclusively to allow the U.K. to recapture Joe Doherty. We changed the American justice system to judge one man at the behest of the British government. It may be good politics, but it is not fair."

"The United States was prepared to extradite Doherty to the Republic of Ireland — where he also would be jailed — which was willing to accept him until the U.K. lobbied the U.S. State Department."

"This is the first time in our history we've made a treaty retroactive and it has been done to get one person. So Doherty, already four years in jail without bail, will be arrested again under a treaty which did not exist when he was originally arrested."

The senator pointed out that Doherty has been held for four years "as an illegal alien and there are 12 million of them in this country."

Dodd likened Doherty's case to that of slain Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino. "If we had

allowed Aquino to be extradited to (former) President Ferdinand Marcos, there would have been even more turmoil in that nation."

"The United States has long been a harbor for political refugees of all types. For 200 years this nation has been a safe haven for people who were trying to change their government. Some are now heads of state in their own country. People have the right to overthrow their government."

"Often the birth of a nation is a violent event; seldom is it accomplished with a document. Political violence is not terrorism when you're fighting military targets while trying to change the system. Whether you agree with Joe Doherty or not, this is an issue all humans can embrace. It's a human rights issue."

"We ought to be bright enough and smart enough to sort out the difference between terrorism and an act of political violence. We, in the United States, should understand that better than others. This was the first nation to be born in violence. But, for the first time in 200 years,

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MacBride Principles John Hume's Dark Side

In the past the select St. Patrick's Day media appearances of Northern Ireland's John Hume (SDLP) seemed harmless, self-indulgent but largely ignored. This year, however, Hume's homilies and virtuous vilification of Americans revealed a dark and dangerous dimension to his character. His campaign against the MacBride Fair Employment Principles threatens the very lives and future of many of his fellow citizens and must be challenged.

Irish-Americans informed on the conflict in Ireland have always been dubious of Hume's naivete and pious platitudes but his performance before the *Boston Globe* can only serve to confirm and deepen those doubts. Last November *The Economist* may have captured the essence of this doubt when it noted "... unlike almost every other Ulster political leader Mr. Hume could be a British

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Grand Marshal Hayes



HELEN HAYES, First Lady of the American Stage and Grand Marshal of the 1987 Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade, received her Grand Marshal sash from parade Chairman Matt Hannon. Matt is also president of the AQH District of Columbia Board.

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President's Message

Teachtameac an Uachtairín
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

CUIMNEACHAN/ REMEMBRANCE THE FAMINE

That Ireland had known famine from time to time over centuries of English rule is testified to by (among others) the eyewitness account of the English poet Spencer. Yet the magnitude of The Great Famine, and particularly of its most intense period of 1846-47, was the watershed of modern Irish history — a period the psychological impact of which for the Irish is analogous to the significance of the Nazi-period for the Jews. Conor Cruise O'Brien (a credible historian, however Anglophile his politics) wrote of The Great Famine, that it shattered the old Gaelic nation and that half of us learned to speak English whilst the other half learned American.

A quarter of a century ago Mrs. Cecil Woodham-Smith raised the consciousness of the English-speaking world to some of the realities of The Great Famine in her best-selling book *The Great Hunger*. She reached a far wider audience than did John Mitchell a century before in his *Apology for the British Government in Ireland*, but she took a middle of the road approach which ignored Mitchell's indictment that the British government deliberately encouraged and aggravated the Famine in Ireland for the purpose of thinning the population. There have been other studies of The Great Famine, scholarly tomes laden with footnotes, but lacking a wide readership appeal. Most treatments of The Great Famine seem to regard it as a uni-dimensional "Irish" problem of the past, or perhaps as a uniquely Anglo-Irish problem in the history of economic systems.

Just as the Nazi atrocities against the Jews and Stalinist crimes against humanity generally are of such a magnitude that it is difficult to conceive of such abominations being perpetrated by other human beings, so too does serious research into The Great Famine in Ireland reveal an intensity of human suffering far beyond anything which the experience of twentieth century America might even begin to suggest possible.

In part because of a natural disaster and in part because of the policies of an alien government which had seized power over us, the sad fact of the matter was that, for fully half of the population of Ireland, things had gotten so hopelessly bad that it was time, it was long past time, to get out of Ireland. But the British Empire had its fingers everywhere — in every continent and on most of the stepping-stone islands in between. But there was one exception, one enormous exception: the United States of America.

The Great Famine in Ireland killed some two millions of our people, not

with the swiftness of the English hangman's noose but with the tortuously slow lingering death of starvation and disease. More than two million more were forced out of necessity to overcome their traditional reverence for Mother Ireland and emigrate from what for many was the home of their family for millennia. The greatest numbers braved the rigors of the ocean voyage and came to America. It was not the history of one country that was altered, but of three: Ireland, England and the United States. In 1982 Thomas Gallagher's *Paddy's Lament, Ireland 1846-1847* was published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. It is a history of the worst part of the great national tragedy, painstakingly researched, yet it is written from the perspective of the small farmer and reads like a novel. It is a poignant and compelling story, a literary masterpiece, yet devastatingly accurate. One cannot read *Paddy's Lament* without the mere reading of the story evoking the strongest of emotions. There are some forty-two millions of the American population who claim Irish blood or descent, one-quarter of whom claim to be completely Irish; the greater part of Irish America are the descendants of Famine emigrants. Gallagher tells their story in *Paddy's Lament* from their situation in Ireland through the painful decision to leave home and family; he gives the Atlantic crossing and the Irish-American experience an equally in-depth treatment, for it is all part and parcel of the same story.

Paddy's Lament has just been issued in quality paperback as Harvest/HJB book, retailing for \$7.95. It should be required reading for all Irish America as well as for all students of Ireland and of Anglo-Irish history. Gallagher's text, although written in an easy, most readable style, exposes the collective unconscious of the race and explains much of the enduring psychological impact of The Great Famine, not only upon the Irish population at home, but upon Ireland's exiled children in America. Although it is a history we dare not forget, *Paddy's Lament* is a book for our times, especially for those who would gain a deeper understanding of the continuing Anglo-Irish conflict, the tragic manifestations of which we are witnessing in the North of Ireland today.

Read *Paddy's Lament* as I did and you too will awaken to the need to make a permanent reminder of the sufferings of our people and of the greatest mass Irish immigration to America. Not only should we all read *Paddy's Lament* and see that it is placed in our schools and libraries, and into the hands of our own children, but we should also erect an appropriate monument in this coun-

try as a tribute to those who suffered so much, endured so much, and contributed so much to the preservation of our Catholic faith and our Irish culture; to the building of this great American republic while never forgetting the dream of the Irish nation to some day also experience Liberty and Justice for all.

I am asking for suggestions from Brother and Sister Hibernians as to the exact form that such a memorial should take. Please do not delay in submitting your suggestions to me as soon as possible.

IMMIGRATION CRISIS

The story of Ireland's young being forced to emigrate due to economic necessity is not a situation which was current only in my father's time; it is true today, as was noted in our Saint Patrick's day message. The flight of Irish immigrants to the United States over the past four years has reached crisis proportions. Please urge your Congressman and Senators to support H.R. 1683 and to join with Congressman Joseph DiGuardi in pushing for immigration reform legislation which will be fair to the Irish.

Assistance to Irish immigrants has always been a major mission of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America as has been chronicled by John Ridge in *Erin's Sons in America*. It is my intention that assistance to Irish immigrants be a hallmark not only of Nick Murphy's presidency, but a continuing policy of the AOH. Plans are currently underway to open as a pilot project an office devoted to assisting individual Irish immigrants desiring to normalize their status in this country. This project is going ahead at the same time that we seek both legislative and administrative remedies for the immigration crisis generally.

Like the voice of one crying in the wilderness, our own Tom Murray has done the necessary research and shown us the way; we must all take initiative to further this most important work — work as important to the future well-being of the United States as it is to the Irish nation. Please do not hesitate to forward your own suggestions to the National President.

On a very positive note, Chairman Mario Biaggi informs me that the membership of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs is growing in the 100th Congress. Perhaps the most noteworthy new addition is a freshman Congressman from Massachusetts named Joseph P. Kennedy. We bid welcome to Joe Kennedy, and we ask that he address the question of immigration reform and take the Hibernian language of H.R. 1683 as his own in playing a leading role in the quest for justice in U.S. immigration practices.

Notre Dame Fund Committee Attends Spring Conference



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME presenting a \$3,000.00 check are left to right: Sarah E. Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund; Professor Jay P. Dolan, Director, Center for the Study of American Catholicism; Sheila M. Clifford, LAOH National President; Michael J. Coogan, AOH National Vice-President.

In April, the University of Notre Dame Hibernian Fund Committee attended the Conference, Ireland and the United States: The Transatlantic Connection 1800-1980, at the University of Notre Dame. The Conference was sponsored by the Charles and Margaret Hall Cushman Center for the Study of American Catholicism and the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Professors from Ireland and the United States discussed topics on *The Irish Family*, *The Economic Impact of the United States on Ireland, 1900-1980*; *The Export of Irish Religious Culture in the Nineteenth Century*; and *The Irish as Urban Pioneers*.

The Conference was opened with an address by His Excellency Padraic N. MacKernan, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States. Over

one hundred participants registered for the Conference. At the closing banquet, Sheila M. Clifford, national president of the LAOH, presented a check for three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to Professor Jay P. Dolan, Director, Center for the Study of American Catholicism.

Representing the AOH at the Conference were: Michael J. Coogan, national vice president, and William T. C. Brooks, AOH national coordinator for the fund. Others representing the LAOH were Sarah E. Murphy, secretary-treasurer; Terry Kelleher, LAOH national coordinator for the Fund, and Rita A. McDonough of the Committee. Members of the organization who came to Notre Dame from the Conference were: Albert Madden of Massachusetts, Margaret E. O'Brien and Mary C. Heckner of Maryland.

National Awards 'Trees for Ireland' Program Succeeding

The 1987 National Awards program launched in mid-March has met with strong acceptance amongst the membership of both the LAOH and the AOH. The awards program annually selects a project to which all proceeds are donated. For the last several years both National Boards have united in a combined effort for the project selected.

The 1987 beneficiary, "Trees for Ireland," is a project intended to help in the reforestation of the millions of barren acres in Ireland laid barren by the British occupation forces during the mid-centuries. Trees, mostly oak, were used extensively, in England, for fuel, housing and to build their Navy.

National Presidents Sheila M. Clifford and Nicholas Murphy will preside at the "Trees" dedication ceremonies in Ireland this summer. This event will be held on August 4, 1987, at a site to be selected.

These new trees, now and at maturity, will provide thousands of needed jobs for the youth of Ireland, and will help Ireland be self-supporting in lumber in the future.

This joint program of the LAOH and AOH will continue until Friday, July 10, at which time the winners

will be selected at the New York State Convention Ball in Niagara Falls. There will be ten awards — the winners need not be present.

The first award is a round trip to Ireland for two, via Aer Lingus, courtesy of Connie O'Sullivan, Healy-O'Sullivan Travel Bureau, 22 South Main Street, Pearl River, New York 10956. Phone: 914-735-9600. Second: a remote control VCR. Third: a Waterford Ships Decanter with glasses. Seven additional awards will be presented to participants.

Additional information and supplies for the Awards program, for both the ladies and the men, is available from Richard M. Rogers, Assistant National Secretary and National Awards Chairman, at Box 623, Mineola, New York 11501. Phone 516-887-1952.

For additional information about the presentation ceremonies in Ireland and the several special Hibernian flights being arranged by Mr. Connie O'Sullivan and provided by Aer Lingus, please contact Mr. John Foody at 47 Yale Terrace, Blauvelt, NY 10913. Phone: 914-359-1386.

For reservations on those special flights, please contact Mr. Connie O'Sullivan as above.

Feis Dancing Competition Announced

The North American Feis Commission announces that the 1987 Senior Irish Dancing Championship will be held at the Dayton, Ohio Feis on June 27, and the Junior Irish Dancing Championship will be held at the New London, Connecticut. Feis on August 30.

Corrections to the previously published feisanna schedule are: United Irish Counties, NY, on June 14 vice June 7, and, Washington, DC on June 20 vice June 13.

Gerry Campbell, Mr. Feis Emeritus, was inducted into the North American Feis Commission's Irish Cultural Hall of Fame, Putnam, NY, on May 17, at the Putnam Feis.

For information on the Feis Commission contact Jim Gallagher, 351 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Ct. 06333.

Nat'l President's Dinner Set For September 26

NEW YORK — The biennial AOH National President's Dinner will take place on Saturday, September 26, 1987 at the Quality Inn Tappan Zee in Nyack, New York.

The traditional Hibernian gathering will honor the Order's National President, Nicholas Murphy of New City in Rockland County. Heading up the dinner committee is Rockland County Board Past President John Foody, assisted by Rockland County Board President John Cawley. Other committee members: Ticket Chairman Brendan Malley; Reception Chairman Connie O'Sullivan; Public Relations Chairman William J. Burke; and Journal Chairlady Bernadette Hartnett.

Serving the Dinner Committee as State Coordinators are: in New York, Jack Irwin, incumbent state president, and Michael Hession, past state president; in Massachusetts,

Past National President Jack Connolly; in Pennsylvania, Daniel Deasy; and in Connecticut, Frank Kearney.

Chairman Foody asks all AOH constituencies to take note of the September 26 date of the President's Dinner and communicate the same to the Order's officers and members, requesting them not to schedule any competing Hibernian event on that date. Chairman Foody states that the President's Dinner evening will start with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by a four-course dinner with open bar at 7:30 p.m. There will be dancing until midnight to the music of Noel Kingston and His Orchestra, featuring Mary Kingston and Paddy Farrell.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT NICK MURPHY, second left, huddles with past presidents at the 1986 national convention at which he took over the reins of the AOH. Discussing with him his goals for the Order are William McEnery, Michael Delahunty and John Connolly.

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CARDINAL O'CONNOR (top photo) offers encouragement to Mrs. Maureen Doherty (left) and Kathleen Holmes, chairwoman of the American Irish Congress, in their persistent struggle for justice for Joseph Doherty. In middle photo he also comforts Mrs. Doherty's daughter Pat, at right. Bottom photo, Bishop John McGann, Diocese of Rockville, affirms the efforts of Joe Doherty's attorney, Mary Pine, at right.

Cardinal O'Connor

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every state of the litigation, from trial through appeals, Joseph Doherty won his right not to be extradited to Britain.

The Cardinal and his aides listened attentively to Mr. Doherty's mother, Maureen, as she related some incidents of daily life in Belfast as her son grew up under British rule; of the continual strip-searching of her daughter Maureen who was interned in Armagh Women's Jail; of the unprovoked shooting deaths of many neighbors by members of the British Army and Protestant terrorist gangs; of the numerous Catholic families who were burned out of their homes by Protestant paramilitary gangs.

Maureen Doherty related the harassment and beatings given to young Catholic boys and men, her son Joe included, by British Army soldiers in their continual campaign of harassment to the Catholic communities of Northern Ireland. She related how Catholics are denied jobs and forced to live in substandard housing. She stated that resistance to British rule became a way of life

for Catholics, indeed their sole means of existence.

Mrs. Doherty stated that her son Joe and most of the young boys and men from the Catholic ghettos of Northern Ireland became militarily involved as a reaction to the oppression which permeated every facet of their lives every minute of every day. Although Cardinal O'Connor was familiar with the situation confronting Catholics in Northern Ireland, as Maureen Doherty related it to him, he was, nevertheless, visibly moved by her presentation. He made several promises to her:

1. Cardinal O'Connor promised to write to Attorney General Edwin Meese and to the White House in an effort to learn why the U.S. government has been persecuting Joseph Doherty and causing undue suffering and hardship to his family. His Eminence stated that laws are necessary to every society and must be obeyed by everyone.

2. Cardinal O'Connor promised to write his thoughts and comments concerning Joseph Doherty and the

US government in his diocesan newspaper, Catholic New York. He advised us that articles appearing in this weekly publication are routinely reported by the general media.

3. Cardinal O'Connor promised to continue to send Msgr. Boyle and other emissaries to visit Joseph Doherty in prison. Although he did not mention the harassment and rude treatment given to Msgr. Boyle by bureaucrats at the FCI, Otisville, New York, the Cardinal's aides led us to believe that he has not forgotten this incident.

As our conversation drew to a close and we all thanked His Eminence for the considerable amount of time he spent with us, I cautioned Cardinal O'Connor that merely by virtue of his interest in Joe Doherty, he would most likely be labeled a 'supporter of terrorism' by the British influenced media. The Cardinal shrugged this off with a wave of his hand, and stated that he has been called many names before and expects to be called more names yet in the future. Name-calling will not dissuade him from his moral responsibility to investigate the reasons why, if the facts are as we presented them to him, officials of our government are denying to Joseph Doherty the justice which has been granted to him by numerous federal judges.

By way of personal opinion, I would like to state that although this was my first experience with Cardinal O'Connor and his aides, I cannot think of another word he could have or should have stated to make each of us feel at ease. His particular concern for Maureen Doherty, a mother who has undergone many sufferings, was very evident. His obvious respect for Mary Pike and her law partner, Steve Sommerstein, and the frustration they are experiencing in their continuing legal battle to obtain the justice which has been granted to Joseph Doherty was also evident.

Before saying goodbye, Cardinal O'Connor posed for photographs with us and thanked the American Irish Congress for bringing this issue to his attention.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this writing Cardinal O'Connor has visited Joseph Doherty in prison.

Connecticut Passes MacBride Bill

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vestments from those companies if the governor signs into law the South African bill. The state has \$4.3 million in pension funds invested in 3 remaining companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

The groundwork for this success was laid at a hearing in early March when both bills were aired (State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges testified in support of both). Half a dozen speakers spoke in favor of the South African bill while about thirty supported the Northern Ireland bill. Virtually all agreed with both bills. Most spectators from all over the state wore shamrock emblems.

The result was achieved by the cooperation of legislators, labor unions, the Irish American Unity Conference, Northern Aid, the American Irish Political Education

Committee and the Freedom For All Ireland Committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which was wholeheartedly supported by the AOH State Board.

Connecticut now joins New York, Massachusetts and New York City which have adopted the MacBride Principles. The campaign proceeds in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. A solid block in the northeastern states would send a strong message to the U.S. Congress where legislation has been introduced.

Several major cities and five more states — California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota — have legislation pending in the furtherance of this human rights effort.

Frank McEvoy, FFAI Chairman
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Dodd Pledges Hearings

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we now say we don't agree with that."

Before concluding, Senator Dodd made a strong appeal for Hibernians and other Irish organizations to become more involved in Irish issues. "We don't work together enough as Irish-Americans. We ought to care more about the land of our forebears. Ireland is becoming a modern nation and it's a nation in trouble. We stink when it comes to working together. As Irish-Americans, we don't do a very good job."

He challenged those present to pressure their elected officials, as many other ethnic groups do. "In the Senate, we could only get a handful of our colleagues to become interested in the treaty issue. Connecticut (where Sen. Lowell Weicker Jr. joined him) was the only state where both senators opposed the new treaty."

He urged his audience to become more concerned and suggested local organizations could help their cause by conducting forums and generating debate on the issue among people in their community.



SENATOR
CHRISTOPHER J. DODD

Ohio Committee for "MacBride Bill"

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Columbus: Joseph Kriegbaum, Springfield; John A. Keaton, AOH state organizer, Dayton; Kevin Talty, AOH Freedom for All Ireland, Columbus; Mary Higgins, LAOH president, Columbus; Lena

Muldowney, LAOH president, Bridgeport; Bill O'Reilly, Columbus; Roger Weist, AOH state director, Cleveland; Michael Muldowney, AOH past state president, Bridgeport; John O'Connor, state chairman Notre Dame Fund, Columbus. Pat Donlin,

chairman, Irish American Unity Conference, of Warren, was not able to be present.

The most recent meeting of the Committee, was held in Columbus on June 10, with Representative Hagan expected to attend.



OHIO COMMITTEE for passage of MacBride Principles legislation gears up for action: Left to right, front row, are Joseph Kriegbaum, Springfield; John O'Brien, Columbus; Michael Coogan, Dayton; Mary Higgins, Columbus; Lena Muldowney, Bridgeport. Back row, John O'Connor, Columbus; Dave Hartigan, Columbus; Kevin Talty, Columbus; Kevin Reynolds, Cleveland; Bill O'Reilly, Columbus; Michael Muldowney, Bridgeport; and Roger Weist, Cleveland.

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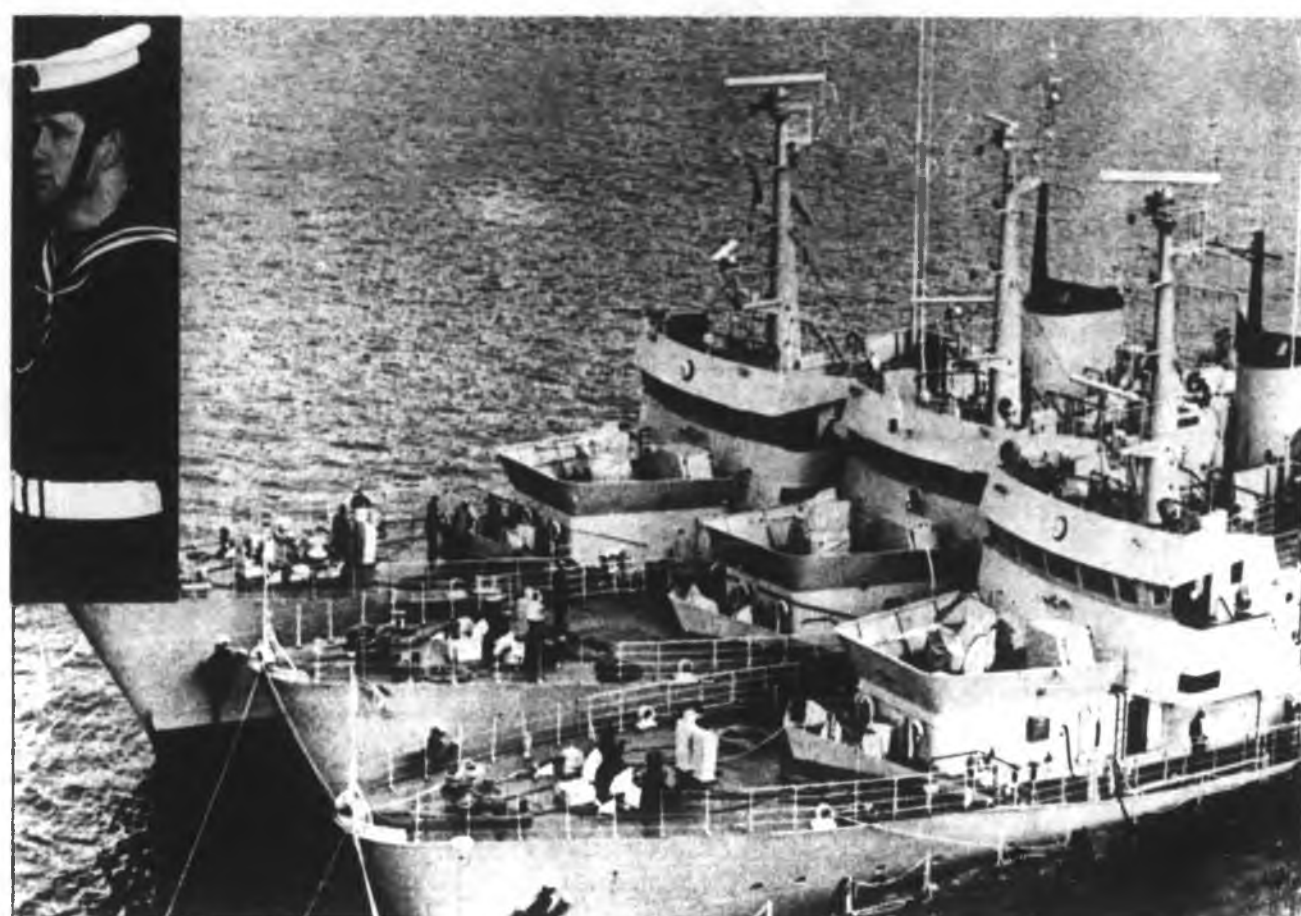
LONG EIRENNACH AND A FEW GOOD MEN

Ireland has a navy — a good one. Irish sailors have roamed the seas since ancient times. Fearless Irish sailors, with their unique Irish pride, were first-class man-o-war's men where ever they sailed.

Ireland's 900 strong seafaring Navy is charged with important responsibilities: deter external aggression; conduct search and rescue operations; train naval, naval reserve, maritime and fishing fleet personnel; perform hydrographic surveys; protect Irish fisheries and fishing banks; and interdict arms and contraband smugglers. The well trained Irish soldiers discharge their duties with dedicated professionalism, and with the vigorous zeal of proud bluejackets. Unlike the naval forces of many small countries around the world the Irish Navy is not equipped with guided missile gunboats and frigates, attack aircraft, and other reach out and destroy capabilities. The Irish Navy proudly maintains a small, albeit first-rate, defensive, protective and life-saving presence

off the long Irish coastline. Because of the unique location and geographical features of the island nation the Irish Navy, presently commanded by Commodore W. J. Brett, is a key element of *Oglagh na hEireann*, the Defence Forces of Ireland which now numbers more than 18,000 including the Reserve Defence Force.

In earlier days the British Navy patrolled Irish waters and maintained control of the naval harbors of Cork, Berehaven, and Lough Swilly. In a surprising move the British withdrew from Irish waters in 1938, when war threatened in Europe, and handed over their naval base assets to the Irish Government. The English felt that retaining their close-in naval control was not worth the effort to hold their bases against the hostile Irish population of that era. Ireland had no navy and quickly acquired six 70-foot motor torpedo boats from Britain, and armed two fishery patrol boats and a coastal minelayer. Ireland named this tiny force its Marine Service and established a naval base at Haulbowline Island in Cork harbor.



THE AISLING, Emer, and Aoife moored dockside at Haulbowline Island, Cork Harbor. Irish sailor — inset. Photos — An Cosantoir

The Marine Service had, of course, been formed under emergency legislation. The fine performance, during the war years, of the officers and ratings later demonstrated the need for a permanent force. The Irish Government then created the Navy in 1946. By 1947 the *Flower* class (British surplus) corvette escort

vessels were added to the fleet. Designated "LE", for *Long Eirannach*, meaning "Irish Ship", the ships were named *Macha*, *Maev*, and *Cliona* after mythological Chief-tainesses. At the end of 1947 the naval service included 30 officers and 400 ratings.

The *Deirdre*, the first naval vessel built in Ireland, entered service in 1972, joining the fleet which then included three coastal minesweepers (only the *LE Grainne* remains in service). Built at the Verolme dockyard near Cork, the *Deirdre* was designed to the specifications of the Naval Service. Three improved *Deirdre* class ships were built between 1978-1980. Ruggedly seaworthy, the *Aisling*, *Emer*, and *Aoife* were important additions to the fleet. The *Eithne*, completed in 1984 is now the pride of the Irish Navy. She is 1,760 tons, cruises at 19 knots, and carries 57 mm and 20 mm guns, plus a Dauphine II helicopter. The *Eithne* visited New York harbor during the Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration, and many Americans toured the ship and met its fine crew.

The Navy's routine duty revolves around patrolling the rich fishing areas off Ireland's coast. During the 1960s and early 1970s the Navy had responsibility for a three-mile territorial sea, and a 12-mile limit since 1964. In October 1977, because of Ireland's entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) a 200-mile exclusive fishing limit was declared. This decree added a new and heavy burden to the many duties of the Irish Navy. The normal fisheries patrol lasts about three weeks. The Irish crews stop and board many foreign fishing vessels. They inspect papers and catches, and check for compliance to Irish regulations. On many occasions an offending vessel is escorted to port and the captain is brought before an Irish court. Many times the Irish sailors chase after a fleeing vessel, fire their weapons and force the culprits to heave to. In 1976 Irish sailors fired on, and boarded the Soviet factory trawler, *Belomorje*, bringing it to Cork harbor. After a court case and conviction the catch and fishing gear were confiscated. The Eastern bloc fishing fleets no longer infringe in Irish waters, but do occasionally buy fish from local Irish fishing craft. The Irish surface patrols are now supported by Irish Airforce air-recon surveillance for maximum coverage. To illustrate the increasing activity of its seagoing fleet, the Irish Navy, in 1970, detained 6 foreign vessels. In 1980, 56 were detained. In 1985 the figure rose to 67.

The continuous active fishing patrols accomplish a very important plus for the Irish Navy. Unlike the crews of the navies of many of the small countries, the Irish sailor is kept on his toes and is well trained in the seagoing arts by his frequent sea duty assignments. The vigorous patrols require an active program of upkeep and maintenance for the ships, engines, and operating equipment. A busy sailor means high morale and an alert fleet. The Irish Navy is well tuned and ready.

Well trained navy men are not born that way. They are groomed, shaped, indoctrinated and trained. The training of the Irish Navy personnel is an on-going function at Haulbowline Island. All recruitment is voluntary and one of the problems, like many navies of the free world, is constant turnover — making good training essential to success. The normal length of service is four years. Only a small percentage of ratings serve for longer periods. After boot camp most training occurs on operational vessels during normal patrol routines. All training involves lengthy periods of classroom and on-the-job sessions for both ratings and officer candidates. The newly commissioned officer spends two years (9 months abroad) preparing for his Watchkeeping exam. In addition, the engineering officer spends an extra 9 months of engineering studies and seagoing duties achieving his diploma — 7 years after his appointment as a cadet. The small professional officer corps is truly a Navy's gunnery, mine warfare, ship, saying: "I am Captain Jack Barry, Irish and Yankee, and damned proud of it." He then proceeded Helo, antisubmarine warfare, and similar specialties including command and staff courses in the Curragh military college are receiving favorable attention for excellence, both in and out of the Naval service.

Professionalism, dedication, discipline, and patriotism are all part of the character of the Irish Navy. A navy thrives on tradition. The men and women of the Irish Navy can look back, proudly, through the ages to Saint Brendan the Navigator who first ventured out from Ireland on the unknown sea. The first man of Columbus' crew to step on American soil was an Irishman named Patrick McGuire. Commodore John Barry answered the call of a British warship, saying: "I am captain Jack Barry, Irish and Yankee, and damned proud of it." He then proceeded to sink the English ship. Tradition is deep-set in the Irish Navy.

N.Y. State Legislators Honor State President

ALBANY, N.Y. — At a Legislative breakfast held here May 20, the American Irish Legislators Society presented its annual "American Irish Outstanding Citizen Award" to John "Jack" Irwin, New York state president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His selection was announced earlier by



JOHN "JACK" IRWIN

AILS Awards Chairman Philip B. Healey of Massapequa, Assemblyman from Nassau County's 12th District. The breakfast followed a memorial mass for deceased members of the State Legislature, which was celebrated at St. Mary's Church by the Most Reverend Herbert Hubbard, Bishop of Albany.

Irwin, a financial officer of Merrill Lynch stockbrokers, was honored for his work in the Irish community, especially his spearheading a successful campaign by Irish American organizations to have the Fair Employment Practices Act, governing American companies operating in Northern Ireland, enacted into New York State law. Previous awardees were Pulitzer-Prize winning novelist ("Ironweed," "Legs"), William Kennedy of Albany; Edward Cleary, New York State President of the AFL-CIO; Vincent J. Riley Jr., President of Keycorp, a bank holding company headquartered in Albany; and Father Martin Hines, President of Siena College.

The Albany-based, 10-year-old American Irish Legislators Society is comprised of 46 Irish American members of the New York State Legislature. Its current president is Assemblyman Richard Keane of Buffalo.

Dillon Heads New York's Irish National Caucus

Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon has been named the head of the New York State Irish National Caucus. The Caucus, with a staff in Washington D.C., attempts to impress on our public officials the determination of Irish America that our country should be just as concerned about denial of human rights in Ireland as in any other part of the world. In addition, the Caucus hopes to ultimately see the Irish people freed of all foreign influence in shaping their own destiny.

Dillon has frequently spoken out against human rights violations in Northern Ireland. He has made three trips to Northern Ireland, including a fact-finding mission with U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato. He has been an observer at the "supergrass" trials and has served on a panel investigating the use of plastic bullets by the security forces against innocent Catholics. For his work on behalf of Catholics in Northern Ireland, Dillon has received numerous awards, including the National Ancient Order of Hibernians' John F. Kennedy Medal, the highest award bestowed by that organization.

Dillon said he'll work in New York with the Caucus and other organizations to educate Americans about the continued violations of human rights in Northern Ireland. He said, "I'll continue to try and impress on the media the importance of



DENIS DILLON

focusing in on the underlying injustices and not simply the violence." In addition, Dillon said he would emphasize the ongoing boycott of the Ford Motor Company because of its discrimination in hiring Catholic workers in the North.

Dillon has been District Attorney of Nassau County since 1975. He's been re-elected three times. In 1981 and 1985 he was endorsed by the five major parties.

Hibernians Meet with Ulster Protestants

(From the "Flatbush Hibernian," Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Congratulations are in order to Bro. Ridge for the successful organizing of an ecumenical meeting of Hibernian and Ulster Protestants at the Baile Na nGael, May 5. Bro. David Jardine, S.S.F., of the Church of Ireland (Episcopalian or Anglican

Assistance for Immigrants Forthcoming

Starting on May 5, 1987 and ending on May 4, 1988 the legislation process outlined in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 will start. Under this act, undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States before January 1, 1982, and who have resided continuously (except for short trips outside the country) in an unlawful status during that period can qualify.

We are happy to report that the Catholic Church has set up an office to help in the processing of these legalization applications. All four dioceses in the metropolitan area (New York) and hopefully all other dioceses in the United States will appoint coordinators to handle immigration problems. This help will be available to immigrants from all over the world.

Anyone needing help should immediately contact their local parish, although you need not be a parishioner. The coordinators advise that you should not pay anyone to get your legal status. Incidentally, we have been told that the Catholic Church will keep filing fees at a minimum. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Please note that under the new law employer sanctions do not affect workers who were hired prior to November 6, 1986. In other words, if an illegal alien was hired before November 6, 1986, the employer is not subject to fines. Employers are requested to check residence status on every employee after above date.

The United Irish American Immigration Committee is continuing its work of securing legislation to help undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States after January 1, 1982. They are working presently with Senators and Representatives in reference to new legislation for this particular group. With good cooperation from Congress, the United States and the Irish Administration, we are looking for an early solution. However, all Irish Americans, their friends, and organizations must keep their elected officials aware of the need for this additional immigration.

The United Irish American Immigration Committee is continuing the work it started many years ago in New York City in securing fair and equitable immigration laws. It is in contact with Irish American Organizations throughout the United States and welcomes their continued support. The agency's address is 198 Broadway, Suite 400, New York, NY 10038.

over here), and Mr. David Hamilton, an ex-Ulster Volunteer Force (U.V.F.) man, spoke for nearly three fascinating hours on peace, reconciliation, and the abandonment of violence in Northern Ireland, through becoming totally committed to living one's life as The Divine Master taught us.

Two exemplary Christian gentlemen, these two Ulstermen view themselves as Irish, not British, and condemn the paramilitaries and all violence, whether British, Loyalist, or Republican forces are responsible.

After this historic meeting with Brother Hibernians from Division Nos. 4, 5, 19, 22, and a sizable contingent from our own Flatbush No. 35, one could feel a sense of hope for peace with justice in Northern Ireland. May we see it in our lifetime, with the help of God.

B.F. Delaney, Sr., Named Hudson Grand Marshal

HUDSON, N.Y. — Bartholomew F. Delaney Sr. was named grand marshal of the 7th annual St. Patrick's Day parade March 14 here.

He is a former Hudson mayor and is currently assessor for the City of Hudson. Delaney is a charter member of the Columbia County Chapter, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Delaney has been a key organizer for the Hibernians and was instrumental in the formation of its bag pipe band in April 1986. The band

made its debut the day of the parade.

Marchers and spectators were greeted by John Hart, president of the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, sponsor of the parade.

Bag pipe band members are Mike McCruden, Dan Curry, Jeanine Lossi, Jim Delaney, Patrick Kilgallen and Joshua Ryder, pipers; Bart J. Delaney II and Mike Quirk, drummers; and James Feeney of Greene County, instructor.

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Cleveland Hibernian Was Life Member



OLIVER E. MURPHY, SR.

Oliver E. Murphy, Sr., a longtime Cleveland Hibernian passed away on Sunday, April 12, 1987. Brother Murphy was a member of

Cleveland's Augustine Boland/William Berry Division. He had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for the last several years.

Brother Murphy is survived by his wife Bernadette (Betty) and their children Oliver Jr., Mrs. Joan Cavanaugh, Mrs. Maureen Bamrick and Mrs. Sheila Murphy-Crawford. Betty, Joan and Sheila are members of Ladies Division Number 10 in Cuyahoga County. Joan currently serves as Ladies AOH County Board President.

As a member of the AOH Brother Murphy served in many capacities including several terms as division president. He frequently attended Ohio State Conventions and many National Conventions. He was honored as Cleveland's Hibernian Man of the Year in 1971. In 1980 Brother Murphy was honored by the Greater Cleveland United Irish Societies as the St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal.

In 1985 the members of the Boland/Berry Division voted unanimously to recommend Ollie for a Life Membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Pro Life

One year ago I was attending the Human Life International Conference in Montreal. I was with a group of about one hundred people from Europe, Latin America, the United States, and Canada and we were in a middle class suburb of Montreal in predominantly Catholic Quebec. The group of us walked peacefully and chanted in front of a small red brick house — the abortion chamber of Canada's most notorious abortionist, Dr. Henry Morgenthaler.

Who would have ever thought that in an area where there has been a long history of faith in God that abortion would be big business?

What may keep us today from acting against the evil of abortion may come down to our apathy, indifference, or ignorance. This is unfortunate because doing nothing only allows evil to triumph. Much is to be done in pro-life work from counseling pregnant teens and helping them get clothes for their babies to supporting a woman not to have an abortion, and counseling women with post-abortion trauma. Each one of us must be concerned with curtailing abortion on demand and stopping it. I have already asked you to write to President Reagan and Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis Bowen and ask them to cut Title X taxpayer funds to organizations (like Planned Parenthood) which counsel, refer for, or provide abortions.

There is a piece of legislation known as "The President's Pro-Life Bill of 1987" that we should support. This bill, introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), has 65 co-sponsors. The bill was introduced into the U.S. Senate by Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.) and it has 7 co-sponsors in the Senate. The "President's Pro-Life Bill" has three parts: Section 1 declares that "a right to abortion is not secured by the Constitution" and that the Supreme Court "erred in not recognizing the humanity of the unborn child." Section 2 permanently prohibits the federal funding of abortion. Section 3 declares that funds appropriated by Title X cannot be awarded to any organization that provides "abortion procedures or referral for abortion procedures."

I ask each of you to exercise your Constitutional right of free speech to defend human life. Write to your Congressman and strongly urge him to support the "President's Pro-Life Bill of 1987." Encourage a friend to write a letter and/or phone his Congressman's office. You can write to your Representative or Congressman at: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and to your Senator at: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Br. Vincent Reese, F.S.C.
New York State Pro-life Chairman

human living is the sure way to stifle the full potential of human "good" otherwise forthcoming from our creaturehood — in politics, government, business, education, etc., etc.

Just as we go to the "expert" when there is a need beyond our capabilities, so in strictly human matters we go to the "expert" — we go to the "author" of our creaturehood and endeavor to accord our plans and decisions with His "order of things," the logical way to the universal good of the nation.

"In God We Trust!" Is it time at last we, all of us, begin "trusting?"
Reverend Thomas Doyle, S.J.
Philadelphia County Board and
Division 39, Chaplain



Questions and Answers

By Professor Robert T. Meyer, Catholic University

Note: Please forward questions to Professor Robert T. Meyer, Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Could you please tell me something about the name Shannon from County Roscommon in Ireland? Harry Bohn, Levittown, N.Y.

A. In Irish the name was O Seanain, meaning 'descendant of Seanain,' which was a diminutive of Sean, meaning 'old, wise.' It is a name that is scattered throughout all of Ireland. There are variants of the name: O Shenane, O Shanane, O Shennan, O Shannon, Shanan, Shanon, Shan-non.

Q. We would appreciate your efforts to research the name McCauley. Paul & Carol McCauley, N. Wyomissing, Pa., 19609

A. In Irish your surname was MacAmalghaidha, meaning 'son of Amhalghaidh.' Now Amalghaidh was a very ancient Irish personal name, and its very meaning has been lost in antiquity. Eugene Curry who was Professor of Celtic in Dublin many years ago thought that it was one of the ancient Danish kings of Dublin. There are several distinct families of this name, the best known being that of County Westmeath comprising the whole of the parish of Ballyloughloe in the western part of that county. There are variant forms of your name as Macaulay, Macauley, MacAuley, MacCawley, MacCawley, Cawley, Cawley, etc.

Q. Please tell me anything your research may discover about the name Costigan. John F. Costigan, Derby, Connecticut.

A. Your name in Irish could have been either Mac Oisticin or Mac Oistigin. It meant 'son of Hodgkin' a diminutive form of Hodges. Like the name Roger, Rogers, it was of Anglo-Norman origin. However I can see another possibility of a Norse Origin. The Norse form for Latin Augustine would have been Oistin. So 'son of Augustine.' There are some variants of the name: M'Oestikine, Mac Costigan, Costigan, M'Costigine, etc. The name was a common one in Ossory, judging from the Old Irish Annals.

Q. I am interested in knowing the origin of the surname Kelleher. My father was born in Cork City, Co. Cork. Dennis C. Kelleher, Seattle, Wash. 98144

A. In Irish your surname was O Ceileachar, meaning 'son of Ceileachar' which meant 'dear companion, spouse, loving one.' Father Woulfe in his *Irish Names and Surnames* (Dublin 1923) says that it is the name of a well-known family in both Cork and Kerry. They were descended from the brother of Brian Boru. There are variant forms of the name: O Kellagher, O Kelliher, Kelleher, Kelliher, Keller.

Q. I am writing to determine the origin of the name Hinch. Edward J. Hinch, East Islip, N.Y.

A. In Irish your name was O hAonghusa, which meant 'descendant of Aongus' which means 'best choice, one-and-only choice.' It was the name of a family in County Meath who were lords in the barony of Moyfenrath. The name is now fairly common in Leinster and Munster. There are many forms of the name: O Heanessy, O Hennessy, Henessy, O Heny, Heney, Hinchy, Hench, Henchy, Hinch.

Q. Could you please tell me the origin of my mother's surname Oakes? Mrs. Kathleen Tighe, Bronx, N.Y. 10465.

A. In Irish the name was either Mac Dara or Mac Daire, meaning 'son of the-oak' probably referring to a strong-minded, noble person. The Irish word for oak is daire, seen in Kildare, etc. Some people simply translated the name into Oakes, or Oak. Some have kept the Irish name as M'Dary, M'Darey, Daragh, Daragh, Darrogh.

NOTA BENE: If you wish an immediate reply to your query, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope and a check for \$10.00 (ten dollars) made payable to Prof. Robert T. Meyer, Box 255, Division of Celtic Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. Prof. Meyer has been teaching Celtic and Comparative Philology at the Catholic University for over 40 years.

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• National Directors' Action Reports •

The National Organizer's Corner

Summertime is here, finally; summer sports and activities are being planned and summer festivals are in full swing. This presents a great opportunity to promote Hibernian membership at these gatherings. As you are aware, there are a lot of people out there, who do not know what the AOH stands for. They do not know that the AOH is the oldest, (150 years in the U.S.) and only lay Catholic Irish organization in the western hemisphere. They do not know that we have Hibernian Divisions in 38 states and still growing. They do not know that one of our main goals is "to aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence, promoting peace (with justice), and unity for all Ireland." We foster the ideas and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people here in the United States. We promote Irish culture and encourage an equitable U.S. immigration law for Ireland and we cooperate with all groups for a fair American immigration policy.

The National Organizer has an organizer's display kit, which is available for such events as Irish festivals, feisana or any large gathering of Irish Americans. It's a nice compact three-sided display which can be placed on an eight foot table. It proudly displays our motto and other information which gets a lot of attention. This booth, manned with competent members and a supply of hand out information, can produce astonishing results. If you would like to reserve this display please write to me giving full details of the event.

The recruitment drive for new members is in full swing and a lot of good results are being reported. Members who thought it would be difficult to recruit one member are now coming in with three and four new members. If your division has not yet sent out the letter explaining the benefits of being a member of the AOH, why don't you give your president a call. He may need some help with the writing or mailing of the letter, and don't forget to enclose an application for membership with the letter. You too will be surprised with the results.

The National Board requests each division, county board and state board to file a certificate of election (form 9) with the national secretary.

National Director Gilligan Hears from His Senator

Recently, I received the following letter from Bob Graham, U.S. Senator from Florida. We need to get an effective mailing to him urging him to join the ad hoc committee. While this is intended as a reminder to all Florida Hibernians, it would help to have some other letters from out of state sent in support. I urge everyone to write.

Thomas Gilligan, National Director
Mr. Thomas Gilligan
1301 SW 26th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312
Dear Thomas:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Northern Ireland. I am deeply concerned about the violence and political turmoil in Ireland today. Religious persecution is an inexcusable policy for any faction to adhere to. Tolerance and accommodation must be forthcoming.

I appreciate you sharing your thoughts and comments on this issue.

With kind regards,
Bob Graham, United States Senator



NATIONAL DIRECTOR Tom Gilligan participated in a recent meeting with Archbishop of Miami, Edward J. McCarthy to discuss the recently held Great Irish Festival. Gilligan is Vice President, representing the AOH on the board. From left are Gilligan, Rory O'Dwyer, the Archbishop and Mike Walsh.

Thomas D. McNabb, 31 Logan Street, Auburn, N.Y. 13021, as soon as results and appointments are known. Do not wait; we need that information to keep our mailing lists up to date.

The National Secretary has in stock right now some beautiful plaques which are suitable to give as awards to members or supporters whom you want to recognize for their contributions to the Order or your own Division. The plaque is of dark oak measuring about 9 inches by 7 inches with a full color official Hibernian medallion measuring 3 1/4 inches by 4 inches mounted on the wood background. The cost is about \$20.00 plus postage. Why not order some now and when the occasion arises you will be prepared.

The National Secretary has a full line of lapel AOH emblem pins, medallions and other jewelry in stock. You may write to me or the National Secretary for a price sheet.

This is the year for county and state conventions according to our national constitution. The national president wants the national board to cover as many conventions as possible. If you did not have your convention yet and you would like a visit from a member of the national board, please call Nick Murphy. He will be happy to accommodate you.

Advertising: We have done some advertising in the Irish newspapers during the St. Patrick's Day period. The results were good. A lot of people wrote in inquiring about membership in the AOH. It is my firm belief that selective advertising in the diocesan newspaper will produce good results. I would like to hear from you concerning advertising for membership or in areas where we have no existing divisions. If your county or division wants to go this route, would you write me; maybe I can help you with the project. If you need applications or other information, I will get you what you want.

The boys in Hawaii are working hard recruiting new members according to Herb Coleman. If anyone out

Regarding your request that I join the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, we are currently reviewing which of the caucuses we will be able to actively participate in. I have contacted the staff of the Irish Affairs Committee and told them that I wish to be kept up to date on all legislation pertaining to Ireland and would like to be included on their mailing list.

I appreciate you sharing your thoughts and comments on this issue.

With kind regards,
Bob Graham, United States Senator

The Sunday closest to August 21st, the date of the apparition of our Lady at Knock, Co. Mayo, is chosen by most counties. Many divisions and even counties can join together for the Mass and Rosary. If an outdoor shrine or grotto is available it makes an ideal place for this honor to Mary. Make it a family outing and invite friends and neighbors. Let's all make this year the best day ever and ask Mary through our prayers to intercede for a united Ireland with peace and justice for all. I believe if we all pray fervently enough to Our Lady of Knock and pray the Rosary daily, "Mary" as Queen of Ireland through her son will have our prayers answered. To all have a holy and healthy year.

John J. Foody
Chairman Catholic Action

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

Advertisers for the *National Hibernian Digest* continue to "join" the fine pages of your newspaper, with a number of new accounts making their debut.

It's still a pleasure that many of our veteran advertisers remain with the *National Hibernian Digest*. That would seem to say that they are getting results for their fine judgement in advertising with your newspaper. And just as important, it must also mean that you — the AOH members — are supporting our advertisers. Without your undivided backing, our advertisers would be in a difficult position. That would also mean, of course, that the newspaper would

there knows of a Hibernian living in Hawaii, please let me know. The same goes for members being transferred to other states. We can get you in contact with the nearest division of the AOH.

If you think being Irish is worth anything at all and are proud of your heritage and would like to contribute to mankind, why don't you sign up a new member today. For those Irish people living in remote areas who wish to become members, we can accommodate you and sign you up as a member at large, whereby you will receive the *Hibernian Digest* and other Hibernian mailings. Our hope would be that you would be able to start a division of the order. A leader is one person who can convince others that his cause is worthwhile. You might be that leader we are looking for. Why not contact us?

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MAI POIST na n3ael

hibernian postbag

TEACHING CHILDREN IRISH

Dear Editor:
I am writing on behalf of Colaiste na Banban, a non-profit group established to help children in the 11 to 13 age group improve their Irish. The course was organized in particular to help children whose fathers are unemployed or are in low income employment. There are no Irish language programmes on Telefís Éireann (except for a 5 min. slot for 3/4 year olds once a week.)

Our first course held in An Uaimh, Co. Meath, this summer was an outstanding success; for 14 consecutive days 24 children attended for 5 hours per day for formal classes in spoken Irish and then for 2 1/2 hours of games and sports through Irish. They were taught their prayers in Irish and the beautiful Sean O Riada Mass; and as Sunday mass in Irish is part of our course they sang our mass in Irish on three occasions (the first after only 5 days with us). Children and parents are all delighted with the course, and to help the children keep the Irish they learn during the course we have formed a club for them to come together every week in An Uaimh and for a day trip each month to the Meath Gaeltacht in Rath Cairn.

All of this takes money!
We employed a good professional teacher with two assistants, all native Irish speakers. We intend to take the children on a two-week camp next summer and to help them develop their full potentiality as Irish children. If they stay with us we will help with their exams in two/three years time. We will encourage them to respect their elders, and to respect our national flag and national anthem. We will also run a new day course next year, so that we should be expanding each year with both camps and day courses each summer and our youth clubs throughout the year.

We received some help from Conradh na Gaeilge and the Brian O'Higin's Committee (The Colaiste is named in honour of Brian who wrote as Brian na Banban.) However there is a limit to what local groups

can provide in terms of finance, and although we have a local fund-raising campaign, money is very scarce in Ireland at present and is likely to remain so for some time to come. Hence our appeal to your institute for financial assistance for our very worthy cause.

Cheques should be made out to Colaiste na Banban, Bank of Ireland, An Uaimh, Co. Meath.

Is mise, le meas,
Sean Mac Stiofain Runai
Secretary

MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES SUPPORT

Dear Legislator:

Re: MacBride Principles
Investment Act (1935)

The above noted legislation will shortly be before you for examination. I wish to convey to you the strong support of the Hibernian National Board for this bill and its objectives.

I ask you to consider these fundamental and relevant points:

(1) Not one businessman, investment advisor, banker or state official testified against similar MacBride Principles bills in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts or Connecticut! The Comptrollers of the New York State and New York City Retirement Systems, custodians of two of the 10 largest funds in the Country, are in fact supportive of the adoption of the Sullivan Principles and the MacBride Principles.

(2) There is no legal impediment either in the United States or in the United Kingdom to the adoption of the MacBride Principles. This has been determined in the American Brands decision and in the substantial testimony and opinion of Sir Peter Archer, the former Solicitor General of Great Britain.

(3) Dr. Christopher McCrudden, Lincoln College, Oxford, has unequivocally stated that the positive actions contemplated under the MacBride Principles are no different than the positive actions required under the Northern Ireland Sex Discrimination Order of 1976. The British government has thrown enough red herrings at this bill to sink

Fisherman's Wharf.

(4) The MacBride Principles have been advocated in annual corporate meetings for over two years, and adoption has now begun in state legislatures. The Quarterly Survey of Business Prospects in Northern Ireland prepared by P.A. Management Consultants and released on February 16, 1987 shows manufacturing investment up 26%. Apparently, the MacBride Principles do not scare businessmen as much as the British government. It was clear to all who favor adoption of the MacBride Principles that more critical criteria like devaluation of currencies, export/import duties, taxes, availability of raw material and transportation costs guide investment decisions, not the MacBride Fair Employment Principles. This would be particularly true of American companies now long accustomed to equal opportunity and affirmative action procedures.

I trust you will consider these factors in weighing the merits of this legislation. The potential impact of this bill is rather small when compared to the total workforce in Northern Ireland. However, a positive investment bill such as this will demonstrate Americans respect for fairness, their concern for peace and give hope to all in Ireland. I close noting the remarks of the Irish Prime Minister who stated on June 20, 1986. "I fully endorse the MacBride Principles and welcome the efforts and initiatives of concerned Americans who wish to see something done about the chronic discriminatory patterns in employment in Northern Ireland."

Thank you for your consideration.
Nicholas Murphy
National President

MEETING WITH MEESE SOUGHT

Edwin Meese III
Attorney General
United States Department
of Justice, Room 5111
10th and Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Meese:

In the past four years, the Department of Justice has conducted an unprecedented campaign to extradite, by means de jure or de facto, an Irish citizen named Joseph Doherty. The English government and the executive branch of our own want him returned to Northern Ireland for his participation in the Irish conflict. We have argued against the debasement of law brought about by the government's extraordinary conduct of this case and will continue to oppose this misuse of power. The government's positions have been time and time again determined to be without legal foundation; we submit they are without moral foundation as well.

The Department of Justice has succeeded in imprisoning Mr. Doherty for nearly four years during this legal battle. Too long separated from his country and his family, despite repeated decisions in his favor and adverse to the executive branch, Mr. Doherty made the decision no longer to contest entry of the order of deportation the executive branch had sought. On September 19, 1986, Immigration Judge Howard I. Cohen entered an order directing his deportation to Ireland, and the Irish government thereafter agreed to accept him on October 13, 1986.

Mr. Doherty's deportation to Ireland has been continuously though unsuccessfully challenged by the Department in an act of calculated cruelty which even Nazi collaborators have not been subjected to here in America. Justice Department legal papers filed to

prevent him from being returned to Ireland expressly state:

The designation of the Republic of Ireland as the country to which he wishes to be deported — where he would face possible prosecution for his escape from jail, but not for his other offenses due to double jeopardy type provisions of Irish law and which (sic) he may easily be in a position to engage in further terrorist activities — has serious foreign policy implications for the United States and may well adversely impact on our relations with other nations, especially the United Kingdom, with whom we have pledged mutual support in the fight against world wide terrorism. The deportation of a terrorist convicted of murder to a country where he will escape the full consequences of his acts is certainly "prejudicial to the interests of the United States" within the meaning of Section 243 (a) of the Act.

Thus the executive branch campaign to persecute a long Irish man has now become a concerted effort to denigrate the Irish government through innuendo of threats to national security. This must stop before an already inexplicable situation turns bizarre and potentially embarrassing to this administration.

We seek a meeting with you as soon as possible. We feel that only a personal dialogue will convey our deep concern for the welfare of Mr. Doherty and for his prompt return to Ireland.

The offices of Senator D'Amato, Congressman Fish, and Cardinal O'Connor have indicated an interest in having a representative at such meeting, in addition to those of us designated below.

We are confident you will see the merit in such meeting and await your indication of both time and date. If you have any questions or wish to confirm details, please contact Michael Cummings, National Director of Public Relations, Ancient Order of Hibernians, at (518) 482-0349.

Very truly yours,
Nicholas Murphy, Nat'l President
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Joseph Roche, President
Irish American Unity Conference
Joseph Jamison, Executive Director
Irish American Labor Coalition

COLUMNIST SCORED

Mr. Michael Kinsley
Washington Post
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kinsley:

Your column "Dual Loyalty? Why Ask?" is an interesting treatise on the issue, although I suspect much it is much-to-do-about-nothing. A careful examination of each spy story usually reveals an individual who has an enigmatic understanding of heritage and homeland and a more central concern for sex, power, money, revenge, etc. My principal concern was for a flippant reference to "probably finding 50 Irish Americans willing to spy against the U.S. for Albania."

You might be interested in knowing that if any Irish Americans are doing spying it is for America and not against it. Many were actually drawn to the profession when Major Donovan set up the U.S. intelligence (OSS) service after WWII. General Washington's success in our Revolutionary War was due in part to the information supplied him by an Irish printer in New York City. In fact I know of no linkage of any Irish-American to espionage. I do know that nearly half of the Congressional Medal of Honor awardees were either Irish or Irish-American. That legacy of valor commemorated by Hibernians at Valley Forge is but part of

the greater sacrifice of Irish Americans in every conflict America has engaged in. No ethnic group — including those of Jewish heritage — have made as great a sacrifice.

Your editors and research staff should not have allowed such an arrogant, unsubstantiated and patently offensive remark to be put in print.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Murphy
National President

SAVE THE LANGUAGE

Seamas O Gallchoir
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A Sheamais, a chara,

Just a short note to thank you for your kindness during my trip to Buffalo.

Though I failed to raise any money I was quite impressed by the spirit of all who were there. We are still slaving away trying to raise 120,000 pounds for the purchase of a building.

Would there be any Foundation in your area who might wish to endow us? It is certain that such Foundation or Business Company would be entitled to tax relief since our work is educational. If you could make the initial enquiries and if you thought an interest was being shown, you could contact me.

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TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

The Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers celebrated their 25th Anniversary by performing at a special 5:00 PM Mass, on Saturday, May 16, at St. Joseph's Church, Camillus, New York.

The Choraliers began in 1962, named in honor of the famous doctor-missionary, Thomas A. Dooley, who served as a Navy doctor in the jungles of Southeast Asia. He founded hospitals in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and other strange places.

In her book, entitled, *Sincerely, Tom Dooley*, Lucille Selsor states that, "He was like a burning flame, never burning out." These words parallel those of the late, William E. Cloonan, who wrote, "Tom Dooley, your memory's a flame, leaping to heaven and brightening your name." In 1962, the year following the death of Dr. Dooley, the words of William Cloonan were put to music by Michael E. Pinkasewicz, director of the Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers, in a song entitled "Courage of Tom Dooley." This song will be performed at the end of the Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church.

On the last weekend of May, the Choraliers traveled to St. Louis, the hometown of Dr. Tom Dooley, with air-travel paid by Anheuser-Busch. On Saturday, May 30, the Choraliers performed at a special Memorial Day Mass at the National Shrine of "Our Lady of the Snows," Belleville, Illinois (near St. Louis). The Divine Liturgy was held in a six thousand seat outdoor altar and amphitheatre, for the intention of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the beginning of the Marian Year. It was followed by a candlelight procession and recitation of the Rosary.

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John Hume's Dark Side

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politician." The flawed reasoning put forth by Hume in opposition to the MacBride Principles is, in substance, an English tactic and proves once again that next to the British ambassador he is Whitehall's waterboy par excellence. Ideally other Irishmen and women living under English rule should respond to his destructive drive here in America but state department censorship of Sinn Féin—which the media embraces—makes that impossible. Last September, SDLP members in convention openly expressed disbelief at their leader's position and now it falls to Americans of conscience to note the danger inherent in campaigning against fair employment of Catholics in the North.

For 65 years the entire machinery

of government in the North has crafted England's apartheid policy for Ireland by locating plants, training centers, and educational facilities east of the Bann River to promote both Protestant/Loyalist prosperity and Catholic emigration and poverty.

Today the enormity of this crime is now apparent to Americans if not to Mr. Hume. In August, 1986 the prestigious journal *Equal Opportunities Review* cited government statistics showing the unemployment rate among Catholics twice that of the Protestant community with 35% of the Catholic men without work. The unemployment figures in Catholic ghettos like Short Strand or Ballymurphy are much higher. This data—when broken down by sex, religion and age profiles—suggests job opportunities for Catholics is likely to worsen. The household (1983-84) and labor force (84-85) surveys depict a recipe for social disaster if anti-Catholic discrimination is not forcefully addressed.

Despite mounting evidence to the

contrary, Mr. Scott, minister for Northern Ireland, states that the government has a clear "commitment to equal opportunity." There is, in fact, no such commitment and the data clearly contradicts Mr. Scott. In 1982 in the government training centers only two Catholics were promoted to fill the 37 vacancies that occurred. Of the 248 school leavers employed by Harland-Wolfe, Short Bros., Mackies, Scotts and the Northern Ireland Electricity Board in 1984 only 13 were Catholics! Catholics rarely make up more than 10% of the workforce of these firms despite the fact they are all government owned and/or financed!! Hume protests to the *Boston Globe* that Americans advocating MacBride Principles "... Just don't know the damage they are doing." Based on the unemployment facts one is compelled to ask Mr. Hume, "What damage do Americans inflict and compared to whom?" To Mayor Flynn and others the answer is obvious. England is as committed to perpetuating inequality today as it was in 1920. English rule in Ireland is a lie no Hillsborough Agreement can turn to truth.

Hume's approach to the evil of this anti-Catholic discrimination can be described as anachronistic, spurious and ultimately dangerous. First, he appears to be in a colonial time warp awaiting the next misfeasance or munificence of the mother country. Dr. MacBride refers to this as the "slave mentality" and it is most apparent in Hume's ten-year acquiescence to the Fair Employment Agency (FEA) sham. England, forced by American MacBride Principles efforts, hurriedly issued a discussion paper in 1986—*Charter For Employment Equity*—which noted the many failures of the FEA and charted reforms. The charter is itself, of course, a fraud but made necessary because the real commitment to fair employment—the non-existent one—was exposed.

Second, his spurious notion that fair employment in the North can only be finessed and then only if Americans would help partition to

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Honorees of INA Banquet



BOSTON, MA: The 17th annual banquet of the Boston Unit of Irish Northern Aid was held here February 14 in the Dorothy Quincy Suite of the John Hancock. Six hundred were in attendance to hear New York law professor John McGrath condemn the "supergrass" trials in Northeast Ireland. Among the honorees were Sheila Lynch, Massachusetts LAOH state president and member of Div. 18, Salem; Michael Flannery, left, founder of INA; and Michael Bracken, right, member of INA.

Rhode Island News



PRESIDENT MIKE MALLOY (right) accepted a check for \$1038 from Charles Burns (center) and Harry Westley (left) co-chairmen of the Hibernian Committee to fight muscular dystrophy, at the Rhode Island division's April meeting. The donation will be turned over to Arthur Paiva, member of the M.D. Association's board. Brothers Burns and Westley covered numerous Hibernian functions seeking donations to their personal goal of \$1000. The two will be invited to present the AOH contribution on the M.D. telethon on the Labor Day weekend.

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Connecticut News

The 52nd Connecticut AOH Convention will be held in Naugatuck on June 6-7. Skip Hamel and Ann Harmon, Waterbury are co-chairpersons. The banquet will be held on Saturday night in the Waterbury AOH Hall; Tommy Doyle's band will provide the music; tickets are \$25 per person. President Phil Gallagher asks that Divisions plan to marshal all their delegates at the Convention. State President Phil Gallagher is running for re-election, Jim Gallagher is a candidate for vice-president, Ed McGuinness announced his candidacy for secretary and Bill McCarthy is available for another term as treasurer.

The MacBride Principles were approved by the State Legislature, a dramatic and rare victory for the Irish-Catholic community. The vote in the House was 114 in favor, 30 against and 7 abstentions. In the Senate the vote was 29 in favor and 6 opposed. The State AOH and the Irish American Unity Conference played major roles in securing this victory. The Bill is now going to Governor O'Neill for his signature; he has vowed support.

The New London Division raised \$250 from their St. Patrick's Day Dance to be donated to the Ireland Fund. This fund is the equivalent of the United Way in this country. Thanks to John O'Keeffe and Joe Coleman for a job well done.

A reminder from the State Board concerning the annual Golf Tournament on October 11. Divisions are asked to enter at least one foursome, and are asked to sponsor a flag (hole) for \$50, to be donated to the State Irish Way program.

Speaking of the Irish Way program, one 1987 scholarship was awarded by the State Board. The recipient is not yet known, however, as the state committee's recommendations are now being reviewed by the Irish American Cultural Institute in St. Paul, Minn.

Four feisanna are being held in the state: June 7 in Glastonbury, June 28 in New Haven, July 12 in Stamford and August 30 in New London. The North American Feis Commission's Junior Irish Dancing Championship competition will be held at the New London feis this year; in 1986 it was held at the Buffalo, NY feis. A curragh race is again being planned in concert with the New London Feis.

The annual Glastonbury Irish Festival will be held July 24-26 at the Irish American Home. Continuous music, refreshments and cultural events will again be available.

The JFK Division, No. 1, Bridgeport, held its 37th annual Communion Breakfast at Journey's



Inn on Sunday, March 15. The breakfast followed Mass in St. Charles Borromeo Church. The Mass was concelebrated by Most Rev. Walter Curtis Bishop of Bridgeport; Rev. Mgr. Joseph Potter, Pastor; and Rev. Nicholas Irwin (Co. Tipperary), officiating. The event was attended by more than 450 men, who heard a vigorous address by Senator Chris Dodd. Senator Dodd spoke about the new extradition treaty and the plight of Joe Doherty; Sen. Dodd is one of the rare visitors to Joe Doherty. This successful occasion was due to hard-working committee chaired by Brother James Lawler.

The Bridgeport Division is planning to sponsor a curragh rowing club to be entered in the North American Curragh Association. Other Divisions are asked to consider forming rowing teams for in-state competitions. This growing Irish sport is a good Irish cultural attraction for the young Irish-Americans, boys and girls.

The Bridgeport JFK Division and the Connecticut State Board of the AOH have both sent donations to the United Way Victims' Fund of L'Ambiance Plaza, which is administered by the Red Cross.

The Bridgeport Division is also planning to hold the Major Degree of the Order in early fall of this year.

The Waterbury Division will host a gala Testimonial Dinner-Dance for Ladies National AOH President Sheila Clifford on October 31.

The planned April Tri-State AOH Committee was cancelled because of a conflict in the scheduling of events in the Worcester AOH Hall.

Holiday or Not, He Tends the Flag

By JOHN LAIDLER

News Staff: Salem News

Most people wouldn't think of taking time off on their holiday to do something seemingly as mundane as putting up the American flags.

But Owen Fallon is a little different from the average citizen. The 72-year-old city hall custodian is by his own confession hung up about flags. "I'm a flag watcher," he says.

"When we went to the war in the 40s, there were flags all over the place," he recalls, with more than a trace of nostalgia.

Nowadays, he says flags are few and far between. And all too often they are mistreated, or hung improperly. The custodian is fond of pointing to a snapshot he took in May of this year which shows the Probate Court building on Federal Street featuring an upside down Old Glory.

"It gets me when people don't show more respect for the flag," says the lifelong Salem resident.

To Fallon, flags are more than a patch of cloth. "To me, it means Flanders Field, the Gold Star Mothers and all the wars."

"Flanders Field" is a reference to a favorite poem of Fallon's about the effects of war. "It's where the poppies are," he says, reciting a line. The Gold Star Mothers is an organization of women who have lost sons at war.

The custodian recalls the reaction of his mother when the family received a letter that his brother, John, was missing in action. "She went through the roof. I never want to go through that again." His brother later turned up at a POW camp.

Fallon, a City Hall custodian for 16 years, has been in charge of the daily



OWEN FALLON is hoisting Old Glory at Salem's City Hall, a daily activity he cherishes.

hoisting and taking down of the flag for the building for the last few years. It is a small task, but one he takes pride in.

"I think it's a patriotic duty to see that the flag is up," he says. (Brother Fallon is a member of Div. 18, Salem, Mass.)

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Irish Ad Hoc Congressional Committee — 1987 Releases

On January 5, 1987, Congressman Biaggi met with leaders of major Irish American organizations, including representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish National Caucus, the Irish Northern Aid Committee, the American Irish Congress and the American Irish National Political Education Committee. Biaggi called the Washington meeting "very helpful and constructive in terms of identifying issues where there is a consensus in the community for action." Congressman Biaggi invited the representatives to attend the first official meeting of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs of the 100th Congress in order "for leaders of the Irish American community to present their agenda for the 100th Congress for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee." (That meeting took place on February 4, 1987).

After the two meetings were concluded, Congressman Biaggi outlined the major concerns of the ten-year-old committee as including the monitoring of the U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland to insure non-discriminatory distribution; the passing of legislation to require U.S. companies in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles for Fair Employment; and the reviewing of U.S. visa policy as it relates to Northern Ireland. Biaggi renewed the commitment of the Committee to overturn elements of the Extradition Treaty between the U.S. and the U.K. and to push for a new investigation into the R.U.C. "shoot to kill" policy.

February 24, 1987 — *Biaggi Congratulates Haughey*: Congressman Mario Biaggi, on behalf of himself and the 114 Members of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, sent a telegram of congratulations to Charles Haughey, newly elected Taoiseach of the Irish Republic.

March 16, 1987 — *Biaggi Led Congressional Group Issues St. Patrick's Day Message of Peace*: A bi-partisan group of 52 House and Senate members led by U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi have issued a St. Patrick's Day message of peace declaring that "on St. Patrick's Day and every day, we maintain a firm commitment to peace, justice and freedom in Northern Ireland and Ireland."

April 15, 1987 — *President Reagan Authorizes Release of First In-*

statement of U.S. Aid to Northern Ireland: U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi said that President Reagan has authorized the release of the first 50 million of the 120 million dollars in U.S. aid to Northern Ireland and Ireland after certifying to Congress that the funds will be distributed "in accordance with the principle of equality of opportunity and non-discrimination in employment regardless of religious affiliation." The terms of this certification follows legislation adopted by Congress last year which insures non-discriminatory distribution of aid to Northern Ireland and Ireland and on which "the Ad Hoc Committee worked especially hard." It is hoped that the U.S. aid will generate employment in both Northern Ireland and Ireland and leverage private investment and support.

April 23, 1987 — *Biaggi and Committee Meet With Wife of One of the "Birmingham Six"*: Congressman Mario Biaggi released a statement in which he welcomed Catherine McKelney, wife of Richard McKelney, to a hearing held by the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs on April 23. Mrs. McKelney's testimony detailed the arrest and conviction of her husband, one of the so-called "Birmingham Six" — six Irishmen charged with the bombing of two public houses in Birmingham, England. Biaggi stated that due to the "questionable procedures used in the arrest, and trial, as well as the ill treatment while in prison," of the Birmingham Six, the Ad Hoc Committee would petition the British government for a retrial.

May 11, 1987 — *Biaggi Dismayed By State Department Opposition to MacBride Principles Legislation — Seeks Hearings*: U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi today released the text of a State Department letter in opposition to legislation urging American companies to adopt the MacBride Principles. Biaggi said he found the State Department's opposition especially puzzling in light of the law under which U.S. economic aid will be distributed in Ireland and Northern Ireland. That law states that in order for the President to be able to spend the funds, he had to have certified to Congress that the funds would be spent in both communities without discrimination based on religion. This certification was received in March. Biaggi continued, "The MacBride Principles would be the tools of enforcement for the certification, yet the Administration opposes them."

Adams at Oxford

Gerry Adams was elected by the Nationalist people of Northern Ireland and is a member of the British government. He is consistently denied a visa by the U.S. Department of State to visit and speak in the United States on behalf of the Nationalists. The AOH National Board invited Mr. Adams to address the National Convention in Buffalo, New York in 1986, but again, a visa request was denied. The following excerpts are from a debate held in the Oxford Debating Hall in England in March 1987.

Reprinted from "The Irish People."

ALMOST 800 students packed into the Oxford Debating Hall on Thursday, March 5th, to hear Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams oppose the motion: "That IRA violence is not justified and can never lead to a satisfactory political solution in Ireland."

Adams' visit to Britain and the surrounding controversy, had ensured a full attendance. For over two hours, hundreds queued in drizzling rain to undergo strict security checks before being admitted to the hall. According to one Six-County student who was present:

"There was a heavy and oppressive police presence with riot units, mounted police and sniffer dogs. They had even brought in the armed Diplomatic Protection Group from Thames Valley police headquarters."

'MORAL COWARDS'

Despite this, a demonstration in support of Adams was held behind the police lines and as he arrived he was enthusiastically cheered. Inside the hall he was warmly greeted as he negotiated his way through dozens of students forced to sit on the floor to hear the debate.

Most of the original speakers had withdrawn because of Adams' participation and in his opening remarks he described them as "moral cowards." Replacement speakers were found by the Oxford Union and for two hours each side argued its case.

In the course of his address, Gerry Adams said: I have heard motions like this debated in many forums. Tonight, in keeping with the debating history of this union, I thought I might have heard something original and inspiring, something which may have led to the IRA laying down its weapons and embracing British imperialism. I am disappointed.

All this trouble and all we heard was the same old rhetoric: "IRA violence is wrong because we say so." An awkward word 'violence,' especially when it is necessary to be precise about the language we use — violence has many manifestations — the violence of physical force, the violence of imprisonment, the violence of institutionalised discrimination, the violence of deprivation, the violence of

dispossession, the violence of state repression. Strange that only the IRA is described by such a word — the British? Oh the British are involved in peacekeeping! But then this abuse of language is nothing new. The IRA is always referred to as terrorist, the occupying army as the 'security forces'. Repression is 'the restoration of law and order'. British soldiers 'kill', IRA Volunteers 'murder'. The IRA never kill or injure civilians — their victims are always gunmen or rioters. They are terrorists after all and that's what terrorists do, isn't it?

The republicans have kangaroo courts, the British have a judicial system — no jury, a British judge and strange rules for the admissibility of evidence but not a kangaroo in sight.

I almost forgot to mention morality. A most important ingredient in denying the right of a people to freedom or to recourse to armed struggle as a means of resistance. Only it's not morality at all. It is merely a political code disguised as a moral code. If violence is wrong morally then all violence is wrong. But of course we are never told that. It is only the violence of the oppressed, I mean the terrorist, which is wrong and the violence of the oppressor is never even questioned because the oppressor is really the peace-keeper and peacekeepers never use violence.

St. Ronnie Reagan of Tripoli or St.

Margaret Thatcher of the Malvinas have morality on their side. And at gunpoint they tell us it is immoral to use force.

In this century they and their predecessors have killed 60 million people in wars caused by imperialism. One hundred and ten million have been crippled, tens of additional millions have died from disease, all resulting from imperialist wars. Eleven million have been murdered in gas chambers, shot or hanged. At least three million have been slaughtered by air raids — by napalm bombs. Aggression is a way of life for imperialism. And so it is in Ireland where, as in other colonial situations, those wishing to oppose imperialism have little choice but to use force.

And those who use force to put us down or who ignore this dimension of violence tell us that a legitimate resistance army like the IRA is not justified in using force, unless it's the ANC of course or any other liberation movement — as long as it's far away. Most long-distance liberals or long-distance Christians in this country have little problem with far-distant struggles, necklace executions and all. It's called expediency, but that's another story.

Imagine, my friends, if you will, that a foreign power had succeeded in occupying this country in the last

A Commentary

Nativism Comes Out of the Closet

By KEVIN G. LONG

Al Smith lost the 1928 presidential election partly because of his religion. Various nativist groups including the Ku Klux Klan fanned the flames of anti-Catholic prejudice by spreading wild rumors about a Vatican conspiracy to take over the United States. Smith accepted his defeat in good humor and allegedly sent a telegram to the Pope which read simply: "UNPACK!"

Since that time, the ultimate nightmares of nativist bigots have actually come to pass, but without their predicted results. A Catholic has occupied the White House without betraying the nation to "a foreign despot" in Rome. More recently, the Pope himself has set foot on American shores and was hailed by multitudes of sneering Papists shouting "Viva il Papa." Yet the American Republic remains intact.

Nevertheless, it is astonishing to find that nativist bigotry still thrives across the country. In recent months, the efforts of Pope John Paul II to restore order to his confused and troubled church have been harshly condemned and bitterly mocked in the secular media. And on the eve of his second visit to America, men of less than good will are repeating Smith's message: "UNPACK!"

Part of the papal agenda is an ecumenical prayer service at the University of South Carolina on September 11. Most religious organizations — including the 700,000 member South Carolina Baptist Convention — will welcome the Pope with enthusiasm. The same cannot be said of the Rev. Bob Jones, who is leading a campaign against the event.

Rev. Jones insisted that Catholicism "is not Christian in the biblical sense by any means" and castigated his fellow Baptists for compromising themselves. "We speak out vigorously in condemning

war. Imagine they secured, through a system of patronage and privilege, the support of a section of your fellow citizens. Imagine that they were forced to withdraw their military establishment out of most of this country except that part occupied by their loyalists. Imagine they partitioned this country and claimed ownership and sovereignty over that part of this land on the pretext that a majority in the partitioned area wished it so. Would disloyal citizens entrapped within the partitioned area or other patriots outside that area be morally justified in using force to rectify that situation? Of course they would! And so it is in my country.

And if you doubt the accuracy of the scenario I have outlined, you know nothing of the history of the conquest of Ireland or of the barbaric methods used to subvert the Irish right to national self-determination or to civil and religious liberties or of the partition of Ireland by the British against the wishes of all the Irish people, loyalists and nationalists alike.

And when we look at the history of British colonialism — from the invention of the concentration camp during the Boer War, to the massacre in India, to the Holca Prison deaths in Kenya, to the indictment on torture charges before the

Pope to "stay home."

"This pope has set back Roman Catholic relations with the Reformation churches more than any other pope in human memory," Cromey wrote in a *San Francisco Chronicle* editorial. "His anti-sexualism smacks of bigotry in the highest order. The pope's statements on homosexual persons are laced with archaic religious assumptions and astonishing arrogance."

In subsequent statements to the press, Cromey predicted "serious anti-papal demonstrations" and issued a thinly-veiled threat of violence. "I don't think the mayor and police have any idea of the hostility and anger homosexual people have toward the pope," Cromey added. "I think people could get physically hurt."

Another anti-papal organizer is Jon Wahl, a San Francisco attorney who belongs to the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club and chairs the Papal Visit Task Force — a coalition of gays, lesbians, pro-abortionists, feminists, and advocates of women's ordination.

"We are preparing a significant, strong, even unforgettable reception for what really is a foreign prince coming to our country to preach against the freedoms many of us have fought for many years to achieve," said Wahl. "We are in no mood to meet this man, [but] we'll take him on. . . . We're mad as hell."

Although the shrill voices of anti-papal sentiment will be amplified in the equally anti-Catholic media, they do not represent the overwhelming majority of Americans. To the average citizen, Pope John Paul II represents the papacy in its finest hour an international symbol of decency, peace and Christian charity. If that message sounds "foreign" to Rev. Jones or Rev. Cromey, perhaps the cheering crowds will teach them something about American ideals — and hospitality.

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political solution. Most thinking people and all democrats will concede that such a solution would involve conditions upon which a peaceful, united and just society would be established by the people who live in Ireland, by the Irish people. They would also concede that this is a matter for the Irish people and not the business of the British government.

Furthermore, most honest people will concede that British involvement in Ireland has never led to a satisfactory political solution for the people of Ireland, or for the people of Britain either. Logic dictates that the removal of British involvement is a prerequisite for a satisfactory political solution. The IRA's energies are geared towards the removal of that presence. Can anyone here say with any certainty that they will never be successful in attaining that objective? The history of British colonialism shows that they will be successful and that the British government will be forced, as it has been elsewhere, to withdraw from Ireland. Within the new situation created by this democratic measure it would then be a matter of business-like negotiations between representatives of all the Irish people to set the constitutional, economic, social and political arrangements for a new Irish state.

As you ponder tonight's proposition consider the words of a certain Lord Lloyd speaking to the Aden Legislative Council in May 1956. He told the natives:

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Boston Report

By KEVIN MURPHY
(Reprinted from *The Irish People*.)

Anti-Irish Press

The *Boston Herald* is attempting to make "paddy bashing" a popular event in its pages. Paddy bashing is a term used to define anti-Irish attitudes in the British press. Rupert Murdoch's *Boston Herald* really went overboard in its April 6th edition. The paper's star writer, Howie Carr, brought anti-Irish journalism to a new low.

Carr's April 6th column described the Irish as such: "Screw the Boston Irish and their reactionary Church. Like it? Boston is a political blephouse run by potato faced Irish hooligans." It goes on to state that: "The Irish overbite, freckles on the hands, liquor on the breath and a relative in a no-show job, which we down-homers call Irish welfare." As if that is not bad enough, Carr writes: "P.S. Sean O'Casey said that Ireland was full of Protestants and Catholics but no Christians. Joseph Conrad was right: exterminate the brutes. Keep shoving it to the Irish bleeps in Somerville, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn and Revere." Then he states: "Oh yeah, Malden, too."

For readers not familiar with Boston, these places are cities around Boston with large Irish communities. Carr claimed in the column that these statements and others printed were reflections from readers. Who is Carr kidding? This is one of many times in recent years that Carr has attacked the Irish. He frequently portrays the Irish as devious, ruthless, drunken and unworthy.

Murdoch

Would Howie Carr write ethnic slurs about other ethnic groups? I hardly think so. This *Boston Herald* has been insulting the Irish since Murdoch purchased it five years ago. The trash-like journalism of Carr is disgusting and only appeals to the bigoted or weakminded. Insults would not be printed about other ethnic groups.

We Boston Irish are like lemmings being led down a path of lethargy by some of our politicians. There is no reason under the sun why trash like this should be printed in a large Boston daily in 1987. Where are the politicians of the Boston area who are always pictured in the Boston Irish papers and national media as being friends of the Irish? Why don't our Mayor or so-called pro-Irish state representatives speak out against the

wave of anti-Irish journalism coming from the pages of the *Boston Herald*? It is wrong to ignore the anti-Irish sentiments in the press. These "leaders" are afraid to speak out for fear of raising the ire of Murdoch's peddlers of bigotry at the *Herald*.

I urge readers from all over America to write a letter of protest to Mr. Patrick Purcell, Manager, the *Boston Herald*, One Herald Square, Boston, Mass. 02106. Purcell is in charge of all operations at the *Herald*.

Discrimination

In the American media we often hear about past discrimination suffered by other ethnic groups in America. Yet, we hardly ever hear about the severe discrimination felt by Irish Americans. Here in Boston, in this century, signs in factories and other business establishments seeking employees stated in bold letters: "No Irish Need Apply." In the Boston papers, employment notices stated "N.I.N.A." which meant the same thing.

Before that, anti-Irish riots were staged by so-called nativists. Patrick Collins, who became Mayor of Boston, was beaten in one such riot as a youth. The Irish in Boston, New York and Philadelphia lived in horrible conditions upon arriving here. It wasn't until James Michael Curley's election to the positions of Mayor of Boston, U.S. Congressman, and Governor that the Bay State Irish began to make gains and overcome these wrongs.

Curley told the WASP bankers and gentry of Boston's Beacon Hill that, "It took the Irish to finally make Massachusetts a decent place to live." Curley fought hard for all other ethnic groups as well. Surges of anti-Irish attitudes such as those perpetuated by the *Herald* are throwbacks to the bad old days.

We here in Boston today, though, lack politicians with courage enough to stand up for the Irish. Some of our misguided Irish Americans feel that because they are prominent in politics or business, they should not take notice or show concern about slurs. Anti-Irish slurs know no socioeconomic boundaries. They are meant for all of us.

Bernardo O'Higgins

Pope John Paul II recently visited Chile and celebrated Mass at Bernardo O'Higgins Park. Bernardo O'Higgins led Chile to freedom from

Spain. O'Higgins, in the early and mid 1800s was a brave general who fought for freedom, and he became Chile's first President. Today this Irishman with Mayo roots is revered as the Father of Chile.

Comments are welcomed at P.O. Box 8895 — Kennedy Station, Boston, Mass. 02114.

2/3 in Britain Want Army Out of North

LONDON — British troops should be pulled out of Northern Ireland, according to nearly two-thirds of people in Britain. More than half the population believes Britain spends too much on its military presence in the North.

These are the findings of a pool conducted by the *Daily Express*.

The poll, published last week was conducted among 1,103 people aged over 18 in 74 constituencies throughout Britain. It is the first on the Northern question since 1984 and shows a gradual change in attitudes.

The proportion of people who would like to see the army withdrawn immediately has stayed at 22 percent, while those who would like to see a phased withdrawal has increased by eight percent to 39 percent. And 55 percent believes military spending in the North is costing the British taxpayer too much.

Only 34 percent are in favor of British troops remaining while violence continues — four percent fewer than in 1984. The poll shows that Catholics and Protestants would vote almost identically for an immediate withdrawal, although more Catholics would favor a phased withdrawal.

Labor and Alliance Party voters heavily outnumbered Tories on both propositions.

The Irish question was not given priority by any of those polled in a list of problems facing Britain. Forty-five percent blamed religion as the major cause of the troubles.

Only nine percent believed the North's future should be left in the hands of its politicians. Seventy percent considered the Rev. Ian Paisley a force of evil, with just six percent believing him a positive influence for good.

From *The Irish Echo*.



First Installment of U.S. Aid Released to N.I. and Ireland

WASHINGTON D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) states that President Reagan has authorized the release of the first \$50 million in United States aid to Northern Ireland and Ireland after certifying to Congress that the funds will be distributed "in accordance with the principle of equality of opportunity and non-discrimination in employment regardless of religious affiliation."

Biaggi is Chairman of the 119 Member, bi-partisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. He said the certification is required under the terms of the legislation passed by Congress last year which authorizes a total of \$120 million over three years in first-time aid. "The Ad Hoc Committee worked especially hard to get the conditions included in the final bill since it was not in the legislation as originally proposed. The President's certification means that not only will the intent of Congress be honored, but that both communities in Ireland will benefit from the U.S. aid."

The President's certification also includes his determination that the Board of the International Fund, which will distribute the monies, "as a whole is broadly representative of the interests of the communities in

Ireland and Northern Ireland." The International Fund is chaired by Mr. Charles Brett, former Chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and former Chairman of the Irish Labor Party.

Biaggi noted that the President's communication to Congress indicates that funds from the International Fund will be allocated to allow Northern Ireland to receive 75 percent and the Republic of Ireland 25 percent of the resources. Among the specific criteria to be used in awarding funds will be a particular proposal's ability to:

- generate employment in both Northern Ireland and Ireland.
- leverage private investment and support.

Biaggi noted that in a separate meeting held between the U.S. Consul General to Northern Ireland, Bob Meyers and Ad Hoc Committee Staff Director Robert Blancato several weeks ago, it was disclosed that more than 2,000 applications for funding have been received by the Board just in Northern Ireland. Preliminary indications show that both communities are evenly represented in terms of applications.

Biaggi pledged to continue to "closely monitor the actual distribution of aid in the weeks ahead."

Congressional Group Issues St. Patrick's Peace Message

A bi-partisan group of 53 House and Senate Members led by U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) have issued a St. Patrick's Day message of peace declaring "that on St. Patrick's Day and everyday, we maintain a firm commitment to assisting the just cause of peace, justice and freedom for Northern Ireland and Ireland."

Biaggi is Chairman of the bi-partisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs which is celebrating its 10th anniversary during 1987. His message was co-signed by Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ). In addition, it was co-signed by Reps. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), Bob Borski (D-PA), Norman Lent (R-

NY), Thomas Manton (D-NY), Joseph DiGuardi (R-NY), Gary Ackerman (D-NY), Robert Roe (D-NJ), Bob Mrazek (D-NY), James Traficant (D-Ohio), Ed Towns (D-NY), Thomas Downey (D-NY), Ron Dellums (D-Cal), Jim Chapman (D-Texas), Austin Murphy (D-PA), Joe Kotler (D-PA), Walter Jones (D-NC), Bill Coyne (D-PA), Joseph Gaydos (D-PA), Tom Lantos (D-Cal), William Hughes (D-NJ), Paul Kanjorski (D-PA), Douglas Applegate (D-Ohio), Robert Garcia (D-NY), Sander Levin (D-Michigan), Charles Rangel (D-NY), Bernard J. Dwyer (D-NJ), Frank Annunzio (D-IL), Peter Rodino (D-NJ), Frank Guarini (D-NJ), Joseph Brennan (D-Maine), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Hamilton Fish (R-NY), James Scheuer (D-NY),

Charles Hayes (D-IL), Jim Jeffords (R-Vt), Bruce Vento (D-Minn), George Hockbrueckner (D-NY), James Howard (D-NJ), Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), Robert Dornan (R-Cal), Doug Walgren (D-Pa), Matthew Martinez (D-Cal), Curt Weldon (D-Pa), Nick Mavroules (D-Mass), Bruce Morrison (D-Ct), Tom Carper (D-De), Major Owens (D-NY), and Sonny Montgomery (D-Miss).

The message said that recently approved first-time U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland would be a "tangible and timely investment in Northern Ireland's peaceful future" provided that conditions ensuring funds are provided to both communities without discrimination are strictly adhered to.

The Congressional message expressed deep concern over continued economic discrimination in Northern Ireland. It specifically called for passage of legislation to require American companies who provide 11 percent of the employment in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment and Non-Discrimination "as a new code of corporate conduct in Northern

Ireland."

The Congressional message called for a "change" in our nation's visa policy as it affects political figures from Ireland visiting the United States. The Biaggi statement charges that "present visa policies have led to the exclusion of certain segments and to deny one segment is to impose censorship on elements of the Irish American community."

The St. Patrick's Day message of peace included a strong condemnation of violence, both civilian and official, in Northern Ireland. It specifically called for the British government to undertake the complete and independent investigation into allegations that the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the main police force in Northern Ireland, practiced a "shoot to kill" policy which may have resulted in the deaths of 18 unarmed persons over the past four years.

The message concluded, "On this the 200th anniversary year of our own Constitution, let us recommit ourselves to the goal of having Ireland, like the United States, be one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

N.Y. Comptroller's Progress On Investment Act Reported

Assemblyman John C. Dearie, in a follow-up report on the State Comptroller's meeting with over a dozen Irish-American leaders last month in New York, outlined Mr. Regan's progress on the implementation of the Northern Ireland Investment Act which became effective January 1st of this year.

"The Comptroller outlined to the delegation his two-prong approach to incorporating the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment into the New York State pension investment portfolio in twelve of the twenty-six U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

"Namely, placing pressure as the bill outlines on U.S. companies which receive New York pension monies, now totaling approximately \$1 billion, to adopt the nine-point fair employment code, or risk losing those investments to other U.S. companies which will subscribe to the Principles, and secondly, pressuring those same companies through the use of shareholder resolutions to end discrimination against minority Catholic employees in the workplace," the Bronx lawmaker explained.

Key to the effectiveness of the Comptroller's implementation plan is the development of a corporate survey which will be forwarded to the twenty-six U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland in an effort to gather employment and hiring information so as to examine the workplace policies relative to minority Catholic employees and the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment.

According to Dearie, "serious reservations were raised by the Irish-American delegation as to the content and development of such a survey. Specifically, their objections were predicated on the appointment of a March Merzingham who is alleged to have anti-MacBride Principles associations."

The Comptroller agreed to re-evaluate the contract for the development of the survey, and fur-

ther, will invite a Task Force of Irish-American leaders to review the corporate survey for their suggestions and recommendations prior to its final form. A draft of the survey is expected shortly.

"Besides the provisions of the MacBride Bill, the Comptroller possesses and plans to utilize a second powerful weapon in the effort to end discrimination against minority Catholic employees in U.S. companies in Northern Ireland, and that is the use of shareholder resolutions," Dearie explained.

The Comptroller pointed to his plan of active participation in the corporate shareholder meetings of U.S. companies that operate businesses in Northern Ireland, with focus on advancing resolutions which would change corporate policies that presently allow employment discrimination to exist in their plants.

According to Comptroller Regan three percent of corporate shareholders are needed before filing and advancing resolutions, a process which he explained his office is aggressively undertaking with the first filings to begin this August for the 1988 shareholder meetings.

Irish-American leaders attending the review meeting on the Comptroller's implementation plan were: Nick Murphy, National President, Aoh; Jack Irwin, NYS AOH President; Kathy Holmes, Chairwoman, American-Irish Congress; John Finucane, Director, American-Irish PEC; Michael Cummings, State Board AOH; Tom Connaughton, President, Grand Council of Emerald Societies; Johanna Brown, Westchester Irish Committee; Joe Jamison, Irish-American Labor Coalition; Martin Galvin, Editor, Irish People; Mary Holt Moore, Bronx Gaelic League; and Patricia O'Hagan, President, Irish-American Unity Conference.

Another meeting of the Irish-American leadership delegation with the Comptroller on the implementation of the MacBride Principles is tentatively planned for mid-summer.

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Chairman, Minnesota Branch
Irish American Unity Conference

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Minnesota Gears Up for MacBride Principles Bill

Irish Americans often remark that they do not want to be involved in the situation in Northern Ireland because of the violence that occurs there on a daily basis. One of the root causes of that violence is the discrimination in hiring that has occurred in that country during the past sixty years. Americans are shocked to hear that in most of Northern Ireland's largest manufacturers the percentage of Catholics employed is approximately 5%, although Catholics comprise roughly 40% of the population. In general, Catholics, when hired, fill the lowest paying jobs in these companies. Unemployment among Catholic males in all segments of the economy is approximately 40% and as high as 80% in many of the Catholic ghettos.

Irish Americans, with the help of Americans of all national origins, have taken the first steps to help remedy this situation which is so repugnant to them. Irish American organizations have joined forces to promote legislation to implement the MacBride Principles, a set of nine principles named after Sean MacBride, distinguished Irish Statesman and Nobel Peace Laureate. Legislation has already been approved in Massachusetts, New York, Chicago, and New York City which requires that state or city funds invested in American corporations with operations in Northern Ireland be invested only in those corporations which abide by the MacBride Principles. Similar legislation is now pending or in the process of being introduced in New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, California, Rhode Island, and in our own state of Minnesota.

This will be a golden opportunity for the American people to do something for Ireland in the area of human rights by letting the British Government know that we are looking over their shoulders and that we do not tolerate such blatant discrimination in American corporations. We hope that our example will ultimately affect British policy in this area which to date has been one largely of compiling statistics but doing nothing.

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FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

Sunday, May 3rd, 1987 was a special day for the Freedom For All Ireland Committee. On that day at 3:00 p.m., a beautiful Mass was offered in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Center, NY, bringing together men and women to implore God's intercession for peace and reunification in Ireland.

The Mass was celebrated by Fathers McIver, Twomy, McGuire, McManus and Millar. Our Chairman was the very capable and dedicated member of Division 3, Nassau, John Bownes, who hails from Co. Sligo. John deserves a vote of thanks for a wonderful job. As in previous years we were escorted into the Cathedral by the Tara Pipers Band from Massapequa, Long Island. The District Attorney of Nassau County, Denis Dillon, acted as moderator, and various members of the National and State Boards participated in the readings. Noel Kingston favored us with his lovely singing voice, and the ushers for the afternoon were the Nassau County Division Presidents, and County President, Hugh Forde. We were very pleased to have our National President, Nick Murphy, the Ladies National President, Sheila Clifford, and N.Y. State President Jack Irwin with us on this auspicious occasion. Many of our politicians were also present, including County Executive, Thomas Gulotta, who took time from his busy schedule to attend.

This is the ninth year that the Freedom for All Ireland Committee has sponsored this event. We thank all who joined with us to implore God's help. To those who were not able to attend, please try to do so next year; you will be advised of the date in the future. We really need to pray together for God's help in our cause.

We must not forget the suffering and oppressed people of Northeast Ireland and especially the youth who are in jail for love of country. Please remember them in your prayers. Further, I would suggest that every Division, County and State try to have at least one Mass offered during the year for peace and the reunification of Ireland.

Do you realize that there are approximately 40 million Americans of Irish blood in this great country of ours? This is a sizable amount of people — a strong voice if it would only speak — we must be heard. Write to your elected officials and let them know your feelings about the British presence in Northern Ireland. Our government will get involved if there is enough pressure brought about from us. While you're at it, drop a line to Margaret Thatcher as well, and let her know of your resentment to Britain being in Northeast Ireland. You all know her address, 10 Downing Street, London. We must speak up if we are ever to see an end to the conflict in Ireland. It's time we were heard; it's time for a United Ireland!!!!

God bless!

MARTIN HIGGINS
There's No Turning Back
The next time you wonder about whether or not we are making any progress at all, take a deep breath and consider the recent past. Our journey together toward peace, justice, and unity for all of Ireland has been a series of gigantic leaps coupled with inch-by-inch advances. But even the longest journey begins with a single step forward.

At the outset, let us be honest. Our ranks are filled with blue collars, white collars, housewives, senior citizens, college students — and thank God for the Jews, Italians, and others whose dedication inspires us all. We have taken on the government of a centuries-old (though shrinking!) empire that has a modern army, an intelligence (?) service, and influence which extends to our own American government and media.

Yet, we have seen the concept of the MacBride Principles begin to take root at the federal and state levels, sending tremors of panic through Stormont and Whitehall. There has been an emerging recognition that the explosive situation in the north of Ireland has evolved from longstanding and pervasive discrimination fostered by Britain. Thus we have seen our government ban the sale of arms to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and, more recently, the cancellation of the U.S. Air Force contract with Short Brothers. Amnesty International has repeatedly condemned human rights abuses in the Six Counties and some of our own congressmen have

begin to question the State Department's heavy-handed use of the McCarran-Walter Act to deny visas to Irish nationalists seeking to share the truth with the American public. In addition, we have gained some true friends in elective office at every level who have aided and encouraged our development as a special interest group that is starting to enjoy some clout, but still has a lot to learn.

Assuredly, we must continue to promote the accelerating momentum for change in the Six Counties. We cannot permit defeatist attitudes of our own impatience to sidetrack us. Regardless of the unflattering labels used to describe many of us, we are an important part of the Irish nationalist movement, as well as of the American electorate, and we are determined that things will never be exactly the same again in the north of Ireland.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland Committee
Adams at Oxford
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The importance of Aden both strategically and economically... is such that (the government) cannot foresee the possibility of any fundamental relaxation of their responsibilities for the colony." He meant Britain was never going to leave Aden. Eleven years later, in November

Ireland's Tragedy — Labour's Disgrace

By FIONNBARA O'DOCHARTAIGH, B.A., O.N. Dip.
League for Social Justice, Derry, N.I.

As the bells rang out, and the few ships at the nearby docks welcomed in 1987, memories of new year hopes for 1967 came flooding back. That was a year that was to mark the establishment of the six-county civil rights movement. The initial meeting in Belfast attracted a mere forty activists from the republican movement, Wolfe Tone Society, trade unionists and a sprinkling of academics. From Derry, in a van that was hardly road-worthy, travelled a Dublin-born lecturer from Magee University College, an Englishwoman, who later stood as a local Labour Party candidate, and myself, which was not the most heartening of delegations from a city that had suffered most since partition under the Stormont regime.

The discussions included hopes of support in Britain from the Labour Party there. Twenty years later it is still an issue which all too many 'socialists' would much rather have swept under their threadbare carpets. Yet this is a timely topic which certain elements within the labour movement have in recent times sought to convince anti-imperialists here of adopting policies and tactics that would in effect amount to 'a new departure.'

There are signs that our labour movement visitors from 'across the 1967, Britain left.

Earlier in 1964, Henry Hopkinson, a Colonial Office Minister of State, was more forthright in regard to Cyprus:

"It has always been understood and agreed that there are certain territories in the Commonwealth which, owing to their particular circumstances, can never expect to be independent."

Cyprus became independent in August 1960.

And, incidentally, the freedom forces, I mean the terrorists, in both these countries used violence. Totally unjustified, of course!

THE VOTE

At the conclusion of his address, Adams asked that those voting consider the arguments carefully and not simply accept the "arrogant, elitist, ignorant and one-sided view of the war in Ireland." He reminded them of the predictably ill-informed arguments they had heard from those proposing the motion and asked that if they couldn't reject the motion because they felt it supported the IRA, then they could abstain.

In the event, almost half did abstain, with 348 voting for the motion, 47 rejecting it, and 305 abstaining. Simon Stephens, the Oxford Union president, commenting on the number of abstentions said:

"The members obviously feel it is a more complex issue than the national press makes out."

Gerry Adams said he was pleased with the outcome of the debate and delighted at the success of the two-day visit, which had also included meetings with representatives of the Irish and black communities.

Danny Morrison pointed out that, despite media hysteria and opposition from the Conservative Party, the numbers who abstained at the end of the debate was very high and this demonstrated an acceptance by many of Adams' argument that the motion was too one-sided.

water' have had some measure of success. However, it must be made abundantly clear that it is the British Labour and Trade Union movement that should consider 'a new departure', for Ireland's tragedy is based on Labour's disgrace. 1987 promises to be election year in both Britain and the 26 Counties/Free State. Time was when the nationalist people and some republican leaders, believed that a combination of a British Labour Government and a Fianna Fail Government in Dublin would bring about an end to partition. That such parties would join forces to eliminate the cruel and blatant discrimination that had been institutionalised to the point of being deemed 'natural' by the Orange social Darwinists. It was the civil rights movement, born from humble beginnings, that challenged that notion, yet two decades later, many northern progressive writers still find much to complain about in the spheres of jobs and basic human rights under the Direct Rule from the Westminster regime.

And time was when unionists looked on as gospel every word that fell from the stiff upper lip of a Brit Prime Minister. The nationalists were disillusioned about Labour's attitude to Ireland by the very first post-war British Government. Former major, Clement Attlee, the small moustachioed, inoffensive-looking man, who was the greatest political hatchet man of the century behind his mild exterior, was the architect of the infamous "guarantee" to the northern unionists and their Orange Order puppeteers. Such has bedevilled all attempts at real political dialogue with the northern majority since 1949. Home Secretary Jimmy Morrison was the most ardent pro-unionist of them all, despite his almost poverty-stricken background. In him the landlords, big ranchers, and bigoted employers found their ablest ally. Ernie Bevin, the 'champion of democracy' in Britain and of the underdog, was a strong supporter of the execrable Stormont regime. Those men copperfastened partition at a time when another approach from them might have led to Irish, and British, history taking a very different path from that which led inevitably to the present impasse.

Nor did the Wilson nor Callaghan administrations show any real sympathy with the cause of Irish unity, despite the condemnations in the early sixties of unionist excesses. The Labour M.P.s who came to places like Derry were here not as genuine seekers after truth but looking for material with which to clobber the Tories at Westminster. The most unionist of all the British Secretaries of State was former

miner Roy Mason, who was more interested in cultivating his upper crust unionist friends than doing anything about the problems of the minority population.

So the coming election in Britain means little in constitutional terms to the nationalists in the north. It makes little difference whether Thatcher or Kinnoch rules. It seems unlikely that a Labour Government would rate the economic recovery of these six occupied counties high on its priority list. Certainly there will be no let-up in the dawn raids, physical and mental abuses in the various military and police holding centres, the shoot-to-kill policy, and all that is involved in the word repression, day in, day out, year in, year out. Kinnoch, a man who couldn't see or hear the cries of the miners in their just struggle, is hardly going to lose much sleep for those of us in the nationalist ghettos. Class collaboration is the watch word of Kinnoch, not class war, that would involve much more than one visit to a miners' picket line in his native Wales. If he didn't take a positive stand against police violence against his class brothers in his own country, only a fool would expect him to speak out now on the status of violence of British troops across the Irish Sea, especially when there are fewer votes to be had and certainly no marginals to be won.

As for the other side of the duo, nationalist belief that Fianna Fail is any more republican, or less partitionist, than the other southern parties disappeared long ago, in the wake of two unsuccessful referendums to do away with proportional representation, and the almost total absence of any day to day indications that the partition problem remained a real target. Even now the general notion in the nationalist north is that Dublin and London look at her more in exasperation than determination to get something achieved.

But on the unionist side the change has been even more clear-cut. Gone are the days when any British Premier could be assured of a rapturous welcome to "the yard" or Hillsborough. Gone are the garden parties for British Ministers who visit. Gone is the unquestioning alliance with the party that Randolph Churchill counselled "to play the Orange card" a hundred years ago. Even the title "Conservative and Unionist Party" no longer means a thing.

Only a few weeks ago a unionist public representative attacked "this pernicious British Government." Their Lordships Craigavon and Brookeborough could never have conceived such a descriptive of "our" Government.

Yes, people might say that little changes in these six-occupied counties. I don't know about that — but perceptions of who are friends have come a long way in half a century.

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Pittsburgh's Division 9 Holds Annual Breakfast



ATTENDING THE 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Communion Breakfast in Pittsburgh, were, l. to r., front, Eileen Martini, president LAOH Division 11; Sr. Sara Marie Healy, R.S.M., chaplain, LAOH Allegheny County and Division Eleven; Mary Margaret Maurath, president, Allegheny County LAOH; Joseph E. Doyle, member Division Nine; Richard C. Wallace, keynote speaker; Margaret Cooney, president, state LAOH; Congressman William J.

Coyne; City Councilman Jack Wagner, both members of Division Nine; Joseph A. Roche, past national president. Back row, John "Pete" Joyce, Allegheny County Prothonotary; Fr. Robert S. Kelly, T.O.R., celebrant of the Mass; Lawrence J. O'Toole, Esq., Toastmaster; and Martin Madigan, president of Division Nine.

PITTSBURGH, PA — On Sunday, March 8 AOH Division Nine, Oakland, held their Fourth Annual Communion Breakfast at the Pittsburgh Hilton & Towers to a sellout crowd of 520 people. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert S. Kelly, T.O.R. A sit-down breakfast followed immediately in the ballroom.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Richard C. Wallace, Jr., Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, who talked about the Irish contribution to education in America. Division Nine President Martin Madigan, Jr. was presented with a proclamation by City Councilman Richard E. Givens, honoring Division Nine as they celebrated their Irish Heritage at their Annual St. Patrick's Day Communion Breakfast.

President Madigan also presented a plaque to Brother Hibernian Joseph E. Doyle, in appreciation for his many years of service to Division Nine and Hibernianism.

Toastmaster Lawrence J. O'Toole, Esq., introduced the speakers. Remarks were made by Sr. Sara Marie Healy, R.S.M., LAOH Chaplain, Allegheny County and Division Eleven; Jack Wagner, Pittsburgh City Councilman and William J. Coyne, U.S. Congressman, both members of Division Nine.

In attendance was Past National President and President of the Irish American Unity Conference Joseph A. Roche, who is coordinating, with local Irish organizations, the passage of legislation supporting the MacBride Principles.

Robert W. Kennedy, past-president, Division Nine, was chairman of the Communion Breakfast and George P. Cassidy and William J. Murphy were co-chairmen of the Communion Breakfast Program Book.

Also at the headtable were LAOH State President Margaret Cooney; LAOH Allegheny County President Mary Margaret Maurath; LAOH Division Eleven President Eileen Martini; John "Pete" Joyce, Allegheny County Prothonotary and member of Division Nine.



THOMAS JEFFERS

tre). Since it is a Special Commemoration this year, it is hoped that the AOH and all Irish organizations will be represented. For information call Joe Montgomery (609-663-9564) or Charles Devine (215-884-6065.)

Tom Jeffers Is Life Member

AKRON, OHIO — Longtime member of Akron's Mark Heffernan Division Thomas Jeffers was recently presented with the Life Membership Award. The award was presented by Division President Kevin O'Connor at the Club's celebration of the 150th Anniversary.

Brother Jeffers has been a member of the AOH for over 25 years. He served his division in many capacities including two terms as division president. He is presently serving as chairman of the division's "House Committee" and as co-chairman of the committee organiz-

ing the upcoming AOH/LOAH Ohio State convention to be held in Akron in July.

Tom has been an active participant in many AOH Ohio State Conventions. He served as president of the AOH Ohio State Board and on a number of committees.

Married to Ann Jeffers, past president of the LAOH Ohio State Board, Tom is the father of four children and also a grandfather. He is a retired U.S. Postal Service worker and has served several terms as president of his local union.

Pennsylvania Honors Ned McGinley



WILKES-BARRE, PA — At a recent celebration held here at the Squire Green, the St. John Newman Division 2 of the AOH named Mr. Ned McGinley Hibernian of the Year. Among those division members and visitors present, from left to right, were John E. Gilroy, Pennsylvania state president; James Fearick, standing committee chairman; Thomas

Book of Kells



ONE OF IRELAND'S treasures, the Book of Kells, is currently on display in the Irish Nationality Room, University of Pittsburgh. The "stand" holding the book reflects animal and geometric motifs found in the 7th century illuminated manuscripts of the Gospels. Wrought iron beast and bird heads and feet serve as supports in this tribute to Ireland's Golden Age.

Pennsylvania To Hold Special John Barry Day

A Committee chaired by Joe Montgomery has formulated plans for participation in Philadelphia's "We the People 200" celebrations.

On Barry Day, September 13, 1987 the Irish of the Delaware Valley will honor Commodore John Barry, U.S.N., Father of the American Navy. The day will start with a Mass at 12 Noon in Old St. Mary's Church and a wreath-laying ceremony at Barry's grave in Old St. Mary's graveyard. From there the participants will march to Independence National Park and hold another wreath-laying ceremony at the statue of Barry, which is located in the Square behind Independence Hall.

A "Dinner" will follow at the Commodore John Barry Club (Irish Cen-

OHIO NEWS

MARTINS FERRY — Belmont County Division No. 1 isn't letting its successful St. Patrick's Day be its top program for the year. Always on the move with plans for better projects for the benefit of its members, the division's officers have undertaken plans for the unit's annual picnic.

President James P. Hughes announced at a recent meeting that the division's picnic will be held August 2nd at the Knights of Columbus grounds in Shadyside in conjunction with a K of C Fourth Degree program. The division will have its usual plans for games and entertainment with a special invitation for

prospective AOH members. Helping with arrangements are committee members James J. Brennan, recording secretary and junior past president John Brennan of Wheeling, chairman, Entertainment Committee; John Gallagher, chairman, Standing Committee; Paul Loftus, treasurer, and Michael Muldowney, financial secretary.

Described as one of the most successful St. Patrick's Day banquets ever held, the event drew over 120 members and guests, who witnessed President Hughes acclaimed Irishman of The Year. Michael Muldowney served as master-of-ceremonies.



JAMES P. HUGHES, right, charter member of Belmont County Ohio Div. 1 since its formation in 1977, receives the Irishman of the Year Award from Financial Secretary Michael Muldowney, left. Looking on is Recording Secretary and Junior Past President James J. Brennan.

Hibernian Heads Parade Committee

Terry O'Malley, of West Park, Ohio has been elected to a three-year term as executive director of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the parade-sponsoring United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland announced recently. O'Malley, 35, succeeds Stephen L. Mulloy, holder of the office since 1983, who has been elevated to director emeritus.

O'Malley, who recently completed his third three-year term as deputy director, becomes the ninth individual to hold the post since the 1958 inception of the UISGC. Active in the AOH for nearly 15 years, he has been its president here for five one-year terms. He has also held a number of other posts in the organization.

A native Cleveland and a graduate of West Technical High School, he is employed by the Northern Ohio Plumbing Company and is a member of Plumbers Local No. 55. He and his wife, the former Mary Beth Lempke of Cleveland, are



TERRY O'MALLEY

parishioners of Our Lady of Angels Church.

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Cleveland Holds 120th St. Patrick's Day Banquet



CELEBRATING Cleveland's 120th St. Patrick's Day observance are, left to right, Mrs. Gerry Murphy; Governor of Ohio Richard Celeste; President Boland/Berry Division Terry McGinty; and Pat Murphy, chairman of the 1988 AOH National Convention in Cleveland.

It was early evening at St. Gregory's Hall as the sell-out crowd began to arrive in anticipation for the evening's festivities. The longest running Cleveland St. Patrick's Day tradition was about to begin and it looked like it was going to be a good one. Piper Pat McNea lead the evening's Honorees and distinguished guests into the hall,

Plans Underway For the AOH 84th Biennial

CLEVELAND, OHIO — Plans for the 1988 National Convention are well under way. Committees have been formed and work has begun on the convention events. Many additional activities are being considered.

Our convention dates, July 25-28, fall between two big Cleveland weekends. The weekend before the convention is Cleveland's annual "Riverfest" event. A variety of entertainment ranging from local folk and rock groups to the world famous Cleveland Orchestra attracts over 500,000 annually to the area.

The annual Irish Cultural Festival will be held on the weekend after our convention. Top Irish entertainment, Gaelic football, and other Irish artists from all over the country attend this weekend event.

In addition to these popular events, we are negotiating with Sea World and Cedar Point Amusement Park, northern Ohio's most popular theme parks, for special Hibernian rates.

Attend the 1988 Convention! Bring the whole family. Make plans to come early and stay late. Cleveland is anxiously awaiting your arrival.

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Ladies Connecticut News

Since the Annual Installation Dinner, members of Division 72 Lower Naugatuck Valley, participated in the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, at which time Mrs. Jean Winnick, division president, was honored as the "Irishwoman of the Year." They also took part in St. Augustine's Church Fair and sold Irish soda bread and Irish articles at the Olde Derby Day.

The Ladies of Division 15, Meridan, entered a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, highlighting a leprechaun, made by Diane Daly. This was so well received that the Ladies again presented their leprechaun, along with an Easter Bunny in the Daffodil Parade. The family picnic and the State Convention are high on their priority list of coming attractions.

Waterbury Division 66 Ladies have been busy working on the State Convention which was held the

weekend of June 6 and 7. Also in June the Annual June Banquet will be held. At this writing the details of the annual trip to the Irish Village on May 15 were not available. If that isn't enough, everyone is working on the Testimonial for National President Sheila Clifford to be held on Saturday, October 31. The LAOH and AOH look forward to seeing many of the Hibernians from throughout the U.S.A. as Sheila is honored.

The following New Haven Board officers were elected at the County Convention, to lead the Connecticut Ladies for the 1987-1989 season:

President Sue Sweeney, Waterbury; Vice President Ann Harmon, Waterbury; Secretary Jacklyn Reilly, Waterbury; Treasurer Dot Kasey, Meridan; Historian Linda Downey, Waterbury; Missions, Helen Carroll, Waterbury; Catholic Action, Diane Daley, Meridan.

LAOH Massachusetts News

Division Eight of Lawrence held their Annual St. Brigid's Tea on Sunday, April 26 at Hibernian Hall. Highlights of the afternoon were entertainment by the Valley Singers, an Irish Fashion Display by the Irish Jauting Car, climaxed by the awarding of the Margaret Webb Scholarship and a delicious dessert buffet.

Division Eight of Springfield enjoyed an enlightening talk on St. June, My Friend, following their regular meeting. Making the presentation was John Spencer, a local weather forecaster, who researched, wrote and published the book, the only life of St. Jude known to be in circulation. The "Hope Rockettes," a group of young at heart Ladies, displayed their talent and energy at Line Dancing.

In anticipation of Marian Year, all members participated in a Living

Rosary, led by the Sisters of St. Joseph who are members of the Division. "Education Awards Night" followed. Recipients of the three awards were: Ellen McIntyre and her brother Thomas McIntyre of Cathedral High School, and Jeffrey O'Connor, Holy Cross Elementary School. Sr. Patricia James, S.S.J., Catholic Action Chairman, presented the students with Award Certificates and their schools with one hundred dollars to be applied to their tuition.

Six members of Division Eight attended the joint Biennial held at the Lowell Hilton Hotel on May 29-31. Sr. Mary Dolan of North Brookfield was elected new State President and promises a fulfilling year for Massachusetts Hibernians. Highlighting the weekend was the Convention Banquet at which Fr. Daniel P. Bowen, State Chaplain, was Guest Speaker.

Pennsylvania LAOH News

In Pittsburgh, on Sunday, May 3, there were many notable happenings. There was the great Pittsburgh Marathon Race, the rains were torrential and the Pennsylvania LAOH State Board and the Allegheny County Board held their first Annual St. Brigid's Mass and Brunch. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Marcianus Lieb T.O.R. Shirley Murphy was lector and Patricia Conroy was soloist.

Brunch followed in St. Agnes Social Hall. Principal Speaker was Sr. Michele O'Leary, R.S.M., whose topic was: "Women in Ireland." County Chaplain, Sr. Sarah Marie Healey, R.S.M., also spoke to the gathering.

The Pennsylvania State Board met at the Pittsburgh Hilton for a pre-convention meeting. State President Margaret Conroy presided. Other state officers assisting with plans were Claire McNelis, Mary Margaret Maurath, Alice Henry, Shirley Murphy and Sarah Mains.

Ladies Michigan News

On April 26 Michigan State Convention Chaplain Fr. Michael Cooney dedicated the Daniel J. O'Connell Memorial Library at Hibernian Hall in Detroit. A reception followed the dedication.

The Rose Kennedy Division hosted the 1987 Michigan State Convention in Detroit on Saturday, May 2. These new state officers were elected: President Rosemary Hoffman; Vice President Mary O'Connell; Secretary Joanne Gibbons; Treasurer Marie Seabor; Historian Mary Ochab; Missions, Kate MacIntosh; Catholic Action, Nancy McCauley. The St. Brigid Degree Team assisted in the installation of the officers.

At the close of the Convention, the St. Brigid Degree Team conferred Major Degrees on twelve sisters of the Rose Kennedy, Ethel Kennedy and the Jean Donovan divisions.

New York Area Essay Winners Receive Prizes

Winners in the New York Area of the Annual Irish Essay Contest sponsored by the LAOH National Board were recently announced and prizes awarded. "Irish Folklore" was the subject for elementary students and the winner was Patricia Manlig of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Queens Village. She won on both the county and state levels. For high schools the subject was "Our Lady of Knock," with the first prize going to Sharen Hudac of Benjamin Cardozo High School on the county level.

County checks for \$25.00 went to each first prize winner, awarded by County Historian Marianne Fleischer and Division 13 Historian Mary Louise Kelly. Mrs. Mary Mannan, New York State historian, presented a check for \$75.00 to Patricia Manlig. Each winner read excerpts from her award-winning essay.

Ladies Maryland News

Early in April a successful Baltimore County Convention was held. The new officers are a happy blend of the experienced and the newly elected. Serving second terms are: President Eleanor Lukowski; Treasurer Catherine Edenfield; Missions Lorraine Powers; Catholic Action, Eleanor Goodwin; Sentinel Evelyn Hagerty. Newly elected are: Vice President Mary Burnham; Secretary Regina Diventi; Historian Margaret Fitzgerald; Mistress, Loretta Letke.

Also in April, Theresa Goodwin arranged a beautiful tribute to St. Brigid followed by a brunch and fellowship. The highlight was the Annual Mission Festival and Fashion Show for the benefit of the Columban Fathers, graced by the presence of National Mission Chairman Dorothy Fowler. Kelly Crawford of Division 14 and her committee as well as the Juniors who presented the colors and later danced, did a remarkable job.

Committees have been formed and plans are underway for the Irish Festival to be held in September. Yet another honor has been given to Past National President Sally Murphy, in her appointment as Chairman of the 1988 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. This is the first time a woman has been accorded the honor and responsibility.

Eileen McGinn is still at it raising money for the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund. This time the form is a November Cruise. Currently, attention rests on the State Convention to be held in June at Maryland's famous Ocean City Resort.

LADIES Illinois News

Division 1 held their Annual Irish Tea, which is the main charity event of the year. Cards were enjoyed following a very beautiful fashion show in which members of the Division served as models.

On May 28th the Annual St. Brigid's Breakfast took place at Queen of Peace Church. Mass was offered at 9:00 A.M. and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by a large group. Fr. McEnilly, chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass and guest at the breakfast.

Ladies D. of C. News

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with attendance at St. Patrick's Church Mass, celebrated by Archbishop James A. Hickey. Following Mass members of the AOH and LAOH went to Arlington Cemetery to place wreaths on the grave of President John F. Kennedy. Shamrocks were placed on the grave of George Washington Parke Custer and a wreath on the Vietnam Memorial. In the evening a Dinner Dance was held at the Kennedy Warren Hotel.

On March eighteenth, members were saddened by the death of Connie Flannigan, one of the most active members in the D.C. area.

The Nuns of the Battlefield Mass was celebrated at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Miss Peggy Dee, historian, made arrangements for flowers to be placed at the monument, following which the Ladies gathered for luncheon at Gusti's. The District of Columbia held their Convention on June 6 at the Georgetown Holiday Inn.

IMMORTALITY

Do not stand by my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep I am a thousand winds that blow I am a diamond glint on snow I am the sunlight on ripened grain I am the gentle autumn rain When you awake in the morning hush

I am the swift unflinching rush of quiet birds in circling flight I am the soft star shine at night Do not stand by my grave and cry I am not there. . . . I did not die

(This is to Connie Flanagan by her own sister).

Ladies Ohio News

Installation of officers was held at Hibernian Hall where members enjoyed a marvelous buffet, prepared by Fran and Clan, followed by dancing to the music of the Irishmen. Kathie Linton, national historian, had the pleasure and honor of installing her sister, Colleen O'Connor, as president. When you look at the sunny side of the street everything looks bright. The recent "big floods" hit the Akron Clubroom in a disastrous way. Flooding however, did not stop the Irish Spirit. Soon "Noah's Hibernians" marched back into the hall and began cleanup programs. As long as the opportunity presented itself, the Akronites decided to remodel and expand. There is always some good in everything. Come to Akron and see the remarkable changes.

St. Brigid's Division of Cincinnati installed their new officers following Mass at St. Xavier Church. Sharon McDermott was chosen to lead her group for the 1987-1988 season. Following installation a brunch was held at Egg Cetera on the skywalk. The traditional "Stealing of St. Patrick" took place after the annual Memorial Mass. A parade marched through the streets of Mount Adams and was witnessed by MINI, MINI people. Banners made by students at Purcell Marian High School depicting the thirty-two counties of Ireland were attached to the end of the pews in church and later carried in the parade. After the parade, a party was held at Hibernian Hall where MINI, MINI people had a very pleasant time.

Junior Division News

National Vice President Mary Bradley reports that one Junior Division has disbanded since the last National Convention. Junior Division 1 of Elizabeth, New Jersey, is no longer active. This is the same Division that was awarded a prize at our National Convention in Buffalo, and New Jersey is left without a Junior Division for a while at least.

Division 15 LAOH Juniors attended a special Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Knock; worked at Nassau's Annual Feis by running "Moonride" for the children; had a great time at their bowling party; donated \$50.00 to Project Children.

The members also made up a food basket and presented it to a young father of 4 children, ages 2 - 7 who is very ill with leukemia.

Installation of officers was held and the group attended Westburg Music Fair and went to see "Mary Poppins." Other activities included a special Mass in honor of St. Brigid, enjoying the IceCapades show, and visiting "Queen of the Rosary," a home for retired, elderly nuns.

The Junior Girls in Troy, NY, are active and enthusiastic. Numerous successful bake sales have been held and a very profitable game to their credit. The group has made donations to numerous home front charities, including the Young Retarded Adult Party, Joseph's House for the homeless, Clothe a Child, Muscular Dystrophy, and the local Food Pantry.

Under the guidance of their leader, Mary T. Leatham, a cheer-up committee was instituted. Through this means, the girls learned how to communicate with those in need and how to send thank you notes.

On the lighter side, the Juniors have Roller Skating Parties and had a fulfilled trip to "Great Escape", an amusement park at Lake George.

Ladies Florida News

St. Brigid's Division 1 and AOH William Hulten Division 1 of Pasco County, Port Richey, Florida, held their first "Irish Night" Dinner Dance on March 21, complete with an Irish band and entertainment.

LAOH Florida State Board meeting was held the same weekend and plans were finalized for the second Florida State Convention of LAOH and AOH to be held in Palm Bay under the chairmanship of Mary Herbert, Brevard County president.

On April 20 the West Coast Irish Societies commemorated the Easter Rising Martyrs at a Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Clearwater. The event was sponsored by the West Coast Irish American Club, the James Cumerford Division AOH; and Our Lady of Knock Division LAOH, Pinellas County. Rev. Thomas Madden of New Port Richey was the celebrant; the Very Rev. Brendon Muldoon was homilist; Rev. Thomas Simeex, chaplain to both the LAOH and AOH Clearwater Divisions, was con-celebrant. Later during a social hour Annemarie O'Brien, Florida State president, presented a monetary award to David O'Connor, Florida winner in the High School Division of the National Irish Essay contest.

On May 17, Pasco County AOH and LAOH held their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast at St. Thomas Aquinas Church followed by breakfast at the Magnolia Valley Country Club.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans! Let's talk sports.

This column is being written in early May. Not so long ago in early May a young man's fancy turned to baseball. Not so, anymore, Magee! The professional basketball season and the professional hockey season, the NBA and the NHL, are still involved in play-offs. YR, sorry to say, is bored by these elongated seasons. These leagues and teams will not be impressed by this, as these longer seasons are done to fill the coffers.

NBA — One of the great ones hung up his sneakers at the end of this season. Julius Irving of the Philadelphia 76ers or the "Sixers" as

they are fondly called in the City of Brotherly Love, called it a day. This guy did everything asked of him. It is also said that he kept the ABA going for as long as it did. Without him, the ABA would have been gone before the merger. YR won't bore you by citing his records and stats. These you can find in most newspapers or in the NBA Annual. "Dr J" was not just another pretty face on the hardwood nor was he just another tall player who passed through the place on his talent with a basketball. "Dr J" was a player's player. He was more than that. He was a family man dedicated to the community in which he lived and played. The Sixers might miss him on the court but the whole NBA will miss him. When there is so much negative news about ball players these days, "Dr J" was The Role Model that kids could be told to follow. Lots of luck to "Dr J" in whatever he decides to do.

John Hume's Dark Side

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prosper is indeed dangerous. It contradicts the 1985 New Ireland Forum Report which concludes that the Ulster garrison is neither economically feasible nor politically desirable. Hume appears content to condemn future generations of Catholics to second class citizenship and the strife that inevitably results.

Americans rejected second class citizenship in 1776 and do so again today in advocating the adoption of the MacBride Principles by American firms in Northern Ireland. The American experience with affirmative action and equal opportunity has proven that whatever difficulties the MacBride Principles may bring, they are nothing compared to the dangers of religious and racial discrimination. In 1857 American abolitionist Frederick Douglass noted:

"Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground."

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. Find out just what people will submit to and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them."

If there is to be a peaceful end to institutional bigotry it must be demanded as a simple matter of human and civil rights. For John Hume to now denigrate American efforts to assert these rights on behalf of a beleaguered minority reveals a dark side to his leadership.

Catholic civil rights leader Stephen Cardinal Kim of South Korea stated at Christmas last year as his nation struggles with democracy:

"We are now confined in a darkness where there are no politics, no truths, no justices and no humanity. . . . We are at a crossroad of life and death where we should choose a campaign toward the light out of this darkness or remain in this darkness. . . . tearing each other down and slandering each other."

American advocacy of the MacBride Principles for use in the North of Ireland is just such a campaign toward the light. Mr. Hume's tearing at Americans and slandering their efforts at a time when Ireland too struggles with democracy calls into question his leadership and the credibility of the SDLP. His choice to remain in the darkness will afflict and impoverish generations to come.

Michael Cummings
Director, AOH Public Relations

Tom Gibbons of Queens AOH Is Senior Runner of the Year

Tom Gibbons, age 66, past president of Division 22, Queens, NY, was named senior runner of the year by the New York Road Runners Club at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Center on February 28th. This was the fifth consecutive year that Gibbons has been nominated for the award and the third time that he has been recipient, the others coming in 1982 and 1983.

Tom has completed 38 marathons, including seven NYC and five Boston marathons. He was the first senior (60 plus) in the Galway, Ireland, Marathon in 1982. He holds a national age group record for 30 kilometers with a time of 2:03:47. Among his best performances was a 3:00:39 in the Philadelphia Marathon in 1982, and a 1:25:22 win in the Hispanic Half Marathon the same year.

He resides in Bellerose with his wife, Alice, and is the father of 9 children and 4 grandchildren. In addition to his running, which he started in 1977 at the age of 56, Tom, a native of Co. Mayo, is a member of this Division 22 Drama Group, "Cille Cais", which produces plays by Irish playwrights.

Division 22, founded by Harry Murphy, brother of National President Nick Murphy, is committed to the preservation of Irish culture and tradition. Each meeting includes a discussion on Irish history by Division Historian Pat Rooney or County Historian Pat Moynihan. Other events sponsored by the division include ceilies, literary discussions and an annual St. Patrick's Day Mass complete with harp and bagpipes. Jim Hollywood, retired NYC police sergeant, is the current president.

networks. In New York, a fan cannot watch many of the Yankee games on free TV (WPIX) because Geo. Steinbrenner negotiated a deal with Sports Channel to cover x number of games. While this put coins in the Yankee coffers, it alienated many of the Yankee fans who do not get to see them when they cannot go to the Stadium. The Yankees are not the only team to do this. Every one of these teams have incensed their most vocal fans. Do these teams care? Are they concerned about collecting the tolls at the turnstiles? Apparently not. Where will this lead? Possibly to games played in stadiums at anytime of day or night with just the teams doing their thing. In a control booth somewhat distant, this picture is mixed with pictures and sounds of a crowd. This could all be stored on tape and played at a later date. Shades of Big Brother? Possibly but more like taking advantage of the technology which is available. Mind-boggling!

On the local scene, the City is trying to get support to build a stadium and put a minor league team in it. Like any other proposal of this type in many cities, this one has its advocates and its detractors. Some of these detractors point out the fact mentioned in this column under "Hockey" about the poor fan support. YR doesn't think that this holds true for baseball, as the ticket prices should be more in line with what used to be called a "Cheap Night Out!". Another item mentioned by these detractors is that this area will only support winners. This may or may not be true. There is certain historical data to support this theory. On the other hand, this is a new generation with whom the city is dealing. This new generation supposedly is more concerned with the quality of life and the area rather than the material things of winning and those trappings. YR is in favor of the stadium. He will take a lot of heat from those he knows who aren't at all in favor of it, for many reasons not mentioned here from political to personal.

Baseball — The Milwaukee Brewers, "The Brew Crew," finally lost after tying the record for winning 13 games in a row. YR remembers going to County Stadium in Milwaukee when the Braves were enthroned there after moving from Boston and before moving to Atlanta. Milwaukee was a great "Liberty" town and a great baseball town even back then. Their fans deserve a break!

The "Tribe," those Cleveland Indians, have sports scribes saying all sorts of nice things about them. The last time the Indians won a pennant was 1954 with guys such as Bob Lemon and Early Wynn, and an aging Bob Feller. The Series were another story. The Tribe lost to the Giants 4 straight! Will history repeat? Time will tell.

Fans throughout the nation are upset with some of the contracts that the teams have inked with various "closed circuit" television

Curraich Racing Program Underway

The North American Curraich Association's 1987 racing program began with a well attended and well conducted race in Annapolis, MD, on May 2. The Boston Club went home with club honors, including a perpetual Waterford Crystal Cup trophy. Mike Lalley, of Boston, also won the one-man race. The schedule of regattas in the USA and in Ireland are as follows:

United States
May 2 Annapolis, Md.
May 24 Boston, Ma.
Jun 20 Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aug 8 Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aug 30 New London, Ct.
Sep 13 Philadelphia, Pa.
Sep 20 Boston, Ma.
Ireland
May 21 Fenit, Co. Kerry
Jun 7 Spiddal, Co. Galway
Jun 21 Maharees, Co. Kerry
Jun 27-29 Inis Mor, Co. Galway
Jun 28 Feile Bheannainn, Dingle, Co. Kerry (World Championship)
Jul 26 Ballydavid, Co. Kerry
Jul & Ventry, Co. Kerry
Aug 1-3 Carraroe, Co. Galway
Aug 7-9 Kinvara, Co. Galway
Aug 16 Brandon, Co. Kerry
Aug 23 Dingle, Co. Kerry (Kerry Championship)

Other Co. Galway regattas scheduled, but dates not known, are: Carna, Lettermullen, Oughterard and Kil Chiarain. The information on Regattas in Ireland was furnished by Jack Goodwin, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry.

Divisions across the country are asked to consider forming curraich rowing teams or clubs. A minimum of four rowers is needed to form a team: teams may be comprised of either men or ladies. This growing sport is an Irish cultural attraction for young Irish-Americans, boys and girls.

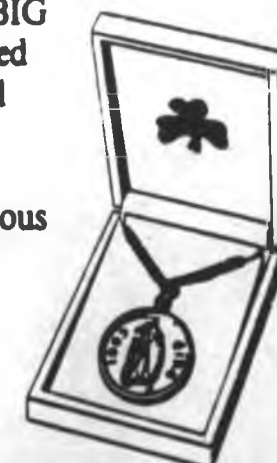
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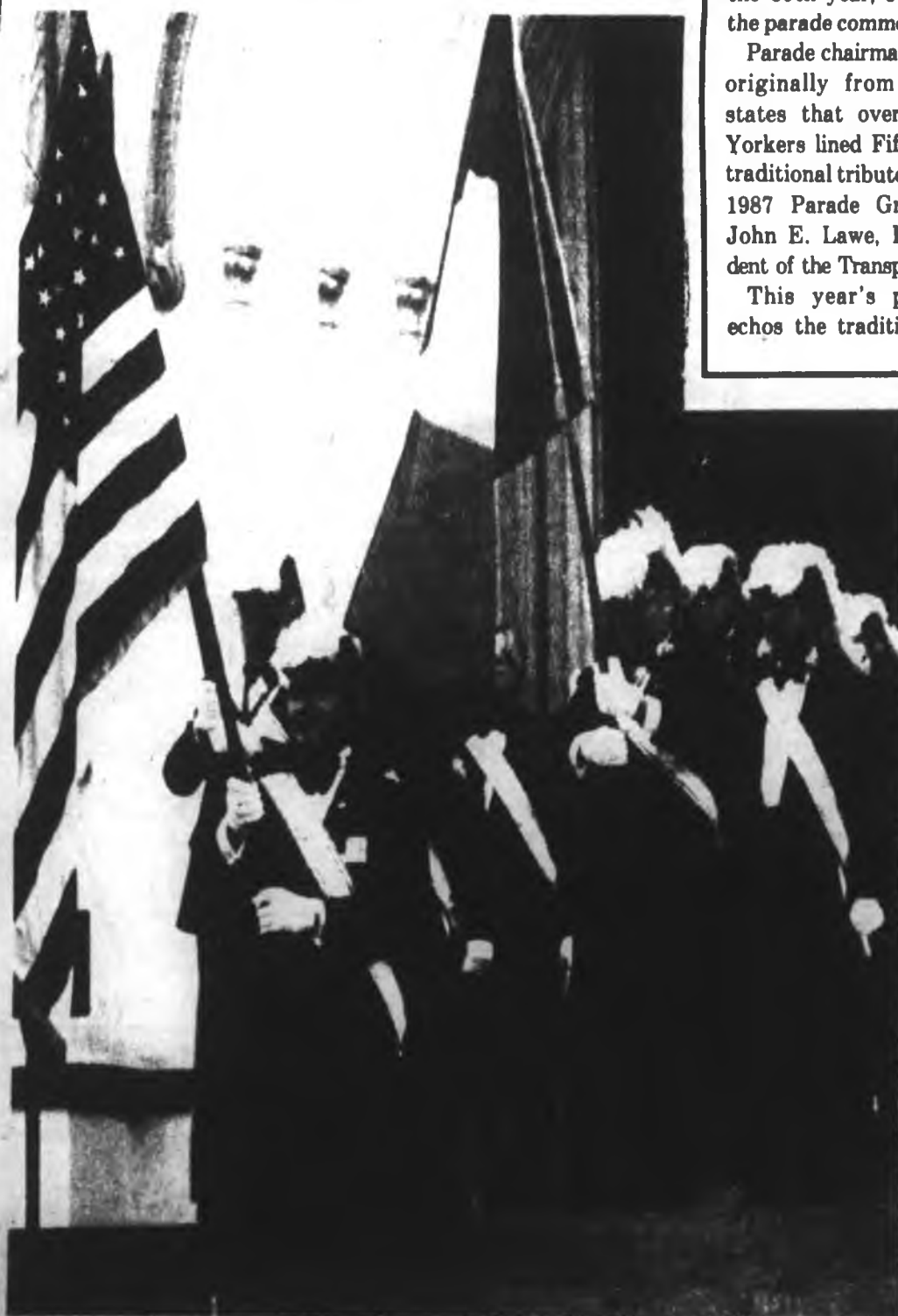
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DENVER, COLORADO — President Goebel and members of the Bishop George R. Evans Denver Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, prepare to enter the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



NEW YORK STATE PRESIDENT, AOH, John Irwin addresses delegates at the New York City installation of the 1987 Grand Marshal, John Lawe, at the Hilton Hotel.



GEORGIA—CELTIC PROCESSION. Members of Savannah's Irish societies, led by the K.C. color guard, march from St. John's Cathedral to Emmet Park during the 2nd annual Celtic Cross Memorial Service. Marchers included St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal R. McDonald Laird, members of Sinn Sein, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Daughters Of Ireland. Larry Prescott leads the procession with the American flag.

N.Y. Grand Parade Dedicated to Nation's Medal of Honor Winners

New York City's 226th St. Patrick's Day Parade was this year dedicated to all recipients of the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor. Of the 3,412 Medal of Honor winners in American history, 257 were Irish-born, and 2,018 have Irish surnames.

The parade, with nearly 150,000 marchers, the largest in the free world, stepped off at 11:30 a.m. from 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, led by the 69th New York Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, which since 1861 has provided military escort for this parade of the Irish societies in New York. New York's WPIX-TV provided four hours of syndicated television coverage; for the 39th year, Jack McCarthy was the parade commentator.

Parade chairman Francis P. Beirne, originally from County Leitrim, states that over one million New Yorkers lined Fifth Avenue in their traditional tribute to St. Patrick. The 1987 Parade Grand Marshal was John E. Lawe, International President of the Transport Workers Union. This year's parade dedication echoes the traditional parade theme

of "Justice, Unity and Peace in Ireland," and recognizes the special contribution the Irish have made to the growth of American freedom. Native sons of Ireland account for the largest single national group represented among the recipients of this nation's highest military honor for service around the world since the medal was first awarded 125 years ago to honor Civil War valor.

Various Medal of Honor societies in the United States report that nearly 500 Medal holders have been lost to history except for their names. Many organizations, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians (the core of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for over 100 years) have joined in the effort to retrieve the memory of these nearly forgotten American heroes.

The first St. Patrick's Day Parade held in New York took place in 1762. Irish-born Medal holders include at least one born in Ireland in St. Patrick's Day, Spanish-American War hero John Fitzgerald, born March 17, 1873 in Limerick, Ireland.



DIGNITARIES at the grave of George Washington Parke Custis after planting shamrocks on his grave. L. to r., Alan Ford, Irish Embassy; John Byrne, Nat'l Park Service; Matthew Hannon, District Board, and John Keefe.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT NICK MURPHY leads some members of the AOH National Board as they stride up Fifth Avenue in the Big Apple. Left to right, N.Y. State Comptroller Edward Regan, Nick Murphy, National Editor David Henshaw, National Director Frank Kearney, National Director Mike Hession, and National Awards Chairman Richard Rogers.



NEW JERSEY — Governor Thomas H. Kean poses with a delegation of 1987 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshals after meeting with them in his office. Left to right, John Walsh, Irish representative to the New Jersey Ethnic Advisory Council; Piper Joe McConville; Daniel Boyle of Bayonne; John Glivens of Bayonne; Governor Kean; John Tracey of Hackensack; Charles Gallagher of Jersey City; Mayor Thomas Beirne of Wharton; Pat McGarry Drake of Newark; and Michael Delahunty of Montclair.

The Fighting 69th

The 69th New York Infantry Regiment, that most Irish of American regiments, earned its nickname "The Fighting 69th" during that great national tragedy — the American Civil War. Ever since the 1950's the honor of leading the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade as Military Escort to the Irish Societies has fallen to "The Fighting 69th." Isn't it ironic, in a very positive sort of a way, that playing for the 69th in 1987 was the regimental band of the Virginia Military Institute — VMI.

The 69th and VMI — both are regiments with noble traditions of citizen-soldiers ready in every time of peril to vindicate the honor or defend the rights of the American land they both love. They fought in battle on opposite sides in that bitter Civil War — the 69th in every campaign of

the Army of the Potomac, but most notably in the heroic assault upon Marye's Heights in the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862, and VMI triumphantly defending the Shenandoah Valley at New Market on May 15, 1864. Today they march together up Fifth Avenue united as Americans, symbolizing the reunification of North and South in this great land.

It must be our prayer that Ireland, similarly, might see the reunification of North and South as "one nation, under God, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Liam Murphy

(Liam Murphy is a former editor of the *National Hibernian Digest* and a member of the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.)

THE JFK DIVISION 5's annual wreath-laying at the grave of President John F. Kennedy on March 17 is conducted by Division President Norman McCarthy, left, assisted by District Board President Matt Hannon, right.



MARCHING BEHIND members of the Virginia Gaelic Piper Band and the color bearers are dignitaries enroute to plant shamrocks on the grave of George Washington Parke Custis in Arlington Cemetery. The annual ceremony is sponsored by the AOH D. of C. Board.



SOUTH BEND, IND.—Corpus Christi Hall was the site of the annual St. Patrick Dinner Dance of the James A. McDivitt AOH Division. Among notables attending were, left to right, standing, Rev. Edmund Murray, C.S.C., chaplain; Charles J. Burns, recording secretary; Bishop Michael D'Arcy, S.T.D., Fort Wayne & South Bend diocese;

Most Rev. William Sheredan, retired Bishop Episcopal Northern Indiana diocese. Seated, Toastmaster Wally Moore, former Notre Dame assistant football coach; H. "Red" Conery, publicity; John R. Donahue, president. Guest speaker was Bishop D'Arcy. Proceeds from the event are used for Hibernian charities.



DISTRICT BOARD Past President John Keefe addresses audience in Arlington Cemetery on St. Patrick's Day.

To Meet with His Honor



NEW YORK CITY: Part of a delegation who recently met with Mayor Ed Koch on Irish affairs, are, left to right, Jack Irwin, N.Y. state president, AOH; Tom Connaughton, president, Grand Emerald Societies; John Carrol, N.Y. state director, AOH; and Willie Joe Cunningham, past president, United Irish Counties.

N.Y. Committee of the Laity



THE CARDINAL'S Committee of the Laity recently presented a check for \$500,000 to His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor of the Archdiocese of New York on behalf of the Construction and Building Industry Division. Representing the Committee in making the presentation were Brooklyn builder James P. Moriarty, at left, president of T. Moriarty and Sons; and Thomas P. Maguire, at right, president of Local 15 of the International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO. This year's fund raising dinner, with monies earmarked for the Archdiocese's charitable and educational programs, was held on May 15 at New York City's Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Moriarty is a member of Division 3, New York City, and Maguire of Division 3, Pearl River, NY.

Banners Old and New



DISPLAYING Queens County, New York's new banner are County Past Presidents Harry Murphy and Ann Neville.

By VINCE McCORMACK

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to the 112th Annual N.Y. Queens County Ball. Before we go on with the fun and festivities, we have a unique ceremony to share with each other — the dedication and blessing of the new Queens County banner.

We all know a few timeless AOH members who were probably present at the old banner's dedication, and may be around for the next one, but, for most of us, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

When I was asked to emcee this part of the program I accepted the honor gladly, but wondered what I could say that would be appropriate on such a rare and important occasion. So, I sought out the old banner and found it in the corner of a storage cabinet.

The old banner's gold braid was cracked and broken, its green field was very faded and so worn in some places as to be almost transparent. As I touched its ancient folds, a piece of paper slipped out and fluttered to the floor. I picked it up and read it, and I'd like to read it to you now.

What is a Banner? Is it a bright piece of cloth, edged in gold piping, laden with symbols that mean everything to some and nothing to others? I don't know.

I do know the tingle of anticipation at being unpacked and assembled and raised up in the midst of a crowd on some windy side street — to hear voices, old and young, call: "There's the Banner, we must be up there!" — as I lean against someone's shoulder, surrounded by old friends' greetings, practicing drum beats and the

Queens Division 3 Installs



QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK — AOH Padraig Pierce Division 3 recently held installation of 1987 officers, with Dennis Watters and Edward Rice of the Queens County Board officiating. Pictured at a musical gathering at the Breffni Inn after the event are some of the officers. From left to right, front row, Bob Fleming, recording secretary; John Timlin, representing John Callahan, chairman of standing committee; John Conlon, musician; and Pat Walsh, marshal. Back row, Barney Neville, representing Tom Coyne, financial secretary; Bob McCann, president; Edward Rice and Dennis Watters, installing officers; and John O'Brien, treasurer. Not present for the picture were Sentinel John McNally and Vice President Daniel Dougherty.

meaningless bleats of tuning instruments.

I know the eager feeling at the call: "Look alive now, we're moving out!" and the thrill as the lines form and I'm lifted high and held straight as we turn into the Avenue with the Band's rousing "Garryowen" or some other stirring piece setting the marching step.

I know the warmth of welcome that surges out from the crowds on both sides of the street to swirl about and engulf me in the fun and joy and glory of — being IRISH — on that Special Day.

I have flown lightly, buoyed up in just the right breeze, causing no burden to my bearers, floating along in brilliant sunshine; I have bleamed in the sodden wetness of soft rain or swirling snow; I have often been the only splash of color under a still, gray, threatening sky; I have tried the muscle and courage of my bearers in a following wind that threatened to carry me away or a frontal blast that pressed me back so that the pole showed through like my backbone. But always, I have been treated with respect and honor and care as I bore aloft the symbols of

Ireland and America and Hibernianism.

I'm old now, but tho' I rest in my cover in the silence of some dark closet or display myself quietly on some meeting hall wall, I will be at peace knowing I have done well and have spent my time in Good Company.

To my young and beautiful successor, I wish a long and joyous career, the greetings of Hibernians yet unborn, and the hope that in your lifetime you will lead us in a parade cheering a Free and United Ireland. Farewell, and God bless.

7th Annual Gaelic Mass Celebrated



ARLINGTON, VA. — The Seventh Annual Mass in Gaelic sponsored by the Colonel John Fitzgerald Division, No. 1 was celebrated at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington on March 16. Father Gerard Creedon was celebrant. Pictured with Father Creedon is the Division's Mass Committee, from left to right, James F. Carmody; John E. O'Neill; Joseph A. Gormley; Division President Daniel A. McManus; Committee Chairman Norman T. Woods; Father Creedon; Thomas Gaughan; Joseph E. Mulcahy; James J. Herlihy and Joseph E. McAteer. Not in the photo are committee members Douglas de Buys, Paul E. Sullivan, Thomas Cunningham and Brendan J. Wheilan.

Irish History and Northern Ireland

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seven days without recourse to lawyer, family, or priest, and be interrogated in special centers for that space of time; prisoners have died and been maimed under this interrogation; it is in these interrogations that "confessions" have been obtained; 85% of internees have been convicted on the basis of such confessions. Britain had been embarrassed worldwide by the policy of internment without trial and changes to the "more acceptable" method of crushing opposition by use of the Diplock courts.

1972 — Bloody Sunday — British paratroopers shoot and kill 13 unarmed people on the streets of Derry, wound many others, during a peaceful demonstration.

1976 — Britain decides to criminalize the war in Northern Ireland. British authorities announce that all prisoners convicted after March 1, 1976 are to be denied political status and confined in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh. British propaganda intensifies and tries to sell to the world the idea that Irish nationalists in Northern Ireland are terrorists and criminals. Trials are delayed so that new prisoners could be "tried and convicted" under the new system. Prisoners in the Maze Prison (Long Kesh) begin a blanket protest against the revocation of special status. Ultimately, up to 300 men engage in the painful blanket protest, refusing to cooperate in any way with their jailers, and so enduring hunger, beatings, painful body searches, mental anguish, extended sentences.

1976 — Britain uses a special force,

the SAS, similar to the "Black and Tans" operating in civilian clothes, to terrorize nationalists. As Britain employed the Black and Tans during the War of Irish Independence, so the English Government now employs a new "anti-terrorist" service operating secretly and in civilian clothes, in close alliance with Protestant paramilitary armies, to smash nationalist resistance. This secret army is known as SAS (Strategic Air Services).

1980 — the Blanket Protest continues. Some men go on hunger strike to the death in order to protest their imprisonment and seek recognition as political prisoners of England. The men call off the hunger strike when Britain yields. Ulster Loyalists threaten Britain. Britain manages on its promises. World opinion is becoming aroused.

1981 — The Year of the Hunger Strikers — A prisoner in Long Kesh, one of a group on renewed hunger strike, is elected Member of the British Parliament. This fact deals a major blow to the British Government's contention that the IRA lacks widespread support among the Catholic and nationalist population of Ireland. When Bobby Sands, the newly elected Member of Parliament, dies on hunger strike, 400 representatives of worldwide media attend his funeral attended also by 100,000 mourners.

The world watches in horror as nine others die on hunger strike while Britain refuses to negotiate.

"As a result of this hunger strike, people throughout the world who previously had no interest in Ireland (or perhaps weren't sure what corner

of the globe it was in) now know that its basically a colonial situation and no amount of expensive British Foreign Office propaganda will ever change their minds.

"The fools, the fools, the fools, They have left us our Fenian dead And while Ireland holds these graves Ireland unfree shall never be at peace."

P. H. Pearce

King Speaks at Dinner



NASSAU COUNTY, New York, Comptroller Peter T. King, right, is pictured with Sgt. John Fallon of the Nassau County Police Emerald Society Pipe Band at the recent dinner of the Friendly Sons of Mercy Hospital. King, who was the principle speaker at the dinner, called upon the American State Department to denounce human rights violations by the British in Northern Ireland.

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6000 B.C. — Earliest known inhabitants in Ireland.

3000 B.C. — Farming communities in Ireland; megalithic tombs constructed.

1500 B.C. — Irish bronze and gold work exported overseas.

250 B.C. — Speakers of present Celtic language arrive in Ireland.

432 A.D. — St. Patrick arrives in Ireland.

700 A.D. — Celtic metal working reaches peak of achievement. Celtic Society, culture and Church prosper in Ireland.

1169 — Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland. By means of military force, treaty, plantation, coercion, and English-made law, England spends the following 500 years in consolidating control over Ireland. Celtic society eventually collapses.

1366 — Statutes of Kilkenny 1494 — Poyning's Law

Comparable in nature to the Nazi racial laws of the 1930s in their deep-seated contempt for the Gael and the genocidal implication of their enforcement. Laws forbidding speaking of the Irish language, and participation in political, educational or economic rights. No Irishman was permitted to own land, bear arms or practice their religion under penalty of death.

1606-10 — Plantation of Ulster — Defeat of Ulster Rebels — the defeat of the O'Neill clan produced a state of seige. Protestant England demanded the Gaels renounce Catholicism within a year or be stripped of all property. They refused and their land was given to British and Scots who had served the Crown. The Gaels were reduced to serfdom and, in essence, became "taigs" (slaves) or croppies. They were made to work their original land as tenant farmers paying outrageous rents and were kept at bare survival level.

1641 — The Rising of Ulster — Leaders of the old Ulster families — O'Neill, Magennis, O'Hanlon, O'Hagen, MacMahon, McGuire, O'Quinn, O'Farrell, O'Reilly — led an uprising that in one night reconquered the province sending the Planters to the cities that they could still hold. From this uprising stemmed a rumor of a "Great Popish Massacre" readily believed in England. 600,000 Protestants were supposedly slaughtered. There were at the time only 200,000 Protestants in Ireland. This rumor was so solidly believed that there was no trouble raising an Army against the perpetrators of the Popish Massacre.

1649 — Retribution: Cromwell — Elizabeth I unleashed Oliver Cromwell on the Irish people, a man whose name is synonymous with ruthless butchery. The Irish people first got a taste of him at Drogheda. When he took over this city he loosed his soldiers for three days and three nights orgy of slaughter. Out of a garrison of 3,000 men only 30 survived. Countless women and children were slaughtered. Churches where the people fled were set afire. Children were roasted on spits and they were also used as shields by Cromwell's soldiers. Cromwell wrote to the Speaker of the House of Commons — "It has pleased God to bless our endeavour in Drogheda . . . we put to the sword the whole number . . . This hath been a marvelous great mercy."

On October 2, 1649 the English Parliament proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day and by unanimous vote placed upon the records, "That the House does ap-

prove of the execution done at Drogheda as an act of justice to them and mercy to others who may be warned by it."

1650s — The Diaspora — When the war ended "peace" was established. Most men had been killed off. Those that remained along with young women, boys and girls, were shipped into slavery to the American colonies and the West Indies. Numbers sent to slavery are estimated at between 30,000 and 80,000. On the Continent, the exiled Irish became Chancellors of Universities, Court Physicians, Professors, Field Marshals, Admirals, Ambassadors. But in their own homeland, the Cromwellian Settlement was taking place. All fertile land belonging to the Irish were by order of Parliament declared to belong to the British. The native Irish were relegated to the infertile land of Connacht . . . where there was "not wood enough on which to hang a man, water enough to drown him, nor earth enough to bury him."

Before 1641, the British in Ireland were to the Irish as two to eleven. After the Cromwellian Settlement, 3/4 of the lands and 5/6 of the houses belonged to British settlers.

1685 — James II, the Catholic son of Mary became king and tried to establish reform in Ireland. His attempts were viewed with horror in England.

1690 — William of Orange overthrows James in Ireland at the Battle of the Boyne. Hence, the term "Orangemen" came into being. This is the battle celebrated in Ulster on the Twelfth of July every year with a big parade sponsored by the "Orange" lodges. These parades are a display of power and used as a reminder of who possesses said power.

1798 — The Year of the French — Another attempt at rebellion fails after French ships and forces fail to succeed.

1801 — Act of Union — All political representation placed in London.

1829 — Catholic Emancipation Act — Catholics enter Parliament.

1845-48 — The Great Irish Famine — At the time of the famine, Ireland was the top exporter of food in the British Empire. Peasants raised cattle, oats, wheat and other goods but depended on potatoes as their main source of food. When the potato crop failed the Irish were without food. The British refused to close the ports and use the exports to feed the people. Many landowners needed the sale of these goods to pay large debts. So 5 million Irish starved to death with "Grass stains" on their mouths. Hundreds of thousands of others left Ireland bound for America, Australia and New Zealand. Thousands of those died of fever on the ships and never reached the "Promised Land" they were looking for.

1838 — Fenian movement established to oppose English rule.

1867 — Fenian uprising crushed.

1870s — Massive Evictions of tenant farmers by landlords lead to Parnell's Land League looking for fair distribution and restoration of farms.

1886 — Home Rule Bill defeated. This was a severe setback to Land League.

1892 — Home Rule Bill again defeated.

Gaelic League — Founded by Lady Gregory to restore the native language. This movement was attractive

to many intellectuals and upper-class Protestant people who also wanted Home Rule. Padraic Pearse became active in this and began his odyssey to the Land League to the Irish Volunteers to the Easter Uprising in 1916.

1905 — Arthur Griffith proposed a policy of "Sinn Fein" Gaelic words which mean "Ourselves Alone" — Ireland for the Irish.

1916 — On Easter Monday, 1916, a few hundred men rose in rebellion in the streets of Dublin. Padraic Pearse was their leader. They managed to hold the City against the British for a week but then surrendered in order to prevent further civilian deaths.

1916 — The Irish took very little note of the Uprising until the British took the leaders of the Uprising and shot them. The Irish people became incensed at the callousness of this act and soon the rebellion was on in earnest. One of those shot was James Connolly, a labor leader. He had been badly wounded during the Uprising but was carried on a stretcher to the courtyard where he was propped up against a post in order to be executed.

1918 — December — Sinn Fein party victorious in a general election. By definition, Sinn Fein advocated separation from England.

1919 — January — Newly elected Sinn Fein representatives refuse to sit in the London Parliament and meet in Dublin as the independent Dail Eireann (Parliament of Ireland). Eamonn deValera elected as the President.

1919 — England outlaws Sinn Fein and the new Irish Parliament. Members of Dail Eireann are interned. The Dail sets up an Irish army to protect Irish independence. This army is called the Irish Republican Army. The word "republican" designated the same ideals that Thomas Jefferson understood by that word "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

1919-1921 — Anglo-Irish War — The Irish fight for independence. IRA forces are very small compared with the British forces against them. But the backing of the local population and a superior intelligence service enable the Irish to effectively sustain the war against British regular forces and a highly-paid, brutal, mercenary force known as "Black and Tans".

British prestige suffers world-wide when Britain's civil administration completely disintegrates in Ireland. All local government comes under the jurisdiction of Dail Eireann because the Irish people refuse to patronize British courts or pay taxes to Britain.

Martial law is proclaimed in most of Ireland. The jails are filled with patriots, as 4,000 men and women are detained in British concentration camps. Britain institutes a policy of "official reprisals" and "collective punishment" which includes the burning of 90 Irish towns, assassination of public figures, and detention without charge or evidence.

Britain institutes a world-wide propaganda campaign which seeks to denigrate the Irish independence movement and brand its soldiers as common criminals and terrorists.

Winston Churchill proposes, a "hundred thousand new special troops and police" to be equipped with "thousands of armored cars", and the interlarding of the Southern Provinces with 'block houses and barbed wire,' as a method of over-

coming Irish resistance.

1919-21 — The death of Terence McSwiney on hunger strike in a British prison focuses world attention and sympathy of the plight of Ireland. American support and pressure become vital in Ireland's struggle for justice. A truce is declared on July 11, 1921; British big business overseas becomes alarmed at the reaction of an increasingly hostile world.

1920 — While the Anglo-Irish War is in progress, Britain introduces a Government of Ireland Act which sets up two separate Parliaments in Ireland. A Partition Act came into force on May 3, 1921. For economic and strategic reasons, Britain divides Ireland for the first time in history into two separate parts. The sub-statelet of Britain known as Northern Ireland comprises about 17% of Irish national territory but contains about 33% of Ireland's population. During the period 1700-1800, Ulster became the most prosperous part of Ireland, favored by British interests. In Northern Ireland, 60% of employed industrial workers live in Belfast (75% within a 25 mile radius of Belfast city center) while only 5% live in Derry.

1921 — Britain sets up elections in both parts of the partitioned country. Because partition gives them an artificial majority, Ulster Protestants approve the partition. Since the southern part of Ireland is totally opposed to partition, there is no actual contest because Republican candidates are unopposed in every single constituency. Britain makes sure to incorporate Catholic and nationalist areas into Northern Ireland against their will. Without these areas, Northern Ireland would not be economically viable.

1922 — A majority in Dail Eireann approves the Treaty ending hostilities with England and gives de facto recognition to the partition of Ireland. Britain insists on the right to interfere in the actions of the government of the South in its formulation of a new Constitution. Terms of the Treaty give England right to land, sea, and air bases in all of Ireland; The South accepts liability for part of Britain's Public Debt and for payment of compensation to British police and civil servants displaced as a result of Britain's withdrawal from the South of Ireland. Civil War breaks out between Anti-Treaty and Pro-Treaty factions. Britain supports the Pro-Treaty faction which is victorious. In Northern Ireland, a Special Powers Act is introduced. This is the effective tool by which a new police state suppresses opposition from Catholics and nationalists.

1928 — The National League is formed to work for national unity. Not effective.

1932 — Eamonn deValera is returned to power in Southern Ireland.

1932-38 — Economic war between Ireland and England. Ireland suffers greatly, but Britain gives up military bases and military presence in Southern Ireland.

1933 — The Special Powers Act is perpetuated indefinitely in Northern Ireland. Civil Rights can be suspended at whim in that statelet; the ruling powers are confirmed as sectarian and anti-Catholic.

1937 — The Irish Parliament in Dublin changes the name of Southern Ireland from Irish Free State (acquired at the time of the 1921 Treaty) to Eire, an ancient

name for Ireland.

1949 — In Dublin, the Republic of Ireland is formally declared. In London, the British declare the *Ireland Act of 1949* which states: "It is hereby declared that Northern Ireland remains part of His Majesty's Dominions and of the United Kingdom and it is hereby affirmed that in no event will Northern Ireland or any part thereof cease to be part of His Majesty's Dominions and of the United Kingdom without the consent of the Parliament of Northern Ireland". The Unionists of Northern Ireland rely on this act as a continued guarantee of military and economic support by Britain in their insistence on perpetuating the partition of Ireland.

1966-69 — Movement among Catholics in Northern Ireland for the civil rights denied them. They peacefully demand the right to work, live, and express their opinions openly, the right to fair election laws that would deny votes to non-property holders and give multiple votes to those maintaining numerous residences and places of business, the right to fair trials under fair laws, and the right to humane conditions while in prison, the right to engage in normal democratic political activity without harassment, remand without charge, torture, and indefinite prison sentences.

1969 — Pogroms — Pogroms against Catholics in Northern Ireland; hundreds of families burnt out of their homes. The British effectively legislate against civil rights. British troop strengths increased. British soldiers move into the abandoned airstrip called Long Kesh and turn it into an encampment that is later to become a notorious concentration camp. In reaction to British moves, the Provisional IRA is effectively activated.

1971 — British introduce internment without trial in Northern Ireland. The "Maidstone" prison ship, the Magilligan concentration camp, and the Long Kesh concentration camp are used to house prisoners. Paratroopers brutalize demonstrators near the Magilligan camp and the world sees the brutality on television. Prison population increases from 500 to 3,000.

1972 — As a result of a hunger strike in which men nearly die, and consequent street demonstrations, the British Government gives political status to internees convicted of "scheduled offences" (under special British laws). Political status means that the Republican prisoners can wear their own clothes, have a weekly visit and food parcel, associate with fellow prisoners, and be excused from prison work.

1972 — Lord Diplock of Britain is appointed to make a report on Northern Ireland. Part of his report states: "Although in one sense, there has been an intermittent state of emergency in Northern Ireland since it first became a separate province, we regard the emergency which has led to our appointment as that which has resulted from the escalation of terrorist activities since 1969."

Diplock recommends that internment without trial be replaced by the power to convict solely on the basis of a "confession" extracted and signed in police custody (any suspect can be remanded without charge for

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STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER
MR. CHARLES J. HAUGHEY TD

The Government welcomes the decisive endorsement by the Irish people of ratification of the Single European Act (SEA) in the Referendum and acknowledges the support of the political parties who contributed to the positive outcome. This overwhelming result demonstrates that the Irish people are fully committed to membership of the European Community and to Ireland's full participation in its future development. The result will provide an important boost to confidence, and enable investment decisions to be made in the certainty of Ireland's membership in the normal democratic political activity without harassment, remand without charge, torture, and indefinite prison sentences.

The Government will now move forward with its partners in Europe and on the basis of the opportunities offered by the Single European Act. Our aim will be to ensure that Ireland shares in the benefits from further integration and the dismantling of trade barriers, and that the measures to strengthen the cohesion of the Community are fully effective.

The Government will proceed to deposit the Instrument of Ratification with the Government of Italy as soon as the statutory requirements for the enactment of the Tenth Amendment to the Con-

stitution will have been completed. Simultaneously with the deposit of the Instrument of Ratification the Government will deposit the following declaration:

"The Government of Ireland note that the completion of the Internal Market will have full regard to the terms of Protocol 30, agreed at the time of accession, which recognises that there are certain special problems of concern to Ireland, and that there is a common Community interest in the attainment of the objectives of Ireland's policy of industrialisation and economic development designed to align the standards of living in Ireland with those of the other European nations and to eliminate underemployment while progressively evening out regional differences in levels of development.

The Government of Ireland note that the provisions of Title 11 do not affect Ireland's long established policy of military neutrality and that coordination of positions on the political and economic aspects of security does not include the military aspects of security or procurement for military purposes and does not affect Ireland's right to act or refrain from acting in any way which might affect Ireland's international status of military neutrality."

REMARKS OF FOREIGN MINISTER
BRIAN LENIHAN IN PARLIAMENT
28 MAY 1987

It will not surprise the Dail that I should deal first with Northern Ireland as a problem of overriding concern. Some of its features have been with us for a very long time, including sadly, an unremitting campaign of violence which continues to take a heavy toll. Each passing year adds its own witness to the futility of this campaign. Its appalling effects are clear to all except to those who have the power to stop it and choose instead to kill and destroy, willfully visiting untold suffering on their fellow-citizens and adding immeasurably to the barriers of mutual hatred and suspicion which must be overcome in the search for peace and agreement.

In recent years there has been growing acceptance that a framework for a solution involving all the parties had to be created. The December 1980 Summit in Dublin Castle between the Taoiseach, Mr. Haughey, and the British Prime Minister was a decisive step. In our two months in office the Government have continued to be active in promoting the Anglo-Irish process. I myself have had meetings with the

British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. King. I co-chaired the meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference with Mr. King in Belfast on 22 April.

In our relations with the British Government on Northern Ireland, we are using the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference fully so as to improve the position of all the people living in Northern Ireland and especially the nationalist community. The Conference and the Joint Secretariat at Belfast provide a mutually-accepted institutional framework for dealing with Northern matters and matters relating to North-South cooperation. We have committed ourselves to use this framework to make progress and we look forward to meeting an equal spirit of commitment on the other side of the table.

The Government's immediate priorities in the Intergovernmental Conference include in particular:

- progress in the area of Fair Employment
- substantial reforms in the Administration of Justice



TANAISTE and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brian Lenihan TD, with his sister, the Minister for Education, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke TD.

— improved North-South economic cooperation
I will deal briefly with each of these headings.

It is regrettable that after 16 years of direct rule the unemployment rate

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1988 Presidential Forums Planned for Irish Issues

ALBANY, N.Y. — Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx), meeting recently with a dozen Irish-American leaders, decided to explore the possibility of developing in 1988 a 'Presidential Forum on Irish-American Issues', seeking participation by presidential candidates of all parties to "address their views

on a specific Irish-American national agenda."

"While initial steps aimed at forcing candidates to address Irish-American issues began during the 1984 presidential elections, the leaders felt it vitally important to define our own priority issues, then demand candidates' address their own position policies on them," Dearie explained.

At present, the Irish-American leaders defined a five-point 1988 political agenda embodied in the issues of: immigration, appointment of a U.S. envoy to Northern Ireland; U.S. visa policies; the MacBride Principles; and U.S. aid to Ireland.

Dearie underscored the "often cited" statistic of forty-three million Irish-Americans in this country but stated that "our ethnic political impact comes nowhere close to the strength our numbers should demand."

The leaders concluded that without "organized Irish-American prodding," presidential candidates, based on past and current experience,

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Irish National Hero Honored in U.S.



AT THE DEDICATION ceremony of a memorial to Irish Patriot Thomas J. Clarke, participants 92-year old Sam O'Reilly and 18-year old Chuck Connors place a wreath at the base of the obelisk, while Past AOH New York State President Jack Irwin applauds. (Story on Page Three).

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President's Message

Teachtaineact An Uachtarán

By Nicholas Murphy, National President

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We have established an immigration assistance office in New York City at 3180 Decatur Avenue in St. Brendan's Parish under the aegis of the Bronx County Board; this office will address not only legislative needs but also administrative relief and legal assistance for individual cases. We have an attorney in the office every Tuesday evening as well as a list of attorneys to take cases on referral.

MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES

In New York State we showed the way last year with the passage of the MacBride Principles Bill. It was grassroots pressure from Hibernians and kindred spirits from one end of the state to the other which forced the passage of that bill and gained the support of two gubernatorial candidates and a comptroller who had been non-committal. Our Brother Hibernian Denis Dillon was with us from the start; Brother Hibernian Andy O'Rourke, at our request lobbied Warren Anderson to withdraw his opposition in the Senate; by the time the bill reached the governor's desk the political realities were perceived to be such that Mario Cuomo could not have done other than sign it into law. Let us grow complacent. I hasten to remind you that vigilance is still required to assure compliance with the law and it is still important to pass the MacBride Principles in every State of this great Union to put the necessary economic pressure on those who would discriminate against Irish Catholics in employment.

We must remind our Legislators in our States and in Washington that they are our representatives and that not one member either of the Dublin government or of the London Government casts a single vote in any American election.

While the effort continues across the country to emulate the example of Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, New Jersey and others in passing the MacBride Principles into law, we must not neglect immigration reform (e.g., the Hibernian immigration bill, H.R. 1683 introduced by Congressman Joseph DiGiardi of New York, which would provide over 4,500 non-preference visas to Ireland this year alone) or other issues and other principles which command our attention.

MAXIMUM PROTECTION FOR INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE

Perhaps the greatest tragedy facing the world today is the holocaust of abortion which has taken more innocent lives than all of

our wars combined. Nations which indulge themselves in this murderous form of population control will be seen in the long run to be committing a form of genocidal suicide. Hibernians have supported the Irish Family Rights Council in their struggle to keep Ireland free of abortion and to preserve the primacy of the Family as the fundamental unit of society as set forth in Articles 41 and 42 of the Irish Constitution.

In this country we cannot find a better example to follow than that of our Brother Hibernian John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in courageously seeking the maximum protection for innocent human life regardless of age or condition. Our task is not only one of example, not only one of support for pro-life organizations like Birthright (686 North Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096), the Irish Family Rights Council (25 Lombard Street West, Dublin 8, Ireland) and the American Life League (P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, Virginia 22564), our task is one of education of ourselves, of our people and of our representatives in government.

JOE DOHERTY

Speaking of Cardinal O'Connor, we are indebted to him for his leadership in many areas, not all of which are reported in the secular press. His Saint Patrick's Day messages consistently call for "Peace with Justice and Honor" for all of Ireland. Most recently he has spoken out (in a full page article in *Catholic New York*) on behalf of a young Irishman who has been locked up in this country for over four years fighting extradition to the United Kingdom, a man who has broken no American law save only the misdemeanor of illegal entry. Joseph Patrick Doherty was a member of the Irish Republican Army who was involved in a gun battle in Belfast in which a British SAS officer was killed. (We have long been aware of the English shoot-to-kill policy, and have recently seen that the SAS take no prisoners—Geneva Conventions to the contrary notwithstanding.) Joe Doherty was captured and convicted of "murder" by a British court in occupied Ireland. He escaped and sought refuge in the United States.

It is not a new story that an IRA man escapes to the United States; there are probably a few men reading this column right now who would fit in that category, whether from 1920, 1940, 1960, or 1980. What distinguishes the Doherty case is that our independent federal

Judiciary at every level has ruled that Joe Doherty is not subject to extradition because his case presents "the political offense exception in its most classic form." There is an old saying, that England always plays by the rules until she starts losing, then she changes the rules. It seems that is also true of Her Majesty's minions in America. (1776 apparently having been forgotten in Foggy Bottom and other precincts in Washington, D.C. — sic transit gloria mundi).

Just to get Joe Doherty, a "New Supplemental Extradition Treaty" between the United States and the United Kingdom was rammed through the US Senate amidst the most thorough pro-British propaganda effort since World War II. (How did your U.S. Senators vote)? This treaty is nothing more than an *ex post facto* bill of attainder, and that makes it a double violation of the Constitution whose bicentennial we are celebrating this year!

Joe Doherty is still in jail! Cardinal O'Connor has visited him there. While I don't expect every Hibernian to travel to "The Tomb" in New York for that purpose, I do propose that every Irish-American should write to their Member of Congress, to their two United States Senators and to the President of the United States protesting the continued detention of this genuine "Freedom Fighter." I would further expect that each Hibernian division would write similar letters to help free Joe Doherty. We must not permit any would-be American Herod to order up the head of Joe Doherty to satisfy the blood-lust of Maggie Thatcher.

Joe Doherty has expressed a willingness to be deported to the Republic of Ireland. Subsequently U.S. Courts have ordered him deported to Ireland. I have recently returned from Dublin where I sought and received the personal assurance of An Taoiseach, Charles J. Haughey, that Joe Doherty's right of return to Ireland will be respected.

We must defend the Honor of the United States; we must stand up and send the message to Washington: "Let Joe Doherty Go!"

There are many issues which concern Hibernians. Human Rights for the people of those six of the divided Irish Province of Ulster's nine counties known as "Northern Ireland" is an issue always at the top of any Hibernian list. Political scientists tell us that among the distinguishing

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Irish National Hero Honored in the U.S.

On May 17, 1987 at his former Manorville, Long Island, New York home, a memorial was dedicated to the memory of Irish patriot, Thomas J. Clarke. The memorial is a 400-square foot landscaped plot with resting benches and a cement walkway leading up to a six-foot, 3,000 pound obelisk of polished Wicklow Granite, quarried, carved, and engraved in Ireland.

Sponsored by the Suffolk County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and organized by NY State AOH Historian Mike McCormack, the event was attended by approximately 400 spectators, town, county, state, and federal politicians, and members of the press.

Those assembled saw their political leaders praise the Ancient Order for its initiative and laud Mr. Clarke as a dedicated freedom fighter and father of the modern Republic of Ireland. Congratulatory correspondence was received from American President Ronald Reagan.

Irish President Dr. Hillery, and New York State Governor Mario Cuomo. The crowd applauded as Martin Rouine, Deputy Consul General of Ireland, and Jack Irwin, NY state president of the AOH, unveiled the monument and as a wreath was placed at the monument base.

Mr. McCormack, narrating the ceremony for the AOH, explained that the wreath contained 32 Easter Lilies — one for each county in Ireland — and an American Beauty Rose for Irish America, woven in a circle to signify never-ending unity. The wreath was placed by Sam O'Reilly, a 92-year old veteran of the GPO garrison in the 1916 Easter Rising, assisted by 18-year old high school student Chuck Connors. Mr. McCormack explained that Mr. O'Reilly represented the generation from which we have received our traditions while young Mr. Connors represented the generation to whom they must be passed. (See page 18 for the story of Thomas J. Clarke).

Seven AOH Teens Win Scholarships to Ireland

ST. PAUL, MN — Seven high school students with AOH "connections" have been awarded scholarships and will be part of a record-setting group of 151 American teenagers from 22 states visiting Ireland for five-and-one-half weeks this summer on the annual Irish Way program.

The program, which began its 12th year on July 4 with its largest group ever, is sponsored by the St. Paul-based Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI). The holiday and study program offers a look at Irish history and literature and a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities, including attending a play at Ireland's national theatre, seeing a hurling match, taking part in a traditional Irish dance, and playing sports matches against local Irish teenagers.

The Irish Way completes its introduction to Irish life and culture by placing each student with an Irish family for a home stay and by offering a sampling of hotel living during a tour of the island.

This year's AOH winners are: AOH Connecticut State Board winner: Kathleen Reilly, daughter of Paul and Margaret Reilly of Norwalk, CT, will be a 12th grader at Norwalk High School this fall. An Irish step-dancer for 11 years, Kathleen paints, is a peer counselor, sings in a performing ensemble and for a folk choir, and works for Safe Rides and her church youth group. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

AOH Flatbush Division 35, Brooklyn, winner: Brian O'Connor, son of Michael and Maura O'Connor of Staten Island, NY, will start 11th grade at Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island. He is an avid baseball player and collector. Brian enjoys a number of other sports and he also maintains a solid "B" average. He is following in the footsteps of his brother, who went on the Irish Way in 1985.

Winners of Other Scholarships: Elizabeth Casala, a 12th grader at Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT, is the daughter of Theodore and Jean Cooke of Danbury, Elizabeth plays field hockey, is a Dorothy Day volunteer, and recently took up Irish dancing. She is also a public relations representative for her town's Chamber of Commerce, and is a representative on her school's religious commission, while keeping up a top grade point average. Elizabeth received her scholarship from the Wild Geese of Greenwich, CT.

Mary Coyne, daughter of John and Helen Coyne of Olney, MD, will enter her senior year this fall at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, MD. A member of her school's Math and Latin clubs, Mary is a stamp and coin collector, paints, does needlepoint and maintains a "B" average in her schoolwork. Mary's scholarship came from the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Katie O'Hare, daughter of Margaret O'Hare of Mt. Prospect, IL, will be an 11th grade student at St. Louise de Marillac High School in Northfield, IL. Katie writes for her school paper and is a member of the pep club, but is most active in athletics, playing for varsity teams in volleyball, softball and track. Katie has a "B" average and received her scholarship from the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Christy Root, daughter of Norman and Maureen Root of Livonia, MI, will begin 10th grade at Ladywood High School in Livonia in September. A competitive Junior dancer for four years and a model since she was age one, Christy is a pre-school assistant, skates on a drill team and plays piano. She won her scholarship from the Hibernian Life Insurance Fund of Minnesota.

John Sonderman, son of John and Mary Sonderman of St. Louis, MO, and a student at Chaminade College Prep, will also be a 10th grader this fall. An amateur spelunker, a soup kitchen volunteer, and assistant first grade soccer coach. John also plays piano and clarinet and participates in his school's drama, speech and debate activities. A "B+" student, John was awarded his scholarship aid by the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and by the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Nat'l Awards Granted During NY Convention

NIAGARA FALLS, NY — The 1987 National Awards program of the AOH was held July 10 during the New York State Biennial Convention.

First prize, a round trip to Ireland for two via Aer Lingus, courtesy of Connie O'Sullivan, Healy Sullivan Travel Agency, Pearl River, NY, was awarded to Mr. Sean Scanlon, 75 Webber's Path, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Second prize, a remote control VCR, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Smith, 119 Mossbark Lane, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Third prize, a Waterford Crystal Ship's Decanter with glasses, was awarded to R. E. McGovern, 4479 Forsythe, Saginaw, Michigan.

The recipients of seven participating awards are as follows:

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Irish Foreign Minister to Speak At National President's Dinner

NEW YORK — The biennial AOH National President's Dinner will take place on Saturday, September 26, 1987, at the Quality Inn Tappan Zee in Nyack, New York.

The traditional Hibernian gathering will honor the Order's national president, Nicholas Murphy, of New City, Rockland County, N.Y.

On Friday, September 25th a National board business meeting will convene at 5:00 p.m. at the Quality Inn, followed later by AOH Night at Bishop's Restaurant.

On Saturday, the 26th at 9:00 a.m. the National Board meeting resumes; in the afternoon a joint meeting with the Ladies AOH will take place.

Mass will be celebrated in the Quality Inn at 5:00 p.m., followed by the President's Dinner. The featured speaker for the evening will be the Hon. Brian Lenihan, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Linehan, Sr., 109-28 123 St., So. Ozone Park, NY; and \$25, Trudie Action, 19 Hillside Ave., St. James, NY. The entire National Board offers its grateful appreciation to all who participated in the 1987 National Awards program.

Heading up the dinner committee is Rockland Co. Board President John Foody, assisted by Rockland Co. Board President John Cawley. Other committee chairmen are: Tickets, Brennan Malley; Reception, Connie O'Sullivan; Public Relations, William J. Burke; and Journal, Bernadette Hartnett.

Serving the Dinner Committee as state coordinators are: in New York, Jack Irwin and Michael Hession, past state presidents; in Massachusetts, Past National President Jack Connolly; in Pennsylvania, Daniel Deasey; and in Connecticut, Frank Kearney.

Chairman Foody states that the President's Dinner evening will start with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by a four-course dinner with open bar at 7:30 p.m. There will be dancing until midnight to the music of Noel Kingston and his Orchestra, featuring Mary Kingston and Paddy Farrell.

For information on tickets, tables and journal participation, please contact John Foody at 914-359-1386 or Connie O'Sullivan at 914-735-9400.

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Fair Employment in N.I.

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among the Catholic population is more than twice the rate among Protestants. The Fair Employment Act, introduced in 1976, has not succeeded in redressing this imbalance. At the meeting of the Conference on 22 April, both sides agreed on the need for progress in legislation and practice in this area.

The Government will continue to stress the need for effective legislation and for affirmative action on the ground. We want to see the introduction of sanctions applied to those employers who fail to meet their responsibilities to ensure equitable patterns of employment.

The courts and the laws in the North should be such as to merit the full confidence of both sections of the community. Our Government is committed to seek substantial reform both in the court system and in the emergency legislation in the North. Parallel with the administration of Justice through the courts and the laws is the relationship between the security forces and the nationalist community. We want to see introduced a programme of special measures to improve that relationship, including the introduction of a Code of Conduct for the police. We want to see action as quickly as possible on the Stalker/Sampson Report.

The Government will pay special attention to encouraging North-South economic cooperation, in particular in areas likely to increase employment possibilities in both parts of Ireland. The International Fund

has established a range of programmes that will, I believe, bring substantial economic and social benefits on both sides of the border. It is important that the two Governments build on this and consider imaginatively how best we can work together in developing economic cooperation that will be for the benefit of all the people on this island. I want to express our appreciation here to those Governments that have so far contributed to the Fund — the United States, Canada and New Zealand. These have given practical expression to their goodwill and the desire to see the political process in this island succeed.

These three areas are of particular significance but we will of course be pursuing or developing many other issues in relation to the Conference, for example, the place of our Irish language and culture and other economic, social or cultural issues of interest to us and the nationalist community.

Above and beyond this necessary programme of reform lies the vital task of maintaining the political process.

We will continue to seek to build conditions for peace, stability and justice so as to overcome the causes that produce violence in this island. We will work closely with the nationalist community and we will be attentive to all constructive views which may be expressed to us by members of the unionist community. To all who desire a solution through constitutional democratic means, we hold out the hand of friendship.

President's Message

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marks of a nationality are a common sense of history and a shared sense of rights and wrongs. The Irish have a long collective memory.

AOH FOREST

"Cad a dheanfaimid feasta gan adhmaid?" begins one of the Gaelic songs which I learned as a boy in Kerry — what will we do henceforth without our forest? It was the English who devastated our forests centuries ago, exploiting Irish resources for London's profit — not an unfamiliar story to be sure. In 1948, one of the conditions for Sean MacBride and Clann na Publicla to enter into a coalition with John Costello was that the Dublin government begin a program of reforestation in the West. In recent years much of the reforestation of Ireland has been a result of private subscription; in the United States the Irish American Cultural Institute has played a leading role.

On August 5th, 1987, An Taoiseach joins us in the dedication of the "AOH Forest" in Licksean, between Kilgrogan and Glencar in Kerry. This forest is your forest, paid for by your donations in a Hibernian program organized by our National Chairman for Charities and Missions, Dave Burke of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

The AOH tree-planting is but one of many projects whereby we, the American Irish, can invest in the future of Ireland, the Motherland of our race and well-spring of Irish culture. Call it filial duty or call it good sense, we have a duty to Ireland which does not conflict with our obligations to the United States or to Canada, a duty which enhances our ability to contribute to the further growth and definition of this great American republic and of Canada as well.

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH THE FUTURE OF IRELAND

The future of Ireland is in the youth of Ireland. We in North America can best enhance the future of Ireland by supporting those institutions dedicated to the wholesome development of Irish youth. We continue to support those families suffering as a direct result of the current "Troubles" through An Cumann Cabhrach and the Green Cross. We must also support those Irish "summer colleges", such as Colaiste na bhFian (4 Clifton Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland) and Colaiste na Banban (Bohar na gCrann, Baile Ghib, An Midhe, Ireland), where Irish language and traditional values are fostered side by side and which maintain year 'round youth programs for their students. I am likewise referring to North/South reconciliation programs like "Between" in Cork and the youth centers of the Irish Youth Foundation which are dedicated to improving the lot of the most disadvantaged in a country which is economically "most distressful," even where there are not foreign occupation troops on the streets.

We must identify with the future of Ireland. I would encourage each Hibernian division, within the limits of its financial ability, to adopt one of

A Summer Free from Fear

Freedom is a concept we take for granted. But the children of Belfast Northern Ireland live in communities separated from each other by 20 foot walls. Barbed wire, cement blockades and checkpoints with armed soldiers are an every day occurrence.

The children, from the strife-torn and culturally impacted area of Northern Ireland, are being affected by a tragedy that is not of their doing, yet they are the victims.

Thousands of children in Northern Ireland have never known a life free from stress and fear. The damage to their physical and mental health is possibly the greatest problem arising out of the present conflict. They are in a very real sense, prisoners of strife.

What is the Belfast Children's Summer Program?

The program was founded in 1982 in Washington, D.C. and is in touch with, but independent of, similar programs in a dozen U.S. cities. The primary goal is to bring 9-11 year old boys and girls from strife-torn Belfast to the Washington area for six weeks in the summer.

The trip to the Washington D.C. area will expose the children to an environment where religious prejudice and discrimination are not practiced. We do this to help induce a gradual change so that today's youth, upon becoming tomorrow's parents and leaders, will know that there is a better way than armed conflict.



NORMAN MCCARTHY, center, president, JFK Div. 5, Prince Georges County, MD, with two of the children from the Belfast Children's Summer Program, at the Division annual picnic. Barry Kelly, left and Kelly Watson, right, are among the 72 Belfast children brought to the Washington, DC area for a six-week visit. JFK Div. 5 is one of the sponsors of the program that brings children from strife-torn Belfast to the nation's capital.



NEW YORK: Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon greets Elaine Robinson, right of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Elaine is spending the summer in Merrick with Katie Grillo, left, and her family. Elaine is one of 800 children from Northern Ireland vacationing in the United States through Project Children. D.S. Dillon has been involved in the human rights issue in Northern Ireland for many years.

these youth activities and give the support which can enable that center to serve the needs of another few boys or girls than might otherwise be the case. For information on

charitable programs, please contact our National Chairman for Charities and Missions, David R. Burke, 6 Mount Vernon Terrace, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01843.

Presidential Forums

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will probably not on their own accord, tackle the often controversial issues comprising the Irish-American agenda.

Therefore, they concluded that we must present to the candidates what the individual items and issues are, and then establish a 'Question and Answer Forum' to permit them to speak to a broad representation of Irish-American leaders.

Dearie suggested that the 'Presidential Forums', which could begin as early as late August, could be organized and scheduled on a monthly basis leading to the early primaries. Each 'Forum' would include specific and targeted questions to presidential aspirants on Irish-American issues, with over hundreds of concerned Irish-Americans present to analyze firsthand the candidates' views.

The key element of success for such 'Forums' would be the wide exposure that the candidate's view on these issues would be given in the Irish-American and metropolitan media.

It was discussed and recommended that the Irish-American leaders attending the 'Forums' come from the tri-state areas of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, in order to broaden the scope and interest that potential presidential candidates would have in states with major primaries.

In addition, a lengthy discussion was held on ways to maximize par-

ticipation by Irish-Americans in visible unity demonstrations such as Solidarity Day.

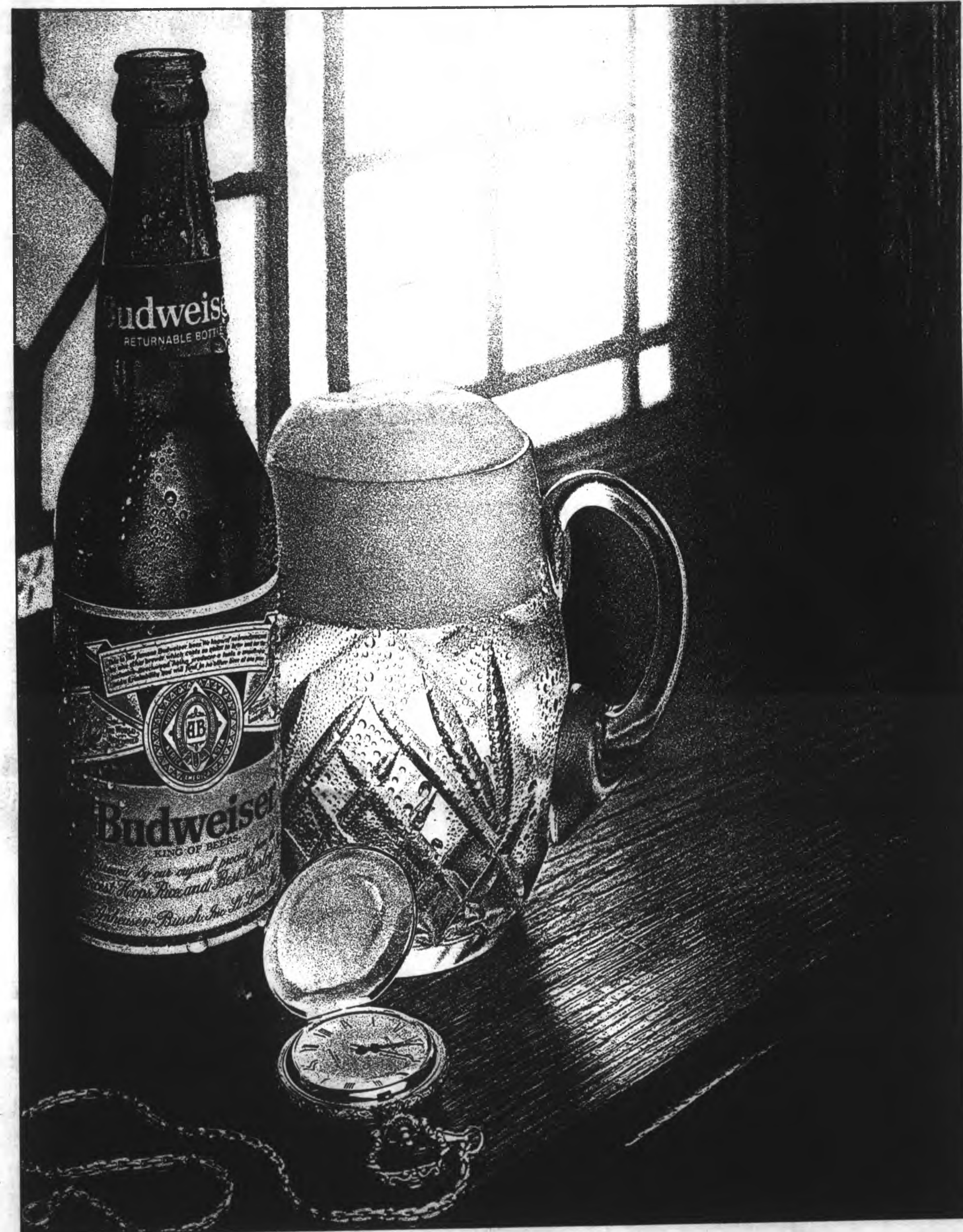
Substantial analysis was directed at the "highly visible and effective Jewish Solidarity Day," two months ago, in which over 300,000 American Jews participated to end Soviet Jewry. The Jewish protest at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza is the same site where Irish Solidarity is held annually. It has drawn only a few thousand Irish Americans in recent years.

Discussion also focused on the location of the upcoming 'Forum' with the possibilities including either a campus setting which could accommodate large turnouts, or the N.Y.U. Medical Center, which was the site of the 1986 Irish-American Issues Forum.

Participating in Thursday's meeting were: Jack Iriwin, NYS AOH President; Tom Connaughton, president, Grand Co. of Emerald Societies; Martin Galvin, editor, *Irish People*; Daniel and Peggy Dee, I.A.U.C.; Vincent Dougherty, N.Y.C. Police Emerald Society; Joe Jamison, Irish American Labor Coalition; Johanna Brown, Westchester Irish Community; Albert Doyle, American Irish Political Education Committee; Mary Wilson, Irish Northern Aid; Frank McCann and Jack Higgins, Transport Workers Union; Phil Bolger, Board of Ed. Emerald Society; Tom Murray, AOH; Pat Hurley, Jim O'Malley, and Sean Minihane, Irish Immigration Reform Movement.

Dearie stated that Volunteer Committees are now being formed, and anyone interested in participating in the organization of the 'Forum' should contact Richard White of his office at (212) 824-1900.

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STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

The Massachusetts AOH met in convention at the Lowell Hilton on May 28-30, 1987.

Delegates assembled from Lawrence, Newburyport, Salem, Lynn, Peabody, Malden, Watertown, Boston, Worcester, Holyoke, North Attleboro, North Adams, Blackstone and Marlboro. The convention was hosted by the Lowell Division.

Guest speaker at the state banquet was Fr. Dan Bowin, State Chaplain. His topic was "Keeping Our Irish Culture and Heritage Alive."

National President Nick Murphy, of New York, and National Vice-President Michael Coogan, of Dayton, Ohio, installed the newly elected officers.

Newly elected officers are: State President, Bill Sullivan of Division 8, Lawrence; Vice-President, Joe McHugh of Division 10, Lynn; State Secretary, Allan Gallagher of Division 14, Watertown; State Treasurer, Bill Donnelly of Division 14, Watertown.

In attendance were National Officers, Director Michael Carroll, of Worcester; Past National President Jack Connolly, of Watertown; Dave Burke, of Lawrence, Chairman of Charities and Missions; Dick Hickson, of Lawrence, Assistant Secretary of Charities and Missions and Irish Way Program, along with 300 delegates.



AOH NATIONAL PRESIDENT Nick Murphy congratulating new Massachusetts AOH officers. From left, State Secretary Allan Gallagher of Watertown, Vice President Joe McHugh of Lynn; State Treasurer Bill Donnelly of Watertown; President Murphy; and State President Bill Sullivan of Lawrence.



DIVISION 8, Lawrence, delegates surround seated officers, from left, National Vice President Michael Coogan of Ohio, State President Bill Sullivan of Lawrence, National President Nick Murphy, National Chairman Charities and Missions Dave Burke of Lawrence.

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PARTICIPATING IN the annual John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial exercise conducted by the Massachusetts State Board, AOH, June 20 are, from left, State President William Sullivan of Lawrence, State Chaplain Fr. Champion of Worcester; State Chairman Al Madden of Boston, and State President LAOH Mary Dolan in Worcester.

STATE NEWS: Rhode Island



ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE AOH and Ladies AOH, left to right, William J. McEnery of Providence, state AOH president; Mary E. Bradley of Central Falls, national Ladies AOH vice president; The Rev. George B. McCarthy of Newport, state chaplain AOH and Ladies; Mrs. Genevieve Mathison of Newport, state Ladies AOH president; and Mrs. Mary L. King of Newport, past national Ladies AOH president. The state officers were elected recently at the state convention held in Newport.

NEWPORT, R.I. — William J. McEnery of Providence was elected state president of the AOH at the recent convention held here in Hibernian Hall. McEnery served as national president of the AOH in 1964-1966. The Dennis E. Collins Division One, Newport, was host for the conventions. Mrs. Genevieve Mathison of Newport was elected state Ladies AOH president.

During the convention the Hibernians went on record in favor of passage of the "MacBride Principles Bill" (87-H 5328) introduced into the Rhode Island General Assembly by Reps. Fogarty, M. Smith and J. Egan. The House later approved the bill which was sent to the Senate. After Senate approval the bill was sent to Governor DiPrete. The bill authorizes the Rhode Island general treasurer to survey all American companies operating in Northern Ireland and determine whether those companies discriminate against minority employees in hiring and promotions. The bill is intended to express the state's opposition to discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland.

State AOH officers elected included Joseph H. McCarthy Jr. of

Warwick, vice president; James M. Dacey of Cumberland, secretary; Capt. John Kane of Newport, treasurer; Timothy J. Foley of Providence, chairman of Catholic Action; Raymond Burns of Newport, historian; F. Frank Gibney of Providence, chairman of Catholic Action; Norbert B. Stamps of Providence, chairman of standing committees; Christopher J. Behan of Newport, organizer; John O'Connor of Newport, chairman of Freedom for All Ireland. State directors elected were: Michael Malloy, Michael Behan, Patrick Murphy and Leo Downey. The Rev. George B. McCarthy, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Newport, will serve as state AOH and Ladies AOH Chaplain.

Other Ladies AOH officers elected were: Helen LaPierre of Newport, vice president; Dorothy E. Dolan of Pawtucket, secretary; Mary Kane of Newport, treasurer; Bridget Reddin of Newport, historian; and Mary Pedro of Newport, chairman of missions.

Mary E. Bradley of Central Falls, national Ladies AOH vice president, installed the officers, assisted by Mary L. King of Newport, past national Ladies AOH president.

STATE NEWS: Connecticut

NEW LONDON, CT — The North American Feis Commission's United States junior Irish dancing championship will be held at the 15th annual New London Feis this year. In 1986, the championship was won in Buffalo, N.Y., by Jean Butler, of the Donny Golden School of Long Island. Candidates for this special championship will be the winners of the girls' and boys' minor and intermediate championship competitions at the New London Feis.

This open Feis begins Sunday, August 30 at 9 a.m. at Ocean Beach Park here. An Irish curragh rowing demonstration, sponsored by the North American Curragh Association, will get under way at 1 p.m.

Irish traditional music competitions for beginners and advanced musicians will also be held. Among the featured competitions of this Feis are the adult cello dancing competitions.

There will also be carnival rides, an Olympic swimming pool, games, and of course, the beach.

For more details, call 203-739-8216.

STATE NEWS: Michigan

The state of Michigan held their 1987 State Convention on May 15-16 at Traverse City. Over 100 Brothers from the eight Divisions in Michigan made the trip to Michigan's "resort city", many with their wives and families. The Bernard Brady Division acted as host for the convention, with John Conley's Irish Cottage handling the social aspects of the weekend. Highlighting the Convention weekend was the election of the new State Board of Officers. James O'Flynn was elected State President. Jim brings over 25 years of dedicated work to this position which includes service in three Divisions as various elected positions and eight years on the State Board most recently as vice president where he assumed the duties of president with the untimely death of State President Daniel O'Connell in November 1986.

Bernard Lennon, long time member and officer in the Oakland Division, was elected vice president. Jack Conway from Detroit's Walsh Division succeeds John McInerney as state secretary and Robert Carlton of Flint's Sullivan and O'Sullivan Division becomes state treasurer.

Rounding out the Board, as State Directors are John Conley, Traverse City; John Cahill, Detroit #1; Clare Cunningham, Grand Rapids; Paul Gowdy, Macomb Co.; Edward Lennon, Oakland #1; Brian Gavan, Detroit #2; Timothy Hairiton, Oakland #2; and J. Michael Zelle, Flint. As conventions go in Michigan, this year's event was one of the largest in recent years and can be taken as a step in the right direction — Michigan is continuing to grow in membership.

Detroit's Walsh Division hosts their annual picnic on August 23. It is expected that most of the tri-counties four other Divisions will have their members in attendance. July was a big month for this Division as they gained 23 new members for the Order. Detroit's

In other areas of progress, Michigan is happy to report that the efforts to promote passage of the MacBride Principles is paying off. By a vote of 97-0, the State House of Representatives passed the bill and hopefully the Senate Bill will enjoy equal success. John Cahill and past State President Kevin Murphy are spearheading this effort along with help from Daniel O'Kennedy, Bernard Lennon, and National Director John McInerney. Co-sponsors of the bill are Detroit Senator John Kelley and Representative Michael Benanne. In a related issue, Larry Kelly, Detroit's Walsh Division president, has announced plans for a benefit for Oliver Kearney to be held at the Hibernian Hall on October 18th. Contact Kevin Murphy (313) 634-3401 for information.

In other news around the state, Tom O'Sullivan announced a resounding success with his Division's "Shillelagh Swing" Golf outing which put \$2500 into the Shrine Burn Center. The Flint Division's participation with the Shriners goes back a number of years after personal experience with the work this group did with a young child from Ireland. Michael Nolan's Traverse City Division will be participating in the 1987 Heritage Parade. The membership passed out information on the Irish in the area which was well-received by those in attendance.

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STATE NEWS: New Jersey



OFFICERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, N.J., St. Patrick's Division 1 are, from left, Financial Secretary John L. Fitzmaurice; Treasurer Charles A. Diamond, Sr.; President Patrick Joseph Mulrooney; Vice President Peter J. O'Neill; Marshal Emmett J. Ryan; and Recording Secretary William T. Cooper.

The Somerset County AOH, St. Patrick Division 1, recently sponsored an Irish Concert at Immaculata High School in Somerville.

Ryan Division continues their work with Fr. Russ Kohler's program with terminal cancer kids, while baseball is the name of the game with the two Oakland County Divisions. While not setting any new records, these two Divisions continue to grow by attracting the younger lads through their sports programs. Finally, the AOH in Michigan was saddened by the losses of Joseph Griffin, Flint, and Robert Wilke, Detroit.

The Irish music was provided by the Willie Lynch Showband. The concert featured Karen Morrissey who rendered a number of Irish melodies with her lovely voice. In addition, the Trinity Pipe Band of Somerset also performed. The Peter Smith School of Irish Dancing enchanted the audience, and Chris McLaughlin sang the National Anthems of both the United States and Ireland.

Also, the St. Patrick Division recently received the Second Place Senior Marching Unit Award in the Woodbridge, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. George Aston, representing the Woodbridge American Irish Association which sponsored the parade, presented the award. Patrick Joseph Mulrooney, division president, accepted on behalf of the AOH, Ladies AOH, AOH Cello Group, and Trinity Pipe Band of Somerset, since all marched together as a single unit in the parade.

The St. Patrick Division has a history of winning St. Patrick's Day parade awards, going back to 1984 when the Division first started participating in the parades. The Division received the Best Irish Traditional Unit and Merit Award in

1985 and placed first in the competition for the Best Appearing Float and Merit Award featured in the 1986 Somerville — Bridgewater — Raritan parades.

The St. Patrick Division has been sponsoring traditional Irish cello folk dance lessons at various skill levels, as well as seasonal cello dances, ever since 1984. The AOH Cello group, besides participating in parades, is very active in Irish cultural events both within and outside New Jersey. Further, members of the Group have brightened the lives of the residents and staff at the Somerset County Nursing Home with their annual entertainment for St. Patrick's Day. Cello dance lessons, by the way, are free; those of you who are interested in attending the cello dance classes should contact Dennis Smyth at (201) 968-6667.

The Division is sponsoring a family style picnic (really more like a mini Irish festival) at the Eagles Aerie Picnic Grove and Pavilion (off Route 28 in Bridgewater) on Sunday, August 30, from Noon to 6:00 p.m. All those interested in attending this function should contact Charlie Diamond, Sr. at (201) 218-0970 or William T. Cooper at (201) 725-4190.



AT THE FOREFRONT of the Michigan MacBride Principles passage are, left to right, Daniel Kelley, past president Detroit -1, John Cahill and Kevin Murphy, co-chairmen of the MacBride Committee; James Flynn AOH state president; John McInerney, national director; Michigan Governor James Blanchard; State Representative Michael Benanne, co-sponsor of the bill; and Edward Lennon, AOH state board director.

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STATE NEWS: Florida

On Wednesday evening, 24 June 1987, Brevard County Division 1 had its annual summer social — a dinner at Ramon's Restaurant in Cocoa Beach, attended by 96 members, including members of the Ladies AOH. Also present were the following Florida State officers who were recently elected at the Florida State convention in Palm Bay: Florida State President Jack Boyle and his wife Betty; State Vice President John Cullinan and his wife Kathleen; State Secretary Bob Schneider and his wife Betty. Jack Fagan, president of Division 1, was the toastmaster.

Any Hibernian in the United States who knows of a qualified in-

dividual residing in Florida and would like to bring a bit of the "Auld Sod" to Florida, can get information by writing to State President Jack Boyle, 1212 Turkey Creek Dr., NE, Palm Bay Florida, 32906 or Bob Schneider at 370 Hamlin Ave., Satellite Beach, Florida 32937 or the state editor, Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Is., FL 32953.

Editor Schneider invites and urges all Florida division presidents to send him information and news about their activities which they would like to share with fellow Hibernians in other states. He will be glad to submit the material to National Editor Dave Henshaw.

STATE NEWS: Texas



SAN ANTONIO, TX: A show of traditional music, song and dance, to benefit St. Patrick's Church's forthcoming centennial development projects, will be held here at Incarnate Word College October 13. Tickets are \$10.00. For details call Joan Moody at 512-656-2666 (5747 Spring Moon, San Antonio 78247). Rehearsing in Ireland for the upcoming tour of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Irish Cultural Movement) are, from left, Siobhan Kennedy, Tipperary; Eilish Byrne, London; Padraic Sinnott, Wexford, and Michelle O'Sullivan, Kerry.

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STATE NEWS: Georgia



AN IRISH SAND CASTLE was part of the summer cultural program of Div. 1, Savannah, constructed by members, their family and friends. The Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most important ecclesiastical antiquities, was chosen as the first project, and the successful fun event is already on the agenda for next year. From left to right, front row, are Michael Buttimer, Shirley Mahoney, John Mahoney and Graham Harold. Back row, Bill Barfield, Tim Buttimer, Joe Buttimer, Capt. Donal Harrington, and Kurt Balcom.



WHILE ON HOLIDAY in Ireland, Graham Harold, president, Div. -1, Savannah, Ga., met with several members of the National Board of Ireland at an AOH gathering in Derrytrasna, Co., Armagh. Both parties expressed a desire to continue the ongoing dialogue that exists between the two organizations, and to build upon and strengthen our present relationship. Work toward a joint project has begun. From left to right are Dennis Corr, AOH Derrytrasna; Brian Lavery, pres. co. board, Armagh; Graham Harold, pres., Div -1, Savannah; Raymond McCormack, nat'l pres., Board Erin; Peter Murry, pres., AOH, Derrytrasna; and Jim McDonald, trustee, Board Erin.

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania

Following the June monthly meeting of AOH Div. 1, Bristol, Bucks County, PA, a special presentation was made. Brother Hubert Nelson, who has completed 50 years of continuous service, was awarded his 50-year pin and a Certificate of Merit. Brother Nelson, who is still active in the affairs of the organization, served many years as the financial secretary and treasurer.

He becomes the division's fourth living member with over 50 years of continuous service, joining Brothers Jim Nealis, Martin Fallon, and Edward Mulligan. Last year Brother Larry Delaney, who had the longest number of years, passed away.

Many past presidents and officers whom Brother Nelson served under were present for the Award Ceremony.

C. Willison Everett
President, AOH Div. 1



PAST PRESIDENTS in attendance for Hubert Nelson's 50-Year Award, Division 1, Bucks County, Pa., were, left to right, back row, J. Bonner, E. McDevitt, B. Everett, P. Delaney, T. Ryan. Front row, B. Wildman, J. Nealis, H. Nelson, C. White, P. Stanley and J. Rogers.

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STATE NEWS: Maryland/DC



THE DISTRICT BOARD of Washington D.C. recently elected officers who are pictured above, left to right: James O'Conner, past president Division 3; Joseph Roche, past national president; board officers John C. Maher, vice president; Matthew Hannon, president; Charles Rogers, secretary; and Fr. B. McCormock, chaplain.

Baltimore City AOH President Names '88 Parade Chair

BALTIMORE, MD — John L. Shaughnessy, City Board President, AOH, appointed Sarah Murphy, former National President, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, as the chairperson for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for 1988. The outgoing chairman, Peter J. O'Connor, welcomed Sarah as chairperson.

Peter O'Connor served two years as chairperson and during his tenure the parade grew tremendously, with additions of many marching units. Pete, who is a long-term AOH member, is also the chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department. Pete's family was a big support unit during the growth of the parade.

Sarah, or Sally to her friends, has long been an active member of the Ladies AOH in which she has held city, state, and national offices.

completed in 1892, being preceded by an interim church in the 1800's known as "Old St. Patrick's." Prior to 1892 St. John's College High School, Gonzaga High School and Visitation School for Girls were established. Up until 1959 the St. John's Cadet Corps marched from the school on Vermont Avenue to St. Patrick's on St. Patrick's Day for Mass. Many Washingtonians claim that if you weren't married in St. Patrick's, you really weren't married. Enough of the nostalgia.

St. Patrick's presently has some problems due to lack of parishioners — at last count there were two. The St. Patrick's Academy was closed and the Paul VI Institute was established under the directorship of Mgr. M. Farina. In the meantime, the upkeep of the Church fell behind due to lack of support. As a result, a beautiful old church, a Washington landmark, needs help.

Since early March of this year the AOH, spearheaded by Division 4, James Sullivan Dugan Division, has gone into the renovation and rehabilitation business. Pews and kneelers are being reattached to the floor, landscaping is in progress, statues need to be cleaned, the roof needs repair and heaven knows what else. At this point Mgr. Fox, the newly appointed pastor, has been cooperating with the volunteers and is wholeheartedly behind this project.

Currently the Hibernians are setting a goal to finish their job in August for the Feast of St. Brigid. There is a great deal of work still to be done and support needed. Keep in mind that this Church is a landmark, dedicated to the American Catholics and the American Irish. Let's not forget St. Patrick's.

John C. Maher



JOHN MAHER, left, and FRANK KELLY, members of the Washington DC area AOH, looking over the outside of St. Patrick's Church for items that need repair. The AOH divisions in the area have adopted the church as their "Fix-Up Project." John, District Board secretary, is a member of Division 4, while Frank is a brother in the Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA.

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D.C. Landmark Is Adopted by AOH Division 4

In Washington, D.C. there is a church familiar to all Washingtonians as well as many others across the country — St. Patrick's Church, the oldest church in the Federal District of Washington. St. Patrick's Church was founded in 1789 at the insistence of James Hoban, architect of the White House. The theory was that with a Catholic parish in the area, the Irish immigrants would be more inclined to work on the Federal City of Washington and the White House.

The Church, as we see it now, was

Late Blooming Hibernian



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Welcoming a new member, Francis X. Dwyer, into the AOH is his pastor, Rev. Monsignor William F. O'Donnell, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bethesda, Md., while James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division looks on with joy. Even though he put off his wish to be a member a very long time, Mr. Dwyer was inducted into the division at its regular meeting on Sunday, April 26, 1987, at the age of 85.

STATE NEWS: California



SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Congratulations are extended to Marie Nugent on her selection as The City Rose of Tralee representing her city San Francisco at the International Rose of Tralee Festival in Tralee, County Kerry. The event was sponsored by the United Irish Cultural Center. From left to right are Peggy McDonald, president, United Irish Societies (California LAOH State vice president); Oren Holmes, director of sales, Pan Am; Peggy Kenny, chairperson of event (San Francisco County LAOH vice president); Marie Nugent; Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who proclaimed July 16 Rose of Tralee Day; Jack Curtin, president U.I.C.C. (past state AOH president); Mary Callanan, treasurer, city and county of San Francisco (past state and county LAOH president); and Harry Gogarty, regional manager, West Coast Irish Tourist Board. The City Rose is a native of Calbally, Co. Tyrone, age 23, with green eyes and blond hair.

STATE NEWS: Ohio

MARTIN'S FERRY, OHIO — With the AOH state convention and the Belmont County's Division 1's annual picnic, summer doldrums didn't have much of a chance in this town. Division President James P. Hughes, himself a delegate, was accompanied to the July 10-12 convention in

Akron by fellow delegates John Brennan of Wheeling; James J. Brennan of Martins Ferry; Paul Loftus of Shadyside; John E. Gallagher of Martins Ferry and Eugene McCabe of Wheeling.

The August 2 picnic was held at the Shadyside Knights of Columbus grounds, with families and friends participating in music and games. The division also collected some 100 pounds of clothing for a charitable project in Wheeling, under the leadership of John Brennan, an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul programs in Elm Grove.



A HAPPY TIMES — Some of the charter members of Belmont County, Ohio, Division No. 1 are shown during an interlude at the division's recent St. Patrick's Day banquet. The division was also celebrating its 10th anniversary as a unit of the AOH. Those shown in the photo are, from the left, Tom Larkin, Mike Muldowney, National Vice President Mike Coogan, Pat Murphy, the Rev. Donal O'Carroll; Division President Jim Hughes; Tom Murphy, state vice president; Bernard Coyne, Terry Coyne, Tony Coyne, Jack Brennan, Terrence Coyne and John Gallagher.



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Guest Editorial

"Violence" and "Terrorism"

By KATHLEEN HOLMES

Chairwoman, American Irish Congress

Over the past several years, the words 'violence' and 'terrorism' have been used continually by Administration officials and media personnel alike. Those who commit acts of 'violence' are roundly condemned by elected officials of federal, state, and local governments, by religious leaders, by media personnel, and by American citizens in general without any thought being given to why acts of 'violence' are being committed in the first place.

Each and every time we Americans proudly sing our national anthem, 'violence' in the pursuit of freedom is glorified. When we sing of "the rockets' red glare", and "the bombs bursting in air," we are proudly proclaiming our right to fight with arms for our preservation as a nation. Certainly, that early colonial American from Massachusetts committed a drastic act of 'violence' when he shot a British soldier at Bunker Hill, an act known as "the shot heard round the world," which ushered in the armed resistance in the Thirteen Colonies against British oppression. Yet, this writer cannot recall ever reading any historical condemnation of this act of 'violence' by any person living in those days who was victimized by England's failure to practise the Golden Rule in her American colonies.

A popular contemporary song by Johnnie Horton a few years ago, depicting the War of 1812, proudly hails how we Americans "fought the bloody British in a town at New Orleans." The song continues:

"We fired our guns and the British kept a coming,
There weren't nigh as many as there were a while ago,
We fired once more and they begin to running,
Down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico."

What caused our ancestors in the United States to engage in such acts of 'violence and terrorism' against the British Army? Only the mere fact that after fighting to gain

independence from England thirty years prior, the English were now back in the United States burning down our Capitol and assaulting our citizens! History does not relate, however, any condemnation of these 'acts of violence' committed by Americans in sending the English back home to Europe.

General George Washington, the original guerrilla soldier, was forced to deal with leading an army of men who were severely deficient in military training when compared to the superior forces of the King's Army, and also severely lacking in arms, war materials, and clothing. The sufferings of these ragged colonial 'terrorists' of their day are poignantly described in every book ever written about that era, and monuments have been erected to the sacrifices they made in battle, particularly at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, the bloodiest battle of the American Revolution.

Since the founding of this nation, Americans have committed 'acts of violence' in order to 'maintain the more perfect union' which we established following our break with England. Certainly, our bombing of Germany and our fight to gain control of Iwo Jima during World War II were acts of 'violence' designed to bring some semblance of normality to a world torn apart by war and overrun by evil aggressors who attempted to force their philosophy upon numerous unwilling nations.

We are truly cognizant of our own historical beginnings as a nation, and our continual fight to maintain our independence and freedom as a people; what is it in our national character that causes us to turn a deaf ear to the abuses being committed against Catholic Nationalists in 'Northern' Ireland by Protestant suppressors who refuse to respect the rights of others to live in peace?

How could the United States actively participate in the trials held at Nuremberg to bring to justice those who committed "crimes against humanity" in Germany while today

ignoring Britain's crimes against humanity in Ireland?

Where are the voices of sanity and justice and reason within our government and within our religious communities? Where are the Judeo-Christian morals of our political and religious leaders who remain silent about Britain's little war in Ireland either through ignorance of the true facts or through total indifference to the plight of 4,000 Irish Catholics who cry out to us for help?

It might be well for all of those complacent Americans who so proudly hail this nation's heritage to ponder where we might be today if the French Navy did not assist George Washington's Continental Army in trapping the British between them, forcing the British surrender and eventual departure from our shores. Without such foreign intervention at a time when our beleaguered fledgling nation was crying out for help, our lives today could be very different indeed!

As we proudly recall each July the humiliating defeat brought upon Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia, by colonial guerrillas who fought a *reactionary war against English oppression*, more than one-half of whom were Irish immigrants or of Irish descent, it might be well for us to ponder the plight of Ireland at that time in history when the blood-lust desire for revenge felt by Cornwallis and his Army brought them to Ireland to ravage and totally devastate that nation during the Irish Uprising of 1798.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Of the thirty-eight signers of the American Constitution, one-half of them were Irish. These nineteen signers were well aware of English oppression not only in the Thirteen Colonies, but also in Ireland. They were aware of the religious bigotry which permeates the English way of life. They were aware of triumphal parades conducted through Catholic neighborhoods by Protestant Orangemen in celebration of a battle victory which took place in the year 1690 A.D.! Coming from oppressed Catholic Ireland, these Constitutional authors well knew about Protestant terrorism against Catholic natives in Ireland, aided and abetted by English governments. If they were alive today, these Irish authors would not be surprised to hear about Protestant Orangemen marching through Catholic neighborhoods today with bats, cudgels, hammers, and hatchets while garbed in clothing emblazoned with the emblem "FTP" as they engage in the sport of stoning and burning Catholic homes and terrorizing

Catholic families. The Constitutional authors were also aware that the English governments of their day guaranteed these Orange suppressors the identical right to carry out their religious hatred of Catholics, supported by the King's Army, as today's British governments grant to the Orangemen, with the encouragement and support of today's British Army.

The Irish framers of our Constitution left no stone unturned in granting religious, cultural, and ethnic freedoms to all who sought them in the United States. One hundred and fifty years later, American soldiers, many of whom were Irish Americans, fought a world war to preserve these liberties for American citizens and to make the entire world safe for democracy. The disgust we felt as a nation for the distorted policies of ethnic superiority displayed by Hitler's Nazis in requiring neighbor to watch neighbor, children to spy on their parents, and the eventual extermination of those who were not of the 'superior Aryan race' should be matched today by England's distorted policies in Ireland which closely resemble the paranoid Third Reich in Germany.

The protection given throughout the years by Britain to Orange recruitment of all Protestants in Ireland to join Orange Lodges and march in Orange parades; to maintain control of all workplaces and deny employment to Catholics; to commit heinous acts of sectarian torture and murder of Catholics S.A.S. in order to maintain dominance in a gerrymandered statelet are all reminiscent of Nazi Germany. This cancerous mentality has been successful in ensuring one hundred percent polarization among Catholics and Protestants in 'Northern' Ireland, and all in the British interest.

This mentality had been rejected by our forefathers in 1776 and repeatedly rejected throughout our history by generations of Americans who gave their lives to ensure the liberties we cherish. There is one reason, and only one, why the United States today does not rise to the defense of Ireland: *self-serving British propaganda in the United States*, which distorts, misinforms, and lies to the American public, all in the interest of Britain without any regard whatsoever to the interests of the United States.

A comparison of the use of several parades to commemorate past events will demonstrate how Britain encourages and supports religious, ethnic, and cultural bigotry in Ireland:

Memorial Day Parades in the United States: Each year, Americans set aside one day of the year to honor the men and women who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms. Parades are held, wreaths are placed upon monuments, and speeches are given throughout the nation to

Guest Editorial

Making Progress

(Irish Press, 17 July 1987)

Yesterday's meeting of the Anglo-Irish Conference produced some of the most significant developments in the short history of the Agreement with announcements of an investigation into the operation of the RUC and new measures to outlaw religious discrimination and promote equality of job opportunity.

What all this will mean in practice remains to be seen, but it is an indication of the willingness of both governments to tackle some of the North's most glaring problems. The path is a tricky one, and progress is not helped by such silly and provocative actions as the incursion by British marines at Greenore Quay. But the message from yesterday's meeting is that Dublin and London mean business and will not be easily deflected.

That is a message which the Unionists, in particular, will have to ponder. These developments come within 48-hours of the first tentative talks between Unionist leaders and British government officials aimed at paving the way towards a conference on devolution.

Devolved administration is an option allowed for within the terms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, but it is not one which either government need be in a hurry to accept. There is work which can best be done by the two sovereign Governments; work which can, and should, be done with or without the consent of the Unionists.

remind us of the sacrifices of generations of Americans who fought to defend our liberties. These parades and speeches are designed to provoke contemplation of the freedoms we must continually fight to preserve.

St. Patrick's Day Parades in Ireland and the United States: These parades are religious as well as ethnic in nature, celebrating the missionary work of St. Patrick in bringing Christianity to pagan Ireland and also rejoicing in the Gaelic culture which pre-dates the birth of Christ. Traditionally, the parades are followed with parties and dances as the Irish throughout the world celebrate this most important of holidays.

12th of July Orange Parades in 'Northern' Ireland: These parades are quite different in nature from either of the above in that the purpose of the celebration is to terrorize minority Catholics in 'Northern' Ireland who must be continually reminded of the victory obtained by Protestant King William of Orange over Catholic King James at Derry in the year 1690. The reminders are brought home to Catholics each and every year through destruction of their homes and property, brutal beatings and deliberate murders, all to reinforce in the minds of Irish Catholics a military victory by 'superior' Protestant Englishmen in the year 1690!

The support given by the British government in allowing the Orangemen into Catholic neighborhoods year after bloody year ensures for perpetuity the Orange 'right' to hate Catholics and scorn the Pope, and to display such hatred publicly and proudly through the commission of monstrous crimes designed to force Catholics out of their own country.

While we believe that all nations and ethnic groups are entitled to their religious and cultural celebrations, there is no reason whatsoever why the United States

Talk by Mr. Paisley and Mr. Molyneux of burying the Agreement looks particularly unrealistic in light of the latest progress. The Unionist leaders probably feel that some rhetoric of this sort is necessary for the folks back home, but they will be making a bad mistake if they allow themselves to remain cornered by the condition that there can be no serious negotiations while the Agreement remains.

It is now clear that the Unionist tactics in opposition to the Agreement were utterly misguided. They promised something on which they could not possibly deliver—the destruction of a binding treaty between two governments. And they overestimated the extent of opposition to the Agreement within the Unionist community. Certainly, loyalists do not like the Agreement, but their disapproval has fallen far short of the rhetoric of the Unionist leaders. Attempts to prove otherwise have cost the Official Unionists two seats at Westminster and significantly weakened the credibility of the leaders of both parties.

The blunt fact, emphasised yesterday, is that the Irish and British Governments do not need the approval of Mr. Paisley or Mr. Molyneux whereas both these gentlemen do, at least, need to be able to work with Ministers from London and Dublin if they are to continue as political leaders rather than followers of a paramilitary rabble.

should be aiding and abetting Britain with armaments and American tax dollars to continue her collaboration with the Orange Order in Ireland. What sense can be made of a US NATO alliance with Britain, undertaken to jointly fight against Russian oppression and indifference to the rights of nations and individuals, while the United States ignores and identical lack of respect by Britain to the national rights of Ireland and the individual rights of her people?

Irish Americans who support the rights of Irish Nationalists, the vast majority of whom are Catholic, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness have become quite weary, even resentful, of those who piously proclaim a distaste for 'violence', the implication seeming to be that *we do support 'violence'*. Let's set the record straight once and for all: *We all abhor violence! No one revels at the report of violent deaths, whether they be Irish or English!*

But facts are facts! Throughout history, those who hold power have never conceded one inch to those who were victimized by power. Justice has only been obtained by wresting power from the tyrants. We Americans wrested this power for ourselves in 1776 and the French followed our lead shortly thereafter. Irish Nationalists seek nothing less for Ireland.

If those who so loudly proclaim their dislike for 'violence' would remove their heads from the sand and begin to work for justice in Ireland, all the 'violence' they claim to abhor would quickly be eliminated. Until such time as more and greater efforts are made by complacent people towards this goal, they have no right whatsoever to make pious condemnations against those who have no choice but to react against the violence foisted upon every aspect of their lives by bigoted tyrants and indifferent governments.

Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied

By CARDINAL JOHN J. O'CONNOR

I feel uneasy and have felt this way for some time. Something in my bones tells me things are not quite right. Worst of all, I cannot put my finger on exactly what troubles me. I sought information from a variety of sources, believing that an increased understanding of the situation would calm me. Maybe I do not have enough information, or maybe this is a situation beyond my understanding. Whatever, I am uneasy.

I am uneasy with the letter I received from the Office of the Attorney General of the United States. I had written to seek clarification in the case of Joseph Doherty, who on June 18 would begin his fifth year of imprisonment.

Answering my letter for the attorney general, an assistant attorney general gave me a detailed account of Mr. Doherty's conviction and sentence to life imprisonment by the Belfast Criminal Court for the murder of Herbert Westmacott. On June 22, 1981, the court also convicted and sentenced Mr. Doherty for attempted murder and possession of firearms. The court recommended that he serve a minimum of 30 years imprisonment. The letter goes on to tell me that before sentence was imposed, Mr. Doherty and others escaped from prison and seriously injured a guard in making their escape.

The letter provides further details, many of which I had already learned from Joseph's lawyer, his mother and sister and Joseph himself, when I visited him in the Metropolitan Correctional Center, here in New York, on April 17, 1987.

I have had my share of prison duty during the many years of my priesthood. I have talked with many prisoners and their families and have received countless numbers of requests to intercede for the life or the freedom of those imprisoned. I have never attempted to determine the innocence or guilt of any prisoner. Such is for the courts.

During the years, likewise, because of my name and background, I have been asked by some to express sympathy and support for the I.R.A., NORAI and other organizations, as I have been asked to condemn such organizations, by others. Some have urged me to damn the British, others the Irish. I have tried to respond to every request as my conscience advised me, without concern for political pressures or implications.

I mention all such requests in order to clear the air. I do not approach Mr. Doherty's situation from a political perspective, or as an Irish-American archbishop with a large Irish-American constituency, as some might suggest. Nor do I approach his case as a naive clergyman or social worker for whom nothing matters except mercy for a prisoner and his family.

I approach this case with concern about the dignity of a human person and about the integrity of our legal system which is expected to secure the rights and dignity of all persons. Specifically, I am concerned that a man remains in a tiny cell in these United States for 23 hours of every day, after more than four years of imprisonment despite repeated administrative board and court rulings that he has the right to be deported to the Republic of Ireland, as he has asked. I do not claim to know Mr. Doherty's innocence or guilt, nor do I suggest that he be allowed to

sidestep the legal process. But I believe that, once invoked, our system of justice demands an expeditious determination of the rights and obligations of a person and then prompt action in accordance with such determination.

In response to my inquiry, the Attorney General's Office has advised me that "Mr. Doherty could not be prosecuted in the Republic of Ireland for any offense for which he has already been convicted in Northern Ireland." Further, the letter tells me, under the laws of the Republic of Ireland, Mr. Doherty could not be imprisoned on the basis of the sentence imposed by the Criminal Court in Belfast. "Thus," says the letter, "justice would seem to require that Mr. Doherty return to Northern Ireland, where he has been tried and convicted of murder and other serious offenses."

God knows how distressed I feel for the families of anyone Mr. Doherty may have killed or seriously hurt and how abhorrent I find the continuing violence in Ireland from whatever the source. Here, however, we seem to have some unique dimension that goes beyond Mr. Doherty and the allegations against him. I am no lawyer, but my moral theology tells me that one may never use an evil means to justify a good end. The government might argue that

Music Fair to Cancel Two British Bands

By IRVING LONG

(Reprinted from Newsday, N.Y.)

Citing threats of riots and boycotts, officials of the Westbury Music Fair have served notice that they want to cancel the appearance of two British Army marching bands. It would be the first time such an appearance has been canceled.

In a letter to the booking agent for the Grenadier Guards and the Gordon Highlanders, the president of the Music Fair, Shelly Gross, said that while he does not enjoy "knuckling under to public emotional outbursts," he feels he cannot "risk the threats and concomitant bad publicity."

"To make matters worse," Gross said in his letter, "what has been touched off is a dispute between the county district attorney and the township executives, which bodes no good for the future of our theater."

preventing Mr. Doherty from committing terrorism in Northern Ireland is a good end. But keeping him in jail in the United States for crimes committed elsewhere, after the United States legal system has declared that he should not be detained here, would appear to be evil, and a good end can not justify an evil means.

It is argued that because we have an extradition treaty with Great

A number of public officials had threatened to picket the performance, including District Attorney Denis Dillon, County Controller Peter King and Long Beach Supervisor Bruce Nyman. King and Dillon have joined various Irish-American groups in past years in unsuccessful efforts to press for the cancellation of British band appearances at the Nassau Coliseum.

Dillon said yesterday that he did not know what dispute Gross was referring to in his letter. He said Gross' letter was the only indication he had received that threats were being made, but that his office should be notified of any threats.

"The fact that I disagree with what the British government is doing in Northern Ireland is no reason in the world for these people not to let me know," he said. "Not only would the police provide protection, but I would be glad to investigate."

Kathleen Holmes, chairwoman of the American Irish Congress, had written a letter to the management of the Music Fair, warning of "mass turmoil which would result when thousands of Irish Americans come to Westbury Music Fair to protest."

A spokesman for British Information Services said he would have no comment until later, when he had a chance to consult with the Ministry of Defense.

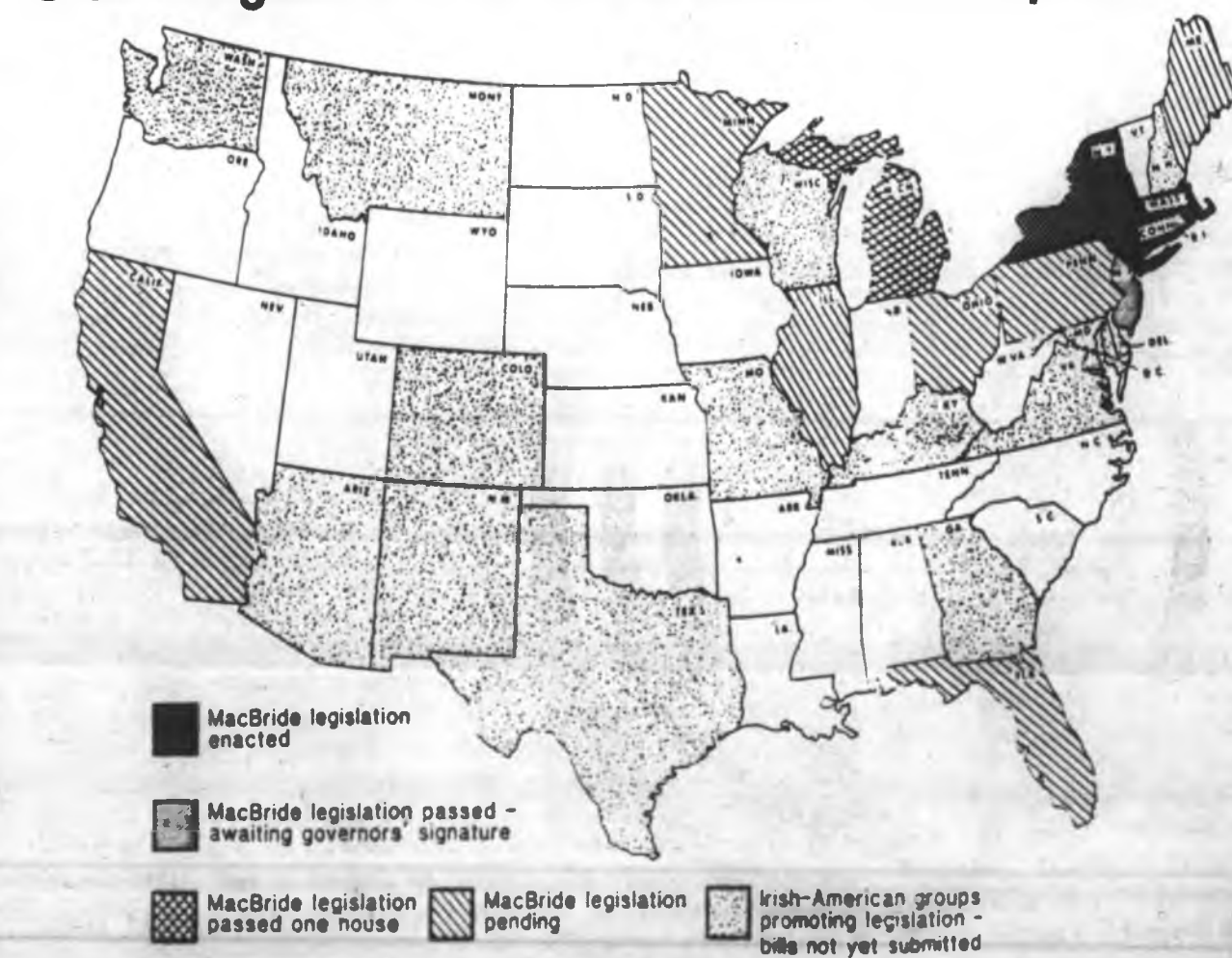
Support for MacBride Principles Nationwide

The widespread support for passage of legislation embracing the MacBride Principles, toward resolving the unfair employment situation in Northern Ireland, is evidenced by the list of organizations and politics shown below.

Charles J. Haughey, Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland
British Labour Party
The State of New York
The State of New Jersey
The State of Connecticut
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The City of New York
The City of Philadelphia
The City of Worcester, Massachusetts
The City of Hartford, Connecticut
The City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
The City of Wilmington, Delaware
The City of Boston, Massachusetts
The City of Providence, Rhode Island
The City of Albany, New York
The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts
The National Council of Churches

The Archdiocese of New York
The United Methodist Church
Franciscan Friars
Unitarian Universalist Association
The Lutheran Pension Board
The Episcopal Church, Diocese of Massachusetts
The United Church of Christ Board of World Ministries
The American Baptist Convention
AFL-CIO
American-Irish Political Education Committee
Irish National Caucus
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America
Irish-American Labor Coalition
Irish-American Unity Conference
Irish Northern Aid Committee
Irish-American Congress

State Legislation on the MacBride Principles



Biaggi on Legislation Seeking to Amend Immigration Law

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI OF NEW YORK
IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1119
TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAW
JUNE 23, 1987

Mr. Chairman: I am grateful for the opportunity to lend my support to legislative efforts to reform some of the more archaic and openly oppressive elements of our nation's visa policies. I am proud to be co-sponsor of H.R. 1119, the legislation you are considering today, authored by our good friend and colleague, Barney Frank.

On Thursday of this week, we will mark the 25th anniversary of President Harry Truman's veto of the Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments of 1952. Contained in this legislation are the provisions that pertain to political and ideological grounds for exclusion, namely Sections 212(a) (27)-(29) which have not been amended since then, but would be under the Frank bill.

The words of President Truman in his accompanying Veto Message, seem relevant today:

"Some of these provisions would empower the Attorney General to deport any alien who has engaged in or has had a purpose to engage in activities 'prejudicial to the public interest' or 'subversive to the national security'. No standards or definitions are provided to guide discretion in the exercise of powers so sweeping."

After twenty-five years, it is time a law which stands as our Iron Curtain against a full and free exchange of all political views to be reformed.

For the past ten years I have served, with great pride, as Chairman of the bi-partisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. The Committee at this time has some 119 members. One of the Committee's stated objectives from the outset has been to work for a reform of our nation's current visa policies. These policies have imposed a cloak of censorship over parts of the Irish-American community which seek to hear the various political views from Northern Ireland.

Our current visa policy, with its reliance on the McCarran-Walter Act Provisions, has especially hindered the ability of those concerned with the Northern Ireland issue to get the complete political picture. I contend that under McCarran-Walter, our visa policy with respect to Northern Ireland, has been both arbitrary and the height of selective morality.

For example, it has been the policy of the Department of State to deny all visa applications made by representatives of the Sinn Féin Political Party. One should understand that Sinn Féin is a legally sanctioned political party participating in elections in both the North of Ireland and in the Republic. It is also the political party of the Provisional Irish Republican Army; however, membership in Sinn Féin is not always contingent on membership in the IRA. Over the years a number of prominent leaders of the Sinn Féin Party have applied for and have been denied visas to enter the United States.

Let me cite some cases. In November of 1961, Owen Carron, an elected member of the British Parliament, was scheduled to come to the United States to speak to a number of Irish

American organizations and to meet with members of our Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Carron's visa was denied by the Department of State citing Section 212(a) (27) which, as we all know, "prohibits the issuance of a visa to any foreign national who seeks to enter the United States to engage in activities prejudicial to the American public interest."

In a November 9, 1981 letter of explanation, the Department stated that "Among the factors that led to Mr. Carron's refusal were Mr. Carron's public statements in support of the legitimacy of violence and paramilitary efforts in Northern Ireland. It was the Department's opinion that Mr. Carron's entry would have had serious and adverse effects on American foreign policy interests vis a vis both the United Kingdom and Ireland."

On several occasions in recent years, the president of Sinn Féin, Mr. Gerry Adams, has been invited by Irish-American groups to speak. One such invitation was issued by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, our nation's oldest and largest Irish-American organization. They invited Adams to address their 160th Anniversary Dinner held at the AOH's national convention. He was denied under Section 212(a) (28)(f) in the words of the State Department, "because of his personal advocacy of violence." Bernadette Devlin, another leading political figure from Northern Ireland, has also been denied a visa on a number of occasions because of McCarran-Walter.

Then we have the case of the Reverend Ian Paisley. Paisley is listed officially as leader of the Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland. Reverend Paisley has also in recent years been the leader of a para-military organization known as the "Third Force" which has as its aim to foster violence within the six counties of Northern Ireland. Reverend Paisley has also been one of the leading and most vocal opponents of the Anglo-Irish Agreement of November 1985. In a statement after the agreement was signed, Reverend Paisley vowed to make Northern Ireland "ungovernable" through his opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

What has been Reverend Paisley's fate when it comes to obtaining a visa to visit the United States? In August of 1986, Reverend Paisley was granted a visa to address a religious conference at Bob Jones University. Approval came only three weeks after the Adams request was denied. Paisley, in fact, entered the US under the terms of a multiple entry visa. Consider a December 1983 letter I received from the Department of State outlining the reasons why his application was approved.

"Reverend Paisley indicated that he would be participating in a religious gathering as the principal speaker at the Tenth Annual Congress on Fundamentalism. Since every visa is considered on a case by case basis, the issuance of a visa to Reverend Paisley does not constitute a change in our visa policy."

To illustrate the point about lack of consistency in the policy, I would point out that Paisley has also been denied a visa under the terms of McCarran-Walter. Let me reference a February 1983 letter from the State Department to me about Paisley.

"We are concerned about Dr. Paisley's record of inflammatory actions and statements, which we regard as contrary to the interest of the United States in the achievement of a peaceful settlement of the problems in Northern Ireland. After careful consideration, his application was denied under 212(a) (27)."

In what turned out to be a most prophetic statement, the same State Department letter stated, "Should Dr. Paisley reapply for a visa, that application will be adjudicated on the basis of the information available at that time and applicable U.S. Immigration law." A mere seven months later, the world, according to the State Department, must have changed dramatically as Paisley was granted a visa as he has been on several occasions since then.

I could go on ad infinitum about the ludicrous nature of our visa policy solely as it pertains to political figures from Northern Ireland. Suffice it to say that the vehicle to bring about some consistency is the Frank bill. I support its provisions to repeal the policy that would deny an individual a visa solely because of his/her political beliefs. I support the provisions in the bill which would draw the necessary distinction between dangerous activities, which would continue to be grounds for exclusion, and political beliefs and affiliations. I support the fact that this bill continues to make it clear that terrorists, criminals and other people who pose a genuine danger to public order, would remain excludable. However, I also strongly support the language that would not allow political dissent and terrorism to be confused as grounds for a visa approval.

We need one visa policy whether it relates to Northern Ireland or any other nation whose citizens apply for a visa to enter the United States. Our visa policy should not be a vehicle to impose a moral order over the world. It should be a policy which prohibits the entry of known terrorists and criminals. It should not be a policy which excludes persons because their political philosophy differs from ours.

I have advocated for an open visa policy as it relates to Northern Ireland throughout my 18 years in the Congress. My support for a particular person's application for a visa does not necessarily mean that I support the message they wish to impart. Similarly, a lack of support of the message should not be the grounds upon which the United States bars the messenger. Yet that has clearly been the case with respect to certain segments of legitimate political thought from Northern Ireland. It has been a shameful policy which is inimical to our democratic system. It also gives credence to the long held argument that the British government exerts far too much influence over the Department of State when it comes to Northern Ireland. We are a free people, capable of hearing diverse views and making independent judgements. No policy of the United States government should threaten the right granted us by the First Amendment, the most important individual freedoms we all enjoy.

Again, thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing me to submit testimony in support of H.R. 1119, the Immigration Exclusion and Deportation Amendments of 1987.

Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference Meeting

The Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference met in London on 16 July 1987. The Irish Joint Chairman, Mr. Brian Lenihan, TD, (Tánaiste, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for Foreign Affairs) was accompanied by Mr. Gerard Collins, TD (Minister for Justice). The British Joint Chairman, Mr. Tom King, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland) was accompanied by Mr. John Stanley, MP (Minister of State for Northern Ireland). The Commissioner of the Garda Síochána (Irish Police Force), the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and officials were also present.

The Conference reaffirmed the particular importance which it attaches to effective action in the field of equal opportunity in employment, both as a protection for the rights of individuals and for its beneficial effect in encouraging investment and employment. The Irish side welcomed as progress the further steps announced on 15 July 1987 by the British Government, including decisions to concentrate legislative and other action on the vital religious issue, to promote employment equality through "affirmative action" where necessary, to publish in September a new Guide to

effective practice, and (in advance of wider changes to its role) to provide the Fair Employment Agency with additional resources.

The Conference considered a report by officials on the scope for improving cross-border cooperation on economic, social and cultural matters. Both sides agreed that further contact between those concerned at Ministerial and official levels in both Governments would take place. The Conference agreed to keep under review the progress made. The Conference also noted that since the establishment of the International Fund for Ireland, new opportunities for economic development had opened up.

Both sides agreed on the desirability of progress in building up the confidence of all sections of the community in the security forces, including action on the programme of special measures to improve relations between the security forces (including the Armed Forces) and the community in Northern Ireland. They expressed their determination to work towards this goal.

The Conference agreed that at its next meeting it would consider security cooperation, legal affairs, economic cooperation and the position of the Irish language in Northern Ireland.

Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied

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Britain, which is said to require the deportation of Mr. Doherty to Great Britain as a terrorist, we have the right and the obligation to keep him in jail here while he is exhausting all legal processes to avoid deportation to Great Britain. Therefore, this argument suggests, we should really be happy that full legal process has been and is being made available to Mr. Doherty, and that it is precisely because of the availability of such legal process that he has been in jail all this time. We could have denied him any legal process and deported him to Great Britain as soon as we identified him.

I repeat what is evident, I am no lawyer. But I am worried by such an argument, particularly when I am told that the Board of Immigration Appeals has accused the government of unconscionably dragging its feet, and when I learn also that the attorney general has the authority to review the final decision of the board and could deport Mr. Doherty to Great Britain regardless of the fact that his office has lost each successive legal battle it has fought to achieve this very end. Is that a strange situation, that the very executive who is repeatedly defeated by the administrative board has final review of that board's decision?

I have thought and consulted and prayed a great deal about this case. Many wise people, including lawyers, have told me not to go near it. I respect but can not accept such advice. Nor am I alone. On June 18, 1987, the New York State Assembly unanimously passed a legislative resolution "strongly urging the United States Attorney General Edwin Meese III to immediately carry out and execute the court order of deportation of Joseph Patrick Doherty to the Republic of Ireland."

The sponsors of that resolution were by no means all Irish-Americans.

I repeat. I am not a lawyer. I know this is a legally complicated case. I recognize, as well, its political dimensions in terms of international relations and questions of terrorism. But in 1984, the U.S. District Court ruled that Mr. Doherty is a "political offender" (rather than a terrorist) and while the executive branch made numerous appeals, that decision stands. And so it is that those, like myself, untrained in the legal field, are uneasy when a United States court makes a decision, yet a prisoner continues to be held on allegations which were rejected by that decision.

It seems to me that however noble may be the motives of the attorney general's office in delaying the case of Mr. Doherty, ultimately whatever good might be achieved can be outweighed by the erosion of respect for our judicial processes if they are perceived as being resisted by the government itself. Justice delayed is justice denied.

As I am not a lawyer, so I am not a judge. I can not and will not judge the case of Joseph Doherty. Whether he should be in prison here or anywhere, or for how long, is for the courts to judge. The courts seem to have judged, however, that he has a legal right to be deported to the Republic of Ireland. Until it is clear that the government is listening, my uneasiness will perdure.



FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

It is very important that every Division appoint a Freedom For All Ireland Chairman and send his name and address to me. Please print and include the proper zip code. I will then be able to communicate directly with him in all things pertinent to the workings of this Committee.

I am in contact with some of the prisoners' families in Northeast Ireland, and they wish me to advise our membership of their appreciation of our efforts.

We must be able to continue our assistance, and I am confident that this committee will operate even more efficiently if every Division complies with my request by appointing a Chairman and advising me of his name and address. My address is listed below.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and safe summer.

MARTIN HIGGINS
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We're Absolutely Wrong

How many times has the same thing happened to you? You find yourself at an AOH meeting, social event, or just relaxing "at the hall," when suddenly the light discussion has turned heavy. One of our own is launched into an explanation of "the real truth" or "the facts" gleaned from a letter, a conversation, or a

personal visit to the "North." (Isn't it unfortunate how many of us never venture there, implicitly recognizing its detachment from the rest of Ireland?)

The myths evaporate like mist as we are treated to the disturbing revelation that the Catholic-nationalist-minority in the Six Counties is all or some of the following — it varies:

- lazy, not interested in working;
- not discriminated against in any way;
- enjoys better social programs than we have;
- is opposed to unification with the Republic;
- is not very Catholic anyway.

And we Irish-Americans are all of the following — it never varies:

- paranoid when it comes to the British;
- lacking in genuine understanding;
- totally misinformed;
- misled by trouble-makers.

You want to counter: "But what about — any or all of these — Amnesty International's repeated condemnations of British misrule in the north of Ireland;

— the Report of the International

Caucus Blasts Bush, Babbitt and Du Pont

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Irish National Caucus is asking all presidential candidates to (1) support Irish Unity and (2) to support the MacBride Principles.

To date three candidates have responded, Vice President George Bush, Mr. Pete Du Pont and Mr. Bruce Babbitt.

"All three positions are terrible," said Fr. Sean McManus, Irish National Caucus National Director. All three refused to support the MacBride Principles."

"Vice President Bush," explained

Fr. McManus, "wrote a two page response and never once mentioned the words *England* or *Britain*. He simply refers to Ireland as if it were not divided and part of it — the six counties — not under British Rule."

"The internal problems currently facing Ireland," writes Mr. Bush, "can only be solved through the concerted and cooperative efforts of all the people of Ireland . . . The people of Ireland are proud and they possess many skills, but these skills cannot be used to bring about economic recovery so necessary in Ireland as long as the bloodshed continues."

"I find that to be a very condescending and ill-formed statement," commented Fr. McManus.

"The Vice President's position on the MacBride Principles" said Fr. McManus, "is equally unsatisfactory. This is what he says:"

"With regard to the MacBride Principles, I do not believe that they will solve the long history of employment discrimination nor would they improve the long-term economic outlook for Ireland. It seems to me that you would want to improve the economic and investment climate rather than creating uncertainty and restrictions on business. If the Irish can bring about certainty, predictability and safety to their country, then the climate for investment, both foreign and domestic, will be greatly improved. Economic development is one way towards reconciliation as it will bring Irishmen together to work on a common and non-sectarian goal. This may be hard for some but necessary when we look at the future of Ireland."

"Mr. Babbitt's position," said Fr. McManus, "is also unsatisfactory. To say that the U.S. should support the

elimination of discrimination in the manner preferred by the elected leaders representing Catholics is to pass the buck . . . Americans have a corporate and investment responsibility to stop U.S. dollars subsidizing discrimination in Northern Ireland."

"Furthermore," added Fr. McManus, "many elected representatives of the Catholic community support the MacBride Principles."

Mr. Du Pont did not state his position on Irish Unity. This is his position on the MacBride Principles:

"Thank you for your good letter of February 5, concerning the need to work against discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland."

"I fully share your conviction that such discrimination is unacceptable, and I was pleased to see in the materials you enclosed a report indicating the Du Pont Company plant in Ireland has an excellent record in this regard."

"With respect to what additional steps need to be taken, I believe we must be careful to learn from the mistakes we've made here in the United States in dealing with our civil rights problems. In particular, numerical quotas are a very unwieldy and intrusive means of ensuring equal protection, and I would be very reluctant to endorse legislation that could lead to the use of quotas in enforcement."

"Readers can see," said Fr. McManus, "that all three candidates have a very poor position on the Irish issue. Irish-Americans should simply not stand for this. They should let these candidates know immediately their positions are not acceptable."

"As we receive the positions of other candidates we will rate them and make them public. Now is the time for Irish-Americans to let their voices be heard," Fr. McManus concluded.

Annual Freedom for All Ireland Mass Celebrated



HAPPY ASPIRANTS for the goal of Freedom for All Ireland participated in the recent annual Mass celebration in Rockville Center, Diocese Cathedral, Nassau County, New York. From left, John Ryan, pipe major of the Tara Pipe Band; band member; John Bowles, Mass coordinator; Thomas

Gulotta, Nassau County executive; Martin Higgins, National FFAI Chairman; David Henshaw, National Editor, *Hibernian Digest*; and two members of the Tara Pipes.



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IRISH HISTORY CLARIFICATION

Dear Editor:

The very fine outline of Irish History and Northern Ireland in your May-June issue contained one or two inaccuracies where it touched on England-Scotland. Permit me to correct them and while I am about it, add one or two further items that your readers might find interesting.

It is true that Oliver Cromwell went to Ireland in 1649, but he was not sent by Elizabeth I; she died in 1603. When Cromwell visited Ireland there was no monarch in England. Charles I had been beheaded, his trial having been instituted by Cromwell. Cromwell later became king in all but name.

James II was not the Catholic son of Mary. The Mary to whom reference is made must be Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. Her son James I of England, VI of Scotland, was not a Catholic. When his mother fled Scotland to take refuge in England, where she was subsequently beheaded, her infant son James was brought up by Presbyterian divines. It was that James who succeeded Elizabeth I in 1603, becoming king of both England and Scotland, and, unfortunately, also claiming Ireland. It was he who was king during the first plantation of Ulster, beginning the policy of creating a Protestant majority in the northeastern region of Ireland. We know with what consequences. (We may note in passing that James I's mother was beheaded by Elizabeth, whose father Henry VIII had beheaded her mother, and that James I's son, Charles I, was beheaded under Cromwell). At the restoration, Charles II, son of Charles I, became king to be succeeded after dying in his bed, an unusual event in those heady times, by his brother James II. Their mother was Henrietta Maria, the Catholic sister of King Louis XIII of France. The sister of Charles II and James II was the mother of William of Orange. Her name was Mary. James II openly converted to Catholicism. His brother, Charles II, when asked on his death bed if he would like to see a Catholic priest, responded, "With all my heart."

The two daughters of James II, Mary and Anne, were brought up Protestants. Mary married her first cousin, William of Orange. Thus James II was ousted by his own daughter and son-in-law cum nephew at the battle of the Boyne. What a model of the unholy family!

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HOW TO HELP JOE DOHERTY SOMERSTEIN & PIKE Attorneys At Law

Dear Readers:

Joe Doherty is beginning his fifth year in prison here in America. He is imprisoned without having ever been

charged with committing any crime in this country. In addition, he has consistently defeated the governments — English and American — at every significant juncture of the litigation, six decisions in his favor over the past four years.

Nonetheless, Joe remains in prison. As the grim anniversary of his incarceration comes yet again, we have begun to receive inquiries from people concerned about Joe and eager to show their concern.

One way of doing so is to remember with a telegram mailgram, or card. Every message of support to Joe is, at the same time, a message to his jailers that Joe is respected, and cared for and that he does not stand alone. Joe's address is:

Joseph Patrick Doherty
07792054 9 South
Metropolitan Correctional Center
150 Park Row South
New York, New York 10007

Mary Boresz Pike
401 Broadway
New York, NY 10013

SELF-HELP GROUP SEEKS FUNDING SOURCE

Dear Mr. Henshaw,

I received a letter from a friend in Ireland requesting advice on securing aid from various funds being set up in the United States to help various types of projects in Ireland.

I believe this self-help program is a very commendable endeavor on their part, and I would very much like to help them in any way I can.

If you know of such funds or other means of aid I would appreciate you forwarding to myself or Margaret Donoghue any information that would aid the group to continue their great work.

I have enclosed a copy of her original letter which I believe will help you in understanding this request.

Once again I thank you for any help you may be able to give us in this regard.

Charles F. Taylor, AOH Div. 16
14 Third St., Ayer, MA 01460

Editor: Can any readers help?

Dear Charlie and Doreen,

I was thinking about your visit to Ireland in July and am looking forward to meeting you then. The reason for writing to you now is that I am working in a centre in Waterford with a self-help philosophy that sets about helping people to help themselves. We have a very high level of unemployment here in Waterford. The average in the country is 20% and here it goes up as high as 75% in some areas. In our centre we research projects that could provide viable employment and then find people with the skills to suit the particular type of work. To date we have set up a successful clothing company, a light engineering company, a health food restaurant, a graphic arts company and a com-

pany manufacturing protective units will be opened very shortly.

We have read in the papers of different funds being set up in the United States to help various types of projects in Ireland. We find that very often these funds are tied up in red tape and it is difficult for a project like ours to avail of these funds. This was discussed at our Board of Directors meeting and I volunteered to try and find out some more information and the possibility of setting up such a fund. We would see this fund being set up to directly support our efforts here and we would supply a detailed plan of what our needs are in this regard.

So I am writing to you for your advice on the setting up of such a project and what would be the best way to go about doing it. I will appreciate any advice you can give us on this and look forward to hearing from you.

Looking forward to seeing you in summer.

Margaret Donoghue
Cooperative Development
Centre, Waterford

SCHULTZ APPRISED OF DOHERTY CASE

Honorable George Schultz
Secretary, Dept. of State
Dear Mr. Schultz:

The membership of the American Irish Congress is very concerned about the image foreign nations have been given of the United States over the past several years and have, therefore, directed me to convey these concerns to you.

The loss of 250 US Marines in Beirut, followed most recently by the deaths of thirty-seven sailors aboard the USS Stark, has awakened many Americans to pay closer attention to the actions of government officials concerning foreign affairs. Certainly, the Iran-Contra hearings have been an embarrassment for the United States internationally as well as domestically, rightly or wrongly.

We feel that the United States government is going to find itself in a further embarrassing situation because of its blatant abuse of constitutional law and disregard of the federal justice system. I refer specifically to the case of Mr. Joseph Doherty, an internee starting his fifth year of incarceration at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City, uncharged and unconvicted of any crime whatsoever, imprisoned in defiance of federal court orders to the contrary, all on the demand of the government of Britain. I enclose a condensed history fact-sheet on Mr. Doherty for your information.

The continued imprisonment of Joseph Doherty coupled with the cat-and-mouse game being played out in federal courts by the Justice Department, which awaits the most advantageous political moment for service of another British extradition warrant upon Mr. Doherty, is putting many Administration officials in questionable circumstances and opening the door to further international embarrassment for the United States.

We realize that the Department of Justice is specifically responsible and answerable for the Doherty case. However, it has not escaped us that career bureaucrats within your department, whose political sympathies are openly pro-British and virulently anti-Irish, have convinced this Administration to scrap the Constitution and ignore the Judiciary in favor of the whims of Britain and to the detriment of this nation and its ideals.

Kathleen Holmes, Chairwoman
American Irish Congress

The Story of Thomas J. Clarke

The dedication of a memorial monument to the memory of Irish Patriot Thomas J. Clarke, on May 17, 1987 in Suffolk County, New York, was the culmination of an intense and successful search prompted by an historic find by AOH New York State Historian Mike McCormack in 1983. First some background on this revered Irishman.

Every nation honors patriots who fought for its freedom. George Washington is the personification of the American Revolution, even

na Gael, the American branch of the Fenian movement. Apprehended on a trip to England in 1883, Clarke was sentenced to penal servitude for Fenian activities. He persevered through a 15-year prison existence so severe that two men sentenced with him were driven insane. Eventually released in 1898, he married Miss Kattie Daly and returned to the U.S. He settled in Brooklyn, returned to Fenian activities and was employed by an Irish-American newspaper edited by John Devoy — the most



MEMORIAL TO IRISH PATRIOT THOMAS J. CLARKE

though Sam Adams was its architect and Nathan Hale a martyr for its cause. In Ireland's long struggle for independence, the 1916 Easter Rising is the milestone that led to the modern Republic of Ireland. It is the Lexington and Concord of Irish history — when a handful of hopefuls challenged the Crown for the principle of freedom. Padraig Pearse is the personification of that rising, yet its architect and a man who gave his life in its cause was Thomas J. Clarke.

Born in 1858, Clarke was raised in Co. Tyrone where a landlord-dominated population bordered on serfdom. In 1878, he joined the Fenian Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), a secret revolutionary organization not unlike America's Sons of Liberty. In 1881, he fled to New York and became active in Clan

powerful figure in Clan na Gael at the time. Highly respected for the suffering he endured for Irish freedom, Clarke became one of the Clan's most trusted members. Yet his love for his adopted home was manifested in 1905 when the southern district Court of New York accepted applicant Thomas J. Clarke as a United States Citizen on certificate number 7405.

In 1906, Clarke moved to Suffolk County in hope of improving his wife's ill health. Though prematurely aged at 48, he was not put out to pasture. In December 1907, he answered the call and returned to Ireland to reorganize the IRB. As the trusted link between Clan na Gael and the IRB, he governed the Supreme Council and was its most powerful advocate of revolutionary (Continued on Page Nineteen)

MORE ON PROTESTANT ENROLLMENT IN AOH

Dear Editor:

In his letter in the March-April Digest on Irish Protestants seeking admittance to the AOH, Pat Gorman makes a couple of disturbing statements.

The AOH is Catholic as well as Irish for historical reasons related to its very reasons for coming into being; and if it lost its religious character, it would no longer be the same organization. Still, it seems contradictory that while the AOH today works for an end to the religious distinctions and prejudices in Ireland that caused its own creation, like-minded Protestant Irishmen and women cannot take part in its own activities. It seems to me that there should be some way for Irish Protestants to participate in the AOH.

Mr. Gorman says that those wishing to participate in the AOH should become Catholics. Even given that the AOH is a private association, this should strike a disturbing note among people such

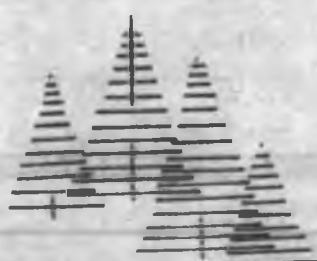
as ourselves whose forefathers were repeatedly told to change their religion if they wanted better treatment.

Furthermore, Mr. Gorman's argument that he can't join the Orange Order (while they presumably can) makes sense only if he assumes that Hibernianism is the Catholic equivalent of Orangism. May that never be the case! Orangism is not an option for the Irish Protestants who would like to take part in AOH activities. They wouldn't join the Orange Order because they're Protestants any more than Mr. Gorman would join the Ku Klux Klan because he's white.

I hope a different approach can be found to this question. In any case, the Irish Protestants who have been involved in working for justice and unity in Ireland may take comfort from the fact that organizations such as the Irish American Unity Conference, the Political Education Committee, and Noraid would be proud to have them.

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Post St. Patrick's Day 1987



COUSINS WIN. Left to right, Brother Charles B. Quinn of Iona College; NY St. Patrick's Parade scholarship third prize winner Eileen Moore; her cousin, first prize winner Eileen Holt; and scholarship co-sponsor Bill Burke of the Bank of Ireland presenting the scholarships as well as \$500 for Irish books for Iona College.

Photo by Tom Matthews



NEW YORK ST. PATRICK DAY PARADE TROPHY WINNERS, from left to right, with presenters standing directly behind: trophy for the best AOH marching unit presented to Leo O'Grady for Orange County by New York State AOH President Jack Irwin on behalf of John Grimes; The Teddy Gleason-ILA trophy for the best Emerald Society marching unit presented to President Robert McDermott for the Nassau Police Emerald Society by Bill Burke of the Bank of Ireland on behalf of Teddy Gleason; The Father Donal M. O'Callaghan Memorial trophy for the best pipe band presented to Barry Matthews for the Westchester Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band by N.Y. County President Dick Cunningham; The White Rock Trophy for the best Irish County marching unit presented to Mary McMullen for County Derry by Timothy O'Regan, Chairman for Bands and Music; The Bank of Ireland trophy for the best college or military band in the parade presented to Drum Major William Selferth for the Virginia Military Institute Regimental Band by Liam Murphy, former editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*; The Allied Irish Banks trophy for the best parish band presented to Raena Marotta for St. Gerard Majella band from Hollis, Queens, NY by Brian Murphy of the Allied Irish Banks; The New York Ladies AOH trophy for the best high school band presented to Music Director Glenn Call for the Bishop Kearny H.S. Band by New York County Ladies AOH President Margaret O'Rourke; The Grand Marshal's AOH Special Certificate presented to Laura Greenough (standing) and Teri Bedarz for St. Joseph's Brigade, Astoria. Not pictured are the Young Colonials of Lake Carmel, New York and the County Cavan Fife and Drum bands which tied for first place in the Fife and Drum Band competition. The trophies were awarded at the New York County AOH Communion Breakfast at the Sheraton Center on May 3, 1987.

Photo By Tom Matthews



MANHATTAN. Ann Walsh of County Galway (via Yonkers), pictured here with Brother Kenneth Fitzgerald (Kerry), was the second prize winner in the N.Y. St. Patrick's Parade Scholarship. Absent from the photograph: scholarship co-sponsor John Grimes of the *Irish Echo*.

Photo by Tom Matthews

N.Y. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Grants Scholarships

The New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee has inaugurated a program of scholarship awards for high school and college students. "The purpose of the program," in the words of Parade Committee Chairman Frank Beirne, "is not only to stimulate scholarship and a greater awareness of Irish-American history among our young people, but also to demonstrate that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and those other organizations affiliated with the largest parade in the Free World are not once-a-year, only on Saint Patrick's Day Irishmen, but rather that we take seriously our role in the preservation and propagation of Irish culture in the New World as well as home in Ireland."

The scholarships were made possible due to the generosity of three men: Bill Burke of the Bank of Ireland, Dan Kelly of Kelly Furniture, and John Grimes of the *Irish Echo*.

Scholarship Awards

At the college level, three scholarships were awarded for research papers on *The Irish Immigrant Ex-*

perience in America 1820-1870. The first prize (\$600) for a paper on The Fenians, was won by Eileen Holt of Iona College (Eileen Holt is the daughter of Dr. Frank Holt of River Vale, N.J., and the grand-daughter of the late Charles Holt from Wicklow via Dublin). Second prize (\$300) was won by Ann Walsh of Manhattan College (Ann's mother lives in Inchaboy, Gort, County Galway). Third prize (\$200) was won by Eileen Moore of Iona College (Eileen is the daughter of Tom and Mary Holt Moore of the Bronx, and another grand-daughter of Charlie Holt).

For high school students there was an essay contest on the topic of *Archbishop John Hughes and the Irish Immigrant*. The first prize (\$500) was won by Brian O'Connor of Magr. Farrell High School (Brian is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Connor of Staten Island). Second prize (\$200) was won by Kathleen McGreal of Spellman High School (Kathleen is the daughter of Frank and Sally McGreal of the Bronx). To insure impartiality, Scholarship Committee Chairman Jim McLaughlin prepared copies of the papers identified by number only to the panel of



1987 N.Y. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE reviewed by, left to right, Parade Committee Chairman Frank Beirne; Alde Dan Dennehy of the Bronx; Grand Marshal John Lawe, International President, TWU; and president of Northern Aid, Michael Flannery, Grand Marshal of the 1983 parade.

Photo by Tom Matthews

professional educators who did the grading.

Irish Books

An added feature of the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade scholarship program is the awarding of \$500 worth of Irish books (over 50 books) each to the libraries of the winning high school and college students. The books were obtained through a special arrangement with the Irish American Cultural Institute (College of St. Thomas - Box 5026, 2115

Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-5545). The recipients this year were Magr. Farrell High School on Staten Island (represented by Brother Thomas O'Connor) and Iona College in New Rochelle, New York (represented by Brother Charles B. Quinn).

1988 Scholarship Program Expanded

Because of the tremendous response to the announcement of the parade scholarship program Parade

Committee Chairman Frank Beirne has announced that eligibility for competition will be expanded for 1988 to include not only schools affiliated with the parade committee, but also students belonging to or related to members of organizations affiliated with the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee. Formal announcement of the details of the 1988 scholarship will be made early in the 1987/88 school year.

IN MEMORIAM

AR DAEIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

Heart Attack Fells Echo's John Grimes

MOUNT KISCO, NY—John Grimes, publisher of the *Irish Echo*, the largest-selling Irish-American newspaper in the United States, died of a heart attack recently at Northern Westchester Hospital Center here.

Grimes, 54, of Pound Ridge, had succeeded his father, Patrick J. Grimes, as publisher of the New York City-based newspaper a decade ago.

Under his leadership, the *Echo* started a Boston edition in 1981.

Officials of the weekly newspaper, which has a circulation of 46,000, said Grimes' wife, Claire, would succeed him as publisher.

Born in the Bronx, Grimes attended Manhattan Prep and the New York School of Music. He was a 1963 graduate of Manhattan College.

"He was one of the most honest individuals I ever met," said Jack Thornton, editor of the *Echo*. "He was involved in all aspects of the paper." Grimes "would sit down and set type and get into the makeup of a page, in addition to the administration of the paper, which took up most



JOHN GRIMES

of his time," Thornton said.

Grimes is survived by his wife and two daughters, Jennifer, 20, and Katy, 17. The funeral mass was held in St. Patrick's Church in Bedford Village.

John Grimes was a member of AOH Division 1, New York County.

Edward Metzler Dies at Home

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Edward L. Metzler, whose mother's name was Teresa Alice O'Hare, died on March 11, 1987 at his home in Chevy Chase, MD. He was a member of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH.

Brother Metzler was born in Kansas City, MO. He grew up there and in Milwaukee. He graduated from Marquette University, where he earned a law degree. In 1934, he moved to Washington and earned a master's degree in international law at George Washington University.

In the mid-1930s, Brother Metzler went to work for the State Department. Shortly thereafter he joined the Justice Department where he remained until 1971, when he retired. He was a trial lawyer throughout his career, appearing before the U.S. Court of Claims and other courts on behalf of the government.

During World War II, he was a captain in the Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps, serving in the Philippines and Japan.

Brother Metzler was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Fossils Club and the American Legion. He was a generous supporter of the Edward P. Keefe Memorial Fund, an on-going program sponsored by the Emerald Isle Division to assist men studying for the priesthood who will serve in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Elizabeth Costelloe Metzler of Chevy Chase; five children, Maria Johnson of Austin, Texas; John of Arlington, VA; Joseph of Alexandria, VA; Robert of Bethesda, MD and Mark of Silver Spring, MD and six grand-children.

James J. O'Connor

Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

JOBS IN IRELAND HOPE AND LITTLE ELSE — FOR MANY

The stones and castles crumble. The high cross, time-honed by the wet winds since ancient times, endures silently. The mossy skeletal ruins, the round towers, the tumbled stone cottages, all of olden days, stand as aged monuments offering muted homage to a past of simplistic grandeur. We may ask: is Ireland's past its present image? Is the new economy as non-productive as the crumbling stones? The old ruins cannot make new jobs. The round towers cannot pay the V.A.T. and the paycheck tax. Aside from our unshakable faith, the treasures of the past are not fitting into the new scheme of things.

Modern Ireland reflects, prophetically, the thoughts of William Butler Yeats: "To Fumble in a greasy till," he wrote of the nation-state built on ideology and with its survival needs dependent on shaky commerce. He also wrote: " . . . Romantic Ireland's dead and gone; it's with O'Leary in the grave." His words have come home to roost. Ask the young Irish women and men who search and travel for jobs what they think of Ireland's beauty and romantic history — now that potatoes are being imported, and livestock is shipped to EEC countries for profitable (not Irish) processing.

Wise minds have said over the years that the present fortunes and future destiny of any people evolve from their history. Historical treasures — artifacts, antiquities, great deeds, family and native traditions — Ireland has it all. Acquired gifts of skill and art developed by personal traits are handed down and are enhanced.

Each successive generation in recent Ireland has left its mark in literature, politics, soldiering, songs and music, visual arts and artful products; it's all there. But what is it really worth to the young adults looking for jobs? Unfortunately, each Irish generation must call itself poor. An Irish citizen can relish the past, but the past, magnificent as it is, cannot pay the rent or make the car payment. Flourishing countries have learned and prospered from the past. Those who have gone before have left legacies of financial success to their sons and daughters. Switzerland is a good example. The Swiss financiers are still complaining about William Tell wasting a good apple.

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Her Solitary Anguish

By PETER KING

It was late evening as she sat alone in the front room of her stark Belfast flat — the darkness of her world broken only by the fitful glow from the flaming hearth. Outside, a wet wind raged.

Heavy wallpaper covered the walls to stave off Belfast's corrosive dampness. Nothing, however, could protect her from the endless agony of Belfast life.

She was a Catholic and being a Catholic in Belfast made her a victim — a victim of British oppression. Her family had always resisted the oppression, but the price was high — her father finally dying in prison after years of being brutalized; her brother blown apart in a bombing; and her husband serving a life sentence in Long Kesh. And so many friends and neighbors had suffered as well.

Life for her had become a pitiless montage of prison visits and funerals. All the while, she was raising her three sons.

Each day began as a test of survival and, to survive, she must stand defiant and never let life's sorrows break her spirit. No matter what, she would remain her own person. Her clothes were always tailored and as stylish as her meager funds would allow and her makeup was carefully applied each day.

But such a terribly draining struggle takes its toll and leaves its mark. Even though she was in her early 30s, the glare of the flame mercilessly revealed the deep lines which so prematurely seared the otherwise silk-like softness of her classic Celtic face. Her eyes, fatigued from years of fighting tears, had taken on a look of permanent sadness.

Tonight, her problem was more immediate. She feared that the moment she had so long dreaded was upon her. Her oldest son, not yet 17, had been more and more out of the house. It was for Gaelic lessons, he said. Though she hoped against hope that he was

truthful, she knew better. His face betrayed him — it was the face of her father, her brother and her husband. Like so many Belfast mothers, she knew all too well that sons do indeed have sons as brave as their fathers. Today he had been more remote and secretive than ever and then suddenly — just after dark — he was out the door and gone.

Now she could do nothing but wait — alone. Her two younger sons were in deep sleep and only the howling wind, the crackling logs and the creaking of the rocker against the old wood floor broke the stillness.

She was no stranger to waiting. As a young girl and as a married woman, she had endured many nights of uncertainty. But it had been different then. Her mother had been alive and they drew strength from one another. Together, they had withstood even the most tragic news. Now, with her mother dead for almost a year, all strength had to come from within herself.

As the hours went by and he still had not returned, she gave a fleeting glance through the quivering shadows at the crucifix on the wall — her last link to a religion whose clerics had long since exchanged their birthright for the shilling. But still she felt alone and so she stared back into the fireplace at the flames' final tremors.

The fire went out. Shrouded in darkness, she wrapped her arms around herself and braced for the cruel cold of the long night.

It was after dawn when he finally returned. They exchanged knowing looks and her exhausted face smiled with the joy of relief. She did not ask him where he had been or what he done. It was enough for her that he was alive and that they had each survived the night.

Now she had to be ready for the new day which had already begun.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Wrestling — Not pro wrestling; nothing to do with the WWF! Good, legitimate amateur wrestling! Mark Cody, son of Leo and Mary Cody of Binghamton, recently won a gold medal in the 198 lb. class in Canada. In reaching this pinnacle, Mark beat wrestlers from Asia and Europe. Congratulations, Mark. Mark's proud parents are members of Division 1, Broome County.

Tennis, anyone? — At Wimbledon, a young Australian player by the name of Pat Cash surprised the tennis buffs and experts by beating Ivan Lendl in the men's finals. Then he shocked those allegedly composed English sportsmen and ladies by climbing into the stands to hug his father. Right on, Patrick Cash.

Baseball — The Yankees owner, Geo. Steinbrenner, in hot water again. This time for calling the young black accountant he has working for the Yankees, "Boy", on national TV. John Thompson, the coach of Georgetown, who was also on the show, said that sometimes we get caught up in the semantics rather than what is being said. For all those who do not have access to the NY metro newspapers, this is how the story played. The *New York Times* gave it a small box of five paragraphs on page 20 or so, and the *New York Post* gave it slightly less coverage than the invasion of earth by Martians. Rupert Murdoch's paper is outdoing itself with self-proclaimed hype. The only thing they're missing is Jimmy Breslin, who is going to *Newsday*, YR believes, for the only reason, M-O-N-E-Y. Breslin even admits this.

The Mets aren't having much success lately. Lee Mazilli has taken Darryl Strawberry to task for not playing. Strawberry says he's hurting. Gooden's back pitching. Their All-Star catcher is playing hurt most everyday. It might be time for Bill Gallo to bring back "Basement Bertha".

The Yankees took over 1st place in the East. They swept the Blue Jays when no one expected them. Yet, the other night against Viola of Minnesota, they could not be untracked. This Viola has a better record than the other pitcher in the majors whose name begins with "V". Venezuela of the Dodgers. Check the stats.

This should prove an interesting season. The other teams appear to fade in and out. At this writing, it is almost time for the All-Star break. What happens after that only time will tell!

The minor leagues are in full swing. In the local area, Oneonta, Auburn and Elmira all have teams. So far, it looks as they take turns winning. Not that YR thinks it's fixed. It is just that these teams are comprised of many young ballplayers. Young ballplayers have tremendous mood swings and ups and downs in their careers. They are great to watch. So if there is a minor league team in your area, please support it.

On the local scene, the American Legion Baseball Tournament was held in Binghamton. The two local teams went out early. There were teams from Puerto Rico, Ohio, and farther West than that. The local sponsors would love to have it again next year.

Did you see the amount of money that the town in Florida is investing in a spring training facility for the KC Royals. YR would love to hear some owner refute that "Baseball is very, very good to me." They can't and the working class doesn't have the money to buy a club.

Basketball — The other Sunday, ABC Sports carried a college legend game. It was between UCLA and North Carolina. Both teams went all the way back to the late fifties, early sixties for some players. Other players were of more recent vintage, as in Michael Jordan, among others. The game actually meant nothing. It was fun to watch. Some of North Carolina's players da! J to the days of the Maguire railway which saw players from the NY Metro area suddenly take an interest in a school below the Mason-Dixon line.

Colleges appear to want it both ways. They want the big bucks that national TV gets them. At the same time, they want these young men who get in these schools, to have all the exposure as students (?); to be above reproach; to be pure of spirit and humble of heart. Yet, just recently, it was published in the media, that a certain college hasn't graduated one single solitary student who has gone there on an athletic scholarship for a very definite period. Now, ladies and gentlemen, whose fault is that? Is it the guy who accepts the scholarship? Or is it the school? Just like that old song, "Is the turtle soup real or is it the mock?"

This column will be short due to YR's being a delegate to the NYS AOH Convention in Niagara Falls. Keep those cards and letters coming, folks. Send them to PO Box 166 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

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Irish Sportsmen Triumphant in USA and France



FRANK O'MARA

SEAN KELLY

(From *Ireland Today*)

Irish victories as far apart as Indianapolis and Nice have delighted sports fans in recent weeks. Over the weekend of 7-8 March, the inaugural World Indoor Athletics Championships were held at the Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, USA. Ireland's representation was strong, especially in the middle distances and hopes were high. The results amply confirmed these hopes; 2 gold medals, 1 silver.

The 1500 meters gold medal winner was Marcus O'Sullivan from Cork, now with the University of

Pennsylvania, while Frank O'Mara took the gold in the 3000 meters event. Paul O'Donovan completed the Irish hat trick of medals by winning the silver in the 3000 meters race. Both O'Mara and O'Donovan are at present at the University of Arkansas.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Ireland's world cycling champion Sean Kelly from Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary, won the Paris-Nice cycling classic for a record sixth time. The other leading Irish contender, Stephen Roche, was fourth.

These great victories coincide with

publication of a survey by the European Commission which shows that the Irish are ahead of most other EC countries in their enthusiasm for sports and membership of sports clubs. More than half of all Irish people — 56% — declared themselves sports enthusiasts, compared with 43% in Britain and Luxembourg. Some 26% of Irish people belong to sports clubs — the fourth highest figure after the Dutch, Luxembourgers and West Germans — but 15% of the Irish participate actively in sports, the second highest figure after Luxembourg with 19%.

Recognition for Irish Medal Winners



PAT TROY, left, and Ed O'Brien, center, co-hosts of the Washington, DC Irish Television Show with Joe Roche, right, their guest on the May TV show. Joe is past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and spoke of the AOH effort to get recognition for 65 Irish Medal of Honor recipients. Thanks to the AOH the 65 Irishmen, unclaimed by any state, now have their own grove among the MOH State Groves at the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge, PA. "And remember them on Memorial Day." Pat is a brother in the J. Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, VA and Ed is a brother in the J.F. Kennedy Division 5, Prince George's County, MD. Irish Eye photo

Silver Jubilarian Dies



MINNESOTA AOH CHAPLAIN Rev. Philip McArdle, at right, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on June 22 at the rectory of his pastorate, St. Louis Church, St. Paul. He is pictured above on the occasion of celebrating his Silver Jubilee as a priest on May 3, 1987. With him, from left, are AOH members, James Sheridan, Kilkenny, state financial secretary; Hon. Judge John M. Fitzgerald of New Prague; John Gleason, president, St. Paul division; and John Gregory O'Connell, Derryman, Twp. state treasurer. (Note the historic AOH caps). The AOH held a prayer service June 24 for an overfilled church. Mass of Christian Burial was later, with burial in his native land — Dundalk, County Louth, Ireland.

Daniel J. Scanlon

WASHINGTON D.C.—The Emerald Isle Division, AOH, mourns the death of Daniel J. Scanlon, a past president of the division, who died in Bethany, Delaware on July 7, 1987. Dan was the AOH state president for Delaware. He was a graduate of Gonzaga College High School, Washington, D.C. and Catholic University of America.

Brother Scanlon was born in Washington, D.C. In 1954, he went to work for the Barber & Ross Co., a

millwork firm in Leesburg, VA. He later designed public schools and police and fire department facilities for the D.C. government.

Brother Scanlon was waked at Collins Funeral Home, Silver Spring, MD and a Mass of Christian Burial was offered at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Interment was here at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

James J. O'Connor

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Ladies Massachusetts NEWS

President Sheila Lynch presided at the 84th Biennial State Convention of the Massachusetts LAOH held on May 30, at the beautiful Lowell Hilton. National President Sheila Clifford and Connecticut State Chairman of Catholic Action Sue Sweeney were guests.

Officers elected by the delegates for 1987-1989 are: President Mary Dolan; Vice President Jacqueline Lamprey; Secretary Theresa Brecken; Treasurer Mary Ryan; Historian Dorothy Flury; Missions, Mary Condon; and Catholic Action, Nora Shea.

Division 8 of Clinton held another successful tribute to Our Lady of Knock on August 21. Following 7 p.m. Mass the group gathered before the outdoor Shrine to Our Lady of Knock for the recitation of the Rosary. They regrouped in the church hall for a friendly Irish get-together featuring delicious deserts.

Division Eight of Springfield closed their season in a most appropriate way by observing the opening of the Marian Year with a Living Rosary. All the lights in the meeting room were turned off as the members gathered by candle light before a Shrine to Our Lady, Sisters of St. Joseph and Notre Dame, who are members of the Division, led the recitation of the Rosary, following which the members enjoyed a friendly social hour.

Division 14 is alive and functioning in Watertown. On June 26 a successful fund raiser was held for member Kathie Formisano, who had the misfortune of having her leg removed with possible loss of the other leg. Please remember her in your prayers.

The Kay McNamara Scholarship was awarded to Maureen Dunn on

June 27. She is the daughter of Mary "Rusty" Dunn.

At the recent State Convention Sister Anne Devaney of Div. 14, Watertown, was endorsed as a candidate for a seat on the National Board. Anne has served in various capacities in her thirty years as a member, including past division, county and state president. In 1984 she was national Chairman of Catholic Action.

Minnesota LAOH News

The 45th Convention of the Minnesota LAOH was held May 9 at the Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington. The following officers were elected: President Mary Ann O'Brien; Vice President Peggy Cloutier; Secretary Jean Coues; Treasurer Leah Curtin; Scrap Book and publicity, Mary Hanlon; Historian Sheila Kryjeski; Missions, Marguerite Cloutier; Catholic Action, Dorothy Scullen; Membership, Susan Harvieux; and Bursae Chairman, Joanne Sullivan.

Father Phillip McArdle celebrated the Annual Founder's Day Mass which was held at St. Thomas Church April 26. Father was state AOH chaplain, who on June 22 was "called home" to a well-deserved rest. He was but fifty years old, born in Dublin, when he was laid to rest.

LAOH and AOH members will sponsor a celebration for Our Lady of Knock and also honor State President Mary Ann O'Brien on Sunday, August 23 at St. Thomas Church. Mass will be at 2:00 followed by refreshments and entertainment. Plans are being completed for Minnesota Irish Festival August 29-30, at St. Paul, MN. There will be Irish bards, dances, food, crafts, and festival souvenirs.

New York Ladies News

Queens County Hibernians are pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Magr. Kiernan Martin as the new chaplain for Queens County Board, AOH and LAOH. He succeeds the Rev. George Tennant, of happy memory, who had served as chaplain for more than thirty years. Following the recent installation of new officers, formal requests were extended to Magr. Martin to serve as chaplain by AOH President Denis Waters and LAOH President Margaret Redling.

Magr. Martin's father comes from Tipperary and his mother from Mayo, although he himself is a native of Brooklyn. Following ordination in 1950, Fr. Martin served in various parishes in the Archdiocese of New York. He was appointed pastor of St.

Virgilius, Broad Channel, N.Y., in 1980 and raised to the status of monsignor in May 1987.

Magr. Martin has been a Hibernian for some thirty years and took his Major Degree in St. Kevin's Church, Flushing as a member of Division 4.

Sunday, August 23 has been set aside by Nassau County LAOH for the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Knock. The day will start with Mass at 10:45 a.m. in Our Lady Waters and LAOH President Margaret Redling.

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MSGR. KIERNAN MARTIN



NEWLY INSTALLED officers of Queens County Board, New York, are, l. to r., seated, Bridget Kearney, secretary; Meg Redling, president; Frances Lozito, vice president; Alice Jones, financial secretary. Standing, Josephine Spellman, sentinel; Kathleen Phelan, treasurer; Dorothy Hayden Cudahy, historian; Kathleen McGourty, Catholic Action; Maureen Merriman, missions. Mary Leyden, mistress at arms, was not present when picture was taken.

Pennsylvania LAOH News

Rose McGonigal, president of Division 39, Philadelphia County, and co-chairman of the State Convention, together with her division members culminated their two years of preparation for the 84th Pennsylvania State convention July 15-18 in Philadelphia, amidst the great national celebration of "We The People, 200 years."

On May 31 the Allegheny County Biennial Convention was held at St. Anne's Hall in Castle Shannon, Pittsburgh, home of host Division 21. The County officers elected were: President Mary Margaret Mauraith; Vice President Catherine Needham; Secretary Karen Flynn; Fin. Secretary Kathleen Parker; Treasurer Sarah Maine; Historian Shirley Murphy; Missions, Margaret Visiokey; Catholic Action, Margaret Cooney; Mistress at Arms Rita Williams; Sentinel Mary Ann Byrne; and Grievance, Mary Casey.

Homestead Division 13 celebrated their 80th anniversary cruising Pittsburgh's three rivers on the new clipper, Majestic. This division is proud to have had Past National Presidents Lenora Shea and Catherine Dougherty as members. Theresa Vernon is currently serving as president of this very active

Division.

The Ladies of Carbonale Division, Lackawanna County, carry on a long standing tradition which begins on August 15 each year, with the ceremony of "Lighting of the Candles." Initially started by the Catholic Golden Age group, the LAOH members carry this beautiful tradition for 365 days of the year by the daily burning of candles on either side of the Tabernacle.

LADIES Texas News

The National Hibernian Digest welcomes Texas's newest division, Daughters of Erin, of Austin, Texas, to our folds. Through the efforts of Texas State President Mary Whitmire, State Chaplain Fr. William Barrows, Corpus Christi Bishop Thomas J. Drury, Michael O'Shaunessy, Kevin O'Connell and Marie Shaunessy Martin, the Daughters of Erin Division, LAOH, was organized in Austin, Texas.

The following officers were elected to guide the Division through its infancy: President Marie O'Shaunessy Martin; Vice President Peggy Mack; Secretary Maggie Scollar; Treasurer Financial Sec. Maureen Clomet; Historian Daraine Robertson; Missions, Kathleen O'Tierney; Catholic Action, Rita Kimmin; Mistress at Arms, Marie Louise

O'Shaunessy; and Sentinel Thelma Crew.

Guiding the Spiritual activities of the group is Msgr. John Frizzell, chaplain. Other Charter members include: Joan McDermott, Doris Malloy, Catherine Morse, Doraine Keltner and Muriel Persky.

An Installation Luncheon was held at the Emerald Restaurant, in front of which stands a statue of St. Patrick.

The installing officer was State President Mary Whitmire. Invited guests included members of the State Board LAOH; brother Hibernians from the Gilbert Ryan O'Shaunessy Division; State Chaplain, Rev. William Barrows; Ann Collins from the San Antonio Irish Cultural Society; and Sister Marie Andre and Sister Eva Walsh of St. Edward's University in Austin.

CORRECTIONS!!!!

Errors were made last issue in deciphering press releases. Apologies to:

MICHIGAN
Nancy McCasley, Missions
Kate MacIntosh, Cath. Action
MARYLAND
Lorraine Owens, Missions
Eleanor Goodwin, Tributes to St. Brigid.

National News

Frances Hamre

INTERIM BOARD MEETING

LAOH National President Sheila Clifford has issued notice that an Interim National Board Meeting will be held at the Quality Inn, Nyack, New York, on September 24th to 26th, in conjunction with the Testimonial Dinner to honor AOH National President Nick Murphy.

The National Board will meet at 8 P.M. on Thursday, the 24th.

National Board, State Officers and Past National Officers will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 25th; and from 9 a.m. to completion on the 26th.

Board members planning to attend should contact Dolores Voelker, national secretary, prior to September 1st.

Past national officers, state presidents, past state presidents and other elected state officers may attend interim board meetings at their own expense and with no voice or vote, if registered to attend within the prescribed time limit set by the national president.

State presidents are requested to notify the national secretary of the number of persons attending no later than September 1, as she must make arrangements for the meeting room. Reservations must be made through the hotel or the Nick Murphy Testimonial Committee by September 1st.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The Connecticut State Board and the Waterbury Division LAOH are planning a Testimonial Dinner for Miss Sheila Clifford, national president of the LAOH. This will be held on Saturday, October 31, 1987 at the Sheraton Hotel in Waterbury. A cocktail hour will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. and a prime rib dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by the Noel Kingston Orchestra.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$45.00 per person. For reservations write: Mrs. Sue Sweeney, LAOH Testimonial Dinner, C/O AOH Hall, 91 Golden Hill Street, Waterbury, Conn. 06706. The committee has blocked rooms at the Sheraton for the convenience of the visitors. Room rates will be \$55.00 per room, plus tax. To reserve rooms call the Sheraton in Waterbury (203) 753-1001 or call toll-free 1-800-325-3535 and mention that rooms are available to Hibernians.

Week-end activities include: Friday, Oct. 30: Open House, AOH Hall. Saturday, October 31: Morning and early afternoon tours, trip to the winery, foliage tours, historic points. Saturday: Evening Mass at the Hotel, time to be announced, dinner.

NOTICE

LAOH members who received the Major Degrees at National Convention in Buffalo, New York, and who have not received their Degree Pins, please contact:

Mrs. Mary M. Kennedy
329 Johnson Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207



ALWAYS A HAPPY moment. Sheila Clifford, left, LAOH national president accepts a check for over \$6,000 from Rita McDonough, past national president, who served as Jewelry Chairman for the Ladies. The check represents the profit to the LAOH national board from jewelry sales.

7 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday, Nov 1: Brunch, 10 a.m. to noon, AOH Hall, Waterbury.

The Testimonial Dinner Committee is planning a Souvenir Journal. Those wishing to place a message in the book, please forward exact copy to: P. Ann Harmon, Souvenir Journal, C/O AOH Hall, 91 Golden Hill St., Waterbury, Conn. 06706.

All ads must be received by September 15 with checks made payable to: LAOH Testimonial. Prices are: Full page, \$100; Half page, \$55.00; Quarter page, \$30.00; Patron, \$5.00.

NATIONAL SECRETARY REMINDERS

LAOH National Secretary Dolores voelker issues the following reminders:

State Conventions: If you have not already forwarded the list of state and county officers for 1987-1989, please do so immediately so our records are kept up to date.

Price Lists: Correction on the Price List. (The printer is trying, innocently, to help us get rich quick). Treasurer's report forms are not one dollar, but one thin dime.

Postage: Be sure to include enough postage when ordering supplies. Ten Rituals or fifty sheets of stationary and fifty envelopes cost \$2.40. This is a guideline only.

MISSIONS

National Chairman of Missions Dorothy Fowler is concerned that her workload is too light. She has received contributions for the Columbian Missions from only eight states at halfway mark time, toward our goal of \$44,000. It would be nice to receive your donations now instead of at the final push.

Rev. James O'Brien, Columbian Mission Education Director, is very pleased to report that many requests are being received for Mass Cards, Prayer Cards, video tape information, enrollments, etc. Write to Father. He will be happy to send you supplies and information.



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

The summer draws to a close and we are preparing for a season of renewed Hibernian activities. With vacations but a memory and the business of State Conventions behind us, we will concentrate our efforts on the Hibernian programs for 1987-1988.

The National Irish Essay Contest will soon be announced. National Historian, Kathie Linton, will be sending the necessary materials to all State Historians prior to September 1st.

Dorothy Fowler, National Chairman of Missions, has reached half of her goal, but has not heard from many states. Have you sent in your donation to the Columbian Missions? If not, please do so as soon as possible.

Catholic Action reports!! Many of you have been generous with your time and talents in Catholic Action activities. Has your state sent in its report to Mary Douville, National Chairman of Catholic Action?

GOOD NEWS: The two granite benches have been placed next to the Obelisk of Honor in the Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge, Pa. If you are visiting the Valley Forge area, please visit the Medal of Honor Grove and especially the Obelisk of Honor. During the past years donations from the AOH and the LAOH helped fund the Obelisk. Through the generous donations of the LAOH, we have been able to donate the benches.

During the past several months, several of you have inquired whether

any of the cards received from Barton Cotton are available. We do have some available. Please contact Sally Murphy, 130 Stanmore Road, Baltimore, Md. 21212, if you would like additional cards.

On August 5, 1987, the Hibernian Forest was dedicated in Kilglin, Co. Kerry. This was the first joint project of the AOH and LAOH since the National Convention.

If we are to continue to be successful, we must remember that we are members of an organization that has been in existence for 93 years. We must continue to increase our numbers. Each division should seek new members and where possible, new divisions should be started. We must remember that our goals are to foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people and promote Irish culture. We must promote "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity."

FRIENDSHIP — we should regard all members as one family; and assist one another in sickness and distress. UNITY — this is the foundation of every virtue. Friendship has little force in the struggle to exist, unity is needed to bind. We cannot hope to achieve our goals unless we are true to one another.

CHRISTIAN CHARITY — Christian Charity strengthens and cements both friendship and unity. We should regard the sacred teachings of Our Holy Mother the Church as a light and guide. If all members will practice our Motto—Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity, we will encourage our membership to grow.



Testimonial Dinner honoring Sheila M. Clifford

National President L.A.O.H.

Saturday, October 31, 1987

Sheraton Hotel, Waterbury, Connecticut

7:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

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Cocktails 7 - 8 P.M.

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Music by Noel Kingston

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Brigid of Kildare (A Bit of Irish History)

It was only twenty years after the "Days of Lamentation" for beloved Patrick that the quest for sanctity inspired another great patron saint of Ireland—Brigid of Kildare.

Brigid was born around the year 450 near Dundalk. Although born from a noble family, Brigid remained close to the land and worked as a milkmaid. She was known for her outstanding beauty as well as her virtue and many noble youths asked her hand in marriage. But Brigid declined because she was attracted to the religious life. She sought out the poor and gave everything she received to them. She told her father, "I'm a Christian and Christians should give." Brigid eventually went to work among the poor of Connaught. However, the people of Kildare begged her to come back to them. She eventually returned to found a famous monastery church and school at Kildare where both rich and poor came to study and pray.

The name of the church was Cill-dara (Kildare) or "Church of the Oak Tree." Though gentle, Brigid confronted King Diarmait (Diarmuid) because of his strict judgment. She condemned most tyrants: "Children of kings are serpents—save for a few God hath chosen."

Brigid died in 525 A.D., and such was her regard among the Irish that they buried her remains near Patrick in County Down. The connection between the two saints in Irish tradition is seen in the humorous saying which notes: "When it storms on St. Patrick's Day it is only through the jealousy of Brigid."

The Celts of both Ireland and Scotland hold her in particular honor. The fame of her sanctity spread to the continent where entire cities adopted her as a patron. It is estimated that over the whole world 10,000 women bear her name and honor her as "Mary of the Gael."

Brian K. Lonergan

Irish Nannies in America



FALL CLASS 1986, The new England School for Nannies, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

100 job possibilities for every nanny in the USA! That is what New England School for Nannies, Inc. has to offer each new Irish immigrant with a non-preference visa. New England School for Nannies, Inc. is the only nanny school with immigration approval; consequently, they are extending an invitation to the newly arriving Irish to train to become nannies just as their ancestors did. Today the nanny has returned due to the extraordinary demand for in-home child care which is primarily caused by the dual-working couple.

Training programs at New England School for Nannies, Inc. is offered twice per year in the fall and spring. The course is 14 weeks long and includes Growth & Development, Special Needs Children, Educational Play, The Modern Nanny, CPR, First Aid, Nutrition, Child Psychology, Child Safety and Family

Dynamics. English and American Culture is also taught to foreign students. Although this is an intensive program, the classes are quite small (10-15 students) and each student receives a great deal of personal attention by a very dedicated faculty of four teachers, a student advisor and an academic advisor. The students also enjoy several field trips and social gatherings.

Living arrangements for out-of-town students are provided by local host families: students get free room and board in exchange for limited child care.

Due to the great demand, the school prepares the students for interviews early in the program and most of the students secure their jobs even before graduation. Basic benefits to our graduates may include: private room and board; a minimum starting salary of \$200-\$250 per week; travel; use of a car;

two weeks paid vacation. There is a broad spectrum of jobs to choose from nationwide. Positions that NESN graduates have secured for example have included famous movie stars (Meryl Streep for instance), doctors, lawyers, investment bankers, CEO's, pilots, ranchers, professors, rock stars, etc. And each job reflects a different type of lifestyle that the nanny adopts depending on the job she/he selects—because when the nanny accepts a job, she/he becomes part of the family.

If you or someone you know is interested in a nanny career, you may contact New England School for Nannies, Inc. in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, for more information at (413) 525-1861. NESN is licensed by the Department of Education, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a vocational school. It is also a full member of ACNS and MAPS.

laws, the work of Margaret Murphy and Helen Walton, was unanimously approved by the delegates. President Rosemary Hoffman appointed Kathy Gibbons as publicity chairman for the state board.

Congratulations went out to Dick and Sue Lauster of the Rose Kennedy Division on the adoption of their son Jeffrey. Sue is division president. Activities of the division included participation in the Pontiac Irish Festival in August, with Kathy Gibbons and Rose Trapp as chairmen and charitable contributions of \$500 to the Columbian Missions and \$100 to Hanna Meals.

Upcoming are a mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock on August 23 and the Pallotine Dinner Dance on September 20, with dancing music by Noel Henry.

Before closing shop for July and August, the Ethel Kennedy Division held their seventh annual "Greatest Garage Sale," which was its usual unqualified success.

Hurt Learns Irish Jig



WILLIAM HURT will dance an Irish jig in his next movie. Laureen N'Neil-James, with him after a lesson, had the distinct pleasure of teaching him the side step and rising step. She learned that Mr. Hurt's good foot positions stem from the dancing he studied in the Juilliard School in New York. William is proud of his Celtic heritage (middle name is McChord) and promised Laureen that although short, his dance would represent his very best.

Flatley's Corner

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God bless it, is strong, but it is seasonal and job billets are quickly filled. While it is certainly true that economic development is under way, and the government is organizationally geared to make things happen, it is not happening at a pace sufficient to catch and reverse the rate of emigration.

There is a cadre of young professionals and technicians in Ireland today who are staying and prospering. They are busily involved in good careers in the developing industrial and business growth. However, there is a large number of the young onlookers who don't seem to fit into the hi-tech picture. They need the instant push to survive. The options are few. Emigration is the only hope for a job within a reasonable period of time for these desperate seekers. It is sad to see the government of the Republic of Ireland

unofficially encouraging the youth of the nation to leave because funds for the dole handout are not available. Many of the young Irish arriving in the U.S. soon become illegals and must eventually return to Ireland, some more than once. The periodic hiatus has a delaying and interfering effect on the development of working careers either in or out of Ireland. There was a time when the young Irish immigrant had only to work and wait a few years for U.S. citizenship. The new U.S. immigration legislation, signed into law November 6, 1986, makes it difficult for the young Irish greenhorn to obtain a green card and permanent residence in the U.S. The new law will dampen Irish hopes, and has created a new social predicament. They cannot overstay their U.S. visit and they cannot make a go of it in Ireland. For these young outcast Irish workers

life is certainly tough and hope is slim.

Recent (AOH) discussions on the subject with the Consul General of Ireland in New York, Mr. Jim Flavin, left no doubt that the cognizant government officials are deeply concerned, but resources are tight. Ireland is a small country and the tax yield is low.

As the stones and castles crumble an economic fortress must be built. A way must be found to push the hard times into past history—push it into a corner of history with the ruins of the past.

Help is needed. It can only come from two sources: the Irish government, and concerned Irish Americans. If some of the sentimental fervor of the Irish Americans can be channeled from the zealous interest, valid as it is, in the Northern Ireland politics and directed toward the less intriguing, steady economy/jobs problems in the Republic, the lives of many young Irish people would benefit. A sound economy solves a lot of political problems. Good jobs and prosperity in the south will wake up the northern neighbors, and hopefully, would help in achieving a favorable political settlement. If by some miracle the Republic of Ireland was suddenly handed sovereignty over the 6 counties, the Irish government would likely go bankrupt. It is presently costing the British government more than a billion pounds a year to govern Northern Ireland. The Irish economy in its present state would be in turmoil readjusting to a 32 county nation. Ireland's future, regarding both political goals and financial stability, will be decisively influenced by the way the government of the Republic of Ireland handles the economic and emigration dilemma.

Questions and Answers

By Professor Robert T. Meyer, Catholic University

Note: Please forward questions to Professor Robert T. Meyer, Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Would you be able to tell me something of the origin of the name Brankin? Rev. Anthony J. Brankin, Chicago, ILL.

A. In Irish your name was O Branagáin, which means 'descendant of Branagan' which was a diminutive of Bran, 'raven'. It was the name of a family of the Cinel Eoghain in Derry. You were close by there when you were in Armagh. There are variant spellings and pronunciations of the name: O Branagan, O Branigan, O Brenegan, Branagan, Branigan, Brennigan, Brangan, Brankin, Brankan.

Q. I am interested in the best method of securing copies of birth, marriage and death certificates of my grandparents and great-grandparents in County Cork. Jerome J. Bradley, Dallas, Texas.

A. Write to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Cork, Co. Cork, Ireland.

Q. Will you please send me information on the name Moor? John Moor, Fleming, Ohio.

A. Your name in Irish was O Mordha, meaning 'descendant of Mordhe' the majestic one. This was the name of an illustrious family of Leinster and they were chiefs of Leix. Their chief fortress was at Dunemawe, near Maryborough, and its ruins are still there. The O More's made a remarkable figure in Irish history for they defied English rule and power for many centuries. Rory O More was a celebrated chieftain and waged many wars against both Mary and Elizabeth. Father Woulfe says that probably no Irish family suffered greater cruelties at the hands of the English. In 1609 the remnants of the clan were transplanted to Kerry where they settled near Tarbert, but many of them gradually returned to their native home and the family is now well represented in Leinster. There are variants of the name: O Mora, O Marey, O More, O Moore, Morey, Moor.

Q. Could you please give me information on the name Quinliak. Michael Quinliak, Florissant, Missouri

A. In Irish your name was O Cuindliak, and it meant 'descendant of Cuindliak'. This was the name of a literary family and no one seems to know the meaning of the name, nor who Cuindliak was. It was the family that partook in the compiling of the famous Book of Lecan manuscript. The name is mentioned in the Annals of the Four Masters for the year 1342. According to Father Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames (Dublin 1932) your spelling of the name is now used in County Mayo. There are variants in the spelling and pronunciation as Cundlish, Cunlish, Quinliak, Quinliak.

Q. Could you please give me the origin and meaning of my mother's surname, Aughwan. Her folks came from County Mayo and the name does not seem to be a common one. Frances C. LaMoy, Camillus, New York.

A. Originally in Irish the name was O hEachdhubhain, meaning 'descendant of Eachdhubhain', meaning 'the black steed.' You must remember that the ancient Irish were very fond of horses and even today the Dublin Horse Show draws as many people as would a visit from the Pope (well almost!). To call a man a steed meant that he had staying powers in battle, great strength, speed, etc. Father Woulfe also says it is a rare Mayo surname and he gives only the form Aghoon. Apparently he had never met up with the spelling Aughwan.

Q. Could you please give me some information on the name Lynett? Thomas F. Lynett, Akron, Ohio.

A. Your name in Irish was Lionoid, meaning 'son of Lionot' possibly a diminutive of Leonard, certainly from the same root and meaning 'little lion' just as English Lionel. The name came into Ireland with the Normans. Your ancestors must have come over to Ireland in the 12th century and settled in the West. Father Woulfe concurs with you in saying that your name comes from County Mayo. There are variants to the name as Lyncoid, Lyncod, Lynett.

NOTA BENE: If you desire an immediate reply to your request please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check for \$10.00 (ten dollars) payable to Prof. Robert T. Meyer, Box 255, Division of Celtic Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. The money is used to buy books for the Celtic collection. Beannachtlibh anois.

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Over 600 enthusiastic Hibernian members and friends turned out for the traditional National President's Dinner, honoring the incumbent leader of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. The occasion helps to focus the effort and skills of the large Irish-American community on the goals and aspirations vital for their times.

This year the principal speaker was the Irish Government's Foreign Minister, Brian Lenihan. His address was followed by remarks from U.S. Congressman Joseph DioGuardi of Westchester, New York.

Sharing center stage with the national president on the dais were his wife Eileen; new Consul General to New York, David O'Kelly, and his

wife Antoinette; Deputy Consul Martin Ruane; Foreign Minister Lenihan and his wife Ann; National Chaplain Fr. John Abernethy; Robert Blacato, representing Irish Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Congressman Mario Biaggi; Ladies National President Sheila Clifford; general chairman of the event and National Catholic Action Chairman John Foody; Westchester County Presidents John Caughen and Marie Noone; New York State Presidents Edward Carley and Ann Helion; New York State Comptroller Edward Regan; Chairman Westchester Legislature Robert Zebrecki; Fran Ryan, representing Governor Mario Cuomo; Mayor of County Wexford, Dominick Kiernan; Congressman DioGuardi; Westches-

ter County Executive John Grant; Senior Vice President Bank of Ireland Bill Burke; National AOH Vice President Michael Coogan; and Master of Ceremonies Jack Irwin, chairman, National FFAI Committee.

In his address, Foreign Minister Lenihan extended the good wishes of the Irish Government to President Murphy and its desire to work with the AOH to further their mutual interests. He spoke of the economic plight of Ireland today, resulting in the large exodus of young people to the United States. He asked that the AOH continue to oversee the Irish illegals in this country, and expressed hope that a new immigration law would be enacted to provide for them.

As he moved to the area of the injustices suffered by the Nationalists in Northern Ireland, Mr. Lenihan berated the English Government for dragging its feet in enforcing the reforms agreed to by both governments in the signing of the Anglo-Irish treaty, a breakthrough lauded by all the countries in the world. When he stated that the Irish Government was in support of the MacBride Principles, the audience was moved to wild applause.

In his remarks, Congressman DioGuardi reported on the findings of his recent AOH-sponsored trip to Ireland, both north and south, during which he was able to meet with all party factions in Ireland except Ian Paisley, who refused to meet with him. The congressman was pleased to report that a review of the disbursements of the American Fund showed no outlays for security purposes of any kind.

DioGuardi and Congressman Bruce Morrison of Connecticut, who accompanied him on the trip, were able to spend four hours with U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler, at her residence in Phoenix Park. They discussed immigration reform legislation at length, and Ambassador Heckler pledged to cooperate with Congress and the AOH in seeking the needed reforms. Congressman DioGuardi has played a leading role in acquiring immigration visas for Irish citizens. He has re-introduced the Hibernian immigration bill, H.R. 242, in the House of Representatives.

In accepting the accolades, proclamations and tokens of appreciation presented him, National President Nick Murphy said he could not accept these recognitions for himself, but rather on behalf of those people behind him — his wife Eileen, his family and members of the National Board.

Entertainment for the evening was of excellent caliber, provided by the Noel Kingston Orchestra, featuring Mary Kingston and Paddy Farrell. The colorful Rockland County Pipe Band also performed.

The National Board was out in (Continued on Page Thirteen)



NATIONAL PRESIDENT NICK MURPHY visits with Thomas Dunne, head of the Shannon Development.

Presidential Candidates Invited to Issues Forums

All twelve presidential candidates have been officially invited to participate in the first-ever "Irish-American Presidential Issue Forums," starting in mid-September in New York City. The forums are sponsored by every major Irish-American organization from the six eastern regional states of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, according to Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx).

"Millions of Irish-Americans in our country are determined to play an active, involved role in selection of our next President and, to that end, we have developed a national 'Irish-American Political Agenda,' which we are addressing to all announced presidential candidates.

"Every major Irish-American organization in the United States has worked actively at encouraging

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ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN DEARIE with presidential hopeful Senator Paul Simon (D-Illinois). Simon, along with the other ten candidates for president, has been invited to address the "Irish-American Presidential Issues Forum," to begin in October.

City Recreation Director Insults Irish Community

POMPANO BEACH, FL — When the Irish Institute of Florida, Inc., headed by Rory O'Dwyer, requested permission to hold a three-day Irish cultural event in the city's Municipal Stadium next March 1988, it was agast at the reaction of the city's parks and recreation director, Timothy Tapp.

In a September 3, 1987 memo to the city commissioners advising he was denying O'Dwyer's request, Tapp stated that "St. Patrick's Day is the one day of the year that everyone is apt to get inebriated — over-indulgence in alcohol is the theme of the day." He further stated that "while organizers could gear the event to be family-oriented, I have no doubt that alcohol would be the fare of the day."

On September 29 an article appeared in the Miami Herald by staff writer Emilia Askari, entitled, "Irish Eyes Aren't Smiling." She disclosed that a memo from Mayor E. Pat Larkins stated, "I'm going to have to ask Mr. Tapp about this; I don't know what to make of it."

The article quotes Commissioner Nathan Braverman as saying, "The least that should be demanded is an apology. What's he going to say — no Oktoberfest because the Germans

drink beer? No Cuban festivals because the Cubans drink rum?"

The writer stated that Tapp could not be reached on Monday afternoon, but the city's special events coordinator confirmed that Tapp met with Rory O'Dwyer of the Irish Institute, and that Tapp no longer opposes the festival. "After going over the schedule of events," she said, "he acknowledged that a great many of them seemed to be family-oriented."

In a letter to Mayor Larkins, AOH National Director Thomas Gilligan stated, "To say I am outraged at the statements made by your parks and recreation director, Timothy Tapp, is an understatement. The debasing remarks I am referring to are contained in a memo he wrote on September 3 to the City Commission concerning St. Patrick's Day and the planned Irish festival. I consider this an ethnic slur by a city official, and this should not be tolerated. I certainly hope that you will investigate this matter and take appropriate action, including a complete retraction of these remarks by the perpetrator."

Gilligan suggests that protests be sent to either Mayor E. Pat Larkins or Timothy Tapp, addressed to City of Pompano Beach, 101 S.W. 1st Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33062.

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President's Message

Teachtaineact an Uachtarain
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

IMMIGRATION

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is not a single issue organization. Hibernians are concerned with a number of civic, fraternal, religious and national issues. Founded in Ireland in 1565, our original purpose was to protect the priest and the Mass. To this original purpose the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, in 1838, added the giving of assistance to Irish immigrants in the New World. The demographic trends of the last few years have resulted in immigration problems of crisis proportions. Our own Tom Murray was one of the first to recognize the severity of the immigration problem. Tom spent two years of his own time working full-time, researching U.S. immigration legislation.

The fruits of his mighty labors can be seen in the immigration policy adopted by your last national convention in Buffalo and in the introduction of that policy as legislation into the House of Representatives by Congressman Joseph DioGuardi of New York and a number of co-sponsors of both parties including Tom Manton of New York and Bob Dornan of California, and into the United States Senate by Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts. Had it passed in its original form, the Hibernian immigration reform bill would have provided over 4,500 non-preference visas for the Irish this year alone. Instead, the 10,000 visa, one-shot lottery was a compromise between the Hibernian solution and those who would have it that no Irish need apply.

In 1987, Mr. DioGuardi has reintroduced the Hibernian Immigration legislation, H.R. 1683, at our request. It is incumbent upon each and every Hibernian, not only to request that your own Member of Congress become a co-sponsor of H.R. 1683, but to be perceived by the community as Hibernians leading the fight for immigration reform. Do not hide your light under a basket. Set a public example and recruit new Hibernians in the process.

•Those of you who are in a position to influence any 1988 presidential hopeful have an even greater opportunity to influence public policy.

•In the meantime, on the immigration front, we have established an office in New York City at 3130 Decatur Avenue (Near 204th Street in St. Brendan's Parish in the Bronx) under the aegis of the Bronx County Board; this office addresses not only legislative needs but also administrative relief and legal assistance for individual cases (Postal address: P.O. Box 287, Fordham Station, The Bronx, N.Y. 10458). We have an attorney in the office every Tuesday evening

(Telephone (212) 515-8863) as well as a list of attorneys to take cases on referral. This is a pattern which should be repeated by Hibernians wherever there are Irish immigrants needing assistance in the U.S. or Canada.

Several Members of Congress have expressed willingness to work with Ambassador Margaret Heckler and the AOH for immigration reform; among these are Joseph DioGuardi of New York, Bruce Morrison of Connecticut and Joseph P. Kennedy and Brian Donnelly of Massachusetts. We are actively pursuing the drafting of omnibus legislation which will also address the problem of well over 100,000 young Irish people in the US having over-stayed their visas, including the possibility of opening armed forces, including the National Guard, for enlistment of young Irishmen who have not been admitted for permanent residence in the United States. As in other things, many hands made light work; and when those hands are the hands of registered voters enrolled in the party of their choice, they will be ignored only at great electoral peril.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY

It was in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, that Wexford-born Jack Barry found a home and the Freedom that was denied him as an Irish Catholic under English rule in his native Ireland. Commodore John Barry is not only the premier Irish Catholic hero of the War for Independence, but also the Constitution of the United States, of the US Navy and of the AOH.

Philadelphia is the Cradle of American Liberty; the city is hallowed by the Churchyard of Saint Mary's which contains the last mortal remains of Commodore John Barry. Barry is honored there by a public holiday on his birthday, September 13th. The AOH should have the mission of lobbying the Congress to make Commodore John Barry Day, September 13th, a national observance. What we should seek is not another paid holiday (for the rest of the country outside Pennsylvania, where John Barry Day is already a holiday) so much as a public observance whereby the American people generally, and our school children in particular, will be reminded of the contributions of John Barry and of Irish Catholics generally to the defense of American Liberty. This would also be a good time to begin the campaign for a Commodore John Barry stamp to be issued on September 13, 1991, during the bi-centennial year of his appointment by President George Washington to lead the infant United States Navy. This would be a Hibernian civic activity which would benefit the entire country. Such a policy should be adopted by our next National Convention.

This year of the bi-centennial of the Constitution of the United States would be the year to move into high gear in promoting the commemoration of John Barry. For it is no accident that his statue stands before Independence Hall — not only did he give us our most significant naval victories of the Revolution, and organize the boats used by Washington in his famous crossing of the Delaware, it was John Barry who organized the rounding up of Members of the U.S. Constitutional Convention back in 1787, compelling their presence to assure a quorum for

the final vote of the Convention on the Constitution whose benefits we all enjoy today.

Let me recommend an excellent book on John Barry, *Barry or Jones* by Magr. Leo Gregory Fink. In it can be found much of the ammunition we will need in promoting the cause of Commodore John Barry.

A sense of history is an important thing, and the Irish as a race seem to have been blessed with a very highly developed sense of history indeed. As Hibernians we should guard not only Irish history in general, but Hibernian history in particular. You can read about the role of the AOH in nineteenth century America in John Ridges's book *Erin's Sons in America*.

If you visit the National Museum in Dublin, or if you read an old article in the *National Hibernian Digest* by John Duffy, you can discover that American Hibernian rifles were with Pearce and the Irish Volunteers in Dublin during Easter Week, 1916. When next you visit Old Saint Patrick's in New York, you can read how the AOH prevented the Know-Nothings (who had already burned a number of Catholic churches in the Philadelphia area) from burning that church in 1844. More recently, you can visit the Medal of Honor Grove in Valley Forge and see the AOH monument to all foreign-born winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor who could not be attributed to any State.

The Irish own the Medal of Honor; the record is clear.

You need look no further for example than our own Brother Hibernian Michael Doherty of Company B, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry. A native of Falcarragh, County Donegal, Michael Doherty met President-elect Lincoln in Bristol, Pennsylvania, at the age of 17 on February 21, 1861; soon a veteran of many fierce combat actions, on October 12, 1863 Michael Doherty won his adopted country's highest honor when he led a charge against an enemy force ten times greater than his own and stalled the Confederate attack long enough to allow 2,500 Union soldiers to escape Lee's trap. Doherty, himself, was captured and spent the remainder of the war in the H-Block of the American Civil War — Andersonville. He survived to return to Bucks County and a long and fruitful public life. Michael Doherty, Irishman, Pennsylvanian, Hibernian, American.

AOH — MANY ISSUES

The charitable and religious works of our order may not be as spectacular, but they are in many ways the more important. The AOH is indeed an organization of many issues. We have a great potential to do good, a potential which will grow as we reach out and increase our numbers.

Our motto is "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." Saint Paul has already told us that the greatest of these is love — charity. In the end we will be judged by our Faith and by our Good Works. Let the good works of the AOH be manifest. Please contact our National Chairman for Charities and Missions, David R. Burke (6 Mount Vernon Terrace, Lawrence, MA), with your suggestions or requests for information.

Together we can take the right actions for the right reasons and follow the example of Christ and of His Vicar on Earth.

September 1987

A Tree Grows in Kerry



HIBERNIAN PLANTERS: A stalwart group of "Plantation Irish" photographed in the Kingdom of Kerry at the official dedication of the "AOH Killorglin Forest." Left to right across the photo: Theodore Nist, Vice Consul, U.S. Dublin Embassy; National AOH Directors John Bonner and Edward Wallace; National Awards Chairman Richard Rogers; National Organizer Michael Hession; National Director Frank Kearney; National Secretary Thomas McNabb; National Chairman Catholic Action John Foody; National President Nicholas Murphy; and Irish American Cultural Institute's Brendan Shortall.

CO. KERRY, IRELAND: Not far from Cleenac and the Carra Lake in the rich verdant forest of Killorglin, County Kerry, there lies an emerald jewel of a forest glen in a place called Lickkeen.

In a countryside so rich in beauty, where the cameras sigh as their imagery is clicked off, there is now a magnificent monument of natural Kerry stone faced with a plaque of finely chiseled letters, in Irish and English, as is customary in Ireland, commemorating the Ancient Order of Hibernians for their charitable service.

Women and men of our Order stood proudly in the glen of Lickkeen as the eight foot high stone was unveiled. People of prominence in the Government of Ireland, officers of the AOH, and a distinguished gentleman, Mr. Brendan Shortall, president of the Irish American Cultural Institute, spoke with eloquence, sincerity, and emotional spontaneity.

The Boy Scouts of Ireland, traditional music makers, dancers, and, singers graced the scene and regaled the many onlookers with their fine performances. Our proud president, Mr. Nick Murphy, spoke inspiringly and planted the ceremonial oak sapling, signifying the AOH contribution to Ireland's program of reforestation.

The good Lord blessed the day with sunshine and warmth. The Government reception treat at the Tower Hotel in Glenbeigh was a fitting finale to a day to be remembered in the history of the AOH.

The following Irish guests were in attendance: Very Reverend Brian Kelly, parish priest, Glenbeigh; Reverend Malcolm Shannon, Kilcolman Rectory, Church of Ireland; Jack and Mrs. O'Leary, T.D. of Killarney; Senator Jack Daly, Killarney; Tom Cahill, County Counsellor, Kerry; Eamon Barry, County Officer, Kerry; Michael Keon, Chief Supt., Garda,

Tralee; Noel O'Reilly, Officer, Irish Forest Service; Michael Donnelly, Officer, Irish Forest Service, Killorglin. Contributing their talents were:

Killorglin Comhaltas Set Dancers; O'Leary School of Dancing from Killarney; Mrs. Murphy and the McCann sisters (singers); Seamus O'Rahilly and Paul Langton (accordion) with Anthony O'Conner and Michael O'Grady; Mr. Declan Mangan, Killarney, acting as Fear an Ti; and Boy Scouts from Milltown and Killorglin under the leadership of Myles O'Brien providing the guard of honor.

Also present were the Foresters of Killorglin: Michael Donnelly, Forester in Charge; Dan Walsh, District Inspector, Tralee; Enda O'Conner, Principal Officer; Liam O'Flanagan, Ass't Principal Officer; Paddy Dugan, Ass't Principal Officer; Noel O'Reilly, Executive Officer; and Denis Mehigan, Secretary to the Minister.

Jack Flatley

Ad Hoc Committee Celebrates 10 Years



CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS were the guests of honor at a reception celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs. Sponsored by the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the event was held at the Lewis House in Washington D.C. Celebrants, from left, are Past AOH National President Joe Roche, Maryland; AOH National Secretary Tom McNabb, New York; Hon. Joseph P. Kennedy II, (D) Massachusetts; AOH National Vice President Mike Coogan, Ohio; and AOH National Director Tom Gilligan, Florida.

Tanaiste Meets With AOH in New York City

Mr. Brian Lenihan, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland (Tanaiste), and Minister for Foreign Affairs, met with AOH members and many Irish American organization leaders on September 21, 1987 at the Irish Consulate General's office in New York City. Mr. Lenihan was accompanied by Padraic MacKernan, the Irish Ambassador to the U.S., and the new Consul General, Mr. David O'Kelly, as he addressed the gathering.

The Tanaiste spoke of the recent accomplishments of the Irish Government regarding the Irish economy, and the progress of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. He described the establishment of a new Financial Center in Dublin, and emphasized that the Irish Government has made it clear that it has placed high priority on:

- growth in the Republic's economy
- new U.S. legislation to benefit Irish immigrants
- Anglo-Irish agreement — em-

1973, 1979-1981, 1987. Member, EC Agricultural and Fisheries Council, 1977-1979, 1982.

He is the son of the late Patrick Lenihan, Dail Deputy for Longford/Westmeath, 1965-1970, and Ann Lenihan. He is brother of Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, Minister for Education since 1987. Has been Deputy Leader of Fianna Fail since 1983.

David O'Kelly, Consul General of Ireland, New York, was born in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, in 1945. He was educated by Irish Christian Brothers and graduated from UCD in History and Irish language in 1968. From 1968 to 1971, he taught in Irish Mission School in Zambia, Africa. In 1973, he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and worked in the Cultural and Political Division. Additional positions include:

- 1975, Deputy Head of Mission in Moscow; 1977, Press Officer, Irish Embassy, London; 1982, Northern Ireland Division in Department of Foreign Affairs; 1985, Anglo-Irish



IRISH GOVERNMENT representatives meeting with AOH members and leaders of Irish organizations in New York recently, left to right, Mr. David O'Kelly, new Consul General, New York; Mr. Brian Lenihan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs; and Patrick MacKernan, Irish Ambassador to the U.S.

ployment discrimination and social injustice in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Lenihan was born in Dundalk, Co. Louth. He was educated at Marist Brothers Secondary School, Athlone; University College, and King's Inns, Dublin. He was formerly a barrister-at-law. He is married to Ann Lenihan (nee Devine). They have four sons and one daughter.

Brian Lenihan has been Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and Minister for Foreign Affairs since March 1987. He was also Minister for Agriculture 1982; Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1973 and 1979-1981; Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, 1977-1979; Minister for Transport and Power, 1969-1973; Minister for Education, 1968-1969 and Minister for Justice, 1964-1968.

He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Lands and Fisheries, 1961-1964, and to the Minister for Justice October-November, 1964. He was leader of the Fianna Fail party in the Seanad, 1973-1977. He was a senator, 1967-1961, Industrial and Commercial Panel, and a Dail Deputy for Roscommon/Leitrim. Since 1977 he has represented Dublin West.

Member, European Parliament and leader of the Fianna Fail delegation, 1973-1977. President of Eurocontrol, Brussels, 1969-1970; Member, EC Council of Ministers,

Secretariat in Belfast.

In August 1987, O'Kelly was transferred to New York as Consul General. He is married to the former Antoinette Reilly and has two children, Cliona and Ronan.

Jack Flatley

Doors of Hope Seeks Support

Unemployment is a terrible thing. It lowers self-esteem; causes family tensions; and can lead to depression and despair. Unemployment is very high in Ireland especially in the nationalist enclaves in Belfast and Derry. The reasons for this are complex and include religious discrimination, political favoritism, and a terribly difficult economy.

Several small community self-help groups have been started by local people in these communities. These groups teach Irish culture, to build pride and self-worth, and they provide instruction in home economics and small business management to encourage Irish people to help themselves.

Since these self-help centers are in nationalist areas, they get little or no government support. Even EEC grants and American aid are "unavailable," "delayed" or severely

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Dennis P. Long Named St. Paul 'Man of Year'

ST. LOUIS — Dennis P. Long, St. Louis business consultant and former president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., will be honored as the 1987 St. Paul "Man of the Year" in recognition of contributions to his community and his church. The award is given annually by the religious order of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Richard D. Kerckhoff, Jr., said that Long was unanimously chosen by the selection committee because of "his strong sense of civic commitment and his active support of religious and secular community betterment programs."

"For more than a decade," he added, "Denny Long has consistently stepped forward to provide effective support for youth programs, charitable causes and Roman Catholic religious organizations in the St. Louis area. In bestowing this award, the Daughters of St. Paul are recognizing that unique level of personal commitment."

Supporting the Daughters of St. Paul are: His Eminence John Joseph Cardinal Carberry; His Excellency Most Reverend John L. May, Archbishop of St. Louis; His Excellency Most Reverend Charles R. Koester, officials of the Daughters of St. Paul;



DENNIS P. LONG

and a variety of civic and corporate dignitaries.

The Daughters of St. Paul, which became active in the St. Louis area in 1973, is a worldwide religious congregation whose apostolate is evangelizing through the communications media. The order operates a book and audio visual center at 10th and Pine Streets in downtown St. Louis.

CUA Hosts Symposium On Irish and U.S. Constitutions

The U.S. Constitution's 200th anniversary and the Irish Constitution's 50th anniversary were observed at a day-long symposium at The Catholic University of America recently.

The symposium, "Comparative Constitutional Developments in the Republic of Ireland (1937-1987) and the United States (1787-1987)," was held in CUA's Center for the Study of Youth Development.

Topics explored by legal scholars from the Republic of Ireland and the United States included: "The State and the Family," "The Role of the Supreme Court in Constitutional Policy Making," "Church-State Relations," and "Aspects of the Separation of Powers Doctrine."

Speakers from Ireland were Gerard Hogan and Gerard Whyte, law professors at Trinity College, Dublin; David Morgan, law professor at University College, Cork; and Justice Niall McCarthy of the Irish Supreme Court.

American commentators were law professors Robert Burt, Yale University; Jesse Choper, University of California in Berkeley; Sanford Levinson, University of Texas; and Michael Perry of Northwestern University.

The event received official recognition from the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and funding from the American Irish Bicentennial Committee. It was sponsored by CUA's Columbus School of Law in cooperation with St. Louis University, Villanova University and the University of San Francisco.

presidential candidates toured the major cities of New York State. At every stop Irish-Americans questioned the candidates on whether they would support the appointment of a U.S. Envoy to Northern Ireland. Four of seven respondents affirmed to the initiative.

"At the 'Irish-American Issues Forum '86', hundreds of Irish-Americans gathered to hear the positions of candidates seeking statewide office in New York State. The participation and response were very positive," Dearie stated.

According to Dearie, "The Forums will offer Irish-Americans another opportunity to utilize the strength of their numbers to elevate the status of Irish-American concerns and to advance the Irish-American political agenda."

Candidates invited to participate in the "Presidential Forums" include: Robert Dole, Richard Gephardt, Bruce Babbitt, Jack Kemp, Albert Gore, Jesse Jackson, Paul Simon, Peter DuPont, Alexander Haig, Bill Clinton, Pat Robertson, and George Bush.

Sponsoring organizations are: The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish-American Unity Conference, Grand Council of Emerald Societies, United Irish Counties, American-Irish Congress, Irish-American Labor Coalition, Irish Northern Aid, Irish National Caucus, Gaelic League, Westchester Irish Committee, American-Irish Political Education Committee, Irish-Immigration Reform Movement and other affiliated groups.

For more information contact Richard White at (212)824-1800.

Nat'l President on Hill



DISCUSSIONS WITH Congressional leaders about the MacBride Principles and the new Immigration Bill brought National AOH President Nick Murphy, far right, and other Irish leaders to Capitol Hill recently. Here he is with, left to right, Daniel O'Kennedy, president, Detroit, Michigan Chapter, Irish American Unity Conference; Matt Hannan, president, AOH District of Columbia Board; and Congressman Brian J. Donnelly, (D), Massachusetts 11th District.



CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II, second right, (D) Massachusetts 8th District, also joined in discussions with, from left, Daniel O'Kennedy, National President Murphy, and Board President Matt Hannan.

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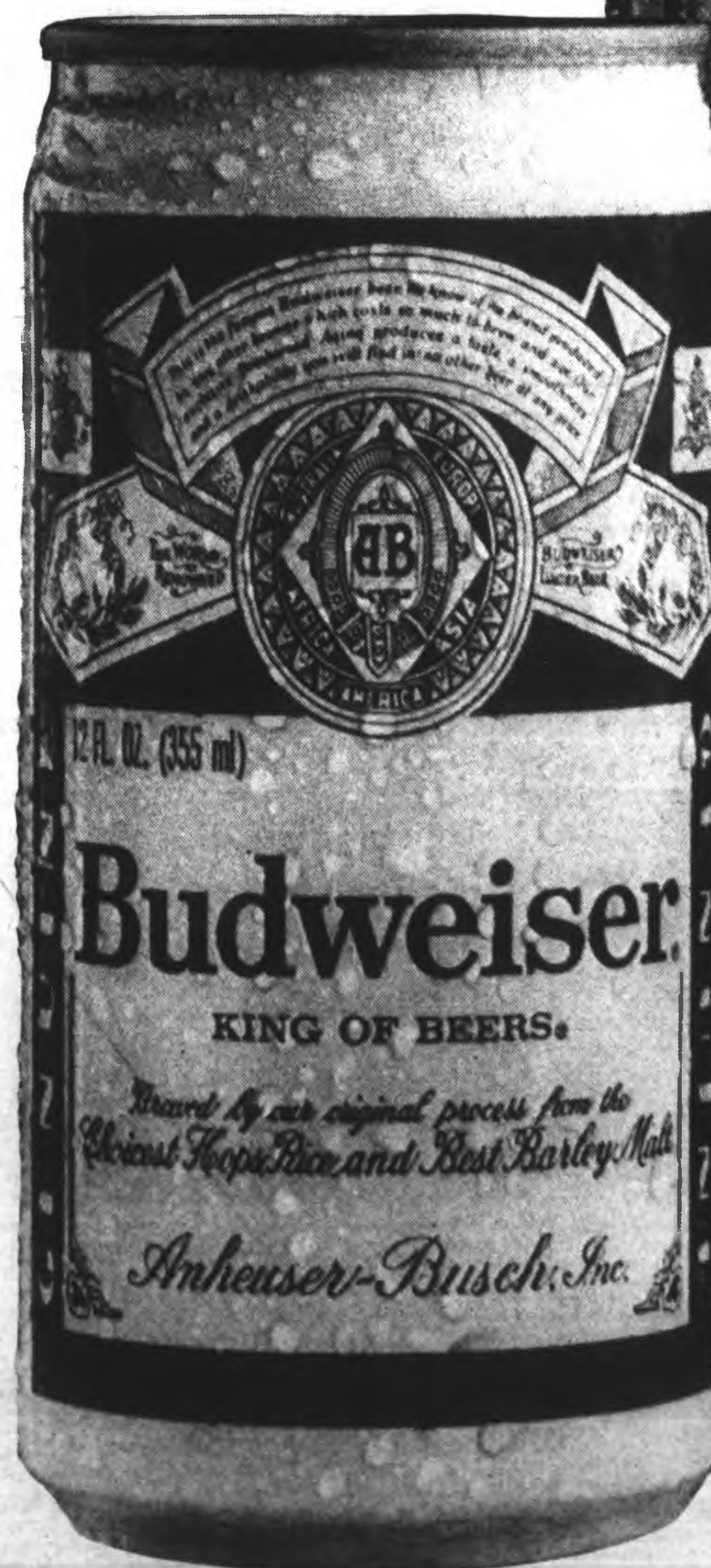


DURING HIS RECENT trip to Ireland, Congressman Joseph D. Guardiola of New York (left), accompanied by Congressman Bruce Morrison of Connecticut (right), met with U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Margaret Heckler (center) at her residence in Phoenix Park. Dio Guardiola has re-introduced the Hibernian Immigration bill, H.R. 242, in the House of Representatives.



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● News from the States ●

Chicago Selects Rose of Tralee Contestant

Larna J. Canoy, a graduate of Saint Xavier College, was recently chosen as the Rose of Tralee Queen, sponsored by the Kerry Association. Larna was chosen to represent Chicago in County Kerry, Ireland, to compete against 33 other girls selected throughout the world for the title "Rose of Tralee".

One of the judges on hand to extend congrats to the crowned queen was Beth A. McElroy, president of the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago and newly elected vice-president of the Oak Lawn Library Board. The Queen Contest was held at Gaelic Park, Tinley Park, IL.

Beth's father, Ed McElroy, is a member of Division 52. He is the past president of the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. and a Chicago radio and TV personality for many years.

STATE NEWS: Florida

By Nick Schneider
AOH Florida State Editor

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of the State of Florida held its annual convention at the Holiday Inn, Palm Bay.

The following officers were elected: John Boyle, Sr., president; John

STATE NEWS: Texas

The annual Houston Irish Folk Fest will be held in Houston on October 24, 1987. Internationally famous Irish American entertainers will perform from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Jerabek Center on the campus of the University of St. Thomas located at 4000 Mt. Vernon.

The event is sponsored by the AOH of Harris County and the Houston Irish Folk Fest Committee. Proceeds will go to Father Harman's Shalom Center, which offers counseling and services to clergy and religions.

Featured entertainers include De Danann and Barley Bree. De Danann, direct from Ireland, will be performing selections from their new album "Ballroom of Romance." Barley Bree, one of the most exciting Irish folk groups in North America,

bring to each show their own inimitable brand of Irishness.

Also appearing will be Tinker's Dam, Mike Davitt and Friends, Mary Walsh and Family, internationally acclaimed harpist Sylvia Woods, Arthur Gordon Mason, Terry and the Pirates and the Houston Highlander Pipers.

An Irish dance competition and harp competition will also be featured as well as a dart tournament and children's fair. The hotel Luxford Suites is the official host hotel of the Houston Irish Folk Fest. Tickets are \$8 advance, \$10 at door and are available by mail at P.O. Box 13731, Houston, Texas 77019. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. For information call (713) 493-4329.

Cullinan, vice president; Robert Schneider, secretary and William Hurley, treasurer. The following Directors were also elected: Donald Hartnett, John Fagan, Albert Murphy, William Ryan and Thomas Condon.

The first meeting of the new board of officers was held in the parish hall of St. John Vianney Church, Orlando. President Boyle presided and in attendance were 18 board members. Also in attendance was National Director Tom Gilligan, who is a past Florida state president.

The prime topics of the meeting were membership and the MacBride Bill. Many critical issues of various divisions in the state were discussed

and resolved.

Any AOH member in the State of Florida reading this article having a friend or relative who qualifies for membership, sign him up and help bring as much of the "Auld Sod" as possible to Florida.

As the state editor, I am anxious to bring to the *National Hibernian Digest* as much information about all the divisions as possible. Therefore, please forward any information, interesting facts, reports of activities, etc., along with photographs, to me, Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Avenue, Merritt Is., FL 32953.

Hope to see bits about your Florida division in future issues of the *National Digest*.

STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

WATERTOWN, MA: The AOH Beano Committee Division 14 is continuing another successful campaign in 1987. Many thousands of dollars have already been distributed to various charitable organizations.

Recently at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant in Boston, the Hibernian Beano Committee made a generous donation to the Jimmy Fund. The Boston Red Sox have made the Jimmy Fund, a children's cancer fund, their number one charity. Accepting a check from Division 14 AOH Beano worker Bob Stone was Sam Horn, sensational rookie of the Red Sox, and Jeff Sellars, Red Sox pitcher.

We here at Division 14 are proud of our Beano Committee and salute them for their charitable work. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this fine committee consisting of a handful of Division 14 AOH and Ladies AOH members.

Among the many recipients of donations from the division during 1987 are the following: In youth activities, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Little League, Pop Warner Football, school organizations, and Two-Summer Basketball League. Donations were also given to the Pine Street Inn, Rosie's Place of Boston, the American Cancer Society, S.M.A. Fathers, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Beaverbrook Guidance Center for Children. In addition, use of Hibernians Hall was donated to the Cerebral Palsy Society and to the Watertown Senior Citizens for a sit-down dinner for over 250 people.

A "tip of the hat" to all the Beano Committee men and women whose hard and dedicated work, under the leadership of Don Rooney and President Jack Bowles, made 1987 a year of great success and accomplishment in charitable work.

Bill McLaughlin

Five Scholarships Awarded

Division 14, Watertown, awarded five scholarships at a recent social held at George Munhall Auditorium. The recipients were:

Nancy Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Burke of Watertown. A graduate of Watertown High School, Nancy will attend Johnson & Wales College in Rhode Island.

Coleen Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barrett of Watertown. Coleen is a graduate of Saint Patrick's High School and will attend Boston College.

Francis Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fleming of Waltham. A graduate of Waltham High School, Francis plans to attend Saint Michael's College in Winooski, VT. These scholarships were donated by Division 14, AOH Building Association, the 150 Club and Danny Corigan's Christmas Tree Committee.

Division 14 Family Supper Committee awarded a scholarship to Deirdre Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of Newtonville.

Deirdre, a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, will matriculate at Massachusetts Bay Community College.

Division 14 Ladies AOH awarded the Kay McNamara Scholarship to Maureen Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn of Watertown. Maureen, a graduate of Watertown High School, will study Child Psychology at Aquinas Junior College in Newton. This scholarship is given in honor of Kay McNamara, past officer of Division 14, LAOH.

Participating in the presentations were Jack Bowles, president of Division 14; Dave Hughes, Scholarship Committee chairman; Jack Connolly, past AOH national president; and Debby Barrett, president of the Ladies Division 14.

Don Rooney of the Middlesex County Scholarship Committee presented county AOH scholarships to Lisa Gigliardi and John Riley.

Bob Coveney
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THROUGH THE favorite charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Jimmy Fund, Watertown's Hibernian Beano Committee is helping children suffering with cancer. A check from the Division 14 committee is being presented by Beano worker Bob Stone to Sam Horn, sensational rookie of the Red Sox, and Jeff Sellars, Red Sox pitcher, with committee members looking on with pleasure.



AT SCHOLARSHIP presentation event, held in Watertown, MA, are left to right, front row, Deirdre Kelly, Maureen Dunn, and Lisa Gigliardi. Back row, Watertown Division 14 President Jack Bowles, Nancy Burke, Francis Fleming, John Riley and Coleen Barrett.

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STATE NEWS: California



MAYOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN proclaimed September 1, 1987 as "Harry Gogarty Day in San Francisco," in recognition of his twenty-five years of invaluable public service as West Coast Regional Manager of the Irish Tourist Board in San Francisco. Presenting the Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor is Mary I. Callanan, treasurer, City and County of San Francisco. From left to right, Ed Phipps, Chief, San Francisco Fire Department; Mary Callanan; Gogarty; and Jack Jordan, Deputy Chief of Police, San Francisco.

STATE NEWS: Ohio



BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO — Some members of Belmont County Division 1 are shown at their food booth at the sixth annual Wheeling, W.Va., Fort Henry Festival in September. More than 15,000 persons visited the Wheeling Civic Center to view the booths, with the Hibernian's entry one of the major attractions. From left are Mrs. Freda Hughes; President James P. Hughes; Mrs. Eleanor M. Brennan; Recording Secretary James J. Brennan; Mrs. Mary Sargus, past president of the LAOH division; and treasurer Paul Loftu. Missing from photo are Mrs. Lena Muldowney, president of the LAOH unit; and Financial Secretary Michael Muldowney.

STATE NEWS: Connecticut

State officers elected at the 1987 State Convention in Naugatuck, June 6-7, were J. Philip Gallagher, re-elected president; James J. Gallagher, vice-president; Edward McGuinness, secretary and William McCarthy, re-elected treasurer.

The 1987 recipient of the Connecticut AOH Irish Way Scholarship was Kathleen Reilly of Norwalk. A portion of the funds used to provide this scholarship was obtained from the 1986 State AOH Golf Tournament. The 1987 Golf Tournament will be held October 11 at the Tuxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington.

Divisions have been asked to sponsor a flag (hole) for \$50, to be donated to the State Irish Way Program. The Golf banquet will again be held in the Waterbury AOH Hall.

The Bridgeport Division hosted the Major Degree of the Order on September 13. The Tara Degree Team, from Long Island, put on the Degree.

The Waterbury Hibernians and the State Board Ladies AOH have planned a testimonial dinner and dance for Ladies National President Sheila Clifford, on October 31. This gala event will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Waterbury. Tickets for the dinner cost \$45.00. Sue Sweeney and Dot Kasey are co-chairpersons.

The New London Division hosted a picnic for about 15 students from Trinity College, Dublin, who were attending a theatrical training session at the Eugene O'Neill Theater in Waterford. This Division also raised \$250 for donation to the Ireland Fund. Members of the New London and Bridgeport Divisions are spending a weekend at Cape Cod. They expect to be frequent visitors to Eamonn McGirr's Pub and Restaurant in Dennisport.

Irish music and dance are alive and well in Connecticut. Four feisanna were held in the State over the summer. The annual Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann concert was held in New Haven on September 28, and the Jim Seery Branch of Comhaltas, in Connecticut, is set to resume the free monthly céili dances.

The 1987 Irish American Unity Conference Convention will be held in Hartford November 13-15.

James J. Gallagher

New London Feis Winners Awarded Dance Trophies



LISA CASHIN receives her trophy from Dr. Peter Moore, AOH Feis Committee, New London, CT. Photo by J. M. Coleman

The 16th annual New London Feis (Irish Step-Dancing Competition) was held by the John F. Kennedy Division, AOH, New London, CT, at Ocean Beach Park, New London, on August 30. Winner of the U.S. Irish Junior Championship was Lisa Cashin from Albertson, Long Island, a student at the Danny Golden Irish Dance School on Long Island. This national championship award is sponsored by the North American Feis Committee (NAFC). Miss Cashin was awarded both the New London Feis trophy and the coveted NAFC perpetual trophy. The NAFC Senior Championship Competition was held this year in Dayton, Ohio.

Winner of the Senior Championship was Alanna Keohane from Boston, MA. Other championship 1st place winners were:

Junior Boys - Ryan Carroll, Toronto, Canada

Junior Girls - Sabina King, So. Windsor, CT

Intermediate Boys - Kieran Barrett, Closter, NJ

Intermediate Girls - Lisa Cashin, Long Island, NY

Minor Boys - Patrick Casey, Toronto

Adult Céili - Bill Quinn, Mary Crowe, Joe & Kathy Mercure, Springfield, MA

Others who placed in the championship competitions in each category were:

Senior Girls - Kate O'Neil, Phila. PA, 2nd Maureen Borden, Whitman, MA, 3rd Deirdre Moore, New London, CT, 4th Mary Pat Kelly, Wethersfield, CT, 5th

Junior Boys - Jim Murrihy, Hamden, CT, 2nd

Junior Girls - Joan Barrett, Closter, NJ, 2nd, Tara McHugh, New York, NY, 3rd

Intermediate Boys - John Daley, Wellesley, MA, 2nd

Intermediate Girls - Kelly Anne O'Sullivan, New York, NY, 2nd, Siobhan McAuliffe, Madison, CT, 3rd, Cara Butler, Mineola, L.I., NY, 4th, Sinead McCafferty, Mississauga, Canada, 5th

Minor Boys - Rory Keohane, Boston, MA, 2nd

Cara Butler is the younger sister of the 1986 U.S. Irish Junior Champion, Joan Butler, who earned her title at the Buffalo NY Feis.

His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Reilly of Norwich, attended the Feis and commended the participants and their parents on their dedication and efforts which help preserve Irish cultural values and traditions. He also presented trophies to the winners of the Adult Céili Championship.

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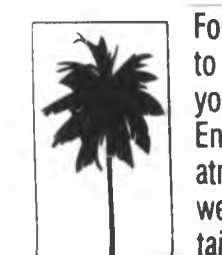
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STATE NEWS: New York



MICHAEL O'CONNOR

The New York State AOH Board is pleased to announce that the 1987 Austin V. Carew Scholarship has been awarded to Michael J. O'Connor.

nor, of 353 Robinson Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10312.

Mr. O'Connor is a recent graduate of Xavier High School in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, N.Y. and will be attending the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where he intends to study Liberal Arts. He is the third generation of his family to hold membership in Division No. 35 of Flatbush.

Mr. O'Connor is the first Carew Scholar to hold membership in the AOH before his selection as a scholarship recipient. He is the son of Maura and Michael O'Connor of Great Kills. His father is a past president of Division 35 and of the Kings County Board and has served on the New York State Board for the last twelve years.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 per year for four years of college study and is awarded each year to a member, son or daughter of a member of the AOH on the basis of a combination of S.A.T. scores and the results of an examination on Irish and Irish-American history, culture and geography administered by the New York State AOH Board.

Honor Bestowed



NASSAU CTY: N.Y. Nassau County Comptroller Peter T. King, left, and State Hibernian Hugh Forde, right, present a Brotherhood Award to Nicholas Villetta, who is New York State President of the Sons of Italy. Villetta was honored for his support of freedom and justice in Ireland and for his dedication to brotherhood and understanding among all people. King and Forde made the presentation on behalf of the Nassau County Hibernian Board.

New York State Elects Officers



NEWLY ELECTED New York State officers are Edward Carley, right, and Raymond Meehan, 2nd right, who are joined by new directors, from left, Tony Sinnot, District 3; District 2 stand in; Joe Fell, District 7; Hugh Forde, District 6; Pat Marren, District 5; Don Heald, District 1 and Leo Grady, District 4.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarships



MSGR. FARRELL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER. Left to right, N.Y. St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal John Lawe, International President, Transport Workers Union; Brother Thomas O'Connor receiving award for \$500 in Irish books for Msgr. Farrell H.S.; Mrs. O'Connor; scholarship co-sponsor Dan Kelly of Kelly Furniture; parade scholarship first prize winner Brian O'Connor and his father Michael O'Connor.

Photo by Tom Matthews



SPELLMAN H.S. scholarship winner Kathleen McGreal receives second prize, N.Y. St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship award, from New York County Ladies AOH President and Parade Committee Secretary Margaret O'Rourke, as proud parents Frank and Sally McGreal, her brother Patrick McGreal and Father Michael D. O'Herlihy of Spellman High School in the Bronx look on.

Photo by Tom Matthews

Firefighters' Irish Talk



NASSAU CO. Firefighters Emerald Society president Len Llewellyn, left and vice-president Steve Grogan, center, were recent guests of Tony Jackson, right, on his "Irish County" radio program on WRHU, 88.7 FM, the Hofstra University radio station. Llewellyn and Grogan discussed the recently formed Nassau Co. Firefighters Emerald Society, the recent formation of its Bag Pipe Band and a membership now of over 1400 members from the volunteer fire service in Nassau County, Long Island. All three are members of AOH Division 14, Lynbrook-Rockville Center, Long Island, NY.

New Charter Presented



WASHINGTON D.C. — An AOH charter is presented to members of the newly formed Rev. Patrick Healy, S.J., Division 8, Georgetown University, here, by National President Nick Murphy, center. With him, from left, are National Secretary Tom McNabb; Division 8 Vice President Kieran Fallon; Division 8 President Jim Gaffin; and District of Columbia Board President Matt Hannon.

Irish Eye photo

Lobby for MacBride Principles in N.H.



PUSHING FOR passage of MacBride Principles Bill in New Hampshire are, left to right, Oliver Kearney, executive secretary, Northern Ireland Fair Employment Trust; Georgi Thomas, state treasurer, New Hampshire; John Finucane, national president, American-Irish Political Education Committee; Kevin Mulligan, N.H. representative, Division 8, Lawrence, MA; and Nick Murphy, National AOH President.

Kathleen Kelly To Receive LeMoynes Medal



CATHERINE "KATHLEEN" KELLY

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Catherine "Kathleen" Kelly, Central New York coordinator of Project Children, will receive the prestigious Simon LeMoynes Medal from LeMoynes College, announced the Rev. James C. Finlay, S.J., interim president of the college.

The award will be presented as part of Le Moynes' 22nd annual Founders' Day dinner to be held on Wednesday, November 4 at the Hotels at Syracuse Square.

This medal is presented annually to a prominent leader for significant and humanitarian contributions to society. Like the college itself, the award is named for the Rev. Simon Le Moynes, S.J., a French Jesuit who established the first mission among the Iroquois nation of Central New York in 1664.

In 1980 Kelly became the area organizer of Project Children, which brings youngsters to the Syracuse region every summer from war-torn Northern Ireland. These children live for six weeks with local families who provide love and understanding as well as room and board. They are carefully matched with the host families to ensure a rewarding experience for all involved. Project Children shows the children of Northern Ireland that it is possible to

live together without fear, in peace, with freedom and dignity.

When Kelly was informed that she was to receive the Simon Le Moynes Medal she said, "I am not worthy of this honor. I will accept the medal in the name of the host families who have been so supportive and the dedicated volunteers who have helped to raise funds for Project Children."

Kelly, who came to the United States in 1958, was born in County Wicklow outside of Dublin. She lives in Syracuse with her husband David and their four children.

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SLIGO IN THE SUMMERTIME

As I headed west from Sligo town, the dark gray Atlantic clouds scudded by with occasional flares of sunshine and racing moments of blue sky. Sweaters and jackets are comfortable and the umbrella in the car is a safe bet. The farms and bogs of Dunbekein lie between Dromore West and Templeboy on Sligo's rugged coast, off the main road, and near the slopes of the Ox Mountains.

I drove the Ford Fiesta through Dunbekein's narrow lanes — some paved, some not — to Aunt Kate's old house. It's one of the few thatched stone cottages still in use. Kate is long dead. Maggie and Pat live there. Old now, and just out of the hospital — both of them. We talked of old times; of my father, my grandfather, and the ones gone to America over the years. I gave Maggie a twenty pound note. "Too much," she said, without seeing it. I left them there, seemingly entombed in the darkened room; not at all well yet. Maureen was with me, thank God for that. Cousin Joe was working in Sligo town that day.

I was emotionally captivated by the green rolling hills, bright green, the goats running ahead of my car, the smell of cows, and the rich thick Irish grass. I had first met Pat Kilgallen on the road. He went to school with my father, "a great step-dancer, he was," he said. Pat must be ninety or more. Pointing across the fields, he said: "See there, that is your cousin Maureen's new house; go

there and tell her you are giving her a summons; she won't know you. It will scare the hell out of her." But, she knew me right away.

I hadn't seen her since she was fifteen. It was in nineteen-sixty-four. She was pretty, red-haired, freckled. I often thought of her since then. She's married now and almost forty. Still pretty, red-haired and freckled. I felt the pull of the past as I drove away. A part of me came from these green fields. It was sad to leave. I thought to myself: who would want to leave this beautiful land? The tragedy of Ireland has been the forced exodus of the Irish to other countries. Those who remained lived in peaceful poverty; yet, were rich in the touch of the Lord's blessings.

Sligo town is busy on Saturday. The narrow streets with shops crowd it more. Drizzle after drizzle does not dampen the parade of energetic walkers. It's Bank Holiday weekend. They're all out today, going every which way. The kids are cute as buttons; blue eyed, blond or red haired, freckles galore, with faces you can't help loving.

In my room in the fancy hotel at Rosser's Point, I wait for half-eleven and Cousin Joe. Mass at Saint Columban's is late on Sunday morning here in Sligo. Like all Irish churches it was packed. It was nice to see the women and girls in dresses. Many wore hats, like in the old days.

Irish Lads Enjoy Summer in Delco

By CLAIRE P. HUSHION
Town Talk Reporter

It's a long way to Tipperary, and much farther to Concordville and Thornton (two towns in Delaware Co., PA), but two Irish teenagers are certainly glad they made the trip.

Colm (pronounced Collum) Smith, 15, and Gerard Cinnamond, 13, landed in the U.S.A. July 1, along with a planeload of colleagues and colleen from the Emerald Isle.

Altogether, "Project Children" arranged for 1100 underprivileged youngsters from the Republic of

Ireland and Northern Ireland to spend six weeks with American host families from Maine to California.

The non-sectarian organization had been doing this since 1972, with the help of many groups and individuals who finance the plane fare.

When members of the local Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) learned last year of Project Children, it seemed tailor-made for the Irish cultural society. They decided to sponsor two youngsters, raising most of the air fare. Colm and Gerard have been such a delight that AOH is already planning to sponsor four children next summer.

Colm, the youngest of five children whose parents are among the massive numbers of Ireland's unemployed, quickly became "one of the family" at the friendly Concord home of Mike and Lynne Cabry.

At a recent backyard gathering, the freckled teenager whose intelligence is exceeded only by his sparkling personality, raised his soda mug for a toast with an interviewer.

"May you be in Heaven a half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!" rattled off the rogue with the brogue. "That's typical... he's loaded with charming blarney," said Mike. "He's the life of every party we take him to."

In his hometown of Dundalk, six miles south of the border with Northern Ireland, Colm is "the only student ever to skip three years of school," graduating from high school at 15. As a three year old in nursery school, he learned by observation how to read and write, and thus began school in the third grade.

Colm likes to cook and wants to become a chef, which might be a good way to support his habit — eating. In Dundalk, hamburger costs \$4.50 per pound.

Colm made a rapid transition from stews and curry to American fast food. "He can make an entire, large pizza disappear faster than a magician," laughed Lynne.

After devouring six slices of Lynne's meatloaf, Colm delivered the supreme compliment. "Ah, that was beautiful!" (If a dish is merely good, it's "lovely.")

The Cabrys are enchanted by Colm's politeness and terminology.

At the supermarket, he pushes the wee one (granddaughter Kristin, 3) in the trolley (cart), making sure to load up on rashers, mince and minerals (bacon, hamburger and soda).

"Is there a community pill?" Colm inquired on the way to his summer home from the airport.

"Are you ill?" worried the Cabrys. "No, I like to swim," the lad explained.

At home, he swims in the Toperona section of the Castletown River.

"It's cleaner than rivers here, as are most Irish Rivers. Our family gets drinking water from it, like many of the townspeople," said Colm, his brogue becoming easier to understand.

With recent temperatures in the 90s, Delco has been a bit warmer than Ireland, which averages 50 degrees at this time of year. A hot day would be 65-70 degrees. The boys recalled a "terrible heat wave of 80 degrees for three days." Needless to say they have found air conditioners and backyard "pills" a great comfort.

Slightly more serious, but no less charming, is Gerard, who's staying with John and Dolores Munley three miles away in Thornton. Gerard has also taken to American food, especially scrapple, creamed beef on toast and hot dogs. Both boys like Amish-style French fries with vinegar.

Handsone and rugged, Gerard hopes to become a pro soccer player (footballer). The 13 year old center-back must be talented — the Manchester United team in England has promised him a tryout when he's 16. "At the rate he's growing, Gerard could end up kicking field goals in a (Continued on Page Twenty-Seven)

Farewell Party



COLM SMITH, far left, and Gerard Cinnamond, 3rd from right, rear, are two Irish youngsters visiting in Delaware County, PA, who captured the hearts of all whom they met. The boys' visit was sponsored by the local AOH chapter under the national program, Project Children. Before returning to Ireland they were guests at a Bon Voyage party, in progress above. From left to right, front, are friends Rachel Holmes, Megan Russell, Katie Hennessy and Brian Holmes; rear, Colm, Mike Irwin, Howard Gallagher, John Munley, Robert Curran, president of the local AOH, Gerard, and Mike Cabry, Jr.

Town Talk photo by Melanie Arnold

National Officers' Action Reports

The National Organizer's Corner

In this issue of the *Hibernian Digest* I will devote this space to a survey of the membership of the AOH. It will help us understand the feelings of the rank and file membership on the programs we now have in place. Your input is very important. Be candid and give us your honest opinion. Your answers could change the policies of the National Board. Please take a few minutes to respond and thanks for your cooperation.

MICHAEL HESSION

SURVEY — SUMMER 1987

Your name _____

How many years have you been a member of the AOH? _____

Have you received your Major Degrees? _____

Name the programs which you think are most effective: _____

What other programs should we be involved in? _____

Should we be more involved in political action programs? _____

Are we doing enough in support of the Nationalist community in

Northeast Ireland? _____

Should we be more involved with the government of Ireland? _____

Should we make Ireland's problems an American political issue? _____

Should we be more involved in immigration policies? _____

Should we be more involved in moral and social issues? _____

Right to life? _____ Capital punishment? _____

Homosexual rights? _____ Other moral issues? _____

Should we be more involved in church-sponsored activities? _____

What do you think of our Catholic Action programs? _____

What about our Charities and Missions program? _____

Is our scholarship program adequate? _____

Do you read all of the *Hibernian Digest*? _____

What features do you like best? _____

Briefly state your constructive criticism of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and offer suggestions in the spirit of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

This survey is an attempt to determine how the membership will respond to general questionnaires. Your conclusions are important. Send your reply to: Michael Hession, National Director/Organizer, 12 Buchanan St., Albany, N.Y. 12206.

Gilligan Pens Appeals On AOH Issues

Lawton Chiles
U. S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510
Dear Senator Chiles:

A very disturbing incident is taking place in our legal justice system in regards to one individual, Joseph Doherty. Over the last several years courts and administrative boards have held that Joseph Doherty has the right to be deported to the Republic of Ireland as he has requested.

After these trials and hearings the Attorney General, Edwin Meese, continues to disobey the orders. The comments of Cardinal John J. O'Connor are enclosed for your perusal. I enclose these because I feel that they, in a much better way than I can, convey the message that something must be done.

We, members and friends of the Irish community in Florida, would ask you to contact the Justice Department and the Office of the Attorney General and demand that the rulings of the courts and the Immigration and Appeals Board be carried out without further delay.

Also, on behalf of the Florida Irish community I wish to ask for your support of House Resolution 242 which will be introduced by your colleague from the 20th Congressional District of New York Joseph DioGuardi.

The "One Ireland" Resolution, as it is called, is a simple statement and expression, yet it states perfectly a solution to the Irish issue. We are seeking bi-partisan support for this

New Division in Cincinnati, Ohio

The newly formed division of Our Lady of Knock, AOH, Hamilton Co., Cincinnati, celebrated its namesake's feast day with a Mass at their hall in Norwood. Fr. John Beckman, S.J. was celebrant. The Blessed Virgin appeared at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, in 1879. This is the reason the new division chose her for their Patroness.

The Mass was celebrated on a portable altar which had been used by

the late Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., who was born in County Mayo, Ireland. At the conclusion of the Mass, Fr. Beckman blessed the new hall and all of those in attendance with holy water from the shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Mass was followed by a dinner, at which time the new division was presented with a gift of \$500.00 by the St. Bridget division of the LAOH.



SHARON MCDERMOTT, president of St. Bridget Division LAOH, presenting check to Joseph Rickard, president of newly formed Our Lady of Knock division in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

Although the nation's economy appears to be wavering a bit, advertising revenues for the National Hibernian Digest continue to post healthy patterns.

Even though the revenues should be much better than they have been over the past two years, one cannot blink at the improvements.

Apparently for years the advertising revenues for your newspaper were, to say the least, dismal. When National Director Tom Gilligan of Florida held the advertising director's post, there were substantial gains in revenues.

Then during the tenure of his suc-

cessor (Jim Brennan) advertising revenues continue to improve. Yet the fact remains that even the current revenue results can be and must be increased.

With support of AOH State Boards, County Boards and local divisions as well as individual members, the financial picture can improve.

Please remember: it is your newspaper. Support it by not only reading the fine news stories and editorials, but back it by advertising in the NHD before placing an ad elsewhere.

JAMES J. BRENNAN

Catholic lay organization, has many times asked the Catholic Conference of Bishops for an endorsement of the MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland and its efforts to have American companies doing business in Northern Ireland subscribe to these principles. Our current National President, Nicholas Murphy, and our immediate past National President, Joseph Roche, have written many times for this endorsement and have been unsuccessful in convincing American Bishops to do this.

I am sure you are familiar with the MacBride Principles and their purpose. Your Labor Day statement addresses one of the reasons the MacBride Principles were formulated, "that people have a right to employment." It would appear that the Council of Bishops might now endorse these principles as an extension of both the teaching of the Church on workers rights and the Labor Day statement.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask that an endorsement of the MacBride Principles be discussed immediately, and the appropriate positive statement be issued.

Thomas E. Gilligan
National Director, AOH

President's Dinner

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force. Present were Vice President Michael Coogan (Ohio); Secretary Thomas McNabb (N.Y.); Treasurer Edward Wallace (N.Y.); Directors: Michael Carroll (Mass.); Thomas Gilligan (Fla.); John Hassett (Cal.); Frank Kearney (Conn.); John McInerney (Mich.); Michael Hession (N.Y.). Also Historian Daniel Deasy (Pa.); Martin Higgins, FFAI (N.Y.); National Editor David Henshaw (N.Y.); Advertising Director James Brennan (Ohio); Political Education Director Joseph Roche (Md.); Past National President John Connolly (Mass.); Press Officer John Concanon (N.Y.); Public Relations Director Michael Cummings (N.Y.); Legal Counsel James Shannon (Cal.); Buy Irish Chairman James Delaney (Texas); Chairman Charities and Missions David Burke (Mass.); and Chairman Constitution and Ritual John Bonner (Pa.).

Also in attendance were Michael Flannery, Northern Irish Aid; and from the Irish-American labor coalition, John Jamison and Michael Maye, chairman of Irish Solidarity Day 1988.

EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Guest Editorial

Pennsylvania Legislature Hears Roche on MacBride Principles

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH ROCHE, PRESIDENT OF THE
IRISH AMERICAN UNITY CONFERENCE (IAUC)
AND MEMBER, NATIONAL BOARD OF THE
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS (AOH)
SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES
INVESTMENT BILLS (H.B. 948, 949, 1079, 1080, 1081)
HARRISBURG, PA.

Thank you, Chairman Trello, for the opportunity to address you on this legislation. You may know that the Ancient Order of Hibernians — the oldest and largest Irish Catholic lay organization in America — includes men and women active in communities across the state from Turtle Creek to Tamaqua, to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Erie and Altoona. We are proud to note that the late President John Kennedy was a Hibernian and that the Honorable Governor Robert Casey has been a Hibernian for 20 years. The much younger Irish American Unity Conference includes people from all ethnic and religious persuasions who are concerned with the conflict in Ireland.

The issue addressed in these bills is one which concerns not only the organizations and individuals I represent, but is important to many Pennsylvanians. Their concern and ours is that public pension fund investment decisions — those involving U.S. companies in the north of Ireland — be morally weighed as to the systematic anti-Catholic discrimination in that country and the violence it has generated. We have long tired of complaining about this problem and instead offer a solution crafted to combat decades of English malevolence. The solution is to link these investment decisions to the use of the MacBride Fair Employment Principles. These principles were crafted by and named in honor of Dr. Sean MacBride, Nobel Peace Laureate, Former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and former Irish Foreign Minister. Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have adopted this mechanism to affirm the American values of fair employment and equal opportunity. Scores of other states, like Pennsylvania, are in the process of considering similar legislation.

In the past two years, Black and Puerto Rican legislators have spoken convincingly for this type of statute and the first Italian-American governor of New York signed a MacBride bill. The truly American nature of this legislation is readily apparent as legislators of all persuasions — businessmen, lawyers, Protestant, Catholic, Democrat and Republican — voiced their support for this positive step. The MacBride Principles have been endorsed by every major Irish-American organization, various Catholic bishops and religious orders, the State and National AFL-CIO and politicians ranging from U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (Utah) to Senator John Kerry (Mass.), and the Prime Minister of Ireland, the Honorable Charles Haughey.

The hearings conducted in the other states that have adopted the MacBride Principles have proven that there is no dispute over the presence and practice on anti-Catholic discrimination. Let me recount some of the documentation so that you can be assured of the cause and extent of the problem.

A. Anti-Catholic employment discrimination has been an integral part of England's Irish apartheid policy since the Ulster garrison was

set up — without benefit of one Irish vote — in 1920. The *New Ireland Forum Report* released in 1985 and adopted by elected Irish officials representing 75% of the population notes "... The Catholic section of the community for over fifty years lived under a system of exclusively unionist power and privilege and suffered systematic discrimination."

B. In August, 1986 the prestigious journal *Equal Opportunities Review* cited government statistics showing the unemployment rate among Catholics to be twice that of the Protestant community with 35% of the Catholic men without work.

On August 16, 1986 the British journal *The Economist* noted that youth unemployment in Catholic ghettos like Strabane have reached crisis levels of 80%. Further analysis of unemployment data by professors Osborne and McCormack, the *Continuous Household Survey (1983-84)*, and the *Labor Force Survey (1984-85)* all depict a social disaster if anti-Catholic discrimination is not forcefully and immediately addressed. Indeed, when examined by sex, religion and age, the data trends suggest that equality of a job opportunity is steadily worsening for Catholics.

McCarthy economic consultants in their report for New Ireland Forum predicted a 32% unemployment rate for Northern Ireland by 1993. *Irish Times* correspondent Helen Shea on April 2, 1987 leaves no doubt as to where the burden of that unemployment will be felt when she noted the current unemployment rates of predominantly Catholic communities of Strabane (39%), Cookstown (37%), Dungannon and Magherfelf (30%).

C. This devastating unemployment is not the inevitable result of a period of economic decline. The British ordained Sir Carson and Lord Basil Brooke to set up their "Protestant State for a Protestant People." In other words it was state policy that whatever the prosperity, Catholics were not to share in it. For 67 years the entire machinery of government in the north has carefully crafted England's apartheid policy for Ireland by locating plants, training centers, and educational facilities east of the Bann River to promote both Protestant/Loyalist prosperity and Catholic emigration and poverty. One need only examine the Matthew (1960), Benson (1963) and Wilson Reports (1975) for the proof of England's "final solution" strategy.

The Anglo-Irish accord is but one of the many techniques to continue this subjugation and to obscure the truth. Ms. Shaw of the *Irish Times* for example, reported on March 20, 1987 that "the method of calculating unemployment has been changed in several significant ways by the British government over the past two years" and noted that the current unemployment in the north would be 22% not 19% if the previous reporting methods were used.

This data manipulation, incidentally, began as the MacBride Principles corporate proxy resolutions and statutes began emerging in America. Her Majesty's government is "committed to the perpetuation of inequality," as Boston Mayor Flynn recently noted and the result is a pervasive second class citizenship which is not simply "unsatisfactory" as Mr. Viggers of the Northern Ireland Industrial Board put it, it is criminal. It would be so characterized in any court of law where human and civil rights were protected and promoted. We all know, however, that Northern Ireland contribution to law is the same as South Africa's contribution to racial equality and harmony.

Why should Americans and particularly the state of Pennsylvania adopt such legislation? The simple answer is because it is just. Pennsylvanians can send a message to those U.S. corporations that have gone along with anti-Catholic discrimination in order to get along with a government dedicated to this form of oppression. English hypocrisy is clear, the two largest employers in the North of Ireland are the government-owned Shorts Bros. and Harland/Wolf companies with workforces that include less than 10% Catholics. The citizens of Pennsylvania, as did those of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Mass. can fire a warning shot over the bow of these U.S. corporations. They must not be allowed to do overseas that which they are prohibited from doing here by law. At a Holocaust commemoration Elie Wiesel stated "What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor but the silence of the bystander." Pennsylvania can show it will not be silent or indifferent to the injustice of anti-Catholic discrimination in Ireland by adopting these bills and putting the MacBride Principles to work.

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IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT Facts for Illegal Aliens

The IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986 provides the opportunity for some aliens who have been in the United States illegally to apply for legal status.

Who Is Eligible?

Illegal aliens who meet all of the following requirements: • have lived in the United States since before January 1, 1982; • have not had legal resident status; • have not left the country since January 1, 1982, except for periods of less than 45 days, and • meet basic requirements, such as not having a felony record.

Don't Be Afraid!

Do NOT be afraid to apply for legal information you give when you apply to deport you. You can — and should — be completely honest. Only if you supply fake bills, records or papers can legal action be taken against you.

How Do You Apply?

The best way to apply is to go to a local volunteer agency like your church or community organization. They can help you get the right forms and fill them out. Local sources are shown at the end of this sheet. The volunteer agency will tell you what to do once the application is complete.

What Will You Need?

You MUST prove that you have lived in this country illegally since before January 1, 1982. Some things that can help you do that are:

- records of jobs, pay stubs
- tax records
- school or medical records
- gas, electric, water, and/or telephone company bills
- rent receipts
- leases

What Not To Do!

- Do NOT fake bills, records or papers to prove your eligibility. If you are caught, you will not qualify for legal status.
- Do NOT believe everyone who promises to get you legal status if you do not have the knowledge of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization and there are authorized volunteer agencies to help you apply. A list of authorized sources of help appears at the end of this sheet.

These things could hurt your chances of being approved.

How Much Will It Cost?

- There are some fees you must pay when you apply. They are:
- Authorized volunteer agencies may charge an assistance fee of up to \$75.00. Volunteer agencies may also charge if they do fingerprinting or photography.
- INS application fees are:
 - \$185 per adult's application
 - \$50 per child's application
- The total for a family cannot exceed \$420, no matter how many children.
- A medical exam is required. The cost of that will depend on where you have it done.

What Will Happen?

- If your application is approved:
- You will receive temporary legal status, which will be good for 30 months.
- You will be legally authorized to work. You can begin or continue to work as soon as you decide to apply, even before approval. However, you must give your employer an affidavit that you intend to apply or, after September 1, 1987, show proof that you have applied.
- You can apply for permanent legal status after 18 months of temporary legal status.
- If your application is not approved:
- You will remain in illegal alien status. No action can be taken against you as a result of information on the application.

Important Dates

- Here are some dates you should know:
- November 6, 1986 — The date the law went into effect.
- May 5, 1987 — May 4, 1988 — Application period for legalization.
- September 1, 1987 — Starting now, an application for legalization must be submitted to continue work.

Plan for National Convention '88

Place: Cleveland, Ohio
Date: July 25-28, Monday - Thursday
Hotels: Bond Court Hotel & Hollander House
Meetings: Bond Court Hotel
Church Service: St. John's Cathedral

Biaggi Co-Sponsors New Immigration Bill

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, has joined as a co-sponsor of H.R. 3143, the Immigration Act of 1987, legislation which he called "a simple bill of justice for thousands of Irish immigrants who deserve an opportunity to become Americans."

Biaggi, who supported provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which made a limited number of immigrant visas available to a category of applicants for whom immigrant visas had not been available since 1978, said passage of H.R. 3143 is necessary to ensure that our efforts at immigration reform do not fail.

The Immigration Act of 1987 would make the system more flexible

and generous and allow those without immediate family ties in the United States to apply for immigrant visas. If passed, the bill would separate the existing family reunification preferences from employment and skill-related preferences, by creating a new category with 50,000 additional visas. Biaggi stated that residents from Ireland, as well as other nations of Western Europe, would specifically benefit from the passage of this legislation. The bill is currently before the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law.

Biaggi said he would work to get support for the legislation from the membership of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs.

High Court Widens Discrimination Ban

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, greatly expanding legal protection for minorities, ruled that civil rights laws aimed primarily at helping blacks may be used to ban and punish discrimination against Arabs and Jews.

A unanimous court held that anyone can sue under Sections 1981 and 1982 of Title 42 of the United States Code if he or she feels discriminated against because of ethnic background.

This law, which dates back to 1866, was previously interpreted as applying only to blacks. But the court ruled that when the framers of the law proscribed racial discrimination, they meant more than just the Caucasian-Negroid-Mongolian racial categories recognized today. Jews, Arabs, and Hispanics, for example, would all have been considered members of different races a century ago.

Justice Byron R. White, writing for the court, said, "We have little trouble in concluding that Congress intended to protect from discrimination identifiable classes of persons who are subjected to intentional discrimination solely because of their ancestry or ethnic characteristics."

"Such discrimination is racial discrimination that Congress intended to forbid, whether or not it would be classified as racial in terms of modern scientific theory," he wrote. White said that although Jews and Arabs today may be considered members of the Caucasian race, Congress had a different view of race when it enacted Reconstruction-era laws granting to all persons the same rights "enjoyed by white citizens."

Jeffrey Sieneky of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said the court's action "is important for the message it sends. The message that will go out today is that (those who practice discrimination) will have a price to pay, and it will hit the hardest in the pocketbook."

"This ruling will have the greatest benefit to the Hispanic community in the country," said Antonia Hernandez, head of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "We're so happy, I can't tell you."

The unanimous decision broadly interpreted the 1866 Civil Rights Act that granted to racial minorities such as blacks a wide range of rights then enjoyed by whites. The rulings were based on laws that permit victims of race discrimination to sue for monetary damages. The melting pot has never done quite as good a job as Americans like to think. Blacks have been the biggest victims of prejudice. But

"The Irish Holocaust"

Before beginning a grisly documentation that probably is unparalleled in non-fiction, and, no doubt, even in fiction, Thomas Gallagher, author of *Paddy's Lament*, takes a moment to recall that, as a child, he, unlike his Irish-American neighborhood playmates, had no particular feelings of malice for the British. Indeed, Gallagher remembers having been slightly puzzled by their prevailing mood of disdain, for, remarkably, his immediate family's somewhat limited encounters with the British had been marked by kindly gestures.

The author's denial of personal ill-will, which, in turn, puzzled me, is, nevertheless, a noteworthy element of the prologue to the book. That is, with such a solid surname, and the troubling subject at hand — England's lack of response to the disease-ridden failure of the potato crop in Ireland some 140 years ago, and the catastrophic famine that resulted — Gallagher might otherwise have been suspected of positioning himself for the "hatchet-job" the Brits deserve.

For my part, *Paddy's Lament*, with "Ireland, 1846-1847, Prelude to Hatred," as its subtitle, ordinarily would be "a book I just couldn't put down." Yet, it was a book that I had to put down, for its nightmarish record of inhumanity becomes intolerable as if as many as only two or three chapters are read at a single sitting. Indeed, it's unlikely that anyone of Irish descent could thumb even idly through its bleak pages without some show of sorrow or anger.

It occurred to me during my reading that if the famine — linked directly to official British policy of the era (policy that remains disturbingly familiar) — hadn't been halted the death toll eventually would have outstripped the Holocaust, which, of course, is considered a particularly infamous chapter in the history of mankind because it involved the systematic slaughter of some six million Jews.

Properly, we hear frequent reminders of the plight of the Jews at the hands of Hitler. And the reminders invariably prompt universal, if momentary, tongue-clucking. But what of the Irish peasants? Were their lives any less dear? Where is the outcry on behalf of the Irish, now that what might be called "the facts of death" have been bared with such authority and finality? Are the facts being dismissed as "just another Irish myth?"

In the end, sadly, it might be said, in the case of the Holocaust, that "only the Jews care." And that a no less harsh truth, in the case of *Paddy's Lament*, is that "only the Irish care." What a pitiless world.

There's no question that the loss of six million Jews had a jarring impact on the course of history. Just as States I challenge you to repudiate these bigoted statements made by the head of your party." Robinson refused to repudiate Paisley claiming it was basic Church of England teaching that the Pope is the anti-Christ.

King continually referred to Robinson as a "convicted criminal" for his arrest and conviction in the Republic of Ireland last year after Robinson refused to repudiate Paisley claiming it was basic Church of England teaching that the Pope is the anti-Christ.

King called for a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland and said that "peace will only come when Ireland is united and free."

Jack O'Brien
Commodore John Barry Div.
AOH, Annapolis, MD.

Deadline for
next issue
November 9th



Pennsylvania Legislature Hears Roche on MacBride Principles

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The citizens of Pennsylvania are no different than other Americans in responding generously to those in need. We are convinced from our travels across the state that many people would like to see more U.S. assistance and positive action for the needy in Northern Ireland. Ulster is a failed political entity — a colonial relic — and the most poverty stricken deprived area within the European Economic Community (EEC) next to Calabria, Italy. By targeting pension fund investment to the MacBride Principles, Pennsylvania will provide leadership, set a positive standard and, most importantly, not simply reinforce the institutional bigotry which has brought the economy to ruin.

Finally, many states in the past decade have adopted legislation which attempts to harness their economic power to combat the system of apartheid in South Africa and to confront and penalize American companies joining the Arab boycott of Israeli companies. It is our hope and prayer that Pennsylvania will join this nationwide campaign to use the MacBride Principles to reduce the leading cause of unrest in Northern Ireland. By harnessing the investment power of American Pension funds, we create an additional incentive for U.S. corporations to engage honestly and fairly in affirmative action and equal opportunity. Our dialogue to date with Ford Motor Co. suggests this strategy has merit.

Allow me to address criticisms of MacBride legislation. These criticisms, which are without substantive merit, are put forth by Her Majesty's public servants and hirelings like John Hume. I have yet to hear a creditable argument in opposition in legislative hearings in five states.

England's strategy to date might best be described as a "sting" or "flim flam" operation designed to confuse and dupe legislators. This strategy of deceit goes as follows:

(1) *The Lie* — The MacBride Principles are illegal and also unnecessary because the Fair Employment Agency (FEA) is improving the situation. Minister Scott of Northern Ireland, for example, states "The British government has clear commitment to equal opportunity." There is, in fact, no such commitment and the data clearly contradicts Mr. Scott. In 1982 in government training centers only two Catholics were promoted to full the 37 vacancies that occurred. Of the 248 school-leavers employed by Harland-Wolfe, Short Bros., Mackies, Scotts and the Northern Ireland Electricity Board in 1984 only 13 were Catholics!! As noted previously, Catholics rarely reach 8% of the workforce of these firms despite the fact they are wholly owned or substantially financed by the English government.

When the FEA was established in 1976, it failed to receive 1/10th of the \$3.3 million funding provided to the Northern Ireland Arts Council that year. It has received only inflationary increases ever since. So much for commitment!!

The FEA is a cosmetic reform whose sole purpose was to quiet international criticism of British rule. In 1986, Christopher McCrudden, a law professor at Lincoln College, Oxford University, reviewed the agency and found it to be "... in need of a complete overhaul."

Peter Archer, a former Solicitor General of Great Britain has confirmed in affidavits before the SEC that there is *nothing* in the MacBride Principles which contravenes the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Act or violates English statutes. In the 1986 case involving American Brands, U.S. District Judge Carter declared that the MacBride Principles "Do not call for discrimination against anyone. All nine of the principles could be legally implemented by management in its Northern facility." Ford Motor Co. representatives have indicated that they will not contest the legality of the principles because "we have received good counsel on both sides of the argument."

(2) *The Switch* — Adoption of the MacBride Principles disinvestment bills will contribute to economic decline. The objective here is to switch your attention from the investment decisions of U.S. pension fund managers to the totally unrelated divestment decisions of corporations. The people who espouse this specious argument fail to acknowledge at least half a dozen more critical factors affecting business decisions such as devaluation of currencies, export/import imbalances, taxes and duties, availability of raw material, transportation costs, the cost of borrowing and British fiscal and economic policies.

The MacBride Fair Employment Principles were developed and promoted beginning in 1985. From June 1979 to June 1986 manufacturing jobs in Northern Ireland declined by 33% (48,000 jobs) and yet England would have you believe this decline is in some way attributable to the MacBride Principles. These same officials attempted to link the 1986 announced closing of Gallagher's Belfast plant to the threat of the MacBride Principles. In fact, the closing or rather consolidation was due to West German imports and the Thatcher government's duty increase on cigarettes!!

Finally, in over 30 hours of testimony in five states not one representative of the business or investment community testified against the principles. If these principles pose any threat to investment it apparently is unknown to fiscal officers or investors, or is so insubstantial as to not warrant a statement from them.

(3) *The Bribe* — offer something in exchange for delay or rejection of the MacBride Principles. In at least two states — Illinois and Rhode Island — British officials have attempted to influence state legislators by offering trips to Northern Ireland. In California, British investment was hinted as retaliation against the MacBride bill.

The bribe is actually a key component of the Northern Ireland occupation strategy. In the 1970's the British government threw tax incentives, loans and grants at bigoted unionist politicians in a parliamentary vote-buying ploy that rose to scandal. In the 1980's the English Government has chosen to make a Catholic ghetto out of the

MacBride Principles

By HARRISON J. GOLDIN
N.Y.C. Comptroller

Deep-seated and systematic discrimination against Catholics in employment is an important cause of the bitter division in Ireland. According to the British Government's own Fair Employment Agency, Catholics in Northern Ireland are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as Protestants.

Even when employed, Catholics are often relegated to the most menial jobs, effectively foreclosed from higher paying skilled and managerial positions. And Catholic workers are often the objects of intimidation, threats to their physical safety and, in some cases, deadly assault.

Many American companies in Northern Ireland, inadvertently or otherwise, participate in this pervasive pattern of economic discrimination against Catholics; the pattern is similar to that which oppressed blacks in the United States suffered until the civil rights movement began to help cure the disease in the 1960s.

As a young lawyer for the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department, I fought racial discrimination in the South. For the same reasons, as investment officer and trustee of New York City's public employee retirement systems, I am now committed to fighting religious discrimination in Northern Ireland.

In both situations the remedies are

essentially the same: adherence to equal opportunity and tough government enforcement of strict laws against discrimination. They worked here; they can work there.

That Catholics are routinely discriminated against in employment in Northern Ireland is indisputable. Even the British Government does not deny the well-documented facts. Indeed, on a visit to Northern Ireland in 1985 I was surprised at the essential agreement among competing factions on the widespread, deeply institutionalized system of economic discrimination there against Catholics.

On how it ought to be ended, there is, of course, considerable disagreement.

British officials cite impressively-worded statutes embodying the finest ideals of English justice and equality, which prohibit discrimination and mandate redress wherever it occurs. The government has established the Fair Employment Agency (FEA) in Northern Ireland to vindicate those goals.

Although the British Government's own report setting up the FEA called for a staff of 40 and an annual budget of \$1.2 million the agency has never received more than a fraction of that amount and has had to function with a staff of only 16. In addition, according to FEA staff, British officials have inter-

vened to prevent agency investigations from "getting out of hand."

It is not surprising, therefore, that in the first six years of its existence the FEA was able to find only 13 cases of unlawful discrimination in a society where bias is endemic.

Indeed, in a recent paper the British Government acknowledged that despite the existence of the FEA over the past 10 years "the message of equality of opportunity does not appear to be making a significant impact." Its own statistics show that Catholics are as disadvantaged as ever. Consequently, only through other avenues can the goal of equal opportunity, that everyone applauds, be realized.

One approach is for businesses themselves to implement equal employment opportunity. And American companies that operate in Northern Ireland can set an example, doing the job at which government has failed, by endorsing and implementing the MacBride Principles.

The principles are a set of nine equal-employment and affirmative action guidelines developed by Dr.

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Short Bros Reopens After Truce Reached

Short's, the Belfast aircraft company, is to reopen its factories, following agreement on a "truce" in the dispute over its refusal to allow Loyalist flags and emblems to fly in the plants.

The company closed three of its main production areas claiming that pickets had intimidated thousands of other workers from getting to work. The row started when a number of workers walked out after the management removed flags and bunting.

Short's warned, however, that if employees persisted in putting up flags and bunting, production areas would be closed down again. The company's statement said the unions had fully supported their "determination to provide a neutral working environment free from flags, bunting or emblems of any kind."

The statement continued: "With full trade union support the company has accordingly decided to reopen all its factories at the normal starting time on the understanding that the neutral working environment recreated will not be violated and that employees will accept the company's ruling on the flags and bunting issue."

Short's chairman, Sir Philip Foreman, said: "We accept the advice that the trade unions have given us in good faith to the effect that they endorse the view that the workplace should be a politically neutral environment and that they would advise their members of the trade union position."

"If, however, this does not prove to be the case, we will have no alternative but to close the production areas once again until the situation is satisfactorily resolved."

Three Short's plants — Queens Island, Castlereagh and Newtownards — were closed after the three-day dispute over displays of Loyalist flags and bunting on the factory floor.

Thank you.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

The National Freedom For All Ireland Committee is sponsoring a fund-raising event which will be a Dinner-Dance to be held on Friday, October 30, in St. Joseph's Auditorium, Hewlett, New York. Our fund-raiser, Michael O'Rourke, is chairing this project. Over 12,000 letters and award books have been mailed to individual members thus far, and many more will follow. We hope to be able to communicate with all our members, and trust we will get your support.

As Chairman of this Committee, I ask that you please give our fund-raiser, Michael O'Rourke, your wholehearted cooperation. Please

circulate the awards information and make your checks payable to AOH National Board. Then, mail to:
A.O.H.
C/o Michael O'Rourke
P.O. Box 226
Woodmere, New York 11598

We hope that everyone will respond since the proceeds will go towards helping the families of the prisoners in Northeast Ireland. Please do your utmost to participate and, if possible, attend the Dinner-Dance, where you will have a fabulous time. Your cooperation, as always, is deeply appreciated.

MARTIN HIGGINS
National Chairman

The British Are Coming — Again?

The Grenadier Guards and the Gordon Highlanders may be marching through your area soon (as indicated in other parts of this issue).

Their performances of stirring martial music, coupled with precision drills, will be quite different from their usual performances when these two units are on active duty assignment in minority neighborhoods in Belfast and other areas of Occupied Ireland. Months of research indicate that these very groups — when not impressing naive Americans with their skills — are adept at terrorizing and "neutralizing" Irish people of every age group.

It is an affront to the American people in general, and Irish-Americans in particular, that such a charade of "pomp and pageantry" should be played out in their communities. Those responsible for local bookings are unwittingly serving as promoters of this British Gesteapo.

But not in Nassau County! Local Irish organizations as well as political leaders joined forces to mount a publicity campaign in Nassau which resulted in the cancellation of the performance scheduled at the Westbury Music Fair. These dedicated people have

given us a model for how to approach the problem.

If you become aware of a scheduled local performance of the Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlanders, alert organizations in your area. If the performance is booked at a private facility (theater, auditorium, etc.), contact the management relative to your reasons for opposing the performance, emphasizing potential demonstrations and future patronage fall-off which could result. If the venue is a federal, state, or state-supported institution (such as a university or college), contact elected representatives at the federal or state level to indicate that you oppose such use of facilities which operate with the aid of your tax dollars.

Above all, contact Kathleen Holmes (Chairperson, American-Irish Congress, P.O. Box 8, Lynbrook, New York 11563. Phone 516-599-1885) for documentation on "performances" in the north of Ireland, as well as advice. She spearheaded the successful Nassau effort to keep the Brits out and is an invaluable resource person.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman
Freedom For All Ireland Comm.

Scheduled Performances of British Marching Units

From Kathy Holmes, chairwoman of the American Irish Congress, comes the following:

Herewith is a nationwide schedule of performances for the Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlanders, which is being reprinted from the original prepared by Columbia Artists Festivals Corp., 165 West 57th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10019 — (212) 841-9553, so as not to reveal in any manner the identity of the person who obtained the schedule. The manager's name is Mr. Robert McCrillis and the schedule was prepared on July 7, 1987.

Sunday 10-4
Arrival
Monday 10-5
Rehearsal
Wednesday 10-7
Hanover, NH, Dartmouth Col.

Thursday 10-8
Burlington, VT, U. of Vermont Lane Series
Friday 10-9
Schenectady, NY, Art Center & Theater of Schenectady
Saturday 10-10
West Point, NY, US Military Aca.
Sunday 10-11
Fairfax, VA, Capitol Center Corp. 7:00 p.m.
Monday 10-12
Tuesday 10-13
Richmond, VA
Wednesday 10-14
Wilmington, NC, Mr. Hugh Macrae
Thursday 10-15
Greensboro, NC, U. of N. Carolina
Friday 10-16
Raleigh, NC, Friends of the Col.
Saturday 10-17
Raleigh, NC, Friends of the Col.

Sunday 10-18
Columbia, SC, Carolina Concerts, 4 p.m.
Monday 10-19
Tuesday 10-20
Asheville, NC, Asheville Civic Ctr
Wednesday 10-21
Nashville, TN, Scottish Society of Middle TN
Thursday 10-22
Birmingham, AL, Birmingham Music Club
Friday 10-23
Tupelo, MS, Tupelo Comm. Concert Association
Sunday 10-25
Monday 10-26
Tuesday 10-27
Wednesday 10-28
Tempe, AZ, Arizona State Uni.
Thursday 10-29
Sun City, AZ, Sundome Ctr - ASU
Friday 10-30
San Diego, CA, San Diego Entertainment Inc.
Saturday 10-31
Anaheim, CA, 2:00 The Forum
Saturday 10-31
Anaheim, CA, 8:00 The Forum
Sunday 11-1
Los Angeles, CA, 2:00 UCLA Fine Arts Productions
Sunday 11-1
Pasadena, CA, 8:00, Ambassador International Cultural Found.
Monday 11-2
Tuesday 11-3
Oakland, CA, Columbia Artists Management
Wednesday 11-4
Sacramento, CA, American River College Foundation
Thursday 11-5
Portland, OR, Theatre Productions
Friday 11-6
Seattle, WA
Saturday 11-7
Victoria, BC, City of Victoria
Sunday 11-8
Vancouver, BC, 3:00, Theatre Productions Ltd.
Sunday 11-8
Vancouver, BC, 7:30, Theatre Prod.
Monday 11-9
Tuesday 11-10
Walla Walla, WA, Whitman Col.
Wednesday 11-11
Boise, Idaho, Boise State Uni.
Thursday 11-12
Rexburg, Idaho, Ricks College
Friday 11-13
Ogden, Utah, Weber State Col.
Saturday 11-14

Sunday 11-15
Denver, CO, Center Attractions
Monday 11-16
Tuesday 11-17
Omaha, NB
Wednesday 11-18
Bloomington, MN, Met Center
Thursday 11-19
Milwaukee, WI
Friday 11-20
Chicago, IL, Auditorium Theatre Council
Saturday 11-21
Detroit, MI, Olympia Arenas, Inc.
Sunday 11-22
Jackson, MI, 1:30, Jackson Comm. College
Sunday 11-22
East Lansing, MI, 7:30, Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Monday 11-23

NY Convention Supports Ban On Regiments

The New York State Freedom for All Ireland Committee sponsored the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, at the 1987 New York State Convention in Buffalo.

Whereas, the Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlander regiments of the British Army will be on tour in New York State and elsewhere in America; and

Whereas, these regiments have served in 'Northern' Ireland, and members of these regiments, including Captain Nairac, have been implicated in the murder of civilian women and youth in the north of Ireland; and

Whereas, British Army regiments,

Tuesday 11-24
Richfield Twp, OH, Richfield Prop.
Wednesday 11-25
Hamilton, ONT, Donald K. Donald Productions
Thursday 11-26
Kitchener, ONT, Kitchener Memorial Auditorium
Friday 11-27
Toronto, ONT, Maple Leaf Garden
Saturday 11-28
Ottawa, ONT, National Arts Ctr
Sunday 11-29
Montreal, QB, 2:30, Montreal Forum, Inc.
Monday 11-30
Tuesday 12-1
Rochester, NY, NAC Enterprises
Wednesday 12-2
Syracuse, NY, Famous Artists Series, Inc.
Thursday 12-3
Storrs, CT, U. of Connecticut
Friday 12-4
Portland ME, Cumberland County Civic Center
Saturday 12-6
Worcester, MA, The Centrum in Worcester
Sunday 12-6
Boston, MA, 1:30, New Boston Garden Corp.
Sunday 12-6
Providence, RI, 7:30, Performing Arts Assn., Inc.
Monday 12-7
Tuesday 12-8
Wednesday 12-9
Bethlehem, PA, Lehigh U. Presents
Thursday 12-10
Hershey, PA, Hershey Park-Arena
Friday 12-11
Baltimore, MD, Baltimore Arena
Saturday 12-12
Philadelphia, PA, The Spectrum
Monday 12-14
East Rutherford, NJ, Sports & Expo. Authority

Tuesday 12-15
DEPARTURE
Several facts become obvious as one reviews this list:
1. The British Army is scheduled to perform in 29 of the 50 United States.
2. Irish American organizations in ten of these states are presently working to cancel the performances: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Washington.
3. There has not yet been any commitment from Irish Americans residing in the states of California and Illinois to begin working on this project.
Because of their large Irish American populations, the states of California and Illinois are as vital to our success as the states situated on the east coast. There are six scheduled performances throughout California, and no Irish American organization as yet committed to this challenge.
While it is understandable that Irish American energies in these states are presently concentrating on the MacBride Principles, this focused energy deployment would serve not only the British propaganda of 'pomp and pageantry,' it would also serve to diminish the support already garnered for the MacBride Principles. Neither California nor Illinois can afford to have this happen!!
4. Seventeen states remain vulnerable to British propaganda through displays of 'pomp and pageantry' of the British Army which remains unchallenged:
Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.
Editor's Note: Kathy Holmes is a member of Division 13, Ladies AOH, Nassau County, New York.

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REASONABLE RATES—TERMS



HELP DUBLIN CELEBRATE

Dear Sir,
In 1988 our capital city Dublin, celebrates its millennium. In order to mark this important event, we in Anner Communications Ltd., are making a television programme on the development of Dublin over the past 1000 years.

It will include the many major cultural, social, political, demographic and economic changes that have taken place in the city during this period.

I understand that there are 16 towns, townships and cities throughout America which are also called Dublin. We intend to examine their relationship and similarities, if any, to Dublin, Ireland, in our television programme.

The various places called Dublin are in the following states in America:

Maryland, Michigan, Maryland, Arkansas, Alabama, Arizona, Ohio, New York, California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia, and New York.

I have already contacted each Chamber of Commerce, local tourist agency and Mayor of each region.

I would be very grateful if you could give our millennium celebrations, and the information I am looking for on the various Dublins, a mention in your *National Hibernian Digest* as I feel it would generate a great response from many of your readers living in these areas.

The information I am looking for on the various Dublins throughout America is as follows:

- their population — the number of males and females and the number of young people under 25
- their employment and unemployment statistics
- climate and natural resources in each area
- their main industries, i.e., the numbers employed in the service sectors, agriculture and the manufacturing industries
- where the name Dublin originated from, if possible
- local history and folklore in each area
- the names and addresses of local facilities and amenities in the areas which could be used by our production crew, i.e., the names and addresses of local hotels and local television stations
- the names and addresses of cultural societies, particularly if they have links with Dublin, Ireland

Anner Communications Ltd., has worked with approximately 72 foreign organisations, including all the American networks, BBC, ITN, Thames, Granada, Yorkshire and all the national broadcast companies of France, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Australia, Japan and Switzerland.

I would be very grateful if you could also tell your readers to forward their information to me at the following address below.

I have no doubt that if you give our millennium celebrations a good plug in the *National Hibernian Digest*, it will generate a great response from many of your readers.

Eithne Beggan
Anner Communications Ltd.
Stillorgan Industrial Park
Stillorgan, Dublin, Ireland

U.S. SENATOR CONCERNED

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Attorney General of the
United States
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The case of Joseph Patrick Doherty continues to be of grave concern to many of my constituents and to members of this Congress.

Over the past four years, the English government has sought Mr. Doherty's extradition to northeast Ireland despite repeated judicial rulings against that request. When Congress passed the US-UK Extradition Treaty in 1986, the English government, with the assistance of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, again set out to deport Mr. Doherty to northeast Ireland.

However, at every level of the immigration process, the most recent being the May 22, 1987 Board of Immigration Appeals decision, it was determined that Mr. Doherty should be deported to the south of Ireland, not northeast Ireland.

It is my understanding that under Section 3.1(h) of Title 8 of the code of Federal Regulations, the Board referred its decision in the *Matter of Doherty* for your review and you have not yet issued an opinion.

The case of Joseph Doherty has come to be nationally and internationally known, and continues to be of significant interest to religious, judicial and civic organizations worldwide. Due to the tremendous attention given to this case, I respectfully request that you meet at your earliest convenience, with representatives of several Irish American organizations, including Mr. Richard Lawlor, Connecticut State President of the Irish American Unity Conference.

Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact my office. I look forward to hearing from you and I thank you for your assistance.

Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
U.S. Senator, Connecticut

JOE DOHERTY RESOLUTION PASSED

The following resolution, Assembly No. 1416, was recently passed by the State of New York:

BY: The Committee on Rules (at the request of Members of Assembly Murtaugh, Colman, Crowley, Bennett, Brennan, Brodsky, Connors, Daniels, Dearie, Diaz, Dugan, Engel, Feldman, Frisa, Greene, Healey, Keane, Lafayette, Larkin, Madison, Marshall, McCann, Nagle, O'Neil, O'Shea, Parola, Pataki, Seabrook, Yevoli and Zaleski)

URGING the United States Attorney General, Edwin Meese III, to immediately carry out and execute the court order of deportation of Joseph Patrick Doherty to the Republic of Ireland

WHEREAS, New York State on numerous occasions has expressed its support for and urged action upon matters of equal treatment and justice in upholding the basic principles upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, The case of Joseph Patrick Doherty clearly fits this principle in that execution of justice

is being denied; and

WHEREAS, In December, nineteen hundred eighty-four, a judge of the United States District Court, in the Southern District of New York, after a full hearing denied a British request to extradite Mr. Doherty to Northern Ireland to spend the rest of his life in prison, finding that Mr. Doherty was a political offender in the classic sense and not a common criminal; and

WHEREAS, On September nineteenth, nineteen hundred eighty-six, after a complete and thorough judicial review, an order for deportation for Mr. Doherty was issued for him to be deported to the Republic of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Doherty requested said order of deportation be issued as a humanitarian gesture to put an end to four years of litigation, during which time he has remained incarcerated in a United States jail charged with committing no crime in this country; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of the United States has given no indication of carrying out the order causing fear and concern that the order will be delayed so that the immigration and naturalization laws of this nation can be used properly to keep Mr. Doherty in prison and to achieve his extradition to Northern Ireland pursuant to the Supplemental Extradition Treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, The issue in this matter is not one involving the conflict in Northern Ireland nor the status of Mr. Doherty in such conflict but, rather, is strictly an issue of the United States government carrying out an order of the Court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and go on record strongly urging United States Attorney General Edwin Meese III to immediately carry out and execute the order of deportation of Joseph Patrick Doherty to the Republic of Ireland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be immediately transmitted to the United States Attorney General, Edwin Meese III.

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY on June 17, 1987

By order of the Assembly,
Francine M. Misasi, Clerk

NEW YORK TIMES CITED

Editorial Page Editor
New York Times
229 W. 43rd
New York, New York 10036
Dear Editor:

The "Judge Who Became Partisan" editorial notes State Dept. legal advisor Sofaer finds ways "to shape the law to fit the U.S. policy of the moment." His defense of U.S. Nicaraguan policy before the World Court rivaled his equally diabolical support of a retroactive U.S.-U.K. extradition treaty.

Last year the Reagan-Thatcher axis endorsed Irish partition and put terrorist labels on those who resist the tyranny of English occupation. Only the legal sorcery of Mr. Sofaer could explain why the Contras are freedom fighters and those who resist a colonial garrison like Ulster are terrorists.

However it is not Mr. Sofaer's credibility and commitment to the rule of law which is worrisome. The *Times* in "Right to Response To Irish Terror" in June of last year swallowed his reasoning on the retroactive Extradition Treaty. Those in opposition included 3 U.S. jurists, 4 Deans of law schools, the ACLU, the ABA and 33 U.S.

PLANS PROCEED FOR IRISH BRIGADE MONUMENT

Mr. Jack O'Brien
Irish Cultural Society
11109 Belton Street
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
Dear Mr. O'Brien:

It was a great pleasure to have you and Mr. Matthew Hannon meet with our staff Thursday, July 23, 1987, to discuss the monument your Irish Cultural Society is planning to erect at Antietam. We were also pleased to hear of your plans regarding the repair or replacement of the severely broken cast iron descriptive tablet, which marked the battleline of General Thomas F. Meagher's Irish Brigade at the Sunken Road (today's "Bloody Lane").

We have carefully assessed the damage of the cast iron descriptive tablet and believe that it can be reasonably repaired at an estimated cost of \$500. A photograph of the damaged sign will be sent as soon as prints are developed. The dimensions and design of the tablets are enclosed. This rehabilitation work can be contracted locally through our park.

The Irish marble or granite that you and Mr. Hannon described would reflect a distinctive honor to the Irish Brigade at Antietam. This proposed monument, when completed, should be placed near the existing fence row, at the rise in the upper bank of the Sunken Road, across from the existing locust tree and approximately midway between the 132nd Pennsylvania and the 2nd Delaware Monuments. This approximate location would be

historically correct. You may wish to send photocopies of the photographs that were taken to further identify this location for future references. In addition to the location, and proposed rock, we also discussed the height of the completed monument to be compatible with existing monuments and that a height up to 23 feet would be reasonable in scale for this location. We anxiously await receipt of your monument material and design plan so that our Park, Regional and Washington staff can respond within a reasonable time frame.

We, sincerely appreciate receiving a copy of the book, *The Irish Brigade and Its Campaigns*, by Captain D.P. Coyneham, Boston, MA, 1869 (reprint 1987). This book, a welcomed asset, has been placed in our park library which will assist interested researchers and our interpretive staff in furthering their knowledge regarding this phase of Civil War history.

It was my pleasure to be a small part of your plans regarding Antietam, and I wish you speedy success in achieving your goals. The best of luck to you and to Mr. Hannon, in acquiring an appropriate monument honoring the Irish Brigade at Antietam and your possible target dates for dedication and ceremonies during the 128th and 127th Anniversaries of the Battle of Antietam.

Stan Lock, Acting Superintendent
National Park Service,
Sharpsburg, MD



JACK O'BRIEN, member of Charles Carroll Division 2, Maryland, is presenting a copy of "The Irish Brigade and Its Campaigns" to Stan Lock, acting superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield, to be placed in the park library. At left are Richard Brown and Betty Otto of the park staff.

Senators. Name-calling to defend British propaganda by the *New York Times* is far more dangerous to free society than Mr. Sofaer's warped debasement of law.

Michael J. Cummings

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SCORED

Hon. Edwin Meese III
United States Department of Justice
Room 5111
10th Street & Constitution Av., NW
Washington, D.C. 20530
Dear Mr. Meese:

The Suffolk County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians wishes to express its outrage with the Justice Department for its handling of the Joseph Doherty case. As you well know, Mr. Doherty, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, has been continuously and unconsciously incarcerated in American prisons for over five years on charges of immigration violation. During this long

ordeal, Mr. Doherty has been transferred, on two separate occasions without notice to counsel, to Otisville Correctional Facility, far from NY City, and there placed in solitary confinement for no explicable reason except, perhaps, to harass him and his supporters.

The Irish-American community has been a sleeping giant, slow to anger and lulled by a false sense of well-being with the body politic. You, sir, have done more than anyone else to amalgamate our Celtic spirit to campaign against the blatant injustice to Mr. Doherty. Moreover, you have treated the U.S. Constitution and our system of jurisprudence with cynicism and contempt—the very institution which you are sworn to uphold and defend.

On three separate occasions, the courts have rejected the Justice Department's attempts to extradite Joseph Doherty to British-occupied northeast Ireland. As stated by the courts, "The facts in the case present

the political offense exception in its most classic form." 599F. Supp. 270 276 (SD NY 1984). The Justice Department has retorted with ridicule for the courts. Each time the INS, on behalf of Great Britain, has appealed the decision of the courts while keeping Joe Doherty behind bars. Finally, on September 19, 1986, the immigration court ordered Mr. Doherty deported to the Irish Republic. Once again the INS appealed and the BIA granted a hearing. Before there was a decision on the appeal, you, Mr. Attorney General, wrested the case from them. Having lost through due process of law, you now thumb your nose at the courts.

Hopefully, the moral indignation of Americans now awakened to the case will eventually prevail upon you where the courts have failed — to simply deport Joseph Doherty to the Republic of Ireland from whence he came.

Thomas J. Jordan, Jr., President
Suffolk Co., NY, AOH

CONGRESSMAN BACKS H.R. 722

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Previously, you contacted me to express concern over the discrimination and violence which continue to plague Northern Ireland. I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of recent developments which I believe may be of interest to you.

I have joined as a cosponsor of legislation, H.R. 722, which represents a major initiative to combat employment discrimination in Northern Ireland. This measure calls upon U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment and Non-Discrimination. These principles call for increased employment of people from underrepresented religious groups, the banning of provocative sectarian

emblems and the abolition of differential employment criteria that discriminate on the basis of religious or ethnic origins.

H.R. 722 is presently pending in the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Please be assured of my vigorous efforts to secure enactment of this much-needed legislation. I will continue to work to end the discrimination and bloodshed plaguing Northern Ireland and will support legislative remedies to end these injustices.

Norman F. Lent
Member of Congress
Washington D.C.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY

Dear Editor:

The pope is believed to be infallible when he speaks *ex cathedra* in matters of faith and morals pertaining to the Catholic Church. The pope, it seems, proved that he is indeed fallible when he entered the secular world of Irish history. His statement to the clergy on the issue of women's role in the church proves this. He used the title of an Irish song to analogize this involvement stating, "It's A Long Way to Tipperary." What he and the American clergy (most of whom are Irish or of Irish descent) do not know is that this song was used by the English and Scottish troops of the British Army in the rear ranks of battle to mock the Irish troops of the British Army in the front ranks of battle as they were sent out to the slaughter in Britain's colonial wars around the globe.

The sorrowful part of this whole occurrence is not that a Polish Pope living in isolation in Italy should be

aware of these small incidents of Irish history but that the American Catholic clergy (once again, mostly Irish and Irish descent) should.

Maybe, one day, a Pope of the Catholic Church and therefore his clergy in America will learn of these small incidents of centuries of Irish history which when totalled together in 1987 make up an ongoing oppression of a people by the British which at least equals and in Irish minds surpasses the oppression (past and present) of Blacks, Jews and others that the Pope has chosen to speak out against.

To those who would question the presence of Irish people in the British Army in the first place I say — oppression is oppression is oppression.

Kenneth C. Clinton
West Milford, N.J.

OUTFOXING KARL MARX

Dear Editor:

"Don't let anyone tell you we are relying on guns alone to carry the day." These were President Reagan's words last week as he congratulated the Presidential Task Force on their report, "High Road to Economic Justice."

The report recommends the implementation of ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plans) in Central America and the Caribbean. It points with pride to one pilot model, The La Perla Plantation in Guatemala. La Perla employee stockholders understand that the communist theory of economic power is based on abolition of private property. For this reason Marxist propaganda and intimidation does not influence them.

Time is running out. We must understand that the value neutral advocates of communism in Central

America are falsely trying to convince us that the Marxist government in Nicaragua is the moral equivalent of democracy. Therefore we should be prepared to continue military aid to the "Freedom Fighters." Otherwise economic opportunity for ESOPs may fade away under communist government. President Reagan has instructed his staff to review the Task Force Report for implementation. This must be done quickly by energetic and committed staffers. The recommendations should be implemented under a halo of high visibility.

Widespread employee stock ownership can be a major force to ensure the ultimate decay of Marxism in our hemisphere. It will promote economic democracy. As President Reagan said in the forward of the Task Force Report, "Could there be a better answer to Karl Marx than millions of workers individually sharing in the means of production?"

Vincent J. McGrath, ChFC
Counselor to The Presidential Task Force, Project Economic Justice
Member, Lt. Col. John A. Dowd
Div. 1, Woodbridge, VA

DONOR THANKED

Mr. Charles Russell
Regional Manager
Walmart Stores
P.O. Box 116
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712
Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that Division 1 Vice President Dan McDonnell contacted Walmart Area Manager John Jacobs in reference to an evaporative cooler for Brother Mathias Barrett, founder of The Brothers Of The Good Shepherd.

Brother Mathias and his fellow Brothers have done extensive charitable work for the poor and

We are happy to report that the evaporative unit donated by Walmart through Mr. Jacobs on August 8, 1987, is functioning beautifully. On behalf of 87 year old Brother Mathias Barrett, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Jacobs and commend the Walmart organization for your support and Christian charity.

Peter Moughan, Jr.
AOH State President
Robert Furry, President, Div. 1
Albuquerque, N.M.

Editor's Note: Brother Mathias is a recipient of the J.F.K. Medal, AOH's highest award.

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Strip-Search Protests Set For November

PHILADELPHIA — In mid-November 1987, a picket is planned at Maghaberry Women's Prison in Northern Ireland to protest the indiscriminate strip-searching of women prisoners.

The Stop the Strip Searches Committee of Concerned Irish Americans, as well as men and women with no Irish heritage, is planning a rally in Philadelphia to coincide with the picket at Maghaberry.

The women in Maghaberry and Durham Prison in England would appreciate the cooperation of all people in the United States and other countries in planning rallies on the date to be announced.

November 11, 1987, will start the sixth year of this degrading, dehumanizing, psychological rape of women in Northern Ireland and England. We cannot, by our silence, allow this to continue and respectfully ask that all areas across this country hold rallies on the same date.

Any help we can provide with information and/or literature on strip searching will be gladly sent to any group planning rallies. Please write to Joe Montgomery, Stop the Strip Searches Committee, P.O. Box

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania

By JIM CAWLEY, JR.

"Never before have I seen our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity better exemplified than at this convention." These words of outgoing State Board President John Gilroy serve as a fitting epitaph for the 84th Biennial Pennsylvania AOH State Convention. The "peaceful and productive" convention was held in Philadelphia for the first time in twenty years.

The opening mass was celebrated by Father Thomas Doyle, chaplain for the Philadelphia County Board, at Old Saint Joseph's Church, the oldest Catholic Church in Philadelphia. Immediately following the mass the congregation marched from the church back to the hotel for a communion breakfast. The speaker was noted Irish and American historian Doctor James Clark. Clark's speech on the Irish in Pennsylvania proved very informative and served as a reminder of the hardships that all immigrants have to overcome in the United States.

On Friday morning mass for deceased members was celebrated by Father Charles Mulrooney, State Board Chaplain, at Old Augustine's Church at 4th and Vine. Following

14648, Philadelphia, PA 19134. Joe Montgomery is past national F.F.A.I. chairman, a member of Div. 65, Philadelphia County.

the mass the delegates began the official sessions.

Upon opening the floor on Friday afternoon for nominations for state officers, two officers received single nominations and both candidates

were elected by acclamation, namely incumbent Daniel Deasy, secretary, and incumbent David Fleming, treasurer. The following morning the contested elections were balloted with the result that Ronald "Bo" Bryan of Allegheny County won over Martin Madigan of the same county by 84 to 33. The vice president contest between Vincent Scully of Delaware Co. and Thomas Finnerty of Lackawanna Co. was resolved in favor of Scully, 85 to 33. The choice for the 1989 State Convention was Wilkes-Barre (Sheraton Crossgates) over Scranton.

On Friday evening the delegates gathered for the biennial "Night at the Races," the only fundraiser for the State Board.

On Saturday morning National President Nick Murphy addressed the convention about the progress being made during his tenure. In the evening a three hour closing dinner was highlighted by the music of Ty Eamon Harkins Band and an address by Rep. Robert A. Borski of the 3rd congressional district. This was followed by installation of officers.

Many of the delegates maintained that the location had something to do with the success of the convention. Perhaps being so close to America's "Cradle of Liberty" during the "We The People 200" celebration inspired the delegates to bond together. Whatever the reason, there can be no doubt that just as the constitutional convention is remembered for its harmonious success, so too will the 84th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention go down in Hibernian history for its peaceful and unparalleled achievements.

Newly elected State President Ronald Bryan has appointed the following brothers as deputy organizers:

John J. Bonner, 2 Balsam Rd. Trailwood, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702.
Joseph J. Callahan, 515 Seven Oaks Dr., Clifton Heights, PA 19018.
Thomas J. Fay, 1117 Powers Run Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.
Thomas J. Malloy, 149 S. Pine St., Hazleton, PA 18201.
John J. Murray, 305 Winston St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207.
Joseph F. Murrin, 440 Prescott Ave., Scranton, PA 18510.
David O'Connor, 5106 Second Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

According to Danniell Deasy, who is national historian, for the first time in over twenty years, Kenywood Park was the location for the annual Hibernian picnic. Irish men and women from all over Western Pennsylvania enjoyed the beautiful weather and a day full of Irish music and dancing provided by Jim Lamb, Guaranteed Irish, Mike Gallagher, The Crowns, and Cahal Dunne.

An outdoor Mass was celebrated by Father Garrett Dorsey, who is Division 15 chaplain. County Vice President Dave O'Connor is to be commended for his efforts in coordinating the work of several Irish-American organizations that participated in making the picnic a success.

Hibernians in Luzerne County will honor Past State President John "Red" Gilroy at a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, November 14 at the American Legion Post 132 Home in Wilkes Barre. Reservations are

IN MEMORIAM AR DACIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

Cardinal O'Boyle, Former Nat'l AOH Chaplain, Dies

His Eminence Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, former National Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies AOH, died August 10, 1987.



CARDINAL PATRICK A. O'BOYLE, right, is shown with his successors, Cardinal William W. Baum, center, and Archbishop James A. Hickey, left. Cardinal O'Boyle died on August 10, 1987. Photo by Michael Hoyt

Race Dedicated to McElheny

The 18th annual Lockport Canoe Club Classic in Connecticut is being dedicated to Francis J. "Mac" McElheny.

McElheny, who died June 29, was an avid promoter of amateur sports in the Lockport area and was the father-in-law of Chip Case, one of the original Canoe Club members.

Born July 28, 1926, in Lockport, CT, he was the son of Edwin C. and Helen F. Fitzgerald McElheny. McElheny was a retired insurance agent and current partner in JoMac Security. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the V.F.W. No. 2535, and past grand knight of

Doors of Hope

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restricted.

In the past year, Fr. Desmond Wilson, representing the Conway Street Mill and the Springhill Community in Belfast, and Mary Nellis, representing Dove House in Derry, visited the United States. They appealed to the Irish American community to help them — and that is why I am writing to you.

Friends of Fr. Wilson and Mary Nellis have created Doiree Dochais (Doors of Hope) to raise money in the United States to further the goals of

being handled by Joseph Clark, 458 Hazle Street, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702.

Tickets are \$22.00 per person and November 1 is the deadline for dinner reservations. This dinner will also commemorate the tenth anniversary of St. John Newman Division 2 which was founded through the efforts of John Gilroy. In the ten years of its existence this division has grown to be the largest in Pennsylvania and has produced a state president and a national director.

the Irish self-help centers. On Friday, November 6, 1987, Doiree Dochais will hold its first Testimonial Dinner Dance. It will be held at Loews Glenpointe Hotel in Teaneck, N.J., starting at 9:00 P.M. Fr. Wilson and Mary Nellis will be the speakers. The honorees will be prominent leaders in the Irish American Community.

In conjunction with the dinner dance we are offering a souvenir journal and a \$5,000 award. The award can be divided into four \$25 sections.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would:

1. Get some friends together and take a table of 10 for the dance. Tickets cost \$45 each and include a full dinner, and dancing until 1:00 A.M.
2. Help us sell at least one journal contract.
3. Invite three friends to share a \$100 award with you.

Please help us to help those who want to help themselves. Mail donations to Doors of Hope, P.O. Box 485, Ho Ho Kus, N.J. 07423-9982.

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Irish Glossary — For Reference & Study

Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs: Set up by Congressman Mario Biaggi for members of Congress with interest in Irish affairs.

Alliance Party: Formed April 1970 with both Catholic and Protestant members. General aim of reforming the northern state while maintaining the link with Britain. The most moderate of the Unionist parties.

Apprentice Boys: A Protestant fraternal organization with strong links to the Orange Order. Members hold an annual march on August 12 in Derry to commemorate the 13 Protestant apprentices who closed the gates of Derry in 1689 to prevent the entry of the forces of the Catholic King James II. Riots following the 1969 Apprentice Boys march precipitated riots throughout the north of Ireland and led to the British Government sending in the army to control the situation.

B-Specials: A part-time Protestant militia set up before Ireland was partitioned to reinforce the Royal Irish Constabulary in what were to become the six counties cut off from the rest of Ireland. Retained after the partition of Ireland as an auxiliary force for the Royal Ulster Constabulary. It was throughout its existence an exclusively Protestant and bigoted force. Disbanded following publication of the Hunt Report in 1970.

Campaign for Social Justice in Northern Ireland (CSJ): Group formed in 1984 to fight discrimination against Catholics in north Ireland. Its publicity campaign in Britain led to the formation of the Campaign for Democracy in Ulster (CDU), which was formed in 1985 and supported by Members of Parliament with Irish connections and others in the British Labor Party. CSJ was also the forerunner of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association.

Central Citizens' Defense Committee (CCDC): At first a co-ordinating body for Catholic defense groups formed after the 1969 attacks on Catholic ghettos. Some of the defense committees were later absorbed by the Provisional IRA while the CCDC came under the control of a more conservative and anti-republican group.

Cumann na mBan: Gaelic for the League or Society of Women. Formed in 1914 as the Irish Volunteers Women's auxiliary.

Dail Eireann: The Irish House of Parliament. Members of the Dail are known as Teachta Dala (abbreviated TD) gaelic for Parliamentary Deputy.

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP): Founded by Ian Paisley in 1971 and closely associated with the fundamentalist Free Presbyterian Church set up by Paisley in the 1950s. An extreme right wing Unionist group supported mainly by working class Protestants.

Diplock Courts: Special courts where specially selected judges operate without juries and using special rules of evidence can "convict" and sentence those charged with politically motivated offenses. Introduced to implement a suggestion of Brigadier Frank Kitson that the law could be used as a "propaganda cover for the disposal of unwanted members of the public."

Fenian Brotherhood: Group with branches in America and Ireland which organized the 1867 rising in Ireland. Survived as the Irish

Republican Brotherhood which organized the Easter Rebellion of 1916. The term "Fenian" sometimes used by Protestants in north Ireland to describe Catholics.

Fianna Fail (FF): Gaelic for Soldiers of Destiny. Largest political party in the south of Ireland. Formed by Eamon de Valera in 1926 when he split from Sinn Fein. Viewed as the most Republican of the southern constitutional parties. Like these parties Fianna Fail seeks to end the partition of Ireland by peaceful means but differs from them in viewing the six county statelet as a failed political entity. FF is opposed to any form of devolved government there and says that Britain should withdraw its guarantee to the Unionists and prepare for eventual withdrawal at some time in the future.

Fine Gael (FG): Gaelic for the Irish Family. Formed in 1933 by a merger of Cumann na nGaedheal, the National Center Party and the Blueshirts. Cumann na nGaedheal (gaelic for the Irish League or Society) was formed in 1923 by pro-Treaty members of Sinn Fein. The National Center Party was a group with agricultural interests that came together in 1932 to oppose the Economic War brought on by the decision of Fianna Fail to withhold payment of Land Annuities to the British Exchequer. The Blueshirts (originally called the Army Comrades Association, then renamed the National Guard) received the name Blueshirts when the National Guard adopted a blue uniform modeled on Mussolini's Blackshirts. The group also used the Fascist salute. The leader of the Blueshirts, Col. O'Duffy, was the first President of Fine Gael but he was forced to resign and the party has become the Irish conservative party. Has only been able to form a government when in coalition with other groups. Under Garret Fitzgerald a devolved government in the north of Ireland is seen as the first step towards a resolution of the problem of partition.

Free State: Name given to the 26 southern counties of Ireland until 1949 when Ireland left the Commonwealth and became the "Republic of Ireland".

Friends of Ireland: A Republican-Democrat group set up in Washington March 16, 1981 following a visit by John Hume of the Social Democratic and Labor Party. Object: to "keep a close watching brief on the Northern issue." Associated with the Four Horsemen — Senators Kennedy and Moynihan, Congressman Tip O'Neill and former Governor Carey of New York. Would appear to back policies of Hume's SDLP and apparently also brought pressure to bear on Ireland's Haughey when he wanted to remove Ambassador Donlon from Washington.

Garda Siochana (or Gardai) also called Civic Guards: The police in the south of Ireland.

H-Blocks: The cell blocks in Long Kesh Concentration Camp — also called the Maze Prison. Named H-Blocks because of their shape.

Hunt Report: Report issued 10/10/69 by committee headed by Lord Hunt which recommended sweeping changes in what proved a vain effort to reform the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the police force in the north of Ireland.

Irish American Defense Fund: US based group formed to pay legal expenses and when necessary provide financial assistance to families of those charged in the US for offenses connected with the Irish struggle for self-determination.

Irish Citizen Army: Founded by James Larkin in 1913 as a workers' defense force and fashioned by James Connolly into a revolutionary socialist force. The Plough and the Stars was the flag of the Irish Citizen Army which took part with the Irish Volunteers in the 1916 Rising.

Irish Independence Party: Formed in 1977 with aim of seeking a British withdrawal from north Ireland.

Irish Labor Party: Founded in 1912 by James Larkin and James Connolly as a trade unionist's party with membership limited to union members, a restriction removed in 1930 in an effort to widen its power base. Irish workers have, however, tended to give their support to Fianna Fail. The Labor Party has formed coalition governments with Fine Gael since 1973.

Irish National Caucus: Set up as an umbrella group to lobby legislators on behalf of a united Ireland. Acting now for same aim but independently of other Irish organizations.

Irish National Liberation Army (INLA): See Irish Republican Socialist Party.

Irish Northern Aid Committee: See Noraid.

Irish Republican Army (IRA): Name given to the guerrilla army which fought against the British in the War of Independence, 1919-1921. After the signing of the treaty, the IRA split into two factions, with the anti-treaty faction going underground and retaining the name IRA. In 1939-40 they carried out a bombing campaign in England and campaigns in the north in 1942-44 and 1956-62. The failure to gain popular support for the 56-62 campaign led to a decision to give up the armed struggle, recognize the partition parliaments in Stormont and Dublin. This departure from the traditional aims of the movement resulted in a split in 1970 with the dissenting minority forming the Provisional Irish Republican Army. The majority was called first the Official IRA. Both factions claimed the name Sinn Fein for the political groups associated with them, and we thus had Provisional Sinn Fein and Official Sinn Fein. Later the Officials dropped the title IRA and called themselves Sinn Fein The Workers Party. They have since renounced the name Sinn Fein and are now known simply as The Workers Party.

Irish Volunteers: Formed in 1913 "to secure and maintain the rights and liberties common to all the people of Ireland." Later called the Irish Republican Army.

Loyalist: Term applied to individuals or groups favoring the retention of the link with the British Crown. Synonymous with Unionist.

MIF: Abbreviation for Military Intelligence 5, the branch of British Intelligence which operates in the United Kingdom. Sometimes referred to as the Security Service. Now called DI5 — for Defense Intelligence 5 — instead of MI5.

MI6: Abbreviation for Military Intelligence 6, the branch of British Intelligence which operates in foreign countries. Known also by the names

Secret Service and Secret Intelligence Service (SIS). Now called DI6 — for Defense Intelligence 6 — instead of MI6.

Military Reconnaissance Force (MRF): Undercover British Army units set up on lines recommended by Brigadier Frank Kitson in *Low Intensity Operations*. Operational procedures similar to those of Special Air Service units and the MRF units may be composed of SAS personnel or acting under the control of SAS personnel. They are the "dirty tricks" units and are responsible for setting of "IRA" bombs, sectarian and political assassinations, kidnappings etc. Have operated in both areas of partitioned Ireland.

Nationalist: Term applied to individuals or groups in Ireland favoring a united Ireland. The term "Republican" is reserved for those nationalists who are prepared to take up arms if necessary in pursuit of a united Ireland. Those who condone only peaceful means are called constitutional nationalists.

National H-Block Armagh Committee: Umbrella group of national organizations which publicized world-wide the case for political status throughout the 1980-1981 hunger strikes.

New Ireland Group: Started by John Robb in 1982 in effort to give new and independent approach to the problems caused by the partition of Ireland. Has advocated negotiated independence for north Ireland so that both north and south could work out new relationship with Great Britain and each other.

Noraid (Irish Northern Aid Committee): US based group formed to raise funds for the support of the families of republicans incarcerated in Ireland, England, Scotland or Wales and to publicize in America the facts about the situation in Ireland. Although political enemies charge that some of the funds raised go for the purchase of weapons the Noraid case upheld by Document 37. This was a secret intelligence estimate of IRA potential prepared by Britain's General Glover which was "acquired" and published by the press. Despite public claims by British officials to the contrary, the report showed that the Provisional IRA was spending more on prisoners' welfare etc. than the total amount received in contributions from abroad.

Normalisation Policy: Special Category Status — i.e. political prisoner status — was granted to all convicted of politically motivated offenses in north Ireland in 1972. The presence of such prisoners proved embarrassing and it was deemed necessary to brand all Irish freedom fighters as criminals. The Diplock Courts made it easy for the establishment to dispose of "unwanted members of the public." They were no longer "Freedom Fighters" but "convicted criminals." As part of the Normalization process also the Royal Ulster Constabulary were given a bigger role. The army was still there but deliberately kept in the background as much as possible. When RUC etc. were sufficiently prepared the announcement was made that all convicted after March 1976 would be housed in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh and denied special category status. The first prisoner affected by the new rule, Kieran Nugent, refused to wear prison clothes or accept prison work

assignments. He was locked naked in a cell and had to use a blanket to cover his nakedness. This was the start of the Blanket Protest, which became the Dirty Protest when Long Kesh authorities refused to allow those protesting to empty the chambers containing their body wastes into buckets up to them provided for that purpose. After enduring barbaric conditions for almost five years a Hunger Strike was embarked on and ten young men died.

Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA): Group modeled on the National Council for Civil Liberties (London) which was formed in north Ireland in 1967. Became a mass movement co-ordinating the activities of many groups in the civil rights campaign. Influenced by the Civil Rights marches in America. Received world wide media attention when Civil Rights marchers were attacked by Orange mobs led by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Northern Ireland Labor Party: Trade union based party established 1924. Abandoned neutral position on partition in 1949 when it endorsed Union with Britain. Enjoys very little support.

Northern Ireland Office: The British administrative center, located in Stormont Castle, from which the province has been governed since Stormont, the parliament of the 6 counties, was prorogued in March 1972.

Orange Order: Founded in 1795 in time of Catholic-Protestant land disputes to protect Protestant interests. Spread with official encouragement and through the years has remained an exclusively Protestant force dedicated to maintaining Protestant supremacy and the link with the Crown. Has been used by government officials to inflame sectarian passions. A columnist in *Fortnight*, September 9, 1985, compared the Order to the KKK in the US.

Peace People: Group formed in 1976 for the promotion of a peaceful solution. Attracted large crowds at first until it was perceived in nationalist areas as one-sided in its condemnation of violence. The rapid rise of the Peace People described by one reporter as "a staggering example of new creation." (*British Media and Ireland*)

People's Democracy: A student-based organization launched in 1968 and active in the civil rights campaign. Influence has declined as it moved to the extreme left politically.

Red Hand Commandos: Loyalist sectarian paramilitary group that emerged in 1972 and was banned the following year.

Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC): Set up in 1922 to replace the Royal Irish Constabulary as the official police force in the six counties. Never a police force in the accepted sense of the term. It has always been an armed paramilitary predominantly Protestant force for the defense of Unionist interests.

Sinn Fein: Gaelic for "Ourselves" though the two Irish words are often, incorrectly, translated by "Ourselves alone." The name Sinn Fein was given to an umbrella organization formed in 1905 by Arthur Griffith with a policy designed to bring together constitutional and republican nationalists. The

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execution of the 1916 leaders turned many moderate nationalists into militants and they joined Sinn Féin which the British had charged was responsible for the rebellion. It became the political party with a republican philosophy. Twenty-seven elected Sinn Féin delegates were present at the first Dail in January, 1919. They ratified the Republic proclaimed in 1916 and decreed that the Irish Volunteers should be called the Irish Republican Army. The IRA, however, was acting independently of the Dail and continued to do so even after the first Minister of Defense, Cathal Brugha, succeeded in getting many of them to take an oath of allegiance which mentioned "Dail Eireann." The relationship between Sinn Féin and the IRA in modern Ireland is like that of 1919. Ruairi O'Bradaigh, President of Sinn Féin, made that clear in a conversation with Hamilton Fish, a member of Congress on a fact finding trip to Ireland in 1978: "The relationship is that those two organizations, and many other organizations, share the same objectives." (Northern Ireland: A role for the United States, 95th Congress, 2d Session, Committee Print No. 23, p. 17.) While the aim of Sinn Féin is to establish a 32 county democratic socialist Republic, Marxists charge that the socialism of Sinn Féin is not really socialism but an alternative to socialism which is derived from Papal encyclicals. (Ireland Divided Nation Divided Class, p. 90 ff.)

Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP): Formed by Gerry Fitt, John Hume, Ivan Cooper, Paddy O'Hanlon, Austin Currie, Paddy Devlin and Paddy Wilson in August 1970 with Fitt as party leader. Fitt and Wilson were members of the Republican Labor party though Fitt had always wanted to emphasize the social rather than the Republican philosophy. Hume, Cooper and O'Hanlon had been independent MPs active in the civil rights campaign. Currie was a Nationalist MP and O'Hanlon a member of the Northern Ireland Labor Party. On the national question the SDLP adopted a policy of unity by consent of the majority in the north. Has been accused of opportunistic politics, opposing the state in 1971 but joining in the power sharing 1974 Executive. Lost ground to Sinn Féin which made inroads into SDLP strongholds to secure 40 percent of the nationalist vote. Surprisingly, considering its public backing by the Friends of Ireland in Congress, the SDLP is a member of the Socialist International and the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community.

Special Air Service (SAS): Unit of British Army set up during World War II for undercover operations. Used for plain-clothes "dirty-trick" operations as described under Military Reconnaissance Force. Details of SAS operations and personnel subject to a D notice in Britain — unauthorized publication a violation of the Official Secrets Acts.

Stormont: The six county Parliament.

Strip Searching: New procedures introduced into Armagh Women's Prison 11/9/82 which contravened all guidelines associated with such searches in US. Have been described as the moral equivalent of rape and are

carried out simply to intimidate and degrade Irish female political prisoners.

Sunningdale Agreements: In November 1973 an announcement was made that some Unionists, the Alliance Party and the SDLP had agreed to form a power sharing Executive. The parties involved met at Sunningdale with representatives of the London and Dublin governments in December 1973 to discuss the political framework within which the newly formed N.I. Executive would operate as well as other items which included the setting up of a Council of Ireland. The Executive, headed by Brian Faulkner, began to function on 1/1/74 but was toppled when the British Army refused to take action against paramilitary groups intimidating workers during a strike called by the Ulster Workers' Council in May 1974.

Taoiseach: Head of government, i.e. Prime Minister, in the south of Ireland.

Ulster Defense Association (UDA): Largest Protestant paramilitary organization. Started in 1969 as an umbrella organization linking a number of vigilante groups. Responsible for many sectarian assassinations but never banned. Used name Ulster Freedom Fighters as a term of convenience when claiming responsibility for assassinations and this "fictional" organization has been banned. City branches of the UDA were particularly vulnerable to infiltration by SAS/MRF personnel who used the UDA to carry out political murders. Kennedy Lindsay, a loyalist, charges in *The British Intelligence Services in Action*, p. 160, that the Ulster Freedom Fighters may have been controlled by the British.

Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR): A locally recruited unit of the British Army formed in 1970 when the B-Specials were disbanded. Mainly Protestant force. Former B-Specials were encouraged to join and membership in the UDA etc. it was made clear, was no bar to joining. Composed of part-timers as well as full-time members, many of whom have been involved in sectarian crimes. There is, one writer has commented, a remarkable structural resemblance to the Gurka Brigade in that they are led by Englishers while no "native" can rise above a certain rank.

Ulster Loyalist Association: Group active in the period 1969-1972 calling for stronger security policies and opposed to any interference with the constitution of north Ireland.

Ulster Loyalist Democratic Party: Political party formed in 1981 and linked to the Ulster Defense Association.

Ulster Protestant Volunteers: A paramilitary body formed in 1966 by Ian Paisley "to uphold and maintain the Constitution of Northern Ireland as an integral part of the United Kingdom as long as the United Kingdom maintains a Protestant Monarchy and the terms of the Revolution Settlement." Linked with the Ulster Constitution Defense Committee formed at the same time. While committed to using "all lawful methods" to attain its aims some of its members were involved in bombings which led to Prime Minister O'Neill's fall from power. The Protestant Volunteers disappeared after 1969. Many of its members were also in the Ulster Volunteer Force.

Ulster Unionist Party: An Ulster Unionist Council was set up in 1906 to oppose Home Rule and this became the Ulster Unionist Party

when Ireland was partitioned in 1921. The party maintained strong links with the Orange Order and with the British Conservative Party. It formed the government of north Ireland from 1921 until 1972 when Stormont was prorogued. Took the name "Official Unionist Party" to distinguish it from the Unionist Party of Northern Ireland formed by Brian Faulkner after the collapse of the power sharing Executive.

Ulster Volunteer Force: Protestant militia formed in 1912 to oppose Home Rule and were formed into a separate unit of the British Army — the 36th (Ulster) Division — during the First World War. Reformed in 1920 and engaged in attacks on Catholics 1920-1923. A sectarian group using the same name emerged in 1965 and though banned the following year continued on as an underground paramilitary organization. Controlled by British Intelligence who arranged to have their man rise rapidly within the

UVF hierarchy by having other activists arrested.

Ulster Special Constabulary: Exclusively Protestant paramilitary forces organized by British in 1920. The A-Specials were full time helpers of the Royal Irish Constabulary, the B-Specials were part-timers while the Cs were armed and could be quickly mobilized.

Ulster Workers' Council: Loyalist trade unionists who came together under UDA auspices in 1973 and organized the May 1974 strike that toppled the power sharing Executive.

Ulster Vanguard: Umbrella organization initiated by William Craig early in 1972 to oppose direct rule from London then only a possibility. Strongly supported by loyalist paramilitary groups especially the Vanguard Service Corps with which it was linked. Accused of being a fascist movement — Craig given the Fascist salute at rallies. Craig changed the Vanguard

from being an umbrella group into a political party in 1973 and called it the Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party. This lasted until 1978 when he resurrected Ulster Vanguard.

Unionist: Term applied to individuals or groups in favor of retaining the political link between the six northern counties of Ireland and the United Kingdom. Synonymous with loyalist.

United Ulster Unionist Coalition: Alliance formed by the Official Unionist Party, the Democratic Unionist Party and the Vanguard Party in 1974 to bring down the power sharing Executive.

Editor's Note: The above Irish Glossary pullout is provided to help Hibernians in their pursuit of peace and justice for the people of their ancestral homeland. A common "language" will help to consolidate efforts to boost Ireland to its full economic potential and wholeness as a nation.

Emigrants

(For Joe Doherty Entombed)

Ambition's inner worm gnawed the Irish immigrant heart —
born of necessity incredible,
refugees from gleeful, godly,
genocide —
exported to provide for those
worn outside-in by England's
famine worm,
England's 'satisfactory level'
of righteous extirpation.

Ireland exported the pride
of the hearth,
sent in saecula saeculorum,
vanished in aeternam —
bare survival inadequate, intolerable
at such sacrifice,
but flourish and flourish
again midst famine stream of Anglo-
American waspery and trepidation —
they, who feared your prowess,
your avowed, manic, life-giving function —
achieve!

They, who presumed a leisure
without tedium as a right,
making a virtue of minutia,
a 'satisfactory level' of
distilled lassitude:
romantic, adventuring, certifiable
exiles
fled of other fears —
of timorous title,
threatening sire,
periled patrimony,
of harlots, punting, and
double-visioned hunting:

"Too much, sirrah! you shame me, sir!
to the colonies or to hell with you!"

So they came, glebeless both —
we to build a country
and rise memorially,
they to ravage, misunderstand, and despoil
a clay-based Empire from within,
syphilis-like,
while we built brick upon brick,
we, out of the clay,
attended the wake of their descent —
like decent christians.

While, at the Club,
over a suitable claret,
Sir Cecil announced (with some relief),
the demise of his eldest,
'gone for England's glory!'
"Hear! hear!" (wink! wink!)

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Such bombast was my first lesson in history —
boiled from Sligo and Kildare,
Galway and Antrim roots
to a youthful confusion,
annealed in a familial pot
of Christmas or Easter cheer —
father rarely participated in the poisonous
drink,
or Hibernia's melancholy misery —
understanding only relationships
he could control,
possessor of only maintenance-free values —
saloon-keeper, denied
the luxury of free speech,
doomed to impressions

and agreement —
necessary acquiescence,
sublimation,
condescension —
patronizing patrons:
laugh, (foolish), take the cash —
agree, (amadan), take the cash —
calculated deference —
'More fool ye!'

Occasional benders, though,
less controlled
near the end,
provoked a personal, scab-picking,
revisionist history —

"The day I sailed in the tawler,
I knew I'd never see my mother again —
no fekkín' jets then — no money, either!
I stood on the deck with the other poor
goms and innocents and saw the old men
on the cliffs — I couldn't find my own
father. The women had placed piles of
straw along the ridge and some ran along
lighting them and waving and calling our
names in pitiful squeals — I say my mother
waving her red shawl and finally falling
to the ground, unable to run any further —
then, a wave washed her out of view — forever.
She was only forty when I left but she
was dead in a few years and they couldn't keep
her till I got home — 'don't be laughing, you
bollix, or I'll break your bloody back!' —
whatever it was kept me on that boat, that
turned my back to her mawing on a Sligo strand,
took all my heart for aught —"

So it was —
and from such I learned,
at the knee
as at the grave.

By MICHAEL McDONNELL

Editor's Note: Dr. McDonnell teaches Irish Literature at Fairfield University, CT, and is a member of the local J.F.K. Division.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Tour De France — By now everyone knows that Stephan Roche ran this endurance race. He also ran most of the other major bike races in Europe. The big flap was over the Charles Haughey being on the podium with the PM of France for the victory presentation. Some wags say this was strictly political. Others say it was because Roche is still an Irishman, no matter where he lives. YR thinks it was great that 2 PMs were there to greet the winner. As for the winner, YR liked the remark when he asked when the impact hit him. Roche said something to the effect that it was when they started playing the Irish National Anthem. Roche said they only play that on important occasions.

Baseball — The pennant races on in earnest. The Mets aren't winning when they should. The Yankees are doing their best but this doesn't seem to be good enough for their owner, George S. Punditis are marking the calendars as to the days Sweet Lou Pinella has left. St. Louis seems to be shaky. Well, time will tell. YR has no predictions; if your memory is good, he hasn't picked a winner since he married.

Football — The Colleges opened up in force this past weekend. Notre Dame went to Ann Arbor, MI and came home a winner. They looked good. Maybe this is their year. Penn State on the other hand, entertained Alabama and played the host right up to letting the visiting team win. Penn State is young; so is Notre Dame, but you'll see a lot of exciting football this year from these two teams among others. Support your local teams.

In the Pros, there is talk of a strike. Over free agency. YR can't get too shook up over guys talking about going out on strike when the average salary is around \$200,000. Seattle's Bosworth gets something around \$18,000/game and John Elway gets \$62,000/game. YR is struggling to make ends meet on \$26,000/year. Please do not think YR is anti-union. He isn't. He just has troubles with people making that kind of money being unhappy with

what they are doing. If they were striking to give the lowly rank-and-file members a bigger piece of the action, that would be fine. Or if they were doing it for a noble principle. But the owners and the players seem to have one thing in mind, and it isn't the fans. Enough soapbox!

In the opening week, the Jets made good use of the players who are healthy. One of the announcers on the Jets-Bills game thought that Marty Lyons should be paid more as he had a speaking part. Lyons voiced his disapproval of a call which was picked up and carried nationwide. Marty should work on his vocabulary. Denver picked Seattle apart, Bosworth not withstanding. Washington handled Philadelphia easily. Buddy Ryan introduced some innovative plays. The one is strictly illegal, having a player come from the sideline and not the huddle. Ray Perkins team, Tampa Bay, turned in a fine performance on the first day. YR didn't get to see much of the other teams. But it should prove to be an interesting season.

On the local HS football scene, 2 Irish kids teamed up to beat the Catholic High School in the opening game. Ray Stanton and Kevin McHugh playing for the Binghamton Patriots did in Seton Catholic Central High School. Stanton is following in his father's footsteps, being the QB. McHugh is a receiver.

Gaelic Sports — The All-Ireland Championships are getting underway. YR will try catching these in the next column.

Odds 'N Ends — Now that football is underway, the baseball playoffs and World Series will be soon upon us. Basketball will soon be here also, as will hockey. Send your clips and letters concerning what your Division or members of your Division are doing.

YR received a notice that NYS AOH Softball tourney was held in Elmira on 8/22-23/87 but never received any word on who won. YR can't write about it if you don't inform him. Until next time on the sidelines, Slainte!

Irish Women Score Well on LPGA Tour

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Pat Bradley, 1986 Lady Golfer of the Year, Patty Sheehan, Leading Contender and Sally Quinlan, a golfer to be reckoned with, are all having fine seasons.

Pat Bradley, L.P.G.A., won almost \$500,000 in 1986 and was voted the leading woman golfer in the world. Although she has won only one tournament this year, she has scored well and should bring home a few victories before the year is out. Every victory brings a cow bell salute from her mother, Kathleen, back in Westford, MA. Pat and Bradley's Ski & Tennis Shop, on Route No. 110, Westford, have been one of the top supporters of Division 14 AOH Tara Hall Sports Nights over the years. Father Owen O'Sullivan, S.M.A., and the boys at Tara Hall, Georgetown, S.C., are most grateful.

Patty Sheehan, a native of Vermont and now residing in California, is a force to be reckoned with in

every tournament that she enters. For some unknown reason, the media has been slow to recognize her many talents. Finally, she is receiving credit for her fine performances over the years. Patty, a very benevolent person, supports "The Tia Sheehan" home for abused and misguided girls in California. Due to her generosity, these girls will be given a chance at a happier and more productive life.

Sally Quinlan, formerly of Framingham and now of Dennis on Cape Cod, has been playing outstanding golf since joining the tour four years ago. Sally was in the leading twenty-five (25) money winners on the L.P.G.A. tour prior to the recent Boston Five Classic at Danvers, MA. She had a second place finish at Indianapolis' Mayflower Classic and a fourth place finish in the Tucson Open. Sally won the Mastercard International in her rookie season, which is a major accomplishment.

She is a graduate of the University of Miami.

Perhaps the golf story of the year was the outstanding play of local amateur, Anne Marie Tobin of Bellevue C.C. and Mount Holyoke College. The young amateur went to a fifteen girl playoff before being eliminated for a spot in this year's U.S. Women's Open. As it was, she had a lower score than almost 60% of the lady pros in the qualifying round at a tough Winchester C.C. Ann Marie should definitely be heard from on the pro tour in a few years.

Bob Coveney

Div. 14 AOH, Watertown MA



PATTY SHEEHAN, at LPGA Boston 5 Classic in Danvers, MA.

New York State Softball Teams Bat It Out

ELMIRA, N.Y.: The results of the 1987 Softball Tournament held on August 22, 1987 at Elmira Festival, Elmira, N.Y. county fairgrounds, are as follows:

The teams playing were Auburn and Oswego. The fields took you back to the 1940s — out in the pasture with rocks, dips and holes. But this makes you appreciate the nice fields that are smooth, levelled, lighted and a pleasure to play on today.

The two teams played a 3 out of 5 series and made a good showing under the circumstances. As usual, there were the small disagreements that were controlled, and decisions made by the cool umpire, Fran Woodward. The games were played under the threat of rain all day but the rain held off until we were under the tent with refreshments. Auburn won the 3 of 5 with a straight win of 3, but Oswego has nothing to feel bad about; they played good ball.

The MVP Award went to Auburn's left-fielder, Mike Young, who played well both defensively and offensively, contributing 4 round trippers in the 3 games.

This being the first year that Oswego has entered the tournament, I see a good competitive group in the future. Appreciation extends to all who participated and gave support at the games and to Elmira for being host on such short notice. Let's start planning now for next year.

Donald O'Hara

State Sports Chairman
Camillus, New York

PAT BRADLEY with godchild Kyle Bradley at Boston 5 Classic. Pat was the world's leading woman golfer in 1986.

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Ladies California State News



LAOH OFFICERS at the California State Convention, San Diego, August 16 are, left to right, front row, Terry Kelleher, national treasurer; Sheila Clifford, national president; Maureen Murphy Edwards, state president; Peggy McDonald, state vice president. Second row, Fr. Mike Healy, state chaplain; Marilyn Schorr, state treasurer; Zoe Foley, past national President; Mary Driscoll, past state president; Peggy Kenny, state historian; Catherine Healy, state missions. Back row, Eileen Madden, past state president; Sue Sweeny, national jewelry chairman; Marie Doherty, state Catholic Action; and Peggy Cahill, state secretary.

The California State Convention was held this year in San Diego August 14-16. John Barry Division 1 was host to both the men's and ladies' Convention. The convention was pleased to have as special guest National President Sheila Clifford, who spent thirty-seven hours in a Chicago Airport on her way to California. She was accompanied by Sue Sweeney, national jewelry chairman. Although the ladies had a

harrowing journey, the hospitality of the Californians quickly offset the discomfort.

A wonderful Celli Ice-Breaker was enjoyed at the home of John and Marilyn Schorr on Friday night; also a two-hour dinner-cruise around San Diego on Saturday and the Banquet and Installation on Sunday to the strains of Sean McVickers and entertainment by local young Hibernian

champion Irish stepdancers.

National President Clifford installed the following 1987-89 state officers:

Maureen Murphy Edwards, president; Peggy McDonald, vice president; Peggy Cahill, secretary; Marilyn Schorr, treasurer; Peggy Kenny, historian; Catherine Healey, chairman of missions; and Marie Doherty, Catholic Action.

National News

Frances Hamre

As Assistant Editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*, I have had the pleasure and honor of attending the Eleventh Annual Communicators Mass for professional personnel of television, radio, public relations, journalism, and advertising. This was celebrated on October 14 with the blessing and endorsement of His Eminence, Bernard Cardinal Law, D.D., Archbishop of Boston.

The scene was the capacity-filled upper Chapel of St. Anthony's Shrine, Arch Street, Boston. The principal celebrant and homilist was the Rev. Peter V. Conley, Communications Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Boston.

Paul La Camera, one of the country's leading television executives, was guest speaker. The renowned Regis College Glee Club served as ministers of music; Elaine Muise, one of New England's premiere organists, presented a one-half hour pre-Mass organ recital of sacred music.

The impressive ceremony was sponsored by St. Anthony's Fraternity, secular Franciscan order.

ESSAY CONTEST

Kathie Linton, national historian, has announced the kickoff of the 1987-1988 National Irish Essay Contest. Topics and requirements will be found elsewhere on this page.

Historians on all levels should already have placed the essay circulars in their respective schools, libraries, parishes and in the hands of their members. The contest opened on October 1, 1987 and will close on February 15, 1988. Kathie reminds us that children are the key to our future and hopefully, through this contest, they will gain a greater knowledge of our Irish heritage and an interest in our Order.

Please Note: For your information Kathie Linton's new address is: 1262 Pearwood Way, Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

I take this opportunity to express the LAOH's appreciation to those who so diligently judged the 1986-87 contest. Judging is a difficult and time consuming task. To Brother Michael Flannigan, Dean of Freshmen at Notre Dame; Brother Lewis Twohig and Molly McCabe, also of Notre Dame, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Ladies

New Jersey News

The Ladies AOH is sponsoring their Fifth Annual Celtic New Year Dance featuring the Willie Lynch Trio on Saturday, October 24 at Holy Spirit Parish Center, Newark-Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock.

Being honored will be Mary O'Malley and Dr. Francis Holt, recipients of the Irish Woman and Irish Man of the year awards for 1987. Ms. O'Malley, of Clifton, is the Irish historian of the Irish American Unity Conference and vice president of the LAOH, Passaic County. Dr. Holt, of Riverdale, is the vice president of the Council of Gaelic Societies and past president of the New Jersey Gaelic League. Dr. Holt was Grand Marshal of the Bergen Council of Gaelic Societies Hackensack 1983 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

the Irish dancers and musicians. All Divisions were represented and were assigned to various booths which were decorated with shamrocks and green, white and gold. This is the second year for Irish Days and it is expected to be an annual event. John F. Kennedy, Cardinal Glennon, Helen Gannon, St. Oliver Plunkett, and Fr. Tim Dempsey Divisions all participated.

Oliver Plunkett Division 2 of St. Louis County held a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock on August 18. It was celebrated at the American Legion Hall and was well attended. At this writing, plans are being completed for the State Convention set for September 25-27.

Ladies Maryland News

Division 4 enjoyed the hospitality of Ruth Knapik and Lorraine Owens for their June and July division meetings and are looking forward to the September meeting at Catherine O'Neill's in a country setting reminiscent of Ireland's countryside. State President Nancy Perrin has set dates for State By-Laws revision meetings.

In October the State Board is sponsoring a baby shower luncheon to benefit needy newborns. Also in October Divisions 4 and 14 will have their annual joint brunch. Recently Marie O'Dea Catons-

LADIES Missouri News

Irish Days at the newly decorated St. Louis Union Station was held July 18 and 19. Thousands came from all over the country to watch

ville Division 1 was featured in an article in the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper. In 1947, Marie, who is now an octogenarian, instituted the annual community Fourth of July Parade. Her credits include a degree in chemistry in 1923 from George Washington University and teaching at Georgetown after her graduation. She has also been a reporter, editor, historian and club leader.

LADIES OHIO NEWS



ENJOYING a few sprightly steps are, left to right, Jane Schreick and Vivian Lermonde, Columbus, Ohio, LAOH members and John McFall, Ballet Metropolitan artistic director. Mr. McFall is honorary chairman, along with chairman Vivian Lermonde, of Columbus' "Dance '87" event.

The Buckeye State convention of July 9-11 in Akron generated much enthusiasm. Warm congratulations went to the new officers — President Marie Cooke; Vice President Kathie Linton; Secretary Pat Egan; Treasurer Shirley Keaton; Historian Evelyn Kuntz; Missions, Colleen Wooten and Catholic Action, Pat Oberrath. A long-to-be remembered highlight of the gathering was the first Exemplification of the Degrees given by the newly formed Ohio Degree Team. Forty-six sisters are especially grateful to Eileen Reynolds Wallenhorst, Marian O'Donnell Reynolds, Joan Cavanaugh, Sheila Crawford, Pat Oberrath, Marilyn Madigan and Pat Butke for a beautiful degree ceremony.

There was much anticipatory talk regarding the upcoming National Convention in Cleveland July 24-29, 1988, as well as the trips by officers to the National Board Meeting, and the testimonial dinners for National Presidents Nick Murphy and Sheila Clifford in September and October respectively.

Also discussed was the Bill introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives by Rep. Robert Hagen, titled "The Northern Ireland Fair Employment Act" (H.B. 417), promoting the MacBride Principles for American businesses in Ireland.

LAOH Franklin County Division, announced that John McFall, Artistic Director of Ballet Metropolitan, will serve as honorary chairman of "Dance '87". The event will be held at St. Christopher Parish Hall, Grandview, featuring square, ballroom and Irish Ceili dancing. Vivian Lermonde, "Dance '87" chairperson, is pleased over the par-



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

As this is the time for the start of the fall meetings, I am preparing to attend my last State Convention. Between the months of May and September, I have had the privilege to attend conventions in Florida, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, California and soon, Texas.

It has been a pleasure to attend these conventions and meet with the members of the Ladies AOH and the AOH. Many suggestions and questions were raised and during the Interim Board Meeting at the end of September, the National Board will discuss some of these items. During the summer months, all members of the Board have been busy. Some of the programs they were working on are listed below.

The National Vice President just completed a very successful fund raiser for the "Hibernian Forest". The forest was dedicated the first week of August in Kerry. At this time I would like to thank all the Divisions, County Boards, State Boards and members who contributed to this worthy cause. Without you, it could not have been a success.

The National Historian has mailed the information for the 1987-1988 National Essay Contest. This year the topic for grade schools will be "The Blarney Stone" and the topic for high schools will be "Bloody Sunday."

The National Chairman of Missions has been busy depositing donations to the Mission Fund but many states have not been heard from. Remember that our goal for 1988 is \$43,000. If we are to have

another successful campaign, we must all work towards it. Each Division should mail their donations to the county chairman, then to the state chairman, who will gladly forward it to Dorothy.

Many states and counties have elected new officers. Each officer should have a Ritual and Constitution. If you need to purchase either, please mail a check to Dolores E. Voelker and she will gladly fill your order. But remember when you order supplies, make checks payable to "The National Board LAOH." This would make the National Treasurer very happy. She would not have to explain to the bank why the check is made out different than the account name.

As you can see it has been a busy several months for the National Board. Now it is the Divisions that will start their fall programs. During the next month or so the Divisions will elect new officers. You must consider that the officers you elect will prevail for the next year. They will lead you into the future. We must continue to grow.

In the near future, you will receive communication on a Membership Drive. During the past couple of years we have lost several hundred members. If every member brings in a friend, we can reverse this trend. Remember that prospective members must be practicing Roman Catholics and of Irish birth or descent. Actually we can double our membership.

The members of the National Board would like to wish each and every member, a very Happy Thanksgiving.



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Irish Essay Contest Subjects Announced

Kathie Linton, national LAOH historian, has announced the opening of the 1987-1988 National Annual Irish History Essay Contest. The specifications are outlined below.

Only FOUR essays, TWO from each contest in each state or Canadian Province, may be entered.

SUBJECTS: For grades 6, 7, 8 — "The Blarney Stone." For grades 9, 10, 11, 12 — "Bloody Sunday."

TIME: Contest opens October 1, 1987 and closes February 15, 1988.

LENGTH: Grades 6, 7, 8: Not less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words. Grades 9, 10, 11, 12: not less than 750 nor more than 1,500 words.

ELIGIBLE: All children attending public, private and parochial schools.

PRIZES: Prizes on each level: \$250, \$150, \$100. Two honorable mentions: \$25 each.

IMPORTANT: Each essay must have on a separate cover sheet: 1. Contestant's name. 2. Age. 3. Complete home address. 4. Complete school address. 5. Number of words in each essay — exclusive of foreword, introduction and bibliography.

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 two best essays from each subject and forward same to the National Chairman not later than March 15, 1988. Winners will be announced as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY (Other sources may be used)

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Merit Student Encyclopedia
(Vol 3)
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Dennis Fraden
Land and People of Ireland
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Kathryn Mayer
World Book
(Vol 1) 1974

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The British Army — N. Ireland
Michael Dewar
N. Ireland: The Divided Province
Keith Jeffery
N. Ireland: The Troubles
Charles Messenger
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P. Michael O'Sullivan
N. Ireland: Battle of Bogside
Clive Lipkin
The Centre Cannot Hold
Tom Collins
New York Times Index
Jan. 30, 1972
(Essays should be returned to your respective State Historian.)

LAOH Massachusetts News

Division Eight of Springfield, in compliance with the wishes of His Holiness Pope John II, offered a Living Rosary to officially open the Marian Year. Sisters of St. Joseph, members of the Division, provided the meditation for each Mystery.

A capacity crowd attended the Annual Supper and Dance on October 3rd. After a delicious chicken meal, Leo Doherty and his Shamrocks of Kerry provided toe tingling Irish music.

Division Eight is especially proud of member Sr. Patricia James Sweeney, SSJ, chairman of Catholic Action and principal of Cathedral High School. She was one of the chosen few to share the platform with Pope John Paul on his recent visit to the United States. Sr. Patricia will share her experiences at the next meeting.

The Anniversary of Our Lady of Knock was observed by Division 8, Clinton, with a special Liturgy in the Chapel of St. John's Church. The August 21st Mass was offered by Rev. Father Kivel, who also gave the homily.

Following Mass, candlelight prayer service was held before the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. At the same time that the celebration was taking place in Clinton, State Chaplain Rev. James Champion and former State Chaplain Rev. Dan Bowen were offering their prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady in Ireland.

A testimonial honoring Mary Dolan, newly elected state president was held at the Old Timers Restaurant in Clinton. The large

gathering enjoyed the meal and the music of "Jug of Punch", a popular Irish group. Dot Flury, state historian, and a member of Division 36, Worcester, which is also Mary's home Division, was chairman.

Among those in attendance were Mary's father, Mr. J. Dolan; Sheila Clifford, national president; Mrs. Clifford, Sheila's mother; Mary Bradley, national vice president; Sue Sweeney, national chairman of jewelry; Bill McNery, past national president and Bill Sullivan, state president AOH.

Mary L. Sullivan, 93, a Brockton resident and a state life member of St. Rita's Division, LAOH, went to her eternal reward after a lengthy illness. Mary had been an active member of St. Rita's, having served in all the offices on the division and county levels.

Worcester County Board, LAOH, welcomed 30 new sisters to its ranks on September 10, as Sr. Catherine Duvarney, county secretary, instituted the new Division. She was assisted in the rites of initiation by Sr. Kathleen Chiavaras, county treasurer; Sr. Mary Dolan, state president; and Sr. Ann Devaney, past state president. Immediately following the institution of Division 17 Sr. Duvarney installed the new officers, who are:

President Eileen Greene; Vice President Rita Glennon; Secretary Janet Ballou; Financial Sec. Kathryn McLaughlin; Treasurer Margaret Lee; Historian Margaret Maher; Missions, Mary Devlin; Catholic Action, Lu Ann Sullivan; Mistress at Arms Lucille Strickland; and Sentinel Mary Sitnik.

Also attending were Jackie Lamprey, state vice president; Mary Ryan, state treasurer; Ann Partridge, Worcester County historian; Alice Henry, Worcester County missions; Joan O'Brien, Middlesex County president; Kathleen McShane, Middlesex County historian; Catherine Shine, president, No. Andover; and Jackie Lee, treasurer of Worcester.

LAOH Michigan State News

Signaling the end of summer, the second Annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock was celebrated on August 23, at the Annual AOH Walsh Division picnic, with Rev. Thomas Flynn, AOH Chaplain, as celebrant. Kate MacIntosh, state chairman of Catholic Action and Rosemary Hoffman, state president made arrangements for the Mass which attracted a record crowd.

The Rose Kennedy Division participated in the seventh annual Pontiac Irish Festival on August 7-9 by having a booth abundant with Irish

cheese, Irish soda bread and various baked goods. Generous helpers were State AOH President Jim Flynn, Super Salesman, and Woody Trap. In spite of the rain, hail and tornado warnings, the festival was a great success.

The Ladies are looking forward to the benefit for Oliver Kearney, to be held in October at AOH Hall. Oliver Kearney was General Secretary of the License Vintner's Federation of Northern Ireland, who was fired for testifying before the United States Legislature on the MacBride Principles.



PARTICIPATING with a bountiful booth at the Pontiac Irish Festival in Michigan are, left to right, Sue Lauster; LAOH Rose Kennedy Division president; Kathy Gibbons and Rose Trapp, who were co-chairmen.

Connecticut LAOH News

The chance birthday present of a book on Irish folklore last fall led an eighth grader at St. Joseph's School, Norwalk, to the National title in the recent Annual Irish History Essay Contest, sponsored by the LAOH National Board.

Scott Heywood used the book and other resources in local libraries in writing the 1500-word piece that was judged best among the hundreds submitted by elementary school students around the nation.

As often happens in contests, Scott wasn't as successful locally as he was on higher levels. He came in third in the Norwalk area, then went on to win the county title and second place in the State. He received \$250.00 for winning the National title and lesser amounts for the other placements. The National Award was presented to him by Lee Cullen, president of the Norwalk Division.

The members of Division 66, Waterbury will staff a booth at the Charity Fair at the Naugatuck Valley Mall, the profits going to the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund.

During November a Living Rosary will be held, while December harbors the Annual Banquet. Choice of giving will be baby clothes to a local hospital, and mittens and hats for older kids.

As part of the fall division meeting the 80th birthday of the National President's mother was celebrated and she was made a life member of the division.

LADIES Florida News

The men and ladies of Fulton J. Sheen Div. 2, Broward Co., sponsored a Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 20, at St. Joseph's Church and at the Ramada Inn, Palm Bay. Betty Boyle, state Secretary, and her husband, Jack, state president AOH,

Ladies New York News

The Ladies of Kings County LAOH were proud and honored to learn that Ann Healion was elected to the office of New York State President. For the past forty-five years, Ann has given her time and devotion to the work of Hibernians. Ann is also Guardian of the Ladies Kings County Degree Team. She has been the organizer of fund raising for disabled persons for the past thirty-three years. In her deep faith, she trusts God to help members fulfill their Hibernian motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

The Nassau Co. Board of the LAOH held its annual Communion Breakfast to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock on August 23. The Eucharist, celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes in Massapequa Park, was followed by a Rosary recitation in the church grotto. Some seventy members and guests later shared breakfast at Vinetto's Restaurant. An inspirational talk was given by seminarian Tom Moriarty. Chaired by Mary Manser assisted by Clare Deucher, the event was attended by many local, county, state and national LAOH and AOH dignitaries.

New York State held their 84th Biennial Convention, July 8-11, at the Hotel Niagara in Niagara Falls. Opening with Mass at St. Mary's Church, the convention program included an Ice Breaker Reception, Irish Night with Ceili entertainment, the Convention Ball with music provided by Noel Kingston, concluding with Mass and an Installation Banquet. Business sessions were attended by approximately 200 delegates whose outstanding accomplishment was the adoption of revised New York State By-Laws.

Elected for the 1987-1988 term: President, Ann Healion; Vice President, Anne Armas; Secretary, Amelia Babcock; Treasurer, Mary Marrinan; Irish Historian, Dorothy Voelker; Missions, Bernadette Hartnett; Catholic Action, Rosalie Rairden. At the installation banquet, newly installed President Ann Healion announced the appointment of Chairman of Public Relations, Joyce Hennessey and Chairman of Freedom For All Ireland, Nancy DeLegge.

Ladies D. of C. News

Area members were saddened by the death of His Eminence, Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, on August 10, 1987. A member of the Commodore John Barry Division since 1969, the Cardinal was faithful in attendance at functions as long as his health permitted.

St. Matthews Cathedral was filled to capacity with many standing outside. Among the Hibernians attending the ceremony were LAOH officers Katherine Back, Zelda Reilly, Dorothy Edwards, and Margaret Heasley.

Dorothy Edwards, Catholic Action chairman, attended the high noon Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where the Catholic Golden Age Group were celebrating. They were acknowledging the "Lighting of a Million Candles" all over the United States.

Thomas Murphy, son of Mrs. Anne Reilly of Division 9 LAOH, won awards for Juniors under the age of 14, with his Irish wolfhound, Wild. Isle Jupiter, at the Montgomery Co., MD, state fair.

MacBride Principles

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Sean MacBride, the founder of Amnesty International and a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. While they apply specifically to Northern Ireland, they embody accepted American standards and traditions of equal rights, equality of opportunity and blind justice.

Their goals include meaningful minority-group representation in managerial and supervisory positions, assuring the security of minority group members on the job, publicly advertising job openings and developing training programs for minority group members.

These are hardly radical proposals. Moderate, in fact, they emphatically do not contemplate hiring quotas. No company, domestic or foreign, could operate in this country without adhering to them.

The British Government claims disingenuously that the MacBride Principles violate British law by requiring discrimination against Protestants. That, it says, would run counter to longstanding British anti-discrimination policies.

The Orwellian irony of this contention is manifest. The "illegality" argument is no more than a smokescreen for opposing the MacBride Principles. Noted English legal experts, including Britain's former solicitor general, Peter Archer, Q.C., and former Fair Employment Agency consultant Dr. Christopher McCrudden of Oxford University, have effectively refuted the government's assertions. In addition, in May 1986, in "NYCERS vs American Brands," the United States District Court found the British charges of "discrimination" under the MacBride Principles to be entirely without foundation: "Although the MacBride Principles . . . may be viewed as calling for affirmative action," the court wrote, "they do not call for discrimination against anyone."

Opponents claim that the MacBride Principles will insert politics into the workplace. That is also patent nonsense. As anyone familiar with Northern Ireland knows, Orange politics permeates industry there. A factory floor bedecked with orange flags and emblems, "Ulster Says No" banners and paramilitary recruitment posters is assuredly political already; realistically, equality of opportunity will make no headway in such an environment.

Indeed, we are urging that politics be taken out of the workplace. The MacBride Principles do just that by attacking the underpinnings of sectarianism, as well as its outward manifestations.

Finally, the British argue that the imposition of the MacBride Principles on companies will discourage American investment in Northern Ireland. That puts the cart before the horse; for Northern Ireland is not going to attract substantial new investment unless the political situation improves. And it is not going to improve significantly until matters as central as equality of opportunity are dealt with squarely, and improvements are seen by all elements of the minority communities.

American businesses, whether they like it or not, are virtual extensions of the United States itself when they operate abroad. As such, it is proper and appropriate that they adhere to our most basic moral standards and for us to insist that they do.

In Northern Ireland, where 24

American companies or their Irish subsidiaries have branches or facilities, and account for 12 percent of all industrial employment, U.S. interests have become, unwittingly or otherwise, instruments of the endemic economic discrimination that savages Catholics.

These firms should not be allowed to hide behind the ineffective efforts of the British Government to attack that discrimination. They should be compelled to adopt the MacBride Principles and implement them. No fair or decent corporate management should want to do any less.

For the situation is bound to worsen if the Catholic minority does not soon begin to feel it has obtained economic enfranchisement.

Irish Lads

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South Bend stadium, waking up the echoes," quipped Munley.

Meanwhile, the versatile athlete plays Gaelic football on a team that just won the all-Ireland championship for 14 years and under.

A resident of Newry, outside Belfast, Northern Ireland, Gerard is the youngest of six children. His parents are also part of the unemployment rate, which Gerard says is 60% for both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Political and religious strife, terrorism and poverty haven't dulled the boys' spirits or their concern for others even less fortunate.

In Newry, traditional Irish hospitality breaks out annually in the form of a seven mile road race to benefit the starving in Ethiopia. The town where even hot dogs are scarce sends what it can, perhaps mindful of Ireland's own national famine in 1846, when the potato blight caused the economy to go belly up.

"There's always someone worse off," said Gerard. "We're lucky for what we have."

Colm's town holds an annual Ethiopia Day, when all the merchants lower their prices and donate every penny from the gigantic sale to keep Ethiopians alive.

"Dunn's Supermarket, the biggest in Dunkalk (pop. 20,000) refuses to sell products from South Africa in protest of apartheid," Colm was proud to report.

Predictably, the person highest on the boys' list of heroes is Irish native Bob Geldof, the rock promoter who has raised millions for relief through Live Aid, Band Aid, Sport Aid, etc.

To help raise funds for a food delivery truck which could traverse deserts, Colm sold two cherished souvenirs for \$400 . . . a ball and hurley used in a championship hurling contest.

The boys have been impressed with American generosity, as well as our freedom and our judicial system. And they have noted with pleasure the success which Irish immigrants have achieved in the New World.

On a recent tour of the Media Court House, they met a number of public officials who shared their Irish heritage, among them newly named Federal Judge Robert Kelly, and Common Pleas Judge William Toal, whose parents came from Colm's town in County Louth.

Everyone who meets the boys wants to take them somewhere.

On a Chesapeake weekend with Assistant District Attorney Howard Gallagher, the boys went crabbing and visited the Baltimore Aquarium and the Inner Harbor. On a weekend foray in Washington with Bill and Liz Kelly, they enjoyed the Marine Corps' famous Sunset Parade and formal lowering of the colors.

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The United Irish American Immigration Committee continues its many years of working for fair and equitable immigration laws. It is a struggle that dates back to 1965. We are pleased to see that the "Irish Immigration Crisis" has many new committees operating, who in turn, hopefully, will help those who are in dire need of prompt assistance.

The new legislation being offered on a partisan basis will not help those who emigrated to the U.S.A. after January 1st, 1982, in spite of all the headlines in the Irish media, etc. The 1986 Immigration Act unfortunately will give no real help to anyone emigrating to the U.S.A. after December 31, 1981. However, the new bill (1986) has a number of items which must be thoroughly monitored, so that reports of failures in this bill can be used to correct discrimination. The U.I.A.I.C. is carefully studying the rather complex law, in hopes of getting help for the many undocumented persons living here at present.

The NP5 program has given some small relief to those who qualified. We have been made aware of individuals who were turned down for proper admission to the U.S.A., but they have requested and received the right to appeal this decision.

An area which the Irish who qualify are avoiding is the legalization program (a part of the 1986 Act). We strongly urge everyone who has been in this country prior to January 1, 1982, to check with any of the offices listed. You are positively assured of complete confidentiality and the people in these offices can and will give you 100% cooperation. Those who have filed under this new legalization section have received help and a majority have already received their proper I.D., as a legal person in the U.S.A. Here are the addresses and telephone numbers:

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We assure you of a prompt reply. We will continue to keep you up to date on the progress of our Committee in its work on Immigration.

President's Message

Teachtaineacht An Uachtaráin
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

SCÉALA NA NODLAIG

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace among men of good will.

Such is the traditional Christmas greeting ever since the angels proclaimed the good news on that very first Christmas. We must renew our efforts to build good will among all men, and most particularly among our own people still suffering injustice as a consequence of the current troubles in the "North" of Ireland. Only through a conscientious pursuit of Justice can we properly hope to build the foundation for the realization of our prayers for true and lasting Peace in Ireland.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Wherever we may wander, there is no place like home for the holidays. Although most of us cannot make it home to Ireland every Christmas, most of us have made homes for our immediate families in the New World. Yet this Christmas, more than at any time in living memory, there are well over a hundred thousand young Irish people in the United States who are denied a round-trip home for Christmas as well as being denied the opportunity to build proper new homes in what for previous generations of Irish immigrants had been the "land of opportunity."

The United States is still a land of opportunity, but, for all the hoopla over the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, the fact remains that the rules changed some twenty years ago. The "golden door" was slammed in the face of the Irish, and an old sign was taken out of storage and hung on the outside — "No Irish Need Apply." That is, need not apply for equal opportunity or equal justice under law.

If you are Irish and just looking for the opportunity to work in the expanding American economy, well maybe you can work off the books, subject to exploitation and harassment, with no benefits and always looking over your shoulder — a life in the shadows, a life in which the mental habits developed for survival are not those which necessarily contribute to a wholesome stability in civil society. If you are a fugitive from English injustice, seeking asylum in North America, even if every court in the land proclaims that your "offence" was political and not criminal, you could wind up like Joe Doherty — imprisoned for years pending yet another round of deportation hearings, as an Anglophile government, unheeding of its own revolutionary origins, seeks to return you to the "justice" of a foreign imperial occupation force.

All Hibernians must do their utmost, both individually and collectively through Hibernian divisions, to bring the spirit of Christmas to all of our exiles in America. To the many who are out there out of economic necessity, open up your homes and share your Christmas now, and in the new year work all the harder for the immigration reforms that Justice demands for the Irish. We must reopen the "golden door" as well as regularize the status of over one hundred thousand Irish immigrants already working "out of status" in the American economy.

For those Irish exiles who are among us because they dared to oppose the subjection of our part of Ireland, to foreign domination, we must be especially watchful that no Irish political refugees are extradited to any place under the control of the British empire. Just as we must remember those few of our friends in the United States Senate who stuck with us in opposition to the New Supplemental Extradition Treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as those at home who opposed an even more infamous extradition proposal with England, so too must we aid in the resettlement of those who cannot return home.

CHRISTMAS TIME AND IRISH CUSTOM

One of the key elements found in pre-Christian Ireland, and indeed a major factor in Saint Patrick's ability to convert a Celtic people was their appreciation of Charity. Support of the less fortunate, a tradition of hospitality and brotherly love were traits of the race recognized by Patrick and built upon in bringing the message of Christ to the Gael.

As we approach the feast of the Nativity, all Christians become more aware of the precepts of their Creed. The will to express our love becomes manifest in traditional giving. Certainly then as Christians and as Hibernians our concern for the needy must stimulate us to action at this holy season.

Our Brother Hibernian Dave Burke, National Chairman for Charities and Missions, reminds us of the ongoing work by many Christian charities supported by our Order. Their needs must be addressed too at this time.

If every member would mail but one dollar to the AOH Charities and Missions Fund, c/o David R. Burke, 6 Mount Vernon Terrace, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01843, the Order as an entity could participate in the works of Christ on Earth.

Nodlaigh shona díbh agus go n-eirighidh an t-Adh libh rith na bliadhana nua.

Irish Man of Year Choice Applauded

AOH National President Nick Murphy issued this statement on the selection of John Cardinal O'Connor as Irish Man of the Year.

"We of the Ancient Order of Hibernians hail the selection of our fellow Hibernian, John Cardinal O'Connor, as Irish America magazine's 'Irish Man of the Year.'"

"The Cardinal Archbishop of New York is an outstanding Irish American, who knows and cherishes his ancestral heritage and culture. He is a man of charity and compassion, of principle and integrity, a Man of God who has endured mean, unfair and unjust criticism because he makes the tough decisions and takes the courageous stands. He speaks out forcefully in the liberty-loving, freedom-seeking, tyrannical tradition of his forebears."

"We liken Cardinal O'Connor to his early predecessor, the first Archbishop of New York, Tyrone-born John Hughes, who, in his time, courageously espoused the cause of the oppressed Irish in Ireland and in America. Cardinal O'Connor has been a stand-up-and-be-counted, steadfast friend of our Order and of Irish Americans. We take great pride in this Prince of the Church and his many accomplishments. We esteem, admire and respect him because of the things he stands for and the things he stands against."

Beirne Re-Elected Parade Chairman

NEW YORK, NY: Francis P. Beirne was re-elected Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which will conduct the 227th annual New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade on Thursday, March 17, 1988.

Beirne, who is a native of County Leitrim and resides in Yonkers, succeeded Judge James J. Comerford as Parade Committee Chairman in 1985.

Five Parade Committee officers were re-elected: Vice Chairman Richard J. Cunningham; Recording Secretary Margaret O'Rourke; Treasurer John Dunleavy; Financial Secretary Thomas Rogers; and Sergeant-at-Arms Patrick Reynolds. Veteran Parade Corresponding Secretary Martin Dunne was elected to that post.

The election, which was held at the

Sheraton Centre Hotel, was chaired by Timothy Hartnett, assisted by Richard Cunningham, John Dunleavy and Margaret O'Rourke. Judge John Collins nominated Francis Beirne, with United Irish Counties President Frank Feighery nominating John Carroll. An estimated 400 men and women were present at the nominations and election of Parade officers.



1988 ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE. The eight newly-elected officers of the Big Apple's 1988 Big Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Parade are, left to right, seated, Corresponding Secretary Martin Dunne; Treasurer John Dunleavy; Vice Chairman Richard Cunningham; Chairman Frank Beirne; and Recording Secretary Margaret O'Rourke. Standing, Parade Committee Directors Peter Cassels, Martin Kearns and Donald Sullivan. Also elected but not in photo: Financial Secretary Thomas Rogers and Sergeant-at-Arms Patrick Reynolds.

Historian Offers 3rd History Book

Mike McCormack, New York State Historian for the AOH and 3-time winner of the National Essay competition, has published Volume III of his *Echoes of Irish History* series. The original volume, bound in green, was published on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1983; the second volume, bound in white, was published on the Fourth of July, 1985; and this latest volume, bound in orange, carries the publishing date of Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1987. The volumes represent the three colors of the Irish flag and the three original holidays of the Order, to whom volume III is dedicated.

Like the previous volumes, this offering contains stories adapted from the history segment of Mike's radio program "Echoes of Ireland," which airs each Sunday over WLIM (1580 A.M.) in Patchogue, Long Island. The stories are short vignettes from Irish history which have proven popular with the Irish American audience and are syndicated on several other Irish programs.

In response to requests from that audience for copies of his broadcast scripts, Mike published *Echoes of Irish History* in 1983, and within nine months was completely sold out. "It's a tremendous feeling to have your beliefs confirmed," Mike said. "Many people consider Irish history a difficult and uninteresting subject, but I believe that if it is presented in a popular style, folks might read it and learn just how enjoyable and rewarding it is. I selected a few interesting stories from our history and presented them just that way to test my theory; the results were very positive. My hope is that *Echoes of Ireland*, which airs each Sunday over WLIM, will create a genuine interest in the subject, and inspire people to pursue the topic in greater detail by seeking the source of the echo."

Turlough Folain, author of *Blood on the Harp* called Mike "a veritable treasure trove of the Irish arcane."

Thomas Gallagher, author of *Paddy's Lament* has endorsed the series, noting that Mike "discusses each subject with precision and eloquence." Morgan Llywelyn, author of *Lion of Ireland, Bard and Grannia*, compared Mike to a Master Storyteller of long ago, calling his work "as entertaining as it is scholarly."

Mike has been the historian for AOH Div 9, Port Jefferson and/or the AOH Suffolk County Board for the past 17 years. In 1979, 80, and 81 he received third, second, and first place Historians Medals awarded by the National Board of the Order — an unprecedented accomplishment. In 1983 Mike was elevated to the office of Historian of the New York State Board — a position he still holds. Mike McCormack also writes the popular "Shamrocks in Suffolk" column for the *Irish Echo* newspaper and has contributed articles and reviews to several other Irish newspapers and magazines.

Echoes of Irish History, Vol. III is enjoyable reading for Irish and non-Irish alike. Local AOH Historians are invited to use any of Mike's stories at their meetings, and he requests that anyone with an interesting writeup to share, please send a copy to: Mike McCormack, 37 Harrison Ave., Centereach, N.Y. 11720. *Echoes of Irish History*, volumes II and III may be ordered directly from Mike at the same address at a cost of \$3.50 per copy plus 50¢ for postage.

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President Murphy Meets With Ambassador Heckler

KILLORGLIN, KERRY: After the recent "trees" dedication ceremony in Co. Kerry Ireland, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Margaret Heckler invited AOH President Murphy to Phoenix Park, Dublin, for a meeting. Murphy stated "We had a most enjoyable and productive talk. We talked for almost three hours about this and that, but mostly about the situation of Irish emigrants in the U.S. Ambassador Heckler was well informed on the situation. And she expressed an interest in doing all in her power to help alleviate the plight of undocumented Irish emigrants in the U.S. In the course of our conversation, I mentioned a family-separation matter

that had been brought to my attention. Mrs. Heckler immediately went to work and succeeded in obtaining visas so that these Irish citizens could be quickly united with family members in the U.S., whom they had not seen in many a moon."

Concluded Murphy: "I look forward to working closely in the future with Ambassador Heckler on emigration and other matters of deep concern to Hibernians and Irish Americans. We note with pride that Ambassador Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler was one of the plighted members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, when she was a member of Congress from Massachusetts."



WHILE IN IRELAND for the recent "trees" dedication, National President Nick Murphy is shown at the AOH marker with his sister, Margaret, and brother, Harry. Photo by Jack Flatley

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Saint Brendan

By B.W. "MIKE" DONOVAN

As you all know, St. Patrick was a man who was born in Ireland and, having been captured in a pirate raid, was sold into slavery. But, being the stubborn sort, he escaped his captors and returned to spread Christianity throughout Ireland.

His life has inspired many Irishmen, both in Ireland and elsewhere in the world, to follow his path, helping the poor and doing other good works.

Another who followed in his wake was Saint Brendan, the Patron Saint of County Kerry. Recently the

Diocese of Kerry, from where Brendan set sail on his voyage of discovery, celebrated the fifteenth centenary of the birth of its illustrious Patron. According to the commonly accepted opinion, Saint Brendan was born in 494 A.D., though some scholars favor the date 458, and he lived to the incredible (for that time) age of 93. The Diocese celebrated the centenary over the year beginning May 16, 1984, the Feast of Saint Brendan, and ending on May 16, 1985.

In the Vatican Library is a book called "Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis" (The Voyage of Saint Brendan), written sometime before the 10th century by an anonymous Irishman.

"Navigatio," which was a medieval best seller translated into almost every European language, is a combination of myth and technical accuracy. The fact that the book was written in Latin tells us two things: that the author was an educated man and that he was almost certainly a monk. St. Brendan was a student of Bishop Erc, a Druid who had been converted to Christianity by Saint Patrick, and became an expert in mathematics and astronomy (necessary to navigation on the seas).

Thomas Moore's Melodies On Video Cassette

SEATTLE, WASH.: For the first time, the life and music of the multi-talented Thomas Moore, Ireland's beloved bard, have been filmed and recorded on an 80-minute video-cassette for the general public, according to Ann Williams Bush of Ireland Resource.

A four-year effort by Anner Communications, Ltd., of Co. Dublin, "Harp of My Country" was recently awarded the International Television Association Award for Excellence.

Tim Pat Coogan, former editor of the *Irish Press*, wrote the script and narrates the film. Though the central focus is on the famous "Moore's Melodies" collection, Coogan also tells of Moore's very early academic genius, great capacity for friendship, sense of integrity, and the enormous depth of Moore's two great loves: his wife, Bessy, and his country, Ireland.

As Coogan chronicles Moore's life, 14 melodies are heard. Among them are: Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms, The Meeting of the Waters, The Minstrel Boy, The Last Rose of Summer, and Dear Harp of My Country.

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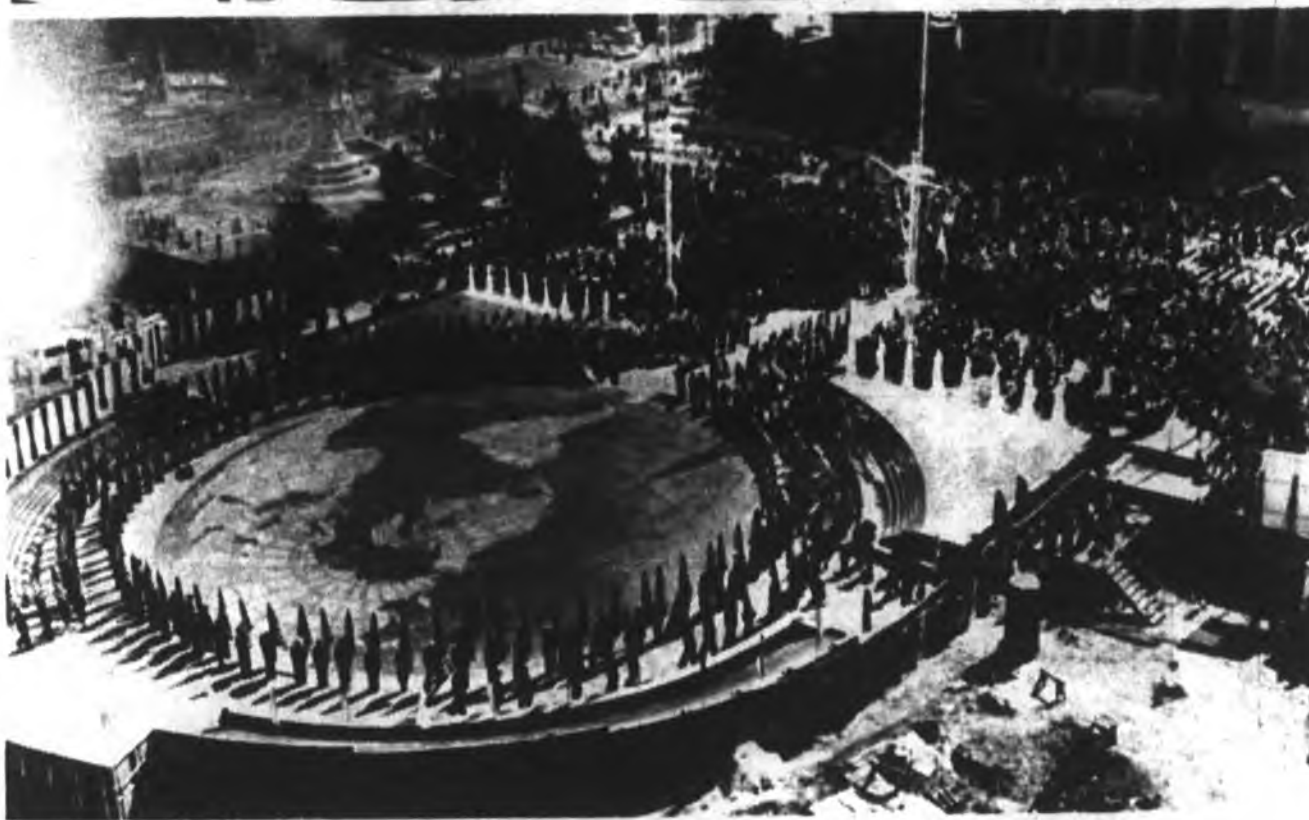
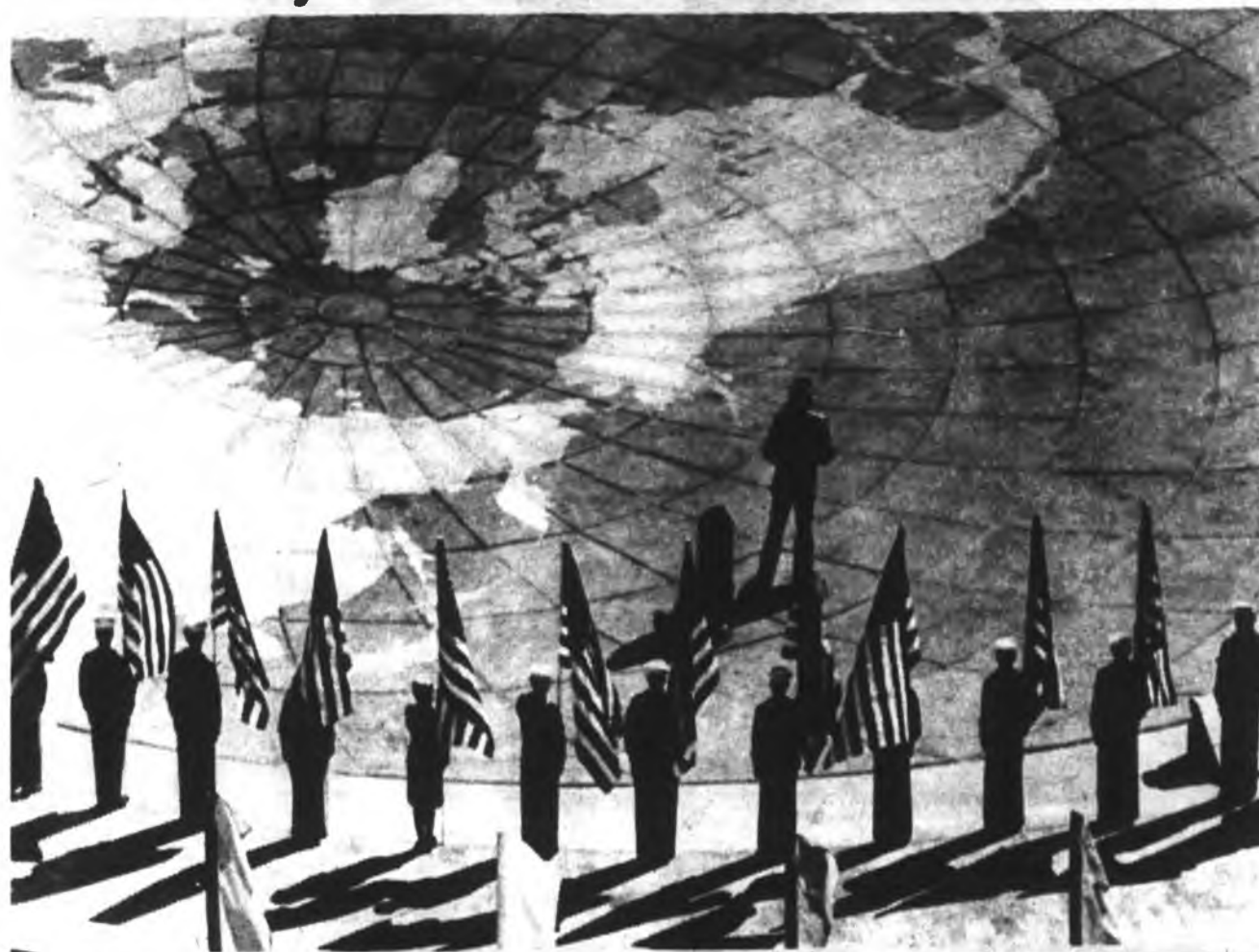
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Surrounded by flags at the dedication ceremony, the "Lone Sailor" statue stands tall over the 100 ft. granite map of the world. The 12 million dollar, privately funded, U.S. Navy Memorial was dedicated on the Navy's 212th birthday. Bottom photo shows a bird's eye view of the dedication ceremony.

New Magazine Launched by Celtic League

NEW YORK, N.Y.: "Keltai: A Pan-Celtic Review," sponsored by the American Branch of the Celtic League, recently began publication here.

A journal of Celtic history and culture, "Keltai" explores the past and present of the six Celtic nations of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall and the Isle of Mann through a lively combination of feature articles, book reviews, music, poetry and art. Also included are interviews and notes by and about people who support today's Celtic revival.

"Keltai" is edited by a team of scholars directed by general editor Stephen Paul DeVillo and staff editor Liam O Caiside.

Among the articles in the first issue are: "Winning Slate: Quarries and Communities in 19th Century Gwynedd" by Stephen Paul DeVillo; "A Talk With Alan Heusaff" and "The Son of the Stallion: Fergus Mac Roich in Celtic Mythology" by Liam O Caiside.

For information, write: Keltai, Box 20163, Dag Hammarskjöld Center, New York, N.Y. 10017.



JOHN P. COSGROVE, Washington DC representative of the American Irish Foundation, standing beside the statue of the "Lone Sailor." Mr. Cosgrove was also the U.S. Navy Memorial Dedication Committee Chairman. Key figure in the memorial is the seven-foot bronze statue of the "Lone Sailor" who stands tall over a granite map of the world. Irish Eye photo

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STATE NEWS: New York

Martin Higgins Honored



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King, second left, congratulates Martin Higgins, second right, on his re-election as Man of the Year by the Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians. Joining with King are Hibernian County Board Treasurer William Condon, left, and President Thomas Moriarty. King hailed Higgins for his "life-long commitment and dedication to Irish freedom."

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Irish Pipe Band Celebrates 25 Years

The Saffron Kilts recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary as a Pipe Band with a Pipers Ball. Being the very first Hibernian Pipe Band in the United States and still the only "all Hibernian" Pipe Band are accomplishments the group is very proud of.

The evening was well attended by

over 600 people who were treated to not only a performance of the Saffron Kilts, but witnessed a performance later in the evening of the alumni. Led by honorary Pipe Major for the evening John Keating and honorary Drum Major Jim Sullivan, players who have been instrumental in the band's growth for the last 25

years came out of retirement to leave the audience without a dry eye. Also drummer par excellence Charlie McLoughlin received an award for his 25 years of dedication. Charlie is the only remaining original member of the Saffron Kilts, a band that has seen over 200 members pass through their ranks.



SOME MEMBERS of the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band are, left to right, Pipe Major Michael Faughnan, Jr., Piper James Quinn, Bass Drummer Michael Crowe, Drum Major Robert O'Shea and Pipe Sergeant Maureen Stein.

Local Hibernians Recognized

MT. KISCO, NY — At the Fall Dance held October 10 by Frank H. Fox Division 16, here, two outstanding Hibernians were the recipients of several awards.

For her years of loyal devotion to Hibernianism, Rose McKenna was presented with a beautiful vase by Past President Ladies AOH, Margaret Rielly. She was also honored by Mayor Flynn with a proclamation from the Village of

Mount Kisco, and by County Executive O'Rourke with a proclamation from Westchester County.

Also recognized for his many years of service to Division 16 was James Keefe, to whom Brother Michael Hurton, president of Division 16, presented a beautiful plaque. For his unselfish dedication to the cause of Irish freedom, Keefe also received proclamations from Mount Kisco

and Westchester County. County Legislator Ursula La Monte had the honor of making these two presentations.

Congratulations were also forthcoming from Judge A. Robert Giordano, North Salem Town Justice and from the master of ceremonies, Brother John Flynn. Music was provided by the popular Erin Exiles Showband.

Thomas Foley



DISPLAYING AWARDS at Mt. Kisco Division's Fall Dance are, left to right, front row, Margaret McHugh, Peter McKenna, Ann McGrath, Rose McKenna, honoree, Master of Ceremonies John Flynn, James Keefe, honoree, Mary Keefe, Robert Giordano, and Margaret Rielly. Back row, Michael Hurton, Tom Foley, Terence Moran and Joseph Hurley.

Albany AOH Adopts Irish Youth Center



KEVIN LEYDEN, a member of Division 5, Albany, New York, Chairman of the Irish Youth Foundation Charity Project.

At the October meeting of the Rev. Henry Tansey Div. 5, Albany, New York, AOH, the members assembled endorsed a resolution to adopt the Limerick Youth Center in Limerick City, Co. Limberick, Ireland. They will provide financial and other support to this youth program.

This decision came as a result of the National Board of the AOH's plea that divisions all around the

country adopt a specific program and support it in whatever way possible. National President Nicholas Murphy has led this campaign and wholeheartedly embraces this venture. Murphy has appointed Kevin Leyden of Albany as chairman of the Irish Youth Foundation.

The Irish Youth Foundation, which the Limerick Center is part of, was established to aid various programs throughout Ireland in serving young people. The main thrust of the participating organizations is to offer young people acceptance, challenge, friendship, support and especially opportunities to better themselves. The programs offered vary from Leadership Courses for volunteers to Recreation and Parent Education Programs, from Literacy Learning through Computers to Training for Employment. The goal of this organization continues to be working on interpreting the needs of young people and responding to them.

Presently, the AOH is leading a campaign to get all 20 participating centers in Ireland adopted and in doing so helping the youth of Ireland. Anyone interested in this project is encouraged to contact Kevin Leyden at (518) 436-8572 or Nicholas Murphy at (914) 634-2304.

Rego Irish Records Appoints Head of New Department

GARDEN CITY, N.Y.: Rego Irish Records & Tapes, Inc., Garden City, NY, has announced the appointment of Connie Murphy, Great Neck, NY, to the position of Radio/Promotions Director. Ms. Murphy joins the company with an extensive background in the music/radio promotions field, having worked for both independent and international music companies in the United States and Europe.

As head of this new department, she will be responsible for the creation, development and operation of all in-house music promotions for the radio and print media.

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For more information, write Connie Murphy, 64 New Hyde Park Road, Garden City, N.Y. 11530 or call (516) 328-7800.

'Stories from Ireland' Video Succeeds 'Prairie Companion'

Rego Irish Records, Inc. are out to capture hearts and attention of American audiences with the release of their unique, new theatrical video entitled, "Stories from Ireland" which features premier Irish actor and "Master Storyteller," Eamon Kelly.

This light-hearted and entertaining production, based on the award-winning plays by Kelly, transports its viewers back to a time devoid of radio, TV or books — a time when the many events and happenstances of the period were passed along from town to town by the walking Genealogist, known in Ireland as the *Seanchie* or storyteller.

Filled with lively traditional music, dance, and many humorous "tall tales" (both old and new) — "Stories from Ireland" debuts in this country when public interest in theatrical storytelling is enjoying a strong revival, thanks in part to such pioneers as Garrison Keeler and his "Prairie Home Companion."

Eamon Kelly, one of Ireland's

most respected international performers, is known throughout Europe as the "Master Storyteller" — a title he duly earned and has carried for over 25 years. Like "Prairie Companion," Kelly's historic career began with a popular radio show broadcast throughout Ireland in the 1950s. He later joined the Abbey Theatre, where the character of the *Seanchie* was brought to life and began its award-winning journey on stages in Ireland, England and the United States.

Co-produced by Paddy Noonan and Brian Molloy, "Stories from Ireland" is scheduled for release in Europe and the United States in November, 1987 exclusively by Rego Records Inc. The format is VHS, the time is 52 minutes. Retail price is \$29.95.

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Flatbush to Celebrate 109th Year

The Officers and Brothers of Flatbush Division No. 35, Kings County Board, Brooklyn, are proud to announce their plans to hold their 109th Anniversary Dinner Dance, on Saturday evening, January 16, 1988, at St. Columba's Parish Hall, located at 2245 Kimball Street, in the Marine Park section of Brooklyn. Music will be provided by the ever-popular Gus Hayes and his orchestra.

Our honoree of the accolade "Hibernian of the Year" will be that distinguished Hibernian, Brother Frederick J. Crockett, Jr. Brother Crockett, a well-known and popular gentleman of the New York Irish-American community, is the founder and bandmaster of the New York City Transit Police Department Emerald Irish Warpipe Band, instituted, thanks to the hard work and efforts of Brother Crockett, in 1966. Serving the community as Sergeant, Supervisor of Detectives, Brother Crockett is a dedicated police officer, a champion of the Irish Nationalist community of Northeast Ireland, and a defender of Catholic religious rights. Married to his lovely wife, Sophia J. McCafferty, Brother Crockett is the proud father of four handsome sons.

Tickets for this gala Hibernian event will be priced at \$25.00 each, and will include a catered dinner, live Irish and American dance music, and an open bar. There will be a \$5.00 discount for each ticket that is paid in full prior to December 31, 1987. Tickets purchased in January (including at the door) will be priced at \$25.00. For information or reservations, please call Brother Thomas E. Bohan, General Chairman, at (718) 266-7800 or (718) 629-9145, Brother George E. Gillespie at (718) 434-2824, Brother Jack Sullivan at (718) 645-4183, or Brother Harry K. Quinn at (718) 252-7009.

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STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

WATERTOWN, MA: At a sold-out affair on Friday evening, October 9, William T. Gildea was honored as the 1987 Hibernian of the Year at George Munhall Hall in Watertown. Bill, as he is generally known, son of the late John and Mary Gildea, grew up in Watertown where he attended St. Patrick's grammar and high schools. From 1948 to 1953 he served in the Air Force. Bill is married to the former Mary Gray of Dorchester. They make their home in Watertown, and are parents of four daughters, Susan Calden and Patricia Kennedy of Watertown, Maribeth Gildea of Waltham, Laura Jean Gildea, who is a student at Fitchburg State College; and one son, William, Jr. of Maynard.

Bill joined Division 14 in 1956, and received his major degree at Marlboro AOH in 1958. He has served as president of Division 14 and as president of the Building Association. Presently he is club steward, a position he has held for over ten years.

Bill's many accomplishments at Division 14 include reviving beano in 1973, during Jack McDermott's term as president; serving as direc-

tor of the golf tournament for many years; and attracting the largest number of members in "the 150 Club", a charitable fund that raises money for scholarships and for the children's Christmas outing affairs.

Seated at the head table with Bill and his wife were Fathers Rooney and O'Driscoll of the SMA Fathers of Dedham, MA; Massachusetts State Representative John Bartley; National AOH Director Michael Carroll and Mrs. Carroll; Division 14 President Jack Bowles and Mrs. Bowles; and master of ceremonies and former National AOH President Jack Connolly.

Councilor-at-Large Marilyn Devaney read an official presentation from State Senate President William Bulger honoring Bill for his thirty-one years at Division 14. Councilor Devaney also read and presented a citation from State Auditor Joe DeNucci honoring Bill. Although unable to attend in person, Massachusetts Congressman Joe Kennedy sent a certificate honoring Bill for his Hibernian of the Year award. Watertown Councilor John DiLiberto presented a citation of greeting from the town of Watertown.

Representative John Bartley read and presented a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives honoring Bill for his service in the AOH since 1956. Division 14 President Jack Bowles presented Bill with a beautiful clock plaque from the Division.

Chaplain Father Rooney closed the ceremony with a prayer. The evening concluded with dancing to music provided by Mike Connolly and his Celtic Aires.

On Monday, September 14, 1987, the Twenty-fourth Annual Leo "Bubba" Sheehan Golf Tournament was held at Glen Ellen Country Club at Millis, MA. Tee time began at 8:30 A.M., and by 9:44 A.M. the last foursome had teed off. This foursome consisted of Hibernian chaplains Father Rooney and Father Driscoll from the S.M.A. Fathers of Dedham, Mass., Father Pete, also from S.M.A. Fathers, and Al Murphy, one of the better Hibernian golfers.

The late Leo "Bubba" Sheehan, for whom the tournament is named, was an outstanding local athlete who participated in many sports activities. "Bubba" served on the original golf committee which organized the first Division 14, AOH golf tournament.

This year's winner of the member Low-Gross was Brian Igoe with a score of 73. In second place was Al

Murphy with an 83. Winner of the member Low-Net was Bob Ford who scored 74. Edmund Griffin was runner up. Guest Low-Gross winner was Peter Cavallo with a 70, followed by George Crupi with a 76. Winner of guest Low-Net was Noel Kelly (71), followed in second place by George Danielson (72). George Crupi won Closest to the Pin, and the longest drive went to Noel Kelly.

Following the tournament the golfers returned to Hibernian Hall in Watertown, for a family-style roast beef dinner prepared by Doyle Caterers of Bowdoin Street, Dorchester. Chaplain Father Rooney said grace.

After dinner all golfers received prizes for their performances on the golf course. Among the prizes were twelve gift certificates in the amount of twenty-five dollars for use at Glen Ellen Country Club.

In conjunction with the golf tour-

namer a special Sportsman of the Year Award has been established. This year's winner is Dick MacDonald. Dick, who is presently serving as vice president of Division 14, has for many years dedicated his time and energies to helping youths involved in sports at St. Patrick's High School. Both St. Patrick's and Division 14 have benefited enormously from Dick's superb leadership and vision.

Billy Gildea chaired this year's golf committee, ably assisted by Tom Brannelly, Fran Gildea, Ed Hines, and Bob Stone. Plans are already underway to line up the date and place for next year's 25th Annual Leo "Bubba" Sheehan Memorial Golf Tournament.

A "tip of the hat" to Dick MacDonald, our Sportsman of the Year, and a special thanks to Billy Gildea and his fine golf committee.

"Bill" McLaughlin



HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR award being presented to Bill Gildea by Division 14 President Jack Bowles. Seated, from left, are Mrs. Mary Gildea, Fr. O'Driscoll, Jack Connolly, chairman, and Fr. Rooney, chaplain.

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AT THE AD HOC Committee reception in Washington D.C., Nick Murphy, left, national AOH president, and Tom McNabb, right, national AOH secretary, engage in lively conversation with Congressman Robert A. Borek, center, 3rd district, Pennsylvania.

Irish Eye photo



ENGAGING REMARKS are coming from Congressman Hamilton Fish, left, NY 21st district, to an audience of Mike Cummings, AOH national public relations; Tom McNabb, national secretary; and Nick Murphy, national president.

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RECEIVING HER PLAQUE of appreciation from Joseph Roche, right, is Rep. Mary Rose Oaker (D-OH). Looking on are Ad Hoc Chairman Mario Blaggl and Hibernian Matt Hannon.



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In the current academic year, six recipients are benefitting from this national effort of the men and women of the AOH. They are: Maureen and Michael Curran of Indiana, Paul Harren of New York, Terrence Loughran of Connecticut, Colleen Prentice, Aisling and Sineid Rigney of Pennsylvania.

To date, more funds have been raised for this campaign than for any other endeavor in which the organization has engaged.

To become a recipient of scholarship aid from the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund, a student (preferably a Junior in high school) must apply to Notre Dame. He needs to state in his or her letter that there is interest in the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund scholarship. At some future point, a letter verifying the membership of either the student or his/her parent(s) must be submitted to Notre Dame. The University of Notre Dame processes the application in the routine manner and at the conclusion of the process, the Director of Finan-

cial Aid notifies the Chairman of the Fund of those applicants who meet all Notre Dame's requirements. To date, every applicant has received financial assistance.

States are urged to heartily support this vital fundraising effort of our Order. At the National Convention next summer, the new President of the University of Notre Dame will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Every effort should be made to raise a significant sum of money for presentation to the President at the Banquet. Those States which have had scholarship recipients should feel so proud of their excellent students at Notre Dame and they should want to be in the forefront with their contributions.

Those proud States which have had or now have students at Notre Dame are as follows: New York — Donald E. Michalco, Patrick Logan, Paul M. Brennan, Emmett Murphy, and Paul Harren; Massachusetts — Timothy E. Reilly, Joseph E. Kelly, Joseph Murphy; Indiana — Maureen Curran and Michael Curran; Pennsylvania—Colleen Prentice, Aisling Rigney and Sineid Rigney; Michigan—Edward G. Lennon and Elizabeth Ann Fitzpatrick; Connecticut —Terrence Loughran; Florida—John J. Hearn; Missouri—Maureen A. McGlynn; and California—Daniel J. O'Hare.

STATE NEWS: Maryland



SAINTS, SINNERS AND SCHOLARS — Sally Murphy, past national LAOH president, in the St. Patrick's Day parade booth at Baltimore's Irish Festival. Sally was signing up parade patrons for the '88 parade into four categories, saints, sinners, scholars and wee folk. Guess which list was the longest???? *Irish Eye photo*



MESS COOK — Past National President Joe Roche, right, pulled chow line duty at Baltimore's Annual Irish Festival. Watching him serve a couple of meals is Gisela Beste, center, from the Ladies St. Patrick's Div. 5, Baltimore. *Irish Eye photo*

Flash from the Past



DOES THIS SEEM LIKE a dozen years ago? The photo was taken at the Nassau County Fels in New York in 1975. From left to right are Jack Irwin, national deputy FFAI chairman; Tom Landers, past New York state president, now deceased; Nick Murphy, national president; Congressman Mario Biaggi; Tom McNabb, national secretary; George Waters, national convention site chairman; and Martin Higgins, national FFAI chairman.

STATE NEWS: Ohio

At 'Ad Hoc' Celebration



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Nicholas Murphy, left, is shown with Eleanor M. Brennan and her husband, James J. Brennan, both members of the Commodore Jack Barry Division of Belmont Co., Ohio. The occasion was the AOH's salute to the 10th anniversary formation of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, held in Washington, D.C. Brennan is National Director for Advertising for the *National Hibernian Digest*. *Irish Eye Photo*

Ohio Division Renamed

MARTINS FERRY — What's in a name? Plenty, if you ask Hibernians in Belmont County. After 10 years of using just Belmont County AOH Division No. 1, the unit's members unanimously approved changing its name to Commodore Jack Barry Division No. 1.

President James P. Hughes felt that the members couldn't have selected a finer name for the division, what with the historical significance of Commodore Barry and his

heritage. A native of Wexford, Barry is considered by many historians of U.S. history, and President Reagan as the Father of the American Navy. His courage and dedication to the U.S. is almost without parallel.

So, the Commodore Jack Division is a true reflection of the name: dedicated and proud of its Irish-Catholic heritage, Hughes-related. Formed 10 years ago, the division's original membership has resulted in the formation of three other

Hibernians Tap Former Ambassador for Award

NEW CITY, NEW YORK: National President Nicholas Murphy announced that John Henning, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Council and former Ambassador to New Zealand was nominated by the Hibernians for the prestigious

divisions, two in Ohio and one in West Virginia. Although possibly one of the smallest units in Ohio, the division can boast of a past state president, a past state public relations director and a member on the current National AOH Board.

And the division doesn't rest on its laurels. It has been one of the most active units in the state, taking part in local parades (winning a trophy in a county parade) as well as marching in a St. Patrick's Day parade in Akron.

The division is planning its annual Christmas party for members under the sponsorship of the unit's Ladies AOH. This year the dinner is scheduled for a restaurant in Shadyside. Lena Muldowney, president of the LAOH of the division, is directing the annual party with able assistance from other members. The division will also take part in a parade scheduled for St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Hughes appointed a Nominating Committee of Immediate Past President James J. Brennan, Financial Secretary Michael Muldowney and John E. Gallagher, chairman, Standing Committee. The committee is scheduled to submit its report at the November meeting and the installation of officers is set for December. *James J. Brennan*

Americans by Choice Award. Mr. Henning accepted the award at Ethnic American Day ceremonies at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 1987.

"Ambassador Hennings' service," stated Murphy, "to California, to this Nation and to freedom with justice in Ireland has added a new and much needed dimension to our sense of brotherhood." Murphy continued, "John's spirited testimony on behalf of the California MacBride Principles bill was yet another example of his reasoned and ringing defense of the dignity of man." "His leadership on the MacBride Fair Employment Principles," Murphy stated, "is reason enough for Her Majesty's Government to bring in fresh troops like Mr. King to try and defeat them."

Mr. Murphy concluded by thanking Joe Roche and his Committee for a selection "which truly honors all Americans of Irish descent."

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
Executive Secretary-Treasurer (Executive Officer) California Labor Federation — AFL-CIO. The Federation is the official state AFL-CIO organization and embraces some 1,700,000 union members in California.

Honorary Degrees: (1) Doctor of Laws, St. Anselm's College, Manchester, New Hampshire. (2) Doctor of Commercial Science, St. Bonaventure University, New York. (3) Doctor of Laws, St. Mary's College, Moraga, California.

Background: Born: San Francisco, November 22, 1915. Married, father

of 7 children.

1949-1959: Administrative Assistant to Principal Officer and Research Director of the California State Federation of Labor. Has been with the California Labor Federation since 1949 with leaves of absence for Federal and State government service.

1959-1962: Director, California State Department of Industrial Relations

1962-1967: United States Under Secretary of Labor

1967-1969: U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand

1979: Elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

1977: Appointed Regent of the University of California by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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Our Hibernian Image

Our Hibernian image today is the incubative precedent of our Hibernian image of the future. With the passage of time we continually mold an historic record of our era of membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Like it or not, we are a living history of our public behavior.

Let us try some self-evaluation: what will the Irish-Americans say about us in the year 2007, or the year 2017? Will we get good marks? Will the Hibernians of the future remember us as we remember the members of the AOH of 30 or more years ago? The passing years will be our jury. Will we be remembered fondly? Will we have passed on, responsibly, to our Hibernian youth, the working principles of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity? It is our duty to pass on our Irish pride, our priceless Heritage, and our devotion to our Faith to the next generation of Hibernians. History has a habit of forming the future. Our best will be their best. Think of all who marched up New York's Fifth Avenue before us — those who felt that same proud feeling — more than 200 years.

It is the continuity of Irish pride and heritage, year after year, that cultivates the Irish image of good-

ness, decency, holiness, and moral integrity for the Hibernian harvest of the future. Portraying our good points on a continuing basis is a positive way of enhancing our image. Publicizing our good side is an important way to increase our membership — especially regarding young Irish-Americans who may be looking for identity with their Heritage.

In the olden days of the AOH the Irish-born dominated the membership. The Order was their oasis of friendship in America. The passing years and dwindling immigration has changed the profile of the membership rosters, and also, unfortunately, the demise of many Divisions. Young American-born Irish can be recruited along with the young Irish-born immigrants of today if the image of our Order can be presented to show our fine accomplishments and our many benefits. Let us not bury the AOH with the passing of our older members as the years go by.

Good AOH image making (good PR) involves publicizing the good things we do. All Divisions share in this responsibility. Access to the media is important, but the goodness in our deeds truly builds our image. The quickest way to catch an editor's eye is via our reputation for charity. There are many notable charities waiting for our Hibernian money and our Hibernian hands of labor. The Irish Youth Foundation is an excellent example. Sponsorship by Divisions for continuing charitable support for this Foundation, and for many needy Irish and U.S. charities, is an ideal way to start a Division program, leading to membership growth and public respect. An active, strong, local media contact effort publicizing the good deeds is essential for enhancement of our image, both local and national. The good works of our 330 divisions in 35 states throughout the U.S. is the heartbeat of our Order.



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STATE NEWS: District of Columbia Second Annual Gaelic Mass Celebrated



WASHINGTON D.C. — Gathered after the Second Annual Gaelic Mass sponsored by the Emerald Isle Division, AOH, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception are, left to right, Hugh O'Neill, usher; Barbara Murphy-Edwards, cantor and harpist; Paul Sullivan, Gaelic reader; Joseph M. Sendry, English reader; Warren Downey, deacon; Msgr. Michael J. Bransfield, director of the National Shrine; Rev. M. Valentine Keveny, celebrant; Rev. Columba Enright, concelebrant; Richard A. Callahan, Emerald Isle president; Richard J. Tarrant, grievance committee chairman; John W. Ruddy, former recording secretary; James J. O'Connor, Emerald Isle president emeritus and chairman of the Mass and brunch following; and Elizabeth Garcia, flutist.

Irish Eye photo



ENJOYING the brunch following the Gaelic Mass are left to right, seated, Thomas E. Devine; James M. Murphy, Sr., recording secretary; Mrs. James M. Murphy; Mrs. James J. O'Connor; Barbara Murphy-Edwards; Mrs. Kathryn D. Back, LAOH president, Washington D.C. Standing, Thomas J. Madden, Sr.; Paul D. Collins, treasurer; Richard A. Callahan; Hugh O'Neill; Denis Sheehan, Irish Embassy, representing His Excellency Padraic MacKernan, Irish Ambassador; John W. Ruddy; and James J. O'Connor.

Irish Eye photo



THE FIRST MEETING of the Irish Brigade Monument Committee, Irish Cultural Society, found the leaders behind a wall of literature on the Civil War and the battle of Antietam. Left to right are Matt Hannon, chairman, Irish Brigade Monument Committee; Jack McCormack, historian, Irish Brigade Monument Committee; Jack O'Brien, chairman, Irish Cultural Society, Prince George County, MD. Mr. McCormack, a professor of history at the Community College of Delaware County, PA, made a presentation on the Irish Brigade and its memorial at Gettysburg, PA. The goal of the committee is to erect a statue, dedicated to the Irish Brigade, at Antietam National Battlefield where the Brigade fought their bloodiest battle. For more information on the monument, write Irish Cultural Society, 11109 Belton Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Phone (301) 336-5167. Matt Hannon is president of the District of Columbia AOH Board, and Jack O'Brien is a member of Charles Carroll Div. 2, Silver Spring, MD.

Irish Eye photo

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The National Organizer's Corner

Congratulations goes out in this issue to the newest Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York State, and its newly elected president, Terrence McGowan. The entire National Board sends greetings and best wishes to Terry McGowan, the officers and members of Division 1, Dutchess County, New York. The new division was installed by Ed Carley, New York state president, assisted by State Organizer Jack Burns; National Secretary Tom McNabb; Randy Lynch, N.Y. Public Relations Chairman; and Bud Considine, chairman of Catholic Action.

Thanks goes to the President of Division 1 Kingston, Ulster County, James Noble, who with the help of Tom Hoffay, Bill Gallagher, Paul Geary, Jim Howard, was responsible for organizing this new Division. For a job well done, thanks.

On November 1, 1987, in Waterbury, Connecticut, I met with a committee of the Ladies National Board to map strategy for a new recruitment program which starts on December 1, 1987, and will continue through April 1988. On the Ladies committee were National President

Sheila Clifford, Vice President Mary Bradley and Irish Historian Kathy Linton.

We agreed as a first step to mail a joint letter to all LAOH and AOH presidents of record, exhorting the State, County and Division Presidents to co-ordinate their recruitment efforts with that of the National Boards and to tie in with local advertising to promote the Ancient Order of Hibernians. State Boards and County Boards which collect initiation fees for the promotion of membership as per the National Constitution (Article XIV, section 1) should not spend this money for any other purpose. Advertising is the best vehicle to get your story before the public and prospective new members. Church bulletins are a very good means of reaching new members; also advertising in the local diocesan newspaper.

Recently we ran an ad in the Irish America magazine, with good results. It's amazing to learn how many people of Irish decent have never heard of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or know nothing of what they do. We will be running ads in the Irish American newspapers for the Christmas season and again during the month of March. You may

want to tie in your local ads at the same time for maximum effect.

The Irish American community can claim in excess of 40 million of Irish descent living in the United States. Why can't we have a larger membership in the AOH? It's up to you. If you are proud of your Irish heritage and your Catholic faith you should ask your friends and acquaintances to join the AOH and together we can realize the dreams of the Irish race, and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people. We can promote Irish culture and work to enact legislation to help the people of Ireland. We can also continue to help the Church in its struggle against immorality. Just take a look at our national program; we have something there for every member of the family.

Concerning the survey published in the issue of the Digest, the response was very good and I will publish the results in the next issue of the Digest. I received many good suggestions and they will be brought to the attention of the proper persons.

I had a letter from Timothy J. Leary, a member of the Buffalo Division, with a suggestion that a column be devoted to Bagpipe bands and their activities. He is in the process of organizing a bagpipe band at the present time and any help he could get would be appreciated. He is willing to help with the column. If you are interested, please contact me.

Michael Hession
National Director/Organizer

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

ADVERTISE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you think St. Patrick's Day is just too far off to worry about during the present holiday season, stand easy. Although it's about three months away (by the time this issue reaches you) the days will quickly pass by, and plans for the St. Patrick's Day festivities will be upon you.

And just what does that have to do with advertising? Almost everything. With probably every State Board and division planning some sort of celebration — perhaps a dinner/dance — it is always a good thing to advertise your project with us.

It is quite surprising how even a small (sixteenth-page advertisement, for example) will pay off with additional attendance at your function. There are literally hundreds of Hibernians and their friends throughout the nation who love to travel to attend a Hibernian dance or feis.

And don't think that the additional members and their guests don't pay off at the cash register. It does. Ask those who've advertised in the National Hibernian Digest. So, even though we're celebrating Christmas and the upcoming New Year's Days, keep St. Patrick's Day

in mind.

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A new advertiser with us for the November/December issue is Stanton B. Roemer's Premier Jewelers of Bristol, Pennsylvania. The company's quarter-page advertisement will also be in the National Hibernian Digest for January/February 1988.

The Irish Genealogical Foundation, owned by fellow-Hibernian, Michael O'Laughlin of Kansas City, Missouri, is with us again with a full-page advertisement. Thanks, Mike, it helps greatly.

Cooperation and thoughtfulness for the future of the National Hibernian Digest came from a most welcome source recently: Miss Sarah E. Murphy, past national president of the Ladies AOH. Miss Murphy called us on a Sunday evening with the name of a prospective advertiser in Fairfax, Virginia. The prospect was sent a couple of issues of your newspaper.

We hope that many of our other readers will copy the example set by Miss Murphy, a tireless and dedicated worker for the Hibernians, and keep a constant lookout for advertising prospects. Thanks very much, Miss Murphy.

STATE NEWS: Rhode Island

In 1987 several monthly events were held by Division 1, successfully engineered by various chairmen. Among them were Celtic Night and Lamb Night chaired by Leo Downey; Beefsteaks Night and Portuguese Night, chaired by Arthur Dias; Steak Night, with Norman King as chairman, and the golf tournament and league dinner under the guidance of Harry Winthrop.

The division supported the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation with a contribution of \$1038. The drive was conducted by Harry Westley and Charles Burns.

Brother Burns was nominated by the division as a National Life Member during the year.

On the lighter side, Brother Martin Shea is being sued for hitting a fellow brother in the leg during the annual golf tournament... joke!

Robert J. Kinella

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EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Guest Editorial

Hibernian Tom Kiernan Egan of Rutland, Vermont, Addresses the Annual Meeting of the Vermont Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower

Mendon, Vermont

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen — I'm honored to be here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your gracious introduction.

I've been a principal speaker in many of the major cities in our country — and some foreign countries, too — but this is my first time before a group whose very name seems so distant, but to whom I feel very close. Like all of you, I've been in the audience too — through thousands of speeches and sermons — and, while I've forgotten the bland and smooth ones, I've remembered those where the speaker put some rough pebbles under my seat! And that's why — today — I'll pass out a few pebbles, delivered in the interest of truth. I'm sure you'll accept them that way.

First, our togetherness. Your ancestors left Britain — for religious reasons — went to Holland and then America, 367 years ago! My parents left a British-occupied Ireland — impoverished by religious-inspired differences — and came to America at the turn of this 20th century. Although that's a difference of 300 years, I'm sure the parting anguish was very much the same.

Because my wife is a gracious, understanding lady, she agreed that I should make my first visit to Ireland alone. And for six weeks I wandered, and found my roots. At one spot, Clonmacnoise, no more than an acre or two, I strolled and sat — strolled and sat — for more than three hours. That is County Offaly (called "Kings County" when my father was there) and a man said, "sure, you can't throw a stone around here without hitting an Egan." And I found five first cousins. A week later, I went up to County Leitrim, my mother's area, and five more first cousins took me to their bosoms. And one of them said, "We Beirnes have always been on these farms!"

On a later visit, with my wife, all six couples were standing in the middle of the town's little street going through late-night goodbyes. And one of them said to me, "Remember, Tom, when ye were home the last time . . ." when ye were home the last time. The "ye" was like music — my mother said "ye" but HOME? It told me that, even a generation away, they thought of me as still part of that land!

Later, I went down to Cobh (called "Queenstown" in my parents' time) to stand on the pier — the dock from which they and millions and millions and millions left their homeland. There never was a dock! The ship dropped anchor out in the bay and the emigrants were ferried out to it! Not even the convenience, the dignity, of a gang-plank! (The Mayflower was a chartered ship!) Looking out on that bay, I thought of my grandparents, as my father, a teenager, left that Offaly farm; as my mother, another teenager, left her Leitrim farm, each traveling so alone to this southern edge of the country — with an ocean still to cross!

As a parent myself, of three sons and three daughters, I could feel the bitter heartbreak of a goodbye to a son, a daughter, they knew they'd never ever see again. How far down the path did they walk together until that inevitable last hug? The last, distant wave of the hand? Three and a half centuries ago, it was just as poignant for your ancestors, and so I feel as one of you today.

The next similarity is more horrible than heart-breaking. It would be presumptuous for me to tell this audience about the religious pressures by the "established church" that forced the pilgrims from Britain to Holland to America. But you may not know about the religious pressures in 1649, only 29 years after the pilgrims landed at Plymouth: on the 2nd of October of that year, English Parliament voted a national Thanksgiving Day to God, "the House does approve the execution done at Drogheda." Let a quote from Oliver Cromwell explain that, "It has pleased God to bless our efforts at Drogheda . . . the enemy were about 3,000 strong in the town. I believe we put to the sword the whole number." Now these 3,000 included women and children. And that is the way they were hacked to death, by the sword! And this religious carnage continued from one Irish town to the next: 2,000 more in Wexford, 2,000 more in Cashel, and on and on. Some of these butchers showed imagination: a Dominican Friar had his fingers and toes cut off before he was hanged; the Bishop of Ross had his hands and feet chopped off before he was hanged; a Franciscan was first drawn on a rack and his hands and feet were burned off before his hanging! And this hideous slaughter was for "God and the established church!" How ironic, how sacrilegious that this religious conquest (still attempted in 3/16th of Ireland) is done in the name of the same God who made and loves you and me, who makes you and me sisters and brothers! Enough of that pebble — let's turn to a happier subject.

Your Chairman asked me to speak about our beloved U.S. Constitution and I'm delighted to oblige. However, instead of the urge to describe those squabbling compromisers in that hot Philadelphia summer of 1787 (and, of course, the windows had to be closed; and, of course, there were no electric fans) — all part of our history you're all familiar with, I'm going to pass out some pebbles instead. Here's a small one: I had 30,000 copies donated — of that bit of paper you just read from. That was for 5,000 people at 6 different performances at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland. (Because of rain the last day, we have these extras.) Even more dramatic, we had dozens of teams of students doing the same patriotic ritual at our federal building (your Chairman was involved in organizing this), but there were no news pictures of all those kids as they marched day after day. No pictures of 5,000 citizens in an exercise of Americanism. No, here's what showed on page one of our newspaper: these balloons in the sky and cupcakes with flags! I show this to illustrate that the gaudy often takes precedence over the essence of truth.

Here's a more serious case. American Express Company brought to our country the Lincoln copy of England's "Magna Carta" — 1215" during this birthday party for our own American Constitution! I was so indignant that, when the enormous van was parked on Dartmouth's campus, I went over and sat beside the long line of viewers with this sign on a tripod. The results were so enjoyable: everyone who chatted, a Dartmouth historian, a Vermont High School history teacher, about a dozen students, all agreed that an argument (one student called it a "power play") between 25 barons and a king (all so-called nobility), has no relevance at all to our Constitution. Indeed, they agreed that the "Mayflower Compact" (an agreement among the common people) was more

the beginning of our "We, the people" document. But that "Magna Carta" intrusion was only a passing combination of brazen public relations, poor judgement, and bad manners. My last, very rough pebble will be an account of a very complicated, amazingly devious, stranger than fiction attack on our precious Constitution.

CBS "60 Minutes" told this story less than two weeks ago. Considering the restrictions of making the story visual, Harry Reasoner did a responsible job reporting this very complex matter. His camera moved between three countries — I'll mention many more than that. I'll be hopping back and forth, in dates, just the way he did. Let's start back in Philadelphia (our Constitution signed 200 years ago) and Virginia (our Bill of Rights adopted four years later). Following the "Preamble", there are various articles: Article 1 deals with our legislature; Article 2 deals with our executive; Article 3 deals with our judiciary. Like separate, different departments, called "separation of powers," we just saw Judge Bork nominated by the Executive, to the Judiciary, being judged by the Legislative. Although separate in powers, here is a joint endeavor — just the way it was spelled out 200 years ago. What is the lesson from all this? That our courts, our judiciary, our "rule of law" is very important, very precious, very sacred!

Now, let's move around the world:

London, 1975 — Parliament passes an act stating that, after March 1, 1976, all political prisoners, called "special category prisoners", would be treated as common criminals, wear prison uniforms, and so forth. This would affect American courts, our Constitution, 10 years later.

Belfast — After exactly 5 years of protest demonstrations, prisoner of war Robert Sands began a hunger strike on March 1, 1981. Elected to Parliament while in prison, his purpose was to bring world attention, in a non-violent manner, to Britain's criminalization policy.

New Delhi, India, May 5, 1981 — Parliament stood in one minute of silent respect at the news that Robert Sands had died after 66 days of fasting.

Belfast, August 20, 1981 — Michael Devine died in the same prison, in the same non-violent hunger protest as Robert Sands. Devine was the last of 10 such prisoners of war who starved to death protesting that their actions (like G. Washington, Mahatma Gandhi, Menachem Begin, and others) were not criminal.

Belfast — Let's step back one year, May 2, 1980 — Joseph Doherty is one of a group of Irish soldiers involved in a shootout with a group of British soldiers. A British captain is killed. The Irish are captured.

June 1981 — Between the deaths of the 4th and 5th hunger strikers, Joseph Doherty escapes from the prison. Later, he is convicted of murder, in absentia.

New York City, February 1982 — A man, with a passport name "Henry J. O'Reilly", arrives. It is Doherty.

June 18, 1983 — After more than a year of steady employment, without as much as a parking ticket, Doherty is located by our F.B.I. and arrested.

London, August 1983 — United Kingdom requests that Doherty be extradited from the United States.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The Enniskillen Massacre Deplored Hon. Mario Biaggi of New York In the House of Representatives Monday, November 9, 1987

Mr. BIAGGI, Mr. Speaker, for more than 10 years I have served with great pride as the chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. Our objective on a bipartisan and nonpartisan basis is to work for peace, justice, reconciliation, and freedom for all the people of Ireland. Our objective has been to work to have the U.S. Government play a more constructive role in the search for this peace.

Throughout our existence and each and every time it rears its ugly head, the committee again on a bipartisan and nonpartisan basis stands united in its condemnation of violence — all violence in Northern Ireland. As we have done when there have been acts of civilian violence and acts of official violence — the reaction is the same — it is wrong and counterproductive to the cause of peace in Ireland.

The horrific bombing which took place yesterday in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, must be condemned for its savagery, and its indiscriminate nature in terms of its casualties. All too often when there are acts of violence in Northern Ireland, whether by paramilitary organizations or through more official channels, there is one common result — innocent people are often the victims. Among the more shocking elements of this bombing were the fact that 5 of the 11 fatalities were women and among the casualties were 13 children aged 2 months to 15 years. So, too, do we find that the British Government's indiscriminate use of plastic bullets over the years has claimed innocent victims, many of whom have been children.

Human Rights Problems Persist in Northern Ireland

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) recently said that the 1987 Report of Amnesty International is "proof positive" that human rights violations and abuses in Northern Ireland remain a very serious problem.

Biaggi is Chairman of the bipartisan 118 Member Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. He made his comments in a speech on the House floor. "The Amnesty report discusses human rights abuses by governments during 1986. The report focused on more than 125 different countries but the report included specific references to the government of the United Kingdom and their policies in Northern Ireland."

Among the problems specifically cited by Amnesty:

- The continued refusal of the British government to undertake an independent review of reports that the Royal Ulster Constabulary practices a "shoot to kill" policy
- The reliance by the Diplock Courts of Northern Ireland on so-called "supergrass" testimony
- Continued random "strip searches" of female inmates in the Armagh prison as well as two Irish women at the Brixton prison in London.

Biaggi also noted that Amnesty was "continuing" its investigation into allegations of ill treatment of

Despite this tragedy and the emotions that it produces there must be vigorous effort on the part of all segments of political thought in Northern Ireland and Ireland to press forward to pursue the course of peace and justice. There must be renewed efforts to bring about an end to the obvious discrimination which exists in Northern Ireland, relegating the Catholic minority to a status of being second-class citizens under policies sanctioned by the British Government.

The Enniskillen massacre has received a great deal of coverage in our major newspapers today because it was so brutal and resulted in a significant loss of life. Yet I was distressed to note that in many of the media's coverage of this tragedy, a chronology of violence over the past 15 to 20 years was included. Yet with few if any exceptions, the only acts of violence that were listed were those perpetrated by other than official violence. No acts of official violence, not even the murder of Sean Downes in August 1985 were included. This helps to perpetuate the myth that violence in Northern Ireland is one-sided. It is not. This is not to condone any of the violence which has affected the people of Northern Ireland over these years. It is wrong and there must be a total commitment to its abolition.

This is not a time for silence for those who care about peace and justice in Northern Ireland. It is a time to speak out in condemnation of another mindless act of violence. Another bloody Sunday has occurred in Northern Ireland. We must work to avert any others.

(From the Congressional Record)

Ad Hoc Committee Acts on Doherty, Immigration, Ethnic Affairs

DOHERTY CASE

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) has been advised by the United States Department of Justice that the Attorney General still has the case involving Joseph Patrick Doherty "under review".

The information was provided in a letter which came in response to a telegram sent by Biaggi and 17 House members urging the Attorney General to accept the recommendation of the Board of Immigration Appeals and allow Doherty to be deported to the Republic of Ireland. The telegram was signed by: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT); Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-NY); Rep. Frank Annunzio (D-IL); Rep. Helen Bentley (R-MD); Rep. Robert Borski (D-PA); Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-CA); Rep. Thomas Downey (D-NY); Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY); Rep. Robert Garcia (D-NY); Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY); Rep. Norman Lent (R-NY); Rep. Thomas Manton (D-NY); Rep. Raymond McGrath (R-NY); Rep. Robert Mrazek (D-NY); Rep. James Scheuer (R-NY); Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY) and Rep. James Traficant (D-OH).

In the letter to Biaggi, Assistant Attorney General John R. Bolton said, "The Attorney General has asked me to reply to the recent mailgram sent by you and several of your colleagues concerning his review of the decision by the Board of Immigration Appeals regarding Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty."

The letter continued, "Precisely because the Doherty matter is under review by the Attorney General, it would be inappropriate to comment on the substantive issues relating to his case raised in your mailgram."

Biaggi, who is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, indicated that he will continue to closely monitor the Doherty case and the decision of the Attorney General.

IMMIGRATION

Rep. Mario Biaggi announced that the Immigration and Naturalization Service will take steps to initiate a waiver program to certain individuals who have been found ineligible for the service's amnesty and legalization program. Biaggi, who is the Chairman of the 118 member Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, stated that the INS plans to publish this new amendment in the Federal Register within the next several weeks. The I-94 is the form number of the arrival and departure certificate which appears in a passport.

Biaggi noted, "Under the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, individuals who have resided in the United States illegally since January 1982, are eligible for legalization. The problem lies in the fact that many of these people have been declared ineligible for amnesty as they left the U.S. for a short period of time and reentered on a valid visa. This seems unfair, and I am happy to report that the INS will soon be accepting waiver applications from these individuals on the basis that the visa was not actually valid, as these individuals reentered the United States with the intent of staying permanently."

"This new regulation," Biaggi continued, "will allow those people who have applied for, and have been denied legalization, to submit a

waiver to the INS. This will permit an individual who may have lived in the US for as many as twenty years, but returned home briefly within the past five years, the opportunity to remain in this country and continue to make a meaningful contribution to our society. This is a major step forward in legalizing hundreds of people, particularly the Irish."

Biaggi went on to emphasize that, by law, information submitted in the legalization application cannot be used to deport any alien, or any of his/her family members. He encouraged those who believe they might be eligible to apply, as there is really nothing to fear. Should anyone have any questions, Biaggi noted that there are two legalization hotlines which can be called for additional information; the toll free number 1-800-777-7000 or 718-899-4000.

ETHNIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) announced that nine national organizations have endorsed his legislation to establish a Clearinghouse for Ethnic and Minority Affairs within the Federal Communications Commission.

These organizations include the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (a coalition of over 40 ethnic organizations), UNICO National, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, the Transport Workers Union of America, SELFRELANCE (Association of American Ukrainians), the Polish American

Congress Inc., the Indochina Resource Action Center, the Anti-Bigotry Committee, and Americans of Italian Descent Inc.

The Biaggi bill, H.R. 1234, would establish a clearinghouse to handle complaints relative to negative ethnic and minority stereotyping on radio and television programming. "Currently, complaints on ethnic and minority stereotyping are but one of thirteen different categories the FCC logs," said Biaggi. "My proposed clearinghouse would provide follow-up research on these complaints to determine if repeat complaints have been filed against a station. This clearinghouse could also help promote a more positive image of ethnic and minority groups by radio and television programmers, including holding an annual conference to focus public attention on the issue."

Biaggi introduced this legislation noting a 70% increase over the past year in the number of complaints filed by persons offended by ethnic or racial broadcasting. "It should be noted that the FCC awards licenses to radio and television stations. This accrues great financial benefit in many instances. A station awarded a license is required to operate in the public interest. Subjecting an ethnic or minority group to ridicule, stereotyping or other denigration, in my mind, does not meet that mandate," said Biaggi. "The FCC should help ensure that stations operate more responsibly. Our objective is not greater censorship, but greater sensitivity."

Anti-Catholic Bias in North, Says Survey

BELFAST — Tough measures to combat religious discrimination were outlined in Belfast recently, following the publication of a major survey on the issue which shows Catholics as severely economically disadvantaged in comparison to Protestants.

The state-sponsored Standing Advisory Committee on Human Rights (SACHR) in Northern Ireland calls on the British Government to abolish the Fair Employment Agency and replace it with a tougher, more powerful agency.

The report and the SACHR recommendations were welcomed in Dublin by Irish Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan, who said it was a "clear indication" of the need for effective measures to redress the problems of inequality in the North. Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party called on the Northern Secretary, Tom King, to act "quickly and decisively" on the report's recommendations.

In London, Kevin McNamara, British Labor Party spokesman on Northern Ireland, said the report exploded the "myth" that Catholic unemployment was due to problems of geography, family structure, age, education or misfortune.

In its 200-page report, SACHR makes 124 recommendations on how the State should redress the imbalance. It places strong emphasis on affirmative action programs, similar to the U.S. models, using targets and timetables, contract compliance, the State incentives to employers, as well as sanctions. While it broadly follows and supports the recent British Government initiative on fair employment, it goes further and calls on the government

to set itself a five-year goal to achieve significant change.

At present, Catholics are two and a half times more likely to be unemployed than Protestants and SACHR recommends that the government should set out to reduce this differential to one and a half times by 1992. It warns that unless such urgent action is taken, the sense of grievance in the Catholic community will grow and political progress will be difficult to achieve.

The London-based survey, conducted by the Policies Studies Institute, an independent research organization commissioned by SACHR, states that religious discrimination is social rather than geographical and has resulted in a significantly lower standard of living for Catholics in comparison to Protestants.

Presenting SACHR's recommendations, the chairman, James O'Hara, said it could only advise and not compel government to act, but he stressed: "There is an urgent need for clear and comprehensive measures to secure equality of opportunity."

In response, the Northern Secretary welcomed both SACHR's report and the PSI survey, and said the government would take it into account when framing new legislation. With the current legislative time-table in the House of Commons, it would be at least a year before a new Fair Employment Bill could be presented, and it could be two years before the new act takes effect. King said the government had already taken action to redress inequalities, particularly in the publication last month of a new Guide to Effective Practice.

Reprinted from "The Irish Echo."

Extract from Tanaiste Brian Lenihan's Address to United Nations

The problem of Northern Ireland continues to be of major concern to the Irish Government. In successive years Irish Foreign Ministers have come to the General Assembly to describe the dimensions of the problem and to underline the urgency of finding a durable solution.

Since the meeting between the British and Irish heads of government in 1980 it has become an accepted principle that a solution to the Northern Ireland problem is to be found in the framework of Anglo-Irish co-operation. Out of that process has emerged the Anglo-Irish Agreement between the British and Irish Governments signed in November 1985 and registered with the United Nations.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement represents both a commitment and a challenge for the British and Irish Governments. For our part, the Irish Government which came into office in March of this year is determined

to use the mechanisms of the Agreement to improve the position of all the people living in Northern Ireland and especially the members of the nationalist community. Within our overall programme for action, we have established certain priority areas where we believe change is urgently required. These areas include the achievement of fair employment practices and reforms in the administration of justice.

As indeed the United Nations and its specialised agencies have recognised in many pronouncements, equal opportunity in employment is one of the hallmarks of an acceptable society. The socio-economic rights of individuals must rank in equal importance with their political and other rights. The employment profile of Northern Ireland undoubtedly points to a legacy of discrimination against one community. It is the common objective of the British and

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Plan for National Convention '88

Place: Cleveland, Ohio

Date: July 25-28, Monday - Thursday

Hotels: Bond Court Hotel & Hollander House

Meetings: Bond Court Hotel

Church Service: St. John Cathedral

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New York City, same August 1983 — Doherty's attorneys cite the "Political Exclusion" clause in the US-UK Extradition Treaty and request political asylum.

Now, let's go back almost a century, to London 1891 — The British courts, in the legal landmark "Angelo Castioni Case" refused to extradite the Swiss national because "he killed in furtherance of a political uprising."

California, 1894, three years later — The United States followed Britain's Castioni reasoning and began an American precedent refusing El Salvador's request to extradite Antonio Ezeta, ruling his offense was political.

Comment: This is very significant because it was the beginning of the United States arranging almost identical treaties, with almost 100 countries, many almost 100 years old, all containing this "Political Exclusion" clause. This world-respected American clause is very consistent with an America that won its own freedom by revolution.

Now, back to the judiciary part of our U.S. Constitution.

New York City, December 1984 — After almost a year of consideration, during which our state department warned the judge (highly irregular) that a favorable decision for Doherty would displease the British, Judge John E. Sprizzo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of N.Y., denied the British request for the extradition of Doherty. Here is a quote from his decision: "The facts of this case present the political offense exception in its most classic form." A follow-up tantrum, by our Justice Department, was "so demeaning to the judicial process" that the lead editorial, by the *National Law Journal* expressed "great concern."

February 1985 — In an unprecedented action, the Executive branch sued, saying Judge Sprizzo was wrong, and brought the case to trial all over again!

June 1985 — Judge Charles S. Haight, Jr., of the same U.S. District Court, ruled that Judge Sprizzo's order was not subject to review. Judge Haight commented that, if the Justice Department intended to intimidate him, it hadn't succeeded.

August 1985 — Judge Haight's decision was brought higher, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd circuit.

March 1986 — The U.S. Court of Appeals, by unanimous 3/0 decision, affirmed Judge Haight's decision, commenting that the tactics of the Executive Branch are "startling!"

Now, let's leave our 3 courtrooms that said Doherty should be free (and Doherty who's now 4 years in the slammer without charge) and review what was happening in the outside world. Let's start with the least mentioned in a list of shockers.

April 2, 1982 — Malvinas Islands off the coast of Argentina claimed by, and called Falklands, by the British. Corrupt Argentine leaders take the islands for prestige reasons. Britain's own prestige at stake, sets out to recapture them. America's "Good Neighbor Policy" (since President Roosevelt's 1930s) with South America is at stake and Alexander Haig tries to be intermediary. Finally, President Reagan forsooke "Good Neighbor and Monroe Doctrine" considerations and sides with Britain. Britain sets 200 miles around the islands as zone of combat. On May 3, Argentina's only cruiser "The Belgrano" (although on course away from the islands and outside the 200 mile zone) is sunk with 500 lives on direct orders from London. Most observers credit this "great Naval victory" as the deciding factor in the British election one month later. It is mentioned here as a microcosm of public opinion manipulation as a sort of overture to what will follow.

1983
May 20 — Blacks kill 18 whites in South Africa
May 9 — Margaret Thatcher re-elected with 42% of the vote.

August 21 — Benigno Aquino, whom Ferdinand Marcos tried to extradite from U.S., is killed.
August 29 — 2 marines and 3 French soldiers killed in Lebanon.

September 1 — Soviets shoot down a plane over South Korea — 299 passengers killed.

October 23 — 241 marines and 58 French soldiers killed in Lebanon.

October 25 — U.S. invades Grenada — Margaret Thatcher displeased.

November 14 — 1st of 572 U.S. "cruise" intermediate range missiles arrives at Greenham Common Air Base in England.

1984
October 12 — Irish bombs, at Brighton, England, almost kill Margaret Thatcher and her party leaders.

1985
February 20 — In the first such address to a joint session of Congress since Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher condemns Americans who contribute to Irish political revolt.

March 8 — A unit, trained by our CIA, explodes a car-bomb that kills 80 people in Lebanon. Vermont's Senator Leahy states that his "Intelligence Committee" was aware of 6 or 7 such incidents.

May 13, Philadelphia — Police bombs destroy 61 houses — kill 11 "radicals".

July 4-11, in Washington; July 15-21 in London — Split convention of the American Bar Association. At the session in Westminster, Margaret Thatcher is the principal speaker.

October 7 — Leon Klinghofer, an American in a wheelchair, is shot and throw off the cruise ship *Achille Lauro*.

1986
April 14 — In an air attack aimed at "terrorist centers," 18 U.S. planes take off from England and attack Libya. Ironically, one American plane is shot down by an aiming device sold to Libya by England.

This resume you just heard brought home to Americans all kinds of reactions. Who does what to whom? A frightening sense of the violence is so many places, in so many forms; a mixture of bewilderment, and indignation, frustration. And, for so many reasons during this critical period, there was orchestrated an obligation to make a pleasing gesture to England. But, while we have our Executive, our State Dept., our Justice Dept., and a well-stroked Legislature going in that direction, we have our "rule of law" (our judges, our courts, our judiciary) protecting the man that England wants. Or, to be more precise, resisting the criminalization policy that Britain is asking America to endorse! Granted that we owed Britain for certain concessions, can we, should we scuttle our legal system? Well, a way around was found, but it turned out to be not as easy as it first appeared.

Very quietly, no stories in the press, four months after the Thatcher speech to our Congress, a treaty was signed on the 25th of June 1985 between the United Kingdom and the United States.

On the 3rd of July, Secretary Shultz submitted it to our President. Two weeks later our President asked the Senate to "advise and consent." Two weeks the Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard testimony from two witnesses, deputy to the Attorney General and legal counsel to the State Department. All nice and tidy, the "Political Exclusion Clause" was removed from our Extradition Treaty... and... and, the removal would be dated back — back to before those three American courts made those three awkward decisions. All very neat. It made no difference that our Constitution forbids ex post facto laws. It made no difference that Americans would now be calling Nathan Hale and Seth Warner of Hubbardston and John Stark of Bennington criminals; and the 22 soldiers out of the 39 signers of our Constitution, all criminals!! That's what our Executive was about to do!

But word of this got out and telephones burned all over the country. All kinds of people descended on Washington. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee had to extend the hearings. The corridor outside was crushed with hundreds who couldn't fit inside. I was armed with a unique document, a U.S. Senate letterhead requesting my turn to testify, signed, jointly, by Republican Senator Stafford and Democratic Senator Leahy. And I was proud to

be in distinguished company — constitutional professors, law school professors, senators, congressmen, retired senators like Eugene McCarthy, Irish American societies (notice I stress the American part there), law societies, civil rights and civil liberties groups — it was America in action! Even the book *Ethan Allen, Frontier Rebel*, by the respected author, Charles Jellison, was quoted. "The palpable fact that, whether or not His Majesty's government cared to admit it, Ethan and his men had been acting as soldiers, and to treat them as common felons would be bound to cause considerable awkwardness for the British government both at home and abroad." Well, there sure was awkwardness in 1985 and 1986 — because it dragged on for a year!

But the battle was an unequal one. The thrust of the purists for the Constitution was blunted for many reasons. In the press, it was made to look like an English-Irish squabble, and just like senators feared the "soft on communism" label during the hysteria of Senator Joe McCarthy in the 1950s, our senators were uneasy about appearing "soft on terrorism" at the time when it was discussed on news and talk-shows night after night and weekends, too. But the largest factor was our *Republican Executive*, involved in global NATO commitments with the head of an important NATO partner, and the leverage of a *Republican Majority* on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Look at this newspaper, *USA Today*, and listen to these headlines and quotes: "Year-old accord languishes in Senate — Irish terror suspect's fate is sticking point." Here's one with *Daily News*: "Senate may hold key to Thatcher's future," (and the key sentence) "Without the treaty in hand to offset economic woes, Thatcher's political future looks troubled." Here's the most disturbing quote of all: "In fact, Democrats on the Foreign Relations Committee blocked the treaty for months until Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) tied its passage to a Democrat-backed bill giving \$250 million dollars in aid to Northern Ireland." This is naked, open bribery, with your tax dollars and mine!! Here's another one for good measure: The American Bar Association, usually strict constitutionalists fresh from the echos of Prime Minister Thatcher and the pomp at Westminster — had a furious dispute at their convention that followed. After unprecedented, rancorous, opposite votes by two pertinent committees that did not confer as per custom, the more powerful one reported out endorsement of that unconstitutional gerrymander arrangement.

In the full Senate, Senator Stafford was one of two senators who did not vote. Senator Leahy voted against the retroactive insult, but later agreed to a compromise explained as "colloquy on Section 3" — too nebulous to explain here.

Time Magazine, July 28, 1986 — The Windup: "British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher received a phone call from Ronald Reagan last week that she said delighted her. The item ends with 'Britain has long been seeking such an agreement but it was Thatcher's aid in the April bombing raid on Libya that helped push the measure through. Many U.S. diplomats and senators felt that the U.S. ought to return a favor.' That's an understatement.

It seems fitting to close my description on this bizarre series of maneuvers against our Constitution by returning to prisoner of war, Joseph Doherty, symbol of Britain's (now American-endorsed) criminalization policy. Doherty's lawyers could see many more years ahead for corrective legislation or Supreme Court appeal, with their client still held 23 hours a day in a cell. So once again relying on our laws and courts, they turned completely about face! When Doherty wanted asylum here, three courts granted it. But he couldn't get it. Now, he'd ask to be deported because it is our immigration custom that if an undesirable person has a country that will agree to take him, off he goes. Good riddance.

The Republic of Ireland agreed to Doherty's

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Bishop McGann Voices Concern

Attorney General Edwin Meese
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & 10th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Meese:

I have been following the case of Mr. Joseph Doherty and I must say that, judging from the facts presented to me, I can conceive of no reason why Mr. Doherty has not been deported to the south of Ireland.

My understanding of the facts is as follows:

1. In December 1984, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York denied request for his extradition on the grounds that his offenses were of a political character; extradition, therefore, barred by the political offense exception provision of a controlling treaty.

2. In February 1985, the Executive Branch of the United States government filed a lawsuit against Mr. Doherty, asserting that the judge in the December 1984 hearing decided the case wrongly.

3. In June 1985, the case was heard again and the original decision was upheld.

4. In August 1985, the Executive Branch brought the case to the Court of Appeals.

5. In March 1986, Mr. Doherty prevailed for the third time, with unanimous 3-0 decision handed down March 13, 1986.

6. The decision to uphold the order to deport Mr. Doherty to the south of Ireland was subsequently ruled by the Bureau of Immigration Appeals in September 1986, and again in May of 1987.

7. At present, the disposition of Mr. Doherty's case rests with your office.

If my account of the proceedings is accurate, I must urge you to render a decision for deportation with all possible speed. Reflection on the decisions of the Courts on the one hand, and the harsh treatment of Mr. Doherty on the other, leads me to conclude that Mr. Doherty has been a victim of serious injustice.

The Roman Catholic Church, along with other religious communities, holds that all persons have intrinsic dignity and therefore must be treated justly. It is, then, the duty of the Church to be an advocate for persons or groups who are victims of injustice.

I urge you, then, to seek the expeditious deportation of Mr. Joseph Doherty to the south of Ireland.

Sincerely yours,

John R. McGann

Bishop of Rockville Centre, N.Y.



FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

By the time you read this message, you should have received two letters from me asking your Division and State to make a contribution to this committee for our annual Christmas Relief Fund.

The monies raised from this project will go to the Green Cross and An Cumann Cabrac for distribution to the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland at Christmas time. The prisoners are so grateful to

the AOH for what we are doing to help their families; we must not let them down.

Please respond as soon as possible. Time is short and we want to be able to send the monies overseas in time for Christmas. Please make your check payable to the F.F.A.I.C. and mail to me at the address below.

Martin Higgins
115 Ward Place
Woodmere, New York 11598

Neither Fiction or History

Can a nation that treated Ireland's people to Oliver Cromwell and a contrived famine be all bad???

The 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement's Article 8 recognizes "the importance of public confidence in the administration of justice" in the Six Counties. Without going back through history, let us consider how Britain has gone about this during our own lifetime:

- Diplock courts
- systematic discrimination in employment
- the Birmingham 6
- Supergrass trials
- plastic bullets
- the suppression of the Stalker Report
- internment
- the Prevention of Terrorism Act

- strip-searching
- the SAS
- H-Blocks
- the Guildford 4
- MI5
- discrimination in housing
- the Emergency Provisions Act
- the Military Reconnaissance Force ("dirty tricks" squad)
- economic apartheid
- etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.,

Is Britain merely using the Agreement (and the Dublin government) for its own public relations purposes? Does Britain really want to clean up its act in the north of Ireland? What do you think?

Brendan Moore

Deputy National Chairman

Freedom for All Ireland Comm.

Britain Refuses Diplock Concessions

The likelihood that the Dublin government will again postpone the introduction of the new Extradition Act, due to come into force on December 1, has increased dramatically following a call by the Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian Lenihan, for Britain to stick to its promise to introduce reforms in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. Specifically this means a major reform of the one-judge, no-jury Diplock Courts.

The point was made forcefully to the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, at the weekend, when he and Brian Lenihan met for a review of Anglo-Irish relations at a gathering of EEC foreign ministers at Nyborg in Denmark.

The issue is now firmly at the top of the agenda for the next meeting of the Anglo-Irish Inter-Governmental Conference due later this month and is likely to be a major stumbling block.

Britain has up to this time refused Dublin's suggestion that cases in the Diplock Courts be heard by three judges instead of one, but so far has come up with no alternative suggestions. No concessions were offered by Sir Geoffrey at the weekend. On the contrary, he insisted that the British government had given no formal commitments.

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Nat'l Board Honors Ad Hoc Committee



NATIONAL BOARD Hibernians who celebrated the recent 10th year anniversary of the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs are, left to right, back row, Michael Cummings, New York public relations; James Brennan, Ohio, advertising director, *Hibernian Digest*; George Clough, St. Louis, chairman Notre Dame Fund; and Thomas Gilligan, Florida, national director. Front row, Joseph Roche, Maryland, chairman political education and past national president; Thomas McNabb, New York, national secretary; Nicholas Murphy, New York, national president and Michael Coogan, Ohio, national vice president.

Irish Eye photo

Britain as an important weapon in the fight against terrorism, was originally to come into force in December of last year but was put on ice by the then Minister for Justice, Alan Dukes, now leader of Fine Gael.

Brian Lenihan's beefing-up of his call to Britain was originally made at the end of a ten-day tour of America, though it was couched in diplomatic language. He did not specifically mention the Diplock Courts but his references were quite clear. He laid it on the line that his government wanted to see "substantial measures" to create public confidence in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. In giving a positive response to the Irish government's position, he said, the British government would be "doing no more than giving effect to an explicit commitment" embodied in the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The Tanaiste was in America for other reasons. His primary tasks were to attract more US investment in Ireland and to seek a better deal for Irish immigrants.

He also sought to rebuild bridges

— an act not devoid of commercial considerations — to the Irish American community, in latter years disenchanted with the policies of successive Dublin governments towards Northern Ireland. The Tanaiste's visit has been notable for his address to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Rockland County, New York, the first such ministerial address since one by Eamon de Valera.

The timing of his beefing-up on his government's stance towards Britain was therefore, not accidental, the more so since Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King has also been on tour in America and because, in a radio interview on September 20, Brian Lenihan gave the impression that extradition was not specifically linked to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Charles Haughey is said to have been less than pleased by this, although it is the impression that has been fuelled for some months.

A softly-softly approach was adopted by the Haughey administration on its return to office earlier this year in an attempt to restore cordial

relations with Margaret Thatcher. Hard line positions taken in opposition were ostensibly modified — the cases of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and Maguire's being examples.

Letting, however, both Fine Gael and Labour, joined by the Progressive Democrats, have complained of Britain dragging its feet on commitments it made in negotiations surrounding the Anglo-Irish Agreement. For instance, the former Taoiseach, Garret Fitzgerald, has vigorously insisted at a private meeting of the British-Irish Association in Cambridge that Britain had agreed to reform the Diplock Courts in return for easier extradition procedures. The former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Peter Barry, has several times recently made his feelings known in public, insisting on the "linkage" principle. At the weekend he gave his backing to a tough negotiating position.

No formal decision has yet been taken by Dublin upon its course of action nor is one likely until after the inter-governmental conference. But the feeling is growing that Charles Haughey would be heading for trouble, not least with his own backbenchers, if he is seen to be less green than the opposition.



Hibernian Tom Egan Addresses Vermont Society

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return, so in September 1986, immigration Judge Howard I. Cohen entered an order that he be deported to Ireland. But he was still held! The Immigration and Naturalization Service took the unprecedented step of appealing the Judge's order, claiming, with no evidence for the statement, that deportation was "prejudicial to the interests of the United States!"

On March 11, six months after Doherty should have been gone, The Board of Immigration Appeals overruled the INS appeal unanimously, with the comments that, 1. No "prejudicial to the U.S." claim had ever been made before and 2. Adjudgments granted to prove it had been wasted. Two days later, on March 13, I.N.S. asked to reopen the appeal so it could submit evidence already six months overdue!

May 22, — The Appeals Court made two rulings: 1. It granted the motion to reopen the case, and then: 2. It reaffirmed the correctness of Judge Cohen's order to deport Doherty to the Republic of Ireland, not to British-occupied Ireland. So, that's that!

No, there was a final curve, and you'll say, "Oh, he's making it up!" Within days of the Appeals Court decision, the Acting Commissioner of the I.N.S. referred the matter for review by Attorney General Meese. This means that the attorney general, who had been the losing party in all decisions in favor of Doherty, is now to be the final arbiter on whether he should have lost! Surely, this is "Judge-Fox" making the decision in the benyard! And, surely, this is not what the composers of our *Bill of Rights* had in mind for our America.

Is our Constitution damaged? Well, if we think of it as a battleship protecting our harbor, yes, it's been injured. But I think of our document as a barometer, a standard that gives Americans a measure of vigilance when rights may be wronged. And, in that sense it's not damaged; it has served its purpose. And like in the 10 Commandments, it is the offender that is besmirched!

If you turn those Constitution pieces sideways, like this, you'll notice words written by a 100-year-old Jewish immigrant. Let's read them together as a closing prayer: "God bless America — land that I love; stand beside her and guide her, through the night, with a light from above; from the mountains, through the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America — my home sweet home!" Yes, we are blessed, and I'm honored to be with you.



BRITISH BANDS CONDEMNED

Mr. Edward J. Rubenstein
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Dear Mr. Rubenstein:

Thank you for your reply to my letter protesting the appearance of the Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlanders — Units of the British Army — at the Spectrum on December 12, 1987.

I am appalled and completely puzzled by your response. You have somehow managed to totally miss the point, or chosen to ignore it. Your statement that this event is "cultural" is absolutely repugnant. Your arrogance in comparing British Soldiers to "cultural" entertainers in the spirit of international understanding and cultural enrichment is ludicrous. No reason or purpose can justify promoting as "cultural entertainers" those British Soldiers who have been condemned by numerous international human rights organizations for murdering innocent Catholic men, women, and children.

In the past, other ethnic groups in other locations have protested the appearances of international entertainers such as the actors in Shoah, and the dancers of the Moiseyev Dance Company. While Polish and Jewish people undoubtedly had a legitimate grievance against the governments represented by the civilian entertainers of Shoah, and the Moiseyev Dance Company, and chose to exercise their Constitutional First Amendment rights to demonstrate against the offending nations, neither ethnic group could claim a grievance against the actual actors or dancers involved. *THEREIN LIES THE DIFFERENCE!* These co-called entertainers were involved as soldiers — who have killed innocent civilians. The difference between "cultural" and "political" is the point to be stressed here.

Would you expect Polish Americans or Afghan immigrants to sit silently by while the Russian Army strutted in America? Or Afro-Americans to quietly accept the proud parading of the Army of South Africa? Would you be host to military bands of Colonel Khadafy? I think not. If bands such as these, or South Korean riot police, or Chilean officers who tortured young people in that country wish to perform at the Spectrum, we believe you would deny their request. Please reflect on that when you consider this sensitive and important issue to Irish-Americans.

I cannot comprehend your insensitivity towards Irish Americans in

this matter, and do not understand your *defending these soldiers* as only "marching bands." To emphasize the point, there are no ceremonial units in the British Army; all are soldiers first, trained to kill, harass, intimidate and repress. Their swirling kilts and skirling pipes in America are swapped for combat fatigues and automatic weapons on the streets of Belfast and Derry.

Ireland has 32 counties — as America has 50 states — and Britain's refusal to depart from 6 counties is the cause of the longest war in history. World opinion is so important that Britain maintains a more sophisticated, incessant public relations campaign than any other nation on earth. One example is sending these soldiers to stages across America for propaganda purposes. Do you believe that Britain needs the small amount of money charged for admission? No, it's the image of "pomp" that makes it hard to believe that such a magnificent country could have its conduct in Northern Ireland condemned by so many international human rights organizations.

As for the Grenadier/Gordons, the dates of their tours of Irish duty are documented — and the names of non-combatants, even children are documented as killed by these combat units. (See "Shoot to Kill" — International Lawyers Inquiry into the Lethal Use of Firearms by the Security Forces in Northern Ireland — 147 men, women and children murdered). But their worst form of terrorism is such as their pounding on the door in the darkness of night — the destruction of the small things that make each home sacred — "for a search". The arrest of an Irishman because he answers a question, in Irish, on his Irish soil. The visit to the cemetery where the television cameras above record all who come and go. The searches of shopping bags and bodies by foreigners. The list is long and painful.

In America, in the 200th year of our Constitution, it is unthinkable that in the City of Brotherly Love the people's trust would be betrayed. In the case of these soldiers appearing at the Spectrum, it seems that the management has been misled by a public relations force so pervasive that its purpose seems real and true. We would hope that the hurt and insult to Irish Americans is unintentional, and that a mistake was made, and that the Spectrum would correct it by cancelling this performance, as others have.

Lastly, as to your advice to Americans, in America, on how to properly and peacefully demonstrate, as is our right, a right I might add we Americans fought for and many died for, fighting the kind of oppression perpetrated by these performing British soldiers, we will be eternally grateful to you. In the true American spirit, I suggest you share your great patriotic wisdom, on peace, with the internationally condemned army units appearing at the Spectrum.

We respectfully request you reconsider your decision and cancel this performance. While awaiting your quick reply, we will be organizing a peaceful protest demonstration.

Robert D. McIlwain, Chairman
Freedom For All Ireland Committee
Div. 4, Philadelphia, PA

ALBANY BISHOP IMPLORES MEESE

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I wish to add my voice to that of an increasing number of individuals and groups who are appalled at the continuing imprisonment of Joseph Doherty, who is now in the fifth year of confinement, without being sentenced, in the Manhattan Metropolitan Correctional Center. He has been imprisoned without bail since June 18, 1983. In spite of the consistent decisions in his favor by the judicial courts, he is still a prisoner in what appears to be a frightening travesty of justice.

I urge you, in the name of the justice and freedom that are hallmarks of our American Constitution and system of government and in the name of the moral law which we both affirm, to exercise your authority to release Joseph Doherty from this unconscionable violation of human rights and to comply with the court order to deport him to the Republic of Ireland. Again and again the United States through its leadership over several years has forcefully supported the human rights of persons of various countries. To maintain such a violation of human rights in the situation of Joseph Doherty jeopardizes the credibility of our nation in the eyes of other nations.

It is for these reasons that I vigorously urge you to release Joseph Doherty from his fifth year of imprisonment and to comply with the court order to deport him to the Republic of Ireland. I do so in unity with the many voices to which I referred initially and with such groups as the New York State Assembly and the city councils of Philadelphia, New York, and Yonkers whose resolutions have brought the same urgent request to you as the one I have expressed.

Howard J. Hubbard
Bishop of Albany

BISHOP ADMONISHES MEESE

Dear Editor:
In a letter addressed to Attorney General Edwin Meese concerning the denial of justice to Irish political prisoner Joseph Doherty, Bishop John McGann of the Diocese of Rockville Centre stated that "the Roman Catholic Church, along with other religious communities, holds that all persons have intrinsic dignity and therefore must be treated justly. It is the duty of the Church to be an advocate for persons or groups who are victims of injustice."

This letter came in response to a request from the American Irish Congress that Bishop McGann speak out in defense of the justice granted by federal judges but continually denied to Joseph Doherty by the Attorney General.

"Reflection on the decisions of the courts on the one hand, and the harsh treatment of Mr. Doherty on the other, leads me to conclude that Mr. Doherty has been a victim of serious injustice," continued Bishop McGann.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre now joins the Archdiocese of New York, the New York State Assembly, the New York City Council, the Town of Hempstead, and many federal officials in urging that the Attorney General conform to the laws of the United States by following the federal court rulings and the Immigration administrators relative to Joseph Doherty.

Kathleen Holmes
Chairwoman, Am. Irish Congress

Excerpt from Report of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, 1987

IRELAND

The AFL-CIO notes with pleasure that the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Ireland's Constitution. We take this opportunity to express the longstanding friendship between the American and Irish peoples.

We also reaffirm our solidarity with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, one of the few all-Ireland institutions that provides an organizational framework for the people of Northern Ireland to work together with their fellow workers in the Republic of Ireland in the pursuit of social justice and human rights for all.

Although violence and sectarianism continue to plague Northern Ireland as the second anniversary of the Anglo-Irish accord on Northern Ireland approaches, we note with satisfaction that the voices of obstructionism, violence, and stalemate have grown more faint. We note, too, the modest success of the International Fund, to which the United States has contributed millions of dollars to aid in the rehabilitation of housing, the creation of jobs, and the provision of education on both sides of the border that divides Ireland.

We note with sorrow and deep regret that the killing continues in Northern Ireland, claiming more than 70 lives in political violence in

1987 alone. We note with undiminished concern the drastic state of unemployment in Northern Ireland, which stands at disastrous levels and is concentrated disproportionately in the minority Catholic community. Discrimination is still rampant in employment and contributes to the climate of violence and resentment. Such bias must be vociferously condemned and eradicated. Further, British and Irish governmental policies must be developed to increase employment opportunities for all, both in the Republic and in Northern Ireland.

In June 1987, discussions were held with leaders of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) who explained the evolution of ICTU policy on employment equality and their new and stronger policy document, subsequently adopted at Cork, Ireland, in July. In these consultations, ICTU leaders, whose federation embraces workers of all creeds, North and South, explained the complexity of making progress against discrimination in conditions of severe unemployment and sectarian violence in the six counties. The ICTU policy statement is a forthright call for an end to any form of discrimination in employment. Fashioned by the Northern Ireland Committee and the ICTU, it calls for legislative changes in the Fair Employment Act and an enlarged and improved affirmative action program.

The AFL-CIO renews its call to U.S. employers operating in Northern Ireland to adopt and abide by clear principles for fair employment practices, as are elaborated in the MacBride Principles. We view these principles as a means through which positive employment practices and the elimination of job discrimination can be realized.

Only on the basis of social justice, equality, and respect for the rights of all will the interests of all Irish workers be served and peace brought to all of Ireland.

'Labour and Ireland' Magazine Available In United States

BOSTON: A magazine published by members of the British Labour Party in London is available in the United States from Quinlin Campbell Publishers.

Labour and Ireland, published quarterly, provides a unique perspective on the pressing issues surrounding Northern Ireland and its relationship with Great Britain. Written by elected officials within the Labour Party, and by British political activists working for the withdrawal of Great Britain from Northern Ireland, the magazine tackles controversial issues like prison reform; the role of Sinn Féin in the political process; the Northern Ireland economy and its impact on fair employment efforts; the MacBride Principles; and the position of British unions on the topic of British withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

Labour and Ireland, edited by Martin Collins, features writers like Ken Livingstone, Bernadette Devlin, Rita O'Hare, and Liz Curtis. It is available from Quinlin Campbell Publishers at 270 Babcock Street, Boston, MA. 02215. Subscriptions are \$12.00 per year.

Lenihan Addresses

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Irish Governments to ensure the elimination of that discrimination in all its forms. Some steps have been taken along the road but there is much further to travel. We regard the removal of discrimination in employment as both a moral and political imperative in Northern Ireland.

Public confidence in the administration of justice and good relations between the security forces and the community are other distinguishing marks of a normal society. When emergency measures are deemed necessary in order to protect the public from violence, it is essential that the public be assured that the actions of the security forces are evenhanded and that the proceedings of the courts are impartial. In a divided society like Northern Ireland, where a very large minority of the population has felt alienated from the institutions of government, and especially from the forces of law and order and the system of justice, the importance of such public confidence is acute. In Northern Ireland, therefore, it is necessary to consider what changes are required to remedy the damage done to public confidence in the past and to assure it now and for the future. That is why in the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 15 November 1985, and in the Communiqué which accompanied it, the British and Irish Governments agreed to seek measures which would give substantial expression to the aim of public confidence in the administration of justice and committed themselves explicitly to early progress in this area.

It is easy to be misled into thinking that the conflict in Northern Ireland centres upon irreconcilable religious or historical differences. In fact the challenge which lies at the heart of the problem is a similar challenge to many of those posed by other areas of conflict in the world which are raised regularly in this body. The need for peoples and nations freely to work out their own future, the accommodation of historic differences within such nations peacefully and by agreement and related human rights questions are basic to many of the tensions and much of the instability throughout the globe — and no less so in Northern Ireland.

The role of the Irish Government under the Agreement offers support to nationalists in Northern Ireland in ending that sense of exclusion under which they have lived and in finding solutions to the problems which beset both communities. We also believe the Irish Government's role reflects the recognition by the two Governments, and by the overwhelming majority of the populations of Britain and Ireland, that the nationalist and unionist communities share a common future on the island of Ireland which must rest upon principles of inclusion and accommodation of both traditions.

In saying this, my Government recognises that the Anglo-Irish

The following resolution was adopted by the North American Feis Commission during its annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio, October 17, 1987.

Whereas: Almost two years have elapsed since the signing of the much publicized Anglo-Irish Agreement — better known to the oppressed people in Northern Ireland as the Anglo-Irish Abandonment;

Whereas: The most minimal attempts to redress the causes of Ireland's longest war by the Irish authorities have been rebuffed by an unyielding British Government;

Whereas: There has been no reform of the non-jury one-judge Diplock Courts; the RUC; the strip searching of women political prisoners; the equal employment opportunities for nationalists and the general apartheid society of British occupied Ireland;

Whereas: The campaign to oppose

Agreement has not gained full acceptance in Northern Ireland. We recognise the rights and the sense of identity of unionists. There must, however, be a realistic acceptance that the Agreement is there as part of the political landscape in Northern Ireland. Only in such a climate of realism can meaningful debate take place about future political developments.

In successive years we have called for an end to the campaigns of violence in Northern Ireland. The last year, unfortunately, has seen a continuation of that futile violence which has brought such misery and suffering to the people of the area. The perpetrators of this violence are a tiny minority of the population of Northern Ireland, who do not act on behalf of anybody but themselves. Indeed, their unremitting campaigns of violence and assassination can only add to the mistrust and mutual fear between Irish people of different traditions. Such actions do not bring closer but postpone the day when unity based on reconciliation can take place in Ireland leading to that coming together, under agreed structures, of all the people of diverse traditions in our island.

The Irish Government will continue to work the mechanisms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. We will remain open to contact with all those in Northern Ireland willing to pursue peaceful, constructive approaches to the problems of the area. We will seek to make progress on the practical level of economic fairness, evenhanded treatment by the security forces and confidence in the administration of justice, all of which deeply affect the ordinary citizen in his or her everyday life. We realise that progress at the overall political level is indispensable to a durable settlement by agreement of the problems of our country as a whole. Thank you, Mr. President.

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North American Feis Commission Human Rights Denial In Ireland Addressed By October Convention

the MacBride Principles in the United States by the British and their Uncle Hume surrogates from occupied Ireland has reached frenzied proportions across North America;

Whereas: Joseph P. Doherty in a shameful miscarriage of justice still remains in a United States jail now in his fifth year;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the North American Feis Commission assembled at their Annual Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, on this 17th day of October, 1987 call upon the Irish Government and all alleged non-unionist parties in Ireland, North and South, to demand that the British Government conform to civilized rule of law in Irish occupied territory;

Be It Resolved: That this reform should include the dissolution of the Diplock Courts; the replacement of the RUC; the publication of the Stalker Report regarding the shoot-to-kill policy, and the inhumane treatment of political prisoners especially the degrading strip searching of women in Mahaberry Jail;

Be It Resolved: That the Irish Government rescind the Anglo-Irish Extradition Treaty forthwith and never, never consider under any circumstances the deliverance of any Irish political offender to that most notorious system of jurisprudence that has been found guilty repeatedly of the torture and the inhumane and degrading treatment of Irish political prisoners;

Be It Resolved: That the Irish Government service notice on the Thatcher Government that the Anglo-Irish Agreement is nothing but a cruel hoax that serves to cement Partition, that abandons the

poor, the oppressed and the unemployed, and that the three year review as per agreement shall require major revisions leading to British withdrawal and a United Ireland;

Be It Resolved: That the British and their surrogates from Northeast Ireland cease and desist from their callous campaign in the United States and Canada in opposition to the MacBride Principles;

Be It Resolved: That the United States Attorney General, Edwin Meese, III observe and respect the many decisions of the courts in the United States and the decision of the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization by allowing Joseph P. Doherty to go to Ireland rather than to the vindictive hands of a British Premier;

Be It Further Resolved: That the freedom of speech so cherished by all Americans be extended to Irish Americans by the United States State Department by allowing visas to Irish Republicans who wish to tell about the true cause of violence in North Ireland — facts which are denied by the Anglo-American media;

Be It Finally Resolved: That copies of the Resolution be sent to the Secretary of State, George Schultz, to Attorney General, Edwin Meese III, to the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to the Canadian Foreign Minister, to An Taoiseach, Charles J. Haughey, to Foreign Minister, Brian Lenihan and to selected Irish and Irish American newspapers.

Northern Aid Testimonial Dinner Set for January 15

The sixteenth annual Testimonial Dinner Dance will be held by the Irish Northern Aid Committee on Friday evening, January 15, 1988. A cocktail reception will start at 7:30 p.m., followed promptly by dinner at 9 o'clock, at the Astorian Manor, 25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Queens, N.Y.

The theme of the 1988 Testimonial and the souvenir journal will be commemorative of the eight IRA volunteers who were executed last May by British crown forces at Loughgall, Co. Armagh.

Life-long Republican Seamus Twomey will be the guest speaker from Ireland at the dinner. The 1988 honorees are Martin Higgins, Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland Committee, AOH; Alex Murphy,

national Trustee and Chairman of Chicago Central Board of INA; Sonny Hall, President, Local 100, TWU; Frank Feighery, President, UICA; Gabriel Kennedy, Chairman of the first INA Testimonial; and Jim O'Gara, Treasurer of the first INA Testimonial.

Testimonial tickets are \$45 each or \$450 for a table of ten. Journal ads, which must be received by January 5, are \$150 for a gold page; \$100 — full white; \$60 — one-half page; and \$45 — one-third page. (There are no silver pages this year.)

For further information, tickets and journal contracts, please call Irish Northern Aid at (212) 567-3604 or 1988 Testimonial Chairman Edward Brady at (914) 279-6022.

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Bishops Issue Political Responsibility Statement

Reprinted from the "Long Island Catholic."

WASHINGTON (NC) — Declaring that U.S. political choices "are laden with moral content," the U.S. bishops' Administrative Board has issued a "consistent ethic of life" guide to some of the key policy issues it wants Catholics to consider in deciding how to vote in the 1988 general elections.

The board urged voters to examine candidates on a wide range of issues, from abortion to civil rights, from arms control to the U.S. role in foreign conflicts, from health and housing to farm policy, from capital punishment to responsible use of mass media.

The 23-page statement repudiated "the formation of a religious voting bloc" and said the bishops had no intention "to instruct persons on how

Peter King Talks Turkey At Rally

The following is a summary of the remarks made by Peter T. King at a recent Irish Solidarity Day Rally:

The United States cannot be an effective voice for human rights if the American government denies human rights here in our own country.

President Reagan cannot condemn Soviet repression of Russian dissidents as long as Joe Doherty is illegally detained in an American prison.

President Reagan cannot say that we are a nation of laws when his own Attorney General, Edwin Meese, continues to hold Joe Doherty in prison in defiance of court decision after court decision.

President Reagan cannot say he supports freedom fighters as long as he imprisons Joe Doherty — whose only crime was to fight for the freedom of his country against British tyranny.

The tragedy of Joe Doherty is not some story that our parents or grandparents would tell us about, which occurred in days long gone. Nor is it a tragedy that is occurring thousands of miles away over which we have no control.

Joe Doherty is a real person, with real feelings and hopes and dreams and he has a family which suffers each day that he is held illegally in jail.

Joe Doherty is being held here in an American jail by an American President and an American Attorney General and it is our duty as Americans to speak out on his behalf and do all in our power to insure that his rights are protected and that he not be extradited to the barbarous jails of Northern Ireland where he would be tortured and abused.

It is not enough for us to condemn Britain for what it has done in the past and for the injustices it continues to inflict upon the people of Northern Ireland. As Americans, we also have the moral obligation and duty to condemn our own government for carrying out British policy against Joe Doherty in violation of America's constitutional principles. As long as Joe Doherty is imprisoned in America, there is blood on our hands.

they should vote" on particular candidates.

The bishops' public policy role, it said, is to advocate peace and justice and the common good, to promote human rights and denounce their violation, and to "call attention to the moral and religious dimension of secular issues."

MORAL QUESTIONS

Religious questions and themes have been given "increasing visibility" in U.S. political life in the 1980s, the statement said. It said that in the view of the bishops, a primary reason for that "is the centrality of moral questions for a broad range of public policy choices which we face as a nation."

Prepared in September and released Oct. 14, the statement was titled "Political Responsibility: Choices for the Future." Its author, the Administrative Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference, is a group of about 40 bishops that meets twice a year. It is the USCC's highest decision- and policy-making body short of the full assembly of the nation's bishops.

(Bishop McGann is a member of the board by reason of his office as treasurer of the USCC, and Bishop Daly serves as a regional representative.)

The board has been issuing political responsibility statements every four years since 1976. In this year's statement it said the bishops' "efforts in this area are sometimes misunderstood."

"A proper understanding of the role of the Church will not confuse its mission with that of government, but rather see its ministry as advocating the critical values of human rights and social justice."

CONSISTENT ETHIC

For the first time, the statement explicitly referred to "a consistent ethic of life" as "the moral framework from which we address all issues in the political arena."

The phrase "consistent ethic of life" was made popular by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago in efforts to explain the underlying reason why abortion, capital punishment, hunger, poverty, unemployment and the nuclear arms race all share a place on the moral agenda of the Catholic Church.

On many of the policy issues it addressed this year, the board simply reaffirmed or slightly restated the positions it had spelled out in its political responsibility statement before the 1984 elections.

This year it added immigration policy to the list of concerns, with issues surrounding implementation of the 1986 immigration reform law giving new urgency to that area. It dropped energy, an issue that was prominent among public policy concerns in 1984 but has received less attention since then.

KEY ISSUES

Listing, in alphabetical order, key "issues which we believe are important in the national debate during 1988," the board said:

— On abortion, "the right to life is the most basic human right, and it demands the protection of law." The statement urged a constitutional amendment to restore "the right to life for the unborn child" and rejected any public funding of abortion.

— Capital punishment brings with it "erosion of respect for life in our society," is discriminatory in its application, and its use should be rejected, the statement said.

— On civil rights, it said, continuing discrimination because of sex, race, ethnic background or age "constitutes a grave injustice and affront to human dignity. It must be aggressively resisted."

STATE NEWS: Alabama

American Heroes Honored

MOBILE, ALABAMA: An American hero, Commodore John Barry, the Father of the American Navy, was honored on Saturday, September 12, by the local division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Also remembered at this time by the organization was the poet priest, Father Abram Ryan, for which the Mobile division is named.

The event began at 10 a.m. with the placing of a wreath at the Statue

of Father Ryan in Ryan Park, the park bearing his name. The group proceeded with a motorcade to the wharf at the foot of Government Street, where another wreath was tossed into Mobile River in honor of Commodore John Barry. At 6:00 p.m. a banquet was held at Korbet's Restaurant, preceded by a happy hour.

John P. "Jay" Connick, president of the division, accepted a proclamation naming September 12

John Barry Day from Richard Smith, representing Arthur Outlaw, mayor of the city of Mobile. Guest speaker for this occasion was Prier J. "Jay" Higginbotham, director of the Mobile Municipal Archives, world traveler, author of thirteen books, and recipient of five literary awards.

A check was presented to the Catholic Maritime Club in honor of John Barry. Bernard O'Leary was master of ceremony.



MEMBERS OF Father Abram Ryan Division, AOH, in Mobile, Alabama place a wreath at Fr. Ryan's statue in Ryan Park. Left to right are Bernie O'Leary, Willy Foster, John P. "Jay" Connick, Green T. Waggener, Mike Hayes, Joe Connick III, and Bill Barbour. In bottom photo, the group prepares to toss a wreath into the Mobile River in honor of Commodore Barry.

— On the economy, it said, principles spelled out in the bishops' 1986 national pastoral, *Economic Justice for All*, should "guide" U.S. economic life. Creation of jobs with adequate pay remains "the most urgent priority" of domestic economic policy, and the minimum wage should be raised, it said. Poverty

ty in the United States "is a social and moral scandal," and dealing with it "is not a luxury . . . It is a moral imperative." Concern for the poor must be a guiding principle in foreign economic policy, it said.

EDUCATION

— On education, funding should be aimed at adequate opportunities for

all with special targeting to improve education for the poor and with "equitable tax support" for private as well as public schools so that parents can freely choose their children's schools, the statement said.

— Family life ought to be supported. (Continued on Page Twenty-Three)

Senator D'Amato Backs Immigration Reform

U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) today called for enactment of legislation that would increase the number of immigrants from Ireland that will be allowed into the United States.

D'Amato is cosponsoring S. 1611, legislation proposed by Senator Edward Kennedy, that would make it easier for those without family members living in the United States to immigrate to this country.

Under current law, 216,000 of the 270,000 visas issued each year must go to people with immediate family members living in the United States as citizens or permanent residents. This requirement has effectively kept Irish immigrants with no immediate family in the U.S. from immigrating here.

"As one whose grandparents came through the Great Hall of Ellis Island in 1905 and 1912, I often wonder what would have happened to them if the present law had been in effect at that time. With no relatives here, they would not have qualified

to enter the United States," D'Amato said.

"While family reunification is an important goal, the current system works against those who have no relatives here or come from a nation like Ireland whose great days of immigration are long in the past," the Senator said.

The State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service report that the current system adversely affects people seeking to come to America from Ireland and 35 other countries.

"The current system is unfair. By closing the doors of citizenship to people from so many nations, we are depriving ourselves of their great talents, skills, and energy," the Senator said.

D'Amato is cosponsoring S.1611, legislation proposed by Senator Edward Kennedy to create an additional 50,000 visas that would be assigned on a new basis that would give credit for education, skills, and citizenship in countries adversely affected by the present system.

New Job Bias Law Recommended

By HOWELL RAINES

Special to The New York Times

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Nov. 16 — While violence and political conflict seem to run in cycles here, job discrimination has remained a constant and intractable reality.

A new Government study affirmed that unemployment is 2.5 times as high among Roman Catholic men as among men who belong to the Protestant majority. The study documented that there had been little improvement in the employment imbalances under the Fair Employment Act of 1976.

It also showed existing anti-discrimination laws to be a failure and called for new laws to reduce the employment imbalance to 1.5 to 1 within five years.

To Inez McCormack, the candor of the report came as a relief. She says it marks the end of a period when she was "either being regarded as a loony or sectarian for asserting that there was a problem."

As a Protestant campaigning for fair treatment for Catholics, Mrs. McCormack is one of the rare crusaders operating across the sectarian divide here. Mrs. McCormack, whose husband is Catholic, warned that employment reform should not be viewed as a remedy to violence by nationalist paramilitary groups like the Irish Republican Army.

But, she said, progress on jobs could be part of a reconciliation process between Catholics and the Government.

Mrs. McCormack said that the report by the Standing Advisory

Commission on Human Rights, which was set up by Parliament, vindicated the campaign of "continual international pressure" on the Thatcher Government to deal with economic discrimination in its Irish province.

The 43-year-old union official is one of four original signers of the MacBride Principles, a nine-point program for abolition of discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland. The principles are named for another sponsor, Sean MacBride of Dublin, a former Irish Foreign Minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

To the dismay of the Thatcher Government, the principles since 1986 have prompted five American States and four cities, including New York State and New York City, to adopt legislation intended to pressure Britain, through 24 American-owned companies in Northern Ireland, to adopt fair employment practices.

The gist of the new report is that the British Government must put teeth in its employment laws in Northern Ireland. The report recommends making employers subject to equal-opportunity requirements and employee-grievance procedures.

The Thatcher administration has said it will introduce its employment legislation for Northern Ireland in 1988. Unless the "external pressure" continues until then, Mrs. McCormack said, "the pot will go off the boil."

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STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania

John Barry Commemoration

Commodore John Barry, the Father of the American Navy, was commemorated on September 13, 1987, in Philadelphia, PA. The day began with a consecrated mass in Old St. Mary's Church, where Barry worshipped. Bishop Lounmuller pontificated. National, state, city as well as military dignitaries followed the officers of the Commodore John Barry Society in the procession, led by the Philadelphia Emerald Pipe Band. After them, came the Commodore Barry Society of Brooklyn, N.Y., led by the Clann Eirann Pipe Band of Brooklyn. Close to 500 people filled the church to overflowing.

Following mass a special service was held in Old St. Mary's graveyard. Wreaths were placed on the graves of Barry and Thomas Fitz-

simons, Irish-born signers of the Constitution. A short address by Chairman Montgomery and remarks from Mary Nolan of Brooklyn was given in regular "Irish weather."

The dignitaries and the many Irish Societies were then led in parade by the Philadelphia Emerald Pipe Band to the statue of Commodore Barry at Independence Hall. There, a very large crowd for such a bad day, heard Admiral Albert E. Reider, the new commander of the 4th Naval District, give a stirring account of Barry's career.

Mrs. Ann McGirr sang the Irish and American national anthems. Mayor W. Wilson Goode read a proclamation naming September 13, Commodore Barry Day in Philadelphia. A proclamation by

Gov. Robert Casey was read declaring September 13 as Commodore Barry Day in Pennsylvania. A bugler played taps as Admiral Reider placed a wreath at Barry's statue.

A cocktail reception and dinner followed with 450 in attendance. The Commodore John Barry award was presented to Captain William A. Kerr, Jr., Commander of the Philadelphia Naval Yard. The Captain's address showed his vast knowledge of Barry.

Many dignitaries including Congressman Robert Borski and Martin Rouine, Deputy Consul General of Ireland, were present throughout the day.

David W. Fleming
AOH Division 65, Philadelphia



PHILADELPHIA MAJOR W. Wilson Goode presents Barry Day Proclamation to Joe Montgomery, chairman of the 1987 Commodore John Barry Commemoration. Left to right are Mayor Goode, Co-Chairman Charles Davine, Chairman Joe Montgomery, and Michael Cavanaugh.

Grandmother of 43 Is Honored



WILKES-BARRE, PA — At a recent communion breakfast, here, over 200 members and guests of the St. John Neumann Division II honored Mrs. Marion Hogan as Mother of the Year. A member of the LAOH, Mrs. Hogan is the mother of 11 children, grandmother of 43 children, great grandmother of 8. From left to right, standing, are John Bonner, AOH national chairman of Constitution, Ritual and Progress; Rev. Charles Mulrooney, the division's chaplain and past state chaplain; Thomas O'Donovan, marshal, and chairman of the event. Seated are John Gibbons, division president; Mrs. Hogan, and Margaret Shea, president of Division I, St. John Neumann LAOH.

IN MEMORIAM

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Hibernians Mourn Death Of Prof. Robert Meyer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Robert T. Meyer, Holder of Chair in Celtic Studies at the Catholic University of America, here, died on October 3, 1987 in Swansea, Wales, apparently of encephalitis. He was 76 years old. Dr. Meyer had been touring Wales following a conference at Oxford University on the early Christian Church era when he was stricken. Dr. Meyer was a philologist, professor of Celtic and an international scholar. He had translated early Christian writings, including St. Athanasius' "The Life of St. Anthony," and Palladius' "Lansiac History," and "Life of St. John Chrysostom." He had lectured at Oxford and Harvard Universities. He was the fourth holder of the Chair in Celtic Studies since it was established at Catholic University by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 1896, having been preceded by Rev. Richard Henebry, the first holder, Joseph Dunn and Rev. James A. Geary.

A resident of Washington and Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Dr. Meyer was born in Cleveland and graduated from John Carroll University in Ohio, where he also earned a master's degree in classical languages and philology. He earned a doctorate at the University of Michigan in classics and Indo-European linguistics. Before joining the faculty at Catholic University in 1947, he taught at St. Louis University for a year.

A Memorial Mass for Dr. Meyer, who was a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Washington, was celebrated by his Excellency, Archbishop James A. Hickey, Washington Archdiocese, in The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 13, 1987. Archbishop Hickey was attended by many clergy and religious. The homily was given by Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J., chairman, Biblical Studies at Catholic University, who said, in part:

"For Robert Meyer, the texts he



DR. ROBERT T. MEYER

studies, the ancient languages he mastered, the critical tools he acquired, all became instruments to enable him to draw out of the written word the living reality behind it. So, too, his worldwide scholarly contacts, his regular participation in international conferences, his prolific correspondence with colleagues."

Representing Catholic University at the Mass were Dr. John K.C. Oh, academic Vice President; Ellen Ginsberg, chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures; Dr. George E. Gingras, associate professor of French and former chairman of the Department of Modern Languages; Dr. Robert Mahony, director, Center for Irish Studies; Dr. Joseph M. Sendry, chairman, Department of English and Dr. Charles R. Dechert, professor of Politics.

Ancient Order of Hibernian members in attendance at the Mass included James Herlihy, a member of the AOH National Board, representing AOH National President

Nicholas Murphy; Kathryn A. Back, LAOH, president, District of Columbia Board, who represented LAOH National President Sheila M. Clifford; James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division; Matthew J. Hannon, president, District of Columbia Board; Charles B. Vaughan, former president, District of Columbia Board; John W. Ruddy, Charles F. Gallagher and Frank A. Ryan.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Emma Deek Meyer of Washington and Harper's Ferry; two daughters, Carolyn Meyer Johnson of Washington, and Virginia M. Abbott of Berkeley, CA; two sons, Frederick J. Meyer of McLean, VA, and Dr. Andrew P. Meyer of Shepherdstown, WV, and three grandchildren.

Buffalo Saint?

BUFFALO, N.Y.: The Vatican has given permission for the Diocese of Buffalo to begin the process toward canonization of Father Nelson H. Baker, a Buffalo priest who devoted his life to troubled youths. Bishop Edward Head of Buffalo said that, in requesting Vatican permission to start investigating the cause for sainthood, he stressed the relevance of Father Baker's life and ministry.

Monsignor Nelson Henry Baker, familiarly known as "Father Baker," was born on February 16, 1841 in Buffalo, New York, USA. His father was Lutheran, his mother Catholic. After his early education in public schools, he went into business. In 1868, he resumed his education at Canisius College, Buffalo, as one of its first students. He entered Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University, New York, in 1870, and was ordained a diocesan priest on March 19, 1876.

For five years he served as Assistant Pastor at Lackawanna, then as curate in Corning, New York (then part of the Buffalo Diocese). In 1882, he was recalled to Lackawanna as Superintendent of the Institution destined to become Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, with an orphanage, industrial school, home for infants, facilities for unwed mothers, and maternity hospital.

Father Baker was named Vicar General of the Buffalo Diocese in 1902, a Domestic Prelate in 1905, and later raised to the rank of Prothonotary Apostolic. He promoted devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady of Victory. He built the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory, which was consecrated in 1926. Father Baker administered the Basilica Parish with the adjacent Homes of Charity, for the rehabilitation of countless underprivileged men, women and children, until late in life. Father Baker died on July 29, 1936 in Lackawanna, New York.

In the Summer of 1987, the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints approved the initiation of Father Baker's cause and confirmed the title "Servant of God — Nelson Baker."

Harvard Law School; Assistant and Acting Law Librarian, Library of Congress. He was a member of American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Bar Association.

Author of a visual outline of Legal Research, a Brief Guide to Federal Legal Bibliography and Source Materials of Federal Law, Brother Dwyer also served as Associate Law Librarian, Library of Congress.

James J. O'Connor



By William T. Malone, Catholic University

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Dear Column Readers:

I regret to inform you that Robert T. Meyer, Professor Emeritus of Celtic Studies at CUA, has recently passed away. Both CUA and The Ancient Order of Hibernians will miss his companionship and academic expertise. As a former student of Dr. Meyer's I am proud to be able to take over the duties of this column, which he helped to found.

Currently I am a doctoral candidate in Comparative Literature at CUA. One of my areas of concentration is Irish Studies, especially language and literature. Part of my program involved an internship with Bord na Gaeilge, the Irish state agency for planning official policy on Irish and culture.

While I was in Dublin last spring, I was also a Visiting Scholar at the Celtic School of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. Part of my language training had me living with Irish-speaking families on Nweenish Island, Co. Galway, and in the Blackrock area of Dublin.

Q. Could you please tell me something on the origin and meaning of my family name, Gavin? Mr. Thomas D. Gavin, Dracut, MA

A. The modern names Gavin and Gavan are related and derive from the Irish names, O Gaibhin and O Gabhain, respectively. The O, which like Mac and Mag, means son of, fell into disuse in the early 17th century. In the early 15th century the name appeared in south-west Cork and spread into other Munster counties. In 1528 Gavin of Ballynerine, Co. Limerick, rebelled against the oncoming Tudor Plantations, which were well under way in 1534 in Ulster. Still, it was common for Irish nobles to flex their muscles against any established authority. The Irish loved freedom. There were several O Gavins in Co. Westmeath in the 15th century and these probably formed a minor clan. These might have migrated from Connacht where the name has been popular since the 15th century. The Gavins have had a long occupation in Co. Mayo where the name is most popular now. There has always been a steady movement of people between Cos. Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon depending upon the viability of farming and fishing. Since the Great Hunger many from this area, in particular, have emigrated to the United States.

Q. Could you please tell me the origin of Neary, my family's name? Mr. Joseph E. Neary, Kalspell, MT

A. In Irish the name is O Naradhgaigh which means skillful. The O, like Mac and Mag means son of. But the O is rarely used in modern English variants of the name. More common, now, are Neary, Nary and Nary. Currently, the name is popular in the northern counties of Connacht, Co. Louth, and Co. Dublin (where almost all Irish names are found). Another Irish form of the name, O Narailge, was used by a Father Nicholas who lived in the late 15th and early 16th centuries. And Edmond O Nary, of Clongreagh, Co. Roscommon, is called an important man in the 16th century "Composition Book of Connacht." Also during the 16th century are many occurrences of the name in monastic writings from Cos. Roscommon and Leitrim, and there are a few from Cos. Meath and Kildare. One of the more distinguished O Narys was Reverend Cornelius Nary (1658-1738). He was born in Co. Kildare, but held high positions in the Church in Germany, and was the Head of Irish College in Paris. In 1703, he declined the position of Bishop of Kildare and instead became a prominent parish priest of St. Michael's Dublin. Much of the information on early Irish names is Church related because most of the records are Church documents written by and usually about Church officials.

Q. Could you please tell me how Clew Bay, Co. Mayo, got its name? Ms. Julia Maxey, Washington, DC

A. Clew Bay got its name partly by accident, partly by mapmakers' mistakes, and partly by some Tower of London record official's error. The bay is dotted with hundreds of small isles and ancient maps actually showed the bay filled with small dots representing these isles. In 1426 a mapmaker decided against using dots; instead he printed the Roman numeral CCLXX in the bay because he must have counted 360 dots on his original map. When later 15th century mapmakers were drawing new maps, they didn't understand the significance of the CC-CLX and dropped the initial two C's. A 16th century mapmaker didn't realize the CLX was a numeral. He thought that CLX was an abbreviation for an Irish word. Because Irish doesn't have the letter X, and since he tried to reconstruct as closely as possible what he thought could have been the Irish word, he printed CLEME on his map. The 17th century British government commissioned its Tower officials to draw an authoritative and accurate map of Ireland printed with English words. The officials didn't know what CLEME meant, but knew the ME produced a W sound; so they printed the "English" words Clew Bay.

NOTA BENE: If you want an immediate answer, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check made out in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) to Mr. William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Mea Culpa. My apologies to Nick Murphy, national president, for missing his dinner; also to Sheila Clifford, national ladies president, for missing her dinner. Yours truly spent 25 days of the month of October in the hospital. It started out being gall bladder surgery, which seems to be routine these days. Then complications set in. YR thought somebody had planted 9 yards of concrete on his chest. This is a classic symptom of angina, which is a heart problem. EKG's and other tests done by YR's cardiologist eliminated heart problems, thank God.

The chest pain turned out to be a collapsed lung. Why, turned out to be a "Who Dun It?" YR found himself face to face, actually abdomen to machine, with the latest in medical technology, cat scans, echo grams, etc. The surgeons discovered that YR had two abscesses on his liver. They tried antibiotics but YR's system did not respond. The two abscesses were too advanced. So, it was decided to do more surgery to remove them. It was that or death. To make a long story short, YR's now like a road map with all these red scars crossing it.

Seriously, YR would like to thank the surgeon who saved his life, Dr. Dominick Artuso, his brothers and sisters who supported him, and his wife during this ordeal, his kids, two of whom are away in college, for calling and coming; his son Gary Owen, for coming down on the weekends to cheer up a very sick father, the members of his division, who visited him during this time and the other members who took time to send cards and letters, just to say they were thinking of him. Also Tom Carroll, a local talk show personality who visited and called to check on a sick friend. May God reward you for your kindness and compassion.

Baseball: Being in the hospital during the league play-offs and World Series gave YR a different perspective. It was like watching the games in isolation. Outside of two nurses, there was no one with whom to discuss the games. YR's roommate was a born-again Christian who preferred the PTL Club. YR's had no bets or pools to worry about. There was nothing but the games. YR must admit Minnesota was not his choice in the play-offs or the Series. Sentimentally, he liked the St. Louis Cardinals for the simple reason that the first Series he can recall listening to on the radio was between the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Browns.

Speaking of the Cardinals, Ozzie Smith evokes memories of past great eras in St. Louis when the Gas House Gang played. YR was impressed by the Minnesota fans. Why can't fans elsewhere behave instead of acting like animals? Which brings up the Minnesota relief pitcher whose name begins with "B"; YR found him to be much like his roommate, uncouth! Anyway, congrats to the Minnesota Twins for winning the Series and to their Mgr. Tom Kelly, for being the youngest to do so.

Football: The strike has come and gone! Many fans claim it's hard to sympathize with a guy making \$60,000/week who is walking a picket line. The main issue was free agency. YR thinks you will be seeing and hearing more on this as the season winds down. YR would not be surprised to see some player reps and other outspoken advocates during the strike, playing elsewhere if at all.

The replacement games? They were football! In the broadest stretch of the imagination, yes they were! The next time, YR suggests that the owners put the cheerleaders out there. At least, it would be different and interesting to watch and the owners could still call it professional football.

College Football: Notre Dame is off to a good start. Coach Lou Holtz is really getting 100% out of these kids! Yes, even though some people say these guys are adult, let's face it: they are somebody's sons, possibly yours. Tim Brown is in contention for the Heisman Trophy. Also, ND is being looked over for a possible bowl bid.

Syracuse is also off to a good start and also a bowl bid. At the game with Pitt, there were no less than 11 bowl reps. watching the game. Interesting? Boston College is hanging in there this year. Holy Cross has a candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

All this brings to mind a discussion YR had with some local sports fans. On the collegiate football scoreboard, there have been some lopsided scores with the winning team scoring 50, 60 or even 70 points. When YR was in HS and college, there was something called good sportsmanship. No coach would embarrass another coach or team by running up the score! They would empty their benches and give some playing time to the kids who were loyal and faithful, who came to practice, who scrimmaged, but were not good enough to start. These kids would get their reward in games against weak opponents. The sportswriters of that day found nothing wrong with this. These sportswriters wrote about sportsmanship and fair play. Today, sportsmanship seems to be out of vogue, as is loyalty to one's company. Today's Yuppie sportswriters feel, if you play a weak opponent and don't run up the score, the coach and the team is suspect and a wimp. These sportswriters won't give them a high rating! YR thinks this stinks! Then again, this past Election Day, he also found out the term "Irish Catholic Democrat" is a myth in some counties in NY. So much for YR's old fashion ideas!

Hockey: The NHL suspended a Philadelphia Flyer for 15 games for a deliberate cross check on a N.Y. Ranger's neck. If this same action took place on the street, he could be arrested for assault with a weapon and assault with intent to kill, not to mention lesser charges. If the hockey played in the Olympics and the Canadian Cup can be without mayhem, why does the NHL condone it? If that's the type of fan the

NHL wishes to attract, YR isn't among them. YR loves hard-hitting, clean-passing hockey where brains and finesse are more important than brawn and brawls!

A Christmas Wish: May you find the Peace and Happiness of Christ this Holy and Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Send your cards and letters to P.O. Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902.

Bishops' Statement

(Continued from Page Twenty)

ted and defended by public policy and it should be a key point of reference for evaluating "all programs, policies and services," it said.

— On food and agriculture, it said, foreign and domestic policies should aim at securing the basic "right to eat." Policies should promote "small and moderate-sized family farms" and help preserve natural resources. "We support legislation to protect the rights of farm workers," it added.

— "Health care is a basic human right," it said, and a "national health insurance program" would be the best way to assure adequate access to health care for all.

— Housing is also "a basic human right," and more of the nation's resources should be devoted to adequate housing for all.

— On human rights around the world, U.S. policy should "strengthen and expand international mechanisms" to protect rights, and "greater weight" should be given to rights concerns in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

— On immigration and refugee policy, priorities include resolving the fate of resident illegal aliens who do not qualify for amnesty under the 1986 immigration law, improving working and living conditions of migrant workers, dealing with refugees in "a spirit of generosity," and establishing a "safe-haven policy" for "people who are in temporary need of special consideration."

— On the mass media, the statement said that after an era of massive deregulation, new legislation is needed to "restore the public accountability of broadcasters, cable operators and others who use the public resource of the airwaves." The bishops want electronic distribution of indecent or pornographic materials limited to the extent legally possible, and they oppose contraceptive advertisements or public service announcements as an infringement of "the right of parents to teach their children about responsible sexuality."

— On regional conflicts in Central America, the Middle East and southern Africa, the board repeated moral concerns spelled out in previous political responsibility statements.

On Central America, the board called for a negotiated political settlement, ruling out outside military intervention or assistance and calling for resolution of human rights and economic problems as a basic need for peace in the region.

On the Middle East, it reiterated the bishops' concern for protection of human and religious rights and the need to develop a "long-term resolution" to the deep conflicts dividing the region.

The apartheid racial policies of South Africa have "long been of grave moral concern to the world," the board said. It urged a combination of government policy, corporate activity and private initiatives to turn South Africa away from apartheid.

The "Digest" sadly notes the omission of Ireland, and her problems, a land that gave so many of its sons and daughters to the Church.

Annual Golf Tourney Held at Newport, R.I.

NEWPORT, R.I.: Presentations were made at a steak dinner held at Hibernian Hall, Newport, for both the annual Hibernian Golf Tournament as well as the first annual summer golf league on Oct. 24, 1987. The awards dinner was conducted by Harry Winthrop, chairman of both the annual "best-ball" tournament and the summer league.

Winners of the annual tourney, with a seven under par 65 were Gerry Ballanger, Mike Walker, and Jack Kane Sr. Longest ball went to Dave

Spingler and closest to the pin was won by John Fucile.

In the summer golf league, Tom Sheekey was the Division A winner, Charlie Burns took Div. B, and Peter Buxbaum and Chic Murphy finished first in Div. C and D.

According to the scores recorded, Tom Kite, Chi Chi, Tom Watson and the "golden bear" have nothing to worry about.

A special award was presented to first year player Chris Kosegarten for his contribution to the league.



WINNERS of the annual Hibernian Golf Tournament at Newport, R.I. were, from left, Gerry Ballanger, Mike Walker and Jack Kane Sr.



A SPECIAL AWARD goes to first year player, Chris Kosegarten, right, presented by Chairman Harry Winthrop.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATH

Did you know that the Christmas wreath is of Irish origin? In ancient Celtic times, garlands of holly and ivy were woven around doors and windows to ward off the killing cold of winter. The Celts believed that these leaves had such magic because they remained green while all else died. That belief carried into Christian times as a tradition, purely for decorative purposes.

In the penal times, when the Catholic religion was forbidden, a midnight Mass would be celebrated at Christmas by an outlawed clergyman in the home of a parishioner brave enough to host the celebration. The location of the priest and the home were kept secret until Mass time and then the faithful were signalled by the appearance of a lighted candle in the window of the designated home.

Once the signal was given, candles would appear in every window in the parish to confuse any who might

attempt to interfere with the Mass. The candle eventually became part of the tradition and so it is that today's Christmas Wreath owes its origin to the Irish Christmas candle placed in a window encircled with holly and ivy to send out the message, "The Lord is in this house tonight."

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Irish Cottage Pate
4 lb. chicken livers
1 lbs. Irish Whiskey
3 oz. butter
1/4 tsp. thyme leaves finely minced
1 lg. clove garlic crushed
2 oz. butter for topping
salt and pepper

Fry chicken livers lightly in some of the butter. Push through sieve or puree in blender. Boil and scrape out the pan with Irish Whiskey. Mix with blended liver. Blend in remaining butter, garlic and thyme. Season according to taste. Melt topping butter and pour over top of pate. Serve warm with Irish Brown Bread.

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'Ad Hoc' Anniversary Celebrated



CELEBRATING at a reception of the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs are, l. to r., Mrs. Anna O'Neill, president, Virginia State Board; Mrs. Kathryn Back, president, District Board; Nick Murphy, AOH national president; Mrs. Nancy Perrin, Maryland State Board; Sr. Anella Martin, RSM, vice president, Maryland State Board, and Miss Sarah Murphy, immediate past national president.

Ladies Maryland State News

The 1987 Baltimore Irish Festival held on September 12 and 13 was a grand affair. Lauretta Letke and Marguerite Roberts, LAOH co-chairpersons, deserve a standing ovation for the "Gardens of Ireland" theme.

Approaching the Hibernian area, one almost became breathless over the colorful beauty of the potted and hanging plants, door and wall hangings, wooden duck planters, silk flower arrangements, ceramic leprechauns and helium balloons.

The weekend "Home" of the busy-fair painters was a white wooden gazebo. A second white wrought iron gazebo, decorated with hanging greenery, lights and colorful plants and furnished with old fashioned ice cream parlor tables and chairs, was so inviting that the Irish Ambassador to the U.S. and his wife relaxed there while enjoying their lunch.

Many compliments were received from visitors, as well as other vendors on the attractiveness of the exhibit presented by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A beautifully framed original color print by famed Irish artist, Edmund Sullivan, will go to some lucky person in a fund raiser by the Maryland State Board. Contact person is Eileen McGinn (301-435-4282), who will be more than happy to accommodate you.

The Maryland Education Assistance Fund Committee is accepting applications for the 1988-1989 school year. The minimum award will be \$250.

Division 4 sponsored a Liturgy of the Mass to honor Our Lady of Knock and to pray for peace in Ireland on October 5. Peggy Spillane Moser of Dundalk Division 2 was soloist.

Also in October Divisions 1 and 2, Baltimore County, held a joint dinner meeting and Division 1, Harford County, held their annual

dinner social.

Arlene Callahan of Annapolis Division 1 is compiling the scrapbook for competition at the National Convention in Cleveland.

Congratulations!! to State Board Secretary Betty Medart on her recent retirement and to Baltimore County Board President Eleanor Lukowski, who is progressing well after a recent dislocation of her shoulder.

The first planning meeting for the Mission Festival Fashion Show has already taken place. Watch for final plans for this outstanding event which will be held May 1, 1988.

The Annual Christmas party sponsored by the State Board and chaired by Jane Bagwell was held December 13th. Division 14's annual trip to

New York was held December 4 to 6. More information on these events will follow.

More trips in the planning stages are: Division 14's trip to Ocean City is scheduled for February 13-15, 1988.

Also a trip to Ireland is scheduled for June 11-22, 1988 for the benefit of the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund. If you are interested in making this trip, contact Eileen McGinn, (301) 435-4282.

Recently Vietta Fitzgerald Rogers, Division 14, was highlighted in a *Baltimore Sun* article about Belleek China. Vi is a charter member of the Chesapeake Chapter of a national fan club, now an affiliate of the New Jersey-based Belleek Collector's Society.



BALTIMORE'S pride and joy are pictured above at the Baltimore Irish Festival where they performed for the first time and came home with many trophies. Left to right, seated, are Bridget Irani, Elizabeth Irani, Clare Danaher, Katie Harkins and Catherine Irani. Standing, Kathleen Burke, Junior Co-ordinator and Megan Harkins.

National News

Frances Hamre

The "wearing of the green" was commonplace as Waterbury's Irish welcomed those of the state and nation to a three-day celebration honoring Waterbury's Sheila M. Clifford, National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The affair began with "Pub Night" at the AOH Hall on Golden Hill Street, Friday evening, continued with a scenic bus tour on Saturday morning, Mass and Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel Saturday evening and concluded with a brunch at the AOH Hall Sunday Morning.

Shelia is the first National President to be elected from the State of Connecticut and is mid-way through her term as head of the Ladies group.

Among the guests were many distinguished members of the AOH and the LAOH, along with city and state dignitaries. Among those attending were: Bill Burke, president of the Bank of Ireland; Nick Murphy, national president, AOH; Phil Gallagher, Connecticut State AOH president; Dot Casey, LAOH state president; Mary Bradley, national vice president; Mayor Joseph Santopietro; State Senator Donald Rinaldi; and Alderman Nicholas Parillo.

Also in attendance were: Mike Coogan, Ohio, national vice president, AOH; Mike Hession, Albany, national director AOH; Tom McNabb, New York, AOH national secretary; John Bonner, national director; Jack Connolly, past national president; Dave Henshaw, editor, *National Hibernian Digest*; Also, Dolores Voelker, LAOH national secretary; Terry Kelleher, national treasurer; Kathleen Linton, national historian; and Mary Douville, national chairman of Catholic Action.

Past national presidents LAOH participating included: Mary King, Rhode Island; Marge Rust, New Jersey; Sally Murphy and Rita McDonough, both of Maryland, and state presidents or representatives from Virginia, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Rhode Island, Florida, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Prior to the banquet, Rev. John



SMILES WERE very prevalent at the recent Testimonial tendered to our National President, Sheila Clifford. Enjoying the festivities are, l. to r., Rev. John Ahern, New York, national chaplain; Rev. James Champlon, state chaplain, Massachusetts; Miss Sheila Clifford, national president LAOH; and Rev. Michael Healy, California, national chaplain.

Ahern, Rev. Michael Healy, Rev. George Burnett and Rev. James Champlon celebrated Holy Mass in the hotel. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Probate Judge James R. Lawlor; Noel Kingston and his Orchestra provided music during dinner and for dancing afterwards.

It was the overwhelming feeling of all that it was a fabulous weekend.

To the Hibernians and friends that attended the testimonial that was held October 31st.

This comes to let you know how much I appreciate your kindness and your special thoughtfulness. People like you make the world nicer for people like me.

Thank you so very much.
SHEILA

New York Ladies News

Bronx County LAOH held their Annual Fall Luncheon and Social at Eastwood Manor on Saturday, October 24. A full course prime rib dinner was served and Martin Melody provided music for dancing. Eileen Carty, president, Division 9, was chairlady and Marie McArdle, past state president was in charge of guests. Bronx County is made up of seven Divisions under the guidance of Nancy McNella, county president. Chaplain for the Bronx Ladies is Magr. Philip Shannon.

Westchester County has had a full fall calendar of events. Highlights included Division 11, Tarrytown's Cultural Day in August at Kingsland Point Park and participation in the Second Annual Sleepy Hollow Festival in October, chaired by Marion Smith and Ann Cronin. The

festivities included performances by the Golden and Moore stepdancers, a white elephant table and the sale of Irish coffee and soda bread. Area members also attended the Testimonial Dinner Dance honoring National President Sheila Clifford in Waterbury, CT.

Division 18 played host to the Westchester County Annual weekend at East Durham, and a large contingent attended the Testimonial Dinner Dance honoring National President Nick Murphy at the Quality Inn in Nyack. This Mount Kisco division also honored two outstanding members, Rose McKenna and Jim O'Keefe at a dinner dance in October.

Division 17, White Plains, held a

We held our Interim Board Meeting in Nyack, New York at the end of September. All officers reported that they are pleased with the response from the States.

During the two days many new activities were discussed:

Joint Membership Drive — National Vice President Mary Bradley, National Historian Kathie Linton, and Pat Oberath from Ohio, all accepted the opportunity to work with the National Organizer of the AOH, Michael Hession, on this most worthwhile project. During the next several months, you will be receiving more information from the committee.

Video — Music of Ireland — A second video is being made; the makers are hoping to have it available for Public Broadcasting during March '88.

Degree Manual Update — National Vice President Mary Bradley, Past National President Mary King, and Past National President Margaret Rust accepted the task to review our present Degree Manual and recommend any changes necessary.

County Boards??? — A committee consisting of Past National President Sarah Murphy, National Treasurer Terry Kelleher, and our National Chairman of Catholic Action Mary Douville will review the suggestions from the members on

dance in St. John's Church followed the next day by a Mass of peace in Ireland and a County Board meeting.

Westchester County Ladies will be assisting Chairlady Lorraine O'Sullivan with the Irish Children's Toy Drive to be held at Yonker's Raceway.

Taking place in November to honor Immediate Past State President Monica Burke was a cocktail-dinner reception at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. Chaired by Mary T. Hartnett, the event was expected to attract a large gathering of Hibernian dignitaries and friends.



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

County Boards.

All States, Counties and Divisions are reminded that the Annual Irish History Essay Contest is in progress. All should be sending in their list of Catholic Action activities for the past year. Any donations to the Columbian Mission Fund should be made as soon as possible.

The dreaded "Annual Reports" were sent to the State Secretaries. Remember that these should be filled out and returned with the necessary taxes to the County Secretary prior to January 15, 1988.

Jewelry Chairman Sue Sweeney has received the new Past Presidents Pins. When you order, please specify what level (State, County, or Division) you need. The new Chaplain's Pin is now available, along with officers medallions, plaques, bow knot pins, stick pins and luggage tags.

Our card promotion is drawing to a close. If you haven't mailed your donation, please do so in the next week or so. If you would like more cards, please contact Sarah Murphy, 130 Stanmore Road, Baltimore, Md. 21212.

The members of the National Board, LAOH, wish you and yours a very Happy and Holy Holiday Season and the best of everything for 1988.



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Sheila Clifford
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D.C. Divisions Discuss Immigration Bill



THE MICHAEL J. DOWD Division 6 and Ladies Division 9 held a joint meeting on Sunday, November 1 at St. Raphael's. An important presentation on the current unemployment situation in the Republic of Ireland was made. Wayne Cimon, legislative director from Cong. DiGiardi's staff, discussed HR Bill 1683 which will provide additional visas to Ireland and other countries. An information sheet was provided, including sample letters to Senators and Congressmen along with their addresses. A question and answer period followed. Left to right are Rosemary Zugel, vice president Division 9; Wayne Cimon, Legislative Director from Congressman DiGiardi's staff; and Florence Hannon, president, Division 9, District of Columbia.

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LADIES Massachusetts News

Springfield Division Eight held a delicious Pot Luck Supper prior to their October meeting. Hibernians have a reputation for being great cooks and this affair was no exception.

Following the business meeting a very successful Auction was conducted under the chairmanship of Cathy Joyal, assisted by Sr. Patricia James, S.S.J., and Sr. Imelda Maria, S.S.J. Many beautiful articles were sold in a live auction. A variety of items were on display for write-in bids and a table of gifts for a silent auction. This all contributed to an interesting and profitable evening.

Massachusetts has suggested that because there are various Divisions across the state bearing the same number, the division be identified also by location in all letters or communications from all levels of the order.

LADIES Ohio News

The Buckeye State is enlarging and enjoying its new statewide newsletter, to which all divisions are sending news of their happenings. Outstanding was the traveling by air of State President Marie Cooke, Hamilton County, National Historian Kathy Linton, Summit County, and Margaret Judge, Summit County, to attend the national board meeting in September. In October Kathy and Colleen O'Connor flew to the Testimonial Dinner for LAOH President Sheila Clifford in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Past State President Dorothy Purdy, Summit County, has taken on the task of putting together an all Ohio LAOH photo album for the national convention next July; she urges all to send photos taken at the state convention and other division activities for inclusion.

A new State Membership Chair is going into action. She is Mary Kay Mulavey, Jefferson County. New members are coming in across the state and this continues to be a priority consideration of Ohio Hibernians.

Connecticut LAOH News

The Waterbury Ladies, Division 66, held their election for 1988. Mrs. Jacquelyn Reilly was elected president; Mrs. Helen Shields, vice president; Mrs. Linda Downey, recording secretary; Mrs. Rosemary McGrath, financial secretary; Mrs. Pat McGrath, treasurer; Mrs. Linda Gallivan, historian; Mrs. Helen Carroll, missions; Mrs. Helen Kiely, mistress; and Colleen Lister, sentinel. Immediately following the election, the members participated in a Living Rosary.

Plans were completed for the Annual Christmas Banquet. Gifts will be collected for infants and children at Waterbury and St. Mary's Hospitals.



STATE NEWS: Florida

On Saturday, October 1987, the AOH Florida State Board of Officers held its fall meeting at the Ramada Inn, Palm Bay.

State President John Boyle presided and was assisted by State Vice President John Cullinan, State Secretary Robert Schneider and State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerald Grace. The topics discussed among the thirty state officers and state committee chairmen present, were membership, state by-laws, national constitution, procedure in forming new divisions, the MacBride Principles issue and the extradition situation.

At the conclusion of each discussion, State President Boyle appointed a committee chairman to represent the State of Florida AOH in resolving the foregoing topics. Father Grace gave the members a very interesting and informative current insight talk on the MacBride Principles and the extradition situation.

State Editor Nick Schneider made an appeal to all division presidents to send him information, with pictures, regarding the activities and accomplishments of their respective divisions, for appearance in this column. Any division president who did not get the word can write to Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Is., FL 32953.

Near the conclusion of the meeting, President Boyle, in accordance with the AOH National Constitution, discussed "Associate Membership." It was agreed that all the divisions in Florida will entertain having associate members.

On Saturday evening, an Irish Night was held in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church in Palm Bay. Approximately 200 attended. The featured entertainment was a group from the Gaelic School of Irish Step Dancing, under the direction of Kathleen Randeau. Kathleen was born in Dublin and migrated to Hartford, CT, and subsequently to Florida. In Florida she has schools in Palm Bay, Ft. Pierce, Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach. The ages of the dancers are from kindergarten to upper adult.

On Sunday approximately sixty people attended an extraordinary brunch at the Ramada Inn.

The Florida State Board of officers will meet again, sometime in February, 1988, probably in Clearwater.

On October 21 Brevard County Division 1 President Jack Fagan called a special meeting of his officers. The issue was the formation of a Division 3 in the County and the invited guest was Jim McNamara. Jim resides in the nearby area of the cities of Rockledge and Cocoa. At the present time Jim has the names of men eligible for the AOH, but not enough to form a division. Consequently, Division 1 is going to work with Jim in achieving this goal.

If there are any AOH members who know persons residing in the Rockledge, Cocoa, Port St. John and Titusville areas, who qualify for membership in the order, they can contact Jim McNamara at 636-3308.

One of our goals here in Florida is to bring a bit of the "Auld Sod" to the state. We can do this only through membership and helping one another.

STATE NEWS: Texas Deep In the Heart of Texas

The Texas Hibernians gathered in San Antonio for their 5th Bi-Annual State Convention. The Convention held on Saturday, September 12, 1987, was coincident with the Holy Father's visit on Sunday. The Convention was opened with a Texas-size welcome by Mayor Henry B. Cisneros of San Antonio.

The keynote speaker was National President Nick Murphy, who emphasized the need for Hibernians to come to the aid of the estimated 200,000 illegal Irish immigrants in the United States. He also called on the Texas Hibernians to launch a

campaign to have the "MacBride Principles" legislated into law in Texas. The new State President, Pat Patton, has appointed Past President Jim Brown and Kevin O'Connell to the Political Education Committee, which will coordinate the campaign.

The new state officers were all elected by acclamation. They are, State President Patrick Patton; Vice President Michael O'Grady; Secretary Larry Hogan; and Treasurer James Heaney. The Humble Texas Division won the election for the 1989 convention site.

Two significant resolutions were

addressed — a resolution to allow women as members was defeated and a resolution to endorse Past President Bill Hines as a candidate for national director was passed by unanimous vote.

The Texas Lady Hibernians elected Joanne Bluntzes for state president, Mary Kelly as vice president, Louise McCown as secretary, and Billie DeSheller as treasurer. The new state by-laws were adopted. The keynote speaker was Sheila Clifford, National President of Ladies AOH, who stressed the need for more new members and divisions.



MAYOR HENRY B. CISNEROS (center) welcomes Hibernians to San Antonio. With him, from left, are Jim Brown, past state president; Mary Whitmire, Ladies state president; Sheila Clifford, national Ladies AOH president; and Nick Murphy, national AOH president.



NEW STATE OFFICERS of the Texas AOH are, left to right, Larry Hogan, state secretary; Pat Patton, state president; Nick Murphy, state treasurer. Nick Murphy, national president, at far right, was keynote speaker at the convention. Missing from the picture is State Vice President Mike O'Grady.



TEXAS HIBERNIANS to campaign for "MacBride Principles" in the legislature are, left to right, State President Pat Patton; (National President Nick Murphy); Kevin O'Connell and Jim Brown, co-chairmen of the Political Education Committee.

STATE NEWS: Virginia



TESTIMONIAL DINNER — A testimonial dinner was held by the Virginia State Board to honor Father John Munley, chaplain of the VA State Board. Father Munley joined Col. John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, VA as a charter member in 1969. He served as the division chaplain for many years. In 1977 he became the State Board chaplain, a position which he has filled with great vigor over the years. Honoring him at the podium, left to right, are Roger Furey, past national director and master of ceremonies; Father John Munley; Jerry Gorman, president, Virginia State Board; and Anna O'Neill, president, Ladies Virginia State Board.



JOHN, JOHN, JOHN MUNLEY — A Testimonial Dinner in Arlington, Virginia for Father John Munley, chaplain of the Virginia State Board, brought out other John Munleys. From Great Mills, PA., came John A. Munley, Sr., left, and John A. Munley, Jr., right, who are not related to Father John Munley, center. John Sr. and John Jr. belong to the Father John P. Kiniry Division 3, Media, PA.



VIRGINIA HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR — James Carmody, next to his wife Ann, was selected as Hibernian of the Year by the Virginia State Board. Adding congratulations are Jerry Gorman, the Board's president, and Michael Tynan, Woodbridge Division 1, and chairman of the Selection Committee. Jim is vice president of the Virginia State Board.

STATE NEWS: Missouri

At the Missouri State Convention, held in the Clarion Hotel in St. Louis, the following AOH state officers were elected:

Chaplain, Fr. James O'Sullivan; State President Michael Kilker; Vice President George Christman; Recording Secretary William McDevitt; and Treasurer William LeFevres.

Happy Halloween



"MONSIGNOR" Pat Troy (L), Chairman of the Washington, DC Rose of Tralee Committee, was surprised by a visit from the Rose of Tralee. They were at the annual Halloween Costume Contest held at Ireland's Own Restaurant in Alexandria, VA. Pat Troy is a brother in the Col. John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, VA.

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William J. Burke

NEW YORK, NY: William J. Burke, Senior Vice President of the Bank of Ireland, has been selected as Grand Marshal for the largest parade in the world on the greatest day for the Irish, St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1988. Burke will lead 100,000 strong up Fifth Avenue, as did his predecessors, for the 227th march in honor of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. The great day starts with the traditional Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9:00 A.M., and the parade begins to roll at 11:30 A.M.

The coveted honor was bestowed on Bill by the majority of delegates to the election of the Grand Marshal over his competitor, Doherty Hayden Cudahy. Grand Marshal Burke will be escorted by twelve elected Aides, ten from the County Board jurisdictions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, one from the United Irish Counties Association, and one from the Grand Council of Emerald Societies of New York.

Bill Burke, who resides in Yonkers, New York, is a native of Tubbercurry, County Sligo. His wife, Kathleen Beglan, is from County Longford. They are proud parents of four children, Bill, Jr., a student at Iona College; Elizabeth and Michele, both attending Fordham University, and Robert, a junior high student in New Rochelle.

Grand Marshal Burke is currently President of the Co. Sligo Association, and has received many honors for his lifetime commitment and outstanding achievements on behalf of the Irish American community. Organizations which have recognized

Sons of St. Patrick; 150th AOH Celebration, Chief Brabon of the AOH Great Irish Fair, and the Irish American Unity Conference.

Burke is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division One of Yonkers, and has served as a delegate to six National and New York AOH conventions.

The twelve Aides elected to serve the Grand Marshal are: Fr. Kevin O'Brien (Manhattan); Mary O'Donoghue (Bronx); Mary Francis O'Leary (Brooklyn); Timothy O'Sullivan (Queens); Thomas J. McSorley (Staten Island); Kitty Bagnell Geissler (Westchester); Bernadette Hartnett (Rockland); Patrick Quinn (Orange); Hugh J. Forde (Nassau); John Flaherty (Suffolk); Kathleen Mulvey (United Irish Counties); and Pete Casella (Emerald Societies).

Irish-American Presidential Forum '88 Set for March 16 on Fordham Campus

Terming it "the natural time to focus on Irish issues," Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx), joined by other Irish-American leaders, has set Wednesday, March 16 for the first "Irish-American Presidential Forum '88," where candidates will be given a singular opportunity to outline their positions on the six point Irish-American Political Agenda at Fordham University in the Bronx.

"The eyes and ears of 43 million Irish-Americans should be turned to the Forum that day," Dearie said, "so that candidates' positions can be heard, understood and spread to an ethnic group whose issues have too long been ignored in past presidential campaigns."

He said every major Irish-American organization in the United States will be represented at the Forum, culminating five years of effort by Irish-American groups to define an agenda and hear directly each candidate's views on these key Irish issues.

Letters were recently sent to all major candidates in both parties inviting them to participate in the Forum. In the letters, Dearie outlined the six points that make up the Irish-American Political Agenda, which are:

- The appointment of a Special U.S. Envoy to Northern Ireland
- Legislation embracing the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment

—U.S. immigration policies for the Irish

- U.S. visa policies for the Irish
- The U.S.-U.K. Extradition Treaty

—U.S. aid to Ireland.

Dearie stressed to the candidates the importance the Forum could have to their campaigns.

"Over the next two months," he wrote, "every Irish organization, through newsletters and national media, will highlight the importance of the Forum and convey candidate positions on each of the six agenda items."

Dearis said an added incentive for the candidates to attend the Forum was the opportunity the next day to march in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. He also pointed out that key presidential primaries in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania — states with large Irish-American populations — will be held shortly after the Forum.

"The candidates cannot afford to overlook the impact nor the importance the Forum holds for them and the Irish-American community as well," Dearnle said. He told the candidates that Irish-Americans had succeeded in recent years in obtaining highly visible and tangible political accomplishments, most notably the imposition of the MacBride Principles in a number of states.

"In three short years we have

mobilized a national effort urging states to adopt MacBride Principles, which restrict states from investing money in U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland which discriminate against minority Catholic employees," Dearie said. He noted already, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts have adopted the Principles and that other states were considering similar legislation.

National Irish-American organizations sponsoring the Forum include: The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish-American Unity Conference, Grand Council of Emerald Societies, United Irish Counties, American-Irish Congress, Irish-American Labor Coalition, Irish Northern Aid, Irish National Caucus, Gaelic Leagues, Westchester Irish Committee, American-Irish Political Education Committee, Irish-Immigration Reform Movement and other affiliate groups.

Dearie said seating at the Forum will be limited to 700 and that tickets would be distributed through participating groups.

New Office in Washington To Champion Irish Issues

The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians — the oldest and largest Irish Catholic lay organization in America — announces the opening of an office in Washington, D.C., effective December 1, 1987. The office will have regular business hours, a 24-hour phone service and will be initially staffed by trained volunteers operating under the auspices of Mr. Joseph A. Roche, National Chairman, Political Education Committee.

This is a first step in a three-year

plan to return the voice of Irish Americans to Washington and to restore to the national political agenda issues of concern to them. We will be joined by other Irish American organizations and work in conjunction with them to give full expression to our ideas regarding the conflict in Ireland, Irish immigration, State Department denial of visas to elected Irish officials, as well as greater economic and cultural

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Birmingham Six Observer Appointed

National AOH President Nick Murphy announced that Mr. Robert Roche of the firm of Roche, Corrigan, McCoy and Bush in Albany will, acting as an observer, monitor the "Birmingham Six" decision due later this month.

Mr. Murphy stated, "The legal and human rights experience of Mr. Roche will be invaluable in determining whether justice will be done to the six Irishmen arrested and imprisoned for 13 years for the Birmingham pub bombings."

Murphy stated further that "This decision will have far reaching implications for Irish-Americans' understanding of English tyranny and prejudice, and for their demands of Congress in the coming year." The AOH will be joined in the effort by the Irish-American Unity Conference and the Irish-American Labor Coalition.

Murphy concluded, "Americans know well the tragedy of Enniskillen but we also wish them to know the tragedy of the Birmingham Six and the reasons for militancy."

Mr. Roche is a former county attorney in Albany, a member of AOH Division 5 in Albany. He is married to the former Susan Henry and the father of five children.

Michael Cummings, Chairman National Public Relations, AOH

President Murphy Issues Urgent Action Directive

AOH National President Nick Murphy began the new year by sending an "urgent action message" to all Division Presidents on the subject of Immigration legislation. His appeal follows:

There are an estimated 150,000 Irish citizens in the U.S. today with illegal status.

The passage of strict immigration laws in 1986 has created grave problems for the Irish illegals, and for the young Irish people desiring to emigrate and find a new life in America.

The state of the economy in Ireland and the demographic anomaly (more than 50 percent under age 25) present a bleak future for many of the energetic young Irish.

In keeping with our tradition the National Board of the AOH has adopted a prominent, responsible position of advocacy for the cause of these unfortunate Irish citizens. We have pursued an active program of direct legislative liaison with members of Congress in cooperation with several other Irish-American organizations.

The Immigration bills currently in the House of Representatives and the Senate are undergoing revision

New Office

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cooperation between Ireland and America.

We invite your inquiries of our staff and ask for your professional cooperation as they begin to reach out to you for your support. Please convey your response by writing us with the name and phone number of your staff member who will address questions on the Irish issue. The mailing address is AOH-PEC, P.O. Box 14072, Washington, D.C. 20044-4072. By telephone we can be reached at 202-628-3915. Thank you.

*Nick Murphy
National President*

President's Message

By Nicholas Murphy, National President

The 27th day of November 1987, was another dark day in the history of divided Ireland. On that day An Taoiseach, Charles J. Haughey, in Leinster House, moved for adoption of an extradition treaty with the so-called "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" (the "UK").

The real issue regarding this extradition treaty concerns not fine points of law, but the welfare of those people whom the Dublin government insists are Irish citizens. Those most immediately affected are generally the population of those six of the divided Irish Province of Ulster's nine counties known as "Northern Ireland," all of whom have the right to apply for Irish passports issued in Dublin. In particular, this decision affects those Irish citizens who stand or who have stood before the bar of British "justice."

Someone has a faulty memory. This writer recalls the noble nationalistic pronouncements of Charlie Haughey, Brian Lenihan and Fianna Fail while in opposition. Personal assurances were received from Charlie Haughey, himself, that extradition was not on.

ENNISKILLEN
Then there was the tragedy at Enniskillen. The explosion and subsequent deaths at Enniskillen, though on a smaller scale, reminded one of the bombings in Dublin some years ago, bombings which were used so conveniently by the government of the day to justify changing the rules of evidence and introduce repressive reforms into the Irish legal system. The hand of the British SAS "Dirty Tricks Squad" was seen behind the Dublin bombings; the same was initially suspected at Enniskillen. Then came the admission that an IRA unit was responsible for an action that cannot be justified under any code of armed conflict!

The issue at Enniskillen is not extradition. That is, not until the Leinster House politicians get their hands on it. The hallmark of government in Dublin during the present troubles (i.e., since 1969) seems to be government by the last crisis. Thus, once the West-British crowd took up the cry for national self-chastisement over the Enniskillen bombing, it became a matter of mass hysteria swelling the ranks and thence being led to curry approval in London (where else?) by giving "extradition" to the Brits.

The theory is, of course, that when the six-counties becomes too hot for an IRA man, he scarpers off to sanctuary in the twenty-six. While that may have obtained in a very few cases of very well-known Republicans (e.g., Joe Cahill, Daithi O'Connell, etc.) as a general rule it is not a valid analysis in that the ongoing resistance to English rule in northeast Ireland is self-sustaining. That is to say that the IRA-guerrilla is a "fish that swims in a friendly sea" in the North.

THE GENTLEMAN DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH

In any case, Charlie Haughey's speech moving extradition mentioned Enniskillen again, and again, and again, ad nauseum, as if some great national catharsis were required to remove what, in the emotion of the moment, was somehow perceived as a collective national guilt. The gentleman doth protest too much. (Quite how a government which has already outlawed the IRA, suspended the civil liberties of Republicans under the Offences Against the State Act and Section 31 of the Broadcast Act, and set up special political courts to try Republicans, could possibly be responsible for the IRA's actions, much less for its tragic mistakes, is something that must require the perspective of a seat in Leinster House.)

Charlie Haughey's speech was even more remarkable for what it did not say — since the subject was extradition, specifically the extradition of Irish citizens to the tender mercies of the English judicial system and the English penal system.

ENGLISH INJUSTICE
Before the Enniskillen tragedy all parties had agreed that there must be some reform of the Diplock Court system in "Northern Ireland" before extradition could be considered. Did the bombing at Enniskillen remove the stink from a system of judicial injustice wherein non-jury courts sentence imagined political offenders

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to be priority division business. I know you will not let down those who are now so desperately counting on your support.

Nick Murphy

A Pocket Full of Miracles

BY HARRY MCGUIRK

God is good and miracles do happen!

It was 5 a.m. the other morning. I had an urgent message for Father McVerry, S.J. He is the priest who looks after the homeless children of Ireland. My message to him was "short and sweet." The Irish Government through the Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Fahey, who was here in the U.S. visiting, had issued a statement in response to a question by Ancient Order of Hibernian leaders. Jack Irwin, past president of New York State Hibernians, called me with the glad tidings and suggested that I should have the honor of informing Father McVerry that his mission would be getting recognition from the Irish Government, and that he would get an annual grant to help him with his work. There was a long pause on the phone after I told him this and then he said, "That's a miracle. God bless the Irish Americans."

It was a little more than a year ago that I first met Father Peter and his underprivileged children. With economic disaster facing the country, cutbacks had taken away his funding and he was left helpless. Disastrous consequences would result. The unfortunate children in his care would have to go back out on the streets. He was heartbroken.

Ireland over the years had built up an image of being a land of full and plenty and in the minds of the Irish Americans a concept of Disney World seems to prevail. How could anyone explain that there are homeless children in Ireland living out rough? Many of these children appeal to Fr. McVerry for help. To them he is the Good Shepherd. "How many are out there?" I asked him. His reply was, "No one knows for sure, maybe a few hundred. Later official reports commissioned by the government and leaked to the press claimed there were 800 living rough in Dublin alone. Looking at Father McVerry I thought, what an impossible situation. What Irish American would believe that such a disaster could overtake children in Ireland. The only hope that I could offer was to have Father McVerry come to the states and meet the Irish leadership in New York to explain this unusual situation.

In the old days there were places like Artane, a vocational training school where delinquent boys could learn a skill. Such schools were under the direction of the Irish Christian Brothers and were tough, no-nonsense schools. Corporal punishment was acceptable in those days. But the Christian Brothers did a good job. Religious vocations being what they are today in Ireland make places like Artane extinct.

With the help of Pat Hanrahan, one of the top people in Aer Lingus, Father McVerry was able to come to America twice. With many efforts by many good people such as Jack Irwin, past president of the New York State Hibernians, up to date we have forwarded \$22,000 to Father McVerry's mission with more money pledged.

We have just returned from Ireland where we spent Christmas with Father McVerry and the children. "It's been a miracle, Harry," Father told me over a cup of tea. Some of the children have grown big and tall now and as they reach working age he worries a great deal about them. They've had little or no schooling. Many have lived in a bygone for years. They have no skills

with which to earn a living.

Within the Irish community in the United States top professional people are abundant. Would they lend their expertise by way of advice to Father McVerry? They must remember that these children have no background. Job opportunities are not readily available to them. But as an act of compassion to unfortunate Irish children, using Father McVerry's mission as a pilot scheme, perhaps a solution could be forthcoming.

We've told you about two miracles concerning these children. Do we dare hope for a third?

"And all of the children of this nation shall be cherished equally," said Padraig Pearse in 1916.

If you wish to contact Fr. McVerry, write to Harry McGuirk, Box 222, Rockaway Park, N.Y. 11694. McGuirk is New York State AOH Deputy Chairman for the Homeless Children of Ireland.

150 Students To Experience The 'Irish Way'

ST. PAUL, MN — A summer in Ireland will be the "prize" for the 150 American high school students from all over the U.S. who take part in the Irish American Cultural Institute's 13th annual IRISH WAY Program, which is now open for applications.

The IRISH WAY, which runs from July 4 through Aug. 11, provides American teenagers with a comprehensive introduction to Ireland. They study Irish history and literature in a relaxed atmosphere, travel around the country, and are "adopted" by an Irish family during the program's "home stay." They are also exposed to traditional Irish arts and sports and participate in a wide variety of social, recreational and cultural activities.

Each student sees a play at one of Dublin's top theatres, for example, attends a match of Ireland's fast-paced national sport of hurling, and dances at ceilidh (traditional Irish dances). Students can also play in friendly sports matches against Irish teenagers and put on their own amateur talent shows and skits.

The program's home base in the Republic of Ireland is a secondary school or Gormanston, 25 miles north of Dublin and very near the Irish Sea. The school's beautiful 51-acre estate includes modern recreational facilities, extensive gardens, an ancient yew walk, and a castle and is located in one of Ireland's most historic areas. By sharing Gormanston with teenagers from various European countries, IRISH WAY participants also have the opportunity to learn about more than one culture during the program.

Many of the students applying for the IRISH WAY already know its value because their brothers and/or sisters are some of the program's more than 1,300 alumni. There are 160 families with at least two IRISH WAY graduates, more than 40 families with three or more, and two families that have sent five members on the program.

The Irish American Cultural Institute, which administers the program, is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization with members in all 50 states and 26 countries. It also sponsors the Trees

Irish Echo Introduces New Column

NEW YORK, N.Y.: The two top officers of the *Irish Echo* weekly newspaper, Publisher Claire Grimes and Editor-in-Chief John Thornton, jointly announced that starting with the December 19, 1987 issue of the paper, a column on Irish American history will run bimonthly. The column, entitled "In History's Pages," will be written by veteran Irish American journalist, John J. Concannon.

Publisher Grimes noted: "Over the years, John Concannon has often written for the *Echo*, always in an informative and lively style. We are happy to have him writing for us on a regularly-scheduled basis, and writing on a theme that is dear to all of us — the history of the Irish in America, their struggles and strivings, their activities and accomplishments, their joyful and sorrowful experiences."

Echo Editor-in-Chief John Thornton added: "Johnny Concannon has the experience, the knowledge, the contacts and the materials to handle the ambitious task he is undertaking — "to promote and 'popularize' interest in, and the study of, Irish American history." I particularly like his plans to involve, to draw *Irish Echo* readers into this endeavor, to get them thinking about and reading about the fascinating and colorful history of the Irish in America."

Editor's Note: John Concannon is National Press Secretary, AOH.

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STATE NEWS: Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Dr. Eugene Kearns and his wife, Jeannie, who organized the Houston, TX, parade from 1977 until 1985, will be Grand Marshals of the 29th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12, at 10 A.M. in Downtown Houston.

Chairman of General Practice of Northwest Memorial Hospital, Dr. Kearns was born in Evanston, Ill. and is a graduate of Waco, Tx. High School, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Tx. and Baylor Medical School in Houston. He has practiced medicine in Houston since 1954 and for 25 years was on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Jeannie Kearns moved to Houston as a child and graduated from Reagan High School and the University of Texas. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Kearns were married January 23, 1954 in St. Anne's Church in Houston and they are the parents of six children: Mary, John, Maureen, Michael, Terrance and Kenneth.

Both Dr. Kearns and Jeannie are descended from Irish immigrants and have been active in the Irish community in Houston since 1960. A member of the AOH, Dr. Kearns for years sponsored an Irish program for the patients and staff of St. Joseph's

Hospital. He also started a St. Patrick's Day CIO basketball tournament which ran for many years in Houston.

For the past two years the parade has been under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Commission, a steering group composed of the AOH, and the Houstonians for Ireland, a local group with interests in the parade and the country. Michael Davitt is parade chairman for the third straight year, while Jim Anderson also is in his third year as chairman of the parade commission.

The parade is the 29th in the series started in 1960 by KPRC Radio personalities Tim Nolan and Bob Byron. After its first few years, the organization of the parade was taken over by the AOH. Since 1977 the parade has been organized by the Parade Commission, headed for its first nine years by Dr. Kearns and his wife.

Jeannie Kearns will be the first female Grand Marshal in parade history. Previous Grand Marshals have included Burke O'Rourke, Gerald Griffin, Jim Kelly, Tim Nolan, George Strake, Denton Cooley, Johnny Goyen, Robert Crippen, Dan Pastorini and Calvin Murphy.

Information: (713)
Mike Davitt 446-4575
Jim Anderson 242-1011
Jim Foley 688-2147



DR. EUGENE KEARNS and his wife Jeannie will lead the Houston, Texas, St. Patrick's Day Parade as Grand Marshals on Saturday, March 12 in downtown Houston.

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania



CARBONDALE, PA: President Bob Coleman, Division 2, Carbondale, left, congratulates Brother John E. Moran following his swearing in as Mayor of Carbondale.

STATE NEWS: California



AT THE CALIFORNIA State Convention in San Diego, the 1988 officers were installed. From left to right, back row, Jack Hassett, National Director; Fr. Mike Healy, State Chaplain; Tom Mylett, State President; Mickey Michaud, State Vice-President; and Brian Sullivan, State Treasurer. Front row: Pat Bergin, Past President; Tom Devine, State Secretary; and Jack Curtin, Past President.

SAN DIEGO, CA — The California State Convention was held here during a mid August weekend with the John Barry Division 1 acting as host to both the mens' and ladies' conventions. Californians were honored to have as special guest, the national president of the Ladies, AOH, Sheila Clifford, from back east.

Things got under way nicely with a Ceili Ice-breaker at the home of John and Marilyn Schorr on Friday night. The social highlight of Saturday was a two-hour dinner cruise around San Diego Harbor. Sunday featured the Banquet and Installation to the strains of Sean McVickers, enhanced by performances of the members' own young Hibernian champion Irish stepdancers.

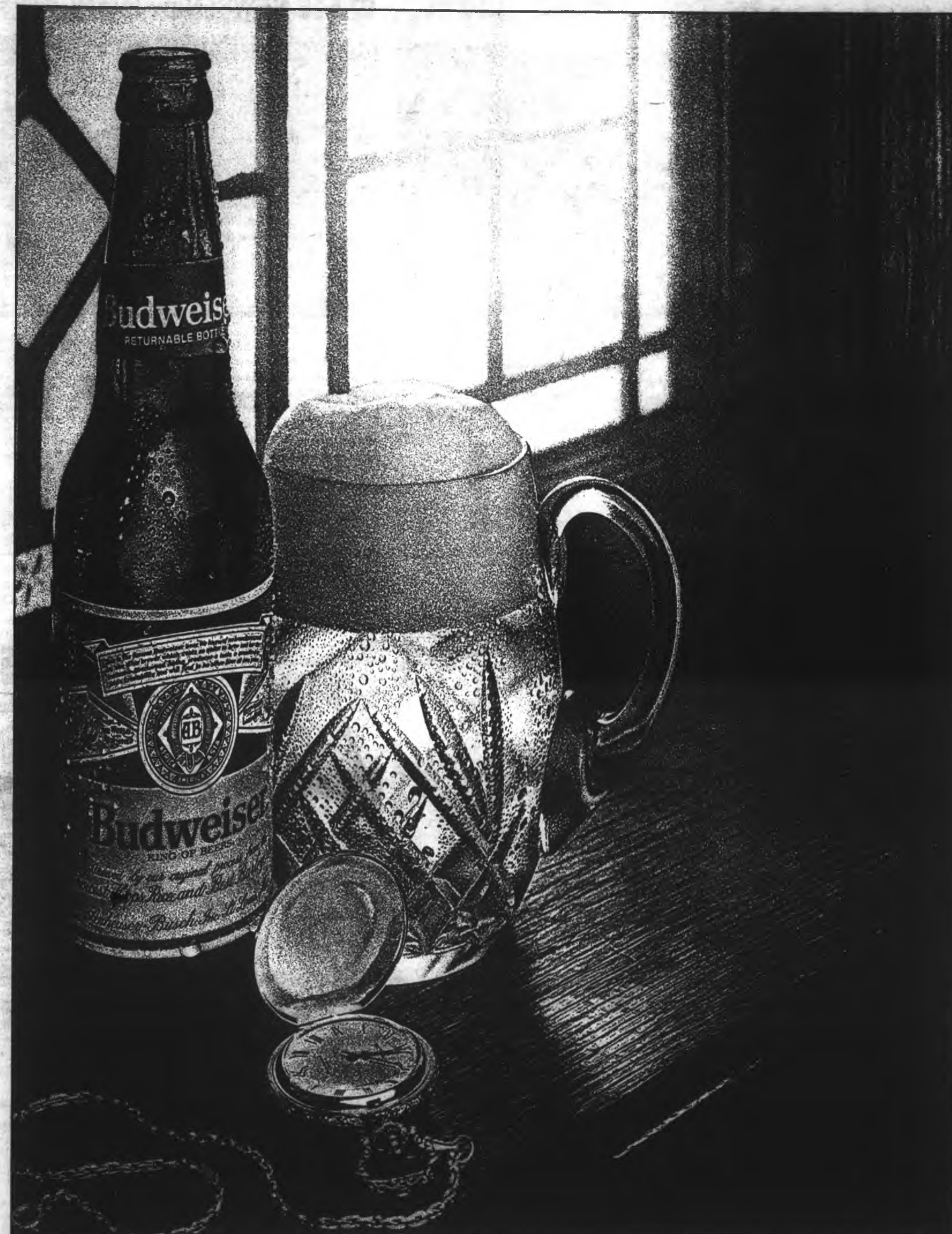
Pat Bergin, outgoing state president, installed the following 1988 officers: State President Tom Mylett, State Vice President Mickey Michaud, State Secretary Tom Devine and State Treasurer Brian Sullivan.



TWO PROUD conventioners in San Diego were Jack Curtin, past state president, and his dad, Tim Curtin, a Hibernian for 67 years.



SCRANTON, PA: Division 2, Carbondale, continues its works of charity in its annual drives to help St. Joseph's Center and the cerebral palsy society. For the past four years the division has donated \$8,000 to each of the two organizations. Here, President Bob Coleman presents checks to Sister Marian Denise Walsh, left, of St. Joseph's Center and Diane Keller, executive director of United Cerebral Palsy.



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STATE NEWS: VIRGINIA



IMMIGRATION TEAM. Standing beneath the Bog Bar sign in Ireland's Own Restaurant, Alexandria, Virginia are the officers of the newly formed Immigration Support Committee of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. L. to r., Martin Green, treasurer; Pat Troy, chairman, Pegi Herbert, secretary, and Ed O'Brien, co-chairman. Through this committee, Irish immigrants in the Washington DC area who are bogged down in certain situations can receive help at getting unbogged. Represented on the committee are the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish American Club, Irish Immigration Reform Movement, and community leaders from Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC. If you have Irish friends or relatives in the Washington DC area who need help, have them call (703) 459-4535. Pat Troy is a member of Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA and Ed O'Brien belongs to John F. Kennedy Div. 5, Prince Georges Col, MD

Irish Eye photo

STATE NEWS: New Jersey Newport Division Hails Second Mayor of City

With the election of Dr. Robert J. McKenna as the new Mayor of Newport, R.I., AOH Division One can now boast of having two members hold this illustrious position. Dr. McKenna was preceded in this office by member Humphrey J. "Harp" Donnelly who held the post from 1971-1981.

Brother McKenna, who assumed his duties on January 2, has served as Rhode Island State Senator for 6 years (1973-1986), and two terms as state representative (1969-1973). He attended LaSalle Academy in Providence, Brown University, and holds a graduate degree from the Catholic University of America.

The election of Brother Robert J. McKenna as Mayor of the City of Newport brings to mind that there have been a host of other members of the AOH Newport Division who have also served our city and state. With the help of Jane McManus, Newport City Clerk, Mrs. Robert J. McKenna, and Patrick Murphy, a list of AOH Div. 1 members who have held office follows. Included are R.I. state senators, state representatives, mayors of Newport, city councilmen of Newport, and members of the Newport School Committee.

State Senators since 1969: Robert J. Kenna (1973-84); David R. Carlin Jr. (1981-88).

State Representatives since 1969:



DR. ROBERT J. McKENNA
Photo by Eileen McClure

Robert J. McKenna (1969-72); George A. Newbury (1969-72); Stephen O'Rourke (1973-78 term finished by wife Jeanne); James F. Mahoney (1973-80); Christopher Boyle (1981-88); Paul W. Crowley (1981-88).

Mayors since 1963 (Also listed as members of the Newport City Council): John J. Sullivan (1963-67); Humphrey J. Donnelly III (1971-81); Patrick G. Kirby (1983-88); Robert J. Kenna (1988-).

Newport City Council: John J. Sullivan (1963-67); Jeremiah C. Lynch (1969-81); Daniel McCarthy (1983-89); Edward K. Coristine (1985-76); Humphrey J. Donnelly III (1971-81); James F. Ring (1971-76); Robert O. Beattie (1973-1977); James Peter Dugan (1977-81); John P. Gallagher III (1979-81); David F. Rodrick (1979-86, 1988-); Edward J. Smith (1979-83); William K. Collins (1981-88); Patrick G. Kirby (1981-88); Leonard T. Murphy (1981-83); John J. Crowley Jr. (1986-); William D. Nagle (1988-); Robert J. McKenna (1988-).

Newport School Committee since 1969: Michael J. Brennan, Jr. (1969-71); Frederick J. Murphy (1969-75); Michael C. Burns (1971-73); Brian B. Burns (1973-86); Patrick F. Carroll, Sr. (1979-79); David R. Carlin Jr. (1977-81); Neil P. Galvin (1981-86).

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STATE NEWS: California

SAN DIEGO, CA — The Commodore John Barry Division 1 announces its newly elected officers for 1988:

President Mickey Michaud; Vice President Walt Murray; Rec. Secretary Patrick Bergin; Fin. Secretary Charles Kelley; Treasurer Jim Gianola; Sentinel John Dowling; Marshal John McCarty; Historian Richard White; Librarian Patrick O'Regan; Grievance Committee,

John Schorr, Sr., and John Dowling. New officers of the Ladies AOH are:

President Peggy Cahill; Vice President Marilyn Schorr; Rec. Secretary Mary Ellen Schorr; Fin. Secretary Michelle Malons; Treasurer Marilyn Smyth; Mistress-At-Arms Marie Mooney; Sentinel Alice Moran; Historian Joanne Allen; Catholic Action, Marcella Schorr; Missions, Helen Campbell.

STATE NEWS: New York



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King, center, was honored recently as "Citizen of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus, Memorare Council No. 3476, for his support of human rights for the oppressed Catholics of Northern Ireland. Pictured with King are Program Chairman Peter Griesbach, left, and Grand Knight Carl Pira. King pledged to continue to speak out against British misrule in Ireland.

Orange County Election



ORANGE COUNTY, NY: Orange County AOH members at a special election for vice president of the Orange County Board, standing outside the Elk's in Newburgh, which is the meeting hall for Division 2. Left to right Leo O'Grady, state officer, District 4; John Rourke, president, Orange County Board; Gerald Caray, president, Division 2; Jeremiah Quill, fin. sec., Orange County Board; John Quinn, treasurer, Orange County Board; Patrick Quinn, delegate at large, Division 1; and Seamus Comiskey, vice president elect, Orange County Board.

Erie County Festival Set

The Magr. Leo J. Toomey Div. II of Erie County is proud to announce the second annual Erie County Hibernian Festival to be held June 24, 25 & 26 at the Hamburg Ice Arena, Hamburg, N.Y.

Featured entertainment for the event will include the Gordon Schaeffer Band from Akron, Ohio, and The Blarney Bunch. Paul Brady and Gerry McCrudden (host of the Echoes of Erin Radio program in Buffalo) will emcee the show as well as entertain. Also on the bill will be the Adult Ceili Dancers of the Buffalo Irish Cultural Society and the Rince Na' Tiarna School of Dance.

General Chairman for the event is Charles E. Kelly, treasurer of Div. II, who will coordinate activities with Tom Gilmartin of the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department as well as Town Supervisor Jack Quinn.

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Father Ahern believes the spiritual welfare of the membership is the primary concern of the chaplaincy. His motto has always been "Reconciliation." He sees the office of the chaplaincy as an active opportunity to facilitate reconciliation among all

Irish Consuls Heard At Information Forum

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY — New York's Irish Consul General Daithi O'Ceallaigh and Vice Consul James O'Farrell were guest speakers at a public Information Forum held at The Irish American Cultural Center, AOH Saint Patrick's Division 2 at Babylon, Long Island.

The Consul General spoke at length about the state of Ireland's economy and the government's recovery program; unemployment and Ireland's industrial growth; emigration to the U.S. and elsewhere; and the political scene in Northern Ireland. His informative talk was followed by an audience question and answer session covering many lively and controversial issues of the day.

Consul General O'Ceallaigh described his Foreign Affairs assignments since joining the Foreign Service in 1973, including posts in Moscow, London, and Belfast. He was appointed to the New York Consulate in August of 1987. O'Ceallaigh was educated by Irish Christian Brothers and graduated from University College, Dublin. He also taught for three years at the Irish Mission School in Zambia, Africa.

Jack Flatley

the members of the order. As National Chaplain Father Ahern sees vital issues facing both chaplains and members of the AOH. He lists as moral priorities, the MacBride Principles, the Right To Life issue, the illegal status of thousands of Irish immigrants, membership growth, and, finally, the positive outlook of all members in harmony with Roman



BABYLON, L.I., N.Y.: The "Hibernian Players" of Babylon are seen here after a performance of their eighth Irish play, "The Winning Maid." Left to right, standing, Michael Flanagan; William Quinn; Stephan Feerick; Brendon McDonald and John McKean. Seated, Betty Close; Ann Keane and Eileen O'Hara. The "company" was formed ten years ago and has performed in the following successful productions to date: "The New Gosson"; "Swan Song"; "Professor Tim"; "Troubled Bachelors"; "Mall"; "The Whip Hand"; "Wigs On The Green" and the "Winning Maid." Proceeds from the plays are donated to charities. Anyone interested in booking the "Hibernian Players" for their charity fundraisers, please contact: Jack McKean, 516-589-5379 or Eileen O'Hara, 516-242-5966.

Catholic teachings.

Father John has been a Hibernian for 34 years, starting out with the Hibernian Fife and Drum Corps. He was appointed chaplain of Commodore John Barry Division 2, Onondaga County, New York, in 1967; County Chaplain in 1971; and State Chaplain in 1979. He was next appointed Deputy National Chaplain in San Antonio, Texas in 1982. Finally, he was appointed National Chaplain of the AOH at Albany in

1984, and now reappointed by President Nick Murphy at the National Board Meeting at Nyack, New York in 1987.

Father John was born on May 9, 1943 in Syracuse, New York. He is the son of John and Doris Ahern, both now deceased. His father's roots are in Tarbert, County Kerry. His mother's roots are in Limerick and Clare. The family includes four brothers and two sisters with 26 nephews and nieces, and six great-

nephews and nieces.

After graduation from St. Lucy's Academy in Syracuse, Father John worked for Carrier Corporation. He was drafted into the U.S. Army for two years. After discharge he entered the Sacred Heart Fathers Minor Seminary in Great Barrington, Mass. He was ordained on May 20, 1967 from St. Bernard's Major Seminary. Presently he is Pastor at Most Holy Rosary Church in Syracuse.

Jack Flatley

STATE NEWS: Maryland



NEWLY RE-ELECTED officers of John F. Kennedy Division 5, Prince George's County, MD in a photo that is almost the same as last year, except for the President who shaved off his mustache. Left to right, front row: Matt Ryan, treasurer; Rev. Michael Kidd, chaplain; Norman McCarthy, president; Frank Herbert, past president, District Board. Back row, Matt Hannon, president, District Board and Installing Officer; Francis McCarthy, sentinel; Charles Quinn, recording secretary; Jack Gibbons, marshal; Pete Flaherty, vice president; and Jim Herlihy, Nat'l Chairman, Right To Life Committee.

Irish Eye photo



Rev. Michael C. Kidd, chaplain of John F. Kennedy, Division 5, Prince George's County, MD, center, is surrounded by brothers and sisters of Division 5. They are outside the Holy Family Church in Mitchellville, Maryland after celebrating the annual Division Mass. Father Kidd is also Pastor of the church

Irish Eye photo



SANTA doesn't always wear a red suit. Sometimes he wears a regular suit with an AOH medallion around his neck. At their Christmas party, John F. Kennedy Division 5, Prince George's County, MD, presented a thousand dollar check to the Belfast Children's Summer Program. Norman McCarthy, left, president, Division 5, stands by as Ray Walsh, center, chairman, Belfast Children's Summer Program, receives the check from Charlie Quinn, right, Div. 5 fundraising chairman.

Irish Eye photo

STATE NEWS: Florida

Recently, all Florida Hibernians were saddened by the sudden death of our beloved state treasurer, Bill Hurley of Brevard County Division 2, in Palm Bay. Bill was a dedicated hard worker for his division. He was elected State Treasurer only a few months prior to his untimely death. One of his most recent services to the AOH was on the delegate accreditation committee for the State convention. As recently as August of 1987, he concluded a research of the national constitution and state by-laws regarding records and disbursements, and was preparing to confer with division presidents, treasurers and financial secretaries regarding his findings. There is no doubt that Bill will be missed by the state and his division. Our prayers and sympathy go to his wife Joan and family. An appropriate eulogy for Bill would be: "He will be remembered not only for his dedication to the AOH but for his dedication, devotion and service to his family, to his church and to his heritage." To quote an old Irish saying, "If Bill is not in Heaven, then there is no one up there."

State President Jack Boyle encourages all divisions to begin a youth movement, as he indicates that the future of the order is dependent upon our young members. Brevard County Division 1 wasted no time in complying with President Boyle's edict by recently recruiting five new young men, all under the age of 32. As of this writing, these five young men have already lined up three more youngsters for membership in the order. Division 1 reports their new board of officers:

president, Art Lynch; vice president, Bob Schneider, who is also Brevard County AOH president and AOH state secretary; financial secretary, Frank Harrington; recording secretary, Ernie Kees and treasurer, Tom Schneider. Tom is one of the five new young members, who wasted no time in becoming active in the order.

Brevard County Division 2 in Palm Bay is one of the most active and growing divisions in the state of Florida. The current state officers who are members of this division are President Jack Boyle; Vice President John Cullinan, (also known as Arthur Godfrey) and Director Bill Ryan. Any Hibernian reading this column who knows of a qualified individual living in the Palm Bay and Melbourne areas, can obtain information about membership by calling Bill Ryan at 264-8940.

The new Board of Officers for Brevard County Division 2 are: President Bob Carroll; Vice President Tom Donnelly; Treasurer Jim O'Connor; Financial Secretary Harris McGovern and Recording Secretary Art Billingham. The Division 2 Christmas Party for adults and children was held on 6 December 1987 at the K of C Hall in Palm Bay. The Division reports that plans are already under way for the 1988 St. Patrick's Day party on March 5. Co-chairing the event is

Tom Donnelly and Mary Herbert, LAOH state president. A move is under way to form a new division in the Sarasota area. Hoping to hear from you regarding prospective members is James T. Fleming, 2667 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34237.

On Saturday 7, November 1987, State President Jack Boyle and State Secretary Bob Schneider journeyed across the state to Bradenton to assist National Director Tom Gilligan and Past Florida State President Ed Kalbfleisch in activating Division 1 of Manatee County. The ceremony was held in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in Bradenton. National Director Gilligan presided and after a few introductory remarks, introduced State President Jack Boyle who gave an overview of the aims of Hibernianism in Florida.

Brother Gilligan also expounded on AOH goals on the national level. A regular meeting was waived and a special meeting was held to install the new division's Board of Officers. Past State President Kalbfleisch presided and the following officers were sworn in by State President Jack Boyle: President Paul Finnerty; Vice President Thomas Egan; Recording Secretary Robert Bambrick; Financial Secretary Leo Higgins; Treasurer Shawn Carney and Marshal/Sentinel Donald Donahue. The division is eager to meet prospective new members. Just contact Paul Finnerty, 7116 18th Ave. West, Bradenton, FL 33529 for information regarding membership.

Congratulations to the following new Florida AOH division presidents: Art Lynch, Division 1, Brevard County; Bob Carroll, Division 2, Brevard County; Martin McAndrews, Division 1, Broward County; Thomas Condon, Division 1, New Port Richey; Bob McNulty, Division 1, Clearwater, and Paul Finnerty, Division 1, Bradenton.

All division and county presidents and committee chairmen are urged to send a report of your activities and functions, along with pictures, to the Florida State Editor, Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32953, for appearance in this column. There has been an expression for many years that Florida is "The land of the newlyweds and the nearly dead." Well, through leadership, membership, activities and mutual helpfulness, we can show the rest of the country that the Florida Hibernians are doing their share to dispel the latter part of that expression!

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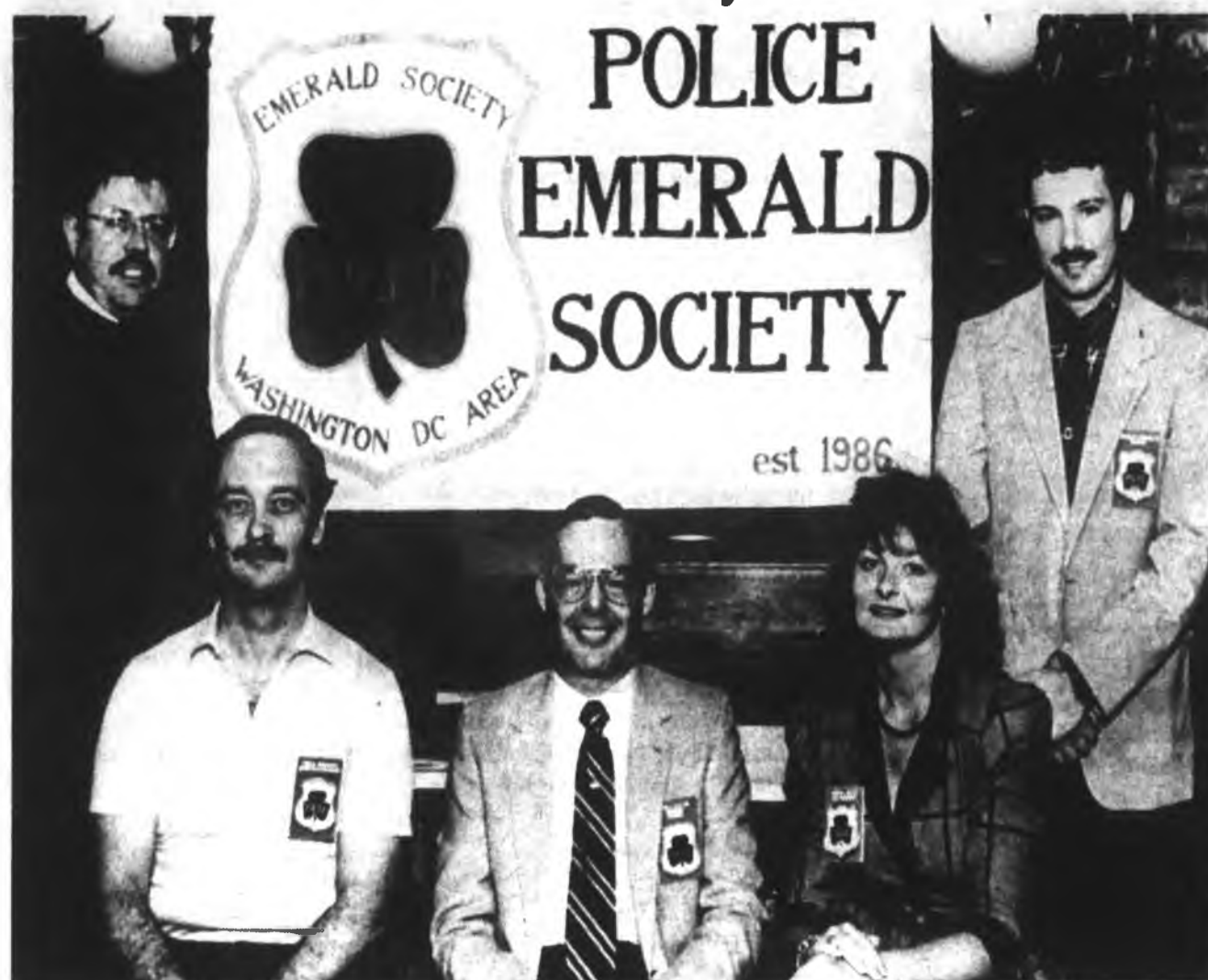
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STATE NEWS: District of Columbia

Police Emerald Society



NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Police Emerald Society, Washington DC area, left to right, are John J. O'Connor, trustee; Todd D. Gabryszak, secretary/treasurer; John J. Day, Sr., president; Karen L. Bryan, vice president; Thomas W. Harman, Jr., Trustee. All are active duty law enforcement officers. Irish Eye photo

AOH Immigration Reform Holds First Area Meeting

A meeting of the AOH Immigration Reform was held on November 1, 1987 in the Washington D.C. area to discuss Ireland's unemployment situation, the number of 'illegal' Irish in the U.S., and a bill to change the U.S. immigration laws. The meeting was organized by the Michael Dowd Div., No. 6 and the Ladies Div., No. 9, and was open to the public. An audience of slightly over one hundred people attended from Washington, D.C., and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs.

Ed O'Brien (AOH) spoke on the unemployment situation in Ireland.

Wayne Cimons, legislative director for Congressman DioGuardi, followed with a description of HR1683, a bill introduced by the Congressman to increase the number of visas for the Irish and other countries adversely affected by immigration law changes. Finally, an "Information Sheet", containing a background statement, names of Congressmen, Senators, and their mailing addresses, sample letters and letter-writing hints, was provided to each person. For additional information: (301) 963-6820.

John Schell



KEY PERSONNEL at the first meeting of the AOH Immigration Reform meeting in the Washington DC area were, l. to r., Ed O'Brien, AOH, John F. Kennedy Div. 5, Prince George's Co., MD; Wayne Cimons, legislative director for Congressman DioGuardi (R) (NY); John Schell, meeting organizer, AOH, Michael Dowd Div. 6, Rockville, MD. Irish Eye Photo

STATE NEWS: Ohio

MARTINS FERRY, OHIO — The Commodore Jack Barry Division of Belmont County moved into 1988 with some of the finest programs since the unit's formation 11 years ago. Guiding them will be the newly elected officers: President James P. Hughes (third term), Vice President John (Jack) Brennan; Treasurer Paul Loftus; Recording Secretary Robert Weigle; Financial Secretary Michael Muldowney; and Chair, Standing Committee, John Gallagher.

The membership drive brought two more area men into the division. Michael Ramsay, a radiologist at an area hospital, and Joseph Hughes, grandson of the division's president.

The division kicked off its programs by taking part in a Christmas parade in St. Clairsville, Belmont County, with President Hughes at the head of the

delegation. The cars of Jim Brennan and Jack Brennan (no relationship) were decorated with balloons and signs and paper mache of green and white with AOH information, viewed by thousands.

President Hughes announced the division's annual St. Patrick's Day banquet will be held at St. John's Church in Bellaire on the first Saturday in March.

In a surprise action, the division presented Jim Brennan with a Certificate of Merit for his activities for the division during its 11 years in existence. Hughes, Muldowney and Loftus made the presentation on behalf of the division. Brennan is a charter member and held the president's office for four years.

The division was saddened by the untimely death of Brother Edward Bannon of Wheeling, WV.



A HAPPY VISIT — Mrs. Eleanor M. Brennan, left, who chairs the Catholic Action Committee, Cmdr. Jack Barry Division, Belmont County, Ohio, enjoys visiting with National Vice President Michael Coogan and his wife, and Michael Flannery at the recent National President's Banquet in Nyack, NY.

Notre Dame President to Keynote Nat'l Convention

CLEVELAND, OHIO: The Cleveland Convention Committee co-chairs, Pat Murphy and Eileen Reynolds-Wallenhorst, are very pleased to announce that Reverend Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., the President of the University of Notre Dame, will be the keynote speaker at the AOH/AOH National Convention Banquet on Thursday, July 28.

A native of Washington, D.C., Father Malloy was born May 3, 1941. He obtained undergraduate and master's degrees in English from Notre Dame in 1963 and 1967, respectively. While studying for the priesthood at Moreau Seminary, he obtained a master's degree in theology in 1969 and was ordained in Sacred Heart Church on campus in 1970. In the same year, he received a Smith Fellowship for theological studies at Vanderbilt University. While obtaining a doctoral degree in Christian ethics, which he received in 1975, Father Malloy taught at Aquinas Junior College in Nashville before returning to Notre Dame to join the faculty of the Department of Theology.

Father Malloy is author of two books and numerous articles and reviews in a wide variety of theological and secular journals. His areas of specialization include: questions of ethical methodology, particularly in an ecumenical context; matters of social justice, specifically violence and its control; the quality and distribution of health care; substance abuse; economic ethics, and sexual morality.

A member of the Catholic



REV. EDWARD A. MALLOY, C.S.C.

Theological Society of America and of the Society of Christian Ethics. Father Malloy has served the Congregation of Holy Cross in many administrative and educational positions and has been a consultant for the Catholic bishops of Indiana. He is a member of the Governor's Task Force for Organ Donation in the State of Indiana. He has served on the institutional review boards at Saint Joseph Medical Center and Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He is also a member of the Board of Regents at the University of Portland and of the Business-Higher Education Forum.

From 1982 until his election as President in November of 1986, he served as Associate Provost, assisting in the administration, coordination and development of all academic activities and functions of

National Law Enforcement Memorial Honor - Service - Sacrifice

Under the terms of legislation authored by Congressman Mario Biaggi and Senator Claiborne Pell in 1984, authority was given for the building of a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial in Washington, D.C. It will be to honor those thousands of law enforcement personnel who have been killed in the line of duty. Financing for the Memorial is entirely private. The fund raising efforts are obviously underway, but in order to be a success, we must reach out to all communities if the fund is to accomplish groundbreaking by October 19, 1989.

The past and present contributions to law enforcement by Irish Americans is an established fact. So, too, are the sacrifices that have been made by Irish Americans as law enforcement officers. Their valor should be memorialized and it is to them that this memorial would be dedicated.

The establishment of a National Law Enforcement Memorial, honoring all federal, state and local law enforcement officers who die in the line of duty, was authorized by Congress in October 1984. Memorial development efforts are now underway. Last year, there were 169 line of duty police deaths in our country. There were more than 1,500 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

Appropriately, design ideas for the Memorial are now being sought from within the law enforcement community. At this time, however, it appears likely that the Memorial will include the names of law enforcement officers who die in the line of duty, along with a special symbolic element aimed at recognizing police

deaths as they occur. The Memorial's significance will be enhanced by the fact that it will be financed totally through private contributions from the American people. Since the Fund is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. There is a funding target of \$5 million to complete the Memorial. Congress has stipulated that all funds must be raised by October 1989, before groundbreaking can begin.

Congress has directed that groundbreaking for the Memorial must begin by October 19, 1989.

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Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

IMMIGRATION The New York Window

From our window high over the streets where our fathers walked a beat and directed traffic, or shouldered the heavy hod for the bricklayers working above, where we ran and scrambled and pummelled in our energetic childhood enthusiasm, where the earth turned and hauled the gray, cold skies over the docks each day, we scan the scene of Erin's greenhorns breaking into the New World — from our window.

It's the never ending script of Irish life from the playwright of sadness and despair, a tragic drama of Irish America.

The Irish Arrival is bounced on the legal-illegal trampoline while the INS ponders the Regulations

A hundred and fifty years of searching for the good life — the golden nugget of greenhorn hope in this land of opportunity. The door never fully opened.

The view from the top reveals shop signs in Oriental script, Bodegas and Barrios, ear rings, long ear locks, gold chains, strange tongues, exotic music, food smells of distant lands.

An open city — now defaulted, handed over without a fight to generations strange.

Who owns it now?

We had our chance to build the Dublin City Annex.

They fly in from Shannon wearing Reeboks and designer jeans, with Samsonites packed and heavy, and fancy wristwatches, digital and waterproof to 100 feet, speaking Dublinese and Kerry talk.

The Customs gate is at JFK, International Arrivals; they meet mostly strangers now, friend of a friend, perhaps a cousin in the crowd for some.

A room, a job, a green card, Guinness black draft on tap the dream for now — mostly

the job. They never saw a hod, never carried a brick.

Ellis Island is rubble, peeled paint, toilets wrecked in broken white pieces; musty, ancient, used up — soon, an historic site.

Awe-struck, frightened immigrants with scapulas and shawls and half empty cardboard suitcases, carrying a Priest's farewell blessing — all a dim memory of an age long gone.

We had our chance to build the Dublin City Annex.

A strange land — New York. Applications with Spanish words.

Any Irish need apply?

Any jigs or reels, or button accordians?

The Dublin City Annex and the sweet colleens are in the playwright's script.

Three acts in a theatre abroad. Not in the Big Apple — at least not for now.

From our window high over the streets, we look down. It's not the same today. The trolley cars are gone; the motorman's brogue-ish wit silent for years. No pushcarts, icemen, growlers, penny candy, organ grinder monkeys, or knickered kids with kazooks.

The traffic attendants are bundled warm, waving brown colored arms. The cop in blue rides in style, warm and dry, ballpoint in hand writing the NYPD script. Hard-hats munch salami heroes with peppers and mayo. "Hey man", in the dark doorways. Crack for the little pipes. Anything you want for the ready green. Nuns in street clothes, long haired altar-boys, Toyota hacks — Checker cabs are history, Shoulder borne radios pounding out in scam time, yuppies, hard rock, and graffiti; Johns and Dons, pimps and wimps, hookers in Skinny skirts, butt high.

The whole town needs the Ex-Lax cure.

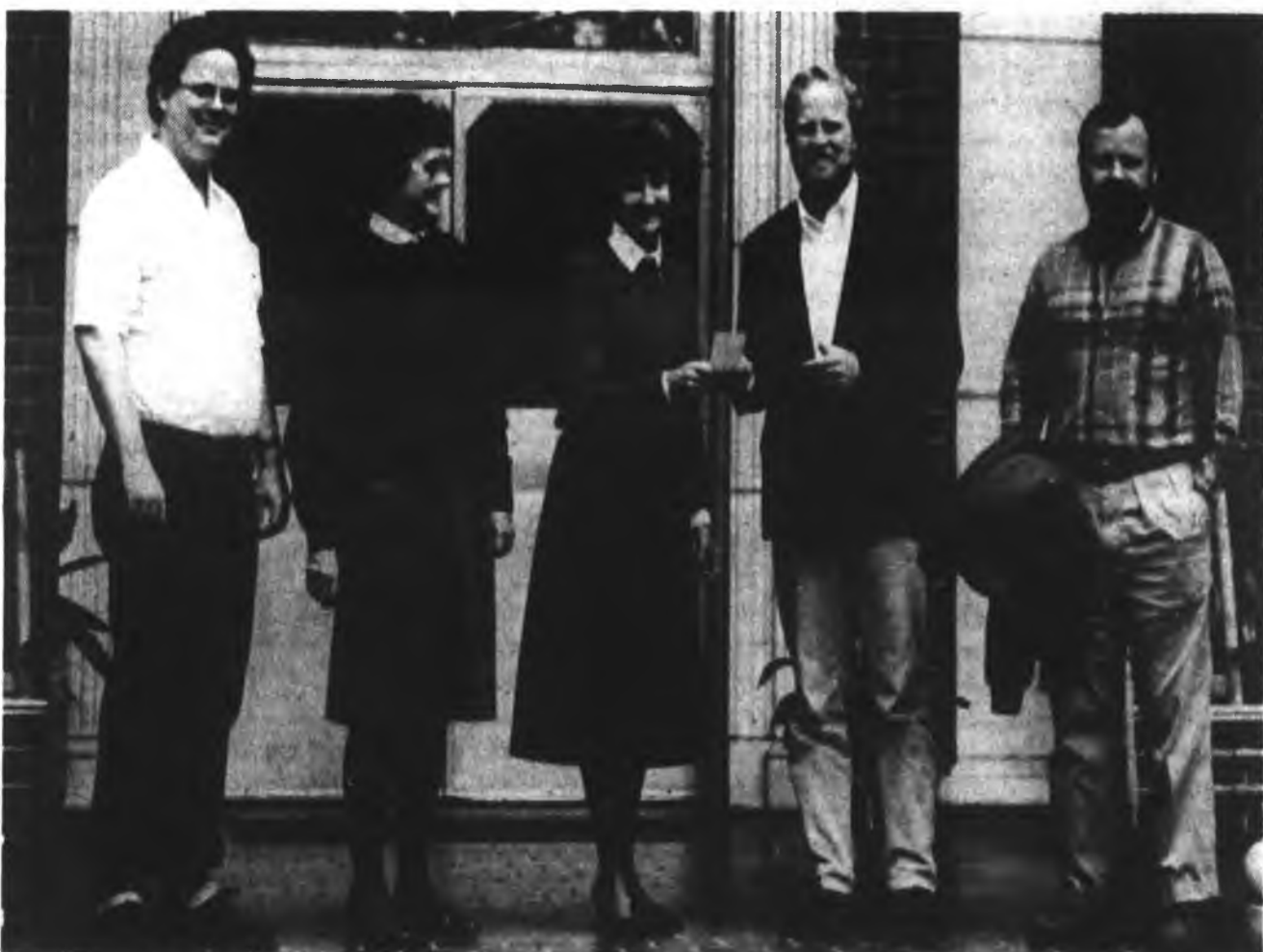
We had our chance to build the Dublin City Annex.

Jack Flatley

STATE NEWS: Georgia



SAVANNAH, GA: During December, officers of Division 1, AOH, here distributed Christmas turkeys to every convent and several Catholic agencies throughout the city, one of many activities that has become part of the division's Catholic Action program. Here, Michael Buttler, treasurer, visits with the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy convent.



ALSO during December Division 1 held its annual Christmas Dinner and Fund Raiser for the benefit of St. Mary's Home for Children. All proceeds go directly into a special clothing fund for the children at St. Mary's. Above, division officers Graham Harold, Bill Barfield and Michael Buttler present a check for one thousand dollars to Sisters Alvin and Johann.

President's Message

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based upon uncorroborated, perjured evidence or upon confessions obtained through torture?

Also forgotten were the Birmingham Six (which case was under appellate review at the time), the Stalker Report, the Guilford Four, and several other cases of innocent Irish people serving long sentences in English prisons. The real crime of these Irish prisoners was being available "Paddys" when the blood-hunt of English "justice" demanded Irish victims in order to be satisfied.

Fine Gael proposees and Fianna Fail disposees! Was it for this that Frank Aiken and Eamon deValera entered Leinster House?

LEGAL BASIS

Inherent in extradition treaties should be a presumption of judicial fairness. Neither "Northern Ireland" nor England meet the criteria. Would West Germany sign such an extradition treaty with East Germany? Of course not! Does this mean that West Germany encourages

terrorism? We already know the answer to that one. No, the system of "justice" (or what passes for "justice") in East Germany simply does not measure up to Western standards.

That's just the point: However it may or may not provide justice for the English, English "justice" does not come up to Western standards where the Irish are concerned.

To make matters worse, Charlie Haughey insisted that all extradition requests be subject to approval of the Attorney General, instead of judicial review as in the United States. (Ask Joe Doherty if he wants Ed Meese to decide the question of his extradition to the UK.) Trying to build a safeguard into the process which delivers one up to a Diplock Court is a cruel hoax which ignores the fact that the Diplock Court system is a political agent of the London government trying to put on a judicial form to disguise what is really only internment under a dif-

ferent species.

BLACKMAIL

The unanswered, nagging question is: What blackmail did Maggie Thatcher employ to get Charlie Haughey to do such a flip-flop on a major policy question? It is doubtful that she threatened "immediate and terrible war;" Lloyd George had already used that one. Whatever it was, one thing is for certain; it demonstrated that, however astute a politician Charlie Haughey may be, he lacks the wiles of an Eamon deValera, who would never have allowed himself to be cornered so.

Thrown away was a chance to demand reform of some of the more odious "legal" practices in "Northern Ireland." Thrown away was the opportunity to insist upon justice for the Birmingham Six, the Guilford Four, etc. For a brief moment in history, Charlie Haughey had the power to improve the lot of his own people now suffering under a judicial form to disguise what is really only internment under a dif-

ferent species. Let history judge Charlie Haughey, lest we, too, fall victim to (Continued on Page Twenty-Seven)

● National Officers' Action Reports ●

The National Organizer's Corner

ALBANY, NY — A National Teleconference of the Western District was held recently among members of the AOH National Board, Director of the district, AOH deputy national organizers and state presidents or their representatives.

The conference started with a brief report by National Organizer Mike Hession, who outlined the progress of the order during the past 12 months. Hession stated that 2,982 members were initiated into the order and that 2,844 members were terminated, showing a net gain for the year 1987 of only 64 members.

It was pointed out that maintaining our present members is vital to the survival of the organization. A letter from the national organizer will be mailed to all division presidents in the beginning of 1988 outlining certain procedures for the collection of membership dues and suggestions will be offered to help the division financial secretary collect the dues which are so important for the successful operation of the division.

A new recruitment drive is in progress for the first three months of 1988 and every division is asked to co-operate and make a special effort to increase the membership; also to make a renewed effort to reinstate members who have been dropped during the past few years. This new drive is co-sponsored by the national board of the Ladies AOH and a joint advertising program is being planned during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. We are asking state boards and county boards who receive money from initiation fees to use that money as directed by the national constitution, for the promotion of membership. This would be a good time to tie in with the national board to have maximum effect.

The conference was a lively exchange of ideas, complaints and constructive criticism. I will list them as best I can but not necessarily in order of importance.

Membership applications were discussed, some feeling that certain questions asked were too personal. New proposals will be submitted for consideration by the national board.

The question of the major degrees was discussed and several suggestions were submitted. The only opportunity for people in the western states to take their degrees is at a national convention. The idea of a degree team making a circuit of the western states at special times for the exemplification of the major degrees was discussed at length. This is not a new idea but it will be taken up again at the national board level and a solution will be sought.

Bill Harrington, Montana state president, talked about being isolated with no personal contact with the main body of the AOH. He said that they survive by initiating programs of their own. The only time they hear from the national board is during fund raising campaigns. He suggested that advanced notice be given to division presidents of upcoming fund raisers so the fund raising project may be discussed at division meetings prior to the actual drive.

A lively discussion on the MacBride Principles legislation in

California took place with no particular progress reported but work will continue with some new legislators coming on board in the new year. National Director Jack Hassett will keep the board apprised of any progress.

Peter Moughan of Albuquerque, New Mexico, stated that New Mexico has some legislators who are willing to introduce MacBride legislation in the new year and Joe Roche's help would be sought. Tim Moynahan of Phoenix, Arizona, said Arizona is also ready to put MacBride legislation before the state legislators. He also noted that the problems with the governor at the present time might slow the process but that work was continuing, and progress is being made.

Immigration legislation and the problem of undocumented Irish aliens was discussed, with California being the only state in the west with a serious problem. The other states are also having immigration problems but in these states the Irish are a real minority. We were reminded that even these small states have two senators and it might be easier to get their support than it would be in the more populous states. The west is all for immigration reform.

It is a common belief in the western states that the east coast Hibernians get preferential treatment. We promised to help and open up better communication between east and west.

The issue of greeting cards was raised and several remarks were made. Some of the members did not know the national anti-defamation chairman. He is John T. McInerney, 10001 Creekwood Circle, Plymouth, Michigan 48170; telephone No. 1-313-322-0276, business and 1-313-455-9348, home. It might be more effective if all complaints concerning greeting cards be co-ordinated through the anti-defamation chairman so that a national protest may be submitted to the offending company.

Tourist travel to Ireland was discussed. It was pointed out that when it comes to tourism, the American people know little or nothing about Ireland. The country is never mentioned on the same scale as London, Athens, Rome, Singapore, etc. When Ireland is mentioned, coverage usually reflects the war and terrorist activities. To some people, trouble in Belfast means trouble all over Ireland. As one brother put it, a lot of Americans think Belfast is in County Cork. He feels something must be done to promote tourism in Ireland, and that Hibernians could help in this endeavor.

Another suggestion put forward was that a national directory of AOH divisions be published so that Hibernians travelling would know which cities have active divisions and where the traveler might visit the club rooms or particular meeting place.

A regional workshop conference was discussed to take place somewhere west of the Mississippi in which all the western states would participate. This is an idea worth considering; financing would be the

Statistical Survey Throws Light On Membership Levels

TROY, NEW YORK—A team of undergraduate marketing research students at Siena College, Loudonville, New York recently tackled the problem of declining membership in New York's District 1, AOH. The College regularly takes on projects with in the community for research activity for each year's senior and junior marketing/management majors. The service is free to the client, except for incidental expenses such as mailing, telephone calls, etc. New York State AOH President Ed Carley initiated the study to try to elicit root causes for the decline in membership in New York's District 1, mainly the Capital District with points North and South. Siena's location in the Capital District made the survey a little easier than calling great distances.

A telephone survey was administered to males 18 years and older who belonged to a fraternal organization and males 18 years and older who never belonged to a fraternal organization. The telephone survey was designed in two parts: the first consisting of questions for non-members of a fraternal organization. They were asked if circumstances were such, what would initially attract them to join a fraternal organization. They were also asked if they recognized or heard of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and if they did, through what media.

The second section was for members of fraternal organizations. They also were asked if they had heard of the Hibernians and through what media and to reply to a demographic section in the survey. They were asked how they had heard of the Hibernians and if any requirements existed in order to become a member. They were asked what benefits they received from their organization and how long they have been a member.

A telephone survey was chosen because of the size of the Capital District and because they were limited to males 18 years of age, and older.

The Capital District phone book was broken down into four sections (e-f, g-m, n-t, u-z) and phone numbers were randomly selected until 25 surveys were completed by each person. Two hundred seventy-two calls were made in order to complete the projected goal of 100 surveys. The survey was then tabulated and coded for the application of the statistical computer program. (SPSS, VAX VMS operating system, DEC).

The results from the statistical computer program showed that people who were surveyed that belonged to an organization heard of their group through family, friends or in some cases, other group members. The overall percentage of people who recognized the Ancient

problem.

I am wide open for suggestions; let's hear from you. It was suggested that a regional telephone conference be scheduled about every 3 months or so. The feeling was that a lot was accomplished and a lot of information shared. After the usual greeting for Christmas and the New Year the meeting was adjourned.

A special thanks to Jack Hassett for co-ordinating the conference. God Bless.

Michael Hession
National Director/Organizer

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

SPRING HILL, FLA: As the old cliché goes, it pays to check your mail and read the letters and other data contained in those epistles. For example, via Uncle Sam a letter came with some interesting information from the Irish Export Board. It is obvious even to the uninitiated, that to get advertising clients you must have, among other things, targets: that is, a list of names to write your requests to. Without such information, all the support measures any newspaper and/or magazine can give to an advertising director is literally useless.

And that is why such organizations as the Irish Export Board are a vital necessity to any advertising director. Its communication listed a host of American firms which have been and are handling Irish products. Foods, clothing, beverages, and bottled water are some of the items on the Board's list.

James Mongey, director-North America for the Board, makes a most notable comment in his letter:

"Many Irish-American organizations have mentioned to us their wish to support, whenever they can, the creation of employment in Ireland. 'I believe that using Irish products, where at all possible, is a very practical way of doing this.' No truer words could be spoken as one way to help our families and friends in Ireland.

And this is one important measure by which members of the AOH can achieve a brighter economic picture

in Ireland: BUY IRISH. Don't take any substitutes and insist with your stores, that they include Irish products in their inventory.

For example, some of the Irish products that you should check on for purchase include Howard's Brown Bread Mix; Cakes: Molly O'Rourke's Irish whiskey fruit cake; Bottled water: Ballygowan, Glenpatrick and Tipperary Irish Spring Waters. The list goes on and on.

Some of the firms handling the Irish products include Anheuser-Busch; Emerald Isle Imports in Northvale, NJ; Century Importers in Baltimore, MD; and Guinness-Harp Corp. in Stamford, Conn.

So, don't forget: when you go shopping not only think Irish, buy Irish.

And just as important: you can become that critical cog in your newspaper's advertising department — when buying Irish from an Irish importer, get that firm to advertise in your newspaper.

Talk it up with your local store, with the company that has you on the payroll, and there has to be many State Boards and Divisions that are planning various projects.

Advertise in your newspaper, not our competitor's. By advertising in the *National Hibernian Digest*, you help the financial picture of your organization.

The new address of your Advertising Director: 3114 Lynx Lane, Timber Pines, Spring Hill, Florida 34606.

Order of Hibernians was low and those who did recognize the organization, did so through family and friends.

One suggestion that emerged from the data was promoting membership from within. Since the majority of respondents heard of the Ancient Order of Hibernians through family and friends, new members will come from existing members.

In order to retain current members, the study revealed that social activities were key factors when deciding what organization to join.

Finally, one reason that the group had for the decline of membership was the idea that the third and fourth generations of families no longer possess the strong ethnic ties which lead people to join an ethnic organization. This type of information since it is a social issue was very hard to research, but found to be something to think about.

As mentioned before this statistically based marketing survey designed specifically for the New York State Board AOH cost very little and provided confidential results. These attempts at analyzing membership growth/decline rates are essential if we are to provide for the future. Similar studies should be conducted throughout the entire Hibernian population and the results shared. I am indebted to the research team at Siena for their fine effort during the project and for their moderator and instructor Bernie Felfstein, as well as District 1, Glens Falls President Bill McCarthy for his idea to search for a marketing consultant.

Respondents may write to Ed Carley, NY State President, 57 Excelsior Avenue, Troy, New York 12180 or Jack Burns, New York State Organizer, 10 Benham Avenue, Auburn, New York 13021.

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Guest Editorials

Editor's Note: Fr. Maurice Burke, founder of the Irish-American Defense Fund, has written sixteen educational articles on Northern Ireland, including the two below and will have them available in booklet form in the near future. He is also author of the "Irish Glossary" which appeared in the September-October 1987 issue of the National Hibernian Digest.

The Misuse of Law

By FR. MAURICE BURKE

International law makes allowances for states in emergency situations and allows them to suspend basic democratic rights. The emergencies envisaged, however, must be temporary ones and the degree of abrogation of rights must be commensurate with the situation which makes the abrogation necessary. The emergency situation in north Ireland does not fall within these guidelines. There emergency legislation has been on the statute books since the foundation of the state.

Special Powers Act

The Special Powers act was passed in 1922 and renewed annually until 1928 when it was renewed for five years. At the end of the five year period, in 1933, it was made permanent. It empowered the police to search, arrest and imprison without warrant or trial and gave the Minister of Home Affairs the power to intern any citizen indefinitely without the right to appeal or the right to know why he was being detained. Indeed the Home Affairs Minister, under the Act, was empowered to make regulations "for making further provision for the preservation and the maintenance of order." It was this latter power that South Africa's Minister of Justice, JB Vorster, said he would exchange for all the repressive legislation at his disposal.

Internment Without Trial

Internment without trial was used in the 1920s and again from 1966-1968. There were three new features associated with the use of internment which began August 9, 1971. (1) London gave formal approval for its use. (2) It was accompanied by the torture of internees. (3) It was carried out by British troops. When the High Court, 2/23/72, ruled that the Special Powers Act did not permit the government in the north to use troops to implement its provisions, the Westminster Government passed the *Northern Ireland Act 1972*. This, the Home Secretary said, would declare the "the law as far as the armed forces are concerned is and always has been what it has hitherto been believed to be."

Torture

The *Compton Report* found that internees had been ill-treated and the *Parker Inquiry* conceded that the techniques of sensory deprivation used "would constitute criminal assault and might also give rise to civil proceedings under English law." These two inquiries were carefully controlled British ones. The European Commission on Human Rights described the techniques used as torture. The European Court, despite a British plea of guilty to the charge of torture, reduced the charge to guilty of inhuman or degrading treatment, a violation of Article 3 of the European Human Rights Convention.

Diplock Commission

The law, Brigadier Frank Kitson had suggested, could be used as a propaganda cover for the disposal of unwanted members of the public. A step towards implementing this suggestion was the setting up of a Commission "on legal procedures to deal with terrorist activities." The first meeting was held October 20, 1972 with Lord Diplock as chairman. Diplock was the only member of the commission to visit Ireland — two trips each lasting two days — where he met with members of the security forces.

"Only three written representations were received by the Commission and the bulk of their evidence came from people with responsibility for the administration of justice in Northern Ireland . . . and from representatives of the Civil and Armed Services." (Richard Harvey, *Diplock and the Assault On Civil Liberties*). The Diplock Report was published 12/20/72, and its recommendations were being considered by the Westminster parliament by April 1973. The Bill was passed and, on July 26, received the Royal Assent. The *Emergency Provisions (Northern Ireland) Act 1973* came into force two weeks later on August 8. Diplock Courts that day became part of the justice system of north-east Ireland.

Diplock Courts

In the Diplock Courts specially selected judges, sitting without juries and operating under special rules of evidence, were empowered to convict solely on the basis of confessions made by defendants while in police custody. British apologists claim that "because of the risks of jurors being intimidated and the consequent danger of perverse verdicts, trial by jury was not practicable." Harvey in *Diplock and the Assault On Civil Liberties* considers this and begins by quoting Diplock himself:

"It is fair to say that we have not had our attention drawn to complaints of convictions that were plainly perverse and complaints of acquittals which were plainly perverse are rare." Asked by Ian Paisley, "Has there been definite evidence of juries having brought in perverse verdicts on the facts given to them in the Courts?" Secretary of State Whitelaw replied: "Some of the verdicts have been rather hard to understand. I do not think I can go further than that." Attorney General

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The Fair Employment Agency

By FR. MAURICE BURKE

When Stormont, the parliament of north-east Ireland, was suspended in March 1972, a William Van Straubensee was made Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office. A committee under his chairmanship published, in June 1973, the *Report and Recommendations of the Working Party on Discrimination in the Private Sector of Employment*. While the terms of reference limited the committee to the private sector, the suggestion was made that the government should consider applying the recommendations to the public sector as well. This suggestion was acted on when the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act became law in 1976 and the Fair Employment Agency — FEA — established that year, covered both sectors. Its purpose was to "promote equality of opportunity between persons of different religious beliefs and the elimination of discrimination on the ground of religious belief or political opinion."

Reviewing the work of the new agency in *Fortnight*, October '82, Andrew Pollak commented: "In the six years of its existence the FEA has yet to publish one investigation into inequality of job opportunity between Protestants and Catholics in any private firm or public body, and has not once used its considerable legal powers to compel an employer to promote job equality in his work-force." The Fair Employment Agency, in fact, was simply a cosmetic exercise and contained within itself the seeds of failure.

Committed To Failure

The chairman of the FEA 12-strong board was Robert George Cooper. He had been the General Secretary of the Alliance party and later became its deputy leader. The Alliance Party was and is pro-Union and is the party of second choice for many Unionists. Any doubts about how Cooper would function as chairman of the FEA were dispelled when he had Glenn Barr co-opted to the Agency.

Barr was associated with the Ulster Defense Association, a Loyalist para-military organization which accepted responsibility for many assassinations. He was chairman of the committee co-ordinating the Ulster Workers' Council strike which brought down the power-sharing executive in May 1974. In November 1974 he led a UDA delegation to Libya to discuss, among other things, the possibility of financial aid for an independent Ulster. He remained a member of the board until August 1981.

The remaining members of the FEA board consisted of the Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission and nine members nominated by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Confederation of British Industry and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The Confederation of British Industry was an employers' group. Its three nominees, with those appointed by the Secretary of State, gave those opposed to reform, control of the FEA. Only the three nominees of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions would appear to have been active in promoting reform.

Staff and Methodology

Peter Sefton, an English Catholic, was the FEAs Co-ordinating Director with a Peter O'Keefe as his deputy. The staff at their disposal was too small, however, and, as an investigation into the working of the FEA showed, the Agency was badly under-financed.

Another factor militating against reform was that the Agency was set up to combat sectarian motivation rather than discrimination. Motivation is very difficult to prove and any efforts of the FEA to do so were hampered by the fact that there was no full-time legal adviser on the staff. *Rights*, the newspaper of the National Council for Civil Liberties, Vol. 5 #2, after commenting on the "sheer vagueness" of FEA's methodology, noted: "But references to 'motivation' occur again and again (in FEA reports) and in one case it is noted: 'In arriving at a finding it is not the job of the Agency to determine whether or not the Respondent had acted correctly, but only if they were motivated by political or religious considerations.'"

Obstacles to Progress

A feature common to all British inquiries vis-a-vis events in north Ireland is that they were conducted in private, thus violating Lord Salmon's guidelines for the conduct of inquiries. Reports made by the FEA were kept confidential and published only after copies were leaked to newspapers.

The work of the FEA was also obstructed by British politicians. When the FEA was about to initiate an enquiry into equality of opportunity in the civil service, Chairman Cooper was approached by Minister of State Hugh Rossi, who tried to persuade him to drop the planned inquiry. Rossi was a senior member of the Conservative Party. He was appointed to the Northern Ireland Office in 1979 and was given

Ad Hoc Congressional Committee On Irish Affairs Report

Candidates' Irish Position

Announcement was recently made that the leadership of the bi-partisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs has sent letters to all announced candidates for President seeking their position on several key issues related to Northern Ireland and Ireland. Rep. Mario Biaggi said that the questions were developed in consultation with all 118 Members of the Committee and with the special help of U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY), Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Arizona), Rep. Nick Mavroules (D-Mass), Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-Mass), Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), Rep. Robert A. Boraski (D-Pa), Rep. William J. Coyne (D-Pa), Rep. Thomas Manton (D-NY) and Robert A. Roe (D-NJ).

The specific questions that will be posed to all Republican and Democratic candidates are:

1) Are you familiar with the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment and Non-Discrimination?

a) if legislation was passed by Congress to require that American companies doing business in Northern Ireland adopt these principles, would you sign such a measure into law?

2) If legislation amending the McCarran-Walter Act to eliminate visa denials to individuals solely because of political beliefs were passed by Congress, would you sign the measure into law?

3) Do you support the so-called Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985? What do you believe is the most significant consequence of this agreement after two full years of being in effect?

4) After the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed, Congress passed legislation authorizing first time United States economic assistance to Ireland and Northern Ireland. The bill called for a three year package totalling \$120 million.

a) Do you support the providing of U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland?

b) Are you familiar with the conditions associated with this legislation including those which pertain to annual certifications that

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power Services. Having failed in his efforts to halt the inquiry, Rossi supported efforts to deny FEA staff access to the information as having "taken every possible step to protect matters of confidentiality . . . no personal data investigated if at all possible." All aspect files this was not availed of vice had to rely on details such as information on religious affiliation.

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5) Violence in Northern Ireland continues to be a primary obstacle to peace.

a) Do you acknowledge that there is both civilian and official violence in Northern Ireland? Do you repudiate them equally?

The announced Presidential candidates to whom this questionnaire was sent are: Bruce Babbitt, Michael Dukakis, Richard Gephardt, Albert Gore, Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson, Paul Simon, George Bush, Pierre DuPont, Robert Dole, Alexander Haig, Jack Kemp, and Marion Pat Robertson.

Biaggi indicated that he would release all responses as they are received.

U.S. Economic Aid

The House has approved legislation which would extend through September 30, 1989 United States economic aid to Ireland and Northern Ireland under the terms of the Anglo-Irish International Fund.

Biaggi said the House action came during its consideration of the Omnibus International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1987. The House vote would authorize \$35 million for FY 1989 in United States contributions to the International Fund. Earlier legislation provided \$35 million for the current fiscal year which began on October 1.

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Biaggi said that he received a report from Father Desmond Wilson of Northern Ireland which indicated that the allocation of funds from the International Fund "has not taken cognizance of enormous areas of socio-economic blight and unemployment." The Wilson report also contains criticisms of the International Fund allocation from the SDLP (Social Democrat and Labour Party) led by John Hume and Dr. Cahal Daly, a Catholic bishop in Northern Ireland.

Among the allegations made in the Wilson Report include the contention that aid had "benefitted" golf clubs in Northern Ireland as well as the "lucrative tourist trade which already is heavily subsidized by government funds."

Biaggi added, "It seems that at a time when unemployment throughout Northern Ireland is over 20 percent and runs as high as 60 percent in major Catholic cities, a priority in the distribution of this aid should be to stimulate new jobs. Such industries as tourism while earning large profits do not traditionally supply large numbers of jobs. Our aid should be used to promote positive new job opportunities while reducing discrimination. If the International Fund is not responsive to the terms of our legislation, we need to review our future commitment of aid through the International Fund."

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Britain Plays Into Terrorist Hands

The Daily News - January 30, 1988

This week has seen two events that painfully damage Anglo-Irish relations and the aspirations of the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. Both played into the hands of Irish Republican Army terrorism.

Those unwelcome events did as much to damage British interests as Irish ones. There is a deep and important kinship between the United States and both Britain and Ireland. So both events and their consequences should be of grave concern to Americans, public and private.

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strongly praised the New York City Bar Association for its recent study of the legal justice system in Northern Ireland.

Biaggi, in a statement inserted into the Congressional Record, said the 120-page report serves to confirm many of the worst concerns that critics of the justice system have had for years. "Central to their study and the criticisms in it are the Diplock Courts which continue to operate in the North of Ireland. The study specifically urged that the British government curtail the use of trials without juries in cases involving terrorism charges."

Biaggi also indicated that he has written to the State Department to learn their formal views about the Bar Association study. "In my mind it has great relevance on two policy fronts. The first relates to the recently ratified Extradition Treaty between the U.S. and the United Kingdom. It is obvious from this study that the concerns about the justice system in the north of Ireland are valid and the absence of any reforms should lead to a reconsideration of the treaty. Similarly, it would seem that before we permit an extension of economic assistance to Northern Ireland, that there must be some meaningful reforms in the justice system along the lines of the City Bar Association's recommendations."

Biaggi expressed strong support for several of the recommendations contained in the Bar Association study including the introduction of three-judge panels for cases where trials without jury cannot be avoided and the elimination of existing evidence standards. He indicated he would review the entire report of the Bar Association and plans to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee early in the year to get a more detailed report by those who wrote the report.

Immediately, the investigative report should be made public. If there is persuasive argument against prosecution — at least six men were killed in the incidents involved — it must be publicly debated in Britain and Ireland.

The second event was the failure of an appeal on 1975 convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" in connection with two pub bombings that killed 21 in 1974. The three-judge court rejected an impressive body of new evidence, both technical and personal. There is widespread belief in Ireland that some or all the six Irishmen had been railroaded by police on the crest of a wave of outrage.

Already, those defendants have spent more than 13 years in prison. The Thatcher government would well serve the interests of peace in Northern Ireland by granting all six amnesty, avoiding the possibility of further conflict and a long, final appeal in the House of Lords.

The two shocks cast dark shadows over British-Irish relations and thus on Margaret Thatcher's government, which had begun to establish a courageous, impressively sensible record on Ireland. The two governments' representatives will meet early next week under the umbrella of the three-year-old accord. It is vital to the future of Ireland, north and south, and of Britain as well that the fragile bonds of trust be strengthened, not further torn.

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Pro Life Report "Euthanasia Is Here"

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY — We are living at another critical moment in history. The value of our elderly and weaker brothers and sisters lives is being called into question. This is not a new moment. Sixty-eight years ago Dr. Karl Binding, a law professor, and Dr. Alfred Hoche, a medical doctor, published a book, *The Destruction of Life Devoid of Value*, in Leipzig, Germany. Interestingly, the ideas that they wrote about sound so familiar to the euthanasia campaign that is gaining momentum in our country. In 1920 Dr. Binding wrote, "Is there any human life that has to such a degree lost its legal rights, that its continuation is of no value to itself or to society?"

Both Drs. Binding and Hoche were not men of faith and they thought that the ethic which put value on the sacredness of human life (Book of Genesis: man is made in God's image and likeness) was outmoded. Speaking of the mentally deficient or "incurable idiots" as he called them, Dr. Binding wrote, "Again I see no reason, neither from a legal, social, moral, nor religious point of view to forbid euthanasia of these people." For the elderly, when a Board (consisting of a doctor, a psychiatrist, and a lawyer) would determine that it was the person's time to die, Dr. Binding admitted that the Board could make an error but he cavalierly and dangerously stated, "... mankind loses many of its members because of erroneous actions; one more or less does not really matter that much."

With ideas like Drs. Binding and Hoche being banded about by the "intellectual elite" in Germany prior to Hitler's assuming power, one could question if the ground work had not already been laid for the destructive euthanasia campaign that was to send thirteen million Jews, Christians, mentally ill and retarded to their deaths.

Today, as we look around the western world, we see frightening facts that show an erosion of the respect for human life. In Holland a doctor's giving an elderly person deadly medication (known as assisted suicide or active euthanasia) has gained widespread support. In fact one-third of all the elderly Dutch are dying by prescribed lethal medication. In Holland there are very powerful euthanasia societies supporting this "way out" for the elderly.

Right here at home there are ominous signs of the continuous erosion of the respect for human life. In his 1985 address to the National Right to Life Convention in Washington, D.C., Dr. C. Everett Koop, the U.S. Surgeon General, pointed out two social forces which are working to bring about wide-scale euthanasia in this country: . . .

1, the decline of medical ethics; and 2, the rush for health cost containment.

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The Hippocratic Oath whereby a medical doctor used to commit himself "to keep the sick from harm" is largely being ignored by the medical profession. The fact that the elderly are living longer and need more medical care and the expensive cost of such care is opening the door for euthanasia. Many of us have heard Colorado Governor Richard Lamm's statement that the elderly "have a duty to die." Governor Lamm's advice, which most of us find reprehensible, is taken seriously by the social planners who see that there were forty million Americans over age sixty-five in 1985 and that there will be an estimated one hundred million-plus Americans in this category in 2000.

As men and women of faith, as Christians, we know that there must be a solution to these cost and management problems other than by creating an ethic and an environment which allows putting the elderly to death. No longer can we stand idly by as the social engineers and "death peddlers" push inhumane and deadly solutions to human problems. In 1949 Dr. Leo Alexander wrote an article, "Medical Science Under the Dictatorship" which was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In his article he warns us about not giving in to the ideas of the euthanasiaists. He said: "It is the first seemingly innocent step away from principle that frequently decides a career of crime." His point is that euthanasia under Hitler might not have come about if the medical doctors and people had resisted it right from the beginning.

Dr. Alexander's warning can also be applied to today.

Can massive euthanasia of the elderly and weak happen today? The answer is definitely, yes, unless we resist it. The ideas of "death with dignity"; "don't let the person suffer"; "that person is too much of a burden" are present with us. In 1986 the pro-euthanasia Concern for the Dying — An Educational Council — has a total yearly budget in New York State of \$3,465,692 to help spread its ideas of passive euthanasia or letting the terminally ill die. The Hemlock Society, which supports legalizing suicide or active euthanasia, has stepped up its campaign to pass bills in state legislatures to make legal the giving of a deadly medication by physicians to people. In California the Hemlock Society is supporting a bill known as the Humane and Dignified Death Act which would allow physicians to give patients lethal medication.

What can you or I do about all of this? Think, read, act, and write letters to legislators and newspapers opposing active euthanasia and assisting the suicide of the elderly. Definitely, pray, that all human life is shown the love and respect which God would give it. Charles Welch N.Y. State Pro-life Chairman, AOH

Plan for National Convention '88

Place: Cleveland, Ohio

Date: July 25-28, Monday - Thursday

Hotels: Bond Court Hotel & Hollander House

Meetings: Bond Court Hotel

Church Service: St. John Cathedral

Discrimination in N. Ireland Targeted

The following is from the Congressional Record:

Report Issued on Religious Discrimination in Northern Ireland
HON. HAMILTON FISH, JR.
of New York
In the House of Representatives
Monday, December 21, 1987

Mr. FISH. Mr. Speaker, as the prime sponsor of H.R. 722, the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act, I would like to inform my colleagues of a recent report released by the British Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights. This Commission was established by Parliament for the purpose of advising the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the adequacy and effectiveness of the law in

preventing discrimination on the ground of religious belief or political affiliation, and providing redress for those who have been discriminated against.

I recently met with the Honorable Kevin McNamara, Member of Parliament, the Labor Party spokesman on Northern Ireland in Parliament. He expressed his strong support for the Commission's report, entitled "Religious and Political Discrimination and Equality of Opportunity in Northern Ireland," and urged the support of the Congress. In many ways, this report goes further than the MacBride Principles. It calls for all companies in Northern Ireland, not just United States entities, to adhere to fair employment guidelines. We now await the official

response by the British Government, to be issued in the form of a government white paper.

This should not suggest that the MacBride campaign is over. Efforts to promote the MacBride Principles in the United States, specifically H.R. 722, have assured that the issue of religious discrimination is addressed by the British Parliament. Support should be given in tandem to my bill and the Commission's recommendations to Parliament, if the employment practices in this region are to be corrected.

A summary of the Commission's recommendations can be obtained from the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, Room 2428, Rayburn House Office Building.

Irish National Caucus — A Tribute to Sean MacBride

WASHINGTON, D.C. January 15, 1987 — "Sean MacBride was the last of the great fenians . . . and eternity is not long enough, nor heaven good enough to adequately reward him," said Fr. Sean McManus, National Director, and Rita Mullan, Executive Director of the Irish National Caucus.

"He was one of the greatest Irishmen of this century. He had enormous dedication to his country, to international human rights and to world peace. He was a man of profound wisdom and compassion."

"The most fitting tribute the Irish National Caucus can pay to him is to ensure that the MacBride Principles — which the Caucus named after him — will continue to be a powerful force for justice and peace in Ireland."

"May this noble son of Ireland rest in God's eternal peace and may his name live forever in the memory of those who love justice and peace the world over."



Gaelic With A Twist

By JANE BUXTON

AOH Division 10 President Joseph Kidney announced that several Division members listened to Oliver Kearney of Northern Ireland speak on the MacBride Principles. The Hibernians heard the speaker at a meeting in Manchester, New Hampshire.

According to Kidney, Kearney lost his job because of his commitment to the MacBride Principles. He is married and the father of five.

Kearney has spoken in favor of the MacBride Principles several times throughout the United States.

He is a "man of non-violence who believes that fair employment practices and the MacBride Principles in particular, would reduce violence."

The Principles call for fairness in employment to obtain government contracts.

Attending the meeting with the Lynn members were Nicholas Murphy, national president of the AOH; William Sullivan, Division 8, Lawrence, and Massachusetts state president; and John Connolly, Division 14, Watertown, and both past state president and past national president. Kidney said four states in the United States have formally accepted the MacBride Principles. Kearney is trying to get acceptance in New Hampshire and the remainder of the 50 states.

Following the Manchester meeting, President Murphy attended a Division 10 meeting held in Lynn, visited the Division Irish Cultural Center and answered questions from

the membership. Murphy was impressed with the Division weekly meetings and the Cultural Center.

He noted Division 10 is the only Hibernian organization in the country to meet every week.

Past Division President Joseph Kearney said Murphy was the first national president to attend a Division 10 meeting. He noted this is a singular honor for the Kidney administration. Murphy was accompanied on his Irish Cultural Center visit by chairman Paul Harrington, Joseph Kidney, Joseph Kearney, and James Gately.

President Kidney mentioned that several highlights have pleased him this year in his first term of office.

Kidney said the surprise party for Joseph Kearney, the Hibernian participation at both the ethnic celebrations and the manufacturing outlets in downtown Lynn, the double-speaking, engagements of Senator Francis Doris and Congressman Nicholas Mavroules at the Communion Breakfast, and the visit of national president Nicholas Murphy to a Division meeting are among them.

Kidney also announced that six new Irish-Americans recently joined Division 10. They include John Travers, Daniel G. Beath, Brendan Wilkenon, Joseph J. Zukas, Mark A. King, and Patrick J. Lydon.

Kidney and his wife, Maureen, recently attended the National President's Dinner in New York City.



WORKING ON behalf of the MacBride Principles are, from left, Joseph Kidney, Nicholas Murphy, and James Gately.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

Many thanks to Michael O'Rourke for successfully chairing a fund raising Dinner-Dance last fall and also to the members of our Division #3, Nassau County, who helped tremendously. We sent out over 12,000 letters in connection with the affair, and the proceeds realized have been sent to the Green Cross and An Cumann Cabrac for distribution to the families of the prisoners.

Thanks to everyone who helped in this endeavor.

I am trying to obtain an up-to-date list of the prisoners together with their addresses where mail could be sent to them. I have also been trying to obtain a list of their birthdays as I feel it would be a kind gesture if we could send them birthday cards, in addition to the greetings we send at Christmas. I believe this would be a great morale booster for them.

I again request that each Division

President appoint a member from their Division to be the Chairman of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee and send me his name and address, including the zip code. This would greatly help me since I would be able to communicate with him directly.

In closing, thanks to all Divisions that donated towards our Annual Christmas Relief Fund and to those who sent their personal contributions. I know I also speak for the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland when I say that your cooperation and generosity, as always is heartwarming. If you did not receive a thank you note from me for your contribution, it is only because your address was not included with the donation; so please accept my thank you now.

Yours for an United Ireland,
Martin Higgins

Say YES to MacBride

Oliver Kearney, Secretary of The Fair Employment Trust (Northern Ireland), a voluntary agency, was guest speaker at a Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the AOH Division No. 4, Ramsey Co. and the Irish American Unity Conference, Minnesota, on Oct. 8th, 1987 at the St. Paul Athletic Club. Minnesota Legislators and staff members were guests of Hibernians and Unity members.

Oliver Kearney's tour was organized and sponsored by the American Irish PEC as has his previous tour during which he testified before various state legislative hearings on "Northern Ireland Investment Bills" promoting the adoption of MacBride Principles.

A personnel manager and management consultant of 20 years' standing, and a Fellow of the UK Institute of Personnel Management (only 16 people in No. Ireland hold this degree and Kearney is the only Catholic), Kearney was employed as general secretary of the Licensed Vintners' Federation, non-governmental agency representing pub owners. He was fired from this position on the insistence of the British Government when he returned to No. Ireland after testifying before the Michigan and California Legislatures on employment and employment guidelines for US firms doing business in N. Ireland. He was in this country on his vacation time.

On the other side of the coin, the British Government has sponsored and paid for several personages, like Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to appear at State Legislative hearings testifying against the adoption of the MacBride Principles. This is known as "Free Speechless."

The Northern Ireland Investment Bill, introduced in the Minnesota Legislature February 4, 1987 by Senator Jerome Hughes and Rep. Richard O'Connor, is numbered SF 723 and HF 453. It calls for an annual review by the State Board governing investments of State Pension Funds in American corporations



OLIVER KEARNEY

that do business in N. Ireland to determine whether each corporation listed has taken affirmative action to eliminate religious or ethnic discrimination according to the guidelines set by the MacBride Principles. The Bill does not call for divestment, but would call for reconsideration of reinvesting if discriminatory practices exist. Best of all, it would not cost the taxpayers any money. And it would be applying American ideals in the investment of our funds.

Here is a positive way each of you can help Ireland! You can be an active participant! In many ways.

1. Contact your State Senator and State Representative (we have lists with address and phone number — call or write for the list) preferably with a personal meeting. If that is not possible, telephone or write. Send us copies of your letters and responses.

2. Join the task force committee to promote this bill. Call the Hibernian Office — and we will call on you for your assistance.

3. Plan to attend the legislative hearings when held. This is most important, that we fill the hearing room and the rotunda with supporters — let the Minnesota Legislature know we are concerned about uncivilized conditions in Ireland.

Enacting the Northern Ireland In-

MacBride Principles Needed in N. Ireland

(This letter appeared in the Journal of Commerce, London, England.)

Your London correspondent Edwin Unsworth could hardly have fit more misinformation into his article: "MacBride Principles Strike Out," (JofC, Dec. 1). I cannot resist pointing out that with five U.S. states having already enacted laws based on the MacBride Principles and 11 more pending, he seems to confuse strikeout and home runs.

First, no serious observer, not even the British government, denies that massive employment discrimination exists in Northern Ireland. It is precisely the international focus on the unjust patterns of employment in the six counties that has forced the British government to make noises about reforms. So far, there has been little more than talk.

Determined action is not yet in sight. The MacBride Principles campaign will no doubt continue until tough anti-discrimination laws are well on the way to ending job discrimination.

No matter what its detractors say, as a leader of the campaign I can state that it is not aimed at disinvestment; hence it is not like the campaign concerning South Africa. It is aimed solely at pressuring U.S. firms — in which American citizens, including many union members, have their pensions invested — to behave according to the same standards of non-discrimination to which we would hold them in the United States.

Some Irish trade union leaders oppose the MacBride Principles. The Irish Congress of Trade Unions as a whole, however, in its most recent policy statement adopted in July 1987, called for strong affirmative action for Catholic (nationalist) workers in the North. For understandable reasons of maintaining internal unity, ICTU makes no explicit reference to the MacBride Principles.

As Americans, it is our job to ensure that U.S. economic institutions abide by our values, including reasonable, moderate, established standards of non-discriminatory employment practices. This is not "interference." These are our companies, owned by our pension funds. It is our business.

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Opportunities Pursued! ... Or Ignored?

If we never realized it before, our recent experiences with the British marching bands should have convinced us. WE CAN FIGHT THE BRITISH! While there is no denying that in certain areas things might have gone better, and actual numbers at demonstrations could have been larger, yet there were some solid achievements. Press conferences and news articles related to protests of local bookings provided opportunities to educate the public.

In many instances, the demonstrations themselves created "media events" that caused the average viewer to ask why this would be happening — which is exactly what we wanted.

Obvious success has also been achieved through passage of the MacBride Principles. In various states and municipalities, we have been able to use our leverage to frame MacBride legislation and gather political support for its passage. This process has forced us to bring coherence to our case against British misrule in Northern Ireland. The British have been unable to stop us in many areas, and it is definitely not from lack of trying. As a result, we have been able to establish a number of political alliances, AND THOSE WHO HAVE REFUSED TO BE OUR ALLIES SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO LOOK TO US FOR VOTES IN NOVEMBER.

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Clearly, there is too much remaining to be done by far too few. But our unlikely network of housewives, retirees, college kids, and working people has repeatedly indicated that it will not silently accept the status quo in the North of Ireland.

1988 presents us with a set of unique opportunities. IMAGINE, if you will, passage of the MacBride Principles at the FEDERAL level. Aside from the economic impact of such a victory, consider the implications, the statement our nation would be making to the world — to the embarrassment of Mrs. Thatcher. IMAGINE, also, the possibilities presented by the Presidential Campaign. Our purpose should be to guarantee that Irish-American priorities become part of the national platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties.

But these dreams will never be realized if we continue to view them as lofty and unattainable. State Boards should be pushing the introduction or passage of MacBride if this has not been done already. All State Boards should begin dialogues and petition drives to promote the adoption of platform policies responsive to our objectives.

Brothers, it's time for all of us to roll up our sleeves.

Brendan Moore
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Freedom For All Ireland Committee

consequences of partition for those who suffer the most from it.

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Hero Priest of Fighting 69th

By HARRY MCGUIRK

Driving in the Times Square area recently where New York City's hustle and bustle reaches an incredible peak, our eyes caught a glimpse of a tiny square which may well be described as an Irish island. It is called Duffy Square.

The tall, bronze statue set on a monument of granite with a cross is a constant reminder of one human being's example of all the better goals in life to be achieved. Love and compassion for his fellow citizens through his love of God and his adopted country were exemplified by the lifestyle of Father Duffy.

The statue is a likeness of one of America's greatest heroes, Fr. Francis Patrick Duffy. He was a hero of a past generation but his legend lives on. His likeness in bronze stands as tall and as proud as the day it was erected on an island of tranquility in the world's most famous place — Times Square.

Seemingly oblivious to the bedlam and chaos which surrounds it every native New Yorker and every visitor to the city should take some time to visit Duffy Square and pay their respects to what is now a great part of American History — the Irish

Fighting Sixty-Ninth Regiment and its World War One chaplain, Fr. Duffy.

Father Duffy was born in Canada and educated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. He qualified to hold a teacher's certificate after just one year in high school. The Josephite nuns were so excited that they sent word to the Bishop of Toronto who offered young Duffy a college scholarship to St. Michael's in Toronto.

The story goes that Duffy was at first reluctant to accept the offer because he realized that most of the students were seminarians and he did not want to become a priest. He had decided that he wanted to become a teacher. After much soul searching, he decided to study for the priesthood.

The Duffy's were a poor family. The parents eked out a living. His younger brother had a job and tried to support both of the parents and Father Duffy, who was training in a Troy, New York seminary.

Then, the younger brother, Charlie, decided he too, wanted to

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Misuse of Justice

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Rawlinson could only provide cursory details of one specific case of an intimidated juror and alleged a number (unspecified) of others."

Powers of Detention

In the new legislation the army was empowered to detain suspects for up to four hours. The police, however, could detain them under the 1973 Act for up to 72 hours. This was extended to 7 days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Mere suspicion was sufficient reason for police or army to use their powers of detention. A judicial decision confirmed later that any suspicion, however unreasonable, was legal grounds for arrest.

License to Ill-treat

The new emergency legislation also made it easier for the "security" forces to get the confessions necessary for the Diplock Courts to function as intended. The wording of the section dealing with admissibility of confessions gave, in effect, a license to interrogators to ill-treat detainees provided the ill-treatment did not amount to a formal violation of Article 3 of the European Human Rights Convention. Even when they exceeded the limits imposed on them the burden of proving they had done so rested on the accused.

Normalisation

A decision was made in 1974 to deny the political dimensions of the problem of north Ireland by portraying it as a problem of law and order. This led to the introduction of "criminalization" and "Ulsterization", policies which could be covered by the one term "Normalisation." The criminalization policy was announced by the declaration that anyone convicted of "scheduled", i.e. political, offenses after March 1976 would not be given special status but would be treated as a criminal. They would have to wear prison clothes and accept prison work assignments. The RUC were assigned a larger role in day to day security operations — they became more visible and the army was kept as much as possible in the background. Internment was phased out and the Diplock Courts were called upon to convict those who under the old system would have been interned. Their ability to do so depended on the ability of the RUC to obtain the necessary confessions.

Diplock Confessions

Most detainees signed confessions after being physically abused. Some were held over electric fires. Cigarettes were pushed up nostrils and applied to wrists, between fingers, to arms, backs and the genital area. Matches and candles have also been used as were electric cattle prods and medical nerve stimulators. Hand squeezing of testicles was a frequent practice as was punching in the stomach — sometimes accompanied by simultaneous chopping blows to the ribs from behind. Some interrogators went in for kicking bouts, concentrating on the inside of legs and thighs while the victim was held on the ground with legs stretched apart. Others played Russian roulette, taking turns to pull the trigger near the victim's ear. Prisoners were urinated on and females were strip searched by males and threatened with rape. Details of the brutal methods used by the RUC to get detainees to sign confessions may be found in pamphlets published by Mrs. Denis Faul and Raymond Murray.

A Committee representing the Police surgeons in 1977, expressed their concern at the condition of prisoners who had passed through Castlereagh Interrogation Center. In 1977 also a committee representing most of the attorneys handling Diplock Court cases wrote expressing their concern to the Secretary of State and complained that "ill-treatment of suspects by police officers, with the object of obtaining confessions, is now common practice." Amnesty International in 1978 called for a public inquiry into the interrogation methods used by the RUC. *The Bennett Report* in 1979 went outside its terms of reference to report: "Our own examination of medical evidence reveals cases in which injuries, whatever their precise cause, were not self-inflicted and were sustained in police custody."

Superglue Show Trials

The Superglue Show Trials began in 1981 and were an effort to offset

the bad publicity generated by convictions which were obtained by confessions signed under duress. In the Show trials men and women have been convicted solely on the testimony of alleged accomplices who have agreed to testify when offered money or other inducements. Guilty verdicts have been returned even when the alleged accomplices were shown by defense counsel to have lied.

"The figures tend to show two main things. First, that the supergrass system fell into two distinct phases. In the first . . . 88 percent of the accused were convicted, 61 percent of these convictions resting on uncorroborated accomplice evidence. In the second, the period of decline, seven trials took place but in only two . . . were convictions secured purely on the supergrass's testimony. In the other cases the defendants were either convicted on confessions or acquitted. The appeal verdicts form a part of the second phase and confirm the view that the Northern judiciary did a U-turn from its initially highly uncritical attitude towards supergrass evidence. . . . The second conclusion indicated by the figures is that the supergrass system has amounted to a means of obtaining confessions plus quasi-internment." (*Fortnight*, March 1987)

Internment by Remand

Individuals charged with offenses outlined in emergency legislation in north Ireland are also subjected to what has become known as "Internment by Remand." In the rest of the United Kingdom the prosecution must convince the court that a defendant should be remanded in custody. In north Ireland the individual charged must prove that he or she will comply with conditions the court may set. Independent research also shows that in the north judges hearing bail applications put more weight on RUC objections to bail than on the actual evidence against the accused.

"Whole mornings are set aside for Diplock remands. Despite public concern at treatment in detention, defendants are not allowed to raise issues over their treatment. Sixty or more defendants may go through 'on the nod' in a morning and little complaint is made of the length of time they spend on remand before trial. The complaint of 'internment by remand' seems justified in many cases." (*Harvey*) Some of these defendants were held in custody for up to three years on remand. This would be the equivalent of a six year sentence.

Shoot To Kill

The Cobden Trust study, *Ten Years On In Northern Ireland*, reported the existence of what became known as a Shoot To Kill policy. "During 1978 the Army appear to have developed a policy of laying ambushes for suspected terrorists with a view to shooting dead those who did not immediately give themselves up." *The Irish Press* 12/14/82 called attention to the fact that the RUC also had a Shoot To Kill policy. This policy was the subject of an inquiry by a team of international lawyers and their findings were published in 1985:

"The number of civilians shot dead by security forces in Northern Ireland is unacceptable. At least 155 of the 269 or more persons killed by the security forces since 1969 were civilians with no known connection to paramilitary organizations or activities. The failure of the British Government to curb these killings supports the view that a certain level of death, violence and public repression is officially regarded as acceptable, on condition that it is primarily confined to one section of the community in Northern Ireland."

The International Lawyers also heard evidence on the use of Plastic Bullets. These had caused 17 deaths between 1969 and 1985 and many others had been maimed by them even though they were primarily intended for riot control. The lawyers included in their report a 1983 United Nations submission made by the International League for Human Rights on the use of plastic bullets:

"All 11 people killed have been Catholics. Inquests held in 1982 and 1983 have found that six of them were not involved in any disturbance which was going on at the time. The adjourned inquest into the death of Mrs. Nora McCabe, the mother of two children, is almost certain to come to a similar finding. Thirty-year-old Mrs. Nora McCabe was shot by the Royal Ulster Constabulary from just six feet away."

House Searches

The judgement that the British Government is willing to support public resentment provided it is "primarily confined to one section of the community" is borne out by statistics on house searches. Numerically 76 percent of the households in north-east Ireland were subjected to a search by security personnel in the period 1971-1978. These searches, the British claimed, were carried out to find arms and explosives. That they were embarked on to gather information about the residents of Catholic areas was proved by facts published by the Central Citizens Defense Committee in *The Black Paper*.

A total of 74,566 homes were searched in 1973, the year *The Black Paper* was published. At the time of publication 3,300 homes had been searched, 3,000 in Catholic, 300 in Protestant areas. While 30,000 rounds of ammunition, 10,000 lbs of explosives and 375 firearms were found in the Catholic homes, 50,000 rounds, 15,000 lbs of explosives and 325 firearms were confiscated from Protestant homes. "The searches of Protestant homes over all this period have consistently been 10 times more productive than those in Catholic houses, but the pattern of searches has not changed."

... ..

"The powers of arrest and interrogation," Patrick Hillyard commented in an article entitled *Law and Order*, are being primarily used by the police to collect information on individuals and communities rather than to charge and prosecute. Policing in Northern Ireland has therefore moved from a retroactive form, where those suspected of illegal activities are arrested and processed through the courts on evidence obtained after the event, to a pre-emptive form, where large sections of those communities which are perceived as being a distinct threat to the existing status quo are regularly and systematically monitored and surveilled."

Hero Priest

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become a priest. This made the economic life of the parents a little tougher. Personal sacrifices had to be made but there was great rejoicing within the family.

The church decided to ordain Fr. Francis Patrick Duffy and he was sent on to Catholic University in Washington, D.C. At the request of the townspeople at Cobourg, Canada, permission was granted for Fr. Duffy's ordination to take place in his native parish.

Times got so tough for Fr. Duffy's parents in Canada that Archbishop Corrigan of New York stepped in and got Fr. Duffy a position with a church in Haverstraw, N.Y., which paid a small salary. He sent every penny home.

At age 41, Fr. Duffy was assigned to the Bronx to start a new parish. The year was 1912 and thousands of Irish were pouring into America. Many of them were settling in the area of Washington Avenue and 184 Street. Fr. Duffy rented a vacant grocery store and with some help from his friends, turned it into a chapel. So many people attended Mass there that the street and road outside was crowded every Sunday. Within two years, he was able to buy the whole block and built the Church of Our Savior and a school. He innovated many new services for his parishioners such as a community center.

On the hot summer days during this period, he loved to come to Rockaway Beach with his parishioners, swimming and picnicking all day. He was very popular in the Rockaways.

With the onset of World War One, New York's Cardinal Farley finally caved in to Fr. Duffy's pleadings and recommended him to be chaplain of the New York National Guard unit — The Sixty-Ninth Regiment. There were but a few non-Irish names in the regiment and Father Duffy said of them: "Well God bless them. They are Irish, they are Irish by adoption, Irish by association or Irish by conviction."

When the Sixty-Ninth Regiment landed in France in 1917, they moved up to the frontlines and war was hell. Fierce battles raged night and day. Fr. Duffy was right with his men sharing the horror and the glory. He was a tower of strength as he administered to the wounded and the dying.

The 166th Infantry of the Rainbow Division, the New York Sixty-Ninth paid their dues to their beloved land America in their quest for democracy and the freedom of small nations.

May the Star Spangled Banner and the Shamrock Green be forever entwined in patriotic heroism! Perhaps Fr. Duffy's spirit moves ahead of his beloved regiment on every St. Patrick's Day as the Fighting Sixty-Ninth proudly salutes the Irish nation as the Irish people return their salute on Fifth Avenue every 17th of March.

It's time that we Irish organized an annual ceremony to commemorate Fr. Francis Duffy and his regiment.



National Committee For Catholic Action

As we leave 1987 behind us may I wish you and your family a very blessed new year.

I believe that there is no better way to start a new year than by participation in a religious celebration. That should be a communion mass and breakfast or an evening mass, whichever would be suitable for your members and their families. The most important thing now is to plan for a mass in your division or at least in your county, where all can join together in prayer. I request every president, especially county presidents and Catholic Action chairmen to plan now so that 1988 will be a year

in which all Catholics come closer to God and their religion.

I am sure many of you read in the papers during Christmas the opposition from non-Catholic organizations, local communities and some politicians to the display of the Christmas manger in various locations.

Our religious beliefs and what the Catholic church stands for are constantly the subject of dispute. Therefore, we must come together to reinforce our beliefs, share our ideals, and help to make the Catholic church grow stronger.

John Foody

The Family Rosary

A Message From
Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Intense prayer for help to our Blessed Mother gives me the courage to write this very important letter. I do not come to you as a total stranger. The work God has given me the privilege to direct these past forty-five years is summarized in this well-known sentence — *The Family That Prays Together Stays Together*.

My greatest joy and blessing is the response of people everywhere to this message. Let me quote from a recent letter: "Our family rosary gives us the confidence to go on offering up our sufferings when the cross gets heavy and trying..."

Family Rosary from the very

beginning owes its growth and worldwide apostolate to ordinary men and women who give, like the widow in the gospel, of their want. To these dear friends I write a few times a year reporting the progress of our work and asking their prayers and financial help. This is why I come to you now to invite you to join these dear friends of Our Lady. Your support will help me continue to bring the Family Rosary message to more and more troubled families.

It is our Blessed Mother who will thank you in her own way. For my part, I pledge a daily remembrance of you and your intentions in my Mass and prayers. May God and Mary love

you and grant you many blessings during this glorious Marian Year.

There are books and audio cassettes that might be of interest to readers. Two books are *A Man of Faith* by Father Peyton, \$8.98 or 10 for \$65.00; *Family Rosary Prayer Book* by Father Peyton at \$4.95 or 10 for \$35.00.

Audio cassettes include: *The Seven Last Words*, \$6.95; *The Life of Christ*, \$5.95; *Pray the Rosary At Home With Father Peyton*, \$5.95; *The Joyful Hour*, \$5.95; and *The Triumphant Hour*, \$5.95.

To order or request descriptions of these items, write The Family Rosary, Inc., Executive Park Drive, Albany, New York 12203.

St. Patrick's Battalion Subject of Manuscript

If any of your members or friends have any unpublished information about the St. Patrick's Battalion that fought in the U.S.-Mexican War (1846-48), or about John Riley (or Reilly) of County Galway, the principal organizer of that unit, or other relevant data, I would be extremely pleased to hear of it.

For more than fifteen years I have been researching and writing a book about the St. Patrick's Battalion. The book is nearly finished, but any additional information or suggestions would be helpful and deeply appreciated.

Would you please post this letter and/or include a note about the matter in any newsletter you send out to members. Thanks.

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish ethnic organization in America. Officially formed in New York in 1836, it was born in anger centuries earlier in Ireland, after successive invasions by those who would master the Irish and alter their Gaelic life style. Inflexible opponents like the Vikings were fought until their power was broken; more malleable opponents like the Normans were absorbed until they were as Irish as the Irish themselves. Through it all, the Irish maintained their language, traditions, and religion, but in the 1500's came their greatest challenge.

The Protestant Reformation that swept Europe in the 16th century was marked by Royal intrigues over control of the Church's wealth and conflicts over which religion could be practiced. Violence erupted in many countries. In England, the Reformation made inroads from the reign of Henry VIII to the reign of Elizabeth I, who finally established the Church of England as the State religion. At the time of this declaration Elizabeth considered Ireland part of her state, even though the Irish did not agree.

The Papacy launched a counter-reformation and Ireland became a battlefield between the two forces as the Irish who embraced the Church introduced by St. Patrick, became the target of a campaign to reduce Rome's power by converting the masses to Protestantism. Anglo Lords in Ireland provided a base

from which assaults on Irish religion were launched, and in the conflict great tracts of land were confiscated and given to Crown supporters who professed the 'State' religion. They became the landlords who governed the future of the native population. The Irish fought the theft of their lands, and the persistence with which they clung to their religion drove the English to new extremes in repression. Penal laws disenfranchised Irish Catholics from the political, social, and economic life of their own country, and with their religion outlawed and their clergy on the run, they became an underground society practicing their religion in secret.

Not surprisingly, secret societies were formed to protect the values under attack. In various locales, groups with names like *Whiteboys*, *Ribbonmen*, and *Defenders* were identified with attacks on landlords, but each included in its avowed purpose the protection of the Roman Catholic Church and its clergy. As time and government prevailed, some societies were suppressed, but most immediately reorganized under a new name for the same purpose: defense of faith and fatherland. History provides us with the names of many of these organizations, and even limited details of some. We know, for example, that the motto of the *Defenders* in 1685 was *Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity*, but the secret manner in

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Fair Employment Agency

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and probably the workers themselves, are ready to welcome more liberal recruitment, this is militated against not only by the environment, but also because Harland and Wolff is in a contracting market situation. It is not sensible to get involved in something which will produce nothing worthwhile."

Local Councils

The FEA also investigated employment opportunities in Unionist dominated local government councils. The case of Timothy Duffy illustrates not only the blatant discrimination that exists but also the failure of the FEA and the courts to correct the injustice.

Duffy, a Catholic, applied to Craigavon Council for the job of Council Recreation Officer. Education: Belfast College of Technology, University of Loughborough, Ulster College North, Ireland Polytechnic. Examinations passed: National Examination Board in Supervisory Management, Diploma in Management Studies, 3rd, 2nd and 1st class certificates in Turf Culture and Sports Ground Management. Experience: Assistant recreation tourist officer. The other applicant for the job, William Norton, a Protestant, left school at 14 and had not passed any examinations. He got the job.

Duffy complained to the FEA and it found that he had been discriminated against. The *Sunday Times* reported, 5/8/81, that the finding "was eventually upheld in the court of appeal, but Duffy does not have the job he wanted and, so far, he has no compensation."

Staff Action

FEA staff members were angered by the failure of the FEA "to get to grips with discrimination in employment in Northern Ireland." Deputy Co-ordinating Director O'Keefe claimed that the success rate of individual complainants to the FEA could have been around 20% instead of the paltry 7% it was. He attacked also the Agency's delay in pressurizing the government into including an equality of employment clause in all contracts signed with Northern Irish firms. (This principle was eventually accepted in 1981.) The matter had been discussed, he said on 15 occasions between March 1977 and October 1979 and agreement to the FEA's 'original unconscionable and ineffective proposals' had in effect been rejected by the Department of Finance."

O'Keefe was forced to resign in 1981 after having been effectively

deprived of any work to do for over a year. Other staff members who had complained about the failure of the FEA to "get to grips" with discrimination were subjected to intimidation and harassment.

Staff members themselves called for an inquiry into the workings of the Agency. This led to the McCrudden inquiry and his report was later leaked to the media.

McCrudden Report

McCrudden recommended more full-scale investigations of private companies and public bodies rather than the former excessive reliance on taking up the allegations of individuals. He urged the Agency to take affirmative action to open up employment opportunities for Catholics as had been recommended by the Straubenzee report. He stressed the need for a full time legal adviser, recommended an increase in staffing for the FEA and commented on the fact that it was under-financed.

McCrudden listed 22 recommendations for the restructuring of the FEA, and stated that Law enforcement and follow-up action based on the results of law enforcement should be the central function of the agency around which every other function should revolve.

Cooper informed the *Irish Times* that it was difficult to pressure firms into implementing the recommendations because of the economic situation! *Fortnight* reported that while the FEA chiefs broadly agreed with McCrudden's findings, and accepted his criticism about the Agency's lack of legal toughness, they pointed out—in 1982—"that it was always envisaged that the FEA would concentrate on its educational role for a period before moving on to legal measures to eradicate discrimination!"

FEA Finances

When the Fair Employment Bill was being steered through parliament in 1974, Government Ministers proposed that the new Agency would have an initial staffing level of 40, and an initial annual budget of 280,000 pounds. In the first ten years of its existence the Agency should have received 5,238,179.00 pounds—the proposed 1974 budget per annum upgraded by the annual inflation rate. The total expenditure for all of these years, however, amounted to only 1,799,918 pounds. This means that since 1976 the British Government has spent only approximately £1.50 per head of population in the fight against discrimination. "Public Funding for the Arts Council, the body responsible for promoting the arts in Northern Ireland, will provide a 1986/87 Budget of 3.3 million pounds; 0.3 million pounds is to be provided for eradicating Job Discrimination." (Source: *Westminster's Apartheid Economy*)

FEA Staffing

Dr. Rhodes Boyson, N. Ireland's Industry Minister, announced 7/1/86, that the FEA staffing level was to be increased by more than 30 percent to 21. This would bring the number of personnel employed to just over half of the 40 initially proposed when the Fair Employment Bill was being steered through Westminster in 1974.

The British Record

The British Government commenced ruling north Ireland directly from Westminster in 1972 with William Whitelaw as the first Secretary of State. The suspension of elected bodies with the advent of direct rule left administrative power in the hands of civil servants who had worked for the old Unionist establishment. The Whitelaw regime suppressed a 1973 report showing that Protestants held 95 percent of the top 477 civil service positions.

The same regime also suppressed a 1973 report issued by the Community Relations Commission, a body set up to fight discrimination. The report showed that between August 1969 and February 1973, 60,000 people had been driven from their homes. It was described as "the largest fixed population movement anywhere in western Europe since World War II" and the report charged that government bodies, especially the Housing Executive, were responsible. This exodus and resettlement facilitated military control by establishing "strategic districts" similar to the strategic hamlets set up in Malaysia and Vietnam.

After 10 years the British controlled Fair Employment Agency has failed to come to grips with the problem of discrimination in employment practices. "Cambridge economist Bob Rowthorn... demonstrates that Catholic male unemployment is 2 1/2 times greater than their Protestant equivalents in every District Council area of the province. "17 of the provinces 26 District Councils have refused to sign the FEA's innocuous Little Declaration of Principle and Intent affirming their willingness to practice Equality of Opportunity." (*Westminster's Apartheid Economy*)

Fair Employment Trust

The Fair Employment Trust was established in 1986 with the declared aim of promoting the MacBride Principles. The Chairman, Peter Shevlin, and Treasurer, Robert Mort, were threatened with dismissal from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive unless they ceased their "political activity".

Oliver Kearney, the Executive Secretary, was dismissed from his post as general secretary of the Licensed Vintners Association, 5/3/87, because of his testimony to the California State Assembly in support of a resolution to adopt the MacBride Principles. Bob Cooper, FEA Chairman, who went to California to lobby against the MacBride Principles, has been awarded the Cross of the British Empire!

Action for Community Employment

The European Common Market has provided grants to governments to fund projects designed to reduce the level of unemployment for "long term" unemployed. This ACE funding (Action for Community Employment) has been withdrawn by the British Government from many projects started in nationalist areas of Belfast. Britain is committed to pauperising nationalists!

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COUNTY WICKLOW HERITAGE CENTRE

Dear Editor:

As part of its plans to set up a County Heritage Centre, the County Wicklow Heritage Society, has recently commenced work on a Genealogical Research Programme which includes the indexing of all parish records in County Wicklow, research on Griffiths Valuations, Tithe Records, Ships Passenger lists, indexing of cemetery headstones etc. The entire project, which includes the computerisation of records, will take at least eighteen months to complete and will eventually provide a professional service for those people wishing to trace their ancestry in County Wicklow.

At present some twenty young people are employed on the research project.

As soon as the research is completed the Society hopes to locate the Genealogical Research Facility in part of the old jail in Wicklow town. The jail, which is almost three hundred years old, has strong connections with County Wicklow's historical past, having been in constant use through the Penal Times, various rebellions, including the 1798 United Irishmen Rebellion, land wars, the war of independence, and the civil war of the 1920's. It was also used as a holding centre for prisoners awaiting deportation to Australia. The Public Record's Office and The State Paper's Office in Dublin have excellent records of former jail inmates.

The jail is in reasonably good structural condition but needs re-roofing and a great deal of internal restoration work. The County Wicklow Heritage Society would like to hear from individuals or groups with County Wicklow connections who might like to be associated with the restoration of the jail. The Society has just published an eight page booklet which sets out our plans and we will be only too happy to forward copies of the booklet to interested parties.

Anyone seeking additional information should write to:

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BRIEF HISTORY OF WICKLOW JAIL

Following the Williamite Wars and the Flight of the Wild Geese in 1692, various laws were passed to keep the majority of the Irish people ignorant and illiterate. It was important that these Laws, known as Penal Laws, were seen to be enforced, particularly in the area of the Pale. Wicklow jail was constructed to house the offenders against these laws and was commenced in 1702.

Its first recorded prisoner was one, Fr. Eoin McVeigh, guilty of failing to leave the country prior to the appointed date and sentenced to transportation to the penal colonies of Australia. In the following decade the jail was used extensively as a holding centre for prisoners awaiting transportation to Australia. For over two centuries the jail was in constant use through penal times, rebellions, land wars and in the Civil War of the 1920s.

In 1837 the jail consisted of thirty six cells (30 male and 6 female), a debtors ward, infirmary, and treadmill. An extension, built in 1840 increased the capacity to seventy-seven cells, six day rooms, four exercise yards, a public kitchen, a chapel, a hospital of three wards,

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in MEMORIAM

AR DAIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

Reprinted from Newsday Sean MacBride, Irish Statesman, Nobel Laureate

DUBLIN, IRELAND — Sean MacBride, an international jurist, crusader for human rights and the only person to win both the Nobel and Lenin peace prizes, died Friday, January 15, 1988 at age 83.

MacBride, who died of pneumonia at his home, was an Irish Republican Army guerrilla leader in his teens and went on to become a co-founder of the human rights group Amnesty International.

The nuclear disarmament advocate and one-time assistant secretary-general of the United Nations also was one of Ireland's most noted constitutional and criminal lawyers. He returned to his Dublin law practice in 1979 after a 20-year hiatus espousing worldwide issues.

"He was a statesman of international status," Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey said.

In 1974, he shared the Nobel Prize with Eisaku Sato, former prime minister of Japan. MacBride was cited for his many years of human rights work with Amnesty International and the International Jurist Commission.

Three years later, the Soviet Union awarded him the Lenin International Prize for Peace for his work in Namibia, then called South West Africa. He was among only a handful of Westerners to be given the award from a Soviet government-approved committee. MacBride campaigned to make the cause of Namibian independence from South Africa an international issue, but failed to persuade Pretoria to yield control of the mineral-rich territory.

Amnesty International, which he co-founded in 1961, won the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for its campaign on behalf of political prisoners around the world.

MacBride was the chief sponsor of a 1984 anti-discrimination code known as the MacBride Principles, aimed at forcing U.S. companies operating in Northern Ireland to ensure equal employment opportunities for Roman Catholics.

Born in Paris, where his parents were living in exile, MacBride grew up among European intellectuals and nationalists in Paris, London and Dublin.

His father, Maj. John MacBride, was executed by the British for leading the ill-fated 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. His mother, Maud Gonne MacBride, rebel daughter of an English army colonel, was repeatedly jailed for her nationalist activities.

When civil war broke out between IRA factions over the 1921 peace treaty that divided Ireland, MacBride fought with the IRA's militant anti-partitionists, forerunners of the Provisional IRA. He was captured but escaped after a year to London, where he worked as a journalist under a false name. He later rejoined the IRA and was chief of staff in 1936-37.

MacBride left the movement when Eamonn DeValera, a 1916 hero, dropped the oath of allegiance to the British crown from the Irish Free

State's 1937 constitution.

MacBride's court battles often defended IRA suspects or fought anti-terrorist legislation, but he strongly opposed the IRA's current campaign of violence.

His nationalism established his credentials in the Third World, whose future leaders he had met in the 1920's at anti-imperialist conferences. Among them were Ho Chi Minh and Pandit Nehru. MacBride became a foreign minister in his radical nationalist party's 1948-51 coalition government. The party, Clann na Poblachta, which he founded in 1946, collapsed in 1965.

Services are to be conducted by Ireland's Roman Catholic Cardinal Thomas O'Fiaich.

Patrick J. Marron

FLUSHING, NEW YORK: Patrick J. Marron, prominent Irish American businessman of Queens, died in his sleep at his home in Flushing on Monday morning, November 30, 1987. Marron, 77, had been actively engaged in the restaurant and bar business in Queens County for over 40 years.

Patrick Joseph Marron was born in Creevyoliver, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, educated in the national primary school and in the Christian Brothers secondary school. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1930 and continued his education at the Franklin Institute in Newark, New Jersey.

This year, Pat Marron celebrated 50 years as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He served his home division, Number 9, and the Queens County Board in many offices including that of president. At his death, Marron was president of Division 9, AOH Flushing, and a director of the New York State AOH for District 5, taking in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Pat Marron was highly regarded as an AOH fund raiser and organizer, having reorganized Queens County Divisions 15 and 21, and played a major role in organizing Division 13 in Bayside. In 1974, the Queens County Hibernians honored Marron by electing him the Queens County Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 1974 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Paul O'Dwyer.

In 1935, Patrick Marron married the former Susan Mullins, a native of Kilsrush, County Clare. The Marrons, who live in Flushing, are parents of six boys and two girls, and have 15 grandchildren. One son, Father James P. Marron, is assistant pastor of Our Lady of Hope Church in Middle Village, Queens. Earlier this year, Father Marron celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest. Son Thomas resides in Port Jefferson; Kevin in Boston; Patrick in Flushing; Emmett in Bayside; and Brendan in Long Beach, Nassau County. Daughter Maryalice Galvin lives in Middletown, New York; and daughter Patricia Archetti in Bayside, Queens.

Jeanne O'Callaghan

Philip A. Darmody

Jeanne O'Callaghan, 71, a lifelong resident of Jersey City, died December 17, 1987 in St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City.

Since 1949, she was legal secretary for her husband, Jeremiah O'Callaghan, a Jersey City attorney and former municipal court judge.

Prior to that, she was secretary to the Army dental officer, Camp Ellis,

Ill, and was a stenographer with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

O'Callaghan was a 1938 graduate of Jersey City State College. She was a lifelong supporter of Irish freedom, and supported Irish Northern Aid, as did her husband, who is Past National President of the AOH.

WASHINGTON D.C. — Philip A. Darmody of Silver Spring, Maryland, a longtime member of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH here, died on October 25, 1987. Brother Phil and his late wife, Ruth, were great supporters of functions of the Emerald Isle Division. Phil will be greatly missed but remembered by all Hibernians in their thoughts and prayers.

Hibernians

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which these societies operated left few records for modern analysts. As a result, a true history of their times will never be written.

Today's AOH with its motto *Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity* is the most recent link in the evolution of these ancient societies. Organized in Ireland for the purpose of defending Gaelic values and protecting Church and clergy, it is the successor to the secret societies of old. Although the name AOH can only be traced back to 1841, the organization can claim continuity of membership and motto unbroken back to the *Defenders* of 1565. The extension of that organization to America came in much the same manner as its birth in Ireland.

The rise of the Native American or Know Nothing Party in 19th century America ushered in an era of unparalleled bigotry in this country. Reminiscent of the penal laws, legislation was sought against the immigrant population because, it was stated, they diluted American principles. The massive influx of Irish, fleeing conditions in their native land, focused Know Nothing

bigotry on that unfortunate group, and on the Roman Catholic Church to which they swarmed. After several attacks on Irish and Church property, the Irish immigrant resorted to a familiar tactic. Those who had been members of the AOH in Ireland banded together in this new land, and in 1836 formed an American branch of their Order. True to their purpose, they stood guard to defend Church property and, though actual attacks were few and far between, the long, cold, and lonely nights of vigil were many. The early AOH in America remained a secret society and little is known of its activities except that they provided a monetary stipend to immigrants who arrived as members in good standing from the Irish Order, and they assisted Irish immigrants in obtaining jobs and social services. Quite naturally, the early AOH Divisions were nurseries for the preservation of Irish culture and traditions in America.

In time, the Know Nothing Party was recognized as detrimental to American interests, and it faded away. The AOH on the other hand grew stronger, following the Irish immigrants as they worked their way across the country. As the need

for militant support of their Church dwindled, the AOH shifted its purpose to charitable activities in support of the Church's missions, community service, and the promotion and preservation of their Irish cultural heritage in America. Today they stand not only as the oldest Catholic Lay organization in America, but as the largest Irish ethnic society in the world with Divisions in 49 of the United States as well as in Canada. Their annual dances, concerts, and parades raise millions for charity while providing a showcase for the positive contributions the Irish have made in every walk of American life.

They never forget their roots either, and can always be found actively lobbying for, praying for, and working for the total independence of a united 32-county Ireland, as their constitution avows: "by all means constitutional and lawful".

Editor's Note: This article was taken from "Echoes of Irish History", Volume III, by Mike McCormack, New York State AOH historian. Volumes I, II, and III can be purchased by mail for \$3.50 plus \$.50 postage for each volume. Write to the author at 37 Harrison Ave., Centereach, NY 11720.

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Q. Does each Irish family have its own coat of arms? Ms. Sylvia Edwards, Frostburg, MD

A. No. Ireland was one of the first countries to adopt the widespread use of hereditary surnames. Legend has it that Brian Boru (d.1014) introduced this usage. Even if he did not, surnames began to be used in the 900s before the Anglo-Normans came. Often early appearances of O and Mac name forms do not refer to sept or clan names, but to men bearing the personal or baptismal names of their fathers or grandfathers. Prior to surname usage, sept or clan names were often used, but usually this became the surname of the leading family. Until the seventeenth century, members of the lower class, especially serfs, adopted their overlords' names, much like American slaves did. Nowadays many Irish will tell you that only those families which bowed before the English throne were granted arms. Although that wives' tale may be somewhat true, there could be a number of reasons for wanting arms. Do not many American men use Jr., the 3rd, or the 4th to show direct lines of descent? Grants of arms were made to individual members of a sept or clan for loyalty or other special services (e.g. financial endowments) to the throne. No one else with the same surname, even from the same clan, had the right to use awarded arms. Now there are a number of coats of arms on record which by custom are regarded as appertaining to everyone with the same surname. This is why all Dunns have the same arms even though not all Dunns are related. Somewhere down the line all Dunns would trace their origins to a common ancestor or overlord.

Q. Is there any difference between the O, Mc, and Mac in Irish names? Mr. Anthony Foster, Oxford, MS

A. Yes. Early Irishmen often used the baptismal or personal names of their fathers and grandfathers as surnames. The O means grandson of, while Mc and Mac mean son of. Mc and M' are shortened forms of Mac, pronunciation usually determines spelling. Irish and Scots use all three forms, but Irish-Americans tend to prefer Mc.

Q. Could you please provide me with information on the name Houlihan. Ms. Patricia Holohan.

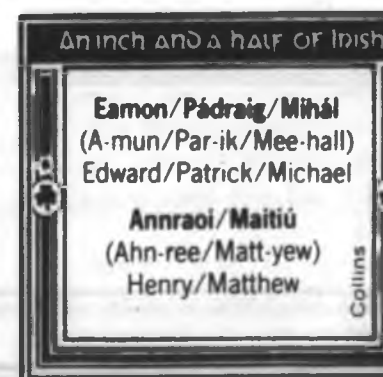
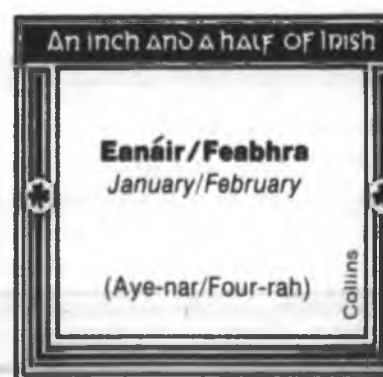
A. Among the many variants of this name are: Holahan, Holohan, Hoolaghan, Hoolahan, Holoughan, Hoolihan, Oulahan, Whoolahan. These and others derive from two O hUallachain septs. One originated in the north of Co. Offaly and the other in Co. Clare. Houlihan from Clare migrated to Munster and those from Kilkenny and south Leinster from Offaly, where the spelling Holohan is preferred.

Q. Just how Irish is the name Jackson? Mrs. Molly Jackson, Scranton, Pennsylvania

A. The surname is among the twenty-five most popularly used in Britain today. But the name came to Ireland in the early 17th century during the plantations of Ulster. Today over 50% of the Irish Jacksons live in the north, while Dublin and Cork house most of the remainder. The thing to keep in mind is that 400 years is a long time for any name to exist in any country. If you can trace your lineage to Ireland then call yourself an Irish-American; if you cannot, say the records were lost in a church fire, come and celebrate St. Paddy's along with the rest of us! Families in every colonized country have your problem. When do we stop being Irish-Canadians, Greek-Argentinians or Italian-Americans? It is simply a personal choice.

Q. Could you please tell me something about the name MacNally. Miss Catty McNally, Scranton, PA

A. The name in Irish is Mac an Fhailigh and literally means the son of someone who has wreaths. The Irish is pronounced like MacAnally, hence that common English variant. In Cos. Mayo and Roscommon, where the name is very prevalent, the Mac is often dropped leaving the anglicized Nally. These Connacht MacNallys may have originated from a Norman family. In a 1659 census the name was most popular in Cos. Armagh and Monaghan in the east of Ulster where the predominance remains. There the anglicized name was a synonym of the Irish name Mac Con Uladh, meaning son of the hound of Ulidia, the eastern section of Ulster. The connection appears unaccountable, but at sometime a Mac Can Uladh may have adopted a MacNally who gave his surname to his children who could have been known by either name. My maternal grandmother is a MacNally from Westport, Co. Mayo.



Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Bowl Games: It was a very joyful New Year's Day in YR's abode. The teams which I had mentally picked to win did not. Penn State, Notre Dame and Syracuse. Penn State and ND suffered losses. Some sportscasters were calling the scores blowouts. Syracuse ended with a tie. So much for SU's perfect season. All in all, these games were not fun to watch if you were pulling for Penn State, Notre Dame or Syracuse. Yet the coaches of these teams handled their defeats much better than the coach of the Miami Hurricanes in winning. There were also one or two other coaches whose post-game remarks sounded more like sour grapes. Oh well, that's why they're coaches and YR is not.

Miami's coach thinks there should be a distinction between students and athletes who are attending college. His remarks give much credence to the term, "Dumb Jock." More on the athlete's education later.

Pro-Ball: The NFL is into its playoffs. Who would have thought (!) that teams such as Minnesota or Seattle or Houston or New Orleans would be there. The Wild Card games seemed to be anti-climatic to YR, for some reason. He just can't get excited over a team that has Bowick on it. This guy is still acting more like a spoiled kid than a mature individual earning mega-bucks for knocking people around legally. He is making more than YR will ever realize. He is also doing something that YR never could. Those are gifts. Yet, he complains about playing in "A Town like Seattle" (a paraphrasing of his quote) because it is too conservative for his tastes.

Perhaps he should have paid more attention to Geography in grammar school. Seattle is not a town. It is a city. It is quite a metropolitan one, at that. With remarks such as those, he will not endear himself to the poor Seahawk fan that shells out his hard-earned money for a season ticket.

Now New Orleans is a horse of a different color. After years of disparagement by their fans and being referred as "Aints", this year they put it all together. Their fans put the "S" back in their name. It was a nice gesture on the part of their owner, even though the Saints were eliminated in the Wild Card game, to come out and applaud the fans. This is the stuff of good PR, at the very least. It also shows that some owners are interested in the fans.

Who will win Super Bowl XXII? YR does not know but it will be interesting with all the hype that is generated around Super Bowl XXII in San Diego. The big question mark on the East Coast is what happened to the Jets and Giants? The Jets must come to grips with the reality that their defense is old. Gastineau and Klecko are not only showing their age but also injuries are slowing them down. Not that they are old chronologically but they are old with respect to the physical game they play as are many other Jets on the defensive unit. YR's suggestion is for the Jets to start rebuilding now. Joe Walton is a good coach. His staff is good. What they need is the talent to rebuild the Jets into the competitors they were. The Giants are an entirely different story. One sports pundit said that they spent more time with their ghost writers and literary agents than they did with their respective coaches, be it offense or defense. The Big Apple is an awful distraction for winners. The City loves winners and abhors losers. After the Super Bowl last year, the Giants were the toast of the town. This year they couldn't get invited to a Sean Penn movie without tipping the doorman and the usher. Basically, they are still a good team. YR would not dare to call them a super team because they are not. Forget about the cocktail circuit and pushing books. Get back to the thing that got them those book-writing contracts in the first place, football!

Roundball: The College basketball season has opened. Syracuse is going great guns in the Big East. Do they have the talent to carry them to the Final Four in March? Many people, including some sportswriters of note, think so. Time will tell. St. John's Redmen were upset on their home court this past week. This seemed to be the talk of the Metro sportscasters, by they print, radio or TV. The rest of the Big East will come alive as the season progresses.

North Carolina is moving along. They took UCLA's measure on national TV on Saturday, 01/02/88. Indiana under Bobby Knight is hanging in there in the top 10. Bobby Knight is very emotional. He may be a good coach but his temper is going to get him into trouble with the officials as it always does.

Speaking of basketball, Pistol Pete Maravich died this past week at the age of 40 years. This is much too young for anyone to die especially one who had been involved with basketball. The preliminary autopsy report is that he died from heart disease. Maravich was the greatest scorer in college basketball history.

Baseball: Jack Clark signed to play baseball with the New York Yankees. According to sources in St. Louis, Clark signed with the Yankees for less money than the Cardinals offered him. Management thanked Clark for all that he did for the Cardinals and wished him well in his new venture.

Speaking of the Yankees, there is much speculation about Billy Martin and Lou Pinella. How long Martin will manage this year or how long will he be allowed to manage before Steinbrenner becomes disenchanted with Billy? Will Pinella be allowed to be the GM without guidance from above? We are not talking divine intervention here.

Tennis, Anyone? There seems to be a ground swell against John McEnroe representing the U.S. on the court at the Olympics in 1988. These people do not deny that he can play tennis or that he won't go out for the Red, White and Blue. These people are afraid that John's mouth will not only detract from his tennis but also give Uncle Sam a black eye.

Ah yes, the Olympics! There is also talk on whether or not Korea is the place for the Olympics this year. There is still much political unrest in Korea. Their recent national elections did nothing to dispel or abate this unrest. Korea is taking aim at Japan in the electronics field and appears to be able to hold its own. This is part of the unrest. The workers in these electronic plants feel they

Annual Hibernian Day Race



IRISH AMBASSADOR Padraic MacKernan and jockey Allen Stacy, center, are surrounded by well-wishers from the Due Process Stables and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. They were at Hibernian Day at the Races in Laurel Raceway, Laurel, MD where "American Dream" won the AOH race. Jockey Allen wore the right colors, Green, White and Orange, but the publicized "Shamrock on his back" turned out to be a four leaf clover. This annual event is sponsored by the District of Columbia Board, AOH

Irish Eye Photo

should share in the profits by receiving better wages.

Education: As stated earlier in this article, education of athletes is something that has appeared in the dailies and the TV news since the bowl games. Pennsylvania PBS (Public Television) did a one-hour program on two coaches in the Keystone State that believe that athletes deserve to receive the education they were promised.

One coach was from a Catholic college; the other was from a state supported school. The coaches were Rolie Massamino from Villanova and Joe Paterno of Penn State. Rolie faced a problem last year when one of his former players admitted to doing cocaine while playing for Villanova. Massamino took the brunt of the criticism for this problem. He did not pass the buck, as many are prone to do in the face of adversity.

Both coaches have very good track records when it comes to educating athletes. Their former players, even those who have gone on to pro ball, in the interviews stated that these two men emphasized that the life of an athlete is short by any standard. In many professional sports, if a player is still playing in his 30's, he is considered an old man. YR says the average life span of a lineman in the NFL is less than 5 years. This stat is listed someplace. These players said that their coach, Paterno or Massamino, always told them that there is life after sports and they should be prepared to take their place in the real world.

Congratulations: To the Chicago Irish Community on their new facilities. They are now a few months old but YR did not have the opportunity to congratulate the fine people of the Windy City. YR has

Finished: Keep those cards and letters coming in, ladies and gentlemen. Send them to P.O. Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904. God Bless till we meet again the next time on the sidelines.

Ross, McGuinness, Fox and Schaff Are 'Shamrock' Winners

HICKSVILLE, NY — The eighty-member Shamrock Golf Club of Long Island, NY, reports a very successful 1987. The club membership, which includes many Hibernians, is gearing up for an early start in the Spring of 1988.

Last year's trophy winners were:

Seniors: Sean McGuinness (87); Memorial: Martin Ross (88); Presidents: Pat Fox (88); Club Championship, handicap: Roy Schaff (87); and Club Championship, scratch: Martin Ross.

The later prize is the club's premier trophy and always produces great

competition, this year being no exception. Jack O'Sullivan, Syl Nugent, Pat Cowan and Martin Ross were the semi-finalists. Pat and Martin won their matches and played a 36 hole final at Middle Island. Martin Ross was the victor and new club champion.

Charity Football Match



DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY — A new AOH Division here in the county is joined by a local chapter of the Sons of Italy to raise funds for a charity project. A local concerned citizen, Mrs. Patrice, needed funds to expand her free donations of turkey dinners and toys to underprivileged children in the area. In a charity football match between the two groups Mike McGowan, second from left, was the captain and quarterback of the AOH team. The Moriarty brothers, Jim and Willy, are the first two from the right.

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Ladies Virginia State News

The LAOH Virginia State Board, welcomed newly formed Division 1 of Fredericksburg. The new division was organized through the efforts of the State Chaplain, Rev. John J. Munley, who was recently assigned to St. Mary's Parish in Fredericksburg.

Initiation and installation was conducted by State President Anna O'Neil on December 12 prior to the State Board Meeting. Board members and visitors were welcomed with a lovely luncheon before the ceremony. Selection of a name for the new division is pending. Officers are: President Deborah Blankenship; Vice President Bobby Crisp; Secretary Mary McCardell; Treasurer Maureen Coon; Financial Secretary Pauline Goodwin;

Historian Bernadette Paule; Missions, Jeanne Pearson; Catholic Action, Kay Janis; Co-chairman, Margaret Hein; Mistress at Arms Rita Noble; and Sentinel Sharon McKenna.

Members of the Lt. Col. John A. Dowd Division 1, Woodbridge, helped organize and serve a Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheon on November 18 in coordination with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 162 at the Lorton American Legion Home in Lorton. Fifty-two veterans from the Airmen and Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C. were served. These veterans, both men and women, served in the Armed Forces, some prior to World War II.

Ladies New York State News

Division 13 of Bayside and Our Lady of Knock Division 15, White-stone, held a joint installation of officers on December 6, 1987 at St. Mel's Church, Flushing. Queens County President Meg Rading presided, assisted by Mistress at Arms Mary Leyden, and County Financial Secretary Kathy Phelan.

Division 13 officers for the coming year are: President Betty Donnelly; Vice President Alice Jones; Secretary Inez Magee; Financial Secretary Betty McDermott; Treasurer Brigit Daly; Historian Mary Kelly; Missions, Patricia Ellard; Catholic Action, Kay Daub; Mistress at Arms Mary McDermott; and Sentinel Mary McWilliams.

Our Lady of Knock Division officers are: President Brigit Kearney; Vice President Marianne Fletcher; Secretary Dorothy A. Voelker; Financial Secretary

Rosaleen Downey; Treasurer Mary McDonagh; Historian Peggy Dee; Missions, Sheila Twomey; Catholic Action, Jo Spellman; Mistress at Arms Bridie McLaughlin; and Sentinel Ceil Dora.

The Brooklyn Irish Parade Committee has selected the first woman to be their Grand Marshal for this year's parade on Sunday, March 27. The happy and proud person is New York State Ladies Hibernian President Ann S. Healion. A Hibernian for the past forty-five years, Ann's background and accomplishments are widely known. Her Hibernian Aides are: Past King's County President Owen Doherty and Kings County Secretary Irene Stevens.

In conjunction with the parade, a fund raising dance will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Hall on Saturday, March 5, at 9 P.M.

Ladies California State News



HAPPY WANDERERS from California arrive at the Testimonial Dinner for Sheila Clifford in Waterbury, Ct. From left to right, surrounding Sheila, are Zoe Foley, Marilyn and John Schoar, Maureen and Ben Edwards, Rev. Michael Healy, Mary and Tom O'Neill and Terry and Dan Kellihier.

Ladies Minnesota State News

An observance in honor of Our Lady of Knock was held in St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas. Among those in attendance were Rev. Roger Heesian, pastor of St. Joseph's, Red Wing, and a native of the St. Thomas area; Rev. Edward Grandpre, chaplain of Scott County LAOH Division 1; Richard O'Brien, father of newly elected LAOH State President Mary Ann O'Brien, who was honored during the program on her election to the state office.

A luncheon was held in October at the St. Paul Athletic Club at which the guest speaker was Oliver Kearney, Executive Secretary of the Fair Employment Trust of Northern Ireland.

Scott County LAOH Division 1, held their Annual Christmas Party at the Belle Apartments in Belle Plaines. A Pot Luck Supper was served and gifts exchanged.

Plans are being completed for a St. Patrick's Day Mass to be held on March 17 at the Cathedral in St. Paul, followed by a brunch in the Hall of the Angels.



AT OUR LADY OF KNOCK celebration in St. Thomas, Minnesota, participants were, from left, Fr. Roger Heesian, Mary Ann O'Brien, Richard O'Brien and Fr. Edward Grandpre.



BEAMING WITH PRIDE, Mrs. Bridget Kearney is surrounded by the newly elected officers of the new Junior Division, Our Lady of Knock, which she organized. The young ladies, from left, are Bernadette McEvoy, Christina Nutley, Tara Kearney, Patricia McLaughlin, Attracta O'Connell, Kathleen McEvoy, Allison Rubin, Marie Reilly and Eileen Sullivan.

National News

Frances Hamre

Although it is an ongoing concern, this is the special time of the year when extra emphasis is given to the legislative error on the subject of Abortion and Pro-life. Our Capitol has been besieged by human beings, pushing for the right-to-life of the unborn child. At the time of this writing, the results of the March for Life are not known. Untold numbers participated in this expression of concern on January 22nd.

We of Irish extraction are noted for our deep and abiding faith and we know the value of prayer. This is what is needed in these ever crucial days of legislative decisions. We must pray and pray now, that our elected officials may see the light before it is too late, and correct the grave error made fifteen years ago. To overlook the "little things" in life is to miss the biggest part of life itself.

Bring your feelings to the attention of your congressmen and senators and yes! even to our president, Mr. Reagan. Storm the mails now. It is not too late to act. From the womb to the tomb, every life is precious.

In this Marian Year, ask Our Blessed Lady to intercede. Recite daily the prayer of the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen - "Life of the Unborn." Let every Irish heart respond and perhaps all our prayers will make the difference.

The close of the 1987/1988 National Irish Essay Contest is drawing near. National Historian Kathie Linton reminds all state historians to check with their respective county historians to emphasize the fact that they must submit their entries to the state chairman by February 15th. It is then the responsibility of the chairman of each state to have all the essays evaluated and choose two winning essays from each category. The two selections must reach the National Historian by March 15th. Kathie specifies that all rules must be followed or the essay will be disqualified. Winners names will be announced as soon as the results are available.

It is also important that every state historian forward an update of their state's history to Kathie Linton prior to our National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, July 25-28, 1988. Some states have neglected to send any "history." If you are one of these, please complete your state history before convention. Send all material to: Kathie Linton, National Historian LAOH, 1262 Pear Wood Way, Uniontown, Ohio 44685. (216) 896-0908 (new number).

LADIES Maryland News

Maryland Ladies are recovered from the daze of the holiday season and are back to serious Hibernian business. Installation dates for the Division officers are set and State and County Boards have had their first meetings of the new year.

Division 4 was saddened by the death of Julia Foley in December and Veronica Water in October.

In the recent Baltimore City election Mary Pat Clarke of Division 4 was elected the first woman president of the Baltimore City Council. Also of Division 4, Jane Carter is headed for the beautiful

Ladies Florida News



FLORIDA STATE PRESIDENT Mary Herbert proudly displays the State LAOH flag that she and Division 1 President Jackie Lepper designed and hand made.

The holiday season was off to a grand start as the "Daughters of The Emerald Isle" Division 2, Brevard County, hosted a buffet dinner at Pierre's restaurant in Cocoa Beach. Chairwomen Elizabeth Bayard and her committee did an outstanding job. In attendance were fellow Hibernians from Division 1 led by their President Jack Fagan.

LAOH Division 2 President Margaurite Gould introduced the many dignitaries, including Florida State President Mary Herbert and her secretary, Betty Boyle and

Division 1 President Jackie Lepper. Representing the State AOH was President Jack Boyle and his wife Betty, Vice President Jack Cullinan and his wife Katherine and State Secretary Bob Schneider and his wife Betty. All division presidents, secretaries, and/or public relations officers, as well as appropriate county and state officers, are urged to send reports of your activities and functions to State Editor Peggy Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island 32953 for appearance in this column.

LAOH Massachusetts News



MARY RYAN, center, of Marlboro, MA, Division 21, receives the Hibernian of the Year Award from Mary Morey, left, president of the division; and Joan O'Brien, right, Middlesex County Board president.

Middlesex County: Mary Ryan, Division 21 of Marlboro was recipient of "Hibernian of the Year Award" for 1987, presented at the Annual County Board Dance held in Weston. Presenting the Award was State President Mary Dolan and Middlesex County President Joan O'Brien.

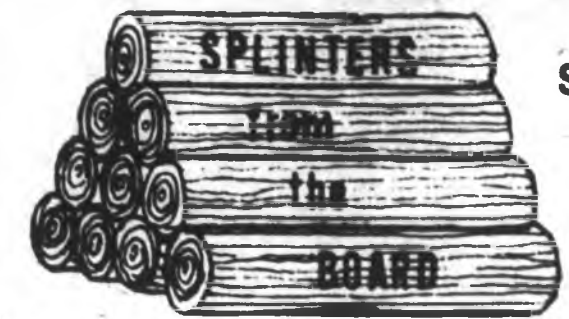
Mary has been active in Hibernianism for many years and was instrumental in reactivating the Marlboro Division of which she was the president for three years. She also was County Board president for two years, is currently treasurer of

the State Board and serves her own division in the same capacity.

A dedicated Hibernian, Mary currently runs the Thrift Shop at her parish church, Immaculate Conception, in Marlboro and assumes the role of collecting, sorting, and distributing clothing for the Shop, as well as the Pine Street Inn, a shelter for the homeless in Boston.

The wife of Jack Ryan (a member of Division 16 AOH), the mother of seven children, and grandmother of four, Mary also works full time as nurse and office manager for a local medical center.

Division Eight of Springfield recently installed their new 1988 officers, who are: President Alice O'Shea; Vice President Nora Shea; Secretary Sr. Imelda Marie, SSJ; Financial Secretary Peggy Meara;



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

We should all be aware that there are 150,000 Irish citizens in the U.S. today with illegal status. In 1986 a strict immigration law was passed that has caused problems for the Irish illegals and for any of the young Irish people that want to emigrate to the United States. You ask, what can I do about it?

The Immigration Bills currently in the Senate and House of Representatives are undergoing revision. The committee hearings have begun on a Senator Ted Kennedy sponsored bill and it may go to the Senate floor in April or May 1988. Congressman Brian Donnelly of Massachusetts has sponsored a similar bill in the House of Representatives.

It is imperative that members of our organization contact their elected officials to support these revisions. If each person reading this column writes to their Senators and Congressmen and asks a friend to do the same, action will follow.

During the past month, all Division, County and State Presidents received information on the joint Membership Drive. At this time of the year each of us should be looking for ways to increase our membership and to increase attendance at our monthly meetings.

How Can We Increase Our Membership??? We should encourage people to join the Hibernians. When they ask "Why should I belong?"...counter with the question "Why shouldn't you belong to the oldest Catholic organization?"

Highlight the purpose of the organization as set forth in the Preamble to our National Constitution - to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity; to foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people and to promote Irish Culture. Highlight some of the activities - Columban Mission Fund (note that at the 1986 National Convention a check for \$47,000 was presented to

the Columban Fathers); Catholic Action activities; our Annual Irish Essay Contest; Trinity College Scholarship and the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund established to fund the study of American Catholicism, especially the Irish influence; and the many Hibernian scholarships at Notre Dame.

We have just received our new application forms and our new organizer folders. If you are about to organize a new Division, please request our new organizer kit from National Secretary Dolores Voelker.

Once that we have the members, what do we do to encourage them to attend monthly meetings? The President and Officers must try to remember that members will not sacrifice their time to attend a poorly conducted meeting or join an organization that doesn't offer a variety of activities.

The President should prepare an agenda and check that the other officers are prepared to give activity reports. The Ritual provides the Order of Business, but an agenda would keep the proper flow. The meeting should start promptly when a quorum is present. The president should conduct the meeting, not dominate it.

She will provide the atmosphere and framework in which the membership can choose its area of emphasis. Other officers should be prepared to give complete and informative reports. The membership and officers share the responsibility for the welfare of the organization. Members should assist the officers. At times, members do not agree with every decision, but they should support decisions made by the membership.

Goals should be set for 1988 and a guide formulated on how to achieve it. Let 1988 be the year that we, the Ladies, Ancient Order of Hibernians, double our membership. If each of us brings in one new member, the task will be accomplished.

Treasurer Sr. Esther Marie, SSJ; Historian Sr. Ellen O'Connor, SND; Missions, St. Helen Turcotte, SSJ; Catholic Action, Sr. Patricia James, SSJ; Mistress at Arms Cathy Joyal; and Sentinel Rita Lonergan.

A very successful Christmas Supper and Party was held under the leadership of Alice O'Shea. Approximately seventy members and friends attended.

Division 14 in Watertown is constantly increasing ranks by adding young new members. The 1987 season concluded with a delicious chicken dinner at the Annual Christmas Party. For '88 the calendar holds several fund raisers for

division charities, including a pound party, white elephant sale and our annual game card.

At State Convention Anne Devaney was endorsed for National Board on which she has served in the past. Having been a Hibernian for almost thirty years, she has served on all levels and will serve the order with dignity and enthusiasm.

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Ladies Pennsylvania State News



ALICE DORAN MURPHY holds the plaque naming her Irishman of the Year at a recent Communion Breakfast in Pottsville, PA. Awarded annually by JFK Division 2, AOH, she is the first woman to receive the award. With Alice are, left to right, Carl Bartholomew, AOH; Rose O'Haren, LAOH; and Leo Haley, AOH president, Pottsville.

Pennsylvania State Board officers traveled to Waterbury, CT for the weekend of October 31 to honor National President Shelia Clifford, where they fully enjoyed the Hibernian hospitality of New England.

Schuylkill County, Pottsville: Alice Dean Murphy was selected Irishman of the Year 1987. A member of LAOH Division 2 JFK, Alice is the first woman to be chosen for this award which is given yearly by AOH Division 2 JFK, to recognize a deserving individual in Schuylkill County. She is president of her division, a position she has held for twelve years. In addition to her efforts in behalf of the Order, she is recognized for her devotion to her church, her family and her business career. President Murphy was presented a plaque at the Communion Breakfast on November 22.

Lackawanna County: The annual Communion Breakfast was held October 18 at St. Rose's Church with Msgr. Paul Purcell as celebrant. Readings were delivered by

Elizabeth Horan and Joan Usher. Offertory procession included Louise Speicher, Joan Usher, Clare Conmy and Mary Enright. Following the Mass, breakfast was served at the Elk View Country Club, where President Speicher extended the formal welcome. Mary Kay McHale, supervisor of Olyphant Catholic Social Services was toastmistress. Msgr. Horan, pastor emeritus of St. Rose's was honored by the Division for his great support and kindness to the LAOH. Chaplain Neil Laughlin, S.J., gave both the Invocation and Benediction. The thoroughly enjoyable event was chaired by Mary Purcell.

Allegheny County: The first division in Pennsylvania was organized in 1897 at Sacred Heart Parish in Pittsburgh. To celebrate their 90th Anniversary, a Communion Breakfast was held for members and guests on November 7 at Sacred Heart Church. Rev. Raymond Utz, pastor, was celebrant. Following the Mass a brunch and

program was held in the Social Hall. Mary Margaret Maurath, county president, was toastmistress. The history of the division was given by Margaret Visokey, whose grandfather was one of the organizers of the division. Margaret Cooney, state president, was guest speaker.

The Allegheny County Board held their second quarterly meeting on December 6 with Division 11 as host. President Eileen Matini and her members served a delicious Christmas buffet. Although the Christmas spirit was in the air, a Reports Workshop was held.

Lehigh County: Bethlehem Division 1, Trinanog, is a new division organized on September 20, 1987. Best wishes go out for their success as they are welcomed to the LAOH family. Claire McNelis, state vice president, installed the Division. The officers are: President Ellen Trexler; Vice President Patti Edgar; Secretary Mary Regan; and Treasurer Joan Foley.

In addition to working for the LAOH, she was past president of

Tribute to A Grand Lady

To every Christian, the birth of Our Savior on Christmas Day is one of the most meaningful holidays in our lives. This year, with the strains of *Joy To The World*, *O Holy Night* and *Adeste Fidelis*, still ringing in our ears, we were faced with the stark reality that death is an uninvited guest to celebrations. One of New York State's most respected Hibernians, Margaret G. Moriarity, was called to her eternal reward on Christmas Day when she suffered a fatal heart attack.

Anyone who has been a long-time member of our Noble Order is thoroughly familiar with her many contributions to the LAOH and will certainly miss her. Marge joined the then Ladies' Auxiliary 9 in Flushing, N.Y. in 1949. From the beginning she was devoted to the aims, aspirations and ideals of Hibernianism. She gave of herself unstintingly to further our work and her ability was recognized when she became a member of the Queens County Board and its president from 1966-1968. She worked tirelessly at state and national conventions and often added sparkle to the sessions by the astuteness of her questions. She had the rare ability of being able to disagree with someone without being disagreeable. Her knowledge of the Constitution and By-Laws made her an authority in Hibernian circles and in Queens, her decisions were referred to as "the gospel according to Margaret."

Marge loved people and this affection was returned. She was a thoroughly nice person, with a delightful sense of humor and a heart of gold. Nothing was too much for her — if it meant chauffeuring a friend to a meeting or a convention, she did it willingly and never left the recipient feeling indebted to her.

In September 1987, at the request of the New York State Board, the National Board conferred Honorary Life Membership on her. Life Membership is bestowed in recognition of outstanding service to the LAOH over a long period of years. During the thirty-nine years she belonged, Marge was a devoted member. Had her health prevailed, she most certainly would have been a state officer and New York State President.

In addition to working for the LAOH, she was past president of



MARGARET G. MORIARITY

Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Chapter 5753 in South Huntington and a valued member of the Parish Council at St. Elizabeth's in Melville.

Monsignor Arthur Kane celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, December 29, 1987. Mr. Hugh O'Rourke and his fourteen year old son, Brian, members of the Kevin Barry, Division 3, East Northport Pipers, played "Amazing Grace" and other tunes at the Mass.

Division 9, LAOH, Flushing, N.Y., Marge's division, donated a beautiful vestment in her memory. Monsignor Kane wore the vestment when he said her mass. Her mortal remains were interred in St. Charles Cemetery.

To the Moriarity family — her lovely mother, her sister Mary, her brother Edward and her sister-in-law Rose and their children, Edward, Jr. and Ann Marie, we offer our sincerest condolences. They have the joy of knowing she was not only well respected but also well loved. Her presence will be missed. Margaret G. Moriarity was a unique, one-of-a-kind individual who can never be replaced. Her long suffering is over. Her life of Christian example will be rewarded by Our Father who called her to be with Him on the Feast that we celebrate as the beginning of Christianity.

Ladies Michigan News

Congratulations to the following newly elected officers:

Rose Kennedy Division, Wayne County: President Patricia "Murphy" Martin; Vice President Kathleen MacIntosh; Secretary Margaret Murphy; Treasurer Rose Trapp; Financial Secretary Sue Lauster; Historian Sadie O'Boyle; Missions, Peggy Gouin; Catholic Action, Joanne Sabin; Mistress at Arms Mary Underhill; and Sentinel Mary Ann Connolly.

Ethel Kennedy Division, Macomb County: President Betty Littlejohn; Vice President Lillian Hennigan; Secretary Mary Ochab; Treasurer Nancy McCauley; Financial Secretary Agnes Gowdy; Historian Mary Jane Ryan; Missions, Ruth Minnick; Catholic Action, June Flanagan; Mistress at Arms Aileen Herbert; and Sentinel Nancy Mack.

Jean Donovan Division, Genesee County: President Mary McHale; Vice President Karen McHale Cherry; Secretary Maureen Edlund;

Treasurer Maureen MacVay; Historian Eileen O'Sullivan; Missions, Lucy Goyette; Catholic Action, Catherine Allen; Mistress at Arms Rosemary Thomas; and Sentinel Mary Lou Kost.

The State Board Mass honoring St. Brigid was held on February 7th. The first Christmas Charity Party of the Rose Kennedy Division chaired by Marilyn Conway, was held December 5th and was a huge success.

The annual children's Christmas Party chaired by Joanne Sabin, was enjoyed by the children and grandchildren of both the Rose Kennedy LAOH and Stephen Walsh Division AOH members. Each donated either gloves or mittens for the poor of St. Francis DeSales.

The Macomb County Ethel Kennedy Division held a successful Irish Craft Christmas Bazaar and a well-attended Christmas Party at the Mallard Inn.

Seven Days, Seven Men, Seven Hills

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Northumberland Road.

Lieutenant Michael Malone and Volunteer Grace were waiting in No. 25 and as the troops came into range several volleys rang out and several British soldiers fell dead. The battle here went on for thirty minutes until Malone was killed in action while he allowed Grace to escape out a back window. The British lost over one hundred men at this point in the battle.

They regrouped and marched on and soon came under the fire of the remaining eleven Volunteers. Joe Clarke, who was in the parochial hall, told me that the British were so close that at one stage he stuck his revolver out the window to fire and hit a British soldier on the head with his gun. The British fell back and heavy mortars were fired at Clanwilliam House. The house was soon ablaze but the Volunteers kept their positions at the windows with Reynolds shouting: "They shall not pass! They shall not pass!"

A short while later Reynolds gave

the order to evacuate, but he himself stayed on, muttering to himself: "They shall not pass." Four Volunteers escaped, Willie Ronan, Jimmy Doyle, James Walsh and Thomas Walsh. On their way out, they saw the dead bodies of their comrades, Richard Murphy and Patrick Doyle. George Reynolds died later that evening as the house was engulfed in flames.

Joe Clarke was arrested. He was placed against a door and a British soldier prepared to execute him. Luckily for Joe the bullet missed, going into the door just above his head. Joe lived on to the age of ninety-four and when he died he was the oldest revolutionary in the world; the greatest Fenian of all time in Ireland. It was indeed an honour to have been his friend and comrade in later life.

ST. THOMAS'S HILL

A few men were playing football near the Magazine Fort on St. Thomas's Hill in the Phoenix Park, when the ball went over the wire fence. "Would you mind getting us the

ball?" said one man to the sentry. As the sentry turned, the men ran in and soon the fort was in the hands of the Volunteers. The plan was to take as much ammunition and guns as possible and blow up the powder store.

The job was soon done but instead of blowing up the fort they set it on fire. The haul was taken to the Four Courts, to Ned Daly and the First Battalion.

CONSTITUTION HILL

Ned Daly and his men had met in Blackhall Street. His task was to set up headquarters in Church Street with outposts in North King Street, the Mendicity Institution and Constitution Hill.

The First Battalion wrote a glorious chapter in the story of Easter Week. Sean Houston's post at the Mendicity Institution was only supposed to hold out for two hours, yet they held out for three days against terrible odds. All the outposts fought bravely, but special mention must be made of Reilly's Fort, the raid on Linenhall barracks and the men in the North Dublin Union.

When Pearse, Connolly, Plunkett, Clarke and MacDermott were burned out of the GPO, it was to Daly and the men of the First Battalion that they were making their way when they got caught in Moore Street.

When the butcher Maxwell came over as general in charge of all British troops, he gave the order for wholesale slaughter to be carried out in the North King Street area. The troops entered North King Street from the Bolton Street end and raided house after house, and, when they could not find any Volunteers, took out their spite on the local in-

REWARD

But what was the reaction of Maggie Thatcher when the West British sycophants grovelled over to Number 10 Downing Street with the extradition treaty on a silver platter? She was outraged that the Irish had dared to include even review of English extradition requests by the Dublin Attorney General! Some people are just never satisfied. (Even the Devil gave Daniel Webster the opportunity to plead his client's case in court.)

POSTLAG

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and a laundry.

Executions took place in the jail yard up to the end of the nineteenth century. Some of the 1798 rebels — United Irishmen — such as Billy Byrne (whose monument stands in the Market Square), were executed here. Another leader of the United Irishmen, James 'Napper' Tandy, was jailed here prior to deportation to France.

From 1918 to 1921, during the War of Independence, the jail became the headquarters of the Cheshire Regiment of the British Army and a prison for the latest revolutionaries, the Irish Republican Army, and Sinn Féin members. Between 1922 and 1924 the National Army of the Transition Government similarly occupied and used it.

One of the jail's most distinguished prisoners, Erskine Childers, author of "Riddle of the Sands" and father of the late President of Ireland, was arrested at the Annamoe home of R.C. Barton and held in Wicklow jail before being transferred to Dublin for trial. He was executed at Beggars Bush

Barracks on November the 24th, 1922.

Its use as a jail ceased about 1924. In more recent years the jail has been used as a store by Wicklow County Council, the present owners.

Memorial

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Officers Association; Fraternal Order of Police; Fraternal Order of Police Ladies Auxiliary; International Association of Chiefs of Police; International Brotherhood of Police Officers; International Union of Police Associations/AFL-CIO; National Association of Police Organizations; National Black Police Association; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs Association; National Troopers Coalition; Police Executive Research Forum; Police Foundation; and United Federation of Police.

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nocent people. Daly and his men had withdrawn to the Four Courts, but under "Butcher" Maxwell's orders, the North King Street massacre took place.

Michael Noonan and George Ennis were murdered at No. 174; Thomas Hickey, his son Christopher, and Peter Connolly at No. 170; Michael Hughes and John Walsh at No. 172; Patrick Bealen and James Healy at No. 177; Peter Lawless, James MacCartney, James Finnegan and Patrick Hoey at No. 27; and John Beirnes murdered in nearby Coleraine Street. These names and their stories are forgotten by Ireland. We can well imagine their last moments.

J. J. Reynolds, a brother of George Reynolds of Clanwilliam House, wrote a small book entitled 'A Fragment of 1916 History.' In it he gives the story of how the Irish fought and how the British fought in Easter Week.

The British buried their victims in the cellars of the houses. Whenever I walk down North King Street I can feel the gloomy air around the places where the British did their dirty work in Dublin.

RICHMOND HILL

Across the road from Richmond Hill is the main entrance to the Old Richmond barracks. Today it is St. Michael's Estate and St. Michael's CBS school. In 1916 this was the scene of all the court-martials, the picking out of prisoners, the jumping off ground for the firing squad, the quicklime grave, and the concentration camps of England and Wales.

This is where I went to school as a child and I used to play in the yard where the prisoners walked. Once a month I was paraded in the big gym with the whole school and the names of the bold boys were read out from a black diary. My name was always in

the top ten. We got our medicine in front of the whole school — six bliffs on each hand.

In the same big gym the Specials came from Dublin Castle with little black notebooks and in the names of the first fourteen were my two Pa, my three Cs and my two Macs; with Colbert, Heuston, Mallin, Willie Pearse, O'Hanrahan, Daly and MacBride; and Sir Roger hanged in England; Thomas Kent shot in Cork; Monaghan, Sheehan and Keating drowned at Ballykissane pier; and The O'Rahilly and Shortis shot dead in Moor Lane.

My first shout, on Redmond's Hill, is a shout of thanks to the men and women of 1916. Not forgetting the men and women of Wexford, Louth and Meath and the other men who came from other counties and overseas.

My second shout, on Cork Hill, is a special shout of thanks to Pearse and Connolly for leaving such a crystal clear message, a gospel of freedom, republicanism, socialism and separatism.

My third shout, on Misery Hill, is a shout of thanks to old Joe Clarke, a shout of thanks to Nurse O'Farrell and Julia Grennan, a shout of thanks to Helena Moloney and Dr. Kathleen Lynn, a shout of thanks to Brian O'Higgins, the Count Plunkett and a host of others in my mind and prayers for a heritage and tradition unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

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Ladies Presidents Celebrate



THE PAST joined the present to work for the future, as LAOH dignitaries enjoy a light moment during the Testimonial Dinner for National President Shelia Clifford. Pictured with Shelia, center, are Past National Presidents, left, Rita McDonough and Sally Murphy, and, right, Marge Rust and Zoe Foley.

Seven Days, Seven Men, Seven Hills

Easter Rising 1916

By EAMONN MAC THOMAS

I knew the story of the 1916 Easter week rising at a very early age. Long before I came to the use of reason at seven years of age I could name, off by heart, the seven men who signed the Proclamation.

My key to the memory of the names was two Ps, three Cs and two Macs — Pearse, Plunkett; Clarke, Connolly, Ceannt; MacDonagh and MacDermott. But I also had other daily reminders.

My favorite shop was Clarke's on Bulfinch Road. My aunt that lived on the Sugar Loaf Mountain was Jinny Connolly and Plunkett's of Island-bridge was the place where we got the free loaves of bread on our way to the Phoenix Park. Pierce Redmond's grocery shop on Emmet Road always reminded me of Padraig Pearse and Redmond's Hill. Ceannt's name was easy as I had to pass Ceannt's Fort on Mount Brown Hill on my way to school in Basin Lane convent.

The two Macs were the easiest to remember. In my childhood the word 'Mack' was a very common one; anyone whose name was not known was called 'Mack'. "Hey Mack, what time is it?"

My next memory test came in remembering other words and names connected with the Rising, or 'the Rebellion' as my mother called it. Grace Gifford, who married Joe Plunkett in Kilmainham jail a few hours before his execution by a British firing squad. The Countess, whose name we did not even try to pronounce — 'Market Vitz', or something like that. But we did not need the surname, the word 'Countess' held us in a magic spell.

John MacBride's name was easy to remember as it was on a sheet of music with a photograph of him and two green, white and orange flags at

each side. Underneath were the words of the song, 'Wrap the green flag round me, boys.'

On one occasion I wrapped the bedsheet round me and looked at myself in the wardrobe mirror, trying to imagine how MacBride would look wrapped in a green flag. I remember that I was not impressed and thought that MacBride was a Roman, like the ones we used to see at the four-penny rush in the local flea-house that the owners called a picture palace.

My first tour of the 1916 Easter Week garrisons was in 1937 at the age of nine years. The twenty-first anniversary of the Rising was held in great style. Flags and bunting decorated the city, the buildings were all floodlit and Kilmainham jail was open to the public.

My ma and my aunts took me on a private tour. I kicked up like hell about the long walks and got a few clouts for running up and down the hillgraves in Arbour Hill. The place I liked best was Redmond's Hill. Maybe it was because Cobbolo's icecream shop was around the corner in Cuffe Street. Icecream in those days came out of a bucket and the big thick wafer was dripping with red raspberry juice that was only beautiful. I was nearly killed for letting the juice roll down on to my white Sunday shirt and was only saved by the College of Surgeons and the story of the Countess and Michael Mallin.

The ma brought us over to the green railings to show us the spot where Philip Clarke of the Citizen Army gave her his brand new bike to bring home to his wife in Cork Street. When my mother got back to the Green with a parcel for Philip from his wife, poor Philip was dead and Mallin and the Countess had taken over the College of Surgeons. The ma spent the rest of the week running

messages for the men in Jacob's factory under MacDonagh and MacBride.

As the years rolled by, and I grew to manhood, I became the friend of many men and women who took part in the Easter week rising and the fight for Irish freedom. Around many firesides in Dublin I got their story — first hand from the men and women involved.

Their story began on Easter Sunday, April 23rd, 1916.

The Military Council met at Liberty Hall at 9 a.m. and issued fresh orders that the Rising would begin at twelve noon on Easter Monday. At twelve noon on Sunday the Proclamation was agreed on and it was printed in Liberty Hall. My friend Helena Maloney was one of the first people to read it to those gathered around.

News was already to hand about the scuttling of 'The Aud' arms-ship off Daunt's Rock, County Cork, by order of her captain, Karl Spinder; the arrest of Roger Casement at McKenna's Fort by the RIC; and MacNeill's countermand orders that the Volunteers were not to parade. Sunday, the first day, was one of messages, by bike, by tram, by train, by motor car and by foot.

On the second day, Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, there was only partial mobilisation in Dublin because of MacNeill's countermand. Only for the message brigade no one would have turned up, but despite the small numbers it was decided to go ahead.

At eleven thirty in Liberty Hall, the Citizen Army bugler sounded the fall-in for the army of the Irish Republic. At twelve noon the main body marched out of Liberty Hall, headed by Commandant-General Pearse and Commandant-General Connolly, and occupied the General Post Office in Sackville Street. From the steps of the doorway, Pearse

read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic to onlooking citizens:

"In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood..."

CORK HILL

A small party of Citizen Army men and women, led by Captain Sean Connolly — one of my mother's best friends — attacked Dublin Castle, firing the first shots of the Rising. They took over City Hall and the buildings opposite in Parliament Street. During the early part of the fighting Captain Sean Connolly was hit by a hail of machine gun bullets and died in the arms of Helen Maloney. Dr. Kathleen Lynn attended to the other wounded.

After fierce fighting, the attacking party withdrew. In the attack on Dublin Castle, Charles D'Arcy, aged fifteen years, Lieutenant Sean O'Reilly, George Geoghan and Louis Byrne also gave their lives for Ireland.

Only a handful of men and women, yet they did what Silken Thomas failed to do with his army of six hundred men. They could well have taken the Castle, that Easter Monday morning, as it was only guarded by ten men, but the plan was merely to keep it at bay and that they did with courage and bravery which won the admiration, not only of the republican forces, but also of the Castle masters as well.

The next time you pass down Cork Hill, look at the Upper Castle Gate and remember with pride the names and deeds of the gallant men and women who fought there in 1916.

MOUNT BROWN HILL

The Fourth Battalion, under the command of Eamonn Ceannt and Cathal Brugha, met at Emerald Square, Cork Street. Only one-third of the unit turned up due to MacNeill's countermand. The first party of twelve cyclists followed by thirty men on foot went along the banks of the Grand Canal and entered the South Dublin Union grounds by the Rialto gates at the top of Watery Lane.

Brugha left with the second party and made his way, via James Street, to the main entrance of the Union. Con Colbert followed with another party to take over Watkins' brewery in Ardee Street and put an outpost in Marrowbone Lane distillery. Another outpost was put in Roe's distillery at the top of Mount Brown Hill.

The men were well dug in and the first attack came from the large British garrison who were stationed in Richmond barracks. The British took over the Guinness brewery in James Street as headquarters and sent about one thousand soldiers to surround and attack the Union. After the week's battle several British soldiers lay dead and Cathal Brugha had twenty-five bullet wounds. Nurse Keogh was killed on the steps of one of the buildings as she was going to assist a wounded British Tommy.

When the surrender came Ceannt did not want to join in. Only after long talks with MacDonagh and MacBride did he agree to march out under the white flag. Brugha was taken to the Castle hospital and was sent home to die; but Cathal Brugha did not die in Easter Week nor in the weeks or years that immediately followed. He was cut down by Free State guns in 1922, the words 'no surrender' on his lips.

Sir Francis Vane, the head of the British forces, could not believe that Ceannt and Brugha had held the Union with less than fifty men, and thought that there were at least a thousand men.

Ceannt was very disappointed with the surrender and left his dying letter written in his cell in Kilmainham jail as a guide to future revolutionaries: "Never treat with the English enemy. Fight on till the end."

REDMOND'S HILL

The Second Battalion under Thomas MacDonagh took over Jacob's biscuit factory and sent a party of Volunteers to assist Commandant Mallin and the Countess in the Stephen's Green area. Jacob's high building gave MacDonagh's men a few easy shots into St. Patrick's Park where the British were parading and into the grounds of Dublin Castle. John MacBride, who was passing by at the time decided to join in the fight and was appointed second-in-command.

Jacobs proved to be a very good garrison, with an ample food supply of biscuits, cakes and flour. The British did not attack as the Volunteers had the advantage of height. The week was spent sending help to Mallin in the Green, which took the brunt of the fighting.

The British took over the Shelbourne Hotel and mounted machine guns on the roof, picking off many Citizen Army men in the open Green park. Lack of numbers, again due to MacNeill, made it impossible to man the hotel and Mallin and the Countess were forced to take over the College of Surgeons, where they held out bravely until the surrender order came at the end of the week.

The British wanted to execute the Countess, but because of the fuss they themselves were kicking up over the German execution of the English spy, Nurse Cavell, feared world opinion.

MISERY HILL

If you walk down Macken Street, named after Peadar Macken, who was accidentally shot in Boland's Mill in 1916, you will come to a street named Misery Hill. It gets its name from the lepers of old who came here to die. Many republicans were executed in the same place in 1798 and 1803.

The area around here was under the command of Eamonn de Valera and the Third Battalion. Boland's Mill was the main headquarters, with outposts at Mount Street Bridge, Westland Row railway station, Misery Hill, and the train line out as far as Blackrock.

The Battle of Mount Street Bridge, which was held by thirteen men against thousands of Sherwood Foresters, must rank as the finest battle in the annals of world history. Clanwilliam House, under the command of George Reynolds held seven men; the schools held two men; the parochial hall held two men; and No. 25, Northumberland Road held two men.

The British reinforcements, coming from England, landed at Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) and some of them thought they were in France. They marched on Dublin and when they got to the cross-roads at Ballsbridge they rested. Then they made their mistake: instead of taking Pembroke Road they took

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inal Decries Violence and injustice in Northern Ireland

NEW YORK, MARCH 17, 1988 — Amidst the splendor of St. Patrick's Church on 5th Avenue and the sea of concelebrants of the Mass surrounding him, and facing thousands of paraders, local and foreign dignitaries, and officers and men of the 69th Regiment, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor lashed out at the violence and injustice abounding in Northern Ireland.

The Cardinal made an emotional plea for hundreds of thousands of Irish-Americans to join the peace and justice pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in which he himself plans to participate. "I ask you to think seriously about this possibility — we must do something," declared the Cardinal. He recalled how he had suggested calling off the parade as a sign of mourning, "but that's not the Irish way," he decided. "Rather we will dedicate the parade to the honor of the victims." He continued, "I would like to feel exuberant; I would like to feel joyful, but I do not feel that way today. I do not feel like reviewing the parade and I suspect many of you feel the same way."

The Cardinal described how he prays for an end to the "madness" and asked, "Where are the 40 million Irish-Americans in this land? Why have they not raised their voices on behalf of the suffering ones?" He challenged priests and nuns and especially social activists, "who have spoken out about oppression in other lands." "Have we forgotten the very existence of Ireland and the horrors perpetrated there for so many years?"

Cardinal O'Connor often speaks out and writes about Ireland and is critical of British policy there. He was part of a delegation which visited Ireland, North and South, on a fact-finding mission in 1984, headed by Bishop James Malone, president of the National Conference of Bishops. On the tour were Bishop Mark Hurley of Santa Rosa, Calif., Bishop Francis Stafford of Memphis, Tennessee, and Monsignor Daniel Hays, General Secretary, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. On his return Cardinal O'Connor related his thoughts to writer Gerald Costello, whose article appeared in the New York Diocese publication,

Catholic New York. The following are excerpts of the Cardinal's observations:

"I don't think I ever realized then just how Irish I really am."

Archbishop O'Connor, back in New York after a four day fact-finding tour of Northern Ireland with three other American bishops, was recalling his growing impatience, as a local official painted an impossibly bright picture of the troubled province during one of their many stops. Then the bishops followed up the presentation with a series of hard questions: What about plastic bullets? Why do employers discriminate against Catholics? What can be done about a judicial system that jails suspects for years on the flimsiest of charges?

If the questions found no ready answers, they served another purpose — to place in sharp focus the anger and despair that grip the northeastern corner of Ireland.

The bishops found ample evidence of those problems as they met with prisoners and their families and toured bleak sections of Belfast and

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Judge James J. Comerford 1900 - 1988 In Memoriam



March 24, 1988. Judge Comerford was a native of Castlecomer, County Kilkenny. He attended the National School there as well as the Christian Brothers School in Kilkenny. In 1917 Jim Comerford joined the Irish Volunteers, which became part of the Irish Republican Army. He was on active service with the IRA during the "Black and Tan War" (1919-1921), being promoted to Captain in 1920 upon assuming command of his own local IRA company. He was twice wounded in action while fighting against English occupation forces in Ireland.

Jim Comerford emigrated to the United States in 1925. He completed his high school education going nights to Washington Irving High School. He held Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Columbia University. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from Fordham Law School and was ad-

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Dennis Long of St. Louis Awarded Kennedy Medal

NEW YORK: Dennis Patrick Long, prominent St. Louis, Missouri, businessman, has been awarded the Ancient Order of Hibernian's coveted John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal. The selection was jointly announced by AOH National President Nicholas Murphy of New York, and National Director Frank M. Kearney, Sr., of Connecticut, Chairman of the Award Committee.

Long won out over a field of eight Irish Americans for the award. Top runners-up were: John Connolly of Waterbury, Massachusetts, former National President of the AOH; and New York City police officer, Denis Mulcahy, founding member and chairman of "Project Children."

The JFK Medal Award was instituted in 1966, with James A. Farley as the first awardee. Other awardees were: astronaut James A. McDevitt, actor Pat O'Brien, Bishop Thomas J. Drury, and labor leader Thomas W. Gleason. Long will receive the JFK Medal at the closing banquet of 84th biennial National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to be held on July 28, 1988 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Long who was born in Chicago and raised and educated in St. Louis, is currently president and chief executive officer of D.P. Long & Associates of St. Louis. In 1986, at the age of eighty-four, Long joined Ambrose-Buch, Inc., the world's largest brewing operation, as office boy. When he resigned in March 1987, he was president and chief



DENNIS P. LONG

operating officer of the corporation. Long's company now serves as management and marketing consultant to Ambrose-Buch on both their domestic and international operations.

Dennis Long is active in a wide variety of religious, community, fraternal and professional groups. He is a member of the Cardinal Glennon Division of the AOH in St. Louis. His great-great-grandparents, Bartholomew Long and Mary Sullivan Long, emigrated to the United States in the early 1850s from Ballyvaughan, County Kerry, Ireland.

John Comerford



WALKING ATOP THE WALL that surrounds the old city of Derry, during a 1984 fact-finding tour of Northern Ireland, from left to right, are Bishops Mark Hurley, J. Francis Stafford and James Malone; John Cardinal O'Connor and Bishop Edward Daly of Derry.

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Derry, where they mingled with worshippers after Mass. Their rounds of meetings were almost non-stop — with Catholic bishops and leaders of other faiths, with politicians in both the North and the Republic with business and union officials.

"You get a feel for things you can't possibly get through reading," Archbishop O'Connor said. "You get a sense of the complexity of the issues that I hadn't previously appreciated. 'I came back really disturbed. I kept telling those with whom we met that if I went home with nothing else, it was impossible to ignore that wherever I went in Northern Ireland I was told repeatedly and emphatically — and given some striking examples — about discrimination against Catholics in employment. The figures bear this out: the unemployment rate for Catholics is at least twice that for Protestants in the North. And personally, I didn't feel that the reasons given by those who were trying to explain this were satisfactory.'"

Later at a press conference, as the bishops answered questions from reporters, much of the discussion centered on violence in Northern Ireland and the role of American contributions that helped to finance it.

Noting that violence had taken place on both sides of the dispute, Archbishop O'Connor said: "I will state unconditionally that I will discourage and strongly resist the collection of money to be used in the furtherance of violence but I will not let the whole Irish cause be tied to the question of the Provisional I.R.A. . . . I would also ask people to look much more carefully at the underlying causes that provoke the violence."

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President's Message

Teachtaineacht an Uachtairain
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

CROPPIES LIE DOWN

The world is beginning to see another dimension of the quality of English rule in Ireland. Since 1982 there has been in effect a "shoot to kill" policy on the part of the occupation forces in those six of the divided Irish Province of Ulster's nine counties known as "Northern Ireland". In spite of the fact that the British government in London claims to be operating in the interest of the people of the North, civil and human rights have been routinely disregarded to a greater or lesser degree throughout the nearly six decades of the existence of the six-county statelet. Not satisfied with long sentences handed down by non-jury courts in which the uncorroborated evidence of paid police informers is sufficient evidence for conviction, Her Majesty's government instituted a shoot on sight "shoot to kill" policy aimed at those who were suspected of being so-called "terrorists". The recent murder of three unarmed Irish people in Gibraltar shows that this policy is now to be implemented outside the confines of occupied northeast Ireland. Will the next victims be former IRA men now living peacefully in the United States, or Irish Northern Aid activists, members of Clan na Gael or Cumann na Saoirse or perhaps even Gaelic Leaguers?

The message of Margaret Thatcher's government is clear, it is "Croppies lie down" or Mother England will put you down.

The tragic bombing and shooting in the cemetery on March 10th was an extension of the "shoot to kill" policy. If the perpetrator was the actual agent of the occupation forces or merely their self-appointed virtual agent, the effect was the same. Three days later two armed, plain-clothes British soldiers in an unmarked car apparently attempted to harass and intimidate the mourners in the funeral procession of one of those killed at the funeral of the Gibraltar victims. They did not get away with it.

Whether acting on their own or under orders they were done in by the apparent arrogant supposition that they were somehow immune from any retribution. A shocked world watched on television that night as the mourners, presumably including many who had been attacked in the cemetery the previous Wednesday, turned on their assailants and exacted unprompted retributive justice.

The true nature of the violence of English occupation in Ireland has never been properly exposed in the general secular news media, nor has the violence of arrest and seven days torture ("deep interrogation" they call it). But the Anglophile news media have been having a field day with the story of the "brutality" of the Paddy's killing the poor English soldiers.

Ignored is the story of how short a sentence was served by the only British soldier to be convicted of murder in "Northern Ireland." Ignored are the many stories of the violence of the occupation forces over the past twenty years. Ignored are the institutionalized civil and human rights violations which are everyday life in the North. And most notably, ignored is the question of what must have caused the frustration and anger which was vented in the passion of that moment which we witnessed on the nightly TV news.

One message must surely come from these incidents: all is not well under English occupation in Northern Ireland, and, whatever the London government thinks can be accomplished by the violence of their agents — the Croppies are not going to take it lying down.

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE AND HONOR

Is there an answer? John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in his 1988 Saint Patrick's Day homily renewed his call for Peace with Justice and Honor for all Ireland. This answer, which should be obvious to even the most casual observer, has eluded the great political leaders of the English-speaking world for nearly two decades.

What can we do about this? Cardinal O'Connor suggests pilgrimage by Irish Americans to Knock this year to pray for Peace with Justice and Honor. Irish America must demonstrate an initiative of prayer and good works to transcend this abuse.

Irish America must surely take this initiative. If enough Irish-Americans openly make this pilgrimage for this noble purpose, then it is possible that enough political leaders on both sides of the Atlantic might be forced to pay attention to finding ways to cure the disease rather than merely trying to cover-up the symptoms.

In addition to Knock, there are additional holy places in every part of Ireland worthy of the attention of pilgrims: Tara and Kincora; Kells and St. Mac Dara's Island; Glendalough and Saint Patrick's Purgatory; Bodensoden Churchyard and Bundoran's Garden of Remembrance; Downpatrick and Armagh. Since most visitors to Ireland at least pass through Dublin at some time, I will mention a few in that city: Arbour Hill, Kilmmainham, Glasnevin, the GPO, Eamonn Mac Thomais can guide you to these and many more, or tell you about them during his "Sixty Golden Minutes" in the House of Lords Chamber of the old Irish Parliament in what is now the Bank of Ireland.

Let all Hibernians prepare to answer Cardinal O'Connor's call to join in a pilgrimage for Peace with Justice and Honor for all Ireland.

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12 Irish Children to Compete in Games for Handicapped

The New York State Games for physically handicapped children ages 5-21 will be held June 2 through June 5, 1988 at Nassau Community College and at the Mitchell Athletic Complex, Uniondale, Long Island, N.Y. Competition is categorized by age and disability.

The Games this year is particularly important to the AOH because 12 handicapped children from Ireland will travel to New York to compete. The Lord Mayor of Wexford, Mr. Dominic Kiernan, is training the children and will bring the team to the Games with a limited number of coaches and parents. It is expected that no more than 19 will be in the group from Ireland.

Since the Irish children, who range in age from 10 to 17, are not citizen residents of the State of New York, all the funds needed for the Shannon-JFK air fare, the special busses required for transporting the handicapped, the sight-seeing program and the many expenses must be raised by volunteer contributions.

The Irish children will be in the U.S. from May 28 through June 12. The sightseeing plans include, hopefully, a trip to Disney World.

The visit is a once-in-a-lifetime event for these handicapped children who come from Wexford, Dublin, Belfast, and Enniskillen. Many of the children are victims of spina bifida, a tragic birth disease affecting many new-born Irish infants.

More than 1000 youngsters from New York State, 16 other states, and 7 foreign countries are expected to compete. Susan Gordon Ryan is Executive Director of the Games and she is looking toward the AOH for financial and participation support

for the Irish team. I am appealing to the AOH Divisions in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, located in close proximity to the Games, for generous contributions. Also, good AOH attendance at the Games would urge the Irish team on to a good performance.

Nick Murphy
President, National Board

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Charities to Benefit from Nat'l Awards

The National Boards of the LAOH and AOH have decided that the proceeds of the 1988 National Awards Program will be used by their respective Charitable/Educational Funds.

There are several very worthy and important projects on the agendas of each Board that will benefit from your generosity this year, so I hope you will help to make this the best year the Awards Program has ever had.

The first award will be round trip tickets to Ireland for two, second will be a VCR, and a Waterford Ship's Decanter with glasses, third.

Additional books for the program can be obtained by writing Richard M. Rogers, Chairman, Box 623, Mineola, N.Y. 11501.

President Murphy Appoints Convention Chairmen

To facilitate the orderly transaction of business at the Cleveland Convention, National President Murphy has appointed the following to chair the various committees. Delegates wishing to serve on any of these committees are requested to submit their names for consideration to

COMMITTEES	CHAIRMEN
Credentials	William Barnett
(Generally comprised of State Pres.)	
Resolutions	John Irwin
Constitution and Ritual	John Bonner
Rules of Order	James Shannon
Freedom for All Ireland	Martin Higgins
Good and Welfare	Edward Fay
Catholic Action	John Foody
J.F.K. Medal	Francis Kearney
Right to Life	James Herlihy
Grievance Committee	Leo Murphy
Junior Divisions	Michael Coogan

National Secretary Thomas D. McNabb, 31 Logan St., Auburn, N.Y. 13021, who in turn will forward names to the chairmen in question.

All committees will be filled and ready to start work at the opening of the convention.

Irish History	Daniel Deasy
Immigration	Thomas Murry
Charities and Missions	David Burke
	Michael Hession
Buy Irish/National Home	James Delaney
Political Education	Joseph Roche
National Hibernian Digest	David Henshaw
Anti-Defamation	John McInerney
Notre Dame Fund	George Clough
Irish Way Program	John Connolly
Press	John Concannon
Public Relations	Michael Cummings
Finance Committee	Edward Wallace
Audit Committee	Raymond Meahan

Father Pursues Irish Citizenship for Children

MERRICK, N.Y.: Last year, Tom and Rich Donlon from Long Island, NY who are now 11 and 9 years old, asked their father John, a lawyer who works with Jack Irwin (the past New York State AOH President) at a major financial firm in New York, to get them registered as Irish citizens in the Foreign Births Registry.

But, John then learned that because his late father (Tom's and Rich's grandfather) had not registered John, and because John had not previously registered himself, Tom and Rich are forever prevented from getting their Irish citizenship birthright. John is now registering himself, but because of the way the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1986 was written, Tom and Rich, and all children like them, cannot ever register in the Foreign Births Registry.

Although some parents took advantage of the law before the end of 1986, many others did not. John

believes that the law should be changed to permit these children to register when they reach 18 years old. John says that when a child has a legal right (here to be registered in the Foreign Births Registry) and cannot exercise that right on his or her own (here a parent or legal guardian would have had to register these children), the law should permit the child to exercise that right when he or she becomes an adult.

Because the 1986 law does not protect the rights of these children, John believes that the change is a morally and legally correct one to make. John has drafted an amendment to the law to permit those children who could not have registered on their own, solely because they were children, to register within six months of reaching 18 years old. John has sent his proposal to many Members of the Dail (the Irish Parliament) and has received back a number of sympathetic responses. (Some were even surprised that these children were not

permitted to register.) John's proposal is called the Children's Equal Irish Citizenship Opportunity Act, 1988.

Unfortunately, although there are probably many children of Irish descent permanently cut off from their birthright because they and their parents are being told that they simply cannot register, John is apparently the only one seeking help from the Members of the Dail. And he seeks your help. He asks that you write a brief note to one or all of the following Members of the Dail expressing your support for passing the Children's Equal Irish Citizenship Opportunity Act, 1988. The Members are: Alan Shatter, T.D. (Fine Gael Spokesperson on Law Reform); Rosiri Quinn, T.D. (Labour Party); Mary Harney, T.D. (Progressive Democrats); and Gerard Collins, T.D. (Minister of State for Justice). All letters and notes can be addressed to the name of the Dail Member at: Leinster House, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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Michael Hession Announces His Bid for AOH Presidency



MICHAEL P. HESSION

National Director/Organizer Michael P. Hession, Albany County, New York, has announced his intention to seek the office of National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the 84th Biennial National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mike Hession is currently serving the National Board in a dual capacity. He was elected National Director at the Buffalo, N.Y., National Convention in 1986. He was also appointed National Organizer by National President Nick Murphy. Previous to that Mike served as Chairman of the Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee and was chairman of the Constitutional Convention held in Washington D.C. in 1985. He was general chairman of the 1984 National Convention held in Albany N.Y.

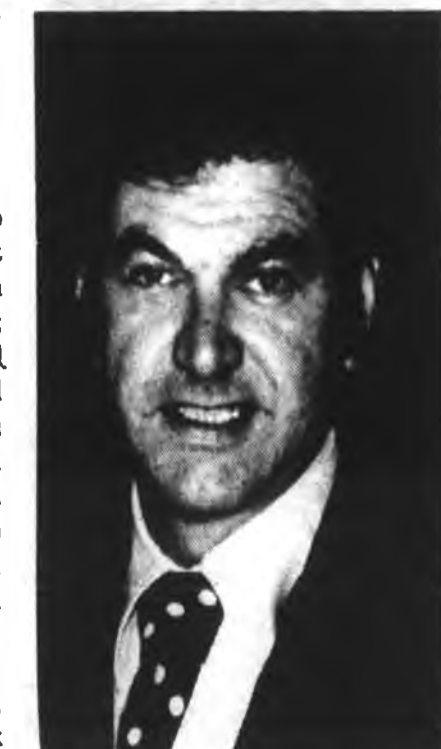
Mike Hession is a long time member of the Father Henry Tansey

Division 5, Albany County, New York, where he served in almost every capacity. He was Division secretary, vice president, and president for four terms. He was also County president and from there went on to serve New York State as vice president and president.

A native of County Galway Ireland, Hession has lived in Albany for the past thirty-eight years. He is married to the former Bridget Walsh, also of County Galway, and they are the proud parents of four children, two boys and two girls, and have two grandchildren.

Mike owns and operates Hession Electric Inc., an electrical contracting business in Albany, N.Y. He is also active in church and civic affairs and a recognized leader in the Irish American community.

Wallace Seeks Re-Election As Nat'l Treasurer



EDWARD WALLACE

Ed Wallace of Clayton, New York, who is completing his first term as

secretary, vice-president and president, and is currently Deputy National Chairman of the Freedom for all Ireland Committee.

His many abilities and leadership qualities as an Irish activist propelled him into many roles, such as M.C., Solidarity Day (2 years); Moderator, Irish American political forums, New York State and Presidential; Chairman, Nassau County "Feis"; M. C., National President's dinner; Campaign Chairman and nominator for three Grand Marshals of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parades — Al O'Hagan, John Lawe and Bill Burke. Jack also co-chaired Cabaret Night, 150th Anniversary AOH celebration; co-ordinated efforts of New York State Hibernians in passage of the Northern Ireland Investment Bill; implemented Homeless Children of Ireland charity in New York State, and has been man-of-the-year in his own Division, Nassau County Board and "Feis", Knock Shrine Committee and Irish-American New York State Legislators.

John Joseph (Jack) Irwin is the son of the late John Joseph Irwin (Athea, County Limerick) and Elizabeth (McCauliffe) Irwin (Newtowne Sands, County Kerry). He is married to Mary Ann Reilly, father of four children, Donna, Brian, Jacqueline and Jeff and grandfather of four children, Michelle, Jennifer, James and Patrick.

He served in the U.S. Army in Alaska during the Korean war. Currently he is manager and vice-president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, a firm he has served for 33 years. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Professional Childrens Schools, New York City, and an officer of the Irish-American Heritage Museum, New York State.

Jack Irwin Announces for Nat'l Director



JOHN "JACK" IRWIN

Past New York State President John Irwin of Nassau County, New York, has announced his intention to seek the office of National Director at the upcoming convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jack has been an active Hibernian for many years in many capacities with a solid record of achievement. He came up through the AOH ranks, serving as president of his Division 14, Nassau County (6 years); president, Nassau County Board (4 years); New York State treasurer,

Nat'l Vice President Coogan Candidate for AOH Presidency



MICHAEL J. COOGAN

Constitution and Ritual Committee, and two years each as National Vice-President, Treasurer, Organizer, Director, and Deputy Organizer.

In Ohio he has served as State President, Secretary, and Organizer. He has held all of the offices in his Division, and has been chairman of his Division's Major Degree Team. A delegate to every National Convention since 1964, Brother Coogan has chaired all of the major committees at the Convention, including Credentials, Constitution and Ritual, Catholic Action, Foreign Relations, and Organization, to name a few.

With his background, plus his active participation in other Irish national and fraternal organizations, he is well prepared to handle the highest office in the Order.

Brother Coogan recognizes the Delegates attending the National Convention as the Supreme Body of the Order, and he pledges to support and uphold their decisions. As President, he will work with, support, and cooperate with all of the elected National, State, County, and Division Officers.

He will continue his life-long dedication to working, by all legitimate means, to help the people of Ireland secure a free and united 32-county Irish nation.

He solicits the support of all of the delegates attending the Convention in July.

National Vice-President Michael Coogan, of Dayton, Ohio, has announced that he will be a candidate for President at the National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, this year.

A member of the Order since 1952, Brother Coogan has served on the National Board for 12 years. He served four years as Chairman of the

National Treasurer, has announced that he will run for re-election to that position at the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in July.

A member of the Order since 1955, brother Wallace has served as Division President, County Financial Secretary, State Secretary, State Vice President, State President, National Director (two terms) and National Treasurer.

As treasurer, Ed will advocate fiscal responsibility and a wiser investment of National Board funds.



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STATE NEWS: Connecticut



THE MERIDEN, CT. Divisions of the AOH and the LAOH recently presented the National Board with a hand-made banner to be carried in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. The banner was made by Mrs. Dianne Daley, president of the Meriden LAOH. Displaying the banner after the presentation are, from left, Thomas Noonan, president, Meriden Division; John Kasey, New Haven County director; Dot Kasey, CT. state president LAOH; Skip Hamel, New Haven County president; Dianne Daley, Meriden LAOH president; Sue Sweeney, New Haven County LAOH president and Frank J. Kearney, Sr., National Director AOH.

STATE NEWS: New York



BROOME COUNTY, N.Y.: Installation of AOH Division 1 officers for Broome County which took place recently, finds these members chosen as 1988 leaders: from left are Dick Standish, Kevin Coggins, State Secretary Joe Skinner; President Mark Hardin, Joe Ramon, James Heslin, Bob Hyatt, Dan Berry, and Ralph Curry.



SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y. — The AOH Suffolk County Choir of Suffolk County, Long Island, recently accompanied the well-known tenor, Frank Patterson, at a concert held at Saint Patrick's Church at Bayshore, N.Y. The AOH Choir is well known in the Long Island area for its excellence in performance. Front row: Monsignor E. Fagan, Frank Patterson, Ronnie Allen, and James Hopkins. Second row: Josephine Lewis, Patricia Lewis, Celine Bzezinski, Cathy Barry, Noreen Murphy, Mary O'Farrell, Brenda Boland, Vincent Spina, George Conrad, James Ryan, and George Tuccl. Third row: Vera Smyth, Joan Hopkins, Peggy Stein, Ann O'Connell, Evelyn Connolly, Maura Allen, Noreen Byrne, Robert Ney, Peter McMahon, John Ryan, Gerry Smyth, and Thomas Jordan.

The John F. Kennedy Div. No. 2, in New London, and local hoteliers are seeking to alleviate the labor shortage problem in the hotel industry in southeastern Connecticut this summer by recruiting 100 college students from Ireland. Unemployment in Ireland is rampant and most of the students have a hopeless task of finding work there. The Division is cooperating in a work visa program run by USIT, in New York City, to assist these well-educated and hard-working students; the students pay for their air fare and all of their expenses while working here. This mutually beneficial international relations program can only work successfully if reasonably priced accommodations for these students can be found for their June 1 through October 1 stay. Rooms, apartments, or houses, furnished or unfurnished, that can be made available at reasonable, or no, cost for all or most of this period are being sought. A few volunteers to help coordinate this effort are also needed, and, since daily transportation to and from work in this suburban area may be a problem for some (these visiting students are not expected to have cars) the loan or donation of bicycles would be appreciated. Modest furniture and utensils will be required, on loan or donated, for unfurnished accommodations. Contact Jim Gallagher at 739-8216 (eve) and 440-4673 (day).

The North American Currach Association announces its 1988 regatta schedule as follows:

May 7	Annapolis, Md.
Jun 18	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jul 16	Albany, NY
July 17	Freeport, NY
Aug 6	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aug 20	Bridgeport, Ct.
Sep 11	Baltimore, Md.
Sep 17	Philadelphia, Pa.

Currach registration scheduled in Ireland include:

Jun 05	Fenit, Co. Kerry
Jun 11	Spideal, Co. Galway
Jun 19	Magharees, Co. Kerry
Jun 19	Oughterard, Co. Galway
Jun 26	Dingle, Co. Kerry
Jun 26	Kilronan, Aran Is. Co. Galway
Jul 10	Carrigaholt, Co. Clare
Jul 24	Ballydavid, Co. Kerry
Jul 31	Brandon, Co. Kerry
Aug 14	Dingle, Co. Kerry (Kerry Championship)

At all these regattas, in Ireland and N. America, an appropriate social event, i.e., ceili, is usually associated with the races. The Association will consider new member clubs or individuals, to race or to build these boats. Kerry and Galway style canvas boats are being used in North America. For information contact Jim Gallagher, 351 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Ct. 06333.

With permission, the following questions and answers (on page 23) from the book "Irish Trivia" are proposed for your enjoyment.

1. What is the oldest heraldic symbol of Ireland?
2. What county is known as the "Garden of Ireland"?
3. Who read the Proclamation of the Republic on the steps of the Post Office in 1916?
4. Who wrote "A Nation Once Again"?
5. What percent of the Irish population have red hair?
6. What river is dyed green each year on March 17?
7. A traditional Irish Greeting is "Dia Mhuire dhuit", what does it mean?
8. Where, in Ireland, is the College of Saint Patrick?
9. When was Ireland admitted into the United Nations?
10. Who wrote a poem about "The Fiddler of Dooney"?

STATE NEWS: New Jersey



ST. PATRICK Division 1, Somerset County, recently elected officers to serve for 1988. From left to right are Treasurer John E. Hoey, Sr.; Vice President William T. Cooper; Recording Secretary Peter J. O'Neill; Financial Secretary John L. Fitzmaurice; and President Patrick Joseph Mulrooney.

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STATE NEWS: New Mexico

SANTE FE, NM — State AOH President Peter R. Moughan, Jr., was among the proud Hibernians who hailed the passage of House Memorial 54 introduced by Representatives Cisco McSorley and Tom Foy, in the New Mexico Legislature. The text of the clear and sensitive memorial follows:

Recognizing the right of the Irish People to sovereignty, self-determination and independence and requesting the United States Congress and the President to actively assist in bringing peace and justice to Ireland.

WHEREAS, THE Irish people have declared themselves a free people for over 700 years including recent declarations of independence by the parliament of the Republic of Ireland in 1919 and 1949; and

WHEREAS, the military occupation of Ireland by Great Britain and its refusal to remove British troops continues to aggravate a volatile situation and symbolizes a refusal to respect the democratic wishes of a majority of the people of northern Ireland; and

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WHEREAS, world leaders including the president of the United States, the Pope and former speaker of the United States house of representatives Thomas O'Neill have all rejected the achievement of a united Ireland by force of arms; and

WHEREAS, the heart of northern Ireland's problem both politically and morally is recognition of the civil and political rights of both the historic traditions and communities in northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, both the loyalist and nationalist factions must recognize their peaceful aspirations and allow each other to peacefully and lawfully express their fundamental human right of freedom, rather than the suppression or subordination of another's cultural and political traditions;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The State Of New Mexico that the United States congress and the president of the United States are urged to actively intervene and bring peace to all of Ireland by recognizing Ireland's right to sovereignty, independence and self determination; and

Be It Further Resolved that in the struggle for justice all persons in Ireland must recognize that violence only delays the day of justice and that violence destroys the work of justice; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the president of the United States.

STATE NEWS: Montana

The Montana State Board of the AOH, in conjunction with its divisions in Anaconda, Butte, Helena and Kalispell, is providing reading material for a small library in rural Ireland. The AOH has begun a three year project to provide books and a nine hundred dollar (\$900.00) grant to the library in Castletownberehaven, County Cork, Ireland.

Castletownberehaven, a town with a population of approximately two thousand people is located at the far southwestern tip of Ireland. The town library provides one of the few sources of entertainment for people in a 200 square mile area.

AOH State Board President Bill Harrington emphasized the fact that Ireland has for centuries been a nation that has exported its most precious resource, its people. The Montana AOH in an expression of its gratitude to Ireland has committed to maintaining an ongoing project to help an Irish community provide for its residents.

A large number of the Irish who came west to work in the mines of "Butte City" came from the Castletownberehaven area. Many Irish Americans in Montana can trace their roots back to this area.

Carroll College of Helena has contributed over one hundred books of all types to the project. It is estimated that the total impact of the grant and books will be in excess of \$3,000. The Hibernians, with their commitment to friendship, unity and Christian charity, are involved in numerous charitable activities in Montana and will in the future be involved in at least one in Ireland.

Bill Harrington,
443-2886 or 444-4131



PREPARING BOOKS for shipment to Ireland are Hank Burgess, left, past president of the Helena AOH Division and Bill Harrington, right, current Montana state president.

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania

CARBONDALE, PA — President Judge James J. Walsh of the Lackawanna County Court, and a charter member of AOH Division II here, has announced his candidacy for the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judge Walsh, with 17 years experience as a trial judge, is a former mayor of Scranton, serving in that post from 1966 to 1969. He is also a former president and member of the Scranton School Board.

A native of Scranton, Judge Walsh was appointed to the Lackawanna County bench in December 1971 and was elected to serve a 10-year term in November 1973. He was re-elected to

serve a 10-year term in November 1983 and was elevated to president judge on August 2, 1986.

Judge Walsh has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the primary election as required by law. "A Judge Walsh for Justice Committee" has been formed and necessary statewide circulation and signing of petitions for the 57-year-old jurist is under way.

He is a graduate of the University of Scranton with a bachelor of science degree, and earned a Juris Doctor Law degree from the Georgetown University School of Law. He is married to the former Mary Frances McHugh. The couple has two children.

Pennsylvania Hibernians Elect: Judge James J. Walsh State Supreme Court Justice

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Lackawanna County President Judge James J. Walsh

After 17 years of experience on the bench, many judges would be expected to loose touch with his or her roots. Not Judge Jim Walsh.

There's a reason. Jim Walsh came up the hard way. His father died when Jim was making an outstanding record as a student and athlete at West Scranton High School. Encouraged by his mother, he stayed in school and worked as a stock clerk, R.R. section hand, usher and laborer. He finished high school and won a football scholarship to Washington and Lee, where he worked as a waiter to help earn his way. When the Korean War started, Jim entered the army and served two years as an enlisted man.

After returning from service, he continued his studies at the University of Scranton and earned his Law Degree from Georgetown University Law School. To support himself, he worked as a warehouseman, laborer, insurance adjuster, truck driver, salesman, postal clerk and teacher. Jim is married to the former Mary Fran McHugh. They are the proud parents of two lovely daughters, Maura and Jennifer.

JUDGE JIM WALSH will bring a record of independence, courage, judgment, integrity and dedication to the honored position of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC SERVICE—Judge Walsh has an enviable record of service including former Mayor of the City of Scranton; former member and president of the Scranton School Board and a practicing attorney since 1958.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE—Judge Walsh brings to the State Supreme Court 17 years experience as a sitting judge . . . as a seasoned trial judge. His record represents more experience than any of the current members of the Supreme Court had when they were elected to the court.

CIVIL & CRIMINAL CASES—Judge Walsh has tried nearly every type of civil and criminal case imaginable. He has personally handled numerous murder trials and was called upon to pronounce the death penalty in two cases.

JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT—Judge Walsh is well suited for Pennsylvania's "Court of Last Resort." A judge must have the ability to look at things calmly and coolly. He must be courteous to the litigants and to their attorneys. Judge Walsh's temperament has been honed and refined by 17 years of experience on the bench.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY—Judge Walsh brings to the Supreme Court a record as a trial judge of honesty and integrity which has marked his career of public service. As a "no-nonsense" judge, he has sought to be impartial, to be fair, to be firm.



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STATE NEWS: Florida



A NEW FLORIDA DIVISION was recently installed in Bradenton, Manatee County. Officers and celebrators, from left to right, front row, are Vice President Tom Eagan; Past State President Ed Kalbleish; and President Paul Finnerty. Back row, Marshal/Sentinel Don Donahue; State President Jack Boyle; Recording Secretary Bob Bambrick; Financial Secretary Leo Higgins; Treasurer Shawn Carney; State Secretary Bob Schneider; and National Director Tom Gilligan.

By NICK SCHNEIDER

As the months go by, Florida divisions are becoming more and more active, with membership growing at a rapid pace.

Brevard County Division 1 reports that on 27 January, the new Board of Officers, listed in this column in the last Digest issue, were installed. The installation team consisted of State President Jack Boyle, State Vice President John Cullinan and Chairman of the Commander John Barry Day Committee Dennis Fitzmaurice.

On Thursday evening, 17 March, the division held its 10th annual corned beef and cabbage dinner, dance, and St. Patrick's Day celebration. Secretary Ernie Kees reports that at the Division's February meeting, two new members were sworn in — Dr. William J. Deegan and his cousin James H. Deegan, who recently retired in Ireland and came to live in Florida. The Division also welcomed Brother Richard J. Girard, a transfer from Division 2.

Brevard County Division 2 held a St. Patrick's dance on 5 March in the parish hall of St. Joseph's Church, Palm Bay. Co-chairing the affair were Mary Herbert, LAOH state president and Tom Donnelly Division President. Bob Carroll made arrangements to have Division 1 President Art Lynch show slides of Ireland during their meeting of 15 March.

Pinellas County Division 1 President Bob McNulty reports that the Division held a St. Patrick's Day dance on Saturday, 12 March and also participated that weekend in the festivities of the annual St. Patrick's International Folk Fair Society. Division 1 of Pasco County on 26 March, held a successful St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance in the Knights of Columbus hall in Port Richey. Tom Condon, the recently elected president of the Division, didn't waste any time in getting off to a good start.

Broward County Division 1 President Martin McAndrew reports

that the Division held its St. Patrick's Day Ball on 12 March at St. Helen's parish hall. The Division also participated in the Ft. Lauderdale annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, 13 March.

Martin also reported on the progress of the proposed Annual AOH Gathering, of which Division member Don Hartnett is the coordinator. The purposes of this occasion are to have all Florida AOH Divisions meet at least once annually to: (1) Foster friendship among members; (2) Promote the goals of the AOH and (3) Encourage the attendance of family members by providing a festive occasion for all to enjoy.

The tentative program for the gathering, subject to change, is as follows: Noon, Friday, May 20 to noon, Sunday, May 22 in Broward County. On Friday, a welcoming picnic will take place. On Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, there will be an AOH workshop, with speakers on

historical/political events, etc., followed by a bar-b-que lunch. From 2 to 6 p.m. there will be cultural/sporting events, and from 8 to 12 p.m. a dance. On Sunday there will be Mass and Brunch.

Plans are also under way to get a package deal with a motel and also provide accommodations nearby for campers and RV's. All division presidents are urged to contact Don Hartnett, 3902 W. Sailboat Dr., Cooper City, FL 33026. His phone numbers are: home: (305) 435-4200; work: (305) 874-2307.

On 6 February the quarterly meeting of the state board was held in St. Petersburg, hosted by Division 1, Pinellas County, Bob McNulty, president. High on the agenda was the election of Eamon Quinn, Broward Co. Division 1, to replace the late Bill Hurley as state treasurer. State President Jack Boyle read from a letter from National Secretary Tom McNabb asking us to watch out for cards and poetry derogatory to the Irish. Division presidents reported on their upcoming activities.

In attendance were State President Jack Boyle; State Secretary Bob Schneider; State Editor Nick Schneider; Brevard Co. Division 1 President Art Lynch; Broward Co. Division 1 Vice President Ed Nagle; Broward Co. Division 1 President Martin McAndrew; Pasco Co. Division 1 Director Tom Condon; State Organizer Jim Cummins; Bill Hulton, Jr. the State Scholarship Chairman; Brevard Co. Division 2 President Bob Carroll; Brevard Co. Division 2 Secretary Art Billingham; State Director Al Murphy; Pinellas Co. Division 1 President Bob McNulty; Past State President Ed Kalbleish, Chairman of Catholic Action Frank O'Brien; Pinellas County Division 1 Financial Secretary Michael Walsh; State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerald Grace; Broward Co. Division 1 Program Coordinator Don Hartnett and Pinellas Co. Division 1 member Ed Pauley.

Brevard County President Bob Schneider met with his officers and division representatives in February. Present were Vice President Bob

FLORIDA STATE President Jack Boyle, right, presents Nick Schneider, state editor and public relations officer, an award for his exemplary reporting to the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Carroll, State President Jack Boyle, State Vice President John Cullinan; State Editor Nick Schneider; County Financial Secretary Harris McGovern; County Sentinel Dennis Fitzmaurice; County Recording Secretary Ernie Kees and County Treasurer Bill Ryan.

Support of all county division functions was widely discussed, as well as awards to those who have volunteered major services to the AOH and membership. Division 2 President Bob Carroll reported great results from their membership drive based on Jack Boyle's recommended youth movement — membership was 60 members at February's end. Two associate members were also brought in — Jim Leppert and Dennis Herbert, husbands of Division 2 LAOH President Jackie Leppert and LAOH State President Mary Herbert respectively.

In conclusion, all division presidents are urged to send their activities information to State Editor Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Avenue, Merritt Island, FL 32953. For those living up north considering retirement, come on down and join our many Hibernians. Don't worry about the heat during the summer months. Remember, you don't have to shovel the heat.

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Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

NORTHERN IRELAND AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO HATE

The present day political picture in Northern Ireland was formed and shaped by continually evolving, stubborn, deeply planted ideologies — periodically shifting direction in tune with the passing times, but never too far off the philosophical aiming mark. Today's political zealots have inherited the tenets of hate from past generations, and the modern activists have added or removed little from the genetic scenerio.

Unrest and civil strife, in the six Loyalist counties in Ulster, have crested and ebbed with the passing years. The smouldering issues which ignited violence in many of the countless incidents have been obscured by the succession of geneological haters and by the inherited banners of identity. Two pedigrees of lineal enemies have been produced by an ancestral stock of inbred hate breeders. Issues and disagreements have been handed down. There have always been disagreements — political, religious, and economic.

Modern day media, with its ability to apply labels and enhance egos, adds, on a daily basis, a contentious element to the personality contests. In Ulster today, Loyalist VIPs always want to be noticed and to be the boss: Margaret Thatcher, the Orange Order, the RUC, Ian Paisley, to name a few. The RUC cannot let up the pressure or leadership heads will roll. The British military units can't let successful disorder happen "on my watch" for the same reason. The risk of failure by ego-burdened Loyalist officials is rated higher than the basic problem.

Once, oppression permeated all of Ireland; today, the six counties claim the honor. Unfortunately, the hatred spills over borders and taints the Irish everywhere they go with its lingering tragedy. Unification, with a sincere commitment to peace, is the only logical way to go.

Unification worked well in the U.S. A sectional and widely diverse population was absorbed into the nation in the days following the Civil War of 1860-1865. The causes of Ireland's civil sectarian war is akin to some of the reasons for the U.S. Civil War. The subdued Catholics in Northern Ireland are a half-step from slavery. The economic gulf between the two factions in both cases is painfully similar. Disagreements in the course of human history always stemmed from the same causative elements: fear, greed, poverty, possessiveness, power, and the old cliché, "Me and mine are better than you and yours, let's play King of the Hill." Agreements and peace, historically, have resulted from: unity, equal opportunity, prosperity, equal justice, security, respect for others — the things we find in our precious freedom and in our famed U.S. Constitution.

Ireland's differences within its people, Protestant, and Catholic, e.g., is similar to the diversity in America during the last half of the 19th century. It took a Civil War to begin the blending of the wills of a people with different political views. First, the whites and negroes; then, the northerners and the southerners; and finally, the immigrant mix. The timing regarding the immigrants may have been coincidental — but, it did happen. The passing generations somewhat cooled the simmering dif-

ferences and life goes on today in America with the melting pot just below the boil.

The years of strife in Northern Ireland have created a deeply planted social polarization. The philosophical shades of difference between the Protestants of Scottish origin and the Catholic Irish natives are the hues of heritage. The people of each side are born into a protected role of hate, and they live out their mission of hate all their lives like natural enemy predators of the animal world. During mankind's history reason has seldom cured ancestral social illness. The American Civil War ended 123 years ago and racial resentment has never been completely extinguished.

The Irish must now settle, collectively, for what they think they can live with, and then try to keep the lid on the turbulent pot. It is the lack of compromising reason that constrains political progress. Diehards all, these political voices: "We will never yield," cry the Loyalists; "Give us jobs and equal justice," cry the Nationalists. How does one solve such a dilemma? The fine minds of the experts delve into the troubled history looking for a way out and find only the human disease of hatred; and the thrust upward for personal prominence and identity is always poking through the historical curtain of gunfire and bloodletting.

If it were possible to set down two large jars filled with pills of social medication in Northern Ireland today; one labeled, "Help You To Hate Pills," and the other labeled "Help You To Love Pills," I wonder which jar would be first emptied!

The years of World War II brought to the world the worst levels of hatred between enemy countries that the human race has ever experienced. The Japanese were ferocious and fanatic fighters; the German Wehrmacht was the most powerful military force in history — both were hated with an intensity beyond reason by the American servicemen. Yet, in recent years, reunions of these old warriors — American, Japanese, and German—are friendly, sympathetic and completely free from hate. The successful economy of the losing sides is evidence that the hatred is forever buried. Seething hatred can be cleansed from the mind like the sins of the sinner. Love and caring for all people is the master healer of hate.

Catholic University Plans Future for Hibernian Chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The AOH Chair in Celtic Languages and Literature at The Catholic University of America here has been vacant since the death of the last AOH Professor, Dr. Robert T. Meyer, in the fall of 1987, but officials at the University have decided to continue its work. The original endowment of \$50,000 given by the Hibernians in 1896 to form the first American professorship in the Irish and related languages provided enough interest to give a full salary to the initial holder of the Chair Fr. Richard Henebery, and two successors, Dr. Joseph Dunn and Fr. James Geary, and in recent years supported the retirement income of Dr. Meyer. But the interest is insufficient to employ a new full-time professor. Nonetheless, three part-time instruc-

STATE NEWS: California



SAN FRANCISCO — CITY HALL — Newly elected Mayor of San Francisco, Art Agnos, in his first official Irish action, raised the Irish flag during St. Patrick's week ceremonies at City Hall. Dignitaries joining the Mayor at the ceremony included, from left, Frank Jordan, Chief of Police, San Francisco, Grand Marshal St. Patrick's Day Parade; Brian Mason, Consul General of Ireland; Denise Kane, Aer Lingus/Irish Airlines; Mayor Art Agnos; and Harry Gogarty, regional manager, west coast, Irish Tourist Board.

STATE NEWS: Missouri



ST. LOUIS — In the spirit of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, over 170 revelers took part in the 10th Annual Hibernian Pub Tour in St. Louis. The event, held prior to Saint Patrick's Day, was organized by the members of Bishop Thomas J. Drury Division. The group visited eight different Irish establishments throughout the city. A portion of the proceeds from the tour are donated to local and Irish charities. Above, Tim Wiese, president of AOH Division 3, presents a commemorative plaque to Cynthia Bartring, manager of John D. McGurk's, one of three popular Irish establishments honored for serving as hosts every year for the Tour since its beginning in 1979.

scholar in Far Eastern languages. The Spring Semester of 1989 will also see a course in the History of Celtic Ireland (the period up to about 1850) given by Dr. Jerrold Casway, a professor at Howard County Community College in Maryland and author of *Owen Roe O'Neill and the Struggle for Catholic Ireland*, recently published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

In Fall 1988, Ms. Eleanor Max will offer a course in introductory Gaelic. Irish-born and after a successful career of teaching the language in the Irish school system, Ms. Max moved to Washington with her American husband a few years ago and has been giving Irish lessons on a freelance basis in the nation's capital.

In spring 1989, Dr. Robert Headley, one of Dr. Meyer's most outstanding students, will give a course in Old Irish, the version of the Gaelic in which the great epics of Gaelic literature were written. Employed as a linguist by the federal government, Dr. Headley is also a

present, then, the three part-time instructors will pursue the aims set forth in the 1896 endowment, to foster the study and preservation of Ireland's Celtic Heritage.

The Center For Irish Studies is constantly and effectively carrying out on-going programs to achieve a better understanding of Irish Language, Irish Culture, Irish History and Irish Heritage. Part of this effort involves the University's sponsoring prominent and outstanding Irish scholars to come to the University and present lectures.

Hopefully, an early endorsement to go forward with a Fund Raising Campaign to implement the above resolution will be forthcoming.

James J. O'Connor

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● National Officers' Action Reports ●

The National Organizer's Corner

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone and all the parades are history for another year. I hope you took good advantage of the opportunity to introduce yourself to some good Irish Americans with the intention of signing them up as members of the AOH.

The news from Ireland is not good and we members of the AOH know if there is ever to be a break in the continuing cycle of violence it will be because the Irish American community will make Ireland's problems a part of the American political agenda. America is friends with both Ireland and England and the people in the North of Ireland, so it makes good sense for a friend to intercede on behalf of friends.

At the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York City, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor asked the Irish American community to join him in a pilgrimage of peace to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland. We Hibernians can be proud of our national spiritual leader and give him the backing and support he needs to continue to speak out for Irish

political prisoners, and against all violence, official and otherwise; we can join him at the holy altar at Knock, lay open our hearts and place our petitions before the silent lady known as the "Queen of Ireland" and "Queen of Peace". We have tried every other thing; why not give prayer a chance.

Have you paid your dues for 1988? If not, you are now delinquent, and could lose your privileged standing. In most cases dues are very modest but they do supply us with the funds necessary to continue the official business of this organization. Why don't you pay your dues now and don't put it off another minute. If you are not sure where to pay your dues, send them to me and I will make sure the right persons get them.

Irish festival season will soon be with us again. The National Organizer has a beautiful Hibernian display which is available for the asking. It's a good way to decorate your recruitment booth and it gets attention. If you think you can use it, write me and I will reserve it for you. We have many reservations already on the books for 1988; first come, first served.

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—Michael Hession

The Guns of Lattimer (Pa.)

One "event" unique to American labor's old testament brings forth the words of an American Protestant theologian, educator, and author, Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971): "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary." In revisiting the Lattimer Massacre of Black Friday, September 10, 1897, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Niebuhr's perceptive paradox emerges.

The Lattimer Massacre casualty list disclosed nineteen died that day, and six more victims also succumbed to bullet wounds in the ensuing days. The surviving wounded would carry their injuries and/or scars through their remaining life. These particular "freedom fighters", of the anthracite (hard coal) regions, were ethnic immigrants of Lithuanian, Polish,

and Slovak descent. In their believing way, these "new citizens" exercised their "Human Rights", by going-out-on-strike, and were organizing into a union — with compelling justification. Although unarmed, save for the symbolic protection of the American Flag, carried in their midst, they marched from colliery-to-colliery. On a public road onto Lattimer-Mines, these men-of-coal encountered "The Guns of Lattimer," (a documented and instructive book by Michael Novak; Basic Books, 1978).

The ethnic and trade union implications of Black Friday, September 10, 1897, also connects with "another event —" the day of the rope, Black Thursday, June 21, 1877, twenty years "before" the carnage at Lattimer, when the same Commonwealth executed, by hanging, ten so-called Molly Maguires. The

Friendly Sons Scholarship Is Again Available

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Washington, D.C. has renewed a scholarship program in Irish studies at The Catholic University of America.

The scholarship, to be awarded for the academic year 1988-89, provides full tuition to a full-time master's degree student specializing in Irish studies in CUA's English or Politics department. The award is made for one year and may be renewed for an additional year of study.

The society initiated the CUA program in 1988-87 to foster interest in Irish studies. Patricia C. Kelly of Washington, D.C., a 1981 CUA graduate and native of Lakewood, Ohio, received the first award. She expects to complete an M.A. in English this spring.

In CUA's Politics Department, students concentrating in Irish studies spend a semester in Dublin working as research assistants to members of the Irish Parliament. CUA English majors electing an Irish studies specialization concentrate on Irish Literature and the Gaelic Language.

Applications for the renewed scholarship must be received by CUA's School of Arts and Sciences by Saturday, April 30, 1988. In applying for admission to CUA's master's program in English or Politics, persons wishing to be considered for the Society of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick scholarship should include a brief statement indicating why they are interested in Irish Studies.

For additional information, call CUA's Center For Irish Studies at 202-835-5488.

James J. O'Connor

economic, political, and sociological parallels are telling; the cogent relevance to Niebuhr's "democracy" again converges.

The Lattimer Massacre memorial plaque attached to a 25-ton overburden rock designating the shooting site, and dedicated on September 10, 1972 (the 75th commemorative year), contains the nineteen martyrs' names, and the words of a reporter-writer for a Hazleton, PA, newspaper back in 1897:

Sebastian Brostowski—Frank Chrzescieski—John Fotta Andrew Jurecek—George Kulik Andrew Monikaski—Raphael Rekiwicz—John Tarnowicz Stanley Zaborski—Michael Cheslock—Adalbert Czaja Anthony Gekos—Stephen Jurics Andrew Mieszkowski—Clement Platek—John Skrep—Jacob Tomashontas—Adalbert Ziemba Adam Ziominaki.

"It was not a battle, because the strikers were not aggressive, nor were they on the defensive, because they had no weapons of any kind and were simply shot-down like so many worthless objects; each of the licensed life-takers trying to out-do the other in this butchery." (Note: These assassin deputies were subsequently found not guilty).

This "event" of Black Friday, September 10, 1897, prompted Johnny Mitchell, the young, heroic president of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), to declare: "The coal you dig isn't Slavish or Polish or Irish coal, it's coal." The pain, death,

Report from NATIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

There's one thing certain to make any advertiser man happy, without qualification, and that's a happy and contented advertiser.

In our last issue of the *National Hibernian Digest*, we ran a sixteenth-page advertisement from a Saint Paul, MN, high school teacher. Brother H. Lewis, FSC, of Cretin High School, remarked in his letter for the advertisement that he had tried our newspaper several years ago.

He didn't reveal the results of his ad, but in his latest venture with our newspaper, Brother Lewis leaves little doubt that he was glad he returned. While completing his payment for the ad, Brother Lewis commented, no doubt happily so, that he already had some responses for "50 original Irish poems."

Good luck, Brother Lewis, we need more advertisers like yourself.

By this time almost every member of the Hibernians is aware that our National Convention is only a short spell away, and Cleveland is promising a good time for all those who attend. As usual, several National Board offices will be up for grabs and there will no doubt be a number of candidates jockeying for those posts.

This is a fine chance for those candidates and those who plan to back them to take the opportunity to place advertisements in our newspaper extolling the virtues of their candidate.

There's no doubt that a number of the candidates will send news releases to the NHD's National Editor Dave Henshaw, but it would be an additional asset to the paper for the ads.

So fellow Hibernians, take pen in hand and send in those advertisements.

Speaking of the National Convention, several communities in our realm of Hibernianism leave no doubt about their stance for locating the 1990 convention. Already two AOH communities have used our newspaper to seek support for sending Hibernians to their city for the convention in 1990.

The Hibernians in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in the City of St. Louis are the two AOH groups shooting for the National Convention two years hence.

Advertising in the *National Hibernian Digest* continues to remain steady, with a number of advertisers continuing their programs with our newspaper.

Just about each issue produces new advertisers, some of whom decide to keep their advertisements running in the newspaper for several issues.

One of our newer advertisers is O'Lunney's Pub in New York City, which plans to stay with us for the next five issues.

—Jim Brennan

Conference for Irish Studies Held in St. Paul This Year

ST. PAUL, MN — More than 250 scholars from throughout the United States, Canada and Ireland were expected here April 20 to April 23 for the 26th annual meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies.

The College of St. Thomas, with support from the St. Thomas-based Irish American Cultural Institute, hosted the meeting. Last year, the event was held at University College in Dublin.

While the meeting's academic

and blood at Lattimer gave to all the men-of-the-mines, a common identity — a solidarity, that Johnny d'Mitch (the ethnic's sobriquet) needed for that all-embracing anthracite regions' classic strike of 1902.

Epilogue: George F. Baer (railroad industrialist, answering a reporter's question of starving miners) . . . "They don't suffer. They can't even speak English."

Comprehending the American worker's "ongoing" struggle into economic democracy, into freedom, is not only in making great discoveries, but also in seeing the connections between small discoveries in American labor history — a heritage more forgotten than remembered.

John C. Brennan
John C. Brennan is a retired trade unionist, UFCW, Local 1357, AFL-CIO, CLC; and past president of the Pennsylvania Labor History Society.

Irish actress Clare Mullen gave a private performance Thursday evening, April 21, in the ballroom of The Saint Paul Hotel.

Bakers Well, a popular Irish music group touring the United States this spring, performed for the conference delegates at the Ordway Music Theater Friday evening, April 22. A reception in the James Jerome Hill Reference Library followed the concert.

Among the meeting's academic sessions was a presentation by the Rev. Marvin O'Connell, professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, who recently completed a definitive biography of Archbishop John Ireland, the first archbishop of St. Paul and St. Thomas' founder. The biography is being published by the Minnesota Historical Society this year in connection with the centennial of the formation of the archdiocese.

Donald Convey
College of St. Thomas

EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

AOH Political Education Chairman Stumps For Passage of MacBride Principles in Minnesota

REMARKS BY JOSEPH ROCHE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Chairman Moe and members of the Government Operations Committee, you have my complete testimony before you and I ask only that you read it before voting on this bill. Permit me to highlight several points. First, there is no dispute over the problem the bill addresses. England recognizes the futility of denying the pervasive practice of anti-Catholic discrimination. It can hardly do otherwise. Two government-owned firms—the largest employers in Northern Ireland—have never permitted more than 5% of their workforce to be Catholics. England's response to the MacBride Principles campaign here and elsewhere is to produce reports—the latest in October, 1987—and to plead, as would TV Detective Sledge Hammer, "trust me, I know what I am doing." The legislators of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York know exactly what England is up to in Ireland and that's why there was no more room for trust. A 70-year record of anti-Catholic bigotry and fair employment gimmickry in Ireland is quite enough. This bill sends a message in a responsible manner. Americans will invest their money only where the principles of fair employment are practiced.

Second, unable to dispute the practice and extent of anti-Catholic discrimination in the Six Counties and failing to find legal impediments to these bills, her majesty's subjects have relied on character assassination and attempts to impugn the integrity and honesty of sponsors and supporters. I and others stand before you today—the measure of any American—to let you be the judge of our credentials and sincerity. "We" are doctors, lawyers, bishops, ministers, auto workers, farmers and educators. We are here to explain any data and to respond to any reservation you may have against this proposed statute.

Third, every state legislature that has adopted this type of legislation has done so overwhelmingly. In so doing they rejected the notion that a foreign power has any right to debate or dictate how state pension funds might be invested. In an attempt to exercise this veto power over the prerogatives of American lawmakers, England orchestrated the dismissal from employment of an expert witness of ours shortly after he testified on similar legislation before the California legislature. Such is their contempt for our democracy that they attempted to silence Oliver Kearney for telling the truth to Americans about the value of the MacBride Principles and their potential for success. Thus England will manipulate and deceive you and has done so by trampling on a cherished American value—freedom of speech. We ask you only to consider whether the citizens of Minnesota would want to be a part of such foreign intrigue or to put forth the positive example of the MacBride Principles.

We are under no illusions that the adoption of this bill will send anything but a symbolic message to a nation that commits \$6 billion annually to Irish apartheid. We know, as does England, that the combined effect of this legislation across this land will be to heighten American interest in Ireland and one of the principal causes of its agony—the hopelessness of unemployment from generation to generation.

Last month Ireland laid to rest a man of uncommon valor and singular dedication to freedom and justice. His dignity, integrity and courage made him the only person in the world to be accorded three major peace awards. He was truly an international "man for all seasons." We ask that you honor his memory by supporting this legislation. In adopting this law you do great honor to not only Irish Americans in Minnesota but to all here who cherish human and civil rights. American corporations abroad—in effect our ambassadors without portfolio—must be a showcase for our values. I submit the citizens of Minnesota would not have it otherwise.

The issue addressed in this bill is one which concerns not just the organization and individuals I represent but is important to many people across this great state and nation. Their concern and ours is that public pension fund investment decisions—those involving U.S. companies operating in the North of Ireland—be morally conscious of the systematic anti-Catholic discrimination there. This bigotry has in turn produced violence and it will continue to produce violence unless this vicious cycle is broken. We have long tired of complaining about this problem and instead offer a solution crafted to combat decades of English malevolence. The solution is to link these investment decisions to the adoption and use of the MacBride Fair Employment Principles. These principles were crafted and named in honor of Dr. Sean MacBride, Nobel Peace Laureate, Former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and former Irish Foreign Minister. Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and 7 cities

have adopted this mechanism to affirm the American values of fair employment and equal opportunity. Scores of other states, like Minnesota, are in the process of considering similar legislation.

The truly "American" nature of this legislation is readily apparent as legislators from all walks of life and religious and political persuasions—businessmen, lawyers, Protestant, Catholic, Democrat and Republican—voiced their support and voted for this positive step. It is because it is a positive measure that the MacBride Principles have been endorsed by every major Irish-American organization, various Catholic bishops and religious orders, the state and national AFL-CIO and politicians ranging from U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (Utah) to Senator John Kerry (Mass.) and the Prime Minister of Ireland, The Honorable Charles Haughey.

This positive focus has been ignored by some newspapers that seem content to misstate the issue by using phrases like "requires divestment," "forces action," and "internal interference" etc. These editorials are uninformed, unimaginative, as they are largely supplied by British Information Services in NYC, and wholly unjustified. Editorial boards in this country have become the inner sanctum for the powerful and the privileged and are played like a stradivarius by the English government. We feel more comfortable and confident here out in the open amongst you the elected—not the anointed—and thus lay our case before one and all to critically examine.

There is in fact no dispute over the presence and practice of anti-Catholic discrimination. Let me recount some of the documentation so that you can be assured of the cause and extent of the problem and the need for Americans to act now.

A. Anti-Catholic employment discrimination has been an integral part of England's Irish apartheid policy since the Ulster garrison was set up—without benefit of one Irish vote—in 1920. The *New Ireland Forum Report* released in 1986 and adopted by elected Irish officials representing 75% of the population notes, "... the Catholic section of the community for over fifty years lived under a system of exclusively unionist power and privilege and suffered systematic discrimination."

B. In August, 1986 the prestigious journal *Equal Opportunities Review* cited government statistics showing the unemployment rate among Catholics to be twice that of the Protestant community with 35% of the Catholic men without work.

On August 16, 1986 the British journal *The Economist* noted that youth unemployment in Catholic ghettos like Strabane have reached crisis levels of 80%. Further analysis of unemployment data by professors Osborne and McCormack, the *Continuous Household Survey* (1983-84), and the *Labor Force Survey* (1984-85) all depict a social disaster if anti-Catholic discrimination is not forcefully and immediately addressed. Indeed, when examined by sex, religion and age, the data trends suggest that equality of a job opportunity is steadily worsening for Catholics.

McCarthy Economic Consultants in their report for the New Ireland Forum predicted a 32% unemployment rate for Northern Ireland by 1988. *Irish Times* correspondent Helen Shea on April 2, 1987 leaves no doubt as to where the burden of that unemployment will be felt, citing the current unemployment rates of predominantly Catholic communities of Strabane (39%), Cookstown (37%), Dungannon and Magherafelt (30%).

C. This devastating Catholic unemployment is not the inevitable result of a period of economic decline. The British ordained Sir Carson and Lord Basil Brooke to set up their "Protestant State for a Protestant People." In other words it was government policy that whatever the prosperity, Catholics were not to share in it. For 67 years the entire machinery of government in the North has carefully crafted England's apartheid policy for Ireland by locating plants, training centers, and educational facilities east of the Bann River to promote both Protestant/Loyalist prosperity and Catholic emigration and poverty.

Let no one here think that has changed! Derry Trades Council spokesman, Mr. McFeely, noted in July, 1987 that the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board stood idly by and did nothing to prevent the closing of National Supply and Micrographics—two engineering firms in areas west of the Bann River which has a predominance of Catholics. No doubt one explanation for the indifference of the Industrial Development Board is that most of the staff are in America fighting the MacBride Fair Employment Principles.

Again in November, 1987 the called for development of proper fared no hope for vast areas of vacy. Obscuring the truth about unem is an art. Mr. Shaw of the *Irish Times* March 20, 1987 that "the method has been changed in several sig Government over the past two yoe unemployment in the North woe previous reporting methods were u This data manipulation began porate shareholder resolutions and emerging in America.

Her Majesty's Government is petuation of inequality," as Boston result is a pervasive second class c Viggers of the Northern Ireland In "unsatisfactory." It is criminal. I any court of law where human as and promoted. We all know, how contribution to law is the same as racial equality and harmony.

Why should Americans and particularly such legislation? The simple answer is be Minnesota can send a message to those gone along with anti-Catholic discrimine a government dedicated to this form of Minnesota, as did those of New York, N Island, and Mass. can fire a warning ab corporations. They must not be allowed are prohibited by law from doing here. not be silent or 'indifferent' to the discrimination in Ireland by adopting t Bride Principles to work.

The citizens of Minnesota are no differ ent than other Americans in We are convinced from our le would like to see more U.S. conflict in Northern Ireland. ty—a colonial relic—and the European Economic Community pension fund investment to ill provide leadership, set a force the institutional bigotry six counties to ruin.

Finally, many states in the past decade attempts to target their economic powe to the concerns of its citizens on many "Buy American" statutes to promote imports, etc. It is our responsibility pray nationwide campaign to use the MacBri investment power of its pension funds incentive for U.S. corporations to enga firmative action and equal opportunity.

Criticisms of MacBride legislation are substantive merit. They are advanced servants and hirelings like John Hu cloaked in references to the "break th treaty, they argue, is supposed to be issues. The Accord, the Sunningdale A Forum were designed solely to keep prevent a positive contribution such a Principles campaign mounted by Engle you and all that America stands for in the free world.

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Perfidious Albion

By FR. MAURICE BURKE

King George V, speaking in 1921 at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, hoped that it would be "the prelude of the day in which the Irish people, North and South under one Parliament or two, as those Parliaments may themselves decide, shall work together in common love for Ireland upon the sure foundation of mutual justice and respect." His statement implied a willingness on the part of the British to accede to the will of the majority. In imposing partition, however, the British were acting contrary to the will of the majority. This was admitted by Prime Minister Lloyd George in the course of this debate on the Bill which partitioned Ireland:

"If you asked the people of Ireland what plan they would accept, by an emphatic majority, they would say 'We want independence and an Irish republic.' There is absolutely no doubt about that. The elected representatives of Ireland, now by a clear majority, have declared in favor of independence."

The 1918 Election
Lloyd George was referring to the general election of 1918. That was the only time the people of Ireland had an opportunity to express their will relative to the British presence. They returned 73 candidates favoring total British withdrawal and only 26 Unionists. Instead of accepting the democratically expressed will of the people, the returns from the different regions were used to determine the maximum area possible which could be handed over to the Unionists. They were then given what Winston Churchill called a permanent veto on the will of the majority. That that was in fact the intention when the Partition Act was passed may be gleaned from 1949 British Cabinet papers:

The Reason Why
"Now that Eire will shortly cease to owe any allegiance to the Crown, it has become a matter of first-class strategic importance to this country (Britain) that the North should continue to form part of His Majesty's dominions. So far as can be foreseen, it will never be to Great Britain's advantage that Northern Ireland should form part of a territory outside His Majesty's jurisdiction. Indeed, it seems unlikely that Great Britain would ever be able to agree to this even if the people of Northern Ireland desire it."

Three decades later the policy had not changed. Michael Mates, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, made this clear: "To have a neutral Ireland, if we were to come to another conflict, would be of nothing like the same value to Western defense as having an Ireland totally committed to the West. It would be important for us, for the two nations, to sing with one voice over defense. The strategic importance of the island cannot be over-estimated." (Fitzgerald, *Irish Unification and N.A.T.O.*, p. 38)

Ireland and NATO
"According to the Trinity political scientist, Dr. Patrick Keating, it is wishful thinking to believe that Ireland has no strategic importance. ... NATO is particularly worried that Soviet Tupolev 26 Backfire bombers could hit targets in Britain while still over the west coast of Ireland. These super-sonic, long-range fighters can hit targets from two hundred miles. They have a flight range of 4,500 miles and from bases in the Kola peninsula ... they can fly through the Iceland-UK gap

to a point off the west coast of Ireland, avoiding the only radar station which might detect them, RAP Bishopscourt on the east coast of Co. Down." (Comerford, *Do You Want to Die for NATO?*, pp 23,34)

According to Comerford, NATO has already admitted it plans to intervene in Ireland at the first sign of war. He quotes Britain's Lt. General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley acknowledging "that Ireland would be of considerable use in the event of NATO becoming involved in a conventional war with the Soviet Union. Irish ports and airfields would give enormous ranges to NATO air patrols out into the Atlantic, and increase their value in terms of covering the Western approaches. If the Soviet Union ever over-ran Western Europe, he warned, he would not 'put too much money on Ireland's independence being maintained.'"

Sunningdale
While Britain is determined, mainly for strategic reasons, to maintain a British presence in Ireland, British governments continue to give public expression to a willingness to respect "the will of the majority". Thus we find in paragraph 5 of the 1973 Sunningdale Agreement:
"If, in the future, the majority of the people of Northern Ireland should indicate a wish to become part of a United Ireland, the British Government would support that wish." In paragraph 5 also the Irish Government accepted that "there could be no change in the status of northern Ireland until a majority of the people of Northern Ireland desired a change in that status." The political implications of these declarations were noted by John Peck, British Ambassador to Ireland at the time of the Agreement:

The Permanent Veto
"It sounds very fair and reasonable and democratic and so it is. With one slight flaw, Westminster democracy has always operated faultlessly in Northern Ireland—and that flaw lies in its composition. If the Northern Protestants had been willing to settle for Home Rule, there would be no need for Partition; but having insisted on Partition they had to have a political unit which ensured a Protestant majority big enough to be certain that democratic principles, self-determination, the wishes of the majority, plebiscites, elections, would infallibly produce the same result forever. So both parties to the Sunningdale Agreements made their solemn declarations knowing perfectly well that no plebiscite or any other form of popular consultation could ever change the status of Northern Ireland so long as the question was posed in the customary terms and the rest of the electorate was not consulted—which by the constantly reiterated pledges of successive governments, it cannot be. So reunification in the terms and manner hitherto contemplated has to be ruled out." (*Dublin from Downing St.*, p.212)

Lost Opportunity
Had Britain been an honest broker in Ireland a peaceful solution could have been achieved in 1974. In January of that year Desmond Boal, co-founder with Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist Party, stated that a Federal solution was the only road to peace. He no longer believed in the essence of Union with England and could accept the possibility of a Federal Ireland with a constitution

that guaranteed civil and religious liberties. In this Boal was accepting a solution similar to one proposed by Provisional Sinn Féin in 1972: a Federal Ireland with four provincial parliaments. The idea was acceptable also to leaders of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defense Association, Loyalist para-military groups. They welcomed Boal's statement as a "talking point". Ian Paisley was not personally in favor of a United Ireland. He would prefer an independent Ulster with "special and friendly relations" with the south "without which an independent Ulster would not be viable." He did not, however, rule out the possibility of a united Ireland.

Despite the prospects for a peaceful solution contained in these statements of spokespersons for the majority in northeast Ireland, Britain persisted with efforts to impose the Sunningdale Agreement which had been rejected by a majority of Loyalists and Republicans. Britain was unwilling to accede to the wishes of the majority if that meant Northern Ireland was to be part of a country outside the limits of her Majesty's jurisdiction.

Conduct of Tribunals
British politicians have demonstrated bad faith in Ireland throughout the current "troubles". A number of tribunals of inquiry were commissioned by Westminster governments to examine abuses charged to security personnel in Northeast Ireland. All were whitewashing efforts. The Cameron Commission, which was appointed to inquire into the disturbances of 1968 and early 1969, set a pattern for later tribunals. It sat in private and its terms of reference precluded it from inquiring into specific incidents which were a source of concern to the minority community. In the report that followed there was a condemnation of grievances which had already been well publicized in the world press. The damage was contained by applying the "few bad apples" principle and apportioning blame to both sides of the religious divide.

Amnesty International commented in a memorandum to another tribunal, the Parker Committee: "The purpose of your committee is, so far as we are aware, unique, for although judicial or quasi-judicial tribunals have often been established to consider whether ill-treatment has in fact taken place in the course of interrogation, it has always been stated or implied that such treatment, if it were found to have taken place, was wrong, and that disciplinary or other measures would, if necessary, be taken to prevent its recurrence. For the first time, however, a committee has been established to decide not whether ill-treatment has taken place but whether it should take place in the future."

All such tribunals, in fact, contravened the guidelines recommended by the Salmon Royal Commission. And all vindicated Salmon's prediction, when he wrote: "Any government which in future adopts this procedure (of private inquiries) will lay itself open to the suspicion that it wishes the truth to be hidden from the light of day."

Campaign of Assassination
The lengths to which British governments are prepared to go, to maintain a British presence in Ireland, were highlighted, in 1970, by the appointment of Brigadier Frank Kitson as army commander for the Belfast area. "It is surely no coincidence", Dillon and Lebane comment, page 311, *Political Murder in Northern Ireland*, "that Brigadier

Kitson should have at this time been put in charge of Belfast, especially as he was only a Brigadier and not a full general, and was therefore the youngest man in the British Army to hold a command position. ... There is therefore a strong possibility that Kitson was given his command for the purpose of putting into practice the policies he had advocated in his book."

The book referred to was *Low Intensity Operations Subversion, Insurgency and Peacekeeping*. "The spirit of Kitson's book", they charge on page 314, "would seem to countenance under certain circumstances a campaign of assassination by the British Army undertaken by plain-clothes troops. There were few, if any, courses of action that Kitson would not have his special force take if they seemed likely to achieve the ultimate aim. But the crucial point is that these actions would have to be sanctioned at government level, not at a military level." These actions were sanctioned at government level.

Immunity From Prosecution
The British Government shielded, as far as possible, the terrorist activities of security personnel. Commenting on the failure of official inquiries, the authors of the Cobden Trust Study, *Justice in Northern Ireland*, state, page 29: "Finally, and perhaps most important, was the fact that no action was taken to deal with those cases in which the various reports found the security forces or individual soldiers or policemen to have been seriously at fault. ... It is widely agreed that in these cases actions by the security forces constituted the criminal offenses of assault or manslaughter, if not murder. Yet no proceedings were authorized by the Attorney General, despite a good deal of political pressure for such action to be taken."

Indeed, as Paul Arthur points out in *Government and Politics of Northern Ireland*, "no promotions—army or police—had been affected by those guilty of using the technique (of interrogation in depth)". And, when security personnel had to give evidence before the European Human Rights Commission, "the Attorney General appears to have given those involved immunity from prosecution."

Truce Talks
The bad faith of British officialdom was seen also in the conduct of 1972 and 1975 truce talks with the Irish Republican Army. William Whitelaw, Secretary of State in 1972, agreed to negotiate only for propaganda purposes. "The thinking behind the meeting with the IRA, according to the Minister of State at the time, David Howell (*The Times*, 10 February 1975) was that the government wanted to show that everything had been tried, including truce and meeting, so that the IRA would be seen to be concerned only with violence." (Flackes, *Northern Ireland: A Political Directory*, 1968-1983, p.252) Similar talks in 1975, when Merlyn Rees was Secretary of State, were deliberately prolonged until the British were ready to implement a new detention process to replace the politically embarrassing internment without trial.

Surrogate Terrorists
Since the suspension of the Stormont Parliament and the imposition of direct rule in March 1972, the overall policy of successive Secretaries of State has been the restoration of pre-1969 conditions. A "blind eye" was turned on the activities of the Ulster Defense Association which was responsible for 72 per cent of so called "sectarian assassinations". The first comman-

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Ireland: The Reagan Years

Ronald Reagan, the 11th president of the United States to claim Irish heritage, is the fourth such president to serve since Ireland's unilateral partition. His tenure at the White House began and ends with a complete indifference to the real issues of the Irish conflict. The Reagan years brought America to the far corners of the earth to defend freedom and peace with justice and yet today, America looks away from Ireland where tyranny is most triumphant. How is this possible? A historical context will show how dramatic a shift in policy the President has brought about.

What most Americans know about the Anglo-Irish conflict begins with the late 60's clash between the civil rights cause and the "separatist" craftsmen of the colonial office. The social engineering required to keep partition and the state-of-seige needed to enforce it ruptured the body politic of Ireland. Bloody Sunday, mass internment, police riots and forced migration of Catholics awakened Americans to English cruelty. In 1972 Senator Ribicoff, who was joined by many in calling for British withdrawal, stated, "No talk of reform and halfway measures are sufficient. More of the same can only guarantee future conflict and tragedy." President Carter noted Britain's abuse of human and civil rights and supported an end of U.S. arms sales to the Royal Ulster Constabulary. British Misinformation Services aided by government censors soon turned this reality of State-sponsored murder and mayhem in Ulster into a fantasy of international conspiracy by communists, terrorists and criminals.

President Reagan took office in 1980 surrounded by public relations types in white hats anxious to reduce foreign policy to "terrorist" and "evil empire" slogans. So far in 1988 England has publicly approved the murder of Irish civilians, R.U.C. perjury and obstruction of justice, the wrongful imprisonment of 6 Irishmen in jail for 13 years and early amnesty for soldiers who murder Irish civilians. The silence from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is predictable and defiant. These actions are the fruit of an appeasement policy that began early in the Reagan presidency.

During the Hunger Strike in 1981 in which 10 helpless Irish prisoners — two elected officials — died in protest, the Department of State issued perfunctory press releases proclaiming it an internal matter. This from the same government that has made their own the cause of prisoners from Russian gulags, Ft. Bonifacio in the Philippines, and Polsemore prison in South Africa. In 1982 the President was alarmed by the State of Emergency declared in Nicaragua, but that June addressed Parliament and never once spoke of the Emergency Provisions, Special Powers and Prevention of Terrorism Acts that have made a police state of Northern Ireland since 1922. Nor did he mention the European Parliament's ban in May on the use of plastic bullets which have killed 14 Irish men, women and children and maimed hundreds of others. Instead he spoke of Poland as a regime planned by bayonet and ignored the

30,000 troops garrisoned on beachhead Belfast.

In 1983 the New Ireland Forum received faint praise but no support from Reagan. When Thatcher publicly ridiculed the wishes of elected Irish officials in the Forum Report, the President seemed to join the mockery by denying a visa to Gerry Adams, the only democratically elected official to ever be denied a chance to visit the land of the free and the brave. All this while Reagan was courting Congress with Commander Zero (Nicaragua), Jonas Savimbi (Angola) and Oliver Tambo (South Africa). Later in 1984 Reagan crouches at the Institute for Defense and European Studies, Richard Allen and Frank Shakespeare, did their part by publishing *Ulster: The Undeclared Frontier*, a piece of NATO myth-making rivaling any Communist regime's rewrite of history.

The contempt the President has shown for Congress was exceeded when Prime Minister Thatcher stated to Congress in February 1985 that "the principle of consent is enshrined in your Constitution and is an essential part of ours." This from the government that in fact has no constitution and that ignored the 1918 Irish General Election results, while secretly arming rightwing paramilitaries in the North. The Department of State officially ignored the release of *Shoot To Kill* by the International Lawyers Inquiry in June, 1985 which carefully documents how forces of occupation — not peacekeeping — caused the questionable deaths of 200 men, women and children. The hapless appointment of Ms. Heckler as Ambassador to Ireland later that year only seemed to underscore the official U.S. disinterest in the facts of British misrule in Ireland.

In 1986 it was apparent that appeasement was not enough and America would be called upon by England to collaborate in crushing Irish dissent. The unique extradition treaty adopted by the U.S. Senate put every freedom fighter in peril and disgraced Irish Americans proud of the Irish contribution to freedom in America. This was followed by U.S. funds to relieve the British taxpayer of the costs of Irish partition. Along with the recently-knighted Caspar Weinberger awarded U.S. funds to the largest anti-Catholic employer in Northern Ireland — the government-owned airplane manufacturer Short Bros; Edwin Meese has held Joe Doherty in solitary confinement for five years in service to the Crown despite repeated judicial and administrative decisions ordering his release or return to Ireland; and in 1987 our Ambassador to England publicly rebuked MacBride Fair Employment Principles, the most rational and moral idea to come out of Northern Ireland in decades.

Only time will reveal President Reagan's contribution to world peace and freedom. However, we need not await the verdict of history to prove that President Reagan has done more than any of his predecessors to imprison Ireland in violence and to destroy the cause of its freedom.

Michael J. Cummings
National Director, Public Relations

Vice President Bush Responds To Ad Hoc Committee Questions

First, let me state that I agree with the Committee that peace and justice for Ireland and Northern Ireland are non-partisan issues that deserve bi-partisan support. Further, I believe that the internal problems facing Ireland can only be solved through the concerted and cooperative efforts of all the people of Ireland.

As President Reagan stated in March, 1986, "In determining the nature of any U.S. Government aid, we must bear in mind that the agenda and timetable for progress in that troubled area are not for us to set. Those directly concerned, the people of both Irish traditions, will chart the course which will, we pray, lead to reconciliation in that troubled land." I fully support this position and would only add that I am deeply concerned over the continuing use of

violence as a means of achieving those goals. It is my firm view that senseless violence achieves nothing.

I believe that job discrimination must cease. However, with respect to the MacBride Principles, I do not think that they alone will resolve this long standing problem nor would they improve the long-term economic outlook. It seems to me that one would want to improve the economic and investment climate rather than creating uncertainty and restriction on business. If the Irish can bring about certainty, predictability and safety to themselves, then the climate for investment, both foreign and domestic, will be greatly improved. Economic development is one way towards reconciliation as it will bring Irish men and women together to work on a common and non-sectarian goal. This may be hard



for some but necessary when we look at the future of Ireland.

I strongly support the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985, and I fully subscribe to the bi-partisan, Concurrent Resolution passed by the Congress on December 5, 1985, which stated:

... That (a) the Congress commends the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom for their achievement in reaching an agreement which charts a way towards peace, stability, and an end to violence in Northern Ireland.

maintain order.

The latest outrage, the sacrilegious shootings and explosions at the March 16 funeral in Belfast, is incomprehensible to the rational mind. Last week's execution of two unarmed Irishmen and an unarmed Irish woman on the streets of Gibraltar by undercover British security forces calls into question the methods used by the British government in countering political terrorism. A growing number of disturbing incidents involving charges of a shoot-to-kill policy, causing the needless deaths of innocent civilians, cry out for investigation. The forces of law cannot be "above the law."

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Today we acknowledge not only the enormous contributions of the Irish to the building of America, but look to the future of a growing, new wave of Irish immigrants to our shores. Many of them are presently undocumented. We hope that they will find amnesty and hope here. For they seek to escape the political and sectarian violence in Northern Ireland as well as the economic violence of high unemployment throughout Ireland.

I believe Americans have an interest in ending all types of violence in Ireland. Both communities in the North have suffered from the sectarian and political violence of random murders through assassination and bombings. In addition, British security forces have made use of more violence than necessary to

As I noted earlier, I am deeply concerned over the continuing senseless violence. I stand ready to work with the Congress in any way possible to promote peace, friendship, and harmony between the two great Irish traditions.

of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I worked with the McCarran-Walter Act. I am pleased that our efforts bore fruit in the form of a one-year suspension of the Government's power to consider the views of would-be entrants into this great country. I hope that the Judiciary Committee of both the House and the Senate will soon produce a more comprehensive revision of the McCarran-Walter Act which permanently does away with these restrictions.

Human rights must be a cornerstone of American foreign policy. This means both our friends and adversaries should be held accountable for their human rights records. The recent decision by the British Government to drop its investigation into allegations involving members of the Royal Constabulary of Ulster undermines confidence in the rule of law in Northern Ireland. As a friend, we should counsel Britain to uphold the high standards of justice for which it is known.

St. Patrick's Day Declaration Reverend Jesse Jackson

St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday as well as a celebration of Irish achievements. The sons and daughters of one small country, drawing strength from their long history of persecution and oppression, have done so much for the less fortunate on our planet.

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Senator Paul Simon Speaks On MacBride and Irish Issues

The Anglo-Irish accord provides a framework for the resolution of violence in Northern Ireland. Its most important feature is the British Government's recognition that the Republic of Ireland has a role to play in resolving the profound differences in the North which feed this violence. U.S. economic assistance under the tripartite international agreement for Ireland should be used to help integrate Northern Ireland's economy with the Republic's economy as well to increase employment and development opportunities for all who live in Northern Ireland.

The MacBride principles provide

excellent guidance for corporations doing business in Northern Ireland. Fair employment standards are good for business as well as a good way of promoting genuine social and political progress. I would give serious consideration to a bill which would mandate the MacBride principles. However, such a bill would have to be written to abide by international agreements and fit in with other important American foreign policy and commercial objectives.

I believe the United States Government has no business closing its frontiers to foreigners solely because of their political views. As a member

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

The recent events in Northern Ireland have saddened the Irish community. Needless to say, we lament, but that's not enough. We are strong in numbers and, as I have repeatedly said, our voices must be heard. The time for action is now. Get in touch with your elected officials and if they are not aware of the deplorable situation, make them aware. Ask them to cooperate — we want to know why England did not permit Ireland to bury her dead and why those 3 were killed. The killings and bloodshed must stop. Why can't the Irish Prime Minister do as the Prime Minister of Israel — make a trip to Washington to see if our President can come up with a solution.

Let us not be Irish only on St. Patrick's Day. We are strong in numbers — let our voices be heard. Remember . . . Ireland unfree will never be at peace. Offer your prayers, as well, for God's guidance and help in this serious situation.

Also, please submit the name and address of your Freedom For All Ireland Chairman to me. Thanks for your cooperation and in conclusion, I implore you — write, call, but do let your elected officials know how you feel about England in Ireland and urge your families and friends to do the same. In unity there is strength. God bless!

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"Journey On Always . . ."

"... Do not stop, do not turn back or stray away. Whoever advances not has come to a halt, whoever returns whence he set out is in retreat; whoever wears is gone astray." (Sermons of Saint Augustine)

Well might these words have been addressed to Irish nationalists during the first few months of 1988. The brazen announcement by the Thatcher government that there would be no criminal prosecutions as a result of the Stalker revelations was followed by a quick succession of paralyzing events. The refusal to rectify the ongoing victimization of the Birmingham 6 was equally shocking. Were we not all at the point where we were wondering what signal or policy shift on the part of Downing Street at all of this might represent?

Time, indeed, in its own way makes the handwriting on the wall come gradually into focus. Clarity was added with the news that Private Thane, the only British serviceman convicted of murdering an Irish civilian, had already secretly been released from prison and reinstated in the British army, after serving a mere two years and six months of the life sentence mandated by a British court.

The news is that nothing has changed! Even after a very obliging Dublin government hastily signed the Extradition Treaty so long sought after by Britain, it was obvious that the Irish would continue to be subjected to arrogance, con-

tempt, and betrayal. Could there be any other conclusion after the shooting of Aidan McAneaspie whose mistake was to pass a border post while walking unarmed to a football match? Either "shoot to kill" is the unwritten policy of the Crown forces in the north of Ireland, or British weaponry has developed an astonishing tendency to "misfire" when Irish nationalists are within range.

Where do we go from here? First, we must heed the wisdom of Saint Augustine. We cannot stop, turn back, stray away, or weary because we are the hope of the minority in the Six Counties to the extent that our efforts are a threat and consistent challenge to British oppression there. We must learn to see British efforts like the recently proposed Fair Employment Commission as attempts to blunt our progress in promoting MacBride legislation at the federal and state levels. (Has the likes of Tom King not spent months racing across this country swearing in state capitals that the Fair Employment Agency has been genuinely effective and efficient since its inception in 1976, seeking to prove, thereby, that MacBride legislation is unnecessary?) If we have become a cause for concern at Westminster and Stormont, then we must "journey on" with even greater vigor.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland Committee

'Sean MacBride Day' Proposed

NEW HAVEN, CT — Congressman Bruce A. Morrison (D-3) has filed a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the memory of the late Sean MacBride by designating January 26, 1989 "Sean MacBride Day."

"This date is the 85th anniversary of the birth of Sean MacBride," Morrison said, "and it is fitting that the memory of such a distinguished individual be recognized officially."

MacBride was an Irish statesman and crusader for human rights who was one of the founders of Amnesty International in 1961 and shared the Nobel Peace Prize awarded the group in 1977 for its campaign on behalf of political prisoners throughout the world.

MacBride was also the chief sponsor of the antidiscrimination code known as the MacBride Principles, which calls for U.S. companies that operate in Northern Ireland to ensure equal employment opportunities for Roman Catholics.

"It is appropriate that I introduce this resolution on the day that we pay tribute to the people of Ireland and the 40 million American citizens of Irish descent," Morrison said. "Sean MacBride worked all of his life for peace and human rights in Ireland and elsewhere in the world. It is fitting that we spend a day to celebrate peace and the man who worked for it."

Official Defends British Efforts

WASHINGTON D.C. — A top British official defended his country's record in seeking to end job bias against Catholics in Northern Ireland, and said a movement to require U.S. companies investing there to subscribe to a strict set of anti-discrimination measures developed by Irish human rights activists would increase unemployment.

John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, also said that Anglo-Irish relations have been strained recently by an "extraordinary series . . . of unrelated events." Those include a decision by British justice officials against prosecuting Royal Ulster Constabulary authorities over the 1982 killings of six suspected terrorists, and the release of a young British soldier imprisoned for killing an unarmed Catholic civilian.

Stanley spoke to reporters at the British Embassy, March 8, during a 10-day, cross-country trip to confer with politicians and potential corporate investors, and to blunt the push to enact the so-called MacBride Principles for ending religious discrimination.

Legislation proposed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government would require employers in the province to make efforts to recruit Catholic workers to achieve a religious balance in their labor forces.

Stanley said the proposal had been welcomed by the government of the Irish republic and had received "a generally good reaction in Northern Ireland" — including strong support from Catholics.

Backers of the MacBride Principles, named after Nobel Peace Prize winner Sean MacBride, seek to increase the Catholic share of employment in U.S. businesses operating in Northern Ireland by convincing the companies' U.S. shareholders, including state and local pension funds to pressure the firms to practice fair employment.

Stanley's itinerary included a private, embassy-sponsored lunch at Catholic University with U.S. Protestant and Catholic figures March 7. According to one participant, the official was pressed by representatives of both groups on the decision not to reopen prosecution in the 1982 case in which Northern Ireland police were alleged to have employed a "shoot-to-kill" policy against the Irish Republican Army, and other controversial incidents involving security forces.

He said Stanley was "taken aback by the vehemence" of the questions. He also said that the embassy had sought to expose the official to such "vehemence" out of concern that authorities in London and Belfast were unaware of the depth of feeling in the United States over such incidents.

But in response to a question, a British official said the government is aware of American feelings. Stanley was in the United States to inform interested Americans of the British point of view, he said.

The recent decision not to prosecute in the so-called Stalker-Sampson case, has also stirred strong feelings in the Irish Republic. (From the *Long Island Catholic*.)

IRRC Issues Report

U.S. Companies in Northern Ireland Facing Legislative Pressure To Adopt MacBride Principles; Twenty-Six Companies Affected

WASHINGTON D.C. — An intense, well-orchestrated and rapidly expanding campaign in this country to encourage corporations to comply with the MacBride principles, a code to combat religious discrimination by employers in Northern Ireland, is turning up the heat on the U.S. companies that operate there. Twenty-six companies are involved, including such giants as American Brands, Du Pont, Exxon, Ford, General Motors, McDonnell Douglas and Xerox, according to a recent report of the Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc.

Legislation tying state investments to corporate compliance with the MacBride Principles has recently been introduced in Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire and Vermont. This brings to 10 the number of states with pending legislation. Similar laws are already on the books in five states—Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island — and numerous cities, including Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Philadelphia, Springfield, Wilmington and Rochester, N.Y.

Proponents of the MacBride principles also are lobbying companies directly. Seventeen of the 26 companies have received shareholder resolutions on the subject to be brought to votes at their annual meeting this spring.

The MacBride principles, the campaign for their adoption and the employment situation in Northern Ireland that they address are documented in a report released today by the Investor Responsibility Research Center. The report also profiles the 26 U.S. companies in Northern Ireland, some of which have not been identified on any previous lists.

U.S. companies provide 11 percent of the manufacturing jobs in Northern Ireland and employ about 11,000 people there. No U.S. company has yet endorsed the MacBride principles, although Ford recently adopted a code of conduct that it says incorporates "the substance of the MacBride principles while avoiding legal and operational obstacles."

The MacBride principles were developed in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, Harrison J. Goldin, in consultation with Irish-American activists.

The British government firmly opposes the MacBride principles as "unnecessary and undesirable." It has conducted a high powered lobbying campaign against the principles, arguing that they will inhibit much-needed investment in an area that suffers from chronically high unemployment. The government

aggressively recruits foreign investment in Northern Ireland, offering generous tax and grant incentives to companies that locate there.

The British have also voiced concern that some of the MacBride principles would be illegal in Northern Ireland because they would require companies to practice discrimination in favor of minority employees. The New York City Comptroller's office, the Irish National Caucus, a variety of church groups and other supporters of the principles dispute this claim, arguing that the principles do not require reverse discrimination and would not violate Northern Ireland law. In 1986, Sean MacBride issued an amplification emphasizing that the principles require companies to make only "reasonable, lawful efforts" to achieve the goals established by the principles.

THE LARGEST U.S. EMPLOYERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND—

Company	Number of employees
American Brands Inc.	2,553
AVX Corp.	approx. 1,100
E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.	approx. 1,100

General Motors Corp.	989
Ford Motor Co.	766
VF Corp.	574

*This list includes all publicly held companies known to have more than 500 employees. IRRC was not able to determine the number of workers employed at some of the other companies profiled in its report.

IRRC's report, *U.S. Companies and Fair Employment Practices in Northern Ireland*, contains detailed profiles of the 26 publicly held U.S. companies in Northern Ireland. The profiles give the name, location and principal line of business for each company's Northern Ireland operations and, where available, a breakdown of its work force by religious affiliation and details of its employment practices. The report also describes the development of the MacBride Principles campaign, the current employment situation in Northern Ireland and the background of sectarian tensions there.

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PART OF THE CROWD of 50 thousand marchers at the rally on the Ellipse before the march.



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS parading behind the Irish tricolor.

Right To Life March



AOH BRONX DIVISION 3.



THE MONSIGNOR CREAN DIVISION, Trenton, NJ.



AOH DIVISION 5, Patchogue, NY.

Ancient Order of Hibernians were among the 50,000 abortion opponents, from every State of the Union and Canada, that converged on Washington, DC for the 15th Annual Right to Life March. They were protesting the Supreme Court decision, 15 years ago, to legalize abortions.

Over the public address system at the pre-march rally on the Ellipse, the crowd heard a telephone conversation between President Reagan and Nellie Gray, March for Life organizer. The president said his administration will soon publish regulations that will eliminate federal funds for "abortion-related activities" at family planning clinics. (See the President's Proclamation on Page 19).

After the rally, the marchers left the muddy Ellipse, carrying their banners, signs and placards for the 15th Annual Right to Life March. They paraded by the White House and traveled along Pennsylvania Avenue to the Supreme Court and the Nation's Capitol. A few were arrested at the Supreme Court, but most converged on the House and Senate Office Buildings to visit their representatives.

All marchers hoped that the Supreme Court decision would be overturned and that this would be their last march.

Irish Eye photos
Washington D.C.



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JIM HERLIHY, AOH National Chairman of the Right to Life Committee (center without hat), with two Divisions from Massachusetts, passing in front of the White House.

A Proclamation

By the President of the United States of America

On January 15, 1988 President Ronald Reagan issued the following Proclamation, declaring January 17, 1988 "National Sanctity of Human Life Day."

America has given a great gift to the world, a gift that drew upon the accumulated wisdom derived from centuries of experiments in self-government, a gift that has irrevocably changed humanity's future. Our gift is twofold: the declaration, as a cardinal principle of all just law, of the God-given, unalienable rights possessed by every human being; and the example of our determination to secure those rights and to defend them against every challenge through the generations. Our declaration and defense of our rights have made us and kept us free and have sent a tide of hope and inspiration around the globe.

One of those unalienable rights, as the Declaration of Independence affirms so eloquently, is the right to life. In the 15 years since the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, however, America's unborn have been denied their right to life. Among the tragic and unspeakable results in the past decade and a half have been the loss of life of 22 million infants before birth; the pressure and anguish of countless women and girls who are driven to abortion; and a cheapening of our respect for the human person and the sanctity of human life.

We are told that we may not interfere with abortion. We are told that we may not "impose our morality" on those who wish to allow or participate in the taking of the life of infants before birth; yet no one calls it "imposing morality" to prohibit the taking of life after people are born. We are told as well that there exists a "right" to end the lives of unborn children; yet no one can explain how such a right can exist in stark contradiction of each person's fundamental right to life.

That right to life belongs equally to babies in the womb, babies born handicapped, and the elderly or infirm. That we have killed the unborn for fifteen years does not nullify this right, nor could any number of killings ever do so. The unalienable right to life is found not only in the Declaration of Independence but also in the Constitution that every President is sworn to preserve, protect, and defend. Both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law.

All medical scientific evidence increasingly affirms that children before birth share all the basic attributes of human personality — that they are in fact persons. Modern medicine treats unborn children as patients. Yet, as the Supreme Court itself has noted, the decision in *Roe v. Wade* rested upon an earlier state of medical technology. The law of the land in 1988 should recognize all of the medical evidence.

Our Nation cannot continue down the path of abortion, so radically at odds with our history, our heritage, and our concepts of justice. This sacred legacy, and the well-being and the future of our country, demand the protection of the innocents must be guaranteed and that the personhood of the unborn be declared and defended throughout our land. In legislation introduced at my request in the First Session of the 100th Congress, I have asked the Legislative branch to declare the "humanity of the unborn child and the compelling interest of the several states to protect the life of each person before birth." This duty to declare on so fundamental a matter falls to the Executive as well. By this Proclamation I hereby do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare the unalienable personhood of every American, from the moment of conception until natural death, and I do proclaim, ordain, and declare that I will take care that the Constitution and laws of the United States are faithfully executed for the protection of America's unborn children. Upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God. I also proclaim Sunday, January 17, 1988, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather on that day in their homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life they enjoy and to reaffirm their commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of every human life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

Ronald Reagan

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PRAY
FOR ME
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Easter Greetings

He is risen

The tomb is empty.
He is nowhere to be found —
so that He can be found everywhere...
In the sanctuary each of us calls conscience...
Where two or three are gathered in His Name...
With all those that have been crushed seeking
"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

(Taken from a publication of the Columbian Fathers and submitted by Dorothy Fowler, LAOH National Chairman of Missions).

Pro Life

Twenty years have passed since the New York State Right to Life Committee, Inc. was formed out of a meeting of pro-life citizens who met at Ed Golden's home in Troy, New York. The year was 1967. The people gathered to protect the lives of the unborn and other defenseless human beings and to prevent the legalization of abortion. The pro-abortion forces were over-powering in the 'liberal' climate of the late sixties and early seventies. Thirty-two states had passed referendums between 1970-72 to maintain the abortion statutes making abortion illegal. Yet, the pro-abortionists were pushing their cause through the courts. It happened in 1973 that abortion was made legal for the first three trimesters or the full nine months of pregnancy in the *Roe v. Wade* U.S. Supreme Court decision. Seven justices voted for the decision and two justices dissented. Justice Byron White, one of the dissenters, called this decision "an exercise of raw judicial power."

The preoccupation of pro-life activists in the late sixties and early seventies was on the passage of a human life amendment or on calling a constitutional convention in order to protect the lives of the unborn. Differences on these strategic approaches by various pro-life organizations and individuals often led to angry and divisive disputes.

The pro-life movement of the late seventies and early eighties became more unified and productive as different voices worked together to stop abortion. The goal was to get pro-life legislation through Congress. Passage of the Hyde Amendment in 1976 led pro-life people to begin to sense victory. This amendment, introduced by Congressman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) and passed by Congress, stated that the federal government did not have to fund abortions unless the life of the mother was endangered. Pro-abortion groups challenged the constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment in the lower federal courts between 1976-80. Finally, victory came in 1980 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Hyde Amendment was constitutional. Yet, while when an abortion-neutral amendment was added onto and passed nine states continued to use state taxpayer funds for abortions. One of these states, New York, continues to spend an average of fifteen million dollars a year on abortions.

In 1982 a victory for the pro-life movement followed the tragic starvation death of 'baby Doe' in Bloomington, Indiana. This baby was starved to death only because it was born with a handicap. Following this tragedy the federal government issued protective regulations for all handicapped newborns. These regulations were struck down by the courts. However, Congress, acting with pro-life support, passed legislation protecting the lives of handicapped newborns.

During the more recent years of 1987 and 1988 the pro-life movement has seen major victories in Congress. On December 3, 1987 (by a vote of 14-11) the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee voted to prevent a total of fifty-five million dollars from going to organizations which promote abortions overseas. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America lost thirty million dollars to promote population control through abortion overseas. The United Nations Fund for Population Activities was denied twenty-five

STATE NEWS: Ohio



A MEMORABLE GIFT — Shortly before he left Ohio for Spring Hill, Florida, James J. Brennan, second from left, was presented with a Certificate of Merit and a 1988 dues card by James Patrick Hughes, extreme right, president of the Belmont County Commodore Jack Barry Division. Brennan is a charter member of the division and immediate past president. Also attending the presentation, from left, were Paul Loftus, treasurer, and Michael Muldowney, financial secretary. Loftus was named "Irishman-of-the-Year" by the division at the unit's St. Patrick's Day Banquet. Brennan serves as National Advertising Director for the *National Hibernian Digest*.



THREE GENERATION HIBERNIANS: Three generations of the Dunnigan family were delegates to the Ohio State Convention. Members of John F. Kennedy Division 1, Dayton, they are Richard Dunnigan, center, his son Michael, right, and Michael's son Patrick, left.

million dollars because China, a U.N. member, enforces a 'forced abortion policy' of one child per woman and if a woman violates this she must face economic hardship and other penalties.

Another pro-life victory occurred on January 28, 1988 in the U.S. Senate (by a vote of 75-14) and on March 2, 1988 in the U.S. House of Representatives (by a vote of 315-98) when an abortion — neutral amendment was added onto and passed with the Civil Rights Restoration Act, also known as the Grove City Bill. This major victory means that religiously affiliated hospitals and colleges, which have moral objections, would not be forced to provide abortion services.

The pro-life movement is alive and well after twenty years of struggle and better than that — we are winning. At times pro-life activists get discouraged or feel 'burned out'. That is why it is good for us to pause and see our victory. Yes, we are winning and we will continue to win because our cause, the protection of all innocent God-given human life, is just. As we pause and reflect let us also be encouraged by the words of the convert Saul or St. Paul of Tarsus: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time, we shall reap it, if we don't grow weary." (Gal. 6:9).

Charles Welch
Pro-Life Chair, New York State



CLEVELAND, OHIO — The Boland/Berry Division of the AOH and LAOH recently announced the selection of Reverend J. Brendan McNulty as their 1988 Hibernian of the Year. This award is presented annually to a local Hibernian who has contributed significantly to the organization.

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Convention News

Cleveland Convention Call! The great city on the north coast of Ohio is preparing to roll out the red carpet (or is it green in our case) for Hibernian Convention goers, July 25-28, 1988. The "Doings" those Clevelanders have planned are Grrr...eat!!!

Here's a "sneak preview" of convention events. The Convention opens Monday night, July 25th with Mass, followed by a real Hibernian-Style Ice Breaker. Tuesday night is Cleveland Night — you have a choice of a night at the old ball game or for the more romantic Irish, a cruise. Seating on the cruise is limited, so make your reservations early. Keeping those wonderful activities rolling along, Bill Chambers and Shelia Murphy have been diligently planning Irish Night for Wednesday, July 27th — a night that promises to bring out the "Celtic Charisma" in all of us. You must know that Joan Cavanaugh and Kevin Reynolds will not be outdone — the Thursday Night Banquet on July 28 promises to bring a wonderful weed of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity to an elegant climax, with Father Malloy, President of Notre Dame University, the Keynote Speaker.

Remember, convention registration must be in by June 15, 1988 to obtain the \$99.00 registration fee. Registration after the deadline jumps to \$140.00. The Convention Committee has secured a block of 400 guest rooms at the Bond Court Hotel, Convention headquarters. A block of 300 guest rooms has also been reserved at the Hollenden House Hotel, a "sister" property located two blocks away. Reservations will be taken on a "first come-first served basis", so book early. Both hotels have the same

room rate of \$66.00 (plus local taxes). The convention rate will be honored for both the weekend before and the weekend after the convention.

Special airline prices for convention goers are offered by Northwest Airlines in the form of a special discount on air fares, plus entrance in a drawing for two free tickets on Northwest to Ireland. Lyndon Travel is the official conventional travel agent. Make your reservations by calling 1-800-331-2428, weekdays, between 9 and 5 EST. Remember that you must mention your special code number: 12707. Northwest tickets must be purchased through Lyndon Travel to be eligible for the Ireland trip award.

LADIES Ohio News

Akron was a busy little city during the month of March. The Mark Hefernan Division of Summit County is the only Irish Club in the city and therefore, they must set the theme and warm everyone up for St. Paddy's Day.

Akron starts off early with their Annual "Songs of Ireland" Show which was held March 5th.

Akron's ninth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on March 12th. Our own Kathie Linton, national historian, was chosen Parade Grand Marshal.

Margaret Judge, Notre Dame chairperson, will hold a Silent Auction in April to raise money for the Notre Dame Chair.

The Ohio State Board "Basket of Cheer" awards, headed up by State Vice President Kathy Linton, is under way. Lots of good "cheer," handmade items and crafts are included.

Mahoning County (Youngstown) named LAOH member Betty Gahan as "Irish Woman of the Year." Clark County (Springfield) ladies have been diligently planning for St. Pat's Day,

LAOH D. C. News



WASHINGTON D.C. — Division 5 LAOH officers for 1988 were recently installed. Left to right, seated, are Katherine Back, District Board president who installed the officers; Ann Settlemyre, vice president; Jennie Gibbons, president; Patricia Mulr, historian, and Father Michael Kidd, chaplain. Standing, Mary Flaherty, financial secretary; Eileen Aukward, Catholic Action; Nancy Sweeney, sentinel; Joan Vidsens, treasurer; Ita Keane, missions; Alice Johnson, mistress and Jo Ann McCarthy, recording secretary.

Connecticut LAOH News

Meriden: The members of Division 15 LAOH have been busy baking bread and making Irish Coffee. The ladies sold soda bread, coffee and sandwiches during the many activities held at their club during St. Patrick's Week. On Saturday March 19th, Cheryl Doyle O'Loughlin was the 1988 Grand Marshal for their Annual St. Patrick's Parade.

Naugatuck: The members of the AOH and LAOH were pleased that Mrs. Mary Hoey, president of Division 1, was named "Mayor for the Day." All members participated in the Annual Dinner-Dance and the following day marched in their parade.

Waterbury: Division 66 started their St. Patrick's Day activities at their monthly meeting when twenty-five boys and girls from the Griffen Academy performed their dances and songs. AOH President Maurice McCarthy, Jr. announced that when the Irish take over the City Hall for March 17th, Honorary Mayor will be Shelia Clifford. The Ladies adopted St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and all members are to bring soft drinks, coffee and tea to the meeting.

and looked sharp as they marched along in the parade. Hamilton County (Cincinnati) ladies were off "stealing" St. Patrick's Statue at the end of March. This annual event takes place following Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Adams.

Jefferson County ladies are putting their creativity to work and have some interesting fundraising schemes in the works. County President Patricia Egan reports that State Membership Chairman Mary Mullavey wants her Division to set the pace for membership.

Montgomery County (Dayton) completed plans for March festivities which featured a gala St. Patrick's Day agenda, and Center State Columbus Ladies finally have a more permanent home; where else but in St. Patrick's Church, the city's oldest inner city parish.

Belmont County President Lena Muldowney asks that her husband Mike, past AOH State President, be remembered in our prayers, as he has been under the weather recently.

Ladies Pennsylvania State News

Allegheny County: February 7 ushered in the beginning of the season of celebration, both religious and social. The seven county divisions held their second annual St. Brigid's Mass at St. Agnes Church in Pittsburgh. Sara Mains, county treasurer, was chairman. Rev. David Kraeger T.O.R. was celebrant.

Following the Liturgy, brunch was held in Moriarty Hall. The Very Rev. Henry McNulty, Chancellor of Duquesne University, was Keynote Speaker. Honored guests were State President Margaret Cooney; AOH State President Ronald Byran; AOH County Vice President David O'Connor; State AOH Co-ordinator William Murphy; Patricia Ruane and Beatrice Wasson, secretary and vice president respectively of the Daughters of Erin.

March 6th found the County Ladies joining with the County AOH for Memorial Mass and breakfast at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh. The Rev. Bishop Leonard was celebrant. The Little Sisters of the Poor were presented with a check from the AOH and the LAOH.

The big day was March 12th, as the ladies joined with their AOH brothers for Pittsburgh's biggest parade ever. Edward Fay, past national president and present county president, was Director and Parade Marshal.

Division 21 Castle Shannon held an Irish Dinner at the home of President Kathleen Parker. Irish ethnic food was served and enjoyed by the members.

Philadelphia County: Division officers were installed at a combined installation ceremony with the officers of the AOH. Mary Anne Cianfrani is the new president. The ladies were also active in the great parade.

Washington County: Forty-three members of the Charlestown Division 4, with Betty Mouyard as president, are especially active for a newly formed division. 93% of the members attend meetings. St. Brigid's Mass for the living members was held followed by a "Coffee and Do-Nuts" gathering. St. Patrick's Mass and Breakfast was hosted by the Ladies on March 13 for both AOH and LAOH. The homily was delivered by Chaplain, Fr. John A. Marcucci, (an Honorary Irishman). Guest Speaker at the breakfast was Brother Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B., chairperson of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe.

At their March meeting, Dr. Mel Madden of California University of Pennsylvania, through motion pictures, slides and verbal accounts presented a vivid and heart-rending picture of conditions in Northern Ireland, where he has spend several summers with youth groups in Derry.



THE PRIDE OF PITTSBURGH. A first (I'm sure) for the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Patricia Conroy of Division 11, Pittsburgh, beams with pride on Graduation Day, as a new member of the Pittsburgh Fire Department. Her equally proud parents are Robert Conroy of AOH Division 9 and a member of Pittsburgh police force and Mary Louis Conroy, also a member of Division 11.

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IN MEMORIAM

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Matthew J. Kane

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Matthew J. Kane, 66, the proprietor and impresario of Matt Kane's Bit O'Ireland, one of the city's best known Irish pubs, died of an aneurysm February 3, 1988 at Providence Hospital. He lived in Washington.

Mr. Kane opened his bar in 1960 at 1118 13th St. NW. Since then, it has catered to a varied clientele, ranging from Irish tourists and Irish-American politicians to maids, marines and newspaper people.

Among well-known figures who partook of the hospitality at Matt Kane's were former House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill and Senator Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Much that was truly Irish was honored at Matt Kane's. The flags of Ireland's counties and four provinces hung over the bar, and the musical accents of that far-off and troubled land could often be heard around it.

Mr. Kane was a native of Chicago. During World War II, he served aboard submarines in the Pacific. He moved to Washington after the war and operated guest houses in the city before opening his tavern.

He was Washington commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars from 1953 to 1954 and captain of the Adm. Robert Peary VFW Post No. 427 in Washington in 1957.



MATTHEW J. KANE

Survivors include his wife of more than 40 years, Kay Kane of Washington; three sons, Matthew P., of Rockville, Kevin J., of Brentwood, Md., and Michael S., of Washington; one daughter, Kathleen Skinner of Miami; two sisters, Mary Walsh of San Diego and Nora Hanratty of Lake Forest, Ill.; two brothers, John and Jimmy, both of Chicago, and six grandchildren.

From the Washington Post.

Alfred Y. Morgan, Jr.

NEW YORK — Alfred Y. Morgan Jr., Chairman of the Board of White Rock Products Corp. of Whitestone, N.Y., died on February 24 at his home in New York City after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mr. Morgan was born on New York City's West Side on December 4, 1906, one of seven children of Alfred Y. Morgan Sr. and Annette McDonnell Morgan. He was educated at Newman School and attended Fordham University.

Mr. Morgan was a Knight of Malta, a member of Div. 3, New York County, AOH, a former president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of

New York, a member of the Cardinal's Committee of the Laity, and a former trustee of the East New York Savings Bank. He was elected Grand Marshal of New York City's 1972 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife, the former Muriel Stafford, whom he married in 1934; a son, Alfred Y. Morgan III of New York City, who is president of White Rock Products Corp.; two daughters, Mrs. Laurence G. Bodkin, Jr. of Larchmont, N.Y. and Mrs. J. Kevin Kenny of Locust Valley, N.Y. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and five sisters.

Dr. Robert F. Costello

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Robert F. Costello, MD, Washington, D.C. ophthalmologist, 83, was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH, Washington, D.C. in 1952. He died February 10, 1988 at Holy Cross Hospital following a stroke.

Mr. Costello was a lifelong resident of Washington, D.C. and a graduate of Gonzaga College High School, Georgetown University and Medical School. During World War II he served in the Marine Corps. He retired in 1966 after being in the private practice of ophthalmology for 40 years.

He was a charter member of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH, a former president of the division, which conferred on him a Distinguish Service Award. He was awarded a Life Membership by the National Board of the AOH. His wife, Cecelia McHugh Costello, died in 1971.

Survivors include two daughters, Deirdre Krouse of Crofton, Md., and Sheila McGill of Houston; two sons, Robert F. Costello II and Timothy J. Costello, both of Silver Springs, Md.; a stepson, Joseph Droney of Charlottesville, Va., a sister, Ella Costello of Washington, D.C.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"IRISH TRIVIA"

Answers to questions on page 6.

1. The Harp
2. County Wicklow
3. Patrick Pearse
4. Thomas Davis
5. About 4%
6. San Antonio River, Texas
7. "God and Mary be with you"

8. Maynooth, County Kildare
 9. December 14, 1955
 10. W. B. Yeats
- Reference: *Irish Trivia*, M.A. Cafferty, H. M. Quinlan, and M.P. Quinlan, Quinlan Press, Boston, MA, January 1986; telephone: 1-800-551-2500.

Memorial To Locate in D.C.

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-Bronx/Yonkers) announces that a 4.5 acre federally owned site in Washington, D.C., called Judiciary Square, will be the site of the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial.

Biaggi, a 23-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, is founder of the Memorial project and, together with U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI), authored the legislation allowing the Memorial to be built on federal land. The authorizing legislation (Public Law 98-534) was unanimously approved by Congress in 1984. Biaggi first proposed the idea of a national memorial to law enforcement officers in 1975.

According to Biaggi, the Judiciary Square site was first proposed for the Memorial last July, with approval coming this month from the National Capital Planning Commission. The site was previously approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Memorial Commission, and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, Jr., who has operational control over the property.

"This memorial seeks to pay a lasting tribute to the thousands of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, while also honoring the many others who continue to risk their lives for our protection every hour of every day," Biaggi declared. "The Judiciary Square site is perfectly suited for this monument. It has strong linkage to law enforcement, it is easily accessible, and it is in close proximity to the other major landmarks in our Nation's Capital."

The National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund, a non-profit group managed by 15 law enforcement organizations, is now working to raise \$5 million to build the memorial. The project is being financed entirely through private contributions from the American people. Congress had directed that ground breaking for the Memorial must begin by October 19, 1989. Although a final design has not been chosen, the memorial is expected to include the names of law enforcement officers who die in the line of duty, Biaggi said. He noted that a police officer dies in our country every other day.

Judge Comerford - In Memoriam

(Continued from Page One)

mitted to the New York Bar in 1947. He also earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from New York University.

From 1947 to 1953 Jim Comerford served as Assistant District Attorney to Frank Hogan in New York County. In 1953 Jim Comerford became Judge Comerford, the title by which he has been known ever since. From 1960 until his retirement in 1971, Jim Comerford was a Judge of the New York Criminal Court.

Judge Comerford was active in a great many Irish organizations in the United States. He joined the County Kilkenny Association in 1927 and was later President of the United Irish Counties where he promoted Irish culture and tradition as Chairman of the United Irish Counties Feis.

Judge Comerford joined AOH Division 3, New York County in 1937 and rose through the ranks of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, becoming National President in 1962. He was responsible for the re-incorporation of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America under the laws of the State of New York in 1964.

Judge Comerford became involved with the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee early on; he became an officer of the Parade Committee in 1948 and was responsible for bringing the United Irish Counties into the parade that year. In 1965 Judge Comerford took over the Chairmanship of the Parade Committee from Harry Hines and held that position through 1984. Judge Comerford was a strong and determined leader who gave his all to the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade all year 'round. Many of the practices he introduced as early as 1948 are still followed by the Parade Committee. Frank Beirne, who succeeded Judge Comerford as Chairman of the largest parade in the Free World, freely admits that the experience of serving under Judge Comerford for almost twenty years on the Parade Committee was the best possible preparation for the job. Even so, it has taken the actual experience of being Chairman to give proper insight into just why "The Judge" did certain things the way he did them.

It would take too long to list all of Judge Comerford's accomplishments with the many Irish, Catholic and professional organizations with which he was associated during more than six decades of his life in New York. Jim Comerford was married in 1940 to the former Vera Carr of New York who was the strong woman whose support made possible many of his accomplishments. Together they lived for over 40 years across from Ascension Church on West 107th Street in the apartment previously occupied by Irish patriot and internationally renowned composer, Victor Herbert.

We share the grief of Mrs. Comerford's brother Robert Carr, his wife Helen and their family and of his dear friend Joe Garraghy, all of whom stuck by Jim to the end. At the same time we share the Hope of all Christians in the resurrection promised by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in the infinite Mercy of God.

Our Brother Hibernian, Judge James J. Comerford, was a distinguished American jurist and law enforcement officer, a faithful Catholic and an outstanding Irishman.

The greatest tribute which we can pay to the memory of Judge Jim Comerford is to preserve, protect and enhance the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade and then hand that parade on to those who will come after us. It will always be important to proclaim the equal right of immigrant and native alike to the freedom of this great city; it will always be important to assert that Irish are welcome to apply; it will always be important to remind the world that the Irish in America have not forgotten the motherland of our race nor her ongoing freedom struggle.

Judge James J. Comerford showed us how to do all of these things under the spotlight of world attention, how to stand tall as we asserted our Liberty and our traditions on Fifth Avenue on Saint Patrick's Day.

Thank you, Jim.

Let us arise now and follow in the footsteps of this great man.

Francis P. Beirne, Chairman
New York Saint Patrick's Day
Parade and Celebration Committee



THE LAST MEETING of the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee attended by the late Judge James J. Comerford (seated without sash) was the installation of the 1986 Grand Marshal, Al O'Hagan of Brooklyn (center) and his Aides. Seated to Al's left is Frank Beirne, present parade Chairman, who succeeded "The Judge" in 1984. Judge Comerford, who marched in his first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 1927 with the County Kilkenny Association, was a former President of Kilkenny and of the United Irish Counties as well as National President of the AOH (1962-1964) and Chairman of the Parade Committee (1965-1984).

Photo by Tom Matthews



"THATCHERISM"

Dear Editor,
Mrs. Thatcher must think people are very subjective, or stupid, to hear her talk of killings, and ask clergy to help her put an end to them (let her include Rev. Paisley).

She is the one responsible for all the killings since the Gibraltar Massacre. Her vicious bad examples, the "shoot to kill" policies, the cover-up of the Stalker report, show her to be an absolute hypocrite.

Let's hope the clergy will have the courage and conscience to point these facts out to her (the soldiers are her victims, too).

She is engulfed in a blind, racist, bigoted tirade of lunacy and is totally blind to the facts. She needs a severe "dressing down" — "it's a two-way street," Mrs. Thatcher.

Kenneth Tierney

SEAN MACBRIDE

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

I am sure that you share my deep sense of loss over the recent death of Sean MacBride, one of the great Irish patriots of the twentieth century.

As you know, one of Sean MacBride's legacies was to call our attention to the struggle for national self-determination and justice, no matter where it occurs — in Northern Ireland, or in Southern Africa. To that end, he developed a code of conduct for businesses operating in Northern Ireland which were modelled on the pioneering work of Rev. Leon Sullivan in South Africa.

I am an original sponsor of H.R. 722, which was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 22, 1987, calling for the implementation of the MacBride Principles by U.S. businesses engaged in Northern Ireland. I assure you that I will work hard for its passage.

I know that you join me not just in mourning his passing but in rejoicing in a great life passionately lived.

Thomas J. Downey
Member of Congress

TRIBUTE TO MACBRIDE

Dear Editor:

This past January, Ireland mourned the passing of one of her most beloved sons, Nobel Laureate and Irish Nationalist Sean MacBride. His significant contributions on behalf of human rights and world peace are a source of great pride for Irish Americans.

Below, for your information, is my tribute to this great man reprinted from the *Congressional Record* of January 25, 1988.

Norman F. Lent
Member of Congress

Mr. LENT. Mr. Speaker, on January 15, the world mourned the passing of a truly remarkable individual, Mr. Sean MacBride, whose diplomatic career and dedicated work for human rights won him international recognition.

Sean MacBride's distinguished career spanned nearly 70 years. As a young man, he became actively involved in the cause of Irish nationalism and went on to serve as chief of staff of the IRA during the 1930's. He obtained a law degree at Dublin's National University, and following a brilliant career as one of the most successful trial lawyers in Dublin, Sean MacBride helped establish a new faction in Irish

politics, the Republican Party. He was elected to Parliament in 1947 where he served until 1958.

In 1948, Sean MacBride entered the international political arena with his appointment as Irish Foreign Minister. As a lifelong advocate of human and individual rights, Mr. MacBride may best be remembered for founding Amnesty International in 1961. He served as the organization's chairman until 1975 and as Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations from 1973 until 1976.

Sean MacBride was a long-time friend of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on Irish Affairs, of which I am a member, appearing before the committee on several occasions to discuss issues relating to Ireland and Northern Ireland. One issue that prompted considerable debate both in Ireland and in the United States was the antidiscrimination code he sponsored, the "MacBride Principles," which called on American companies operating in Ireland to offer equal employment opportunities to Roman Catholics.

In 1974, he was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to promote human rights, and 3 years later, he was honored with the International Lenin Prize for Peace Among Nations for his efforts to end the arms race and achieve world peace. He is only the second person to win both these distinguished awards.

Sean MacBride's remarkable achievements earned him international respect and admiration, and his significant contributions to ensure human rights and world peace should be a source of great pride for all Irish-Americans. Sean MacBride will be missed, but his legacy lives on.

SEAN MACBRIDE

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

On January 15 Ireland and the world lost one of the great humanitarians of our time, Sean MacBride. His commitment to the oppressed was legendary and inspiring. In recent years I was honored to work with this remarkable man in combating religious discrimination in Northern Ireland.

Sean MacBride's most fitting memorial is our re-dedication to the high ideals which he exemplified in his long and fruitful life. May his work continue!

Harrison J. Goldin
N.Y.C. Comptroller

BIRMINGHAM SIX APPEAL

Parochial House
42 Abbey Street, Armagh

The Editor:

The judgement of the Appeal Court in the case of the Birmingham Six was negative. Also it was not couched in the sober words one would have expected from three experienced judges considering a case decided 13 years ago. It contained unmeasured tones of language of denunciation of witnesses and castigation of coolly presented scientific evidence, a certain fury of denunciation, an abolitionist exclusion of all apportioned grievances, a refusal to balance views against each other, indicating that this was a polemic like the second Philippic of Cicero against Anthony rather than the wisdom of Solomon or Solon. It

Dublin Celebrates Millennium in 1988

ABC to Broadcast Live from Dublin on May 9th

In observance of the City of Dublin's one thousandth year, ABC's "Good Morning America" will broadcast live from Dublin on May 9, 1988. The tribute will include a look at the city through a walking tour. Joel Siegel will report on the theater of Dublin and will talk about the music, the great tradition of writers, the politics of Ireland, and much more.

A brief history of Dublin follows: Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is a city of great antiquity, with a history spanning more than one thousand years. The city has an excellent situation at the mouth of the river Liffey, and it lies in the latitude 53° 20' 38" north, and in longitude, 6° 17' 36" west. The ancient Irish name for Dublin was Baile Átha Cliath, the town of the ford of the hurdles, which refers to the ford where Father Matthew Bridge now stands. The city's English name is derived from the Irish Dubh Linn, or "Black Pool," a reference to the original settlement near the confluence of the rivers Poddle and Liffey.

Origin and Early History

Scholars are agreed, on the basis of archeological evidence, that Dublin was founded by the Scandinavian Norsemen, or Vikings, who established a settlement on the south bank of the river Liffey in 841 A.D. The Norse Kingdom of Dublin became one of the most powerful in western Europe and by the tenth

was the British establishment defending itself against the 'Croppie Boys'.

Regarding the plight of the Birmingham Six we must however look at the positive side:

(1) Many politicians, churchmen and journalists in Britain, in the USA as well as Ireland are convinced that the Birmingham Six are innocent or that there is a doubt regarding their guilt sufficient to allow their release.

(2) Many of the British public also believe that the case against them is doubtful.

The time is ripe for the release of these men. We believe that diplomatic pressure from Ireland, the USA and other states including the Vatican should result in their release within 1988. Release we desire as soon as possible but that cannot be the end of the sad story. These six men cannot have the guilt of 21 murders affixed to their names nor can they be expected to resume their lives without adequate compensation. Therefore:

(1) an appeal must be made to the conscience of the police officers who beat them into signing false confessions.

(2) to the conscience of the prison officers who saw their bruises and injuries and added more.

(3) to the conscience of the IRA who bombed Birmingham to give full forensic and other historical details and in every possible way help clear them.

(4) to the conscience of the prison governors and security authorities to declare publicly that they have for a long time accepted the innocence of these men and in many ways have treated them as innocent.

(5) to the conscience of the British Government. Let every Irishman in the next election vote for the party who will release innocent Irish prisoners in jail in Britain.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Denis Paul
Fr. Raymond Murray

century it was a wealthy and successful trading centre. Not surprisingly, the city was raided repeatedly by successive Irish Kings. The most significant of these raids was carried out by Mael Sechnaill II in 988 A.D., according to the medieval annals. Mael Sechnaill captured Dublin after a siege lasting twenty days, and imposed a tax of one ounce of gold on every tenement in the town, to be paid on Christmas night forever.

This turning-point in the early history of Dublin is the focal-point for the Millennium Celebrations in 1988. Mael Sechnaill's victory paved the way for the later triumph of Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 A.D., when the Norse power in Ireland was decisively broken. The Norse continued to rule in Dublin for another 150 years, a period of comparative peace which saw the foundation of Christ Church Cathedral, which will celebrate 950 years of history in 1988, during the Dublin Millennium.

Dublin and the Norman Invasion

Dublin was captured in 1170 A.D. by Norman adventurers under Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, who carried the nickname Strongbow. In the following year, Henry II, King of England, established his authority over the city and granted it to the men of Bristol by Royal Charter. The provisions of this and subsequent charters were to form the basis of municipal government in Dublin. The first Mayor of Dublin was elected in 1229 A.D. to preside over meetings of the Dublin City Assembly which were held at the great feasts of Easter, Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas.

Dublin was also the centre of Norman administration in Ireland, with its headquarters at Dublin Castle, built in the early 13th century. The Normans were also responsible for the massive city walls, portions of which survive to this day, and which are dramatically illustrated on the 13th century Dublin City Seal. The city withstood an attack by Edward Bruce in 1317 and was to enjoy relative calm during the following two hundred years.

Life in Medieval Dublin

Commercial life within the walled city of Dublin was centred on the trade guilds, which included goldsmiths, carpenters, shoemakers, and coopers. The trade guilds were responsible for the annual Corpus Christi pageant, when each guild enacted a scene from the Bible appropriate to its calling. Other pageants included the Riding of the Franchisees, or the perambulation of the city boundaries, and the story of St. George and the Dragon. Dublin's continuing strategic importance is reflected in the personal gift of the City Sword by King Henry IV in the early 15th century. Religious life revolved around the two great

cathedrals of Christ Church and St. Patrick and numerous religious houses, including the Priory of All Saints and the Abbey of St. Thomas.

Dublin and the Tudor Monarchs
Dublin became the centre of resistance to Henry Tudor, who was crowned Henry VII of England after the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485. In May 1487, the pretender Lambert Simnel was crowned as King Edward VI in Christ Church Cathedral and an army set sail for England, only to suffer defeat at the hands of the Tudor King one month later. The Irish continued to intrigue against the Tudors, and a rebellion against Henry VIII, led by 'silken' Thomas Fitzgerald in 1534, was doomed after a two month siege of Dublin failed to capture the city and Dublin Castle.

Henry VIII introduced the Reformation to Ireland and this was followed by the suppression of the religious houses. The lands of the Priory of All Saints were granted to Dublin Corporation in 1589. The site of the Priory was subsequently given by the Corporation for the foundation of Trinity College, Dublin, which was established by the last of the Tudor Monarchs, Elizabeth I, in 1592.

Dublin and the House of Stuart

Dublin was to be the fore in support of the Restoration of Charles II in 1660. In return, the King heaped honours on the city, elevating the Mayor to the status of Lord Mayor and presenting him with a Chain of Office. The Royal Hospital was built at Kildmainham, near Dublin, by Lord Deputy Ormond as a home for retired soldiers. Ormond was also responsible for the enclosure of the Phoenix Park, which with 1,762 acres is one of the largest in Europe. Dublin's prosperity was greatly augmented by the arrival of Huguenot refugees from France, bringing new skills and helping to develop the silk and poplin industries.

Dublin remained faithful to the House of Stuart and declared its support for James II after he was deposed and replaced by William of Orange in 1688. The decisive defeat of James at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, meant that Dublin had no option but to submit to William, who later presented a new Chain of Office to be worn by the city's Lord Mayor which is in use to the present day.

Dublin's Golden Age:

The Eighteenth Century
Dublin enjoyed unprecedented peace and prosperity during the 18th century. The city was the seat of the Irish Parliament, which met in the new Parliament House in College Green, built in 1729. Other magnificent buildings soon followed, including the Four Courts and Custom House, designed by James Gandon, and the Royal Exchange which is now Dublin's City Hall. The Lord Mayor of Dublin was provided

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Roche Stumps for Passage

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Peter Archer, a former Solicitor General of Great Britain has confirmed in affidavits before the SEC that there is nothing in the MacBride Principles which contravenes the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Act or violates English statutes. In the 1986 case involving American Branda, U.S. District Judge Carter declared that the MacBride Principles "do not call for discrimination against anyone. All nine of the principles could be legally implemented by management in its Northern facility."

(2) *The Switch* — Adoption of the MacBride Principles will lead to disinvestment and contribute to economic decline. The objective here is to switch your attention from the investment decisions of U.S. pension fund managers which the bill addresses to the totally unrelated disinvestment decisions of corporations. The Royal rump who espouse this specious argument fail to acknowledge at least half a dozen more critical factors affecting business decisions such as devaluation of currencies, export/import imbalances, taxes and duties, availability of raw material, transportation costs, the cost of borrowing and British fiscal and economic policies.

From June 1979 to June, 1986 manufacturing jobs in Northern Ireland declined by 33% (48,000 jobs). The MacBride Fair Employment Principles were developed and promoted beginning in 1985. England would have you believe this decline is in some way attributable to the MacBride Principles. These same officials attempted to link the 1986 announced closing of Gallagher's Belfast plant to the threat of the MacBride Principles. In fact, the Gallagher's consolidation was due to West German imports and the Thatcher government's duty increase on cigarettes!!

Finally, in over 30 hours of testimony in five states not one independent representative of the business or investment community testified against the Principles. If these Principles pose any threat to investment it apparently is unknown to fiscal officers or investors, or is so insubstantial as to not warrant a statement from them.

(3) *The Bribe* — offer something in exchange for delay or rejection of the MacBride Principles. In at least two states — Illinois and Rhode Island — British officials have attempted to influence state legislators by offering trips to Northern Ireland. In California, British investment was hinted as retaliation against the MacBride bill.

The bribe is actually a key component of the Northern Ireland occupation strategy. In the 1970's the British government threw tax incentives, loans and grants at bigoted Unionist politicians and firms like Harland and Wolff and Shorts in a Parliamentary vote-buying ploy that

In the 1980's the English government chose to make a Catholic ghetto out of the Northern Ireland Civil Service in an attempt to bribe some Catholics and draw attention away from their dismal performance at addressing anti-Catholic discrimination in these government sponsored firms in the private sector. Nearly 50% of the entire workforce (9 out of every 20) in Northern Ireland are on a public payroll, but not one of the government's witnesses today will suggest to you that huge public debt could lead to disinvestment, economic stagnation, or a disincentive to investment. Only the MacBride Principles could do that!!

Oliver Kearney, the Secretary for the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Trust set up by Dr. MacBride, would not take the bribe and for his advocacy of the MacBride Principles before the California legislature, was summarily dismissed. Kearney is the most feared man in England today. Why? Because he possesses the truth and the courage of his convictions.

(4) *The Dodge* — Leading political representatives of the Catholic/Nationalist Communities oppose use of the MacBride Principles. Individuals like Hume, Fitt and Cusack, who have testified at other hearings, are affectionately referred to as England's pet Catholics. They represent the fruits of the bribe. They are paid by the British government but the party they ostensibly represent, the Social Democratic Labor Party (SDLP), has never adopted a policy in opposition to the MacBride Principles. Consider the hypocrisy of Mr. Hume, and Lord Fitt when a month ago Sean Farren, the SDLP spokesman on employment called for the "adoption of U.S. type laws and a tough program of affirmative action." In other words the MacBride Principles as American investment guidelines would somehow threaten jobs but the same principles enshrined in law as advocated by Hume would not harm investment. A more classic case of double-speak would be hard to find. Moreover, the Prime Minister of Ireland and Gerry Adams, a Sinn Féin Member of Parliament who represents 1/3 of the Catholic/Nationalist vote in Northern Ireland, are both strong advocates of the adoption and use of the MacBride Principles. Mr. Hume's simplistic "We want jobs not principles," begs the question of basic rights no matter what the economic climate.

(5) *The Stall* — There is no need for American concern because a British White Paper on the issue of employment in Northern Ireland has been published. Every time England's illegitimate role of occupation is thrust into public view a White Paper is promised or a Royal Commission is created in the best tradition of colonial paternalism. The sole purpose of these devices and that of the Anglo-Irish Accord is to stall for time and to give the appearance of concern. Listen carefully to the Sept. 10, 1987 words of Mr. Viggers announcing the release of the new Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights

DUBLIN MILLENNIUM 1988

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Guinness laid the foundation stone for his brewery at St. James' Gate, Dublin.

Dublin in Transition:
The Nineteenth Century

The Act of Union, 1800 abolished the independent Irish Parliament and united it with the British Parliament at Westminster. The aristocracy and gentry followed the Parliament to London and this led to a decline in Dublin's standing and prosperity. Many elegant terraced houses degenerated into tenement shums, as the numbers of Dublin's poor were swollen by the effects of the Great Famine, in the 1840's.

Not all was gloom and doom, however. The rise of the Catholic merchant class after Emancipation in 1829 led to a boom in church-building. Improvements in the infrastructure included the introduction of the railways and trams. The provision of piped water from the Vartory reservoir in the 1860's and the development of a main drainage scheme were valuable weapons in the fight against disease. New and improved hospitals were built, such as the Mater Misericordiae and St. Vincent's Hospital. The municipal franchise was extended, allowing a greater say in running the city's affairs to a larger number of people.

Report: "These proposals . . . [include] tough economic sanctions including grant denial are more comprehensive and radical than the MacBride Principles." The proposals are, in fact, just that, and it is reliably estimated that a two-year trek through Parliament would get most of them. Isn't it ironic. However, in two years the "radical" MacBride Principles have become so tame and how in America the principles would do harm, but in Northern Ireland they would be effective.

Everett Dirksen when faced with adoption of civil rights laws he did not support remarked, "Just when it looks like you are going to be run out of town on a rail — turn around and look like you are leading the parade." Alas, Britain would now have you believe she is leading the parade. If ever there was a reason to doubt the Russian Bear — beware when dealing with the sinister Saxon. England is every bit committed to Irish apartheid as South Africa is to racial apartheid.

I have found that legislators invariably decide on this legislation on the basis of subterfuge merit and intuition — choosing the dedication and integrity of the late Dr. Sean MacBride over the pandering of paid mercenaries; choosing common sense over nonsense. We plead for your support of this measure as a simple matter of justice.

New services were provided, including the city's own police force and fire brigade.

Toward the end of the century, efforts were underway to provide housing for Dublin's thousand slum dwellers, and red-brick artisan's dwellings were built by private, charity and public purse. Meanwhile the city's suburbs had extended beyond the two canals, into Rathmines and Ballsbridge on the south, and Clontarf and Drumcondra on the north.

Dublin Today:

The Twentieth Century

In the early 20th century, Dublin witnessed two movements which shaped modern Ireland: the 1913 Lock-Out, which stamped the labour movement under the trade union leader Jim Larkin, and the 1916 Rising, which led ultimately to the foundation of the Irish Free State in 1922. The Irish Civil War started in June of that year, with the destruction of the Four Courts, and large areas of central Dublin were destroyed, as they had been in 1916.

The cessation of hostilities in 1923 allowed for a reconstruction programme in the city centre; meanwhile, garden suburbs such as Marino and Crumlin were built by Dublin Corporation. The city boundaries were extended in 1930 with the inclusion of the Townships of Rathmines and Rathgar and of Pembroke. A further extension was effected in 1942 when Howth was incorporated to the city. Modern Dublin is not without its problems, which come from the difficulty of containing an expanding 20th century city within an 18th century core without damaging the environment.

Whatever its difficulties may be, and whatever its future may bring, Dublin has been guaranteed immortality through the greatest work of 20th century literature, James Joyce's *Ulysses* which encapsulates for all time the story of Dublin, the city built beside Anna Livia Plurabelle.

Grand Marshals on British Policy



FORMER GRAND MARSHALS, l. to r., Paul O'Dwyer, Peter King and Michael Flannery held a St. Patrick's Day news conference at O'Lunney's Restaurant in Manhattan to discuss the British murder of Irish citizens. O'Dwyer was Grand Marshal in 1974; Flannery in 1983; and King said there was "nothing for Irish-Americans to celebrate on St. Patrick's Day as long as British soldiers are on Irish soil."

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Honor the Patron Saint of Ireland in a manner that is befitting a gentleman of his stature, not to mention the rest of the Irish Saints or those Irishmen and women who have done so much to better the world we live in; the country we love dearly; the state in which we dwell and the city which we call home. It has been and will continue to be a great place to live, thanks to these Irishmen and women. Let's go to sports.

Superbowl: The big game has come and went. The Redskins have triumphed over all. The Denver Broncos once again were defeated because of their defense. YR heard a comment by a sportscaster who was picking Washington prior to the game. This sportscaster's comment was that all he could see from last year's Superbowl was Phil Simm's having an excessive amount of time to set up and throw passes. He alleged that Denver's defense was suspect. This proved the case. Washington also disproved the myth that black quarterbacks can't make it in the NFL. Mr. Williams did an exceptional job.

Perfidious Albion

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der of the Ulster Defense Regiment, Brigadier Denis Omerod, even went on television to say that the regiment was open to members of the Ulster Defense Association.

Lord Carrington

British politicians were also associated with "dirty tricks" operations. The Littlejohn brothers were signed up by Lord Carrington, then Defense Minister, and Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, a Cabinet aide to Prime Minister Heath. They were sent to the south of Ireland to carry out illegal operations, including bank robberies and the petrol-bombing of police stations, in order to discredit the IRA.

Sectarian Policies

British politicians have continued the Stormont practice of fostering high unemployment rates in Catholic areas. The Fair Employment Agency was understaffed and under financed. Employees who tried to accomplish the aims for which it had been set up were harassed. Grants from the European Parliament, designed to help long term unemployed, were withdrawn from projects in Catholic areas. Employees of the Fair Employment Trust were dismissed or threatened with dismissal for promoting the MacBride Principles.

Mis-Use of American Grants

Anti-Catholic prejudice is evident also in the use of American funds. "The Irish government", the *Irish Voice* reported 12/12/87, "is pressing for a major review of the United States-backed International Fund for Ireland, which was set up after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The government's move comes after the Fund's decision to allocate only one percent of its budget for job creation projects to the deprived area of West Belfast".

Even the government-owned British Broadcasting Corporation is availed of to promote sectarianism. The music of the Lulliburero, an anti-Catholic rallying song which dates back to the time of William of Orange, is used as a signature tune before every world news broadcast.

The Hibernians in the DC area (MD, VA, DC and points west) can take great pleasure with the Redskin's success.

One aside to the Superbowl was Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder's abrupt departure from CBS. He uttered his own execution with his comments on black athletes. A man in his seventies should know better. So goes the world of sports. Much money passed hands during this year's Superbowl. The only ones that came out ahead were the bookies, as usual.

College Basketball: The Big East is becoming quite interesting. Syracuse is being upset by teams that aren't thought to be that good this year. Georgetown is supposedly in a rebuilding year yet they are playing good ball. Villanova is not taking a back seat just because the sportswriters don't rate them too highly. Then there is UConn, the University of Connecticut. Not what one might call a jock school or diploma mill by any stretch of the imagination, yet at the moment, one of the better teams in the Big East. As Arte Johnson used to say, "Verry Interesting!" A late note, Syracuse took Villanova to claim the Big East berth in the NCAA.

The Midwest has teams such as Purdue, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State, DePaul and Notre Dame beating themselves black-and-blue. A lot of good ball being played by these teams. Not to short change Notre Dame this year, but YR doesn't think that Digger Phelps has the horses to make it to the Final Four this year. The kids have a lot of heart but they're missing too many shots. Indiana has practically every team in the nation gunning for them. Not because of their playing ability but because of their coach, Bobby Knight. YR doesn't know Knight but his arrogance and temper when coaching doesn't thrill too many people. Is this the image of college sports that parents want their kids to emulate? The fans probably think it's great. It's not. Enough of this editorializing.

The team that is presently ranked No. 1 in the polls is Arizona. Now, YR hasn't been to the state of Arizona. He doesn't know that much about the school. What he has learned is that Arizona has a good academic record. They have a guard that has suffered tragedy in his young life. This same kid is carrying a very impressive grade point average. On a Court, this blond-headed guard doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone. His point average is also very good. His last name is Kerr. His father was the president of the American University in Beirut, Was, because his father was killed there in the kid's freshman year at Arizona. YR isn't the only one that is impressed with this kid. In addition to the president of Arizona University, his coach, the NBA, there are a few captains of industry that would love to have a guy such as Mr. Kerr on their corporate team.

Speaking of the NCAA Final Four, which YR wasn't, some corporations are running contests to see who can pick the final four. If you enter one of these contests, Good Luck.

Brawl: Whether it is professional or amateur sports, bench-clearing brawls and fights have no place in

any game. Georgetown has been guilty of provoking some incidents. The latest incident happened between the Redmen of St. John's and the Black Friars of Providence. Players and fans got into this one. It was ugly! Besides the obvious reasons for not doing such things, there is an issue that is being lost. At one time Catholic colleges were not only for turning scholars some of which could play sports, but also ladies and gentlemen. The latter part seems to have gone by the wayside in these modern times. No longer is it enough to be a gentleman on the court or the field; you have to be an aggressive athlete who believes in the Code of Hammurabi. Whatever happened to finesse? These guys today think they have to duke it out anytime an opponent bumps them. This not only detracts from the game, it detracts from the player involved and from the school whose colors he is wearing. It also reflects on their coach. Let's put brains back into the game and leave the brawls for the guys in the bars. To quote Grantland Rice, "It isn't whether you win or lose but how you play the game that counts." Go and sin no more. Amen.

Winter Olympics: Much has been said about the lack of gold won by the U.S. team. Fine, these kids, and most of them were kids, are strictly amateur. Yes, there were more corporate sponsors and monies available for training than in the past. YR feels that these kids gave their best. So the hockey team played a little erratic. You can't have a miracle every time out. So some of the figure skaters didn't live up to the hype about them. Did you ever think that perhaps the hype was wrong? YR is proud of what they did in Calgary. You should be proud of them too. Be proud of a team that can be called an amateur team. Amateur does not mean bush-league or mediocre. Amateur means non-professional in the strictest sense of the word, as in doing it without compensation. Be it by government subsidy or pseudo-athletic club largesse, in the USA, there isn't a full-time Olympic figure skater on the payroll.

As far as TV coverage went, ABC did make some gaffes, but overall, the network did a good job. Some of their reporters were more comfortable covering the events than others.

Baseball: Spring training has opened in Florida and Arizona. Opening day can't be far behind. The odds are against the Cardinals and Twins repeating. In the American League, the question isn't who's going to win the pennant but how long will Billy Martin manage the Yankees? The odds on this say Billy won't last the season.

Hibernian Shamrock Run A Popular Annual Event



A PORTION OF the field of 800 runners taking part in the Fourth Annual Hibernian Shamrock Run, held March 5 in Forest Park in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS: The sound of the starter's gun signaled the start of the Fourth Annual Hibernian Shamrock Run, and unofficially the beginning of the running season in St. Louis.

The Hibernian Shamrock, held March 5 in Forest Park, is one of the most popular on the running circuit. The run is monitored and sanctioned by the St. Louis Track Club.

Over 800 runners took part in the event, which is actually two runs. For recreational striders there is a 3K race, and for more competitive runners, a 10K.

The Hibernian Shamrock is sponsored by Hibernians of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Corporate sponsors include Flanagan Wallpaper and Paint, Vess Beverages and Anheuser-Busch companies.

Local Irish-American businessman Bill Flanagan, president of Flanagan Wallpaper and Paint Co. was the honorary starter of both races. Post-run festivities included entertainment by the Irish musical group "Limerick" and refreshments provided by Anheuser-Busch and Vess. Monies raised by the run support the AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and local and national AOH charities.

"Runners really give the Hibernian Shamrock high marks," said organizer Dan Friel. "Not just the run, but the whole event. Many of them say it is one of the best in St. Louis, with the music and refreshments."

"But to tell the truth, it's just as much fun for the Hibernians," Friel added. "The biggest benefit of the run and the AOH parade is the sense



ONE OF THE youngest striders in the 3K race takes to the task of the Hibernian Shamrock. He did finish (and with a good time too!)

of unity it has brought to the St. Louis Irish community.

"A big vote of thanks has to go to our corporate sponsors: Flanagan, Vess and Anheuser-Busch. Another group that must be recognized is the St. Louis Track Club, especially Dan Sebben and Tom Eckleman. We couldn't do it without all their help."



Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Dept. of English, Program for Irish Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Can you please provide me with information on the name Davis? Mr. E.J. Davis, Sharon Hill, PA.

A. Davis is a pet form of David meaning 'beloved.' The name is usually associated with that great Celtic land, Wales. But its history in Ireland is very old. In Irish the name appears in several regional spellings: Ulster, mac daibhir; Wexford, mac daibhrd mor; but most commonly as daibhir. All of these are pronounced dawver, which, if an English word, would rhyme with flower. Related names in English are M'David, M'Davis, M'Dave, M'Day, M'Da, MacDavid, Davidson, Dawson, all meaning 'son of David,' while Davy and Davies, mean 'of David.' It was a common name among the early Anglo-Welsh settlers. There were also a powerful Scottish clan and a branch of the Burke family. In addition two separate native Irish families have the name. The MacDavids of Thomond and those of Wexford. The title of the head of the Wexford clan was known as mac daibhrd mor, 'the great son of David.' His patrimony lay in the northeast part of Wexford. The *Book of Leinster*, written between 1125-50 A.D., states that this family is descended from Mardock the Gael. Such a reference attests to the ancientness of the use of the name in Ireland.

Q. Could you please help me with the name of Nahlill? Anthony Nahlill, Bensalem, PA.

A. In Irish your name appears as O Neighill pronounced just like the English transcription. Irish is equal to English long a, thus the a in your name. It was common practice for immigrant officers and record keepers to spell out Irish names (and other foreign) as they sounded. Your name could belong to a branch of the glorious O'Neill family of which there is much written. Other forms of your name are O'Neill, O'Nihill, O'Nyhill, and O'Niall, which means 'descendant of Niall.' The name is of Norse extraction and is popular in Limerick where the Vikings established one of their first settlements in the 10th century. There is a Norse Saga called Niall's Saga. It is not connected with your name, but shows its Scandinavianness. Many believe that your name is not a branch of the O'Neills of Ulster because of its Norse origins and those Ulstermen were fighting the Danes near Dublin as early as 919. So unless your namesakes betrayed their fellow countrymen, a not too rare occurrence, mind you (if the gold was sufficient), then there is probably no connection with those Ulster O'Neills. There is, however, an O'Neill of Dalmanis of Dalmanis origin and descended, according to the 16th century historian Keats, from the King of Cashel, Aodh Caomh, who reigned from 871-901, and whose power base originated in south Co. Clare, where the O'Nihill family still flourishes. Of great interest is that Brian Boru was a Dalmanis. By 1000 he had subjugated and made allies of the Danes in southwest Ireland. So your ancestors may have fought their own countrymen after all. Boru died on Easter Friday 1014 before he could know that his army defeated the Danes thus halting Danish supremacy. If there were ever such a thing as a King of All Ireland, Boru would have to claim that title. If your family is associated with either the Ulster O'Neills or the Dalmanis O'Nihills, they helped to create Irish history by successfully driving out the marauding Vikings.

Q. Could you please tell me the origin of my family name Whitney. Francis Whitney, Staten Island, N.Y.

A. Whitney is a Scandinavian name that came to England during the Danish invasions. In Irish it appears de Fuitigh pronounced f, ui as in guilt, ni as in nip, gh-y in year. It means 'one who came from Whitney' in Herefordshire, England or from White Island, England.

Q. Could you please give me some information on the origin of the name Fay? James Fay, Arlington Heights, IL.

A. In Irish the name has several regional spellings: O Feich and O Feisch in Connacht; O Faith in Galway, O Faedbeach in Westmeath; other forms are de Fao and A' Fao. O Feich is O Fay, Fay, Fay in English. The name means 'descendant of a Raven.' The many Irish spellings provide a variety of Anglicized spellings for each Irish one, yet each Irish spelling provides your form of the name. Other related English spellings are Fybie, Fybee, Fee, Fye; o Faith, O Fagh, O Faye, Foy, Fahy, Fahy, Faghy. A few of the Irish spellings translate to mean 'green,' because it resembles the Irish word faithche, which also means field. Another theory is that the name in French means 'beech tree' and may have come to Eire during the Norman invasions. The most illustrious branch of this family lived in Ul Maine, Co. Galway, and much of their land, called the Poblewinterfahy (note the -Fahy at the end) was wrested from them during the Cromwellian confiscations.

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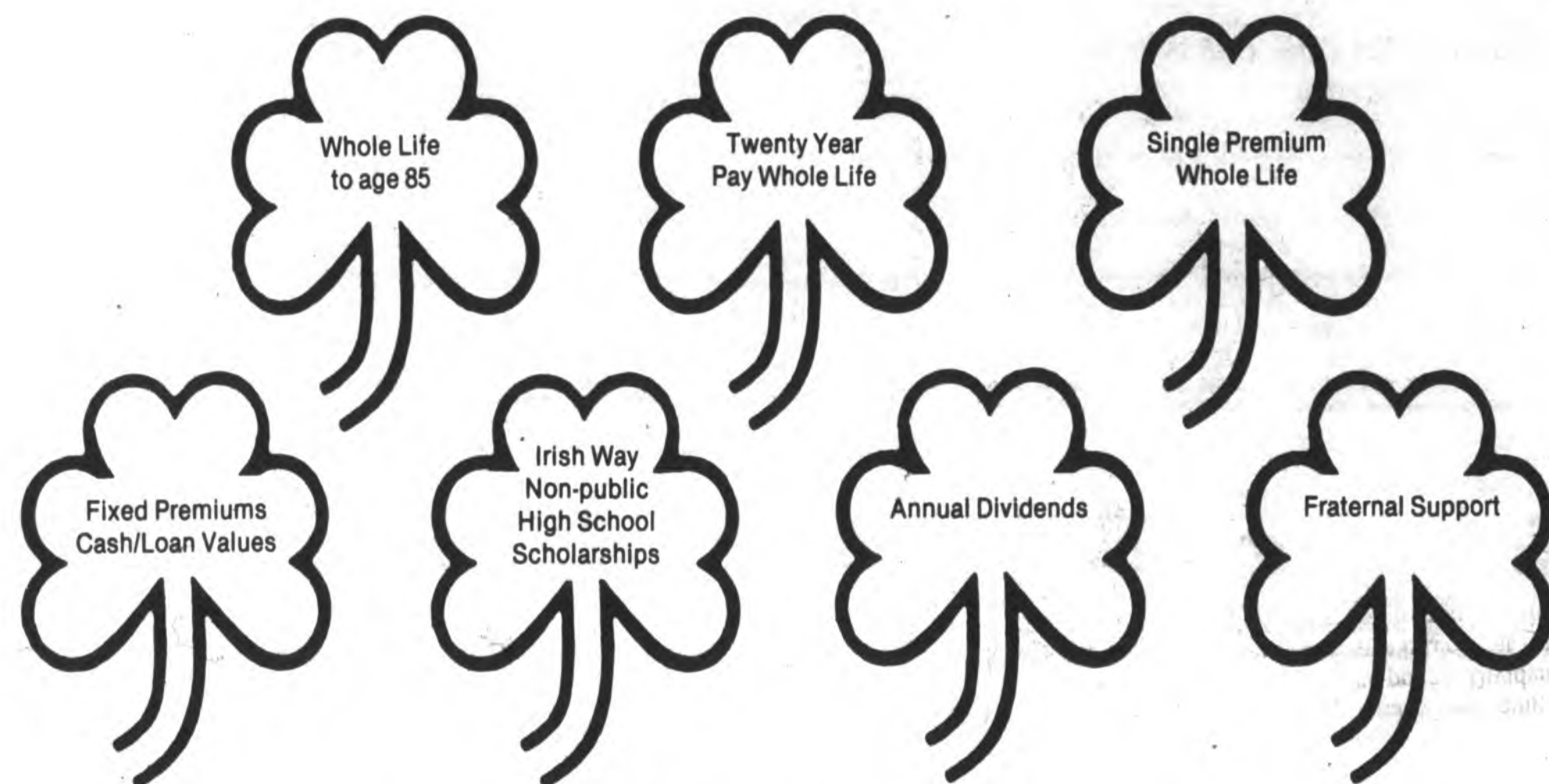
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Northern Ireland Is at War — John Stalker

In An Interview with National President Murphy

"I have known honorable men in similar positions who ordinarily would not accept a free cup of coffee — however, if the possibility of a Knighthood was dangled under their noses, they would kill for it."

In a seven-week period in late 1982, six unarmed Catholic men were killed in Ulster by officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). Two years later John Stalker, one of Britain's most highly respected criminal investigators, was sent to Northern Ireland to inquire into alleged abuses by the RUC, including the existence of a secret but official "shoot-to-kill" policy. Despite being stonewalled by the RUC for two years, Stalker managed to uncover possible offences of murder, perjury, and conspiracy to circumvent the course of justice, and was on the brink of discovering vital evidence when he was abruptly pulled off the case. "I was getting close to the truth about policemen operating under cover and without proper control," says Stalker. "I believe I was hurriedly removed because I was on the threshold of causing a major police scandal and political row."

Stalker's interim report had recommended that eleven RUC officers be tried for murder. That was the last straw for the British establishment. In the apparent conspiracy between the Thatcher Cabinet, Sir John Hermon, head of the RUC and others, false charges were brought against Stalker. He was suspended from duty and removed from the "Shoot-to-Kill"

investigation. Sixty days later Stalker was cleared of all charges and returned to duty as Deputy Chief Constable of Manchester. Disillusioned at being unable to complete his inquiries, and facing a wall of silence upon his return from his superior, Chief Constable James Anderton, John Stalker resigned from the Police Force in March of 1987. The RUC investigation was taken over by Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

John Stalker then decided to tell his story and wrote a book called "The Stalker Affair." The book was launched in the United States on May 20, 1988, by its publisher, Viking Penguin Inc. I met John Stalker on May 23, 1988 and spoke to him about his experiences in the RUC investigation. I found Stalker to be outgoing, friendly and unflappable. In spite of his ill-treatment by the British establishment, he remains surprisingly without a trace of bitterness toward those who wronged him. The story of this man of unquestionable honesty and integrity should be of great interest to Americans, especially Americans of Irish descent. The following are excerpts from the interview:

Murphy: In your book you did not fully support the "shoot-to-kill"

theory. Does that mean you believed that what appeared to be the work of "death squads" was the work of individuals acting without authority?

Stalker: What I said was that the word policy is a very difficult word to define. By policy I had to define my own meaning for the word. By policy I meant a written or verbally expressed instruction to policemen to go out and kill terrorists rather than arrest them — and later tell lies about it because it was in the best interest of the police in Northern Ireland. I didn't find that sort of policy. What I did find was a state of affairs that indicated that those junior policemen who actually did the shooting honestly believe that was what was expected of them. They were hyped up to the point that they believed that that was what their bosses wanted to happen. Then when it did happen, their senior officers disappeared and left them to carry the can. It was that I referred to in my book when I said there was an inclination if not a policy to shoot-to-kill. I have to say there is nothing wrong with a shoot-to-kill policy, provided those you are shooting at are armed, and are shooting back. In those cases, of course, the people were unarmed and I think that is the essential point. They could, in my view, have been arrested rather than shot.

Murphy: Would you call what's going on in Northern Ireland a war?

Stalker: I would. The police regard it as a war. The people on the other side regard it as war. People living in certain parts of Northern Ireland consider themselves living in a war zone. Having said that, there is no official acknowledgement that it is a war.

Murphy: Some who have read your book say you appeared to have been an 'innocent' man when you went to Northern Ireland. Why were you surprised considering the RUC had been convicted of gross human rights violations by the European Court of Justice?

Stalker: Surprised, yes — because I believed that it was in everyone's interest that if policemen had committed murder they should be thoroughly investigated. I believe that the majority of people in Northern Ireland, and that includes the RUC, would not want wrongdoing



JOHN STALKER, left, with AOH National President Nick Murphy during a recent interview about the "Stalker Affair" in Ireland.

swept under the carpet.

Murphy: From your investigations in Northern Ireland do you believe that the British occupation of that section of Ireland has been expensive for Britain in view of its having corrupted the political and judicial system all the way to Number 10 Downing Street?

Stalker: I don't know. I know that what happened in my case was shameful and I hope that people are ashamed of it. It has been a very shabby and sad episode in investigations of this type and I expect that it will make the next one, if there is ever another investigation

into police activity in Northern Ireland, almost impossible to do.

Murphy: Did Margaret Thatcher have a hand in your dismissal from the investigation?

Stalker: I can't say for sure. I can say that my appointment to the investigation was made at a very high cabinet level. I must assume that my removal from it in light of the very delicate nature of the Anglo-Irish agreement at that time, must have been endorsed at an equivalent level.

Murphy: Must Sir John Hermon (Chief Constable RUC N.I.) be

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Toward Fair Employment Donnelly-McGrath Bill Uses Tax Incentives and Penalties

U.S. Reps. Brian Donnelly (D-MA), Raymond McGrath (R-NY), William Coyne (D-PA) and Barbara Kennelly (D-CT), along with a bipartisan group of 12 members of the Committee on Ways and Means, have introduced legislation to create employment incentives for U.S. firms locating in Northern Ireland. The bill would also require firms in Northern Ireland to comply with a series of fair employment standards modeled after standards proposed by the British government.

"Some of the problems in Northern Ireland are attributable to the high

unemployment rates there," said Donnelly in remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives. "Those minority workers there who do have jobs are frequently the victims of discrimination in employment. The time has come to take measures to encourage employment and end discriminatory practices in employment in that troubled section of the world."

Donnelly cited statistics comparing the overall Northern Ireland unemployment rate of 18.1% to other areas of the region where the unemployment rate for Catholic

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Governor Mike Dukakis Addresses Irish Forum

NEW YORK, NY: Governor of Massachusetts Michael Dukakis, as candidate for the U.S. presidency, addressed the Irish Forum '88 in April. Here are some excerpts from his presentation:



MICHAEL DUKAKIS

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"John Kennedy's election in 1960, in a very real sense, was an expression of the principles upon which this nation was founded. America is a land that is dedicated to the proposition that every citizen ought to have the opportunity to go as far as he/she can, based upon their abilities, their talents, no matter who they are or where they came from or the color of their skin or what their ethnic origin."

"The problems that now confront

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Teachtaineacht an Uachtaráin
By Nicholas Murphy, National President

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It has been a great honor to serve our Order as National President during the past two years. In my ten years of direct involvement with the National Board it has been my privilege to work with many fine people, all of whom generously volunteer their time and efforts to work for the programs and principles of the AOH. It is also quite evident that the average Hibernian (if there be such) is above average.

There is another thing regarding the National Presidency about which prior presidents had warned me, that is that it can be virtually a full-time job. The greatest part of my time and efforts over the last two years has been devoted to the AOH. We (not I but we) have continued old projects and begun new ones. We have accomplishments, yet there remains much to be done. It is because my personal situation does not permit me to continue to devote the same level of intensity of effort that I reluctantly have declined to seek another term as your National President. This does not mean that I intend to retire from Hibernian activity, nor that I will be unavailable for service to the National Board. But, to another must fall the opportunity to serve as National President for the next term; fortunately, there is no shortage of talent in our Order, which makes my decision a little bit easier. (In fact, one of our great strengths over a century and a half, is the orderly and regular transfer of power in our national leadership while maintaining continuity of purpose.) Whoever the next National President is, he will have my active support and my understanding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We have reestablished relations with the people of Ireland on several levels. No party or leader of opinion in Ireland is excluded from communication. It is important to recognize that it is possible to continue to exchange views with those with whom we disagree, whether they be in or out of government. This is true not only of the people of Ireland, but also of Great Britain, since it is the failed policies of English Imperialism which are at the root of many of Ireland's woes.

As an example, promoting the restoration of the Irish forests, destroyed by past English exploitation, we have joined with the Irish American Cultural Institute in planting a Hibernian Forest in Kerry. We must continue to propagate Irish culture in the New World as well as to support Irish culture in the Old. It is our responsibility as Americans to offer to America what is best in the traditions of our ancient heritage. Music and dance, literature and language, religion and philosophy, all

this and more can we continue to give to the world — and most importantly to our own posterity.

Our youth are our future. With this in mind we have adopted the Irish Youth Foundation as a charity of our Order. We have also recommended support for Colaiste na bhFian, Between, Project Children, Scoil Gaolach - Beal Feirste, and other worthy youth projects.

The MacBride Principles Campaign remains high on our agenda. Successful in seven states to date, we must continue with Illinois, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and Congress as our next targets. In the area of public relations generally we must redouble our efforts to make American opinion makers take seriously "Irish" issues and issues of interest to Irish America. This means the lobbying not only of public officials, but of the news media, by mail and by direct

meetings with their editorial boards. To this end we have met with the editorial board of the *New York Times*; while we don't seem to have converted them, we have gotten more reporting of Irish stories into the paper. We have also issued a booklet of guidelines for dealing with opinion makers to each Hibernian division. Grass roots effort is absolutely essential in this area.

We have sounded the call for the US Postal System to issue a Commodore John Barry commemorative stamp by the bi-centennial of his being appointed to head the new US Navy by President George Washington. Congress must also make Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, a National Commemoration (as distinct from a paid holiday). This is not too much to ask in view of the major role played by the Irish in the winning of the In-

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Nat'l President in Ireland



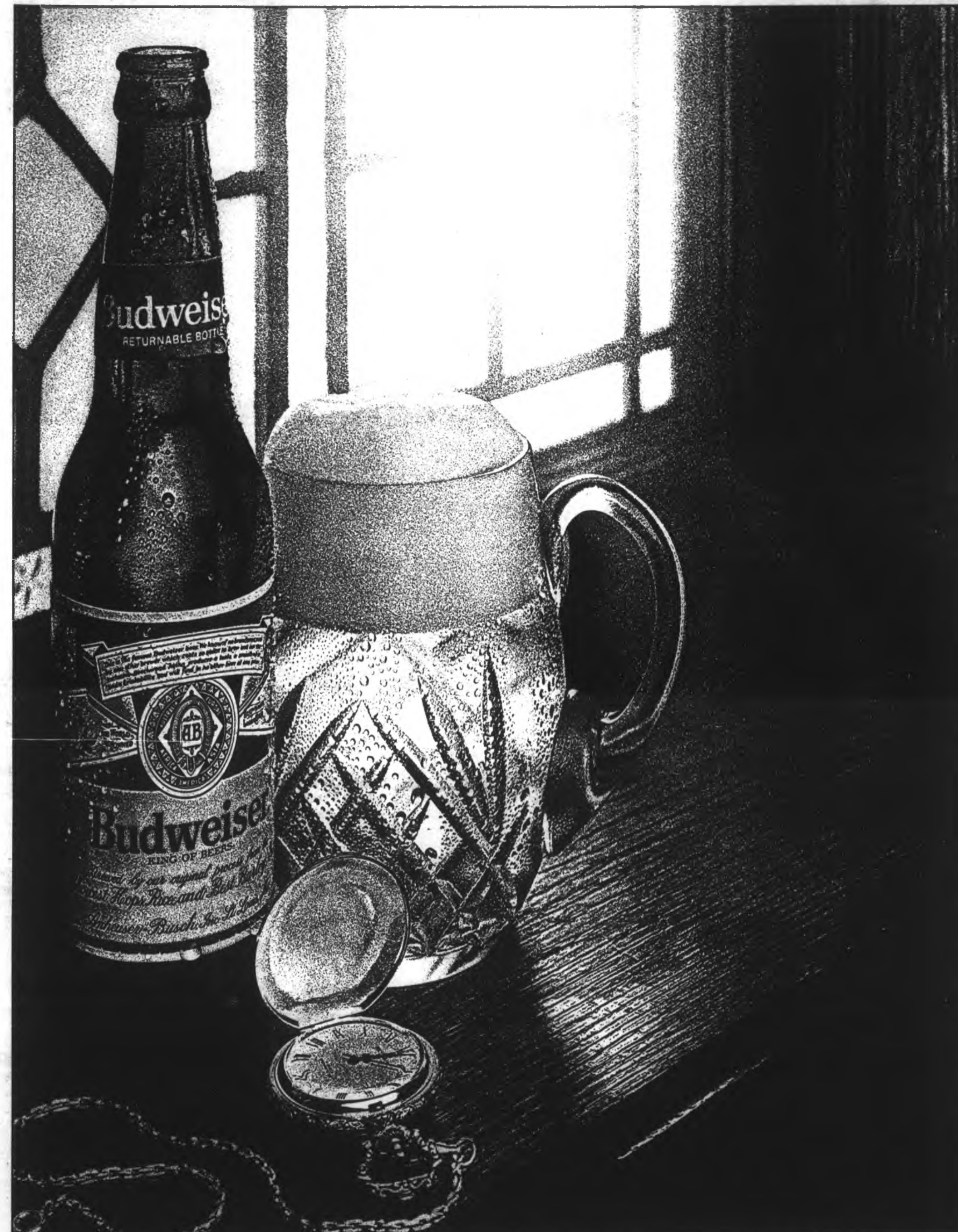
WHEN CONGRESSMAN Brian Donnelly of Massachusetts visited Ireland, National President Nick Murphy took him on a tour of North Kerry to show him the effects of immigration on this hard hit area. Here Nick introduces the congressman, at left, to a gathering in Nick's home village of Tarbert, Co. Kerry.



ON A RECENT visit to Ireland National President Nick Murphy, left, paid a courtesy call on a great friend of the AOH — His Worship The Mayor of Wexford, Dominic Kieran. The mayor will host "Irish-American Week" in Wexford June 19-26.



IN DUBLIN National President Murphy presents a check to Norma Smurfit, president of the Irish Youth Foundation. The contribution was a joint project of the AOH and the Ladies AOH.



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THOMAS E. GILLIGAN

Gilligan Makes Bid for Second Director Term

National Director Thomas E. Gilligan announces his bid for reelection to his current office, as AOH National Director. Active in the AOH for many years, Tom has served the order through levels of division, state and national involvement. He was particularly instrumental in spearheading the remarkable growth of the order in his state of Florida. As a former National Advertising Director Gilligan raised over \$20,000 for the Order. His energy and ability led to his appointment as National Organizer, during which tenure he added several new states and many members to the organization.

From his current position as National Director, Gilligan has represented the AOH on several boards and worked closely with other organizations on issues of mutual interest. He was instrumental in establishing the coalition of groups to promote the adoption of the MacBride Principles in Florida.

Asked why he devotes so much of his life to the AOH, Gilligan said, "The AOH is the nation's finest organization, and I want to continue to represent and promote the AOH in the South whenever possible."

Tom is married to the former Bridget Halligan and resides in Fort Lauderdale. The couple has two sons, Brian and Patrick. Besides his AOH activities, Tom finds time to serve as vice president of the Irish Cultural Institute, and on civic associations. He has been called upon several times to represent the Irish American community in Florida.

McInerney Is Endorsed for Director Post

The Midwest States have endorsed the candidacy of John T. McInerney for a second term to the Office of National Director. In addition to holding that office for the past two years, Brother McInerney has served as chairman of the Anti-Defamation Committee. That Committee is currently engaged in a campaign to force Hallmark Greeting Cards to cease distribution of Saint Patrick's Day cards which subject the Irish to degradation and ridicule. He is at the forefront of the

"Bill" Hynes Declares For Nat'l Director

William "Bill" F. Hynes of San Antonio, Texas, has announced his candidacy for the office of National Director at the 1988 biennial AOH



WILLIAM "BILL" F. HYNES

convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The Texas State Board has endorsed his candidacy.

Bill has served as Texas State President, Division President, Deputy National Director and successful chairmen for the Texas site committee, and the Miami (80) convention which brought the National

efforts to implement the MacBride Principles Bill in his state of Michigan. The Bill currently needs only to clear the Senate in order to be signed into law.

A past division secretary, county secretary and state secretary — and



JOHN T. MCINERNEY

current financial secretary of Detroit's Patrick Ryan Division, Brother McInerney has extensive knowledge of the Order from a working viewpoint. Through his efforts the state of Michigan publishes a quarterly newspaper that reaches every member of the state, keeping them informed of news from both Ireland as well as the state.

Brother McInerney is co-chairman of the Detroit International Feis, an active member of the Detroit chapters of CCE, INA and the Irish American Cultural Institute.

A graduate of Detroit's Lawrence Institute of Technology with a BSME, he is employed as a Senior Design Engineer with Ford Motor Engineering's Chassis Division. He is married to the former Cheryl L. Deering, the father of two children, Maureen and Patrick and resides in Plymouth, Michigan.

Convention to San Antonio.

Bill's goals as National Director are to 1) support the National President and board to implement their programs of our Order; 2) work to improve the prestige and recognition of the AOH with the Catholic Church; 3) continue to place before the American people the tragic conditions in the North of Ireland and work to bring about a peaceful united 32-county Ireland; 4) support and promote the Right To Life program; and 5) actively participate in expanding the membership of the Order.

A native of Arkansas, Bill settled in Texas after serving with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is married to the former Antoinette "Tony" Bowen of Dallas. Their family includes daughter Susan, sons Bill and James and two grandchildren.

Frank Kearney Seeks Return As Director



FRANK J. KEARNEY, SR.

Director Michael Carroll Seeks AOH Vice Presidency

National Director Michael Carroll of Worcester, MA, has announced his intention to seek the office of National Vice-President at the National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Michael Carroll is currently serving as National Director, elected at the Buffalo, N.Y., National Convention in 1986. Mike is a long-time member of Division 36 Worcester, where he served in almost every capacity. He was Division Treasurer (7 terms), Vice-President, President, and from there went on to serve the Massachusetts State Board as Secretary, Vice-President, and President. He still serves on the Massachusetts Major Degree Team and also as State Organizer.

A native of Co. Cork, Ireland, he is married to the former Mary Nangle from Co. Sligo, Ireland, and the proud father of four children, two boys and two girls. There are five grandchildren.

Mike will continue his life-long



MICHAEL CARROLL

dedication to the AOH and by all legitimate means will help the people of Ireland secure a free and united nation.

Frank J. Kearney, Sr., of Meriden, CT, has announced that he will be a candidate for reelection to the office of National Director at the upcoming National Convention in Cleveland. He has received the unanimous endorsement of his home division, the New Haven County Board and the Connecticut State Board.

An active Hibernian for many years, Frank, whose grandparents came from Counties Mayo and Tipperary, has served as division financial secretary, county secretary and state director, secretary and vice-president. In addition to his duties as National Director, Frank currently serves as chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee. During 1987 Frank successfully spearheaded the AOH drive for the passage of the MacBride Principles

Bill through the Connecticut Legislature.

Frank is a communicant of Holy Angels Church in South Meriden and a member of the parish Men's Club. He and his wife Mary are the parents of three sons. Frank is a retired manufacturing foreman of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Corp.

In announcing his candidacy, Frank notes that in addition to helping secure the passage of the MacBride Principles through the various State Legislatures, some other priorities of the National Board are pushing for the passage of the Kennedy/Simpson Immigration Bill and the Donnelly Fair Employment Bill through the U.S. Congress. He notes that encouraging all Hibernians to keep after their elected representatives is an absolute must.

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Convention Program In Cleveland Ready to Roll

Cleveland, Ohio, will be the place to be for all Hibernians the week of July 25th through the 28th. For the first time in 104 years, the Ladies and Men of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be answering the convention call in Cleveland. Clevelanders are getting ready for the "invasion of the Irish".

Opening Parade and Mass

Monday, July 25th is the opening day of the 84th Biennial National Convention. The green parade stripe is being painted and the pipers are tuning their pipes in anticipation of the opening parade which is set to start at 7:00 PM. The pipers will lead us to St. John's Cathedral for the opening Mass at 7:30 PM. Following Mass there will be a cocktail party at 8:30 PM, complete with drinks, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment at the Bond Court Hotel. Sean Moore, a local Irish entertainer, and his band will help to get the evening going. What fun it will be to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances!

Cleveland Night

Tuesday night, July 26th, has been declared Cleveland Night. The evening's affairs kick-off with dinner on Mall C. Mall C is a block from the Hotel and sits between City Hall and the County Courthouse providing a good view of Lake Erie and Cleveland Municipal Stadium. Entertainment during dinner will be provided by local Irish talent. After dinner, there is a choice of 2 activities: baseball game or lake cruise. The Cleveland Indians are in second place in the American League Eastern Division. They are scheduled to play the Baltimore Orioles that night. The lake cruise is aboard the "Goodtime". A band on board will provide dance music and a cash bar is available. The "Goodtime" cruise provides a very romantic view of Cleveland at sunset; however, there is limited seating. Those interested in this cruise should make sure to mark that on their registration form as availability is on a first-come first-served basis.

Irish Night

Irish Night will be celebrated on Wednesday night at the Bond Court Hotel. Festivities will start at 7:30 PM with dinner. Beer will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Entertainment for the evening will, of course, be Irish. Local singers and dancers will be featured. Dance music will be provided by the Cara Show Band of New York. A good night of singing and dancing is promised!

Closing Banquet

As at all conventions, the closing Banquet will take place Thursday night. It will be held at the Cleveland Convention Center which is located across the street from the Bond Court Hotel. Cocktail hour is at 6:30 PM and dinner will follow. Master of Ceremonies for this formal event is Cleveland's Tom Bush. The formal portion of the program will include: keynote speaker Father Malloy, president of Notre Dame University; installation of officers; presentation of mission checks; presentation of the coveted John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal to Dennis P. Long of St. Louis; announcement of the site of the 1990 national convention. Entertainment at the Banquet will be provided by the Cara Show Band and a pipe band. It will be a memorable close to the 84th National Convention.

Major Degrees

For those Hibernians that do not have their degrees, the convention provides a good opportunity to obtain them. Degree ceremonies will be held Wednesday at 3:00 PM at the Hollenden House Hotel. The cost is \$10.00 per candidate and \$5.00 per degree observer. A reception will follow. Registration will be available at the convention.

Sightseeing

For those who are attending the convention, but not participating in the business meetings, Cleveland has a lot to offer in historical buildings and shopping areas within walking distance of the hotel. Within a short drive of the hotel, you can see: many museums (Cleveland Art Museum is one of the top 5 in the country); Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (130 acre home for more than 1500 animals); Hale Farm and Village (restored mid-1800's farm and village); Nasa Lewis Research Center; West Side Market (one of the largest Old World style indoor/outdoor markets in the U.S.); and much, much more.

Post Convention Activity

The weekend after the convention will be one to stay in Cleveland. Friday night, July 29th is opening night for the Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival. This festival takes place at 7863 York Rd., Parma, Ohio. It's only a 20 minute drive from downtown Cleveland. This year's festival features Tommy Makem, many other entertainers (dancers, singers, musicians, storytellers) and arts and crafts exhibits. A worthwhile weekend to be sure! For more information, call (216)251-0711.

Registration

Registration for the convention package is \$99.00 if received by June 15th. After that date, registration will jump to \$140.00.

Reservations

The primary hotel for the convention is the Bond Court Hotel. When that hotel is filled, rooms will be reserved at the Hollenden House Hotel located two blocks from the Bond Court. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis, so get your reservations in early. The room rate at both hotels is \$66.00 per night plus tax. The convention rate will be honored for the weekend prior to and after the convention.

Air Travel

A discounted air fare via Northwest Airlines, which includes entry to a drawing for two tickets on Northwest Airlines to Ireland, is available through Lyndon Travel, the official convention travel agent. Make your reservations during the week between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM E.S.T. by calling 1-800-331-2428. You must mention your special code number 12707.

SEE YOU IN CLEVELAND!!!

Murphy Joins PEC Committee

National President Nicholas Murphy has announced the appointment of former *Hibernian Digest* Editor Liam Murphy as Deputy National Chairman of the Political Education Committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Liam Murphy has been a member of AOH Division 11, Tarrytown, New York since 1963, and is presently Political Action Chairman for the West-

OFFICIAL CALL

84th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA, INC.
AND THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Office of the National Secretary
31 Logan Street
Auburn, New York 13021

To: The Officers and Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In accordance with our National Constitution Article XII, Sections 1 and 2, it becomes our duty to call the accredited delegates of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to attend the 84th Biennial National Convention which will convene at the Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 26, 1988 at 10:00 A.M. The opening Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, July 25, 1988 at St. John's Cathedral.

The constitutional Provision for representation to this convention is as follows:

Article XII, Delegates, Section 3. 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, Division 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.

Credentials, Section 6. At least twenty days prior to the National Convention, the State, District, Provincial, County and Division 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 proceedings in the Convention.

Alternates, Section 15. Each jurisdiction may elect alternates for each delegate or officer 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 receive guests' badges.

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 Bonner, National Chairman, Constitution, Ritual & Progress Committee, 2 Balsam Road Trailwood, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, 18702.

It is our sincere wish that the Convention in Cleveland, Ohio be not only large but a truly representative and progressive one.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
THE NATIONAL BOARD

Cleveland Hibernian Announces Candidacy for AOH Director

During the last week of July Hibernians will converge on the City of Cleveland for the 84th Biennial AOH/LAOH National Convention. This will be the first convention to be held in the State of Ohio in over one hundred years and it is fitting that a Clevelander will be a candidate for an AOH National Board office.

Kevin W. Reynolds, a member of Cleveland's Boland/Berry Division, will be a candidate for one of the seven National Director positions.

Throughout his fifteen years of involvement with the AOH he has been an active and contributing member. This is evidenced by his service over the years as chairman of many of Cleveland's AOH social activities as well as his chairmanship of the joint AOH/LAOH Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, on a Division level he has held every elected office including president. During his period of involvement in Division leadership positions, membership in the Boland/Berry Division grew from less than forty to over two hundred.

On a State level he was elected and served in the offices of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president. He is currently the immediate past president of the Ohio State Board and also serves as Press and Publicity chairman. When he completed his term as president in July of 1987, the Ohio State Board treasury was at an all time high. In addition, during his tenure as president a new Division was organized and the groundwork was laid for the establishment of several new Ohio Divisions.

He served on the Committee that successfully solicited the National Convention for Cleveland and as Ohio State Board president led the contingent that made the formal presentations regarding the Convention to both the Men and Ladies at the Buffalo Convention.

In 1984 he was appointed by then National President Joseph Roche to the National Board as Chairman of

Political Education. During his term he participated in numerous AOH educational efforts aimed at educating our elected local, state and federal representatives as well as other individuals and groups in a position to influence our government's policy on Ireland. He testified on behalf of Irish-American concerns before the Democratic National Committee's Council on Ethnic Affairs.

Kevin has been a delegate to every Ohio State Convention since 1979 and to each of the last four National Conventions. In 1975 he received the Major Degrees of the Order in Akron, Ohio. Brother Reynolds is a respected member of Cleveland's Irish-American Community as is evidenced by his selection as co-chairman of Cleveland's 119th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1986. He served for many years as an AOH delegate to the Greater Cleveland United Irish Societies. He is a member of Cleveland's East Side Irish American and West Side Irish American Clubs and is a former treasurer of the Cleveland Chapter of the Irish National Caucus.

He is married to Marian O'Donnell Reynolds and is the father of two sons, Michael and Brendan. He is the son of Jim and Mary Reynolds of Rocky River, Ohio, who have been awarded "Life Memberships" by the AOH and LAOH National Boards.

Brother Reynolds is employed as a Senior Consultant with Clemans, Nelson and Associates, an Ohio based Management Consulting firm. He is a graduate of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, and was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration by Kent State University in 1972.

Kevin Reynolds is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of Hibernianism and looks forward to contributing his talent and experience to the AOH National Board.



LIAM MURPHY, left, walks with Sean MacBride during the 1978 AOH Convention in Killarney.

President's Message

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dependence of the United States.

IMMIGRATION

Perhaps our greatest single effort continues to be in the area of immigration reform. Our last National Convention proposed certain principles, developed under the leadership of Tom Murray; these were introduced by Congressman Joseph DioGuardi of New York (with eleven co-sponsors). Immigration legislation had also been introduced by Congressman Brian Donnelly of Massachusetts. As part of a compromise worked out among Congressmen DioGuardi, Donnelly and Hamilton Fish, the House passed an immigration bill which was watered down by a House-Senate Conference Committee to give a one-shot, 10,000 visa lottery. It was something, but certainly not justice for the Irish.

Congressman DioGuardi has reintroduced the *Hibernian immigration bill* (H.R. 1683), and, as a consequence of a fact-finding trip to Ireland undertaken at the request of the AOH, has introduced (with Senator Al D'Amato of New York) additional legislation aimed at providing legislative relief to over 100,000 "out of status" young Irish people already out here. H.R. 4079/S. 2131 (suggested by Neil Blaney, T.D.) would allow employers and labor unions to sponsor people, by name, on renewable 5-year "Provisional Work Visas". H.R. 4080/S. 2133 would allow numbers of persons from countries disadvantaged by the 1965 legislation to qualify, under a point system identical to the Kennedy-Donnelly bill which has already passed the Senate, for "Redress" visas to partially compensate for the inequities of the immigration policies of the past twenty years. H.R. 4081/S. 2132 would permit limited numbers to earn permanent residence status in the United States through enlistment and three years honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Reserve components thereof and the Militias of the several States (e.g., the *National Guard*—including the 69th New York Infantry). All of this legislation was drafted with the assistance of an attorney from the Archdiocese of New York and enjoys the support of John Cardinal O'Connor. The *military enlistment bill* is also backed by Major General Lawrence Flynn, Military Chief of Staff to the Governor of the State of New York.

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy of Massachusetts has introduced legislation explicitly aimed at providing relief for "out of status" Irish immigrants. Joe has also shown great interest in a number of other Irish issues and, like other Congressmen before him (e.g., Biaggi, Fish, Gilman, DioGuardi, Morrison, etc.) has traveled to Ireland to investigate the situation first hand.

The Kennedy-Donnelly immigration bill, while not increasing the number of immigrants to this country, provides for the creation of what can be thought of as a seventh preference through a point system which should benefit numbers of skilled or educated English-speakers. Since this should result in a net increase in legal immigration from Ireland it should be supported along with that legislation which has been introduced at the request of the AOH.

In one form or another the immigration issue has taken about two days a week of my time. This is one area in which I intend to remain active. In New York the AOH pioneered an immigrant assistance center which is still active in Saint Brendan's Parish in the Bronx. Hibernian organizations should be following this example across the country, particularly in established Hibernian halls. An aggressive effort

must also be continued in recruiting, particularly in recruiting newly arrived immigrants. Immigrants must be assisted locally on an individual basis in addition to our efforts for legislative relief.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

When you come right down to it, the greatest part of our political efforts should be expended where we have the greatest potential for success and that is in the United States Congress. While Irish politicians in Ireland occasionally regard the American Irish as a natural constituency for some purposes, that does not extend to the point of giving the "postal more ballot" to Ireland's exiled children in America. United States Senators and Members of Congress can be held to account with regularity by all those among us who take the time to REGISTER AND VOTE. In 1988 we will elect a President and Vice President, a House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate. Let no Hibernian fail to be heard on election day and during the campaign.

Because Washington, D.C. must of necessity be the focus of most of our (always issue-oriented) political activity, we have established a Hibernian lobby in that city; in this work we are joined by the Irish American Unity Conference. This work, so well begun, must be strengthened; that will require the commitment of additional financial resources.

Our most effective efforts to further Freedom for All Ireland will continue to be fought in the halls of Congress. It will continue to be our task and duty to educate Congress, to educate them to the reality that Irish Freedom is in the interest of the United States and the North Atlantic community, particularly to educate them to the realization that Peace with Justice and Honor is possible only in a re-united sovereign Irish Republic, an Ireland which fulfills the bright dream of the Men of 1916.

Let us continue together, in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

St. Louis Campaigns for 1990 AOH Convention

The year 1904 was an exciting one in St. Louis, Missouri. People came from throughout the world to attend the grandest World's Fair ever held. Athletes came from every country to take part in the Third Modern Olympic Games. And Hibernians from throughout the country convened in St. Louis for the AOH National Convention.

Again in 1990 St. Louis welcomed Hibernians as they gathered here in National Convention. While cheering our own John F. Kennedy as he brought his message of Hope and Freedom to the White House, the Ancient Order of Hibernians sent its message of Christian Charity to the world with the establishment of the Hibernian Charitable and Mission Fund.

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look to 1990 to continue this St. Louis tradition of great Hibernian National Conventions. We need your help to make it happen.

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At the 1988 National Convention in Cleveland be sure to visit us in the St. Louis Hospitality Suite and be sure to Vote St. Louis for 1990.

Three Nat'l Presidents Get Together in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, MO — On May 14, 1988 National President Nick Murphy and Past National Presidents Jack Keane and Jack Connolly got together in St. Louis to discuss old times and future developments. Jack Keane was National President from 1974-1978 and Jack Connolly was National President from 1980-1982.

President Murphy and Jack Connolly were in St. Louis on National Hibernian business and as members of the Site Review Committee in St. Louis to inspect the Clarion Hotel of St. Louis as a potential site for the 1990 AOH National Convention. Jack Keane is a resident of St. Louis and serves as Vice Mayor to the City of St. Louis.

In addition to President Murphy and Jack Connolly the Site Review Committee consisted of Committee Chairman Connie O'Sullivan, LAOH National Vice President Mary Bradley, and John Foody, AOH Chairman, Catholic Action. St. Louis Committee Chairman Tim Wiese, Vice Chairman Eileen Canty, Missouri State President Mike Kilker and Past Missouri State President Tony Conroy joined in the review of the hotel. After touring and reviewing the hotel's facilities, the entire group was treated to a delicious dinner in the Clarion's revolving rooftop restaurant.

The Hibernians of St. Louis were honored to have the opportunity to host such a distinguished group.

'Project Children' to Benefit From Cleveland Irish Festival

The 6th Annual Cleveland's Irish Cultural Festival will be held the weekend of July 29-July 31. The three-day event, which displays various facets of Irish culture at one location for one weekend, kicks off Friday at 7883 York Road in Parma. Admission is \$5.00 per person (free parking provided). Proceeds will benefit "Project Children," which is an organization that sponsors children from Northern Ireland to the U.S. for summer trips so that they may see what life in America is all about.

Festivities will include Gaelic games, arts and crafts, drama, storytelling, dancing, music and more. Headlining this year's live entertainment program will be Tommy Makem. Other performers include

Jimmy Carton (Toronto), James Keane (New York), Tommy Doyle Band with Glen Curtin (New York), Seamus Connolly (Co. Clare) and Cleveland's own Easy and Free. The North Coast Pipe Band and the 87th Cleveland Pipes and Drums Band, as well as many other talented entertainers, will also perform.

Internationally known *Shanacese*, Batt Burns, will again be on hand for some captivating storytelling.

The festival will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 29, from 2 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 30 and from 2 p.m. to midnight Sunday, July 31. Field events will take place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, please call (216) 251-0711.



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IRISH PRIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO

There are many fine Irish American cultural centers, AOH halls, and clubhouses around the country. Few can match the splendor and size of San Francisco's United Irish Cultural Center located at 2700 45th Avenue. Sponsored in membership by several Irish American societies — the AOH being the largest — the Cultural Center has flourished on a grand scale since it opened in 1974.

An Irish Cultural Center was an idea talked about over kitchen tables and Communion Breakfasts until Tim Brosnan, a builder, decided in 1971 that the American Irish of San Francisco needed a meeting place, and a center for preserving Irish heritage and history. Charter members paid \$100 each for seed money

and a down payment of \$125,000 for the property purchase was eventually made. Today, thank God, it is debt free. The Center was built with no financial assistance from federal, state or local governments. There were no money grants. No handouts were sought. It was done with hard work and sacrifice, and with a sincere desire to honor those Irish people who had, in the past, helped to settle that part of America and who built a great city for all Americans of all ethnic backgrounds.

As many as 100 men volunteered on weekends and on their days off to build the Cultural Center facility. Every trade was represented, carpenters, electricians, roofers, tile setters, engineers, plumbers, and many more. Coffee, tea, donuts, and soda

bread were brought to the site by the ladies — many also worked. Before long, the huge building took shape and opened in 1974. The San Francisco Irish can be proud of their great project and their self-sacrifice.

The contributions by the Irish have made San Francisco into a great city — since it was first settled. The seafarers, miners, soldiers, laborers, craftsmen, policemen, and professionals of Irish birth and parentage have continually invested and given their talents, muscle, and brains to the growth of this great city. They demonstrated, also, their devotion to their faith for all to see in the city first established by Franciscan Fathers of Spain, and later molded into its modern shape by the Irish.

The Center hosts Irish social, cultural, sporting, and traditional events. A first-class restaurant seating more than 350 looks down on an attractive bar and stage area. A huge hall provides for catered banquet affairs, and large scale Feis and dance competitions. A

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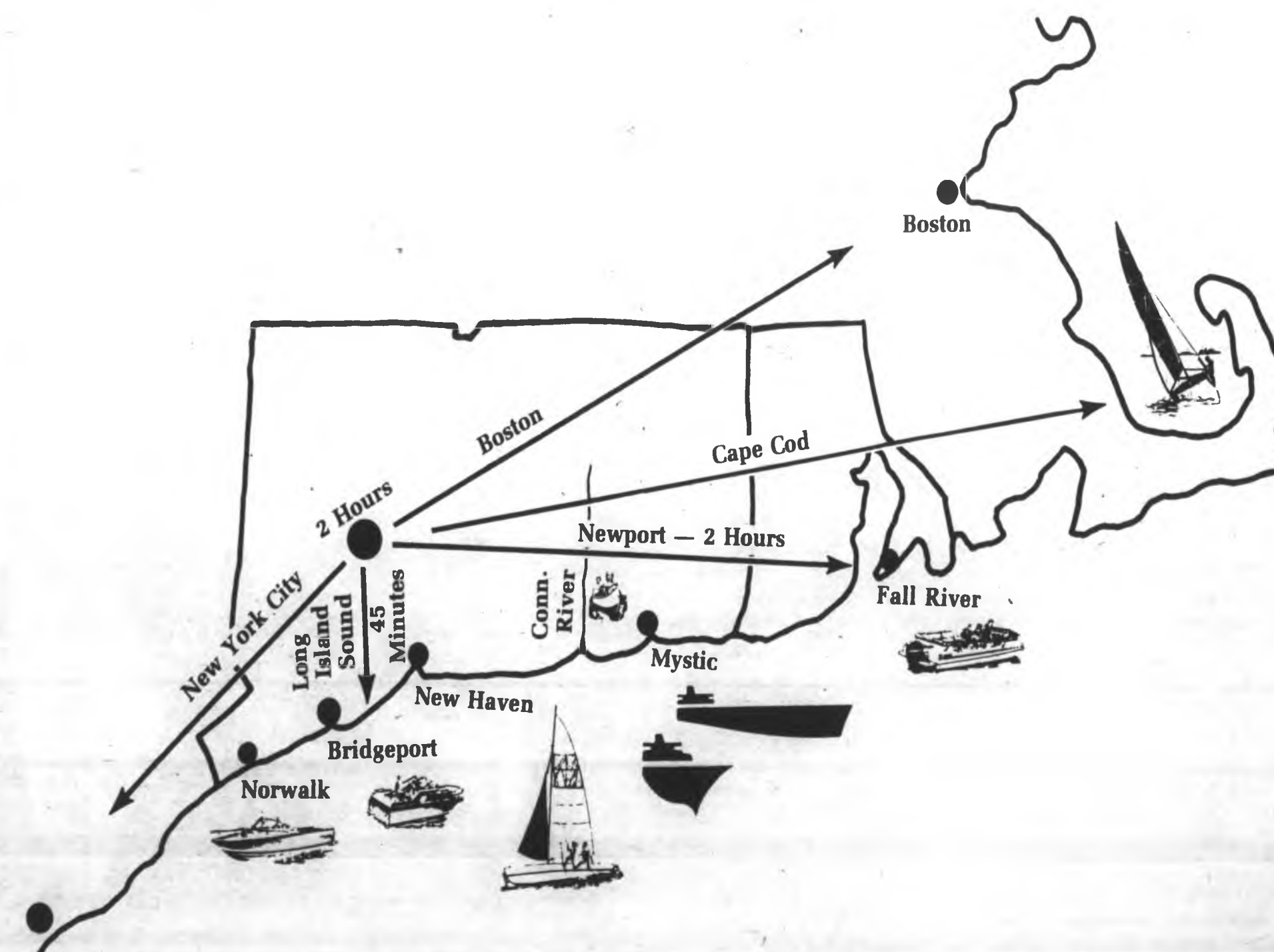
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IRISH PRIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO

There are many fine Irish American cultural centers, AOH halls, and clubhouses around the country. Few can match the splendor and size of San Francisco's United Irish Cultural Center located at 2700 45th Avenue. Sponsored in membership by several Irish American societies — the AOH being the largest — the Cultural Center has flourished on a grand scale since it opened in 1974.

An Irish Cultural Center was an idea talked about over kitchen tables and Communion Breakfasts until Tim Brosnan, a builder, decided in 1971 that the American Irish of San Francisco needed a meeting place, and a center for preserving Irish heritage and history. Charter members paid \$100 each for seed money

and a down payment of \$125,000 for the property purchase was eventually made. Today, thank God, it is debt free. The Center was built with no financial assistance from federal, state or local governments. There were no money grants. No handouts were sought. It was done with hard work and sacrifice, and with a sincere desire to honor those Irish people who had, in the past, helped to settle that part of America and who built a great city for all Americans of all ethnic backgrounds.

As many as 100 men volunteered on weekends and on their days off to build the Cultural Center facility. Every trade was represented, carpenters, electricians, roofers, tile setters, engineers, plumbers, and many more. Coffee, tea, donuts, and soda

bread were brought to the site by the ladies — many also worked. Before long, the huge building took shape and opened in 1974. The San Francisco Irish can be proud of their great project and their self-sacrifice.

The contributions by the Irish have made San Francisco into a great city — since it was first settled. The seafarers, miners, soldiers, laborers, craftsmen, policemen, and professionals of Irish birth and parentage have continually invested and given their talents, muscle, and brains to the growth of this great city. They demonstrated, also, their devotion to their faith for all to see in the city first established by Franciscan Fathers of Spain, and later molded into its modern shape by the Irish.

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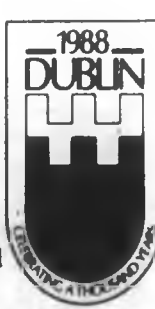
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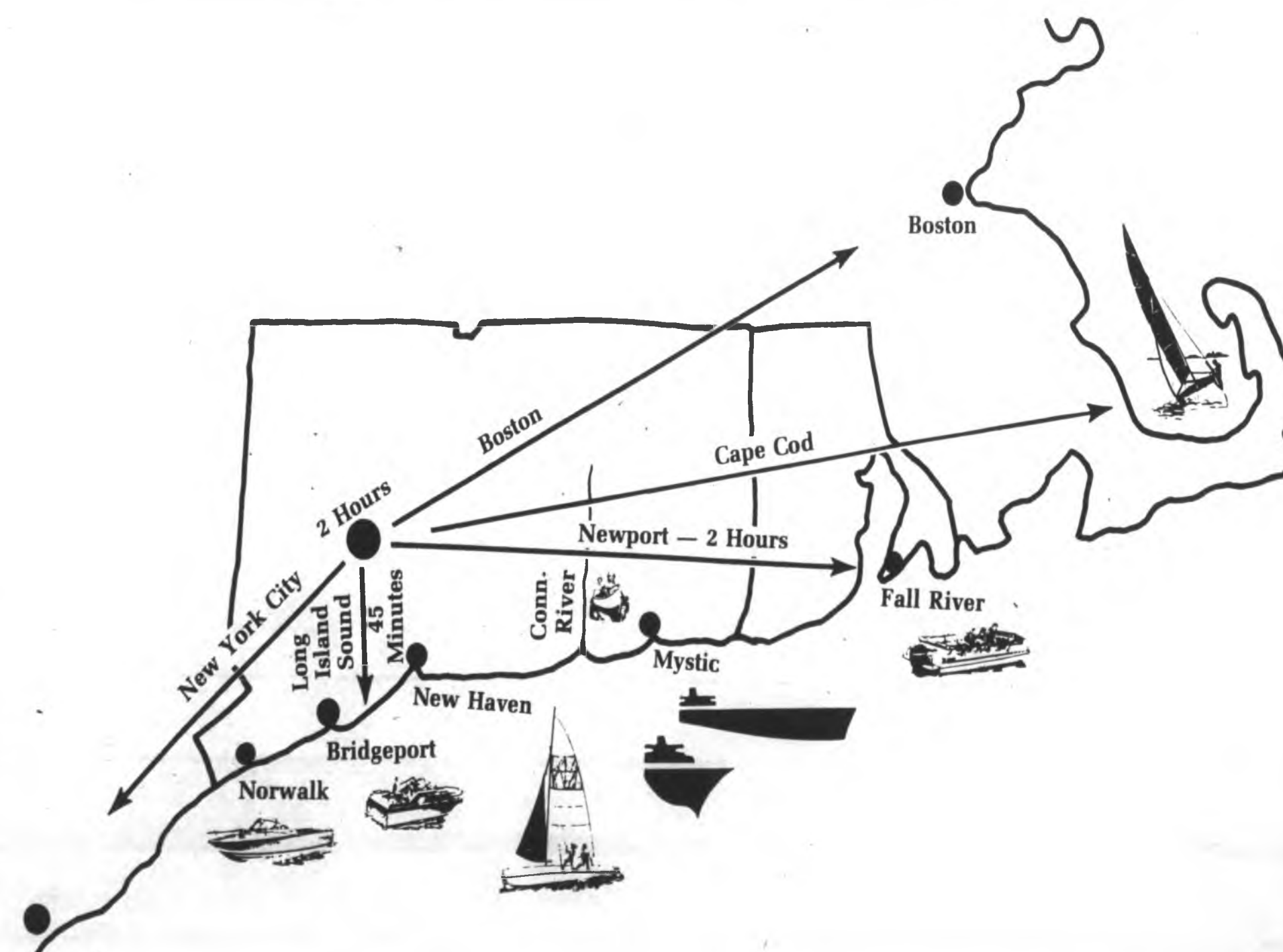
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● News from the States ●

STATE NEWS: Kentucky



HIBERNIANS SAY FAREWELL — A recent gathering took place at Brennan House, headquarters of Fr. A.J. Ryan Division 1, Louisville, to honor departing Chaplain Fr. Kenny Lynch, C.P., and wish him well in his new assignment in Detroit. From left, are Bill Deckelman, Don Murphy, Martin Quirk, past president; Ed Mudd, Fr. Kenny, and Joe Kennedy.

STATE NEWS: Indiana



GALA DINNER DANCE — The Corpus Christi Hall was the site of the annual St. Patrick Dinner Dance of the AOH James A. McDivitt Division. Among the notables in attendance were, from left to right, Joseph Kernan, mayor of South Bend; Bob Nagle, former TV sportscaster, toast-master; Maurice Hoban, division president; Bishop Joseph Crowley, D.D., guest speaker; Harold "Red" Conery, publicity; Michall Ferrell, program chairman; and William King, treasurer. Proceeds from the event were presented to the Hibernians' charitable causes.

STATE NEWS: New Jersey



GOVERNOR THOMAS H. KEAN with some of New Jersey's St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshals. From l. to r., Edward J. (Bud) McManimon, Jr., Trenton; Patrick McLoughlin, West Orange; Charles Tighe, Kearny; Bernard O'Sullivan, Bayonne; Gerald P. Lenihan, Newark; Piper Christopher Tivenan; Governor Thomas H. Kean; John Walsh, Irish Representative to the Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council; Michael Fullen, Seaside Heights; Frank Hughes, Jersey City; Thomas Kelly, Atlantic City; Colonel Cilinton Pagano, Somerville; and Edwin Cosgrove, Woodbridge.

STATE NEWS: Virginia

FALLEN IRISH SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

Across the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Virginia taps echoed as the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Virginia and the 28th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry joined to honor fallen Irish soldiers of the Battle of Fredericksburg. The battle of 125 years ago was one of the most bitter and bloody of the conflict.

As representatives of both sides yet of one vein of blood stood side by side Mark Elrod of the Bay Stater's contingent blew a heart wrenching taps. Captain Colin MacDonald of the 28th Regiment called the color guard to attention and all present bowed their heads in homage.

Virginia State President Ancient Order of Hibernians Jerry Gorman earlier in the day administered the oath of office to officers of the newly formed division, the General Thomas Meagher Division No. 1. Members of the Division joined in the memorial services as did the honor Guard of the Virginia State Board.

The annual event looks forward to entertaining other AOH Divisions in December this year. The new Division will make arrangements for any division. Start planning now.



TAPS FROM THE BUGLE of Mark Elrod echo across the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, VA, during memorial services for members of the Irish Brigade felled during the Civil War. The flags are authentic replicas of the Irish 28th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

Photo by Patrick Behm



IRISH IMMIGRATION REFORM MOVEMENT — AOH National Chairman of the Right to Life Committee James Herlihy, left, with National Chairman of the Irish Immigration Reform Movement Sean Minihane, right. They met at a IIRM meeting in Washington, DC and discovered they both come from Skibereen, County Cork.

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STATE NEWS: Ohio

CATHOLIC ACTION

James V. Lavery, chairman for Catholic Action of Summit County's Mark Heffernan Division, is announcing the organization of a new activist group. The purpose of the organization is securing just and equal treatment for students in Catholic and other non-public schools.

Contrary to political conception, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not require the complete neglect of vast numbers of citizens because of their varied religious beliefs, Lavery says.

Lavery is organizing as the National Catholic Students Union, Parents and Friends, For Social Justice.

The first priority is the institution of a Federal tax voucher system.

IRISH TRIVIA

With permission, the following questions and answers from the book *Irish Trivia* are proposed for your enjoyment. (Answers on page 18).

1. Who was the "barefooted Babe Ruth" of Irish hurling?
2. What river runs through Derry City?
3. What are the nine counties of Ulster?
4. What are the dimensions of a hurling field?
5. What are the "Statutes of Kilkenny"?
6. What is the largest inland county in Ireland?
7. Who introduced the tricolor flag of Ireland in 1848?
8. Name the three Aran Islands, Co. Galway?
9. What does the white in the Irish Tricolor flag represent?
10. In what year was the Irish Constitution adopted?

James Gallagher

Benefits would be delivered directly to students for use at schools of their own choosing. World War II Veterans education programs (GI bill) is a well established precedent for the program, Lavery says.

A national movement with a chapter in each county in the U.S. is envisioned.

Lavery believes the program should be of special concern and priority for Catholic Action, and Political Education Committees of the AOH.

Anyone interested in the program should contact: James V. Lavery, National Catholic Students Union, 1770 Leighton Ave., Akron, OH 44314.

Joseph Cahill Is Honored

NEWBURYPORT, MA: Admire a happy crowd of over 700, Division 1, here, presented the Irishman of the Year award to Joseph Cahill, former Haverhill businessman, now retired at Salisbury Beach. The award, presented by former recipients Tim Buckley, Harvey Vaughan, and Tom Pendergast, was received by Joe's wife, Marion, as Joe was unable to attend.

The event, chaired by Keith Sullivan, hosted the Harvest Home Band, recorded music, Amesbury's Singing Cop, and Rita O'Shea with the Irish Step Dancers, and this was recorded on video by American Cablesystems. The video was aired on local channels in an hour-long program featuring the presentation, the music, and interviews with members and guests assisting the division in its current membership drive.

STATE NEWS: Massachusetts



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. Division 14, AOH, Watertown, recently held a full course roast beef dinner for senior citizens, some of whom are shown in bottom photo. In the top picture, the volunteer crew from the Ladies and Mens divisions who assisted renowned Chef Jack Connolly in preparing the dinner, are dishing it up in the kitchen. In addition to good eating, there was excellent entertainment including The Doctor, Paul Connolly, assisted by Jim Halligan; Mike Connolly and The Celtic Aires; and a fine group of Irish Step Dancers. Chairman Al Murphy did a fine job of organizing the popular event.



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4. The brewery that's a National Historic Landmark, Anheuser-Busch.

17. The world-famous St. Louis Zoo.
18. Hilarious melodrama aboard the Goldenrod Showboat.
19. Outdoor musical theatre at The Muny.
20. Special guest artists at the St. Louis County Pops.
21. World-renowned artists perform with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.
22. The Fabulous Fox Theatre, a beautifully restored performing arts center.
23. Home of the National League Baseball Cardinals, Busch Stadium.

32. The most exciting entertainment center afloat, The Admiral.
33. Two museums of military history at Jefferson Barracks Historical Park.
34. Hot air balloons in beautiful Forest Park, at the Great Forest Park Balloon Race.
35. The McDonnell Douglas Prologue Room, a unique aerospace museum.
36. Museum of Westward Expansion, a display of pioneer life.
37. The Old Courthouse, where Dred Scott started his fight for freedom.
38. An extensive collection of antique toys and dolls at the Eugene Field House and Toy Museum.
39. A stunning example of Federal architecture, Sappington House Complex.
40. The Taille De Noyer Home, a 23-room mansion built in 1790.
41. Rafting on the river, the Great Meramec River Raft Race and Festival.
42. The nation's largest 4th of July celebration, the Veiled Prophet Fair.
43. Victorian house and craft shops at the John B. Myers House and Barn.
44. Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Mini-Steam Railroad, a two-mile steam railway along the scenic Meramec River.
45. Fun and nightlife along the riverfront at Laclede's Landing.
46. Queeny Park, an outdoor creative play area.
47. Jefferson Memorial, Missouri Historical Museum and home of the Lindbergh Trophies.
48. On the National Register of Historic Places, the Cupples House.
49. A scenic cruise aboard one of the country's largest riverboats, the President.
50. The American Theatre, the best of Broadway in St. Louis.

5. Two spectacular riverfront sights, the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen.
6. A pre-Civil War Missouri farm, Hanley House.
7. Grant's Farm, home of the world-famous Clydesdales.
8. Mississippi cruises aboard the Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer riverboats.
9. The Jewel Box, a unique floral conservatory.
10. 800 puppets on display at Kramer's Marionettes.
11. Laumeier Sculpture Park, one of only two contemporary sculpture parks in the United States.
12. The Magic House, a participatory museum for children and adults.
13. Beautiful botanical gardens founded by Henry Shaw, the Missouri Botanical Gardens.
14. The National Museum of Transport, the largest collection of antique locomotives in the world.
15. A new Star Theatre and hands-on exhibits at the St. Louis Science Center.
16. Six Flags, one of the country's most exciting amusement parks.
24. A tribute to America's most popular participation sport, the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.
25. Trans-Am racing is just part of the action at the St. Louis International Raceway.
26. St. Louis sports history on display at the Sports Hall of Fame.
27. The Campbell House Museum, a mid-Victorian townhouse.
28. The largest collection of mosaic art in the Western Hemisphere at the Cathedral of St. Louis.
29. Chatillon-De Menil House, an ante-bellum mansion.
30. Over 70 galleries of art treasures at the St. Louis Art Museum.
31. Period furniture at the General Daniel Bissell House.

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David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Bloody Ireland

A reporter chronicles her attempt to investigate killings in Northern Ireland — and describes the forces that conceal the secrets of a dirty war.

By JO THOMAS

(Jo Thomas worked at The New York Times for ten years — as a reporter, Miami bureau chief, assistant national editor, and foreign correspondent. She is now a visiting associate professor of journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.)

It was one of those small Irish houses in County Armagh in which the only warmth comes from the hearth, and some of the men get up to leave, quickly and without comment, when a stranger enters the room. I was looking for information about the deaths of three young, unarmed members of the Irish Republican Army shot by undercover police. The initial police account of the circumstances in which they died had proved to be a tissue of lies, according to subsequent court testimony. But what really happened the night the three men died in a firestorm of bullets was still a mystery. None of the victims survived.

I was, at the time, a correspondent for *The New York Times*, a junior member of the London bureau, a journalist for eighteen years. Originally, the *Times* had hired me because I liked doing investigations. As a reporter and later as an editor, I had seen a lot of them through. "I won't stop," I assured the family of one of the victims, "until I get to the bottom of this." I don't think they believed me. Another person had visited them recently, they said, an amazing policeman from England. In Northern Ireland one is more likely to see an elephant on roller skates than a policeman making a polite call at the home of an I.R.A. man, dead or otherwise. But this policeman, they said, had explained that he had orders to re-investigate the Armagh shootings, and he intended to be thorough. He was Detective Chief Superintendent John Thorburn, of the Greater Manchester Police, second in command to Deputy Chief Constable John Stalker, an expert and impartial investigator looking into six controversial shootings in Northern Ireland. The family of the dead man wished them well but didn't think their chances were much better than mine.

As it turned out, the family was right. As he has since told the story, Deputy Chief Constable Stalker was stonewalled by top police officials in Northern Ireland for months after the shooting. He was urged to apply for better jobs in England and Scotland. When it became clear that he would not leave, quit, or consent to a whitewash, he was pulled off the case, his integrity was called into question, and an investigation into his personal life was instituted. Although no wrongdoing was found, he was still off the case in Northern Ireland. His mistake, he has revealed, was to ask questions about the involvement of MI 5 (British domestic intelligence) and senior police officials in the killing of a teenage boy and the severe wounding of his companion. Early this year the British attorney general declared the whole matter closed, in spite of evidence that justice, in his words, had been perverted. He gave "national security" as the justification. Stalker, who has resigned from the police, has told his side of the story in a book titled *Stalker*, published in England in February. Viking Penguin will publish it this month under the title *The Stalker Affair*. His revelations, also serialized in the *London Daily Express*, caused such a sensation in Britain that people even began talking about movie rights.

What happened to me was quieter. A senior editor, who kept a home in London as well as New York and who had been enthusiastic about my initial dispatches from Belfast, began telling me to stay out of Northern Ireland. A high-ranking British official, who in the past has had close ties to the intelligence community in Northern Ireland, took me to lunch and suggested I drop my investigation in exchange for a lot of access to the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, the British official who administers the place, as well as an exclusive first look at the

Anglo-Irish pact then being negotiated between London and Dublin. I refused. Several American colleagues in London suggested I leave the difficult investigations to the local press: if there really were a story, British and Irish reporters would be on top of it. In fact, they were not — but some of them began treating me as if I were a member of the I.R.A. Then, too, the mail at my house in London started to arrive opened. In Northern Ireland, I was refused all official records, even transcripts of inquests and trials that had been open to the public. "We are not obliged to open our investigative files to you," a police official replied when asked to explain why the police had misled a newspaper photographer who was permitted to take a picture shortly after an army shooting — one of the rare instances in which this was allowed. (The bullet-riddled car shown in the photo which the police said belonged to an innocent man caught in I.R.A.-Army crossfire, actually belonged to the army; in fact, according to witnesses and his family, the victim had been elsewhere. According to evidence released by the deputy state pathologist, two and a half years after the shooting, he had been killed by a shot in the back with a handgun.)

At the outset, in December 1984, I had wanted to learn how many times police and army undercover units had been involved in questionable shootings, and how these shootings had occurred. I picked 1982, the year of the Armagh killings, as a starting point. This is not when the shootings began — there had been some particularly infamous cases in earlier years — but I felt that two years was the longest time I might be able to depend on the accuracy of anyone's memory. And any new information about these cases would have to come from new witnesses and new evidence.

I had some success. I found some eyewitnesses and learned of physical evidence the police had overlooked. The first story appeared in the *Times* on April 12, 1985. From then on I had to bootleg the investigation during whatever time I had in Northern Ireland, which was relatively little. Then, in February 1986, I was abruptly ordered home. (In light of constant complaints that I had been paying too much attention to Northern Ireland, I suspected this was the cause, and one senior editor confirmed that this was so. The foreign editor and other senior *Times* editors, however, said that while my work was good it was not distinguished and they wanted to replace me with one of the finest writers on the paper.)

Before I left, I was able to finish a second story (March 17, 1986) about the shootings, this one about two army undercover killings, one of an unarmed Catholic youth with no ties to the I.R.A., the other of a Protestant businessman. After that, the shootings continued — indeed, the shooting of three unarmed I.R.A. guerrillas in British Gibraltar in March led to a virtual bloodbath afterward in Belfast — but no reporter has investigated them.

I've left the *Times* to teach journalism and to have more time to spend with my children, who are very young, but the silence about what is going on in Northern Ireland troubles me, and it should worry people who care about journalism as much as it troubles those who care about justice — or the lack of it — in that place.

"If a police force of the United Kingdom could, in cold blood, kill a seventeen-year-old youth with no terrorist or criminal convictions, and then plot to hide the evidence from a senior policeman deputed to investigate it, then the shame belonged to us all," Stalker writes. "This is the act of a Central American assassination squad — truly of a police force out of control."

Stalker looked into six cases. But, by my count, between 1982 and 1987 there were at least forty-seven suspicious shootings by police or army undercover units. At least twenty-one of the victims, according to police statements or court records, were unarmed. On the basis of the available evidence, it's doubtful that those who were carrying weapons were given any opportunity to surrender before they were killed or — in the cases of three who lived — seriously wounded. How, in a place where the security forces are as tightly controlled as they are in Northern Ireland, did this happen? And why isn't this news? I can't answer either question, but I can tell you a little about the way American reporters cover the place, which, for a lot of reasons, is not very well.

It is the misfortune of Northern Ireland to be covered from London, that most beguiling of cities. Like many Americans, I was an enthusiastic anglophile when I went there, and I loved the place. Publisher A. O. Sulzberger invited me to a lunch at the Savoy the day I arrived. It was easy to feel important. It was also easy to feel well-informed. American journalists get a weekly confidential briefing at No. 10 Downing Street and another at the Foreign Office. They are also

invited to dinner at the best places and to the best parties. There are hierarchies of lists. No one understands hierarchies better than the British, and they are careful to make close friendships with members of important American news organizations. It makes us reluctant to offend, especially to bring up the touchy subject of a war, in Northern Ireland.

Because of the way assignments in London are generally structured, with large territories to cover — some in the Middle East — American journalists cover in short trips sandwiched between other assignments, if they go there from London, with no on-the-ground reporting, even though Belfast is just an hour away by air shuttle. When reporters do go, they are predictably swung through what is thought to as "bandit country," along the border

Sometimes the press officers in the Northern Ireland Office, the administrative outpost of the British government, will do something as blatant as arranging a visiting correspondence this when I was there — but most of the time they do something more subtle and even more effective; they set the terms in which the situation is discussed, which is usually and counterterrorism, or religious sectarian battles in which both sides are inaccurately portrayed as equally bigoted, equally powerful, and equally unreasonable. Until recently, a British government has tried to portray itself as the principal peacekeeper between the "hard men" on both sides. November 1985 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, the Dublin government has been given a symbolic role as the advocate for the Catholics in Northern Ireland, although the Irish government has no legal or actual power there and wants nothing to do with the large minority of those Catholics who support Sinn Féin, the po-

If you see Northern Ireland in these terms, as a cauldron of violence, religious bigotry, and terrorism — and it seems to — then it makes sense to rely on Irish officials in trying to grasp the situation. The British and Irish know the place, and they are "reasonable" — and their elected representatives — are "bigots" or "terrorists," to use the terms of the "peace" movement. If you see Northern Ireland as a place where the "peace" movement is the only force, as I've seen and heard it described, it's also a place where "peace" is a word that is written about "peacekeepers," as America even if these well-meaning souls have no right of the terrible wrongs which are being done. To see Northern Ireland this way, and suffering of many of its people. Almost everyone in Northern Ireland, what price they're willing to pay to maintain the status quo, in a state set up to maintain the status quo, as they put it, "to live on the edge." Protestants, on the other hand, status quo would strip them of their identity. They would rather fight. The "peace" movement, on both sides, deeply

In trying to describe a foreign political landscape, language is everything. Just as our command of our ability to think, the way we name things in Northern Ireland profoundly influences readers — feel about them. We can talk of assumptions without even realizing it.

Take, as a revealing example, the nearly universal use in the American press of the word "Ulster" as a synonym for "Northern Ireland." Both terms are controversial. Ulster is used in Ireland only by the British and by the Protestant unionists, who want to maintain their union with the Crown. The British should get out of Ireland, would prefer the use of "the six counties" or "the North of Ireland." For them, it is anathema to Ireland. Historically, as they point out, Ulster was one of the four provinces of Ireland and included nine counties. The British carved Northern Ireland out of six of them. When nationalists use "Ulster," they mean the historic province still claimed by the Irish Republic as part of its national territory. I'm not suggesting that reporters should start using "Ulster" — that term always means the I.R.A. does — but to call the place "Ulster" is to be profoundly unaware of the Catholic minority, some 610,000 people, because their country was partitioned in 1920 to ensure a perpetual upper hand for the Protestants, who are the North and would be a permanent minority of about 4 million Catholics. (I use "Northern Ireland" because that is the official name of the six-county political entity.)

The major antagonist of the British government in Northern Ireland is the I.R.A. The government defines the I.R.A. as a "terrorist" rather than a guerrilla organization, even though it is one of the oldest insurgencies in the world and, in an earlier incarnation but using the same methods, fought the British and won independence for the Republic of Ireland. It is now a crime, punishable by imprisonment, to be a member of the I.R.A., so journalists are accurate in referring to the "outlawed I.R.A." This makes it sound like a bunch of criminals, constrained to refer to "the outlawed New People's Army"

in the Philippines. I see it as an example of the British genius for public relations.

The terms in which the conflict is described are of supreme importance to the British government. It has declared the problem to be a "criminal," not a "political," one. That was the significance of the hunger strikes in 1981, in which ten prisoners, including Bobby Sands, died in an effort to retain the special status which had been accorded — and subsequently denied to — political prisoners. If the problem is a criminal one, it can be solved by the criminal justice system, such as it is — by the police, by courts without juries, by allowing the uncorroborated evidence of paid informers, by long and, in some cases, indeterminate prison sentences — and also by a massive public relations campaign, such as a recent one on television, to strip the I.R.A. of the popular support it has to have in order to survive. Language is an essential ingredient of the government's "criminalization" policy.

If the I.R.A., whose members are Catholic, kills a soldier or a policeman who happens to be Protestant — and most of them are, because, under the government's policy of "Ulsterization," English troops have been replaced, where possible, with local hires — the shooting will be described not as an act of guerrilla warfare but as a "murder," usually as a "sectarian murder," as if it were no different in character from the random killings committed in Catholic neighborhoods by Protestant paramilitaries.

Nowhere is the obfuscation of the true nature of the conflict in Northern Ireland more evident than in stories filed from places where much of the fighting is going on — rural areas near the border with the Irish Republic. Typical is a story frequently filed by American reporters, in one version or another, that the I.R.A. is involved in a campaign of "genocide" against Protestant farmers, especially men who are the only sons in their families, in an effort to drive them off their land. One problem with these stories is that they rarely mention how many of the victims were members, or thought to be members, of the security forces in Northern Ireland. The police and army include many part-time members who also farm. At this writing, the I.R.A. has killed more than 800 police and soldiers, including Catholics, since 1969. The I.R.A. contends that its members are fighting a war; the British say they are simply murderers. If they are also engaged in a massive private land-grab, some results — some change of land ownership — would eventually show up. I have yet to see any documentation of this. And since many, if not most, Protestant farmers would never sell their land to a Catholic, let alone a known supporter of the I.R.A., I have my doubts that the motive behind the killings is related to an attempt to take over border-area farms. Meanwhile, purveyors of the "genocide" theory don't bother to mention that nationalists who live near the border have been killed or burned out by Protestant paramilitaries, simply for being Catholic. There are some lovely country roads along the border in County Tyrone on which Catholics I know are afraid to drive day or night.

I am not saying that journalists should never use the word "murder," but I think they should be aware of its political implications. "Genocide," I think is simply a distortion.

In the battle for hearts and minds, the I.R.A., which has no press operation, and Sinn Féin, which has a clumsy one, are often portrayed by government officials as waiting for or gloating over a "propaganda victory" when the government is caught in a wrongdoing, such as a police or army shooting of a civilian. So great is the concern over this "propaganda," this possible assist to terrorism, that the wrongdoing itself — how and why it happened and who will have to answer for it — tends to get lost in the shuffle. The British government, which has an adroit press operation with many resources, is never portrayed as caring about propaganda at all.

I didn't know any of this when I first went to Belfast, and I confess that, if I could have avoided going there at all, I would have. Like many Americans who are not of Irish ancestry, I knew only what I had read about Northern Ireland in newspapers or had seen on TV. At a distance it seemed to be a tiresome and confusing place, an old battleground that was not a good candidate for page one. But as the number two person in the bureau, I had it as part of my beat. I managed to delay going there for one good reason or another, for more than two months after I arrived in London. When I was finally ordered to go, a police shooting was the cause.

Martin Galvin, a leader of Irish Northern Aid, an American group that sides with the I.R.A., had, in defiance of a British government ban, appeared to speak at a rally in Belfast. Police moved in to arrest him, firing plastic bullets into a crowd of men, women, and children who had complied with an earlier speaker's request to sit on the ground. The supposedly nonlethal bullets killed a man in full view of the TV cameras. I was sent to Belfast the next day.

A march to protest the shooting was announced, declared illegal, and held anyway. It was peaceful, but, in the rush to get back to file, I was forgotten by the television crew with whom I, not knowing West Belfast, had been advised to hitch a ride. There was nothing to do but walk back. The cameras had gone, the march crowd had evaporated, and things started to get rough. I found my way blocked by a flaming street barricade. Feeling ridiculous in my suit and high heels, I realized I was caught between a throng of children throwing rocks and a fleet of armored police vehicles rapidly bearing down on the children. A man came from behind a building and pulled me out of the way — the children knew how and when to scatter — and the conversations I had afterwards with the people in the street left me angry and depressed.

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Euro-Parliament Calls For A Reopening of 'Shoot-to-Kill'

By 102 votes to 51 the European Parliament last month called on the British Government to re-examine its decision not to prosecute RUC (Northern Ireland Police) officers responsible for the unlawful killing in Northern Ireland under an alleged shoot-to-kill policy.

The resolution, tabled by all political groupings in the Parliament apart from the British Conservatives, will be sent to the British and Irish Governments as well as all other member countries.

Two of the abstentions were by Tory members, Lord Bethel and Andrew Pearce, who could not go along with their group's decision to vote against the resolution.

The Rev. Ian Paisley voted against. The Parliament expressed its "grave disquiet" at the British Attorney General's decision for the rule of law. It called on the British Government "to re-examine this decision with a view to undoing the grave damage which has been done."

The Parliament's agreement to bring forward the debate and the large majority in favor of the resolution brings new pressure on the British Government to reconsider its decision.

Throughout the one-hour debate, speech after speech emphasized that the rule of law must be upheld and confidence re-established by prosecuting those alleged to have

perverted the course of justice. Paddy Lalor, speaking for Fianna Fail, called on the British authorities to act immediately "if confidence in the administration in Northern Ireland is not to be irreparably damaged."

He said the "unfortunate and misguided" decision of the British Attorney General "has caused a severe setback to Anglo-Irish relations," and contravened both the letter and spirit of the Anglo-Irish Accord.

Joe McCartin for Fine Gael, questioned how any government could pursue an effective policy of extradition "if there are strong grounds in the public mind for believing that the member States receiving suspects are not prepared to prosecute their own police when murder has been committed, not to mention the many cases of brutality which have already been documented."

The Stalker affair, he said, threatened "the very foundation of the British democratic system and put at risk political stability on all the island of Ireland." McCartin added that although he could sympathize with the RUC, people had to be sure that it did not contain "within it" elements or individuals whose actions have put them on a level with terrorists themselves.

John P. Gavin

Allegations of Misuse Of Irish Fund Surfacing

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) states that he is deeply concerned about complaints over the management and fairness of the International Fund for Ireland, and said he will raise the matter before administration officials during upcoming Senate hearings.

In a letter to Sir Anthony Acland, British Ambassador to the United States, Sen. Lautenberg said he heard strong criticism on how the fund is working, particularly in the Catholic minority areas of Northern Ireland.

The Senator visited Northern Ireland accompanied by New Jersey Irish Americans.

Sen. Lautenberg raised concerns over the administration of the fund during a meeting with the Ambassador. The fund was established by the United Kingdom and Ireland in 1986 to spur economic growth and reconciliation under the Anglo-Irish Agreement. In 1986, Congress authorized \$120 million over three years for the fund.

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"Despite the fact that West Belfast has an extraordinarily high unemployment rate, and is an area which has borne the brunt of the North's two decades of violence and

turbulence, less than one percent of the sums approved by Congress for the fund, or \$1.2 million, has been allocated to projects in the nationalist part of West Belfast."

Sen. Lautenberg cited other criticisms of the fund, and also indicated he will be bringing these up shortly with Charles Brett, chairman of the board of the fund, who will soon be visiting the United States. "I will be asking for proof, not promises, that the fund is being appropriately used," the Senator wrote.

Sen. Lautenberg said, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, he will probe officials of the state department's Agency for International Development for "detailed answers" to the allegations. The hearings are scheduled in April and June.

Sen. Lautenberg said some individuals he spoke to in West Belfast said the applications for funding business enterprises were dismissed without a member of the fund's board or any other representative visiting the project.

"... This contrasted with the review procedure adopted in the case of other projects whose representatives made no application until they were approached by officials and asked to do so," he wrote.

"According to these critics, the difference in attitude and treatment followed the lines of political and religious affiliation."

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Irish-British Relations Spiral Downward

By WILLIAM PFAFF

LONDON — Anglo-Irish relations are now at their worst since the 1985 agreement between the two countries that acknowledged Dublin's legitimate interest in Northern Ireland's affairs. The reason relations are so bad has to do with a hardened view of security matters in the Thatcher government.

The immediate problem follows a decision by that government not to prosecute senior police officers said to have been responsible for a 1982 "shoot to kill" policy that produced six deaths as well as intrusions over the border into the republic. Five of those killed were Irish Republican Army men or members of the rival Irish National Liberation Army, but all were unarmed when they were shot.

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The affair was investigated by an English senior police officer, but he ran into obstruction and cover-up in Belfast, was pulled off the case and forced into premature retirement.

The Irish negotiators of the 1985 agreement believe they were given assurances that there would be prosecutions in the affair. Yet, on Jan. 25, Britain's attorney general told the House of Commons that "national security considerations" precluded action and that the matter would be dropped.

Adding to Irish feeling, three days after the attorney general's statement, a trial appeal failed in England in the case of six Irishmen convicted in 1979 for an IRA pub bombing in Birmingham that killed 21 people. The six were widely believed in Ireland to be innocent and to have been convicted with rigged police evidence.

Last week, the Thatcher government also announced that a special trial system would be continued in Northern Ireland, in which terrorist cases are decided by a single judge

sitting without jury.

The Irish government's reaction to all this has nonetheless been measured, and Prime Minister Charles Haughey says that cooperation will continue, but it is plain that the Irish no longer have the faith in cooperation that existed before.

The Thatcher government seems unmoved, possibly because the British simply do not see how the situation in Northern Ireland can really be improved other than by security measures that cause the IRA and the nationalists, and the unionists and their extremists, eventually to wear themselves out.

Policing Ulster with the British army is a nuisance but a tolerable one. The IRAs support in the republic has fallen. People are sick of meaningless atrocities like the Enniskillen bombing last November. New political initiatives from London would stir up the militant unionists, who have considerable sympathy on the backbenches of the Conservative Party.

This nonetheless is an insensitive as well as unimaginative policy. Governments are elected to settle problems. Thatcher's government seems simply to have decided that Northern Ireland is a security

problem and only a security problem.

Along with this decision, there is a new, controversial conception of security in London, and a drive to control security information, to enjoin newspapers and broadcasters from reporting certain security affairs and to silence present and past security officers.

The government has made the novel claim that threats to security may extend beyond spying and terrorism to include acts of political opposition to defense and foreign policies. It also claims that the powers of the security services derive not only from statute but from the Royal Prerogative, the ancient and theoretically unlimited rights of the Crown in defending the realm.

These claims constitute a challenging assertion of executive power, with implications much beyond the Irish problem, obviously. While Ulster is certainly a security problem, it is essentially a political problem. Basic to the political problem of Ulster is the conviction, now reinforced, of the Catholic Irish there that however national security may be defined in London, there still is neither security nor equity for them.

(Reprinted from *Newsday*)

U.S. Aid Reviewed

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY), has been provided with a detailed report on the distribution of monies from the International Fund for Ireland, including \$85 million in first time U.S. economic aid which has already been obligated.

Biaggi, as Chairman of the bipartisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, had requested the report following charges from Father Desmond Wilson, of Northern Ireland, that funds were being spent in a way that was not benefitting both communities as prescribed by U.S. law. The report provided to Biaggi came from the Agency for International Development (AID).

Among the items in the report:

- The required Presidential Certification to release the final \$35 million in U.S. funds is expected in the early summer. This certification expresses the President's views that the U.S. aid is being spent to benefit both communities and to promote human rights. This certification is required annually and without it, the U.S. funds cannot be sent. The previous year's certification was provided in March of 1987.

- Once the President certifies the release of the final \$35 million, according to AID, "this will complete the U.S. government's commitment." Biaggi noted that the President's budget proposal does not provide for funding beyond this fiscal year.

- AID indicates that on the basis of observations by their staff and the United States representative on the International Fund, William Fine, that the board "takes seriously the charge to promote equality and non-discrimination in determining project selection."

- AID indicates that the Board "is looking to increase financing activities in the high unemployment and depressed target areas, for example, the fund is devising a strategy for use of fund resources in particularly disadvantaged areas such as West Belfast."

Biaggi also said that the AID report includes a listing of all so called "priority" projects to be funded by the International Fund. AID also indicated that the Chairman of the International Fund, Mr. Charles Brett, would be visiting the United States during April. Biaggi said every effort would be made to schedule a meeting between Mr. Brett and interested members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to questions on page 14).

1. Christy Ring
2. The Foyle River
3. Antrim, Down, Armagh, Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan
4. 100 yds. wide and 108 yds. long
5. Apartheid laws which banned Gaelic and forbade the adoption of Irish customs by Anglo settlers.
6. Tipperary
7. Francis Meagher
8. Irishmore, Irishman and Irishbeer
9. The bond of peace between the Protestant and Catholic religions

Reference: *Irish Trivia*, M.A. Cafferty, H.M. Quinlan, and M.P. Quinlan, Quinlan Press, Boston, MA, January 1986.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Victims' Relatives Seek End To Use of Plastic Bullets

By LIZ O'CONNOR

(From *Long Island Catholic*)

Hempstead — A "plastic bullet" sounds like something harmless to be shot from a toy gun.

But two women who visited The Long Island Catholic last week as representatives of a group called the "United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets" know better.

Brenda Downes' husband John and Eileen Kelly's 12-year-old daughter, Carol Anne, were killed by plastic bullets fired in their home city, Belfast, Northern Ireland, by security forces.

The women and other members of their group, which is made up of people who are relatives of people killed or maimed by plastic bullets, were traveling in the U.S. as part of an attempt to arouse international public opinion against the use of the weapons by British forces.

"Mrs. Thatcher controls the media" in Britain, Mrs. Kelly alleged referring to the British prime minister, and so, she said, it is difficult to tell the world about what is happening to the ordinary people of Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Kelly was watching from a window the evening of May 19, 1981, when her daughter, returning from a local shop where her mother had sent her for a pint of milk, was shot at a range of 20 yards by a plastic bullet fired by a passing British Army patrol. She died May 22 from the resulting head wounds.

Mrs. Kelly says there was no one else on the street in their Twinbrook neighborhood of Belfast at the time of the shooting but her daughter and two other local children. Mrs. Kelly claims the soldiers were angered by the killing that day of five British soldiers in South Armagh and had been shouting at the neighborhood that they were going to "get" someone in revenge.

Mrs. Downes said her husband was taking part in a peaceful demonstration in August, 1984, against the British policy of internment of residents of Northern Ireland without trial. A large number of the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary, the police force) came to violently disperse the demonstration. Mr. Downes, 22, was shot with a plastic bullet at point-blank range and died. Mrs. Downes says that only because the shooting was filmed by news media did his case come to trial.

The security forces, the women said, say that their guns were faulty or their hands were jerked at the moment of firing as an explanation of why the "minimum force" plastic bullets kill and maim people. But the day John Downes was shot, his widow says, "the hospital was packed . . . they were packing ambulances full of children."

Both Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Downes speak bitterly about the way they were treated by the court system. They see no difference between the British soldiers and the RUC. "They cover up for one another," Mrs. Kelly said, and their lies are "accepted as evidence."

"Nobody has ever had justice," Mrs. Downes said, although some victims' families have received monetary compensation. "We're not allowed to take part in the judicial system."

At the inquest on her husband's death, she said, "The whole thing was in their favor." Only police witnesses were called, and "they had a whole year to prepare their statements," which they were allowed to read and on which they were not cross-examined.

"They know that they'll not be brought up for any crime," Mrs. Downes said. "They have a license to kill."

Mrs. Kelly has a letter she received from Mrs. Thatcher in response to one she sent the prime minister with

a picture of Carol Anne. In it Mrs. Thatcher urges her to cooperate with the police, saying "it is surely in everyone's interests that all the evidence should be brought out."

But Mrs. Kelly says, "No policeman ever came to my door." Instead, she says, during demonstrations which followed her daughter's shooting, "they came up and they shot plastic bullets through my windows and my doors," and potential witnesses were told they'd be charged with "riotous behavior."

The women have obviously not forgiven Mrs. Thatcher for refusing to yield to hunger strikers' demands in 1981. "She let those hunger strikers die," Mrs. Kelly says. "What kind of a woman is she? She has a son herself . . ."

When Mr. Downes died in 1984 he was the 15th person to die in Northern Ireland of wounds from plastic or rubber bullets. Four of those were children 12 or younger; four others were teenagers.

Mrs. Downes and Mrs. Kelly say that only in what they call the "police states" of Chile, South Africa, and Northern Ireland are plastic bullets used against civilians. Other countries have deemed them too dangerous.

The United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets is non-sectarian, including both Catholics and Protestants, and the women say it is non-political.

But they themselves are convinced there will be no peace in the north of Ireland until British troops are withdrawn. They're not security forces in any conventional sense, Mrs. Downes said; Catholics are not secure in their homes or streets as a result of their presence. "They're there as a weapon of repression," to keep Catholics off the street.

She tells of picking her daughter, aged five, up at school, and seeing at a distance RUC officers arresting someone. Her daughter clung to her, saying, she says, "Are they going to shoot him? Are they going to shoot him?" She's terrified, terrified of the RUC.

"Our children live in fear."

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A. Fill in the blanks.

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2. _____, the only British soldier convicted and jailed for killing an unarmed civilian in the north of Ireland, was secretly released from prison and rejoined his regiment.

3. The _____ Act is used by the U.S. State Department to prevent Sinn Fein spokespersons from entering the U.S.

4. H.R. 722 and S. 229 are Congressional designations for _____ legislation introduced on the federal level.

5. Cardinal _____ and Bishops _____

and _____ have spoken out in support of Joe Doherty.

6. _____ is the name of an unarmed Irish Nationalist killed recently when a British soldier's gun "misfired."

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—Brendan Moore, Deputy National Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland Committee

N. Ireland at War-Stalker

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replaced before the public's confidence in the RUC can be restored?

Stalker: It's going to be very difficult. The Stalker affair has set progress back by years. There's no doubt about that. How much of this is attributable to the Chief Constable himself (Hermon) is for others to decide.

Murphy: What in your opinion is the answer to the continuing war in British occupied North East Ireland?

Stalker: I wish I knew the answer. The best I can say is what's not the answer. It's already been

acknowledged that there can be no military solution. I'm sure there's got to be a political solution.

When I asked Stalker why two senior officers like Sampson and Anderson would participate in a conspiracy to discredit him, he stated, "I have known honorable men in similar positions who ordinarily would not accept a free cup of coffee — however, if the possibility of a Knighthood was dangled under their noses, they would kill for it." There seems to be no aspect of British officialdom that has not been corrupted by the war in North East Ireland.



MRS. EILEEN KELLY (left) and Mrs. Brenda Downes (center) spoke with Patricia Murphy (right), Nassau Co. Comptroller Peter King's press secretary, during an interview at the *Long Island Catholic* newspaper. The two women were in New York, Boston and Philadelphia speaking out against the British policy of using plastic bullets. Mrs. Kelly is the mother of Carol Anne Kelly, the 12-year-old child killed with a plastic bullet by a British soldier in May of 1981. Mrs. Downes is the widow of John Downes, who was shot and killed with a plastic bullet fired by the British police during the Internment Day demonstration at Connolly House in August 1984.

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STATE NEWS: New York

Irish Freedom Mass Celebrated



GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION of the Freedom for All Ireland Mass in Nassau County are, l. to r., Mass Chairman John Bownes, Division 3; District Attorney Denis Dillon, Division 5; New York State Senator Dean Skelos; Congressman Ray McGrath, Division 5; Past New York State President Jack Irwin, Division 14; and County Comptroller Peter King, Division 7.



DRUG ABUSE AWARD. Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon, left and County Comptroller Peter King, center, were presented with awards in recognition of their fight against drug abuse in Nassau County by Francis Logan, right, Deputy Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction. The presentation occurred during the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem concert held at St. Agnes Cathedral High School in Uniondale. The awards were given to Dillon and King by the Bethpage Adolescent Development Association, "People".



EASTER MONDAY CEREMONY. Nassau County, NY — The AOH recently sponsored an Easter Monday Ceremony outside the courthouse in Mineola. Guests included Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon, left, AOH Commemoration Chairman Tony Duignan, center, and Nassau County Comptroller Peter King. The ceremony was the 72nd anniversary of the Easter Rebellion of 1916.

STATE NEWS: California



AMERICANS BY CHOICE HONOR AMBASSADOR JOHN HENNING: Jack Henning, center, a San Francisco Hibernian seen here with Americans by Choice founder, Dr. Selven F. Feinschreiber, and Board Member and former AOH National President Joe Roche, was recipient of the Ethnic American Day Award on behalf of all humanitarian activities, which include his long involvement in labor union activities in his native California, and more recently, as a prime mover for the MacBride Principles campaign in the California legislature. Henning is a former Ambassador to New Zealand.

STATE NEWS: New York



IMMIGRATION: Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin and members of the Irish Immigration Working Committee issue Guide of services available to Irish immigrants. From left are Rose Kiernan of Flushing, Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM); Joe Jamison of Bayside, director, Irish American Labor Coalition; Pat Hurley of Woodhove, IIRM; Comptroller Golden; Nick Murphy, National President, AOH; Jim Farrell, Deputy Consul General, Republic of Ireland; Pat Doherty, Comptroller's staff; Jack Irwin, past state president, AOH; and Patricia O'Callaghan of Yorkville, director of "Project Irish Outreach," Catholic Charities, New York Archdiocese.



IMMIGRATION — Conferring on matters of immigration recently were, from left, *Digest* columnist Jack Flatley, New York Irish Consul General Daiti O'Connell, and Governor Cuomo's Eastern Regional Director Frank Ryan.



Long Island Feis August 7, 1988

The 20th Long Island Feis will be held on the spacious grounds of St. Joseph's Academy in Brentwood on Sunday, August 7, 1988. Sponsored by Divisions 8 and 9 of the Suffolk County AOH, the Feis features competitions in singing, dancing, language, art and music at all levels from individual performers to the spectacle of massed bagpipe bands.

Each year this remarkable event has grown, and has drawn more and more competitors and spectators from local Suffolk County communities, from nearby states, and from as far away as Canada. Last year over 1,000 competitors, and thousands of spectators were accommodated.

The history of the Feis goes back many centuries in Ireland. In the Famous Book of the Four Masters is recorded the great Feis called by the then High King of Ireland, Rory O'Connor — it was in 1169 AD. It is interesting to note that the line of chariots carrying the king, nobility, and chieftains to the Feis stretched for a distance of six miles.

Although the Long Island Feis only goes back 20 years, many are attracted to its entertainment each year. The grounds at St. Joseph's afford more than ample space for the competitions, games, and entertainment for the spectators who are expected. Free parking is being offered and an entrance fee of \$3.00 per adult is charged. Children are admitted free.

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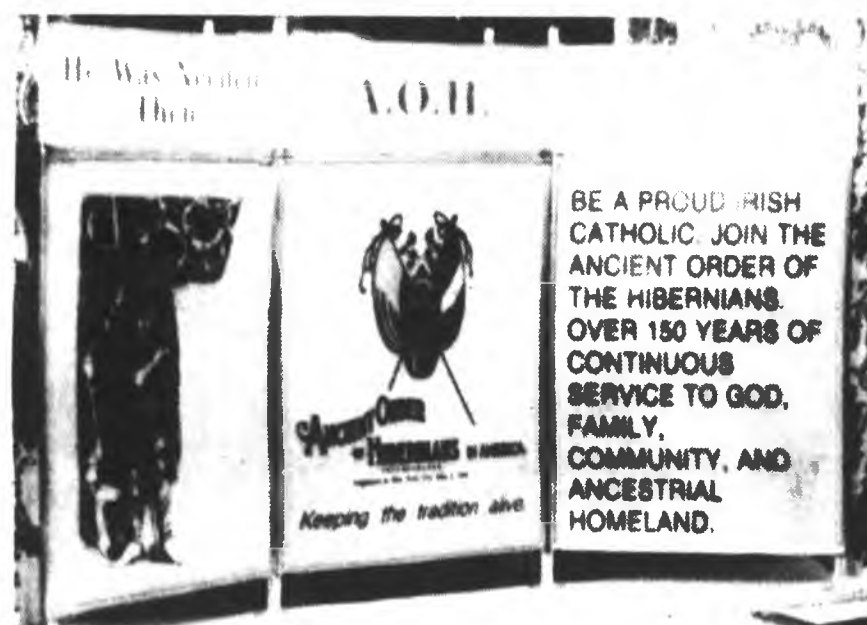
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The National Organizer's Corner

The summer season is here again; it's the time for festivals, feis, field days and picnics. It is also a time to extend a *cead mile faile* to friends and neighbors and invite them to your summer outing. That will give you an opportunity to tell them about the AOH. Explain to them that we have over 150 years of continuous service to God, country, family, and our ancestral homeland. Explain to them how we have preserved the traditions, the culture, and heritage of the Irish people here in the new world. Tell them how proud we are to be Irish Americans who love this great country of ours, with all its virtues and faults. Explain to them that being a member of the AOH puts you in an organization which has great influence and prestige; that the Order today is accepted as the voice of the Irish race

giving the date and how long you want it. I am sure if the demand was great enough we could have one or two more displays made to circulate among members.

If you are division, county or state organizer, you should have an organizer's kit readily available. This kit contains a full supply of AOH reporting forms, membership applications, and other information necessary for the performance of your duties, namely the recruitment of new members and the organizing of new divisions. If you need anything to help you do your job better, please do not hesitate to call on me, and if you have any good ideas about recruiting, why not share them with me. In that way I can pass the suggestions on to other organizers. Working together and sharing ideas we can be successful.



in America, speaking out against violations of human and civil rights all over the world and especially in the occupied part of Ireland.

We have a plastic trifold display which can be used as a backdrop for your membership recruitment booth. This display is very attractive and explains in a few words what the Hibernians are all about. You can have it for your next event, if it is not already booked, by writing to me.

For those of you going to the National Convention, I hope to meet you there and don't forget to sign up for the organization committee meetings. We need all the input we can get. I will have the display set up at the convention; stop by and look it over. For the rest of you, have a nice safe summer and keep signing up new members. May the good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon. God bless all.

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Director Plugs MacBride Bill In Florida

The MacBride Principles campaign in Florida has made great progress and is advancing in both the House and Senate. National Director Tom Gilligan attributes this success to several factors.

A coalition of interested groups was formed and a network across the state has been established. This has filled in many voids, reports Gilligan. Tom, a member of CWA, traveled to the Florida state convention and lobbied this union for support and was successful in getting a resolution passed supporting the MacBride principles. With this support Tom traveled to Jacksonville, and with the aid of the powerful IBEW union was able to obtain the endorsement of the Florida AFL/CIO, and have this legislation placed on this labor organization's "must pass" bills. To quote Tom, "This was one of the best and most important things we did. It has opened many closed doors."

The bill has passed through several Senate and House committees with very favorable votes, and has met the usual opposition from the British Government. An official from the British Consulate in Atlanta was in Tallahassee and while there testified before a committee. What he did not know going into the room was that on this day, every major trade union in Florida had representatives in Tallahassee, and most of these were in the room to testify on behalf of the bill! Needless to say the bill passed through that committee. Last seen, the British official called a press conference and was very upset at the result of the vote. He remarked that this would be the last committee that would pass on the bill favorably, vowing to put more pressure on the legislature of Florida and hiring a full time lobbyist to work against the bill.

In a surprise development, the Florida Catholic Conference of Bishops endorsed the MacBride Principles and conveyed this to the entire legislative body in Florida. National Director Tom Gilligan has been working on this endorsement for several years. Gilligan reports, "I just would not give up, and at every opportunity I moved to get an endorsement." Using the remarks of Cardinal O'Connor, Gilligan drafted a letter once again requesting support, and this time had many of the Irish organizations sign it. "Our letter made sense to them, and they finally realized that we were not going to go away. Why it took so long for the Catholic leaders of Florida to speak out is beyond me, but they have spoken loudly and that's all that counts."

As of this writing the bill had only a few committees to go through before reaching the floor for a full vote. Gilligan reports that support continues to grow. Most recently the coalition obtained the services of a full time lobbyist to work the bill for them, at no cost.

Maryland MacBride Bill



OLIVER KEARNEY from Antrim, N. Ireland, left, meets workers for passage of the MacBride Principles bill in the Maryland legislature. Next to him is Sister Annella Martin, Ladies AOH and state coordinator for the MacBride campaign; Representative Ann Marie Doory, a first term House member who waged a spirited campaign for passage; Jack Callahan, Division 3 and Joe Roche, chairman, AOH Political Education Committee.

Minnesota 7th State To Pass MacBride Bill

On April 28 Minnesota became the seventh state in the U.S. to pass MacBride legislation and the first in the Midwest. The bill received final passage on April 20 in both houses, by a vote of 110-9 in the House of Representatives and 37-28 in the Senate. The bill's sponsors were Senator Jerome Hughes, (DFL), and Representative Rich O'Connor, (DFL). Governor Rudy Perpich signed the bill on April 28.

The British government were determined to stop this legislation in Minnesota because the state does not have a large Irish population. A total of eight witnesses testified in opposition to the bill before legislative committees, all but one from Northern Ireland. They included Bob Cooper, head of the Fair Employment Agency of Northern Ireland, John Cushman, former head of the Alliance Party in Northern Ireland, Howard Burns, a union representative, Sister Genevieve, a Catholic nun and principal of a large Catholic girls' school in Belfast, and C. Patrick Quinlan, a retired U.S. State Department official and local resident.

Testifying in favor of the MacBride principles were Joe Roche, past national president of the AOH

Bill Gleason

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STATE NEWS: Florida

Since starting this Florida column, I have received several letters from Hibernians planning to relocate in Florida. As an example, a recent one from Brother Ken Clinton, past president of AOH Division 1, Passaic Co., N.J., requests information about job opportunities and adequate schools. In Brevard County I described the opportunities provided by NASA and the space program and its supportive corporations, and that the school system is one of the best in the state. Ken would like to hear from the presidents of the various divisions in Florida about the opportunities in their regions, helping him to make decisions. Please write to Ken Clinton, 17 Sweetman Lane, West Milford, NJ 07480.

Brevard County. At its May meeting the following members were elected county officers for 88-89: President Robert J. Carroll, Vice President Arthur Billingham, Recording Secretary Ernest Kees, Financial Secretary Edward P. Reilly, Treasurer Matthew J. Manix, Chairman of Standing Committee Thomas L. Donnelly, Marshal Richard J. Girard, Chaplain Father Val Sheedy and Jr. Past Vice President Robert F. J. Schneider.

Members of Division 1 who received the Shamrock Degree at the meeting were Thomas Schneider, William J. Warren, Jr., Salvatore Vitale, Stephen I. Ryan and Jeremiah J. O'Shea.

Installation team, all from Brevard Division 2, consisted of State President Jack Boyle, State Vice President John Cullinan, State Director William Ryan, County Vice President Arthur Billingham and Jerry Costlow.

Brevard County Division 1. Because of the resignation and

relocation of Division President Art Lynch to Chicago, State Secretary and Brevard County President Bob Schneider has assumed the presidency of the division. State Editor Nick Schneider will serve as vice president.

Brevard County Division 2. At a recent communion breakfast, President Bob Carroll's division was pleased to have the following dignitaries in attendance: Florida State President Jack Boyle, Mayor of Malabar Gene Callaghy, former Mayor of Palm Bay Hal Bryant, Mayor and Vice Mayor of Melbourne respectively, Joseph Mullin and John Buckley.

Broward County Division 1. Because of conflicting activities and commitments of the divisions throughout the State, President Martin McAndrew advises that the planned AOH State Family "Gathering" has been temporarily been placed on "hold."

In addition to what has been reported above, I would like to focus on "what has not been reported." Obviously there is a lot going on in all the divisions that should be shared with brothers all over the land, and I again urge division presidents to apprise me of their activities — whether or not you may consider them newsworthy. Let me be the judge. I further request to be placed on your mailing lists to receive any newsletters you may send out as a way of sharing items with me for this column.

A detailed report of the State Board of officers and family social will appear in the next column. Meanwhile, please write to Brother Clinton. Before you know it, we'll have enough Irish from the north down here to have our own N.Y. City Fifth Avenue Paddy's Parade!!!

STATE NEWS: Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The District of Columbia AOH Board's St. Patrick's Day Banquet & Dance was held on March 17 at the Kenwood Golf & Country Club, Bethesda, MD. The General Chairman was James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division, AOH. Among the guests were Monsignor Joseph R. Dooley and Bishop Raymond J. Boland, newly installed Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama, and Bernard Davenport, Counsel, Irish Embassy.

Shamrocks were flown in from Ireland and placed at each place-setting. Merchandise certificate from an exclusive boutique, the Celtic Fair, Ltd., Alexandria, VA; loaves of Irish bread and silk flower decorations on each table were all offered as door prizes. An Irish products boutique was set up near the dance floor by the "Brendan Collection," operated by Mrs. Carolyn Conroy.

The newly installed Bishop Raymond J. Boland, formerly the chancellor of the Washington Archdiocese was the guest speaker. Bishop Boland is a long-standing member of the Emerald Isle Division and a native of Ireland. As always, he gave an outstanding talk — witty, informative, particularly about Irish history and Irish folklore. The Board presented a farewell gift of two religious books to Bishop Boland.

This 1988 St. Patrick's Day Party was one of the most enjoyable and outstanding in the history of the AOH in the District of Columbia.



PLANNING THE District of Columbia's AOH St. Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance held on March 17 at the Kenwood Golf & Country Club are, l. to r., Frank A. Ryan, Richard J. Tarrant, Matthew J. Hannon, president, D.C. Board, James J. O'Connor, general chairman, Eugene D. Corkery and James Birmingham. Irish Eye photo



DIGNITARIES attending the recent communion-breakfast held by Brevard County AOH Division 2 were, left to right, Jack Boyle, Florida State AOH president; Bob Carroll, president, Brevard County Division 2; Gene Callaghy, mayor of the City of Melbourne; Hal Bryant, former mayor of the City of Palm Bay; John Buckley, vice mayor of the City of Melbourne; and Joseph Mullin, mayor of the City of Melbourne.

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST. Wilkes-Barre, PA — The AOH held a Communion-Breakfast at St. Leo's Church, Ashley, honoring Mrs. Mary Ann Lavan as AOH "Mother of the Year." 250 members and guests were in attendance. From left, front row are Peggy Gaughan, committee; Rose Mary Kruczek, committee; Mary Ann Lavan; Margaret Shea, president LAOH (St. John Neuman Division) and Jeanette Wydo, committee. Standing, Ray Long, chairman and marshal; Robert Cunningham, financial secretary, committee; Rev. Charles F. Mulrooney, pastor of St. Leo's; Harold Salmon, president AOH Division 2; Atty. Robert J. Gillespie Jr.; John Bonner, national chairman, Constitution, Ritual and Progress; and Rev. Myron McCormick.

STATE NEWS: Maryland



GAELIC MASS — Brothers and Sisters of JFK Division 5, Prince George's County, MD, lined up before entering the church to celebrate their Third Annual Gaelic Mass at Holy Family Church in Mitchellville. Celebrant of the Mass was church pastor and division chaplain, Reverend Michael Kidd. Irish Eye Photo

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Ladies Virginia State News

Members of the Virginia State Board participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Alexandria, Virginia. Present were Past State Presidents Nora Stewart and Marie Herlihy, and State President Anna O'Neill. They proudly walked carrying the Virginia State Board banner.

Several members of the Col. John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, went to Washington, D.C. to march in their St. Patrick's Day Parade. Recently the members welcomed Mr. Carl Hanpe to speak to them on behalf of Senator Simpson (R., Wyoming). Mr. Hanpe delivered a comprehensive explanation of the ramifications of the Kennedy-Simpson Immigration Bill (S. 2104). Many members of the Washington Irish Immigration Program attended this meeting.



IMMIGRATION REFORM. Virginia Ladies were recently addressed on pending immigration legislation by Carl Hanpe, center, Minority Counsel of the Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration. At left is Rosemary Twigg, president, LAOH, Division 1, Arlington; at right is Vicki Curtin, Division 1 member.



VIRGINIA STATE BOARD marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade in Arlington. From left are Nora Stewart and Marie Herlihy, past state presidents, and Anna O'Neill, current state president.

LAOH Pennsylvania News



ST. BRIGID MASS and brunch was recently celebrated by the Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, LAOH. Pictured is the keynote speaker, the Very Rev. Henry J. McNulty, chancellor of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. With him, from left, are County President Mary Margaret Maurath, County Treasurer Sarah Mains, County Chaplain Sr. Sarah Marie Healy, R.M., and State President Margaret A. Cooney.

The State of Pennsylvania is saddened by the loss of two ladies who exemplified and promoted Hibernianism as their life's work, Mae O'Grady, past state president from Allegheny County and Catherine Kearney, past state historian from Lackawanna County. Many accomplishments and advancement of Hibernianism were attributed to their dedicated service. Until 1984, both attended the National Conventions.

The State Board pre-convention meeting was held on May 22 in Camp Hill, State President Margaret Cooney presiding.

Allegheny County Spring meeting was conducted by President Mary Margaret Maurath on March 30 at the Homestead AOH Hall, hosted by Division 13. Division President Theresa Vernon and the members outdid themselves with hospitality and delicious food.

Division 11, Pittsburgh, held a memorial Mass for Mae O'Grady at the Chapel of St. Agnes Church. Celebrant was Rev. Roonan J. Deegan, T.O.R., state chaplain. Mary Kennedy coordinated the special

service at which State President Margaret Cooney gave the eulogy. The members of Division 21, Castle Shannon, under the direction of Virginia Brubach, historian, are embroidering quilted wall hangings, depicting Irish symbols as part of a fall fund raiser.

Division 2, Freeland, held their Mass honoring St. Brigid on April 17 in St. Anne's Church. The celebrant was Father Peter Carr, O.F.M. and the children of the members presented the special gifts.

Breakfast at the Elks Club followed. Joining in the event were members of Division 1, Wilkes Barre.

Ladies D. of C. News

The annual Mass honoring "The Nuns of the Battlefield" and deceased Hibernians was held at St. Matthews Cathedral on May 15. Miss Sarah E. Murphy, past national president LAOH, represented National President Sheila Clifford. Miss Murphy was accompanied by Maryland State President Nancy Perrin, Eileen McGinn, and Mary Heckner.

Mrs. Kathryn D. Back, president of District Board; Mrs. Patricia Muir, secretary; and Miss Peggy Dee, historian, carried the gifts to the altar. Monsignor W. Louis Quinn, pastor of St. Matthew's Cathedral and Rev. Brendan McCormick, state chaplain, concelebrated the Mass.

Immediately following the ladies and friends walked to the monument and placed there a beautiful basket of flowers. The participants closed the memorial with a luncheon.

Miss Albert Headley, who is a member of Division 1, was elected president of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

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COL. JOHN FITZGERALD NO. 1, LAOH, Arlington, was represented in the D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade by President Rosemary Twigg, left, and Treasurer Helen Hughes, followed by division members.

New York Ladies News

New York State Irish Historian Dorothy A. Voelker announced the State winners in the 1987-1988 Irish Essay Contest sponsored by the National Board of the LAOH. The winning students were presented their awards at the Annual Communion Breakfast of the Queens County Boards AOH and LAOH, on April 17 at Dante's in Jackson Heights.

Dorothy Hayden Cudaby, Queens County Irish Historian, presented checks of \$25 to each of the first place winners in both categories — Rosaida M. Felipe of Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village, 1st in grade school and Philip Santiago, Parsons Junior HS, Flushing, 2nd. Margaret McWilliams of Bayside and Mary Patricia Moynihan, New Hyde Park Memorial H.S., achieved first and second on the high school level.

The State contest winners were Caitlin Lambert of St. Patrick's School, Bayside, and Rosaida M. Felipe of Queens Village, first and second respectively, grade school. Margaret McWilliams of Bayside and Mary Patricia Moynihan, New Hyde Park Memorial H.S., achieved first and second on the high school level.

\$75 went to first place winners and \$50 for second place winners.

New York State was proud to have three winners in the National Contest. First place awards went to Caitlin Lambert of Suffolk County and Margaret McWilliams of Queens. The third winner was an Honorable Mention to Rosaida M. Felipe of Queens.

Some sixty delegates attended the LAOH NY State Board semi-annual meeting on April 23 at the Milford Plaza Hotel, New York City. Prominent on the meeting's agenda was the unanimous approval that the National Board confer Honorary Life Membership on Monica Burke of New York County and Mollie Barrett of Nassau County in recognition of their outstanding service to the LAOH.

In preparation for the upcoming National Convention, the board reaffirmed its unanimous support for Dolores E. Voelker for National Vice President.

The LAOH Junior Div. No. 2 held their Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 8 at the Hibernian Hall in Babylon. In conjunction with the breakfast, Suffolk Co. President Anna Marie Priest presented the county level winners of the annual essay con-

test their prizes. On the elementary level these were Caitlin Lambert and Mei-Lynn Destouche, first and second respectively. In the high school category, Jennifer Vogel of Islip High School, first place, and Patricia Ahern of Bayside H.S., second place.

The Celtic Degree Team of Suffolk Co. exemplified the degrees of The Order in Nassau Co. April 24, and at Division No. 8, Suffolk Co. on May 1. Any wishing to have degrees administered can contact Degree Team Guardian Elizabeth Kremer, at 102 Meroka Lane, East Islip, N.Y. 11730.

The Westchester Co. Annual Mass/Communion Breakfast was held on March 27 at Transfiguration Church, Tarrytown; Rev. Michael Driscoll was celebrant and Mary Hold Moore was the guest speaker.

The men and women of Div. 6, Yonkers, held their Annual Mass/Breakfast for deceased members on April 24; Patrick Grimes of the Irish Echo was the guest speaker. Members from Division 10, Peekskill, and Division 11, Tarrytown, have volunteered their services to the Retired Sisters of St. Francis in Peekskill.

Recent fund raisers in Westchester included a Div. 17 dance in White Plains, to benefit Rosary Hill Cancer Home in Hawthorne; a cake sale by Div. 16, Mt. Kisco for their scholarship fund; and a tag sale by Division 8, Verplanck, for Church depth. Upcoming on July 10 is a Cultural Day sponsored by the men and women of Division 11, Tarrytown, at Kinglands Point Park.



FIRST PLACE winner, elementary schools, Caitlin Lambert, right, St. Patrick's School, Bayside, with Suffolk Co. Historian Katherine Wisner.



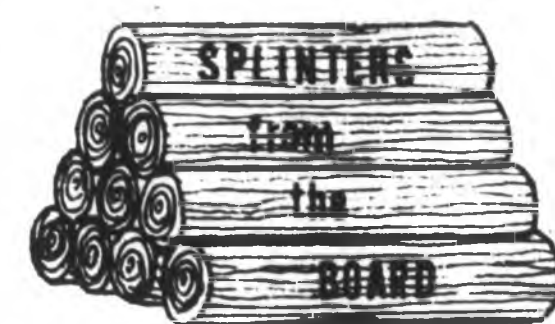
SECOND PLACE winner, elementary, Rosaida M. Felipe, right, Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village, with Past Queens Co. President Sheila M. Twomey.



NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL essay winners Margaret McWilliams, left, student at Benjamin M. Cardozo HS, Bayside, 1st place; and Mary Patricia Moynihan, right, New Hyde Park Memorial HS, 2nd place.



SUFFOLK CO. NY Irish Essay Contest winners are, left to right, front row holding certificates, Jennifer Vogel, Patricia Ahern, Mei-Lynn Destouche and Caitlin Lambert. Back row, National Secretary Dolores E. Voelker, New York State Historian Dorothy A. Voelker, Suffolk Co. Historian Katherine Wisner, and Suffolk Co. President Anna Marie Priest.



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

The National Convention is just around the corner . . . many of the States/Counties/Divisions have filled out their credential cards, committee form sheets, etc., and returned them to the National Secretary or National President. Most of the National Officers are busy writing their reports listing their activities and accomplishments for the past two years, but what am I doing . . . I'm trying to complete plans for the Convention, do a column for the Digest, and try to coordinate the Ladies Hibernian News.

During the past months, we lost a lady who for the past five or six years, dedicated much of her time to seeing that the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians got their news published in the Digest. On April 22nd, Frances Hamre, as we state in our Ritual, passed to her eternal reward happy in the consolation of the Faith of her Fathers, and we will meet her again in Tir n'an Og. We will remember the many hours that she spent seeing that the LAOH columns were published. May she rest in peace.

In a separate article, you will find a list of the Committee Chairmen for the 84th National Convention and a "tentative" agenda.

The winners of the 1987-1988 Annual Irish Essay Contest were announced by Kathie Linton, National Historian. All winners certificates and prizes have been mailed to the State Irish Historian.

During the past several months the AOH and LAOH have had a couple of projects that the membership should be working on. First is a membership drive; each member of the AOH and LAOH should bring in at least one new member during 1988. The second project is the AOH Awards Program; tickets were sent to each Hibernian and returns are to be sent to Mr. R. Rogers. Remember that for any project to be a success, we all must participate and do our share.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the 84th National Convention in Cleveland. Hope you all have a very happy and safe summer.

Tentative Convention Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 24		6:30PM - Assemble for Mass
10 AM - LAOH National Board Meeting	8:30PM - Icebreaker	
MONDAY, JULY 25		TUESDAY, JULY 26
10 AM - LAOH Auditing Committee	7:30AM - Mass	
1 PM - AOH/LAOH Notre Dame Meeting	9:30AM - 5 - LAOH Convention	
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27		THURSDAY, JULY 28
1 PM - LAOH Rules of Order Meeting	7:30AM - Mass	
2 PM - LAOH Credentials Meeting	8:30-10AM - Committee Meetings	
2 PM - LAOH Election Committee	10AM-3:30 - LAOH Convention	
5 PM - LAOH/AOH Joint Board Dinner	3:30PM - Major Degrees	
5 PM - Chaplains' Dinner	7 PM - Irish Night	
	7:30AM - Mass	
	7:30-9AM - LAOH Voting	
	9:30AM-5 - LAOH Convention	

Current Officer Candidates

As of May 22, the following ladies have announced their candidacies for LAOH National Officer posts.

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	Chairman, Catholic Action
	Mary Herbert, Florida
	Chairman, Catholic Action
	Mary Paglione, New Jersey

Convention Committee Chairmen

In preparation for the National Convention, the following ladies will chair the working committees of convention:

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN
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Supplies	Mary Herbert
Grievance	Sarah E. Murphy

LAOH Nat'l Contest Winners

National Historian Kathie Linton announced the following winners of the 1987-88 National Irish History Essay Contest:

GRADE SCHOOL (Blarney Stone)
— 1st, Caitlin Lambert, Bay Shore, NY; 2nd, Rosalie Rutz, Trenton, NJ; 3rd, Julie Gilligan, N. Andover, MA; Honorable Mention, Nicole Sloman, Baltimore MD and Rosaida M. Felipe, Queens Village, NY.

HIGH SCHOOL (Bloody Sunday)
— 1st, Margaret McWilliams, Bayside, NY; 2nd, Karen Wytams, San Jose, CA; 3rd, Dennis Carmody, Neptune, NJ; Honorable Mention, Deborah Ballirano, Riverside, RI; and Patricia A. Malloy, Waterbury, CT.

Judges were: Sister Stephanie Mueller, IHM, Sister Dorothy Peltier, IHM, and Brother Richard Gilman, CSC. A special thanks goes to the judges who did an excellent job in a short span of time. A total of 26 essays were submitted on the grade school level and 16 on the high

school level. Fifteen states were represented. The Judges thoroughly enjoyed reading the essays; some of their comments on the winning essays on Bloody Sunday are listed.

"Personal history comes alive through research and the sharing of memories of parents with her."

"A very mature presentation. She senses the tragedy of the Irish situation and her feelings of involvement are revealed."

"Provided a good understanding, not only of Bloody Sunday, but also the more recent tragedies in Northern Ireland."

"This student loves Ireland; is deeply involved in Irish heritage, having learned its history from family and research."

The hearts of the Judges were won by the grade school essays on Blarney Stone. They stated that they were "like a breath of fresh air, lots of originality and provided many a chuckle."

Ladies Maryland State News

Eleanor Goodwin, Baltimore County Board Chairman of Catholic Action, chaired the arrangements for the annual Mass to honor St. Brigid. State Chaplain Father Duffy was the celebrant. During the Mass, State President Susan Perrin presented a plaque of appreciation to a loyal friend of the LAOH, Mr. Bill Mondes, for his many years of support and assistance to the ladies.

Baltimore County Board President Eleanor Lukowski underwent surgery on her shoulder and seems to be progressing well. Mary Burnham Cutter, Baltimore County vice president, recently gave birth to her first child, a daughter.

At the end of April, Sally Murphy hosted a reception and buffet supper at her home in honor of National President Sheila M. Clifford. Mass preceding the reception was celebrated by Father Duffy, state chaplain. Also in attendance were former National Presidents Rita

McDonough and Margaret Rust; Terry Kelleher, current national treasurer, and her husband Dan; and Mr. Robert Fastow from New Jersey.

The Maryland Annual Mission Festival and Fashion Show, for the benefit of the Columban Fathers, was held the next day. The Rev. Charles Lintz of the Columbians was present. The successful event was co-chaired by Eileen McGinn of Division 14 and 1989 chairperson Mary Regina Connor, president of Division 2.

Division 2 sponsored its annual liturgy of the Mass on Friday, May 13, at St. Rita's rectory. Father Kunkel was the celebrant. As usual the ladies of the host division dazzled everyone with their attractive table of tasty treats.

In June, Eileen McGinn, state coordinator for the Notre Dame Hibernian fund is taking a group to Ireland, proceeds to benefit the fund.

LAOH Michigan State News

The Michigan State Board welcomes the newly formed division from Grand Rapids. The initiation and installation was conducted by Margaret Murphy, who is also the state secretary and past national treasurer, and State Organizer Patricia Martin. The following officers were elected: President Nancee Caird; Vice President Julie Lillis; Recording Secretary Christy LaBazetta; Financial Secretary Peggy Regan; Treasurer Mary Reed; Historian Ann Ferguson; Chm Missions, Ginger Murphy; Chm Catholic Action, Sue Kettle; Mistress at Arms Betty Taylor and Sentinel Kathleen Eardley.

On Sunday, August 28 the State Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock will be held at the AOH Hall. After the festivities, the Michigan State Board will award a Shamrock

Quilt. The St. Brigid Degree team of Michigan has been given the honor of conferring the degrees at the National Convention in Cleveland.

State Historian Mary Ochab reported that the state Irish History Essay contest winners are Christy Root, Ladywood, Livonia and Tony Perotti, St. Mary Magdalen, Hazel Park.

A First!! The AOH Stephen Walsh Division sponsored and served a Mother's Day Dinner at the club. The LAOH Rose Kennedy Division will reciprocate with a Father's Day Barbecue on Sunday, June 19.

The Macomb County ladies are getting ready for two fund raisers: a basket of Cheer for the June 6 meeting and the annual Garage Sale in June.

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Robert Emmet Remembered



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Some of the group who came to honor Robert Emmet at his Statue on March 12, 1988. This event is sponsored yearly by the Emerald Isle Division, AOH. The Robert Emmet Statue is located at 24th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. *Irish Eye Photo*



WASHINGTON D.C. — The Official Party for the 1988 Robert Emmet Memorial Services at the Robert Emmet Statue in Washington, D.C. are shown in the lobby of the Irish Embassy prior to the ceremony. L. to r., Rev. Brendan T. McCormack, chaplain, D.C. AOH Board; Richard A. Callahan, president, Emerald Isle Division, AOH; Honorable Padraic N. MacKernan, Irish Ambassador to the United States; James J. O'Connor, founder and chairman of the Robert Emmet Memorial Services, and Rev. Patrick W. Kemp, chaplain, Emerald Isle Division. O'Connor also chairs the gala luncheon party immediately following the memorial services, and this is the 18th consecutive year the two events are held. (Note the beautiful Irish rug with the four provinces emblem). *Irish Eye Photo*

Connecticut LAOH News

The Connecticut State Board AOH and LAOH held their Spring meeting in Norwalk on May 22. During the LAOH meeting the awards for the Mission Fund were made. The winners were: 1st prize, Waterford Crystal Bowl, Harrington; and 2nd prize, Donegal Vase, Sue Sheehan. The proceeds are for the Columban Mission Fund.

Stamford Division #59 honored Mary Grogan at their annual Irish Flag raising. A member of the LAOH for 55 years, she was presented with a plaque from the Division and a citation from the Governor of Connecticut, William O'Neill. Mary celebrated her 90th birthday in April and is still very active.

Waterbury Division 66 has adopted the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter for 1988. The members bring food items to each meeting, which Chairman Ruth Dempsey takes to the shelter. At the April meeting Dr. R. Howe, a local chiropractor, gave a talk on exercise and nutrition; during the May meeting the members participated in the living rosary and a May crowning. On June 1st the ladies held their annual June Banquet. Special guests for the night were the AOH (Angels of Harmony) Singers; National President Sheila Clifford; and the president of Msgr. Slocum Division #1, Maurice McCarthy, Jr. After the dinner, a Penny Auction, chaired by Ann Harmon, was held.

During the past three months, Division 66 has initiated at least 17 members. The goal for 1988 is to

bring in at least twenty-five new members.

Meriden Division 15 participated in the Daffodil Festival; they sold corned beef sandwiches at the ethnic food taste. The local Irish step dancers participated in the entertainment for the ladies booth.

Lower Naugatuck Valley Division 72 worked with the AOH to hold an Irish Pub Night at St. Jude's Church Hall on June 4. Tom Callinan provided the entertainment for the evening. The Annual June Dinner meeting was held at the Curtis House in Woodbury.

Norwalk Division 64 had a very active May meeting; the program featured an aerobics instructor. Plans for their June Dinner were finalized and on June 11th the LAOH and AOH held their Communion Supper.

MANY GOING, FEW RETURNING

Jack Flatley

Churned by the tumbling sea
Streams of sand
Commute with each crashing wave
Arrival and departure
Grind and burnish,
Wash away.
Carried in by the rolling breakers,
Drained away by the sucking tow;
Many going, few returning.
Slow death of the emerald shore.
The land edge naked
In geological beauty.
The shore grass stubble
Slow grown and lean,
Greener inland
Where the rich earth of Mother Ireland
Feeds all who grow there.
They grow tall — these young Irish
Wild, restless, eager.
They follow the call of the job;
Many going, few returning.
The riches of Ireland,
Talent, energy, enterprise,
Quick wit, muscle, guile,
Flowing into the sea,
Eroding the race
Sired by legend, pride and misery;
Many going, few returning.
Off on a venture of wide-eyed wonder;
The greener grass on the blind side of the hill
Beckons the yearning youth.
The heritage of the land of the saints
And heroic kings
Has given way
To the pull of a new quest for survival.
A familiar history —
Emigration reborn;
Many going, few returning.
The vision and strength
Of the adventurous Irish
Created wealth and great cities,
Explored wilderness,
Fought the foreigner's war
Laid down track, and concrete highways,
Trod the beams of steel,
Built the banks for the green money
In all lands.
Again now, Ireland's loss
A rich man's pleasure,
Somewhere — not in Ireland.
The lure of the buck is strong
With Irish pockets and bellies wrinkled flat.
Born poor, raised poor, shipped out.
Is there no other way?

Governor Dukakis

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your ancestral home, the problems of Ireland, north and south, concern all Americans because, as Americans, we are concerned about the principles of equality and opportunity and justice anywhere on the face of the earth. And because of our close ties of heritage and of history, we have a special concern and a special role to play in applying those principles to Ireland.

"As President of the United States, I expect to give a special priority to the issues that affect Ireland and Northern Ireland first by strengthening and expanding our immigration laws to open up additional opportunities for immigration for Irish citizens. Secondly, by helping to work hard in concert with the Irish people and the international community to build a future of economic opportunity for the people. I support the International Fund for Ireland. I think we should continue to contribute to it, and I will work with the Congress to make sure that the assistance provided by that fund is used fairly and that it goes to communities most in need.

"There's one principle I believe in whether here at home or abroad. It is that the benefits of economic growth and economic opportunity must be shared by all. Just as we in America cannot go forward as separate regions or separate ethnic groups, so

the people of Ireland cannot go forward in an atmosphere of discrimination and hostility. The Catholic community in Northern Ireland deserves strong and effective fair employment laws now — because it is right and because it will help all Ireland to grow and to prosper.

"In 1985, with the strong support of my Legislature, I became the first Governor in America to sign legislation recognizing the importance of fair employment laws as reflected by the MacBride Principles. As President, I would use the power and the authority of my office to encourage an end to job discrimination by American firms in Northern Ireland, and I believe we can do that.

"I will encourage all sides to build on the Anglo-Irish Agreement to make further progress towards peace and reconciliation and human rights for all of the people of Ireland. I want to work for the reform of an unfair legal system in Northern Ireland. Justice is not justice unless it is evenhanded. The no-jury, one judge, no bail system of those (Diplock) courts is not evenhanded. It is inconsistent with basic principles of justice, and it must be changed.

"We must also encourage a law enforcement system that respects the rights of all, a public code of conduct

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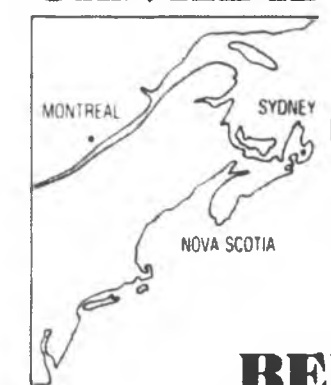
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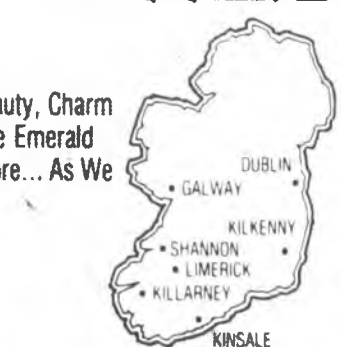
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2. A FAIRY STORY AT THE FIRE
3. JUST FOR YOU
4. I FEAR YOU'LL NEVER
5. SWEET, MY LOVE
6. THE ROSE OF TRALE
7. LOUGH SEAN E CASH
8. LITTLE BOY BLUE
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Bloody Ireland

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The violence in Northern Ireland baffled me. My unease was reinforced by what I then took to be fair comment by British and Irish officials: that ill-informed Americans with romantic, anachronistic ideas about Northern Ireland had caused untold death and damage there, principally by drumming up support for terrorism, by which they meant only the I.R.A. (Nobody ever mentioned the Protestant paramilitaries, who, at that point, had killed more ordinary people than had the I.R.A.) Reporters, these officials said, could share the blame. "A bad newspaper story can do more harm than a bomb," they warned.

They didn't have to worry about me. My first story, which made the front page, led with the fact that the police who did the shooting at the rally were trying to arrest "an American supporter of the outlawed Irish Republican Army." I dutifully repeated the warning of a Roman Catholic bishop that Irish-Americans should not be "seduced" by television coverage of the rally, and of the killing that occurred there, into giving the I.R.A. money for guns. And I included all the warnings about the "propaganda victory" for the I.R.A. I filed four stories in all, and two of the headlines used the word "Ulster." The praise for my work was effusive. But I went back to London troubled, hoping that the place would quiet down and that I wouldn't have to go back too often.

Two months later, the I.R.A. tried to assassinate Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the Tory Party Conference at Brighton. Clearly, something was going on in Northern Ireland that shouldn't be ignored — and if what I am saying here is, inadvertently, an argument for terrorism as a device to catch our attention, it will have to stand. I still had no idea why people there were so willing to kill — or to die.

A few weeks before, I had interviewed Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Féin. He had suggested that I might want to spend some time living with a Sinn Féin family, to see what life was like in West Belfast. Now I decided to take him up on his offer. I also arranged to live with the family of a leading member of the Ulster Defence Association, the legal guise of the largest Protestant paramilitary organization, which operates its illegal activities under other names. The men in both families had served time in prison: one for possessing explosives, the other on a weapons charge. The visits, reported in a cover story for *The New York Times Magazine* (March 10, 1985), opened my eyes. In doing the reporting I began to realize that religious fanaticism was not the issue. Power was: Who had it? Who benefited — and who lost out?

Shortly after my stay in West Belfast, on December 6, 1984, two I.R.A. members were shot dead at the Gransha psychiatric hospital in the city nationalists call Derry, its ancient Irish name; the British, who renamed it in 1613, call it Londonderry. The I.R.A. men, carrying loaded handguns, were reportedly planning to kill a part-time member of the security forces who worked at the hospital. An army undercover unit cut them down with a fusillade of bullets as they rode a motorcycle onto the grounds. Few official details were available — they rarely are — but what intrigued me about the case were reports, later confirmed, that the suspects had been shot dozens of times. Apparently, they had been given no opportunity to surrender.

John Hume, the local member of Parliament and leader of what the press likes to describe as the "moderate" nationalist party — the one that does not support the I.R.A. — was moved to ask whether the authorities had abandoned the rule of law. Church leaders, other British and Irish politicians, and human rights groups had been asking the same question: Do the British, who do not have the death penalty, have a "shoot to kill" policy in Northern Ireland? Were police and army undercover units, following orders that violated British law, going out to ambush their fellow citizens and killing them on the spot? Did the ends justify the means? And was the rule of law subservient to the imposition of order?

Government officials have always said no. I felt it was important to find out whether they were telling the truth. This much I did learn: they lied about the circumstances of at least some of the shootings. But by the time I had to leave I wasn't even close to finding out whether "shoot to kill" was actually a policy. John Stalker, who had access to the police, came closer, but he was denied vital evidence and was able to conclude only that "the circumstances of these shootings pointed to a police inclination, if not a policy, to shoot suspects dead without warning rather than to arrest them." He also has left. What keeps on are the shootings. And the press coverage is just more of the same.

On February 21 of this year, a young man I knew was walking to a Gaelic football game in a field on the northern side of the border at Aughnacloy. He had returned earlier in the day from his uncle's funeral in County Monaghan, one of the counties of historic Ulster that is in the Irish Republic. He had parked his car in an Aughnacloy housing project and had walked back through the army checkpoint toward the field. In broad daylight, without warning, a soldier shot him to death. The army said the shooting was accidental and expressed deep regrets. The Irish government expressed its doubts and said it would conduct its own investigation. The American press covered this from London.

The *Times* wrapped the shooting into a front-page story about the political rift between Britain and Ireland over the Stalker affair. The story was written by a correspondent with a fine ear for language, a writer who has never hesitated to listen to the voices of people who suffer. But he was just back from Gaza, and he was miles away from that spot in Aughnacloy where my friend fell dying. The story never mentioned Aidan McAneaspie by name, never said that he was young, that he was not a member of the I.R.A., that his sister had run for office as a



IN MEMORIAM

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Frances Hamre's Death Unexpected



FRANCES HAMRE

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Frances R. Hamre, Assistant Editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*, died in Mercy Hospital here on Friday, April 22, 1988.

A lifelong Springfield resident, she attended local schools. She was an officer and member of many state and local volunteer organizations.

In 1981, Frances was honored by Pope John Paul II with the award *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, a papal decoration for service to the Church. She was a chief high ranger in the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters and during the years was president, treasurer and historian on the Massachusetts State Board.

Besides being president of Our Lady of Hope Guild and Rosary Sodality, she was secretary of the Van Horn Parents Association, supervisor of Thomas B. Gleason Jr. Court of Foresters and secretary of Cub Scout Pack 51. In addition, she was a member of American Legion Liberty Unit 430; the Good Shepherd Auxiliary; Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Friends of the Dominican Nuns; Friends of the Chalice of Salvation and Ward 2 Democratic Committee.

She is survived by her husband, former City Councilor Frederick E. Hamre; four sons, Thomas J. of East Hampton, Frederick C. of Bristol, Ct., Richard F. of Agawam, and Daniel E. of Springfield; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

N.J. Rep. James Howard Felled by Heart Attack

WASHINGTON, D.C. — New Jersey Representative James J. Howard, who served in the U.S. Congress for 24 years, died at Washington Hospital Center on March 25, after suffering a heart attack a day earlier. He was 60.

The congressman, who lived in Spring Lake Heights, N.J. on the Jersey Shore, was stricken while playing golf at Brooke Manor Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. He was revived by two paramedics who had been golfing and taken to Montgomery General Hospital. He was later transferred to the Washington Hospital, a leading cardiac care center.

Howard, a Democrat, served eight years as the chairman of the powerful House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

candidate for Sinn Féin, that he had been frequently interrogated and occasionally beaten by soldiers when he crossed the border each day to go to work, that he came from a family that for generations had been Irish nationalists.

In the story, Aidan was simply "an unarmed nationalist" who was "shot and killed as he walked past a British Army checkpoint in Northern Ireland" — the headline called it "Ulster." The story went on to warn that "the incident will be used to foster the contention of the outlawed Irish Republican Army that the British-Irish agreement is proving worthless in its goal of better protecting the rights of Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic minority." Another shooting disappeared under the haze of a potential propaganda victory. And still there was no reporting on the ground. What really happened there? And why? And — the I.R.A. aside — what did it mean?

"I could not in all conscience turn my back on what I thought was murder by policemen," Stalker said in a radio interview. "I have been a hard-nosed copper all my life, but I draw the line at murder."

At least Stalker tried to dig out facts. How much more blood will have to be shed, one wonders, before American reporters do the same? Where do we, as journalists, draw the line?

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Jim Lowmyer, Historian
Ocean Co. Division 1



A VIEW FROM SAN DIEGO

Dear Mr. Murphy,
Brothers & Sisters,

On December 1987, a teleconference was held among the Officers of the AOH nationwide. I sat in for Mickey (McGrath) Michaud, president Division 1, San Diego, and state vice president. I am speaking for myself.

The purpose of this letter is to make my views known, perhaps discussed, at the upcoming meeting in Cleveland. Unfortunately I cannot attend, as I will be at home with my family in Athleague, County Roscommon.

What stands out in my mind from the teleconference is, Mr. Hession's report on the drop-out rate, new memberships, and the net gain of less than 70 souls nationwide. Our organization goes back to the 1500's, and it served a particular and worthy cause; again in the early 1800's it also has served a worthy cause. Times have changed, the AOH has fallen behind, we lost people because they became disinterested, fed up with the politics, divisions, and animosities. We have been identified too closely to one political party, unions, and unfortunately, to violence and booze. We have the Tom Haydens to advance the MacBride principles and ignore the Pat Nolans because he belongs to the other party.

Arizona has a process of removing its Governor and it worked. Last January we saw on National Television a pro-King, anti-Mecham march. In that march was about a half dozen people that I presume were Irish, and were holding a very large Irish banner. All of the marchers behind the banner were Blacks.

We appoint Flannery as Grand Marshal of a World Famous Parade causing bishops, leading elected politicians to boycott the parade. We confine ourselves too closely to a Kennedy; there is also Wilson, Dornan, Dan Lungren, (Mom is Irish), and many more all over the U.S. Just because they are Republican does not mean they have aids. As per enclosed article, is a sample of the heavyweights outside of the AOH. We keep the status quo, they stay away, and in the meantime we loose members.

On a daily basis, the Russians have landing rights at Shannon, with overnight accommodations (crew). Aeroflot is an integral part of the Soviet military, and the purpose of this exercise is to rotate its troops in Cuba. Now that is real gratitude towards the United States. I have been in the leisure travel business for the past 25 years. The Enniskillen bombing can translate to a million less tourists over one season. To many Americans, Belfast is in County Cork. Bombings and killings have accomplished this much so far. It keeps the issue alive. It stifens the British resolve to stay there. It reduces the Irishman down to a Paisley, and lower still to a terrorist. For every Irishman that takes up a gun, there are 10 British with a bigger gun. We do have the manpower worldwide to marshal world opinion and shame the British out of our country. When John Bull calls for a gerrymandered vote to settle the issue, we should loud and clear respond: let the people of all Ireland vote on the issue.

Walt Murray, Vice President
AOH, San Diego, California

**Remember—
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voice is a
voting voice!**

RECONCILIATION NOT CONDEMNATION

Dear Editor:

The recently reported remarks of several Bishops in Northern Ireland were predictable, one dimensional and singularly without hope or direction. The Irish Bishops — unlike Christ — consistently preach condemnation not reconciliation, mercy, compassion or justice.

The Catholic Church in Northern Ireland has long preached a sort of "gospel of the conqueror" which ignores or minimizes the treachery of the British government and maximizes the flaws of the subjugated (read poor). Almost every leader of the young Irish government was excommunicated for failing to embrace this message of slavery and degradation. The most prominent of these was a man who became the most honored Irishman in the world — the late Dr. Sean MacBride.

I have lived in the South. The St. Patrick's Day Parade at Savannah is one of the largest in the U.S. All these Protestants with Irish Catholic names, lacking the true meaning, history, of why they are there. We the AOH should be there, and in the forefront of an Irish Cultural Center, bringing all the organizations (Irish) together, consolidate our power, money, resolutions for the re-unification of Ireland. The Hibernian as a Catholic should set good example; perhaps we will have people to join the Church that their forefathers belonged to. We should promote to all, friendship, unity, charity, history, culture, our dances, stories, etc. And for God's sake, keep politics, religion, and unions outside the door. Let that Irish, Democrat, union worker sit down and eat and drink with the Republican who owns or runs the factory.

I mail to the politicians copies of the MacBride Principles, and to the Cranstons I say, if the Haitians and Ethiopians were ruled by Whites, and the North of Ireland Catholics were Black, would you be more active?

The United States of America has given a home to millions of Irish who may otherwise have starved to death. We have sent home millions of dollars to our families, to build churches, educate our nuns and priests. What have we been offered in return? We should have for example been offered space for a U.S. Installation, and in the process negotiate the British out. Belfast would make a good Navy base, and the Catholics would get a better deal.

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Romero are sorely needed in Northern Ireland. Unless and until such leadership emerges, the Catholic Church will continue to be a part of the problem — not a part of the solution.

Mike Cummings
National Director, AOH

SENATOR VISITS IRELAND

Dear Editor:

Knowing of your interest in developments in Northern Ireland, I wanted to share with you recent steps I have taken to try and improve employment opportunities for Catholics in Northern Ireland and to impress the British, Irish and American governments with the need for progress in Northern Ireland.

I visited both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland with Irish-Americans from New Jersey to press for economic, social and political reforms in Northern Ireland. Since then, I have met with a broad cross section of Irish-American leaders in New Jersey.

Following up on my trip and consultation with New Jersey Irish leaders, I sought a meeting with the British Ambassador, Sir Anthony Acland, and with Bill Fein, U.S. Observer to the International Fund, to personally relay my concerns to them about the International Fund. As you may know, the Fund is a U.S.-sponsored institution which was originally designed to help improve the economy of Northern Ireland and expand job opportunities for the province's Catholic minority.

After meeting with Ambassador Acland, I sent a formal note of concern to the British government through Ambassador Acland about the management of the Fund. As a member of the Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the Fund, I intend to pursue these issues at appropriations hearings on 1989 funding for the Fund later this year.

I've enclosed some related

materials. I hope this expression of concern to the British government will contribute toward reform of the Fund, improved employment opportunities for Catholics in Northern Ireland, and a peaceful resolution of the conflict there. I welcome your input on these and other issues and hope you will not hesitate to be in touch with your thoughts on these issues.

Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senator,
State of New Jersey

Did You Know?

THE "FAMINE"

Did you know that the famine in Ireland was in fact, not a famine? During the tragic period of 1845-50 in Ireland, a blight had struck the potato crop but nothing else. Bumper crops of wheat, oats, barley, vegetables, and dairy products were all recorded during those years. Unfortunately the Irish tenant farmer was allowed so little property that he had to rely on a crop that would produce the highest yield in the least space, and that was the potato. The potato became the staple of the Irish while they labored on the landlord's bountiful crops. When the potato failed, the landlords refused to share the other crops with their tenants and instead exported them to England where they would bring the most profit. Wagonloads of food were transported, under guard, to the docks where they were loaded on ships under the very noses of starving men, women, and children in quantities that would have fed twice the population of Ireland. How many of our forefathers died in the great hunger will never be known because of the unwillingness of the Irish to be registered by a British census, but it has been estimated that the population was reduced by over 3 1/2 million souls by 1851.

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Q. How did the harp become associated with Ireland? *Marie Smith, Galatin, TN*

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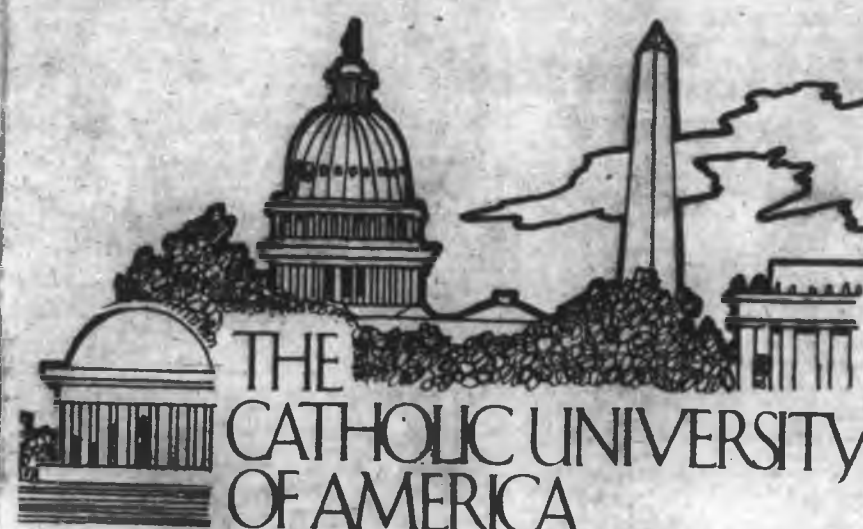
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A. In Irish the forms are O Loidain and O Loideain whence (O) Ludon, Leyden, Liddane, Lyden, Lydden, Ludden, Loddan, O Lydan, O Lear-don, all meaning 'descendant of Loidain or Loideainudan,' 'one who came from a lydden,' 'a pasture with a shelter (in Kent). The name is seemingly English, but belonged to an old Connacht family from Galway. Now it is more common in Cos. Mayo and Clare and in most places as Lydon.

Q. How did the harp become associated with Ireland? Marie Smith, Galatin, TN

A. Even I saw, resting in the Long Room of the old library at Trinity College, is what the Irish will tell you is Brian Boru's harp. The harp has seemingly always been identified with this nation of singers, dancers, and poets. As the official symbol, the following is certain. After Henry VIII proclaimed himself 'King of the Irish' in 1541, the harp first appeared on coinage. In 1603, at the coronation of James I, the Royal Standard depicted the harp. During the same time, one shown on the flag of the Confederation of Kilkenny. After the Act of Union, 1801, the Royal Standard continued to display a harp in its third quarter. The Union Jack standard of Ireland's Lord Lieutenant had a central blue shield bearing a gold harp. Such flags were not accepted by the general populace because they represented foreign domination. We might think of the harp as a symbol borrowed from the Irish people by British Royalty to represent England's ownership. Nowadays as the centerpiece of the Irish coat-of-arms, it proclaims Ireland's independence.

Q. Can you explain to me how Ireland got its flag? Alan Love, Forestville, MD.

A. Before the middle of the 18th century blue was the color most often associated with Ireland. 'St. Patrick's blue' it was called. Around 1700 the green shamrock became the symbol of Irish Catholics in their

Dukakis

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for police, and a commitment by the government of Great Britain to prosecute, not just reprimand, those of the security forces who take the law into their own hands in circumstances that suggest a policy of shoot-to-kill.

"Violence is wrong no matter who the perpetrator. The laws must be enforced, but that is not possible if the (British) government holds itself above the law.

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By JOHN J. CONCANNON

CLEVELAND: Veteran Hibernian, Michael Coogan of Dayton, Ohio, the AOH incumbent Vice President, was elected AOH National President at the recent National AOH Convention here. He won over candidate Michael Hession of Albany, N.Y.

The incumbent Vice President of the Ladies AOH, Miss Mary Bradley of Central Falls, Rhode Island, was elected LAOH President without contest.

Men and women AOH Convention delegates, by cumulative vote but balloting separately, selected Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia, as the site of the next National convention in July 1990.

The contest for National Vice President was between two National Directors: Michael Carroll of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Jack Hassett of San Francisco. Carroll was the victor. National Secretary Thomas McNabb of Auburn, New York, was unopposed for that office. Edward Wallace of Clayton, New York, retained the position of National Treasurer, overcoming a challenge by John Bonner of Pittsburgh.

Nine Hibernians ran for the six available positions of National Director. The successful six in order of votes received: Bill Hines of San Antonio, Texas; Tom Gilligan, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Jack Irwin, Nassau County, N.Y.; Frank Kearney, Meriden, Connecticut; John McInerney, Detroit; and Kevin Reynolds, Cleveland.

At the convention closing banquet, newly-installed LAOH President Mary Bradley presented a check for

\$45,000 to Columban Missionary Father James O'Brien. She also announced the appointment of Father George B. McCarthy of Rhode Island as LAOH National Chaplain and named Patricia A. Oberath of Rocky River, Ohio, as Assistant Editor of the *Hibernian Digest*.

Newly-installed President Michael Coogan announced several appointments: The new National Chaplain of the AOH is Bishop Thomas Drury of Corpus Christi, Texas. Now retired, the Bishop has previously served the Order as National Chaplain. Two Deputy National Chaplains were appointed to assist him - Father Donal O'Carroll of Steubenville, Ohio, who has been serving as Ohio State chaplain for both the ladies and men's AOH; and Father Michael Healy of San Francisco. Father Healy, currently a Deputy National Chaplain men's AOH, substituted at the Cleveland Convention for National Chaplain Father John Ahern of Syracuse, N.Y., who is convalescing from minor surgery.

President Coogan also appointed former National Vice President George Clough of St. Louis as the National Board's new Legal Counsel. Michael McCormack of Suffolk County, the incumbent N.Y. State Historian, was named National Historian, and David Henshaw continues as *National Hibernian Digest* editor.

The Cleveland Convention, which ran from Monday, July 25 through the evening of Thursday, July 29, formally opened on a spiritual note. It had rained all through Monday morning and afternoon. But, lo and behold (all praise to St. Patrick!) at



MICHAEL COOGAN

7 p.m., as the multitude of Hibernians prepared to form outside the Convention headquarters, Bond Court Hotel, the rain stopped. Some 2,000 Hibernians — men, women and children — under a dry, clear sky, marched behind the North Coast Irish Pipe Band to attend a 7:30 p.m. Memorial Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

The principal celebrant of the mass was the Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland. He was assisted by ten Hibernian priest celebrants. The venerable, 140-year-old Cathedral was a fitting setting for a memorable memorial mass, which thanks to two Cleveland Hibernians, Father Brendan McNally and Margaret M. Lynch, had the added touch of the original words of the "Hibernian Hymn."

The Convention closing banquet took place in the huge Grand

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Ireland: The Reagan Years

Ronald Reagan, the 11th President of the United States to claim Irish heritage, is the fourth such President to serve since Ireland's unilateral partition. His tenure at the White House began and ends with a complete indifference to the real issues of the Irish conflict. The Reagan years brought America to the far corners of the earth to defend freedom and peace with justice and yet today, America looks away from Ireland where tyranny is most triumphant. How is this possible? A historical context will show how dramatic a shift in policy the President has brought about.

What most Americans know about the Anglo-Irish conflict begins with the late 60's clash between the civil rights cause and the "separatist" craftsman of the colonial office. The social engineering required to keep partition and the state-of-seige needed to enforce it ruptured the body politic of Ireland. Bloody Sunday, mass internment, police riots and forced migration of Catholics awakened Americans to English cruelty. In 1972 Senator Ribicoff was joined by many in calling for British withdrawal and stated, "No talk of reform and halfway measures are sufficient. More of the same can only guarantee future conflict and tragedy." President Carter noted Britain's abuse of human and civil rights and supported an end of U.S. arms sales to the Royal Ulster Constabulary. British Misinformation Services aided by government censors soon turned this reality of state-sponsored murder and mayhem in Ulster into a fantasy of international conspiracy by communists, terrorists and criminals.

President Reagan took office in 1980 surrounded by public relations types in white hats anxious to reduce foreign policy to "terrorist" and "evil empire" slogans. So far in 1988 England has publicly approved the murder of Irish civilians, R.U.C. perjury and obstruction of justice, the wrongful imprisonment of 6 Irishmen in jail for 13 years and early amnesty for soldiers who murder Irish civilians. The silence from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is predictable and defiant. These actions by England are the fruit of an appeasement policy that began early in the Reagan presidency.

During the Hunger Strike in 1981 in which 10 helpless Irish prisoners — two elected officials — died in protest, the Department of State issued perfunctory press releases proclaiming it an internal matter. This from the same government that has made their own the cause of prisoners from Russian gulags, Ft. Bonifacio in the Philippines, and Pollamore prison in South Africa. In 1982 the President was alarmed by

the State of Emergency declared in Nicaragua, but that June addressed Parliament and never once spoke of the Emergency Provisions, Special Powers and Prevention of Terrorism Acts that have made a police state of Northern Ireland since 1922. Nor did he mention the European Parliament's ban in May on the use of plastic bullets which have killed 14 Irish men, women and children and maimed hundreds of others. Instead he spoke of Poland as a regime planted by bayonet and ignored the 30,000 British troops garrisoned on beachhead Belfast.

In 1983 the New Ireland Forum received faint praise but no support from Reagan. When Thatcher publicly ridiculed the wishes of elected Irish officials in the Forum Report, the President seemed to join the mockery by denying a visa to Gerry Adams, the only democratically elected official to ever be denied a chance to visit the land of the free and the brave. All this while Reagan was courting Congress with Commander Zero (Nicaragua), Jonas Savimbi (Angola) and Oliver Tambo (South Africa). Later in 1984 Reagan cronies at the Institute for Defense and European Studies, Richard Allen and Frank Shakespeare, did their part by publishing *Ulster: The Undeclared Frontier*, a piece of NATO myth-making rivaling any Communist regime's rewrite of history.

The contempt the President has shown for Congress was exceeded when Prime Minister Thatcher stated to Congress in February, 1985

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PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS Nick Murphy and Sheila Clifford are joined by new Ladies AOH National President Mary Bradley, at right. The incumbent vice president, Mary Bradley is from the state of Rhode Island.

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By Nicholas Murphy, National President

Address to National Convention

Reverend Fathers, fellow members of the National Board, State, County and Division officers, Brothers Hibernians and Delegates to our 84th Biennial Convention — God bless you all.

It seems like only last week since you entrusted me with the leadership of this noble organization, and I will be forever grateful to you for giving me that opportunity. There is no more rewarding endeavor than serving as National President of the greatest Irish American organization in this great land. It has indeed been a privilege to serve you and the good cause.

However, it is now time to give an account of my stewardship and to express my opinion as to where our order should be heading over the next several years.

First, I am pleased to report that our order is healthy, robust, fully engaged in the issues of the day and at peace with itself. There are no major conflicts within our organization that pose a threat to our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. That is something in which we are all entitled to take justifiable pride.

One of the most challenging goals of any presidency is the maintenance of membership. Any ethnic, cultural or religious organization, such as the Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus or even the V.F.W., will on an annual basis lose 10% of its membership. The AOH is no exception. So you see the task is formidable. The game plan adopted by our National Board over the past two years was to place the major impetus on increasing the membership of existing divisions, as opposed to an all-out drive for new divisions. To accomplish our goal we held two major membership drives including a joint effort with the Ladies AOH. We placed heavy emphasis on direct mailing and paid advertising, including the first time advertising in a national monthly magazine. Our ad campaign was an outstanding success. Not only did we meet the 10% increase necessary to maintain our membership, but we increased our overall membership by a respectable margin. In the process we organized 15 new divisions including for the first time two divisions at Catholic universities, namely Georgetown University and Catholic University in Washington D.C. I want to extend a special congratulations to Matt Hannan of the D.C. Board for his work in this area, and to Mike Hession for his outstanding leadership as organizer during the past two years.

There was a period in the early 80s when our organization had a strained relationship with the Dublin Government of the day. During the past two years we have reestablished relations with the people of Ireland on several levels — and that is as it should be. No party or leader of opinion in Ireland has been excluded from communication. When we agreed with the Dublin Government we congratulated them — and when we disagreed we also let them know. An example of this was the signing of an extradition agreement with Britain. We expressed our disagreement publicly which got extensive coverage in Ireland. It is important to recognize that it is possible to continue to exchange views with those with whom we disagree, whether they be in or out of government. This is true not only of the people of Ireland, but also of Britain since it is the failed policies of British Imperialism which are at the root of many of Ireland's woes.

As an example, promoting the restoration of Irish forests, destroyed by past English exploitation. Last year we planted an Hibernian forest near Killorglin, Co. Kerry. Next time you visit Ireland I hope you will visit that forest; it is marked with a large bolder inscribed with the dedication from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

We must continue to propagate Irish Culture in the New World as well as to support Irish culture in the Old. It is our responsibility as Americans to offer to America what is best in the traditions of our ancient heritage. Music and dance, literature and language, religion and philosophy, all this and more can we continue to give to the world — and most importantly to our own posterity.

Our youth are our future. With this in mind we adopted the Irish Youth Foundation as a charity of our Order. We have also recommended support for Colaiste Na bhfian, between Project Children, Scoil Gaolach — Beal Feirste An Ahar.

Since 1986 Irish Immigration or should I say illegal immigration has become a major concern to the Irish American Community. To the credit of our order we stepped right into the breach and continue to play a major role not only in helping our unfortunate brothers with their everyday problems but in stepping to the forefront in the lobby effort for a new immigration bill in Washington. Your National President was requested by the Prime Minister of Ireland to chair a committee of Irish organizations to deal with the problem. During the past year I have chaired that committee, which meets in New York City on a weekly basis. We also pioneered an AOH immigration assistance center in New York. This office is staffed by a paid immigration attorney and has literally helped hundreds of young immigrants find their way as illegal immigrants in a hostile environment. I want to congratulate Bronx Hibernians for the noble work they are performing in this area.

Much work remains to be done in finalizing an immigration bill. It is imperative that our order continue to play a major role. There are an estimated 150,000 illegal Irish in the U.S. and properly cultivated, they can become fertile ground for recruiting future members of our order.

As with several of my immediate

predecessors, the plight of our oppressed people in Northern Ireland is something that has been never far from our minds during our waking hours. To continue to deal with the situation requires a tremendous degree of fortitude, patience and persistence. But our order has kept the Faith for 150 years and will continue to do so for another 150 if necessary.

During the past two years we attacked the problem on several fronts, keeping constant pressure on British propaganda merchants in the U.S.

The MacBride Principles campaign remains high on our agenda. Led by our P.E.C. chairman, Joe Roche, we have expended a tremendous amount of time, energy and money in the successful efforts in Connecticut, New Jersey, Florida, Minnesota, Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island. We are well on our way in Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and many others. Halting this campaign is a high priority with the British Government. They have outspent us 1000 to one but they are selling a bad product with a flawed reputation. The American people are fairminded and they will continue to support us as long as we get our message across in plain language. The MacBride campaign has been a tremendous weapon; more than anything else it has educated grassroots America about British atrocities in Northeast Ireland and this is what the British fear most about the campaign. I would be remiss if I did not mention the toughest state to crack, and that was Florida. But crack it did and the major credit must go to our National Director from Florida, Tom Gilligan. I had the sad honor of representing you at the funeral of Sean MacBride and our order received several favorable comments on our work.

During the New Hampshire primaries in February of this year we took the Irish cause directly to the candidates and to the people. We had AOH delegations visit the headquarters of the various candidates and we ran full-page ads in the local newspapers, posing a series of questions on Irish issues to the candidates. During the New York primary we played a major role in the Irish Forum which was attended by Governor Dukakis and Senator Gore. As a matter of fact, our Deputy F.F.A.I. chairman, Jack Irwin, moderated the discussion. Gov. Dukakis for over one hour fielded questions on Irish issues without the benefit of notes and showed a solid grasp of the issues involved. So, for the first time we have the nominee of a major party who is not only educated on Irish issues but is sympathetic to them as well.

Early in our administration we realized that the greatest part of our political efforts should be expended where we had the greatest potential for success and that is in the United States Congress. Therefore we established an AOH Lobby in Washington D.C. We have rented quarters, and Past President Roche is our official lobbyist. We share this space with the Irish-American Unity Conference. While the work has begun well, a lot remains to be done. It will require additional personnel and financial resources.

During the past two years we have supported and participated in

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Virginia Wins 1990 Convention Site

Fifty members of the Virginia AOH and LAOH travelled to Cleveland, Ohio, the last week of July to join a couple thousand of their brothers and sisters in the Hibernian biennial convention.

In a week of tough competition the Virginia Group concentrated on bringing the convention, 2,000 strong, to Virginia in July 1990. Pitted against strong convention sites in San Francisco, St. Louis, and the

Poconos, Virginia won out.

Virginia offers a great convention packet in Crystal City," great historic sites, restful beauty of the state, and true friendly, southern hospitality. Come join us, "you All."



MEMBERS OF THE Virginia delegation at the 84th Biennial AOH Convention putting up a sign beside the hotel elevator. This was a small part of their tireless effort that won them the bid for the 1990 Convention in Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Left to right, Jerry Gorman and Jim Carmody, Virginia State Board president and vice president, respectively; and Tom Gaughan, John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, VA. Irish Eye photo

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SEAN MACBRIDE HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Section 1. To memorialize the Human Rights contributions made by Nobel Peace Laureate, Dr. Sean MacBride and to recognize the efforts of others who make similar contributions in the cause of peace, justice and the economic well being of the Irish people, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America shall award bi-annually, at the National Board Meeting a bust or likeness of Dr. Sean MacBride. The award will be conferred without regard to the nominee's race, creed, sex, religion, color or national origin.

Section 2. The award will be presented in the year between National Conventions.

Section 3. The National Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the nominating and award committees. Other members of the nominating committee shall be all members of the National Board, both elected and appointed, all State presidents, all County Presidents and the National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. The same officers will constitute the election board for the award.

Section 4. The chairman of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award shall, in the first week of November of the year prior to the National Board meeting, send to all national officers, elected and appointed, all State, District and Provincial Presidents, Division Presidents and the National President of the LAOH a request that the aforementioned send to him, before January 15th of the following year, the name of one

nominee for this 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 their nominee, not to exceed 500 words and shall request that the nominator ascertain that the nominee, if selected, would be willing to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board.

Section 5. A ballot will be mailed to all eligible for voting, listing in alphabetical order the nominees.

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 the fifth choice one (1) point. The nominee with the highest number of points will be declared the recipient of the award. Any winner who declines 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 6. The Chairman shall complete the election on or before March 10th, and he and the national President shall announce the name of the recipient of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award at a time they consider most appropriate for the good of the Order.

Section 7. The Chairman shall publicize the selection and granting of this most prestigious award in all sections of the media including the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Section 8. All travel expenses of the

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New President Appoints Team

DAYTON, OHIO: Newly elected AOH President Mike Coogan announced several appointments which take effect immediately. Coogan stated,

"George Clough (St. Louis, MO) will be the new Counsel for the National Board, replacing the very capable Jim Shannon (San Diego, CA) and Mike McCormack (Centerreach, N.Y.) will join the Board as National Historian. Both of these men bring the experience and skill the National Board demands and I am delighted they have accepted the responsibilities.

"In order to continue the progress we are making in Washington and in state capitols around the country, I have asked Joe Roche to continue as Chairman of the Political Education Committee and to act as liaison to the other organizations seeking a new American policy on the conflict in Ireland."

Coogan announced also that Bishop Drury (ret.) will return as National Chaplain. Bishop Drury is from Sligo and he will be ably assisted by Fr. O'Carroll (Ohio) from Tipperary and Fr. Healy from Co. Cork, who will act as National Deputy Chaplains. Mike Cummings, Albany, N.Y., has also been reappointed as National Director of Public Relations and Dave Henshaw as Editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Coogan concluded, "The vigorous leadership of my predecessors has given the AOH a full agenda which I am determined to continue, but this has also made other appointments more difficult. Fortunately we are blessed with an abundance of talent." Remaining appointments include National Organizer, Charities, Missions and Freedom for All Ireland.

National Awards

CLEVELAND, OHIO—July 27—The National Awards Program was held here today at the AOH Biennial National Convention.

First prize of a round trip to Ireland for two was awarded to Michael Murphy, 2257 Coral Sea Drive, Youngstown, Ohio.

Second prize, a remote control VCR, was awarded to John C. Sullivan, 32 No. Kensington Ave., Rockville Centre, New York, and third prize, a Waterford Crystal Ship's Decanter with glasses, went to Mary Anne Weber, 6888 Thornhill Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Recipients of seven Participation Awards were as follows:

\$100 — C. Carroll McClure, 13023 DeLuna, San Antonio, TX; \$50 — Thomas O. P. Lally, 260 Harrison Ave., Jersey City, NJ; \$50 — Rose M.S. Breen, 212 8th St., S.E., Washington, D.C.; \$25 — C.E. Bellville, P.O. Box 392, Highland, CA; \$25 — Margie Julian, 140-29 16th Road, Whitestone, NY; \$25 — William M. McCarthy, 11 Jay St., East Hartford, CT; and \$25 — Katherine Sheeran, 17395 Sumner, Redford, MI.

The National Board expresses their sincere thanks to all who participated in the program and offered their congratulations and best wishes to the winners.

Coogan Elected Nat'l President George Clough Appointed New Legal Counsel

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Ballroom of the Cleveland Convention Center. Thomas A. Bush, a radio personality from WWWE Radio in Cleveland, was the Banquet Toastmaster. He is a member of the Augustine Bolland/William Berry Division 2 of Cleveland. (The Bolland/Berry division and Division 5 and 10 of the Ladies AOH hosted the National Convention).

Dennis P. Long, prominent St. Louis businessman, received the 1988 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award from Frank Kearney, Award Committee Chairman and AOH National Director. The banquet keynote speaker was Father Edward A. Malloy, President of Notre Dame University.

Hibernian George Clough, in his capacity as Chairman of the Notre Dame Fund, presented a \$21,000 check to Father Malloy. That brought the Joint AOH contribution to the University to \$300,000 during the 10-year duration of the fund drive. With the ending of the Notre Dame fund drive, the AOH turns its educational interest toward Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

Reporting by MIKE HESLIN of Binghamton, New York, contributed to this account. JJC

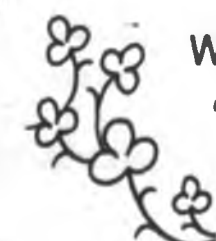


GEORGE J. CLOUGH, JR.

Constitution, Ritual and Progress, and Chairman Notre Dame-Hibernian Fund.

He resides in St. Louis, Missouri, where he is a member of Cardinal Glennon Division 2. He is a graduate of St. John's University School of Law.

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● News from the States ●



SCENES FROM the annual Los Angeles Irish Fair.

STATE NEWS: California The Grand National Irish Fair Held in Los Angeles

By M. MALLOY

Once again the 14th Annual Irish Fair and Music Festival proved to be a wonderful surprise; each year it appears that the fair has reached the ultimate in displaying the finest in Irish culture and then surpasses itself. Terrance and Allyn Anderson, the fair's promoters continue to add and improve and make the Irish in Southern California very proud.

Located on 75 acres of tree-shaded lawns of the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, over 65,000 visitors entered a little bit of Ireland, as the Center was transformed into the Curragh for the West Coast Commerara Pony/Horse Show, Dublin's Fair City for the "Mansion House Feis" and "Royal Tara" where Ireland's historical past came alive.

The Southern California Gaelic Athletic Association held a series of football and hurling tournaments on the expansive polo field as hundreds of traditional musicians and Gaelic speakers performed in a beautiful tree-shaded grove. Thousands of fair visitors strolled down "Galway Market Place," where shops displaying everything from lovely crystal decanters to the always present T-shirts kept shoppers busy.

Sixteen stages of continuous entertainment provided something for everyone; pub bands, singers, cloggers, jugglers, comics, Irish little theatre, bag pipe and marching bands, harpists, fiddlers and of course, the world-famous *Chieftains*.

It's difficult to identify the fair's highlights since there was so much going on and of course each area had the best of the best. However, the "Grand Parade" (actually two

parades; because the grounds are so large, the parade starts at two locations and merges before entering the "Shamrock Dome," a covered polo stadium with hundreds of flags hanging from the ceiling). This colorful collection of fair participants is led off by a massing of the bag pipe bands, followed by one of the largest flag displays ever seen, over a hundred American stars and stripes, followed by an equal number of Irish tricolors, with all the Provinces and County banners following behind and carried by men and women in green and white outfits. What seemed like an endless procession of Irish dancers, costumed characters from Ireland's past, the 1988 Southern California Rose of Tralee, musicians and the Long Beach Marching band playing the Notre Dame College fight song, marched through the fair grounds and entered the Shamrock Dome filled with over 7,500 cheering Irishmen.

Star of stage and screen, award-winning actor Sean McClory, served as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the fair's General Chairman, Terrance Anderson, who in turn welcomed the fair visitors and introduced the 1988 Grand Marshal, local Irish radio personality Tom McConville, the 1988 Southern California Rose of Tralee and Queen of the Fair, Rose "Christine" Briers, and the Irish Consul General, Brian Nason. These Irish Fair guests were given a special salute and performance by each of the participating groups as they passed in review. Certainly a spectacular and colorful program.

STATE NEWS: Virginia

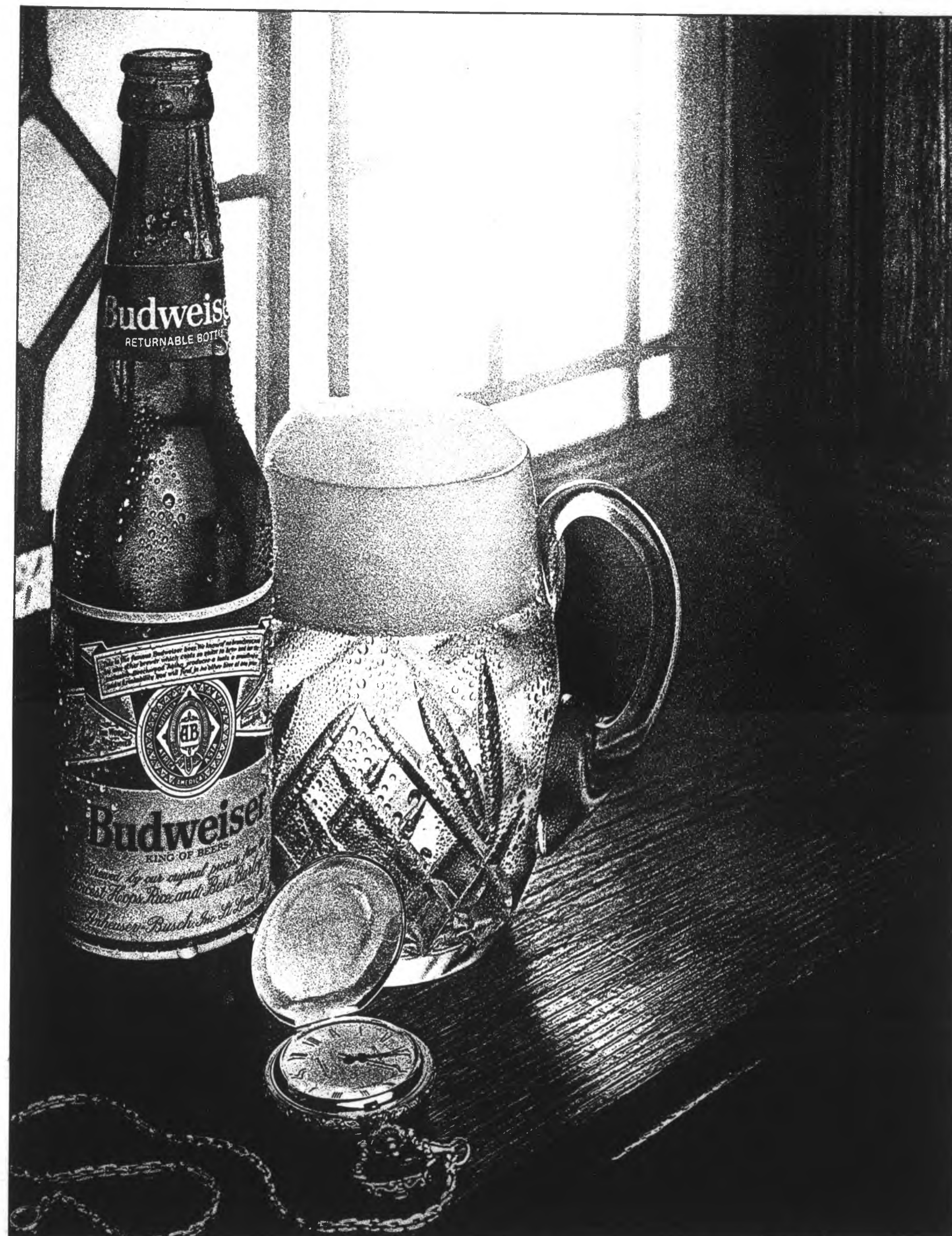


GENE MCKINNEY, right, incoming chairman of the Greater Richmond St. Patrick's Day Committee, and Bill Bishop, left, 1987-88 chairman, present a check of \$1,000.00 to Joe Hanley, center, representative of the Irish Children's Summer Program of Richmond, which is in its second year of operation. The Greater Richmond St. Patrick's Day Parade, started in 1979 by the AOH, held its 9th Annual Parade on March 13, greeted by some 150,000 spectators. Joe Hanley is a member of James Dooley Division.

San Francisco Rose of Tralee Crowned



SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos presents greetings to Sharon Whelan, 1988 Rose of Tralee, who was recently selected to represent San Francisco at the International Rose of Tralee Festival in Ireland. This event was sponsored by the United Irish Cultural Center Inc., here. Twenty-four years old, 5'3", blue eyes, blond hair, Sharon will graduate from the College of San Mateo School of Nursing in 1989. Her parents J.J. Whelan and Vera (nee Dunne) both hail from Kilcullen County Kildare. Congratulating Sharon, left to right, are, Harry Gogarty, Regional Manager, West Coast, Irish Tourist Board; Peggy Kenny, Chairperson, Rose of Tralee Committee; Mayor Art Agnos; Sharon Whelan; J.J. Whelan, past president, United Irish Societies; Mary Callanan, treasurer, City and County of San Francisco; and Brian Nason, Consul General of Ireland.



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STATE NEWS: Georgia Hibernians Flaunt Culture on Beach

By O. KAY JACKSON

Until you noticed the Irish flag and the medieval sandcastle, the group on the Back River beach at Tybee looked like any other group of picnickers. They were, in fact, members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and they were celebrating the feast day of St. Brendan, the patron saint of Irish seamen.

"The Irish may have been the first white men in America," said Hibernian President E. Graham Harold, his voice filled with Irish pride.

Known as "the navigator," St. Brendan is credited by some with having landed in America long before either Christopher Columbus or Leif Erickson. His epic, "The Odyssey of the Old Irish Church," dates from the 11th or 12 century and is found in all the great libraries of Europe.

In 1492 Columbus sailed to Galway to search out traditions and records of Brendan — a fact of record in the National Archives of Madrid. There also are names of Irishmen on the roster of the Santa Maria on its voyage to America, according to

"The Saints of Ireland."

In 1976-1977 a group of adventurers led by Tim Severin — to prove Irish monks could have been America's first European visitors — endured a rugged crossing from Ireland to America in a leather boat built to Brendan's specifications.

St. Brendan is one of 250 Irish saints and while not as well known here as Savannah's favorite St. Patrick, he is revered in Europe, Harold said.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, a national organization, is "the oldest Irish Catholic lay organization in the United States," Harold said, as he watched the sandcastle take shape.

Sculpted by John Mahoney, with assistance from other group members, the castle was a replica of Bunratty Castle "built by the O'Briens in the 15th Century," Harold said. Today Bunratty Castle is the site of medieval dances and dinners for 100 people at a time, Harold said, adding he had just returned from a visit there.

The castle builders worked to the sounds of taped Irish music ranging from traditional to modern, and the children in the group worked on their own castle under the watchful eyes of their mothers.

Beach walkers wandered up to see what was going on, giving the Hibernians a welcome chance to talk about Irish history.

"We want to exploit our culture," Harold said, smiling. "Seventeen presidents were of Irish decent, (as were) more winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor than any other ethnic group."

He also said the next generation of great artists and poets and writers "will be coming from Northern Ireland," because of the present turmoil there.

"Ireland has always had a sad history," Harold said.

Sunday's gathering was the second annual celebration of St. Brendan's Day by the group to "promote our heritage to the people." The Hibernians also are involved in charity work, Harold said.



SECOND ANNUAL Hibernian tribute to St. Brendan is visible on Savannah's Back Beach.

STATE NEWS: Florida

The quarterly Spring meeting of the Florida AOH State Board was held May 28 in Ft. Lauderdale, combining a business and social weekend in lieu of the "family gathering" originally planned. President Martin McAndrew and organizer Don Hartnett of host Division 1, Broward County, presented a most enjoyable weekend, made the more memorable because of the surprise attendance of National President Nick Murphy for the entire weekend activities.

Also attending the business meeting were State President Jack Boyle, presiding; National Director Tom Gilligan; State Vice President John Cullinan; State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerald Grace; State Secretary Bob Schneider; State Editor Nick Schneider; State Treasurer Eamon Quinn; State Director Al Murphy; Vice President Ed Nagle; Recording Secretary Don Fortune and Financial Secretary, Bill Maroney. From

Brevard County Division 2 was John Barry, coordinator, and Dennis Fitzmaurice. From Pinellas County were Division 1 President Bob McNulty, Financial Secretary Mike Walsh and their newest member Mike Davis. From Pasco County Division 1 were President Tom Condon and his Christian Charity Program Director Frank O'Brien. From Manatee County Division 1, President Paul Finnerty, who is also a Past AOH State President from the State of Virginia.

On the agenda were remarks by Scott Hennenbird, of the Irish-American Unity Congress, who is working closely on passage of the MacBride Principles Bill. Matters of General Convention were discussed and resolved. Recruitment methods were discussed, with helpful suggestions. State activities were reviewed, with all divisions asked to contribute to a state lobbying fund.

National Director Tom Gilligan was unanimously endorsed to run for a second term at the Cleveland convention.

National President Murphy addressed the group, congratulating Tom for his progress in Florida on the MacBride Principles and offering interesting information about Ireland not available through regular news media.

A report of the weekend's fun activities followed, which included AOH and LAOH Hospitality Rooms on Friday evening. Mass followed by dinner and a dance on Saturday and a get-away brunch at the home of Don Hartnett on Sunday.

President Bob Carroll of Brevard County Division 2 reported signing up new members Earl P. Cross and John Jordan into the order. Pinellas County Division 1 introduced new member Mike Davis, a recent military retiree. The division announced the retirement of Chaplain Rev. Fr. Thomas Simcox, who is 80

Origin of the Feis In Ireland

Originally the Feis was a parliamentary assembly; to it came the provincial kings and nobility, chiefs, judges, doctors, poets, and bards of all Ireland. Thus were assembled in one place the living repositories of the Gaelic culture and tradition. Residences for them were maintained at Tara, and we can but imagine the pomp displayed and the protocol observed at their gatherings. Lengthy descriptions have been left of the order and procedure followed then, the attire of the important personages present, and the wisdom displayed in judgements handed down or laws enacted or amended.

Two of the great books of Ireland, the Book of Leinster and the Book of Ballymote, both contain descriptions of such an affair, and in them are references to music and musical events. As each king and chieftain worthy of the name had his own bard and harpist, we can imagine the competition among them for fame and adulation. Even the most prejudiced of foreign observers had nothing but praise for the musicians of the old Gaelic order and the melodies played.

Given the emotional nature and natural exuberance of the Irish, it is impossible to imagine that there was not also a proliferation of the terpsichorean arts, both among those devoted to it almost exclusively as well as those enjoying dances native to the people. Certain it is even today that there are features to dancing that are peculiarly and exclusively Irish, not found among the dances of any other people.

Of the arts and crafts, we need only point to such examples as the various great books still in existence (Kells, Leinster, Ballymote, etc.) and their glorious illuminations and ornamentations. The artistic treasures in precious metals found in chance diggings or in archeological excavations are vivid positive proof of the Gaelic eye for beauty in form and design. Apprentices in the various crafts were required to exhibit examples of their skills for approbation to achieve certification before they could practice them. (One of the earliest records of adjudication at a Feis!)

In the famous Book of the Four Masters is recorded the great Aonach or Feis, called by the then Ard Rhi of Ireland, Rory O'Connor. It was in 1169 A.D., the year of the Norman invasion of Ireland. It is worthy of note that the line of chariots carrying the king, nobility, and chieftains to the Feis stretched for a distance of six miles! One can imagine the press of the throng of the general public that attended this affair.

After 1169 A.D. began the eight-hundred-year assault on everything Gaelic and most especially its years old. The newest division, Manatee County Division 1 was proud to report reaching 28 members already and announced that Mike Hanlon, Irish Radio Show, now has an hour program on Sunday at 1, station WBVM 90.5. Pasco County Division 1 is making plans to participate in underwriting a new radio show in the Clearwater area, featuring Irish music.

State Editor Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island, 32953 again urged all divisions to send him news of their activities and to place him on their mailing lists.

It necessarily follows that the high order of the old Gaelic culture and its glorious traditions went into eclipse. In the recorded history of Ireland are found occasional glimpses of it. Particularly poignant are the lives and fortunes of those who labored to keep alive the old Gaelic Bardic tradition among a deprived and impoverished people. It is so obvious that the fragments remaining to us today are but a shadow of that rich and beautiful heritage.

Wherever in the world Irish people gather for a Feis today — be it ever so large, spectacular, and even beautiful — there persists that haunting memory of a splendid vanished glory.

Especially here in North America, few words would seem more appropriate than those of the New England poet, James Russell Lowell. In the closing stanza of his poem "Maud Muller," he reminds us:

"... Of all the sad words
Of mouth or pen,
The saddest are these —
It might have been."
Researched by Bob Gabor

STATE NEWS: Rhode Island

Leonard T. Murphy was named "Hibernian of the Year" by Division 1, Newport, R.I. for the year 1988. Brother Murphy served as president of Division 1 in 1976 and has been an active member many years. He held the elective office as a member of the Newport City Council in the years 1981-1983.

During his membership, Brother Murphy has put in a lot of "behind the scenes" effort and work for the



LEONARD T. MURPHY

good of the Division. Congratulations, a "thank you," are in order for Brother "Lenny" Murphy.

The award is presented each year by past recipients to a member of the Division who has done the most to promote the ideals of the national organization.

STATE NEWS: Massachusetts



OLD TIMERS in Watertown gather around tournament table.

OLD TIMERS POOL TOURNAMENT

WATERTOWN, MA — On Wednesday, May 18, the first Old Timers Invitational Pool Tournament was held here at Division 14 AOH. The Old Timers Tournament reunited many of the players of the mid 60s and early 70s who started the regular Wednesday night pool tournament twenty-three years ago.

Harold "Hacker" Martin, chairman of the Old Timers Invitational, spent many hours trying to locate the participants, many of whom have moved far away from the Watertown area. Among the returning players were Dick Thompson and Jack McDermott who were responsible for obtaining Division 14's two beautiful regulation-size pool tables. Other "old timers" included Jimmy McCarthy, Bill Gildea, Don McAdams,

Dick Johnson, Arthur Griffin, Dave Bowler, Jack Connelly, Nick Americo, Ed Reardon, Jim Burns and Bob O'Reilly, as well as Owen Matthews, who came all the way from Auburn, Maine.

The regular three-game tournament got under way shortly after 8 P.M. It was soon apparent that the old timers had lost none of their skills. By 11 P.M., Bob O'Reilly and Jim Burns remained to fight it out, as the games ended in a tie. In the closely-contested play-off game, Bob O'Reilly edged out Jim Burns and was crowned champ for the evening.

Special thanks go to Dan McElroy who served as scorekeeper for the event. Trophies were awarded to champ Bob O'Reilly and runner-up Jim Burns. Owen Matthews received a special award.

Bill McLaughlin

At the conclusion of play, everyone enjoyed a fabulous buffet which was prepared and served by Brothers William Gildea and Jack Connolly. Irish chef Connolly specializes in Italian cooking. If you like Italian sausages, meatballs and ravioli, Jack is your chef.

The first Old Timers Tournament produced many moments of nostalgia as the "old timers" greeted each other after years of longing to return to the club and reminisced about the many happy times they have shared. Plans are already under way for another old timers night sometime next year.

To the "old timers," a special thanks for an enjoyable evening; and to our chairman "Hacker" Martin, who put this program together, a tip of the hat.

Hibernian Needs Help

AUBURN, NY — On behalf of a fellow Hibernian, the Craig Lewis Benefit Committee is seeking support in raising revenue for his pancreas-kidney transplant, scheduled for the University of Wisconsin at Madison. A pancreas transplant is still considered experimental and is being done in only a few areas of the country. The initial fee is ten thousand dollars; and there will be travel and additional expenses to defray.

Those interested in helping may send a donation to "The Craig Lewis Benefit Fund," c/o Mr. John Nican-dri, Cayuga County Savings Bank, 113 Genesee St., Auburn, New York 13021.

Committee Chairman is Christopher Byrne with Mrs. Joyce Cavasugh as co-chairman.

Recent North Irish History Is Micropublished

DUBLIN, IRELAND: European Micropublishing Services here, in conjunction with the Linen Hall Library, is publishing for the first time on fiche their unique collection of Northern Ireland Political Literature, according to G.E. Ryan, EMS director.

"This fiche project offers students, academics, journalists and other interested people the complete range of published material concerning the history of the present troubles in Northern Ireland," explained G.E. Ryan. "For the first time on fiche the Linen Hall Library's unique collection, painstakingly built up over two decades and comprising some 35,000 items from 1968-1985, is available to

the public.

Phase One: Periodicals comprise some 2,000 fiche with approximately 500 individual titles. The major titles published by the myriad of political parties and parliamentary groups are complemented by community papers, local news sheets and small circulation "heavies." From the "Protestant Telegraph" to "An Phoblacht/Republican News," the whole spectrum of political opinion in Northern Ireland is covered.

To facilitate access to this invaluable archive, a computer index to the titles and holdings is included with each phase.

Phase Two of the project comprises the pamphlet output of the political parties, pressure groups, paramilitaries, church groups and individuals involved in politics in Northern Ireland since 1966.

"Phase Three comprises the very ephemeral but historically important publications of the troubles," added G.E. Ryan. "These include handbills, posters, stickers, Christmas Cards, postcards and other items. This material will also be available for sale."

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Council's First Lobby Day Meets with Great Success

NEW YORK, NY — The Council of Presidents announced that their first Lobby Day (May 11) of 1988 was a success beyond expectations. Michael Cummings, spokesman for the Council, stated, "The response by members of Congress and their staffs on both a personal and issues basis was overwhelmingly favorable." Messrs. Linnon (IAUC), Murphy (AOH), Finucane (AIPEC), Galvin (INA) and Ms. Hoffman (AP-TI), agreed that this dialogue should be continued and expanded and tentatively set the third week in September to schedule a Lobby Day II. "The Council," the spokesman continued, "expresses its gratitude for the time and attention to our efforts

by Congressmen Borski, Manton, Kennedy, Donnelly, Gilman, Morrison, Hughes and Senator DeConcini and for the dedication and sacrifice of the members who lobbied."

Mr. Cummings noted that the issues discussed with the legislators included: the case of Joe Doherty; visa denial; the abuses of the International Fund for Ireland; the MacBride Principles; and immigration reform. Anyone wishing to join in the preparation and conduct of Lobby Day II should contact the member organizations.

Michael Cummings
AOH Public Relations



Platform Position on Ireland Urged by AOH National Board

The National Board of the AOH has released letters forwarded to the National Chairman of the Democratic and Republican parties. "The National Board," a spokesman stated, "and indeed most of the major Irish-American organizations view the absence of dialogue on the Irish conflict as tantamount to four more years of indifference to anti-Catholic employment discrimination, official murder and mayhem, plastic bullets, state of siege powers and continued waste of American taxes used to reinforce partition."

Mike Cummings, Director of Public Relations for the Board, noted that "too often America's position

on the Irish conflict is dictated by a foreign policy elite of corporate, academic and diplomatic representatives wholly within the grip of England's vast influence in America."

Mr. Cummings concluded, "Americans of Irish descent cannot and will not be denied a voice in defining the problem and its solution as the MacBride Principles in twelve States will attest. We hope the Party Chairmen will recognize that a failure to include the policy position adopted by the major organizations will result in disfavor at the polls and in some cases may represent the margin of victory of defeat."

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STATE NEWS: New York



NASSAU COUNTY, NY, District Attorney Denis Dillon recently greeted Elaine Robinson, center, of Belfast to the United States. Elaine is spending the summer in America, staying with Katie Grilli, left, and her family in Merrick, Long Island. Elaine is one of more than 600 young people visiting the U.S. through the Project Children program, which brings children of Northern Ireland to America for six weeks. D.A. Dillon has been active in fighting for human rights in the North of Ireland.



AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, Nassau County, NY, Comptroller Peter T. King, left, Patrick McVeigh, right, and police hero Steven McDonald, center, were on hand to welcome 9-year-old Joseph Fusco and 13-year-old Kevin Hanaway to the United States. Joseph and Kevin are among 740 youngsters from war-torn Northern Ireland who will spend their summer with American families as part of the Project Children program.

President's Message

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several public demonstrations. I have come to the conclusion that unless you can put in excess of 100,000 people on the street, the media will ignore you.

Our most effective efforts to further Freedom for All Ireland will continue to be fought in the halls of Congress. It will continue to be our task and duty to educate Congress, to educate them to the reality that Irish Freedom is in the interest of the United States and the North Atlantic community, to educate them particularly to the realization that Peace with Justice and Honor is possible only in a re-united sovereign Irish Republic, an Ireland which fulfills the bright dream of the Men of 1916.

We have worked diligently for the release of Joe Doherty who is in his 6th year of incarceration in the N.Y. Federal House of Detention. He has committed no crime. Yet the justice department is still trying to extradite him to Britain. When a new Attorney General comes before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate we should do everything in our power to see that the Joe Doherty issue is dealt with.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of public relations. To this end we have made a start in correcting our deficiencies in this area. Several months ago we issued a Public Relations Guide to all Division Presidents. This booklet, ably prepared by Jack Flatley, is an excellent guide to dealing with the media. Basically it encourages each Division on a regular basis to visit its local radio, T.V. or newspapers and discuss with them issues of concern to Hibernians, both nationally and internationally.

Several months ago our Public Relations Director Mike Cummings and I visited the *New York Times* on two occasions. We met with the foreign editors and the Editorial

Board. We pointed out to them their lack of in-depth coverage on news from Northeast Ireland, as well as the obvious bias in most of their stories. I believe these visits have had a tremendous effect on the *Times*, for recently we have seen several substantial and balanced articles in that paper.

We considered the *Times* effort a pilot project — just to see if it would make a difference. I assure you that it did. Therefore I would recommend to our next President that we follow through with the same approach to the major moulders of public opinion in the U.S. — namely the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, etc. Right now these editors are only hearing one side of the story on N.I. and that comes from the British information service. It is up to the AOH to supply the true story.

In closing I would like to thank all Hibernians throughout the country for their tremendous support and for the courtesies extended to me as I travelled to your home territories. I would like to thank the members of the National Board for their help and cooperation — I believe each member of our board performed to the best of his ability. As in all boards there are the few who work long and painful hours in virtual obscurity and I would like to recognize these people — Mike Cummings, our P.R. Director; it is not unusual to call Mike on a Saturday night and be informed by his sainted wife that he can be reached in his office building working on some AOH project at 11 p.m.; Dave Henshaw, our National Editor; Jack Irwin, Mike Hession and of course Tom McNabb, Joe Roche and many others. Thank you all very much.

I would like to thank all who wrote and called encouraging me to seek another term. It is because my per-



BELFAST YOUTHS WELCOMED. Nassau County Comptroller Peter T. King, left, welcomed Kevin Hannaway, second left, and Brendan Hughes, center, to his office recently. Kevin and Brendan are both from West Belfast and are spending the summer with Kathleen and Fred Morse of Oceanside, at right, as part of the Project Children program. Kevin's father is a Sinn Féin activist while Brendan's father led the 1980 hunger strike in Long Kesh. Kevin was shot three times by loyalist para-militaries when he was 18-months old.

sonal situation does not permit me to continue to devote the same level of intensity of effort that I reluctantly have declined to seek another term as your National President. This does not mean that I intend to retire from Hibernian activity, nor that I will be unavailable for service to the National Board. But, to another must fall the opportunity to serve as National President for the next term. Fortunately, there is no shortage of talent in our Order, which makes my decision a little bit easier. In fact, one of our great strengths over a century

and a half is the orderly and regular transfer of power in our national leadership while maintaining continuity of purpose. Whoever the next

National President is, he will have my active support and my understanding. God Bless.

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THIS TEAM CAME all the way from Ireland to compete in the New York State Games for the Physically Challenged, and were happy to pose with Governor Mario Cuomo. Susan Gordon Ryan (3rd from right, top row) and His Worship, Lord Mayor of County Wexford, Ireland, Dominick Kiernan (on Susan's left) sponsored this team of physically challenged athletes,

for a two-week stay in New York. In addition to meeting the Governor and County Executive Patrick Halpin, athletes were given a reception by both Suffolk and Nassau Divisions of the AOH, who assisted in fund raising for their trip. These athletes amassed over 30 Gold Medals in Swimming, Track & Field and Equestrian events in the three-day competition.

Bart F. Delaney

William Bennett, the Kid From Brooklyn

By HARRY MCGUIRK

William Bennett is the United States Secretary for Education, appointed by President Ronald Reagan. As a child Bennett lived in Brooklyn, where he attended Holy Cross School on Church Avenue. The boy's school was under the direction of the Xaverian Brothers and the girl's school was directed by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

At the present time Sister Eileen Gildea, a Josephite, is principal. She is concluding her 11th year and is moving on to Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica where she will take up the post of vice principal. Sister Eileen was in charge the day the U.S. secretary for Education decided to "Come to Brooklyn" to visit his old school and a teacher he remembered from his school days, Margaret Brennan (McGuirk).

His presidential style arrival with police escort was a memorable day for Brooklyn and for Holy Cross Parish. Here was one of President Reagan's closest associates in the cabinet, a registered Democrat, to boot, making a sentimental journey to boost the morale of the faculty and the student body. He was a big hit with the students. They still ask about him.

William Bennett is Irish American and proud of it. He is a Catholic and loves his faith and upholds it. Being a top ranking member of the United States government didn't separate him from the ordinary people. In his childhood days, like many other American kids, he sported and played in the Rockaways during the hot summers of long ago. As a career he was a teacher and still maintains the role of educator.

Bennett is a U.S. Marine type person, no nonsense about him. He is



WILLIAM BENNETT, left, U.S. Secretary of Education, with Margie and Harry McGuirk, Irish broadcasters, during a visit to Brooklyn.

outspoken about his ideas for change and progress in the United States education system. He believes that assistance should be given to parents who prefer their children to attend religious or parochial schools. He maintains that this is a freedom of choice. His belief is that all should have civil rights.

William Bennett is a real person living in the real world. It is not unusual for him to visit the poorest school districts in America and to take over a class for a day. Children seem to respond to him instantly. The President made no mistake when he chose Bennett who is, in fact, a human dynamo.

On national television one morning he was told by the presenter that his name is constantly being mentioned as the preferential choice of George Bush for vice president on the Republican line. He has been a

Wall St. Work Experience for Irish Graduates

KILLARNEY, IRELAND: Three graduates from St. Brendan's College here will be at the center of an innovative new exchange program designed to boost the future of the financial services industry in Ireland. Beginning next October, each of the three will spend 18 months in New York working for a leading Wall Street firm while continuing their formal education at New York's Institute of Finance.

"By exporting three of our brightest and most ambitious young people to New York for 18 months, we hope to import technical knowledge and, of equal importance, a spirit of entrepreneurship to Ireland upon their return," explains Denis P. Kelleher, chief executive officer (CEO) of Wall Street Clearing Company and originator of the program.

"Unique in international terms" is how Mr. Dermot Desmond of National and City Brokers describes the program. "It is a fantastic opportunity and will be of enormous value to any participant."

Mr. Desmond, whose idea it was to develop the International Financial Services Centre in Dublin, says of the St. Brendan's Wall Street Work Experience Programme that "it is highly relevant in terms of the development now taking place in

registered Republican for the past two years. Bennett responded by saying that he would be honored to serve his country, but stated that he does not anticipate this to happen.

What a pity if America's children should lose a champion. Whatever he does in life we congratulate William Bennett for services he has rendered to his country and wish him continued success.

Ireland."

"This is a very special opportunity for a young man to further his business career" is the reaction of the Rev. Daniel O'Riordan, president of St. Brendan's College.

Mr. Kelleher, a native of Gneeveguilla and a graduate of St. Brendan's says the program has been designed to give the students a total business experience in a short period of time. "Our goal is to expose them to all areas of the business they work for, as well as to the decision-makers to see how things really work," he explains. "This type of hands-on, in-house training is only available in the United States and is at least as valuable as any classroom training."

Mr. Kelleher has arranged positions with Automatic Data

Processing Co. (ADP), the leading data processing organization, with Moore & Schley, a retail brokerage firm, and with his own firm, Wall Street Clearing Co., a leading provider of clearing and execution services.

"The key in selecting these firms is that they provide services that will be essential in building the financial service industry in Dublin," Kelleher adds. "Our hope is that after the interns have completed their two years, they will return with the knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit to get something started and generate employment."

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It all started on May 22, 1878 when the first successful submarine was launched in the Passaic River at Patterson, New Jersey, studios and designed and built by an Irishman from the seaside village of Liscannor in County Clare, close by the Cliffs of Mohr. John Philip Holland was a true genius; a mathematician and teacher; a dreamer and a doer. Most interestingly, he was an Irish patriot, and the drive behind his remarkable endeavors can be traced to his deep feelings for Ireland and for the suffering Irish people of that era. He was born in 1841 and died in 1914. In those 73 years of his busy life he created, in his mind, a powered flying machine, and his underwater miracle. Both designs were futuristic for his day.

John Holland, the elder, was an Irish Coastguardman who came to Liscannor from Killkee in 1831. His first wife, Ann, died in 1835. He remarried a local Liscannor girl, Mary Scanlon, and had 4 children: Alfred, John Philip, Robert (who died of cholera at age 2 years), and Michael Joseph.

John Philip attended local primary school and then went to the Christian Brothers schools at Ennistymon in Clare, and also at Limrick. He completed his education and later taught at the Christian Brothers school at Ennistymon. During his early years he experimen-

ted with submersible devices and discovered, during that time, his basic concept for depth control.

Holland emigrated to the U.S. in November, 1873, and first settled in Boston. He was invited to Paterson, New Jersey, by Father Whalen to teach mathematics at St. John's Parochial School. Since his first design was offered to the U.S. Navy in 1875, it is obvious that the submarine design concept originated in Ireland. The Navy rejected his first proposal; it was thought to be an absurd folly.

It was the Irish Republic Brotherhood and the Fenian Society who came up with the money for the Holland #1 boat from their "Skirmishing Fund," which was administered by Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, the great Irish patriot. O'Donovan Rossa was hoping for a weapon to use against the English. Another prominent Fenian of that time promoting Holland was John J. Breslin.

The Holland #1 boat was only 14 feet long, but contained all the elements of subsurface operation we know today. This amazing craft ran submerged for 1 hour at 3 1/2 miles per hour during trials. Because of design security reasons Holland removed all usable equipment and secretly scuttled #1 in the Passaic River (it was later raised in 1927 and is now on exhibition with Boat #2, the Fenian Ram, in the Paterson Museum on Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey).

Holland's next submarine, #2, the Fenian Ram, was built with visions of attacking the British Fleet in home waters. The Fenians and the Irish Republican Brotherhood financed #2 and it was launched in May, 1881. It was 31 feet long and was manned by a crew of 3. Holland cruised the lower bay of New York harbor submerged in the Fenian Ram for as long as 2 1/2 hours many times. It was a neat trim craft and was operationally successful. After a dispute with Holland over lengthy

testing schedules the impatient Fenians stole the Fenian Ram and brought it to New Haven, Connecticut. It was eventually returned to Paterson and is now on display. Walking up and touching this Irish treasure in the Paterson Museum is an historic thrill for any Hibernian.

Holland went on with new designs; the Fenian Model (#3) launched in 1883; the Zalinski Boat (#4) named after Edward Zalinski, an artillery officer who supplied Holland with his pneumatic dynamite gun — launched in 1885; the Plunger (#5) in 1887, the first Navy submarine; finally, the U.S.S. Holland design, SS1, (#6) also in 1887. Several Hollands (#6) were built and all were tested in Peconic Bay, Long Island, New York, at the town of New Suffolk, far from prying eyes.

Holland went on to establish the

Electric Boat Company at Groton, Connecticut. Electric Boat currently builds the modern nuclear submarines of today's Navy, based on Holland's concepts. John Holland was unique because he not only designed the submarine hull and all its functional features, but he also meticulously designed all the complex internal operating equipment. Early Holland designs included automatic depth control and an ingenious auto-pilot for navigation. His ideas were so revolutionary for his time that many learned people, especially the Navy brass, could not comprehend this radical new underwater weapon. Fortunately for Holland, Admiral William W. Kimball, a leading Naval officer, was his advocate, and became his life long friend.

John Holland was plagued with rheumatism in his late years. Always

nearsighted, he lived his last days in Paterson, New Jersey, studious and keen-brained, always pursuing the limits of his imagination. His first love was the flying machine design he created in his younger days in Ireland. His studies in aerodynamics presaged his later investigations in submarine hydrodynamics.

Holland designed submarines for the Japanese Empire during the Russo-Sino war of 1905. He also designed a successful submarine escape respirator in 1904. This design was adopted by the U.S. Navy 25 years later.

It always surprises many Irish-American people to learn about John Philip Holland. He certainly deserves a more prominent place in American history. His futuristic technological ideas of a century ago have given our country a decisive edge in the cold war of today.

STATE NEWS: New York



FR. JOHN J. BERKERY, chaplain to Division 1, AOH of Bay Shore, New York, was presented with a color TV at a dance to honor his many years of service to the organization and his 32 years as chaplain to Central Islip Psychiatric Center prior to his recent retirement. The presentation was made by Div. 1 President Pat Thornberry, center, and Vice President Ronnie Allen, right.



THE FAMED RINCE MOR Irish dancers of Bay Shore, New York, go through their paces at the dance given by AOH Division 1 to honor Chaplain Fr. John J. Berkery.

Solidarity Day 1988 Is Planned for October 9

Plans are currently underway for Irish Solidarity Day 1988 which is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. The rally will be held at Thomas Paine Park in Lower Manhattan near the Federal Metropolitan Correctional Center.

The theme for this year will be commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the civil rights marches in the North of Ireland and the injustice of the Joe Doherty case.

Those organizations and individuals wishing to make a con-

tribution, either financial or otherwise, to the success of the rally are asked to contact Mick Maye at (212) 924-2000 or Joe Jamison at (212) 873-6000, x339, or forward inquiries to Irish-American Labor Coalition T.W.U., 80 West End Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10023. The coordinator for the National Board is Joe Roche, who can be reached at (301) 592-9345 or through the Washington office of the AOH Political Education Committee, P.O. Box 14072, Washington, D.C. 20044-4072, Tel. (202) 628-3915.

Resolutions

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awardee as well as expenses of administration of this award to be paid by the National Board.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 28, 1988; Cleveland, Ohio
SECRETARY: Thomas McNabb

HONORABLE

DR. SEAN MACBRIDE

WHEREAS, Dr. Sean MacBride was one of the most distinguished Irish leaders of the 20th century, and WHEREAS, Dr. Sean MacBride's service to mankind has been uniquely recognized by his receipt of the Nobel Peace prize, the Lenin Peace Prize and the American Justice Medal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. MacBride served both the Irish people and the world community with distinction, as founder of Amnesty International and the European Commission of Jurists, the International Peace Bureau, as Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, and as Irish Foreign Minister; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sean MacBride was an original signer and international promoter of the European Convention on Human Rights and the MacBride Fair Employment Principles; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Dr. MacBride addressed the National Convention of the AOH and appealed for freedom and justice for all in an Ireland free of British rule; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the Ancient Order of Hibernians especially recognize the lifetime of service of Dr. MacBride by:

a) creating a special award for an individual and/or organization that best exemplifies the ideals of Dr. MacBride's commitment to human rights, freedom and justice; and

b) urging all members of Congress of the United States to adopt the resolution of Representative Morrison (CT) to give official recognition to the date of January 28th as the birth of Dr. Sean MacBride and by developing appropriate commemorative services throughout the United States; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the family of Dr. Sean MacBride, the Irish Government and to every member of the Congress of the United States for further action.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 28, 1988; Cleveland, Ohio
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JOSEPH PATRICK THOMAS DOHERTY

WHEREAS, Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty has been imprisoned for more than five years in America without being charged or convicted of any crime; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty fled to America and sought refuge here from the war, political conflict, discrimination and turmoil which he had known all his life in the North of Ireland; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at this convention call upon the President to grant asylum to Joe Doherty so that his flight from persecution may be ended and he might receive refuge from the forces of occupation in Ireland; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate Members of Congress, the President of the United States, the Irish Government, the Secretary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference and to the family of Joe Doherty.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 27, 1988; Cleveland, Ohio
SECRETARY: Thomas McNabb

ANTI-CATHOLIC DISCRIMINATION BY SHORT BROS., P.L.C., AND THE ROLE OF CONG. JOSEPH KENNEDY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph Kennedy proposed an amendment to Defense Authorization Bill H.R. 4264 which would proscribe any American tax funds being awarded by the U.S. Army to British Government owned Short Bros., P.L.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Conference report on that bill (July 7, 1988) reinforces this concern for anti-Catholic discrimination by Short Bros., P.L.C.; and

WHEREAS, it has been over seven years since the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other organizations protested the award of an Air Force contract to Short Bros., P.L.C. despite an appalling record of anti-Catholic discrimination in employment and promotion; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that this convention call upon the Secretary of the Army to not award funds to Short Bros., P.L.C. unless and until there is substantial improvement in their employment of Catholics; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be conveyed to Congressman Kennedy, the Irish Government, the Secretary of the Army and the appropriate members of the Armed Services Committee.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 27, 1988; Cleveland, Ohio
SECRETARY: Thomas McNabb

STATE NEWS: New York



GRAND COUNCIL OF EMERALD SOCIETIES dinner enjoyed by, left to right, Monsignor Thomas Leonard; Frank Belrne, Chairman of New York St. Patricks Day Committee; Bill Burke, Guest of Honor; Tom Connaughton, President Grand Council; and Dennis Mitchell, Treasurer Emerald Societies.



ATTENDING THE EMERALD SOCIETIES ANNUAL DINNER, were, left to right, Bill Burke; Bobby Kennedy, Jr.; Bishop Dermot Clifford, Tipperary; and James Grogan, Division 3 New York County.

O'Hagan Heads Great NY Fair

The 8th Annual Great Irish Fair is set for September 10-11 in Steeplechase Park, Coney Island, U.S.A.

The Fair, which is organized by the Kings County AOH to raise funds for Catholic Charities, is considered to be the largest Irish Festival in the world.

Kings County AOH president, Martin Kelly, announced that Al O'Hagan has again been named General Chairman of this massive event which draws 1.5 million each year.

A third generation Hibernian, O'Hagan is the AOH New York State vice president and was the Grand Marshal of the 1986 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City.

A member of the AOH for over 37 years, O'Hagan has accumulated an unprecedented record of achievements in the Irish Community.

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John Philip Holland (1841-1914), in the conning tower of Boat #6. Photo credit: Collection of the Patterson Museum.

EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

America Should Agitate For Irish Human Rights

Why do the British seem to keep punching holes in the spirit if not the fabric of the fragile 2-year old Anglo-Irish agreement? They've given the appearance lately of losing no opportunity to offend Irish Catholics north and south of the border on the sensitive subject of security in Northern Ireland.

First came word a month ago of a highly questionable decision not to prosecute Northern Ireland policemen involved in an unofficial "shoot to kill" policy allegedly applied to suspected Irish nationalist guerrillas. Then a British appeals court denied a petition to quash 13-year old convictions and life sentences against six Irishmen for pub bombings that many Irish passionately believe, and possibly tainted evidence suggests, that they did not commit.

Afterwards, Britain acknowledged plans to make permanent the "temporary" provisions of the 1974 Prevention of Terrorism Act that allows police to hold terrorism suspects incommunicado — for up to seven

days. The act is seen as an instrument of harassment against the one million Irish citizens residing in Britain.

Another uproar centered around British non-compliance with Irish legal requirements for extradition. As if there weren't enough strain in recent days a young Catholic election worker was shot dead at a British army checkpoint. And it was disclosed that a British soldier is back in the army just three years after being jailed for life for killing an unarmed Catholic on a Belfast street.

The result of all this is further erosion of confidence in Britain's administration of justice, poisonous effects on cooperative arrangements with Ireland and serious questions about human-rights violations. Some plain talk from Washington, which doesn't hesitate to criticize abuses elsewhere, might help London see matters more clearly in Belfast.

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Opposing Religious Discrimination In Northern Ireland

- The policy and programme of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- The McBride Principles
- Towards a United Trade Union Campaign

Published by: Trade Unionists for Irish Unity and Independence, May 1988
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FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION

There is Widespread Religious Discrimination in Northern Ireland, Directed Against The Catholic Community

This is not denied by reasonable people. Accordingly, in this booklet we are not concerned with detailing the evidence of discrimination, although some facts are shown in an appendix. Instead, we concentrate on the efforts being made to oppose it by trade unionists in Ireland, Britain, the USA and elsewhere. Specifically, we are anxious to demonstrate the unity of purpose to the efforts being made to oppose it by trade unionists in Ireland, Britain, the USA and elsewhere. Specifically, we are anxious to demonstrate the unity of purpose to the efforts being made to oppose it by trade unionists in Ireland, Britain, the USA and elsewhere.

Discrimination against any person or group is wrong. It also poisons society as a whole and nowhere is this more obvious than in Northern Ireland. It must be rooted out. Its elimination would have further benefits. Against a background of high unemployment and social deprivation, religious discrimination and bigotry have been used to divide workers and paralyse the Labour Movement. This has been recognised by the trade union movement in Northern Ireland, which has called for equal opportunities for all.

A Divided Or United Campaign?

Some trade unionists in Ireland and Britain have been campaigning against the McBride Principles, which are concerned with religious discrimination in Northern Ireland, and they have gone to the USA to argue against them at State Legislatures.

This is a Mistaken Campaign, Which Does Not Represent The View Of The Majority In The Irish Trade Union Movement. Specifically, It Does Not Concur With The Policy Of The Irish Congress Of Trade Unions (ICTU).

At the Annual Conference of ICTU, held in Cork in July 1987, motions on the McBride Principles were remitted to the Executive Committee. The executive subsequently took no action on the motions, so Congress has NO position, either for or against the McBride Principles. The Annual Conference did adopt a strong statement on religious discrimination in Northern Ireland, which particularly emphasised the need for the early enactment of effective legislation by the British Government.

There is Therefore No Contradiction Or Conflict Between The Policy Of ICTU And The Campaign On The McBride Principles. Each has the same purpose — the ending of the widespread and obnoxious practice of religious discrimination. Instead, They Complement Each Other.

THE McBRIDE PRINCIPLES

The McBride Principles were drafted by the late Sean McBride, first chairperson of Amnesty International. The campaign around them has mainly been in the USA and requires companies investing in Northern Ireland to implement the following fair employment practices:

1. Increasing the representation of individuals from underrepresented religious groups in the workforce including managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical and technical jobs.

2. Adequate security for the protection of minority employees both at the workplace and while travelling to and from work.

3. The banning of provocative religious or political emblems from the workplace.

4. All job openings should be publicly advertised and special recruitment efforts should be made to attract applicants from under-represented religious groups.

5. Layoff, recall, and termination procedures should not in practice, favour particular religious groupings.

6. The abolition of job reservations, apprenticeship restrictions and differential employment criteria, which discriminate on the basis of religion or ethnic origin.

7. The development of training programs that will prepare substantial numbers of current minority employees for skilled jobs, including the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new programs to train, upgrade, and improve the skills of minority employees.

8. The establishment of procedures to assess, identify and actively recruit minority employees with potential for further advancement.

9. The appointment of a senior management staff member to oversee the company's affirmative action efforts and the setting up of timetables to carry out affirmative action principles.

THE DEMAND OF ICTU

The ICTU document, adopted in July 1987, called on the British Government to:

- (a) extend to private sector employers the proposed statutory duty on public employers to promote equality of opportunity;

- (b) require all employers to monitor their workforces;

- (c) extend the proposed requirements to a larger number of companies by reducing the proposed 50 employee cut-off point as far as possible, thus making any exclusions as limited as possible;

- (d) extend the proposed scheme of assistance for the introduction of monitoring arrangements to public sector as well as private sector employers;

- (e) strengthen the Fair Employment Act as follows:

- (i) The legislation should be changed to ensure that appeals against FEA decisions on discrimination in individual cases should only be allowable on points of law. This would bring the law into line with, amongst other matters, the unfair dismissal legislation which is not dissimilar in concept to dealing with unfair rejection for appointment or promotion.

- (ii) The Agency should have the right to promote voluntary but binding agreements with employers. Failure to honour the agreements should lead to the Agency issuing directions.

- (iii) The Agency should have the power to amend its directives in the light of experience without being required to pursue a second complete investigation.

- (iv) The legislation should be amended to allow for individual remedy where discrimination against individuals is uncovered during a 'pattern of employment' investigation carried out under Part 2 of the Act.

- (v) Where an investigation shows undue concentration of persons from one section of the community in low-paid or low-skill jobs whilst persons

from the other section are over-concentrated in skilled, supervisory or managerial positions, this should be prima facie evidence of failure to promote equality of opportunity as defined in the Fair Employment Act.

(vi) The legislation should provide for groups which have a legitimate third-party interest to initiate complaints to the FEA and to have the right to seek remedies, especially remedies such as the elimination of barriers to equality and the ending of indirect discriminatory practices.

OBJECTIONS TO THE McBRIDE PRINCIPLES

Given the common objective of these demands and the McBride Principles, it is difficult to understand the opposition to the Principles from a section of Irish Trade Unionists. This becomes more inexplicable when one examines the arguments they use. Let us consider some of these.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENDING THIS DISCRIMINATION RESTS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND NOT WITH AN IRISH-AMERICAN LOBBY.

Obviously, responsibility for enacting corrective legislation lies with the British Government. However, Americans (the same applies to other nationalities) are entitled to decide the basis on which American overseas investment takes place, and this is the purpose of the McBride Principles. Taking the "anti" argument to its logical conclusion, international solidarity would not exist and there would be no international campaign against South Africa, for example. The Botha Government would be let get on with abolishing apartheid!

THE McBRIDE PRINCIPLES ARE NOT ABOUT CREATING EXTRA JOBS, BUT REDISTRIBUTING EXISTING ONES.

This is a poor argument. The civil rights movement in the United States was not about creating more jobs and wealth. It was, and is, about a fairer distribution of the existing wealth in society. The civil rights movement in Northern Ireland, including the Fair Employment Agency, has a similar function. On the other hand, the trade union movement has the task of pressurising the Government to create more jobs. In the meantime, existing jobs and those coming on stream must be fairly distributed.

In a statement issued on 2nd March 1988, Kevin McNamara, the Labour Party Principal Spokesperson on Northern Ireland, said:

"We share the Government's commitment to job creation, but we cannot accept that progress towards fair employment must be delayed until there are more jobs. There are, on the Government's own figures, more than 100,000 job changes in Northern Ireland every year. The complete failure to take on board paragraph 4.33 of the SACHR report looks suspiciously like a cop-out."

Paragraph 4.33 of the report on Fair Employment by the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights reads:

"The Commission does not accept, however, that where employment is static or declining that it is wrong or pointless to seek to promote equality of opportunity. Where employment opportunities are scarce, it may be more difficult but it is all the more important that they be distributed fairly. Even where there is no employment growth, it is possible to make important progress toward equality of opportunity. The Department of Economic Development has

pointed to the substantial number of job changes which occur in Northern Ireland every year. In addition, although overall there may be few additional employment opportunities, there are several sectors of the economy which are growing in Northern Ireland, particularly the service sector. In sectors where there is little growth this should not become an excuse for inaction, but should signal a redoubling of efforts."

THE McBRIDE PRINCIPLES CAMPAIGN LEADS TO DISINVESTMENT

First, there is no evidence that this has happened. But even if it was true, is it a valid argument? The trade union movement does not support investment at any price. If we were to abandon working conditions fought for over two centuries, investment would flow in and Ireland would have more sweat shops than Hong Kong! It is indeed strange to find trade unionists arguing against fair employment practices on the grounds that to insist on them threatens investment.

OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC McBRIDE PRINCIPLES

It has been argued that some of the Principles involve quotas and would therefore be contrary to the Fair Employment Act in Northern Ireland. This untruth has been peddled by the British Embassy in the USA. It has been effectively answered by the Rt. Hon. Peter Archer, Q.C.M.P., who was Solicitor General in the United Kingdom Government from 1974 to 1979, when the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act was passed. He has stated that the McBride Principles would not contravene the Fair Employment Act.

On May 12th 1987, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled that American companies operating in Northern Ireland would not violate the Fair Employment Act if they operated the Principles.

THE McBRIDE PRINCIPLES CAMPAIGN

The McBride Principles have been enacted in a number of states in the USA, including Philadelphia, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Massachusetts, with legislation pending in other states. Support for them is considerable, including from the AFL-CIO, the US equivalent of ICTU or the British TUC. A result of this has been to exert pressure in the British Government and to stimulate public interest in the subject. This was acknowledged by Kevin McNamara in a submission made in December 1987, a response to a British Government discussion document. He stated:

"The McBride Principles have played a role in putting equality of opportunity between the two main communities in Northern Ireland on the political agenda. The Principles embody the type of affirmative action which I regard as necessary if unacceptable levels of inequality of opportunity are to be reduced. Indeed they embody sentiments with which no person could disagree."

WHY TRADE UNION OPPOSITION?

We can understand the British Government's opposition to the McBride Principles. But why are they opposed by some Belfast trade unionists? The central trade union body in Ireland, ICTU, is not against them. It is widely accepted that the campaign around the Principles has assisted in highlighting the evil of religious discrimination in Northern

Ireland and we have demonstrated that the arguments used against the Principles are illogical. So why the opposition?

We can only conclude that the trade unionists in question, while sincere in their opposition to discrimination, would prefer to see the issue played lowkey, for fear of antagonizing their Protestant members. Hence opposition to "campaigning", preferring instead to lobby by the British Government. This explains the "leave it to the British Government" argument. Naturally, we are sympathetic to the complexities facing the trade union movement in Northern Ireland, but overriding these, is the bigger issue of equal rights. Demanding equality for Catholic Workers must be faced up to and not relegated to the realms of diplomacy. The Irish Trade Union Movement was built on the slogan "an injury to one is the concern of all" and the tradition of the movement is entirely contrary to placing difficult issues on the back burner.

A UNITED EFFORT

There is one weakness in the McBride Principles campaign, viewed from Dublin, Belfast or London. They make no direct demand on the British Government and perhaps they were taken up as a campaigning issue too mechanically on this side of the Atlantic. We should not attempt to reproduce the USA campaign. Instead we should see the work in Ireland and Britain against religious discrimination as running in tandem with the McBride Principles campaign in the United States. The more effective the latter is, the greater the pressure on the British Government to enact legislation.

This is the explanation for the extraordinary efforts of the British Embassy in Washington in opposing the McBride Principles. No expense has been spared, including bringing out individuals from Northern Ireland to testify against the Principles. This expensive campaign would not have been mounted unless they were worried about international pressure on them to tackle seriously discrimination in Northern Ireland. They are especially sensitive to pressure from their main international ally, the USA.

It is Therefore Mistaken For Irish (And British) Trade Unionists To Attack The McBride Principles. If We Sincerely Wish To See The Demands Of ICTU Being Realised, We Should Give Every Support And Encouragement To The Campaign In The USA And Internationally, Which Has The Same Objective.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS

On March 2nd 1988, the British Government published new anti-discrimination proposals. The fact that they were compelled to do so, is a tribute to the pressure on them, domestically, in Ireland and internationally. However, apart from the fact that their proposals will not become law for at least two years, they are inadequate. The Northern Ireland Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights (SACHR) published a detailed report in 1987. Many of its recommendations are not included in the current British proposals.

Catholic men are two and a half times as likely to be unemployed as Protestant men in Northern Ireland. SACHR recommended that the British Government should adopt a performance indicator to measure achievement and suggested the target of reducing this differential to one and a half times within five years. The British Government has

refused to do this. The statement issued by Kevin McNamara on 2nd March 1988, referred to earlier, also stated:

"The Government has signally failed to take on board a number of crucial policies and detailed measures recommended in the SACHR report and urged on it repeatedly by the Labour Party; trade unions and other bodies committed to equality of opportunity in Northern Ireland.

The most worrying issue is its neglect to specify a target and a timetable for the reduction of the 2 1/2 times greater Catholic male unemployment rate compared with Protestant male unemployment. It has refused to accept the modest target and timetable proposed by SACHR."

Dr. Christopher McCrudden, a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, and a member of SACHR, in *The Irish Times* on 9th March 1988, wrote in detail on deficiencies in the British Government's proposals. These included the failure to accept a target and timetable, and he stated that "progress towards fair employment cannot be delayed until there is more investment." He then listed as another shortcoming, the proposal that the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity and the power to engage in affirmative action will be detailed to a Code of Practice, to be prepared after the legislation has been enacted, instead of being in the legislation itself.

THE WAY FORWARD

In summary, we would make the following points:

1. There is widespread religious discrimination in Northern Ireland.
2. It has been condemned by the Irish trade union movement.
3. Early and strong legislation must be enacted by the British Government. This has been demanded by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and by sections of the Trade Union & Labour Movement in Britain and the USA.
4. These demands and the campaign on the McBride Principles has moved the British Government but...
5. The British Government has not moved far enough, soon enough.

Accordingly, Pressure On The British Government Must Be Increased. The Campaign Must Be Stepped Up. This Means That Those Who Wish To See The Ending Of Discrimination Should Work Together.

- This requires an end to opposition from trade union sources to the McBride Principles and an acceptance that the campaign in support of them, especially in the USA, is progressive, contributes to the overall effort to compel the British Government into action, and is therefore a valuable adjunct to achieving the demands of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

- The debate at the ICTU conference in 1987, on religious discrimination in Northern Ireland and the adoption of the report prepared by the Northern Ireland Committee, marked a new phase in the on-going efforts of Congress to secure the trade union demand of fair play for all. The campaign must be developed.

- In Britain, within the Trade Union & Labour Movement, there is a growing realisation of the problem of religious discrimination in Northern Ireland. Further demands on the British Government from within Britain are essential.

- Internationally, we must increase the awareness that religious

discrimination exists in Northern Ireland and calls on the British Government should be sought.

ADDENDA

Facts On Discrimination
A 1987 study by the independent London-based Policy Studies Institute, revealed that in Northern

Ireland Catholic men were two and a half times as likely to be unemployed as Protestant men and that religion was a major factor in this differential unemployment rate.

In December 1985, the Belfast magazine "Fortnight", published the following figures of unemployment.

	1971	1981	1985 (estimated)
Male			
Catholic	17.3%	30.2%	38.40%
Protestant	6.6%	12.4%	18.20%
Female			
Catholic	7.0%	17.1%	18.19%
Protestant	3.6%	9.6%	11.12%

Figures from Fair Employment Agency reports of some major employers show the following:

SHORTS 7,000 workers, 400 Catholics - 5%
1,000 fitters, between 4% and 8.5% Catholic
MACKIES 1,000 tradesmen, 10% Catholic
SCOTTS 100% non-Catholic
STC Of the 69 most skilled workers, only 6 were Catholic
SIROCCO Of the 195 most skilled workers, only 32 were Catholic

The New York City Comptroller, Harrison J. Goldin, visited Northern Ireland in June 1985. In presenting his 42 page report in New York on 5th February 1986, he stated:

"We have documented meticulously a pervasive and systematic problem of discrimination in employment against the Irish

Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. What we found is that pitifully few Catholics are employed, they are employed in menial and low-level jobs, they do not secure advancement opportunities, they are not adequately trained and they are treated poorly, like second class citizens."

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"Continuous Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Celebrations"



DIGNITARIES LEAD PARADE in Binghamton, New York. Left to right, first row, President Div. 1 Broome Co. Cathy Blodget; Mayor of Binghamton Juanita M. Crabb; Parade Chairman Bill Ryan. Second row, President Div. 1 Broome County Joseph Skinner; Richard Miller; New York Assemblyman James Tallon; County Supervisor John Hanrahan; County Executive Carl Young. Photo by Mike Heslin



COMMODORE JOHN BARRY Div. 1 of Washington DC takes a rest after passing the reviewing stand in the D.C. PARADE. Trying to inject new young blood into their division, they had youngsters carry their banner. Left to right, Sarah Pasco, Adrian McCarty, Kelly Connolly and James Pasco. Irish Eye photo



ST. BRENDAN, Division 1, Fairfax, VA, passing in front of the National Archives in the nation's capital's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Irish Eye photo



COL. JOHN FITZGERALD Div. 1 of Arlington, VA, marching along Constitution Avenue in the Washington DC parade. Irish Eye photo



THE BLESSING — Near the Alexandria, VA, St. Patrick's Day Parade reviewing stand, the chaplain of the "Irish Brigade" gave the troops a solemn spiritual blessing, heard the chaplain shout the enemy and not one another. Irish Eye photo



THE WILD ROVER — President Ronald Reagan roving into Alexandria, VA, to Ireland's Own Restaurant for lunch. He joins owner, Brother Pat Troy, from John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA, in a little wild hand clapping to the appropriate tune, "The Wild Rover." White House photo



Patrick's Day Parade reviewing stand, the battle blessing. Spectators, prepared for a solemn spiritual blessing, heard the chaplain shout the enemy and not one another. Irish Eye photo



LADIES ST. BRENDAN'S Div. 1, Fairfax County, VA, stop momentarily for a snapshot in front of the National Archives. Irish Eye photo



Brothers and sisters of John F. Kennedy Div. 5, Prince George's Co., MD, display their banner in the Washington parade. Irish Eye photo



THE NEWEST DIVISION in Virginia, Cardinal Cushing, Fairfax Div. 2, proudly displayed their banner in the Washington St. Patrick's Day Parade. Irish Eye photo



BROTHERS AND SISTERS of the Michael J. Dowd Div. 6, Rockville, MD, pass the National Archives in the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Irish Eye photo

America on Parade in Dublin, Ireland



WASHINGTON DC ST. PATRICK'S DAY Committee marching in the Dublin parade. Irish Eye photo



TARA HALL PIPE BAND, AOH, from Troy, New York, passes the reviewing stand. Irish Eye photo



AMERICA ON PARADE in Dublin — children in Ireland, as in America, love a parade. Irish Eye photo



THE MORNING AFTER the Dublin parade, the Lord Mayor of Dublin invited the Washington DC parade committee marchers to coffee "and" at the Mansion House. AOH'ers in the group, left to right, Matt Lee, Michael J. Dowd Div. 6, Rockville, MD; Rosemary Twigg, president, LAOH Div. 1, Arlington, VA; Carmelita Hederman, Lord Mayor of Dublin; Pat Cady, JFK Div. 5, Prince George's Co., MD; Matt Hannon, president, District of Columbia Board; Ed McNamara, John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA. Irish Eye photo

Downey Decries Meese Decision

Congressman Thomas J. Downey (D-NY), a member of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, released the following statement on Attorney General Edwin Meese's decision to extradite an Irish political prisoner to Britain:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest the decision of Attorney General Edwin Meese III that Mr. Joseph Doherty should be deported to the United Kingdom and not to Ireland.

"Attorney General Meese, in making this ruling, admits that he is doing it at the behest of the Government of the United Kingdom. Now, ordinarily I would agree that we ought to accommodate our allies, especially when they are as devoted to our interests as Mrs. Thatcher has been, but this accommodation to Mrs. Thatcher comes at some expense to our own judicial and constitutional process.

"In several instances U.S. courts have ruled in favor of Mr. Doherty, but that apparently makes no difference to Mr. Meese, who holds English wishes above U.S. rights.

"Specifically, Mr. Doherty faces deportation for having entered the U.S. illegally after fleeing a British jail where he was held for killing a British soldier in Ulster. Mr. Doherty has been held in U.S. jails for five years without having been brought to court for violating any U.S. law. Saturday of this week, June 18, will

mark the fifth anniversary of Mr. Doherty's extraordinary incarceration. Mr. Speaker, I should note here that Bishop John McGann, of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and Cardinal John O'Connor, of the Archdiocese of New York, have both expressed their strong concern about Mr. Doherty's continued detention.

"Mr. Meese had already tried to have Mr. Doherty extradited to Britain, but he failed in that effort to please Mrs. Thatcher when a U.S. District Court held that Mr. Doherty's actions were covered by the political offenses exception in the extradition treaty between the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

"At this time, Mr. Doherty has a motion requesting political asylum pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals. Now you know, Mr. Speaker, that if he were an Afghan mujaheddin, a Cuban or a contra, Mr. Doherty would be granted asylum at the drop of a hat. But Mr. Meese does not want that to happen and so he is moving heaven and earth to have Mr. Doherty sent to England.

"Mr. Speaker, I strongly protest the continued detention of Mr. Doherty and I urge the Attorney General to reconsider his decision on Mr. Doherty's deportation. It is time to uphold the decisions of U.S. courts and to remind Mrs. Thatcher, politely but firmly, that our legal system is not to be trifled with."

Irish Priest Informs Ad Hoc Members



FATHER DESMOND WILSON of Northern Ireland addressing members of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs in Committee Chairman Mario Biaggi's (D-Bronx, Yonkers) office in Washington, D.C. Meeting was attended by, left to right, Joseph Roche, past president, AOH; Rep. Dean Gallo (R-NJ); Rep. Robert Borski (D-PA); staff member of Robert Borski, Manor Pruitt; staff member of Rep. Thomas Manton (D-NY), John Foley. The meeting was also attended by Ad Hoc Committee staff coordinator Robert Blancato, as well as Reps. Joseph Kennedy II (D-MA) and Bruce Morrison (D-CT), not pictured.

Senator Speaks Out Against Inequality in North Ireland

By J. SCOTT ORR
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WASHINGTON — Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) wants to make sure U.S. assistance to Northern Ireland is not being used to perpetuate discrimination against the Catholic minority there.

In a telephone interview from Belfast, Lautenberg said he will use his position as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee to look into the use of \$120 million in U.S. funds that goes to an international fund to help improve the economy of Northern Ireland.

"There are terrible problems with the economy of Northern Ireland and I want to make sure that that money is being used as effectively as possible and that it's not being used to further discrimination," Lautenberg said.

"I was always concerned about Northern Ireland," Lautenberg said. He added that "every group in the state and in the country feels they are not getting quick enough responses."

During the three-day visit to Belfast and Londonderry, Lautenberg, Coleman and Berry met with government officials, nationalists who favor uniting Ireland and Unionists who support continuing the existing arrangement with the British.

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FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

British Justice Is Flawed

FR. DENIS FAUL
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In this pamphlet we examine the ways in which Irish people suspected of political offences are treated in England and the lack of safeguards that exists there.

PRE-CHARGE

Prior to charge, the Prevention of Terrorism Act allows for detention for the purpose of questioning for up to 7 days. Hundreds of cases are on record where detainees have suffered serious psychological damage as a result. The European Commission on Human Rights has within the last 4 months held the workings of the PTA to be in breach of the Convention. Since that decision there has been no attempt to remedy English practice. Solicitors have experienced large numbers of clients suffering from mental illness following detention, including one man having committed suicide.

PREJUDICIAL PUBLICITY

The period of 7 days detention is invariably used by police press departments to produce maximum prejudicial publicity until the moment they are committed to either charging or release. The recent example of 3 young Irish people charged with conspiring to murder Tom King is a typical case; the publicity has one effect, to prejudice the outcome of the eventual trial.

Were extradition proceedings to be implemented in the Irish Republic there is little doubt but the entire period would be used to run adverse and inadmissible copy in the English press until the arrival of the suspect in England.

COURT APPEARANCES

Appearances at court act as an extension of the prejudicial melodrama affecting the outcome of the case, taking over from the moment at which the case ostensibly becomes "sub-judice."

In the case of the 3 young Irish people charged in Wiltshire, their remand appearances are not even being heard in a court, but in a police station designated as an occasional court. There is not even a pretence at normality. Helicopters fly overhead, screaming sirens herald appearances and all local people (from whom juries will be drawn) talk of the "terrorists". In the Wiltshire case one sole lay magistrate (rather than the normal 3) is sitting and we have been told that her colleagues are either too frightened to appear or know Tom King.

At both remand appearances and at trial there are heavily armed police who pose for the press in military outfits and armed with double pump action shot guns. In the case of Dr. Maire O'Shea, an elderly woman charged with conspiring to cause explosions, even the court administrator conceded that the security had gone completely mad in its extravagance. The police blew up a car parked in the wrong place near the court and the lawyers had even the cheese in their sandwiches at lunch time poked through by police. Such an absurd bullet proof screen existed between the court and the dock that Dr. O'Shea could not hear anything and in consequence it became so embarrassing when she fell asleep all the time from boredom that she had to be brought to sit in front of the dock.

There has been little interest in trials of Irish citizens by the Irish Embassy throughout the years or in the conditions of detention (compare for instance German citizens who appear to have a weekly visit in English prisons from their Embassy).

PRE-TRIAL PRISON CONDITIONS

An example of wholly unparalleled conditions of detention can be found in the case of Martha Shanahan (the Wiltshire case). She is apparently the ONLY woman remand prisoner in England who is category A (there are many women remand prisoners at any one time who might be considered to be a danger to the community should they escape, but she is regarded as more dangerous than they). In consequence there is NO ONE to whom she is allowed to speak. Her family, from Dublin, travel overnight by ferry once a week in order to ensure that she speaks to another human being once a week. They have little money. Last year they were allowed a visit of 15 minutes before being told to leave. The solicitor involved approached the Irish Ambassador (as she also acts in the Birmingham appeal, which he was attending) about Ms. Shanahan and complained about her condition.

Ms. Shanahan is in prison in the North of England and on remand in the South. The journey is so long that she has to be brought down the night before a court appearance and housed in police cells overnight. She is locked in her cell 23 hours a day; she suffers from continuous migraines. In short, by the time of her trial she will be either seriously damaged physically or mentally or both; she will certainly not do justice to herself at trial (which might be nine months to one year away).

PROSECUTION OF THE CASE

The content of the charges themselves: Almost all cases involving Irish citizens charged with terrorist offences make use of the 'conspiracy' charge; often known as the most useful weapon in the prosecutor's arsenal. Conspiracy charges allow for evidence being introduced against a defendant which is otherwise inadmissible, including acts or statements of alleged co-conspirators. In the case of Dr. O'Shea the only evidence consisted of references to her in letters written by one co-conspirator to another. Also admissible are previous actions or interests of defendants unconnected with the case in point.

While there is discussion going on about the necessity for a PRIMA FACIE case what is not appreciated is the latitude allowed to prosecutors to amend the indictment or to fail to provide ingredients to show a PRIMA FACIE case.

In the recent case of Patrick McLaughlin (charged with conspiracy to cause explosions) the judge indicated that it was "rubbish" to make the point that the prosecution had not shown that a device was either viable or intended to explode — i.e. he withdrew from the jury the necessity of considering a central plan of the prosecution case. (In fact, in that case it appeared

to have been a purely symbolically planted device, never intended to explode).

In the case of Michael Joseph McKenny, also heard in the past year, the prosecution failed to produce any evidence to support the charge that the conspiracy to cause explosions was to occur in the U.K. The judge allowed the matter to proceed to the jury without any such evidence.

In the case of Gilbert McNamee, the prosecution was allowed to amend the indictment AFTER both prosecution and defence closing speeches because (as with McKenny) they had clearly not established that the conspiracy was in the U.K. or aimed at the U.K.

In McNamee's case a new allegation, involving multiple murders in Hyde Park, was added to the conspiracy charge one week before his trial. The judge did not allow an adjournment to prepare for this.

JUDICIAL INTERVENTION

The extensive ability of judges to sum up their opinions together with the facts undoubtedly determines the outcome of trials. Prejudice frequently shines through. The judge in Patrick McLaughlin's case frequently referred to his Derry accent as a "disability" and said that he "only had himself to blame" if the jury did not understand him. He summed up the prosecution case 4 times and the defence case barely at all.

There is no constitution in England. Judges are not trained in constitutional thinking or the con-

I.R.A. Bombs My Home, Hume Tells U.S. Leader

WASHINGTON D.C. — Mr. John Hume, M.P., leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP) of Northern Ireland has told the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Jim Wright (D-Tx), that the I.R.A. has fire-bombed his home on a number of occasions. This extraordinary allegation was revealed by Speaker Wright on the nationwide T.V. political talk show, "John McLoughlin's One on One" (Washington D.C., Sunday May 15, 1988).

"When I first heard about this," said Fr. Sean McManus of the Irish National Caucus, "I found it hard to believe. So I got an official transcript of the program from Mr. McLoughlin's office. Here are the relevant excerpts:

Mr. McLoughlin: "I hear you had a fire in your office recently (May 5, 1988)..."

Speaker Wright: "...interesting thing, do you know with whom I was talking when that fire broke out?"

Mr. McLoughlin: "No, with whom?"

cept of right. Until last year there has never been an exclusionary rule. An attempt to introduce an exclusionary rule has foundered in practice; judges do not exclude improperly obtained evidence.

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Speaker Wright: "John Hume of Northern Ireland... and he was telling me about the number of firebombs that the I.R.A. had put on his front doorstep, and I was thinking what a terrible thing to have to confront with your children going out in front of your house, and neighbors saying the British Army having to come yesterday."

McManus said, "This is the first time I ever knew that Mr. Hume claims that the I.R.A. has a policy of bombing his home. I checked with several well informed journalists in Ireland and they, also, were very surprised by Mr. Hume's claim.

"The point is this," continued Fr. McManus, "if Mr. Hume has never claimed over the years that the I.R.A. has a policy of attacking him, his family and home, why should he make this claim to Speaker of the House?"

"Speaker Wright," said Fr. McManus, "just happened to reveal Mr. Hume's claim because the program itself had nothing to do with Northern Ireland. But it makes one wonder what other sort of things Mr. Hume over the years has been telling U.S. leaders.

"It raises a serious question as to the credibility of the information that Mr. Hume feeds to U.S. leaders. Just exactly what is Mr. Hume up to," concluded Fr. Sean McManus.

Hope Expressed For A New Review for Doherty

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) said recently that the resignation of Attorney General Edwin Meese "may present an opportunity for another look at the case of Joseph Doherty," and he indicated that he would urge such a review once a replacement is named by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate.

"At the present time, the last word in the Doherty case was the decision by Attorney General Meese ordering the deportation of Doherty to the United Kingdom," Biaggi said. "This was a decision that was made despite a ruling by an Immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals, that Doherty be allowed to be deported to the Republic of Ireland."

"Meanwhile, Joe Doherty has begun his sixth year of incarceration without ever having been convicted of a crime in the United States," Biaggi added. "I would also seek to have this outrage reviewed by a new Attorney General in the hope that

Doherty can at least be released on bail while his legal battles continue."

Biaggi, who is chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, also reported on his new congressional resolution on Joe Doherty, H. Con. Res. 323, which calls for him to be released on bail and also urges that Doherty's application for political asylum in the US be approved. At the present time, the Biaggi resolution has been cosponsored by Rep. Thomas Manton (D-NY); Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA); Rep. Robert Borski (D-PA); Rep. Norman Lent (R-NY); Rep. James Traficant (D-OH); Rep. Thomas Downey (D-NY); Rep. Robert Mrazek (D-NY); Rep. Raymond McGrath (R-NY); Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY); Rep. George Hochbrueckner (D-NY); Rep. Matthew Rinaldo (R-NJ); Rep. Joseph DiGuardi (R-NY) and Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), and is pending before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law.

New Blockbuster Report Is Issued By Amnesty Int.

U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) said a new "blockbuster" report by Amnesty International on excessive British security force violence in Northern Ireland requires an immediate American government response in the form of a call on the British government to institute immediate reforms to lessen the cycle of official violence in Northern Ireland.

He was commenting on the report issued on June 27 by Amnesty In-

ternational entitled, "United Kingdom-Northern Ireland: Killings by Security Forces in Northern Ireland." Biaggi noted, "Amnesty International says such an inquiry is in their words 'vital to prevent future unlawful killings and to institute procedures to ensure that all disputed killings by United Kingdom security forces are promptly investigated and publicly clarified.'"

Biaggi said he will send a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz to urge that the United States "urgently communicate its concern about the issues raised in the Amnesty Report and to press the British government to agree to the judicial inquiry and to begin to institute necessary reforms."

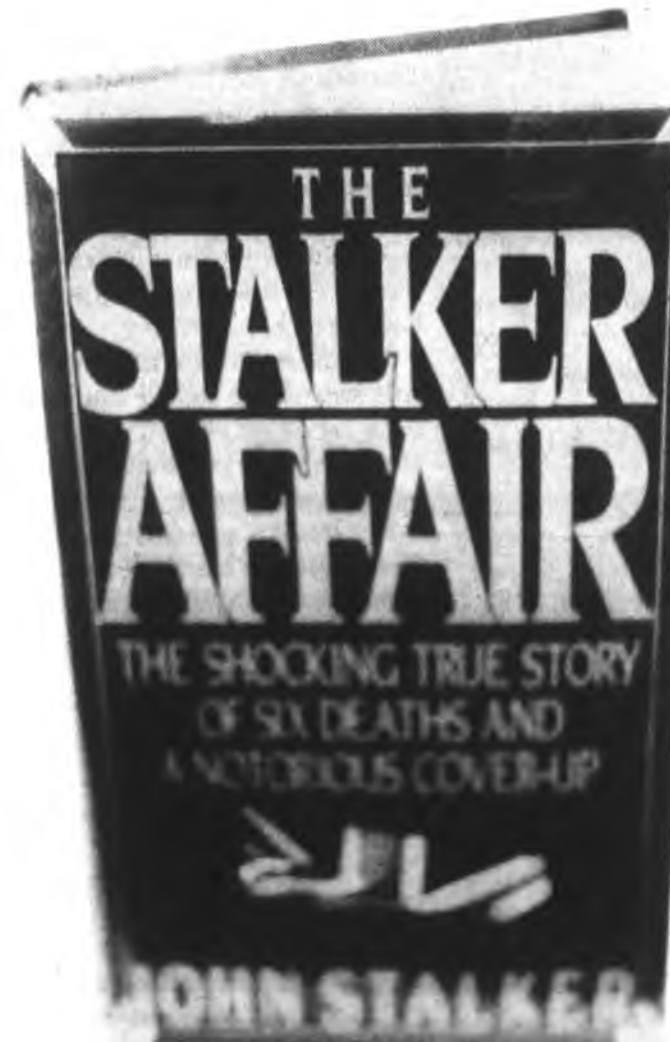
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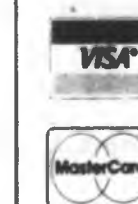
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Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office to indicate your support for H.R. 722, the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act. I appreciate knowing your views on this important issue.

I have been a cosponsor of H.R. 722 since early last year. I believe that the requirements of the bill for American businesses located in Northern Ireland can be instrumental in breaking the cycle of discrimination. For far too long our government has refused to address the chronic denial of fundamental human rights in Northern Ireland. At the very least we can act to assure that American businesses do not add to this problem.

Regrettably, the House Foreign Affairs Committee remains unwilling to hold hearings on Northern Ireland. I have urged the Chairman of the committee, Rep. Dante Fascell, to focus attention on this problem. I will continue to do so in the future.

Thank you again for letting me know of your support for this important piece of legislation.

Robert J. Mrazek
Member of Congress

GUIDE FOR IRISH IMMIGRANTS

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

As you know, America is benefiting from a new wave of Irish immigration. We estimate that some 200,000 or more young Irish men and women have come to the United States since 1983. Perhaps 20% live in the New York Metropolitan region.

Many of the new immigrants are not aware of the government and community services that are available to them free and without regard to their legal status. Hence, my Office has published a new booklet, "Guide for Irish Immigrants," which details those services. I enclose a copy. If you would like additional copies write to me at 1 Centre Street, Room 850, New York, New York 10007.

I hope the guide will help the "new Irish" take more advantage of free City and community services. That could make their adjustment to life in America a little easier.

Harrison J. Goldin
Comptroller, New York City

READER DECRIES FORUM CHOICE

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

It was a great disappointment to read that a ruthless killer of Irish Americans addressed the Irish Forum '88 last April (May-June) issue.

I cannot understand how Irishmen could have given a notorious killer of the innocent preborn the honor of addressing the Forum. This man, who spoke to the Forum about justice and respect for the rights of all, works incessantly to promote the killing of the innocent preborn until the moment of birth and has assembled a staff of like-minded killers. As a legislator in 1970 he introduced a bill to legalize abortion through all

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nine months of pregnancy. As Governor he vetoed a bill to cut off state funds for abortion and he held up the state budget for 13 months because it restricted state funding of abortion.

This same killer as a legislator introduced bills to repeal "laws punishing unnatural and lascivious acts with another person; the law prohibiting fornication; the law punishing blasphemy; and the law prohibiting the crime against nature" which said that "whoever exhibits the abominable and detestable crime against nature either with mankind or beast...."

Other interesting actions of this killer as Governor are: he vetoed a law requiring children to pledge allegiance to the flag — the legislature overrode the veto; he was laughed out of court when he claimed the Reagan administration foreign policy in Central America was illegal; he condemned the bombing of Libya as illegal; likewise the liberation of Grenada and even the capture of the Achille Lauro terrorists.

There is more, but the point is obvious that whoever invited him to the Forum and reported his talk in the Digest reached into the gutter for Michael Dukakis. The AOH should be an inspiring, uplifting influence on our society; it should not demean itself by honoring such people.

John Naughton
Rockville, MD

Jerry Tarde
Golf Digest
Trumbull, CT 06611

Dear Mr. Tarde:

I must take exception and voice a protest over an article which appears in the June issue of *Golf Digest*. That is the article by Peter Dobereiner titled, "The Role of the Irish at The Country Club."

Regardless of this writer's credentials, this piece is nothing more than trite, hackneyed stereotypical ideas of the Irish. This guy wrote this piece as a hack writer would.

This article is not restricted to the Boston area for teeing off the Irish and the Irish-Americans. The Associated Press picked it up and put it on its wire service. Now the whole world knows what a certain Englishman said in a prestigious magazine. Therefore, you now have 100,000 plus Irishmen to apologize to.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish-American organization in the United States. Most of its members are avid golfers. It would be a shame that if at the National Convention which will be held in July '88, I had to mention this article to the general membership and suggest, recommend or whatever, the boycotting of your magazine for such undue prejudice. I know that if the article were about Blacks and/or Jews, that you would not be hearing from an Ass't Editor but from either the ACLU or some premier law firm screaming discrimination. Perhaps you would print a retraction concerning this article and an apology to the Irish and Irish-Americans of the United States of America, starting with the AOH.

Michael P. Heslin
Assistant Editor
National Hibernian Digest

IRISH DEFAMED

Mr. Jerry Tarde
Editor, Golf Digest
Dear Mr. Tarde:

Rarely is a person exposed to the thinly disguised ethnic hatred contained in an article which appeared in a recent issue of *Golf Digest*. To imply that nothing beyond humor was intended is nearly as much of an insult to the intelligence of the reader as the contents are to the Irish people. It does not come as a total surprise that such feelings would be harbored by a British writer, in whose country such degradation concerning the Irish would be better appreciated. However, it is incomprehensible to me that an American publication, whose sole purpose is to print stories on the sport of golf, could authorize the printing of such blatant racism. I, for one, was totally incensed by this article and feel that anything less than an unconditional retraction by *Golf Digest*, as well as immediate dismissal of those responsible for its printing, would be totally unacceptable to the Irish-American community.

John J. Meehan, Jr.
Mass. State Board AOH

Segments Of Irish History

MAY 1916

"O but we talked at large before
The sixteen men were shot,"

Sixteen Dead Men, W. B. Yeats

The surviving participants of the Easter Rising were mocked by their guards and passers-by for several days before being marched to Kilmainham Jail. Thomas Clarke, then in his sixties, was stripped naked by a British officer and ridiculed. The execution of sixteen of the leaders of the Rising caused a ground swell of rage among the Irish people that ultimately led to freedom for the 26 counties that form the Republic of Ireland.

Go ndeanai Dia Trocaire ar a
n-Anamacha Dile

Padraig H. Pearse	3 May 1916
Thomas J. Clarke	3 May 1916
Thomas MacDonagh	3 May 1916
Joseph Mary Plunkett	4 May 1916
Edward Daly	4 May 1916
Michael O'Hanrahan	4 May 1916
William Pearse	4 May 1916
John MacBride	5 May 1916
Con Colbert	8 May 1916
Eamonn Ceannt	8 May 1916
Michael Mallin	8 May 1916
Sean Heuston	9 May 1916
Thomas Kent	9 May 1916
Sean MacDiarmada	12 May 1916
James Connolly	12 May 1916
Roger Casement	3 Aug 1916

All but two of the martyrs were executed from Kilmainham Jail. Sean Heuston was executed from Cork Prison and Roger Casement from Pentonville Prison in England.

William L. Hickey

JUNE 27, 1846

Birth of John Stewart Parnell

Charles Stewart Parnell was born into the Protestant Ascendancy at Avondale, his family's estate in Co. Wicklow, on June 27, 1846. His American-born mother was the daughter of a hero of the War of 1812. During his years at English boarding schools and at Cambridge University he developed a profound antipathy for the English and began to identify himself with the cause of Irish separatism.

He was first elected to the British

IN MEMORIAM

AR DAEIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

Past President Emerald Isle Div. Dies Suddenly

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Past President, Emerald Isle Division, AOH, Thomas W. Guiner died suddenly of cardiac arrest in his home in Hyattsville, MD, on June 10, 1988. Age 72, he was a retired lawyer with the General Accounting Office.

Brother Guiner was born in New York City. He graduated from St. John's University in New York and received a law degree from George Washington University. He moved to the Washington area in the early 1930s and joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 1938 he began work for the General Accounting Office, retiring in 1974, when he entered into private law practice.

Tom's wake was held in Spring Lake, N.J. Plans for a memorial service for Brother Guiner are under way.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Burns Guiner of Hyattsville, MD; one daughter, Margaret Sweeney of Navesink, N.J.; one brother, the Rev. Dennis Guiner and one sister, Florence Guiner, both of DeBarry, Florida, and one grandson.

Brother Guiner was a longtime member and supporter of the Emerald Isle Division. He will be greatly missed and remembered in prayer.

James J. O'Connor

Daniel Corr, Sr., Dies Of Heart Ailments

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Daniel Joseph Corr, Sr., 66, retired personnel director with the Occupational Safety Review Commission, died of heart ailments May 29, 1988 at Georgetown University Hospital.

Brother Corr, who lived here, was born in Tollcross, Scotland, and moved to the United States as a child. He grew up in the Pittsburgh, PA area, and during World War II he served with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Europe.

He came to Washington, D.C., after the war, graduated from Catholic University and earned a law degree at the University of Baltimore. Earlier work places included the Interior Department's Office of Saline Water, the Naval Research Laboratory, the Navy Department's Bureau of Personnel and the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Brother Corr was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, the Sacred Heart Council and St. John Neumann Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a charter member of the Prince George's chapter of Serra, a group that promotes religious vocations in the Catholic Church. He also had been a member of the choir at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Anne Corr, and a son, Daniel Joseph Corr, Jr. both of Washington, D.C. Brother's Corr's Memorial Mass was offered at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament on June 11, 1988. The body of our beloved Brother Corr was given for scientific study. He will be greatly missed and remembered by his fellow Hibernians.

James J. O'Connor

Parliament as a member of the Irish Home Rule party from Co. Meath in April 1875. Seeing that conciliatory tactics were ineffective, he developed a parliamentary obstruction campaign intended to force England to grant Ireland home rule. He told the Irish people that "We will never gain anything from England unless we tread on her toes; we will never gain a sixpenny worth from her by conciliation."

In the midst of the 1878-79 crop failure Parnell became president of the Irish National Land League. The League combined in one agrarian movement Irish nationalists of all kinds in an effort to end feudalism in Ireland. In his poem "Come gather round me, Parnellites," W. B. Yeats wrote that "He fought the might of England and saved the Irish poor."

For his efforts Parnell was arrested and imprisoned without trial in Kilmainham Jail from October 1881 until May 1882.

Parnell was Ireland's first truly national leader since Daniel O'Connell and by the end of his fundraising tour of the United States he was being called "the uncrowned king of Ireland." He died on October 6, 1891, and is proudly remembered for the spirit of defiance with which he voiced the Irish demand for independent nationhood. W. B. Yeats wrote:

"Mourn - and then onward, there is no returning,
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His memory now is a tall pillar,
burning
Before us in the gloom."
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The Reagan Years

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that "principle of consent is enshrined in your Constitution and is an essential part of ours." This from the government that in fact has no constitution and that ignored the 1918 Irish General Election results, while secretly arming right wing paramilitaries in the North. The Department of State officially ignored the release of *Shoot To Kill* by the International Lawyers Inquiry in June, 1985, which carefully documents how forces of occupation — not peacekeeping — caused the questionable deaths of 200 men, women and children. The hapless appointment of Ms. Heckler as Ambassador to Ireland later that year only seemed to underscore the official U.S. disinterest in the facts of British misrule in Ireland.

In 1986 it was apparent that appeasement was not enough and America would be called upon by England to collaborate in crushing Irish dissent. The unique extradition treaty adopted by the U.S. Senate put every freedom fighter in peril and disgraced Irish Americans proud of the Irish contribution to freedom in America. This was followed by U.S. funds to relieve the British taxpayer of the costs of Irish partition. Along the way the recently knighted Casper Weinberger awarded U.S. funds to the largest anti-Catholic employer in Northern Ireland — the government-owned airplane manufacturer Short Bros.; Edwin Meese has held Joe Doherty in solitary confinement for five years in service to the Crown despite repeated judicial and administrative decisions ordering his release or return to Ireland; and in 1987 our Ambassador to England publicly rebuked the MacBride Fair Employment Principles, the most rational and moral idea to come out of Northern Ireland in decades.

Only time will reveal President Reagan's contribution to world peace and freedom. However, we need not await the verdict of history to prove that President Reagan has done more than any of his predecessors to imprison Ireland in violence and to destroy the cause of its freedom.

Mike Cummings
National Public Relations AOH



Elections in Ireland

By DICK WALSH

Dick Walsh is the author of
"The Party—Inside Fianna Fail"

The Irish interest in politics is as old as the struggle for an independent state. That struggle was conducted on two levels, one subterranean and revolutionary, the other more openly political though never quite orthodox, as British leaders of the nineteenth century had reason to complain when confronted by Daniel O'Connell and Charles Stewart Parnell.

O'Connell and Parnell, the first pushing for Catholic emancipation and repeal of the penal laws, the second for land reform and home rule, succeeded in rousing not only their contemporaries but the generations that followed, to whom they gave an abiding interest in political argument and parliamentary manoeuvres.

Parnell preached that no man had the right to set a boundary to the march of a nation and earned the right to his title of uncrowned king of Ireland, a landlord leading the landless in a powerful agitation. By dextrous deployment of parliamentary forces, he secured and for a time held the balance of power in the British Parliament at Westminster, thus forcing unwilling parties to confront the conditions of his people.

If the achievements of O'Connell and Parnell were temporarily overshadowed by failure to reach their ultimate goals, they contributed a

legacy that survived through the bright and bitter decades in which the new state was born and shaped. This legacy took the form of respect for parliamentary democracy, an intense interest in how the system worked and admiration for leaders who were larger than life.

Respect for parliamentary democracy has been amply demonstrated by the determination with which people pledged loyalty to the first, revolutionary Dail and by their acceptance of the transfers of power that have taken place since the foundation of the state. Despite the remembered agony of civil war, those transfers have been smoothly and peacefully achieved, even when — as in the 1930s — there were those who feared that change might have been accompanied by turbulence.

Between the two major parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, two sides of the coin spun by old divisions, there are no wide ideological differences. Their names, evocative of myth and homeland — Soldiers of Destiny, Family of the Gael — suggest their claims to represent all classes and creeds. We are pointed here in the direction of American rather than European politics, with parties standing on their records and refusing to define themselves as of the left or of the right. This is something which visiting observers find difficult to understand and the Irish electorate has only recently begun to question.



DANIEL O'CONNELL addressing a meeting, Clifden, Co. Galway, 1843.



AMON DE VALERA addressing an election rally in 1917.



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MEMO FROM U.S. CENSUS DIRECTOR BRUCE CHAPMAN
DATELINE: JULY 1983
SUBJECT: AMERICAN IRISH POPULATION
FINDINGS: LATEST DATA FROM 1980 CENSUS TELLS US:

State	Rank	Number	%
Alabama	22	633,036	1.6
Alaska	50	59,179	.1
Arizona	22	462,777	1.2
Arkansas	31	475,161	1.2
California	1	3,725,925	9.3
Colorado	26	573,991	1.4
Connecticut	24	613,684	1.5
Delaware	44	126,854	.3
Dist. Columbia	51	37,667	.1
Florida	7	1,617,433	4.0
Georgia	16	848,853	2.1
Hawaii	48	68,041	.2
Idaho	42	152,904	.4
Illinois	6	2,027,692	5.0
Indiana	12	1,017,944	2.5
Iowa	23	630,020	1.6
Kansas	29	489,228	1.2
Kentucky	20	672,791	1.7
Louisiana	27	588,258	1.4
Maine	37	201,299	.5
Maryland	18	765,871	1.9
Massachusetts	8	1,564,100	3.9
Michigan	9	1,521,796	3.8
Minnesota	25	606,688	1.5
Mississippi	33	408,346	1.0
Missouri	11	1,129,149	2.8
Montana	40	158,675	.4
Nebraska	35	312,363	.8
Nevada	41	158,199	.4
New Hampshire	38	192,718	.5
New Jersey	10	1,444,308	3.6
New Mexico	39	172,128	.4
New York	2	2,977,518	7.4
North Carolina	13	871,721	2.2
North Dakota	49	64,547	.2
Ohio	5	2,031,751	5.1
Oklahoma	19	706,407	1.8
Oregon	28	546,512	1.4
Pennsylvania	3	2,449,110	6.1
Rhode Island	36	210,950	.5
South Carolina	30	484,817	1.2
South Dakota	46	93,922	.2
Tennessee	14	850,949	2.1
Texas	4	2,420,367	6.0
Utah	43	137,479	.3
Vermont	45	99,977	.2
Virginia	15	849,069	2.1
Washington	17	824,994	2.1
West Virginia	34	382,272	1.0
Wisconsin	21	647,653	1.6
Wyoming	47	88,714	.2

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- Proportionate to state population Massachusetts is #1 (40%).
- Top five Irish states numerically are: California, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio.
- Top five states proportionate to populations are: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Montana and Connecticut.
- Top five states reporting sole Irish extraction are: New York, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Texas.
- Surprisingly high Irish figures from southern states.
- Census was not, repeat, not, taken on St. Patrick's Day.

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Ladies Florida News

The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the State of Florida extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Frances Hamre, Assistant Editor of the *Digest*.

Jane McCarthy, editor of St. Brigid Division 1, Pasco County, reported that her division held their yearly Mass and Communion breakfast on May 16 at St. Michael's Church. This was a joint venture of the AOH and LAOH. The membership in St. Brigid's has steadily grown and the Ladies are very active in local and national activities.

Plans have been made to send Annmarie O'Brien, Ester Condon, and Beverly Zwack to the 84th National Convention in Cleveland. Annmarie O'Brien is a past state president of

Florida and was very active in the Irish Communities in New York. Ester Condon is a past president of St. Brigid Div. 1, and was state chairwoman of Catholic Action. Beverly Zwack, was vice president of Division 1, and is very active on many committees in the Division.

State President Mary Herbert presented Division 1, Palm Bay's Jackie Lepper, with an award for her dedicated work to the Hibernians. State Secretary Betty Boyle has made a quick recovery and is looking forward to dancing the night away at the National Convention.

The Vero Beach Irish dance school is in need of a dedicated teacher. Please send resume to Mary Herbert, 761 Becker Ave., N.W. Palm Bay, FL 32905.

Ladies Connecticut News

The June Banquet of the LAOH, held June 1, was very successful. Immediately following the business meeting, a buffet was served and this was followed by entertainment by the Angels of Harmony. This year they were the "California Raisins", who knows what they will be at Christmas. During the evening, National President Sheila Clifford, presented the Irish Essay Awards to Patty Ann Molloy, who won on the Division, County, State and National level.

On May 23 Linda Galvin, division historian, and Sheila Clifford, national president, visited St. Mary's Grammar School to present the Grade School awards to the

students that entered the Essay Contest. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students assembled in the courtyard where Sr. Crean, principal, and Sr. Joan Doolan, eighth grade teacher, participated in the ceremony.

Waterbury Kiwanis Club held their annual heritage day in Library Park, June 17. Helen Carroll, chairman of Missions, and Jacklyn Reilly, president, staffed the booth. As usual, they sold out of Irish Soda Bread and are looking forward to the 1989 event. September's meeting will be a Pot Luck Supper, and several trips are planned, one to Radio City Music Hall in N.Y.

Irene Ferguson Is 100 Years Old

A joyful and unprecedented celebration was held on Sunday, May 29, by New York County Boards, AOH, honoring Mrs. Irene Ferguson, who celebrated her one-hundredth birthday on July 31, 1988.

Mrs. Ferguson has been a member of the LAOH in New York County for twenty-five years and was

presented with a plaque recording both this occasion and her birthday.

A native New Yorker and life long resident of New York City, she, like her contemporary, song writer Irving Berlin, declared she has loved every minute of it. She was elated to greet over fifty well wishers in the gathering.

A devout Catholic, steeped in Irish

culture and traditions, she also maintained an abiding interest in fine china, garnered from her long working career in Macy's China Department.

Her devoted daughter, also "Irene," likewise celebrated her twenty-five years as a member of the LAOH. She is a New York City high school teacher.



Accepting her 100th birthday plaque is Mrs. Irene Ferguson. Standing, left to right, Mrs. Monica Burke, immediate past president, LAOH New York State Board; Mary T. Hartnett, president, Division 29; Richard J. Cunningham, president, AOH New York County Board; Miss Irene Ferguson; and Margaret O'Rourke, president, New York County Board.

Ladies New York State News

The Kings County LAOH will hold a luncheon in honor of State President Ann S. Healion on Sunday, November 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Andre's Restaurant, 86th St. and Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn. Tickets are \$25.00, from chairpersons Nora Egan (718)941-0315 and Lillie Magee (718)462-4757. Both Ladies and Men enjoyed a bus ride to the Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw in June to celebrate the Marian Year. Mass in the outdoor chapel, a lovely lunch, outdoor rosary and stations and an ending Holy Hour of Adoration comprised a spiritually fulfilling day.

Nassau County LAOH will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, August 21 with 9:15 Mass at Maria Regina Church, Seaford, followed by breakfast at

Vinetto's Restaurant, Massapequa, at noon. A Fall Luncheon annual fund raiser is also set for Saturday, September 24 at New Hyde Park Inn, New Hyde Park from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Included will be a full four course meal, music and dancing.

The Rockland County Ladies sponsored a degree ceremony on May 1, which included members from the surrounding counties of New York, Queens, Orange, Westchester and Bronx. The Kings County Degree Team presented degrees to 70 members at the beautiful Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw. Father Peter Lappin, chaplain, presided at a prior mass and spoke of the LAOH's goals and history. A buffet supper followed, providing animated fellowship among the gathered Hibernians.

LAOH Michigan State News

The State Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock will be held on Sunday, August 28 at the AOH Hall. After the festivities, the State Board will award a Shamrock Quilt.

The Michigan St. Brigid Degree Team was presented with a banner which was donated by the AOH Wayne County Board. James Kelly, president, made the presentation.

Rose Kennedy Division-Wayne, is planning the following events: 20th Anniversary Dinner Dance on September 24; a Card Party in October and a Halloween Party on October 29; a Christmas Gala Dinner Dance

in December, which will round out the year.

Ethel Kennedy Division-Macomb, reports that the annual Garage-Treasure Sale was held on June 4 at the home of Macomb County president. The profitable event enables the division to contribute funds to favorite charities, while it provides a day for members to have lunch together and enjoy each others' company.

Members are getting ideas together in preparation for the 1989 State Convention to be sponsored by Macomb County in May of next year.

Did You Know?

ARCHEOLOGY

Did you know that the Irish were in America 2700 years ago? Archeologists are studying the remains of a Celtic settlement in New England that was established as far back as 800 B.C.

On Mystery Hill in N. Salem, New Hampshire, the ruins of an 800 B.C. burial tomb and oracle chamber are being studied, and in S. Woodstock, Vermont, an oracle chamber has already been identified.

Around Mystery Hill stand great stone monoliths mathematically aligned for viewing the heavens and such celestial events as the summer and winter solstice and seasonal star and lunar patterns. The parallel to Stonehenge and dozens of similar sites in Ireland is amazing. Ancient inscriptions on the stones have been identified as Ogham — the Celtic method of inscribing stone used in Ireland over 2500 years ago. Details of the preliminary findings are available in the book, *America BC*, by Dr. Barry Fell and should be available at local libraries.

Advertise your Christmas wares in the next Digest Issue

Ladies Enjoy Summer Picnic



FAIRFAX DIVISION Ladies were blessed with a beautiful day for their summer picnic. They were happy to be joined by National President Sheila Clifford for the occasion.

Pennsylvania Remembers Mae O'Grady



MAE O'GRADY

Pennsylvania mourns the loss of another First Lady and a great Hibernian, Mae O'Grady, past state president. It was her late husband, Daniel J. O'Grady, a most active Hibernian, who influenced his wife to become involved with the Ladies AOH.

Mae served as Pennsylvania State President 1973-1977. Prior to that she held the offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer. Also, on the County level she was county president for multi terms, plus serving in every office and chairmanship. She was a member of the Allegheny County first Degree Team. For 15 years she was President of Division 11 — Pittsburgh. Since the 1950s, Mae attended every Convention, National and State. Her generosity to Hibernian projects, not only of her time and effort but of great financial support, was outstanding. This was exemplified by her great dedication to the

orphans of Allegheny County. She organized the arrangements for every orphan of St. Paul's Orphanage and Holy Family Institute to be the guest at the County Annual Picnic. She was the secretary for arrangements for the AOH Annual Communion Breakfast. Mae is sorely missed by her nieces and nephew, friends and members. Her dedication and loyalty represents an era that Mae has taken along with her.

Pennsylvania LAOH News

High up on Mt. Washington overlooking Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle, the LAOH Allegheny County Board held their quarterly meeting at St. Mary's of the Mount's School Hall. Mary Margaret Maurath conducted the meeting, which was hosted by Division 47, Mt. Washington. A social followed with Division President Mary Ellen Ponticel and members serving a most delicious repast. Special mention must be given to Mary Sutton, a member who at the tender age of 94 years, walked three blocks to attend the meeting.

Lehigh County's Division 1, Tir Na Nog, under the leadership of

LADIES Maryland News

Mary Regina Connor, 1989 chairperson for the Columban Mission Festival and Fashion Show, has held the first planning meeting and has named the many chairpersons for the committees.

State President Nancy Perrin held a meeting for the delegates to the National Convention. Committee appointments have been recommended. Travel arrangements have been handled by Mary Heckner, Division 14.

Sr. Naomi Zerhusen, R.S.M., has finalized arrangements for the Annual tribute to Our Lady of Knock. All the Irish organizations have been invited to participate.

President Ellen Foley Trexler, held their first meeting in October 1987. The Division may be new and located off by itself but their progress is remarkable. Project Children was their first endeavor and they were successful in sponsoring a child for 1988 and are on their way for another sponsorship in 1989. Small beginnings have blossomed into a successful Irish Soda Bread and Craft Sale.

By invitation the Division par-

As many of us prepare for the 84th Biennial National Convention of the AOH and LAOH, we should reflect on the past, and think what is the future of our Organization.

During the past two years, as your National President, I have visited many states and talked to many of our members. We have established twelve (12) new Divisions of the LAOH during this period, and four Junior Divisions. Also, we have organized our first Division in Phoenix, AZ — we welcome them to our membership.

Since the last Convention, we have redesigned our jewelry; our Charter; our application form; our supplies; and our letterhead. They all now show our correct name — Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. We participated with our Brother Hibernians in "The Trees for Ireland Project"; the Note Card Project; and two AOH Awards Programs. In addition to the above our members participated in many Catholic Action projects and Mission fund raisers for the Columban Mission Fund.

During the past six months, the AOH and the LAOH have been encouraged to increase Hibernian membership. Many of the LAOH Divisions have reported that their membership drives were successful, and that they plan to continue it over in the fall season.

To be a president of any organization is a great honor, but to be the national president of the LAOH has been a privilege and a pleasure. Being president means you are elected to preside over an assembly... but you cannot do it alone. I would like to thank the members of the 1986-1988 National Board LAOH for their help during the past two years; especially our Deputy National Chaplain Father Michael Healy, who was always available when we needed him; the AOH National President Nick Murphy and his National Board. Without total

participation in the Inter-Cultural Unity Fair in Bethlehem. Catherine Foley Holotyak demonstrated her lace-making skills. The division extends an invitation to come to Bethlehem, PA, for the weekend of October 7th for their "Celtic Fest" of musical programs, athletic events, food and crafts.



Sheila M. Clifford
National President

cooperation from these people and the membership our administration would not have been a success.

It is now my duty to turn over the gavel of my office to my distinguished successor. I have enjoyed the period of service and have prized the privilege of trying in some way to add to the effectiveness of our organization. I encourage each and every member to practice our motto "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity", and to cooperate with your officers on every level — National, State, County, and Division.

Rose M. Callan Dies Suddenly

New York County's Patrick J. Walsh Division 29 mourns the sudden, untimely passing of a devoted member of thirty years, Rose M. Callan, on May 26, 1988.

A graduate of Cathedral High School in Manhattan, her entire working career was with the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

At her wake on May 31 the Hibernian prayers were said by Sr. Monica Burke, immediate past president, New York State Board. Also attending were Margaret O'Rourke, New York County Board president, and Mary T. Hartnett, Division 29 president and a host of fellow Division members.

She was buried in the Callan Family plot in Calvary Cemetery.

She is survived by many cousins in the metropolitan area, in Ireland and Australia.

Rose M. Callan was a faithful attendant at all National and State Hibernian Conventions and made "Hibernianism" is cherished part of her life.

An inch AND A half OF IRISH

Conas tá tú?
How are you?

(kon-ooos tah too)

Collins

An inch AND A half OF IRISH

Tá mé go maith.
I am well.

(tah may guh má)

Collins

An inch AND A half OF IRISH

Go raibh maith agat.
Thank you.

(guh ruh má-ha'gut)

Collins



NEWLY ELECTED Allegheny County, PA, officers: Left to right, front row, Mary Rita Williams, Mistress at Arms; Margaret Visokey, missions; Kathleen Parker, financial secretary; Mary Margaret Maurath, president; Karen Flynn, secretary; Mary Patricia Casey, Grievance. Back row, Sarah Ann Mains, treasurer; Margaret Cooney, Catholic Action; Catherine Needham, vice president; Mary Ann Byrne, sentinel. Missing from picture is Shirley Murphy, historian.

New Division Names Officers



CHARTER OFFICERS of the newly founded Our Lady of Knock Division 2, Broome County, New York, are, left to right, seated, Kathy Keatings Sullivan, Ann Healion, State President Kay Hyatt, and State Vice President Ann Armeo. Standing, Mary Curry, Kathleen Collett, Sheila Heslin, Mary Pat Fox, President Agnes Fitch, Ruth O'Reilly, Mickey Carr, Dorothy Voecker, and Peg Mahar.

DID YOU KNOW that the establishment of "Labor Day" as a United States holiday was originated by an Irishman, Peter F. O'Brien?



DID YOU KNOW that the first famine relief shipload of provisions was not from America to Ireland, but from Ireland to America? In 1675 Dublin rushed aid to the forty-seven starving towns of Massachusetts.

DID YOU KNOW that the first and only colony to guarantee religious and social equality to the Jews was New York? That right had its inception in this country as the work of Governor Thomas Dongan, an Irishman.

Mother Installs Daughter



ELEANOR BLODGETT, left, past president of Division 1, Broome county LAOH, had the pleasure of installing her daughter, Kathy Blodgett, as incoming president.

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The American Revolution — In Queens County

By HARRY McGUIRK

The American Revolution grew out of a series of increasingly oppressive acts by England against the American Colonies. Various restrictions on manufacturing were imposed to force Americans to buy goods from the mother country. The revolution really began in 1764 when Parliament began to impose heavy taxes on refined sugar, tea, coffee, indigo, glass, paints, writing paper and other items. The Stamp Act of the same year forced colonists to buy a revenue stamp for every legal transaction. There was intense resentment. The government reacted by increasing the garrison in New York.

When the colonists boycotted the taxed articles, the English merchants suffered and prevailed on Parliament to withdraw some of the taxes; the tax on tea was kept as a symbol of Parliament's right to tax the colonies. In Boston the tea was seized by Americans disguised as Indians and dumped into the harbor.

A Continental Congress composed of delegates from the provinces convened at Philadelphia on September 4, 1774, to consider measures of resistance. They appointed committees in each state.

In Queens County opinion was divided; some felt the Congress was illegal and disrespectful; others felt the time for forbearance and moderation had passed.

The towns of Flushing and Jamaica and the towns now comprising Nassau County (Hempstead and Oyster Bay) were strongly Tory, supportive of the King and Parliament; only Newtown (Western Queens) was inclined to be Whig, as American patriots were to be called. Sixteen men from Newtown were chosen to attend the New York Committee; most declined and the delegates shrank to seven.

In 1775 there was a call for a second General Congress; a propaganda war raged in Queens between Tories and Whigs. Because of the overwhelming Tory sentiment in Queens County, the delegates to the second Congress were admitted only as advisors and could not vote.

The people were lorded over by the British officers. Officers both indoors and out demanded respect. A colonist had to tip his hat or hold it under his arm while addressing an officer or risk a whipping. Hessian officers were better mannered and less haughty than the British.

Although some supplies for the British army were brought from England, the major burden of supplying food and firewood fell on the farmers of Queens. They were required to furnish the greater portion of their hay, straw, rye, corn, oats, vegetables, and fresh provisions under pain of imprisonment or confiscation of crops. Service to His Majesty was everything, and to this every consideration of individual comfort and economy had to yield.

The commissary or barrack master weighed or measured the produce and gave payment according to prices fixed by the king's commissioners. The steady demands of so large an occupation force made staples exceedingly scarce and high priced. The winter of 1779, unusually harsh and cold, brought misery to the residents of Queens. Between forced sale and pilferage a farmer had less than enough to meet the wants of his family. The army's need for wood was insatiable. The soldiers used huge quantities of firewood to

make their miserable huts endurable. Woodland owners had to cut and deliver their share of fuel, and if they failed, a detachment of soldiers was sent out to seize it. Fences in the villages and open fields rapidly disappeared; in the seven years of occupation, the once-extensive tracts of forestland in Queens were so cut over that by 1783 not a trace remained of the primeval forest.

The farmers had no liberty of movement. Some were forced to perform service for no pay; if they used boats to send produce to market, they had to secure a pass from the commanding officer, and no sailing was permitted at night. They could not carry home from Manhattan any goods, wares, or provisions for family use without first obtaining a permit from the military. These indignities aroused hatred, but there was no effective way to resist.

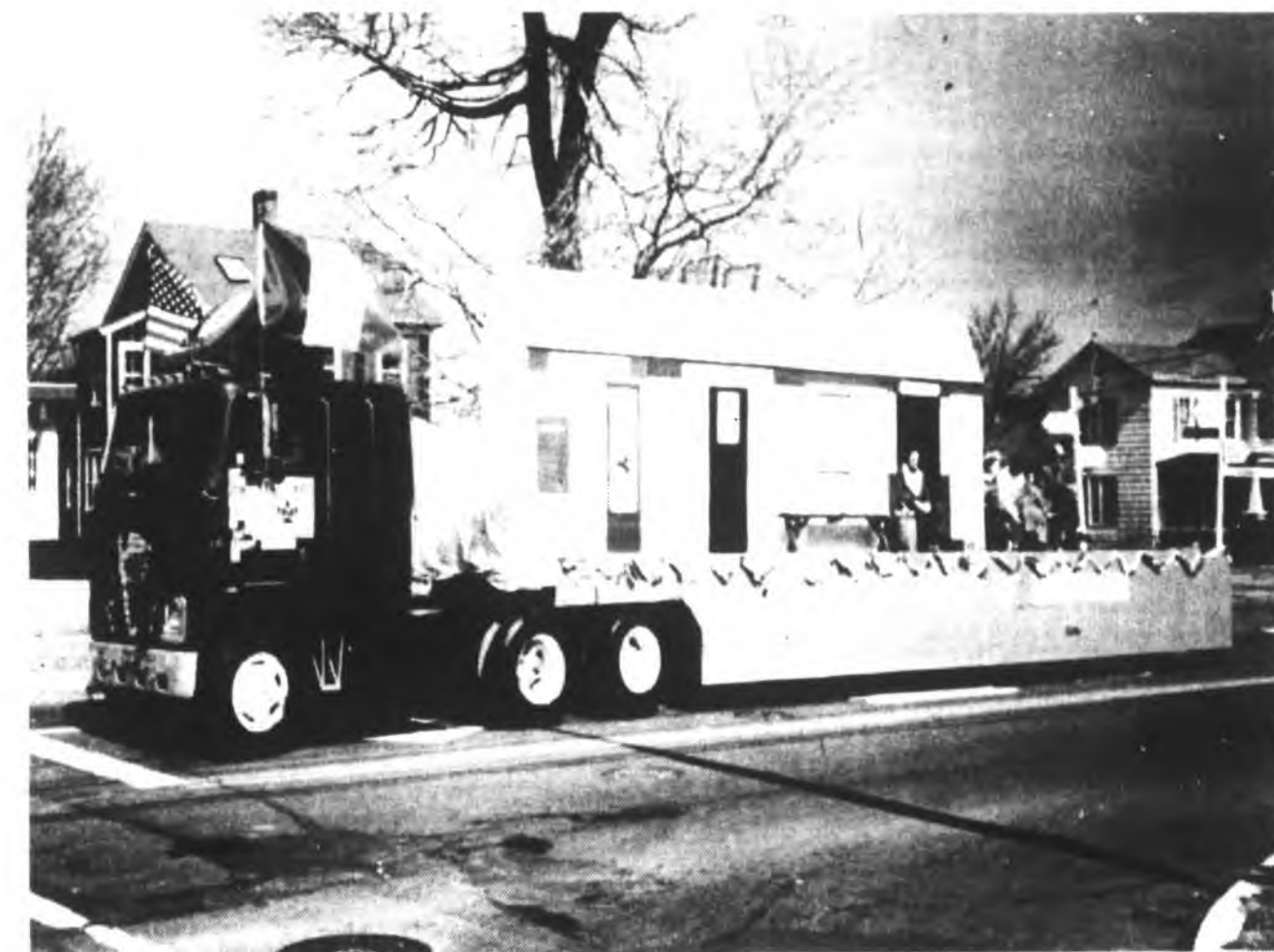
The British requisitioned all the larger buildings, which were the churches in most cases. The Presbyterian church on Queens Boulevard and Grand Avenue had its steeple sawed off, and it was then demolished for lumber to build huts. The Dutch Reformed church at the same place was turned into a powder magazine.

The Episcopal church survived because it was the king's church, and Loyalists and British personnel prayed for the king and the royal family at services. The Friend's Meeting House in Flushing was used successively as a prison, hospital, and hay magazine. For the farmers of Queens the hardest thing to bear was the thievery of the soldiers. Many a farmer kept a loaded gun in his house, and all outbuildings and barns were put under guard at night. There was a general sense of insecurity; no one knew at what hour some marauding soldiery might appear to plunder and perhaps murder. Instances of petty theft were almost innumerable — ducks, heifers, cows, corn, and potatoes. The civil courts were suspended during the occupation, and martial law prevailed as crime emanated to a great degree from the soldiery.

Although Generals Howe and Clinton had issued edicts against thievery, complaints against the soldiery by aggrieved farmers got nowhere, for the British screened their men and winked at the crime. Many residents preferred to have a British officer billeted in the house, for his presence deterred crime and his batman paraded up and down in front of the house with a loaded musket. An officer was required to pay twenty shillings a week for his board, which made his presence tolerable.

To guard Long Island from the raids of predatory Americans, the British raised a local militia of Loyalists and refugees commanded by general Oliver Delancey. Though nominally recruited to drive off hidden rebels and reestablish law and order, they had the reputation of being lawless and notorious thieves. The biggest threat to the British were the whaleboat men, Americans on the Connecticut shore who had commissions from the American commanders of New York and Connecticut to raid British vessels in the Sound. The number, boldness, and dexterity of these made them a formidable foe. They infested the bays and inlets, darted out and boarded market boats, and even cut off vessels in a convoy. On the shores of

STATE NEWS: New Jersey



WINNING FLOAT in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the New Jersey town of Bridgewater, Raritan and Somerville — a production of the AOH/LAOH St. Patrick's Division 1.

The AOH, LAOH, and the AOH Ceili Group of Somerset County, St. Patrick Division 1, received two awards in the recent Greater New Jersey St. Patrick's Day Parade held in the towns of Bridgewater, Raritan, and Somerville.

The AOH and LAOH received the Second Place Award for the Most Original Float in the Line of March category. The float depicted part of a small Irish village — a general store, pub, and post office. The 40-foot float bed was decorated with a green skirt and green-white-orange ribbons, as well as large white lettering that announced to all the parade watchers that the float was made by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. To make the float really complete in detail, the rear section featured wooden signposts — in both Gaelic and in English — indicating names and distances of prominent cities and places of interest in Ireland.

The AOH Ceili Group received the Parade Judges Merit Award for its presentation of traditional Irish dancing which was performed along the entire route of the parade, with a

Long Island they carted off British goods or seized noted loyalists to exchange for patriot prisoners.

Both Whig and Tory were indiscriminately plundered of their goods and money and tortured to reveal their wealth. A British guard ship was stationed off Riker's Island, and guards were posted on shore at Astoria and East Elmhurst to prevent landings and raids.

By 1782 it became obvious that American independence had been won. The Loyalists of Queens County who had lorded it over their neighbors sensed retribution. The British government designated the province of Nova Scotia as a refuge for Loyalists; to this asylum thousands of Loyalists from New York and other states flocked, the government providing free transportation. The British deliberately delayed evacuating troops from Queens until the Loyalists could be collected and embarked.

Late in 1783 the king's army marched along Woodside Avenue and the Brooklyn and Queens Expressway to Penny Bridge at Calvary Cemetery and then into Bushwick. Manhattan itself was evacuated on November 25, 1783. On December 8,

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special program for the Grand Marshal and other dignitaries in the reviewing stand.

The St. Patrick Divisions have a history of winning St. Patrick's Day parade awards, going back to 1984 when the Divisions first participated in the parades. The Divisions received the Best Irish Traditional Unit and Merit Award in 1985; placed First in the Best Appearing Float and Merit Award in the 1986 Somerville, Bridgewater, Raritan parades; and placed Second in the Senior Marching Unit Award in the 1987 Woodbridge, New Jersey parade.

Since 1984, the Ceili Group has been conducting traditional Irish ceili folk dance lessons at various skill levels, as well as seasonal ceili dances. Besides participating in parades, the AOH Ceili Group is very active in Irish cultural events both within and outside New Jersey.

Further, members of the Group have brightened the lives of the residents and staff at the Somerset County Nursing Home with their annual entertainment for St. Patrick's Day. Ceili dance lessons, by the way, are free; those of you who are interested in attending the ceili dance classes

should contact Dennis Smyth at (201) 968-6667.

The Hibernians are presently looking into sponsoring Gaelic language classes, as well as Step Dancing classes, for children in the Central Jersey Area.

The St. Patrick Division is also working in concert with the Irish Immigration Reform Movement to assist the "new Irish" (illegals) in whatever way is practicable.

A family style picnic (really more like a mini-Irish festival) is being planned for the Eagles Aerie Picnic Grove and Pavilion (off Route 28 in Bridgewater) on Sunday, August 28, from noon to 6:00 p.m. All those interested in attending this function should contact William T. Cooper at (201) 725-4190 or P. Joe Mulrooney at (201) 725-1956.

The respective officers of the Divisions are as follows:

President: Patrick J. Mulrooney and Jacqueline Bittles; Vice President: William T. Cooper and Bridget Lawn; Recording Secy: Peter J. O'Neill and Catherine Pasternak; Financial Secy: John L. Fitzmaurice and Jacqueline Bittles; Treasurer: John E. Hoey, Sr. and Barbara Cooper.

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Celtic Chair Endowment Increase Planned by AOH

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and The Catholic University of America have made plans to increase the endowment for CUA's AOH Chair in Celtic Languages and Literatures and to create an endowment for CUA's Center for Irish Studies, national AOH President Nicholas Murphy has announced.

Established in 1896 with a \$50,000 gift from the Hibernians, CUA's Celtic chair is an integral link in the study and understanding of Celtic culture and contributions. The campaign to increase the original endowment will help the work and services provided to the Irish community continue and grow.

The project is spearheaded by James J. O'Connor of Chevy Chase, Md., president emeritus of AOH's Emerald Isle Division in Washington, D.C. whose resolution to increase the endowment was passed at the Hibernians' convention in Albany in 1984.

James F. Moriarty, a Washington attorney and a CUA regent who hails from AOH's Elizabeth, N.J., division, and Robert Mahony, CUA's Center for Irish Studies director, coordinate the university's efforts.

James J. Herlihy of Virginia, an

AOH national director; Jerry Gorman, Virginia state Hibernians president; and Matthew J. Hannon, AOH District of Columbia board president, will also help organize the campaign.

The AOH and CUA commitment to Celtic culture and the fund-raising campaign will be discussed at the Hibernians' national convention in Cleveland in July. Funds will be solicited from AOH members nationally and from others, especially persons in the Irish-American community, who wish to maintain and foster Gaelic heritage.

The AOH Celtic Chair at CUA is the United States' oldest professorship devoted to the Irish language and literature and the history of Celtic Ireland. Since 1896, the chair has been supplemented at CUA by an extensive literary collection in these fields and by academic programs in Irish politics and economics and in Anglo-Irish literature.

With the campaign underway, prospects are bright that the Celtic chair, the centerpiece in CUA's longstanding commitment to Irish studies, will have a fitting endowment well before the chair's centennial in eight years.

British Justice Is Flawed

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UNDOING MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE

There is no adequate procedure for undoing miscarriages of justice. As is evident from the Birmingham pub bombings appeal, it has taken 13 years, an extraordinary development of international concern, 2 major television programmes and a book for them even to be afforded the opportunity to have the case looked at. Two years from the submission of new evidence elapsed before the Court of Appeal began to look at it. The Court of Appeal is a forum that has been heavily criticised (including by 2 senior law lords, Lords Devlin and Scarman) for its inability to undo clear cases of wrongful conviction, and its inability to respond to credible fresh evidence, either by ordering a retrial or quashing a conviction.

Other persons wrongfully convicted who have not achieved friends in high places are unlikely to ever have their cases looked at.

All observers at the Birmingham Appeal have been struck by the distaste expressed by the judges for evidence favourable to the appellants and the assistance afforded by them to prosecution witnesses in difficulties. This year is the first in which solicitors have ever asked for international observers at trials involving Irish suspects, and all have been shocked. Even and despite the

presence of distinguished observers at the Birmingham appeal, an Old Bailey court reporter stated that one of the court attendants asked if he had "any bananas and nuts for the animals in the dock."

The adverse judgement of the Appeal Court in the case of the Birmingham Six was negative. It was not couched in the sober words one would have expected from three experienced judges considering a case decided 13 years ago. It contained unmeasured tones of language of denunciation of witnesses and castigation of coolly presented scientific evidence, a certain fury, an absolutist exclusion of all grievances, a refusal to balance opinions against each other, indicating that this was a polemic like the second Philippic of Cicero against Anthony rather than the wisdom of Solomon or Solon. It was the British establishment defending itself against the "Croppie Boys".

POST CONVICTION

If convicted, the situation for Republican prisoners is far worse than for other prisoners in English prisons and is undoubtedly operated in a discriminatory way. There is a basic principle (embodied in the Prison Rules) that prisoners should be encouraged to maintain long term contacts with their families and if possible should be housed in prisons near to those families.

Despite the fact that English prisons are desperately overcrowded and there is at least one new prison in the North of Ireland, purpose-built for high security cases, there is no movement whatsoever of Republican prisoners to prisons near their families. All the family circumstances we have investigated are impoverished. Each family is doomed to the prospect of travelling for many years (up to 35 years in some cases) to visit their husband/Father/brother. For children the prospect of bus/ferry/bus/train/bus to visit a prison is a daunting affair. For example, one boy (now 15) who had visited his father for 13 years in English prisons is clearly affected in his upbringing. During visits to his father members of his family have regularly been detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. One has been excluded from the UK in consequence.

Every family of every Republican prisoner has had members detained under the PTA, stopped and questioned, arrested and questioned, imprisoned and excluded. Every family travels in dread of this happening. Mothers have had to take legal advice about the legitimacy of threats handed out by police at ports that their children will be taken into care.

In the case mentioned above, the boy's father has been moved from prison to prison 60 times in 13 years. No sooner than the family discovers how to visit one prison, than he is moved again. Most Republican prisoners are subject to this. In several cases, where an impending family visit has been known about by the prison in advance, the prisoner has been moved DURING the visit (prison officers coming into the room and telling the family that the visit was being interrupted). For 2 days the family, who had come at great cost on a once yearly visit, could not discover that their relative had been moved to a prison at the other end of the country.

Nor is there available to prisoners the possibility afforded to all English prisoners of "accumulated visits" whereby they can once a year be moved to a prison near their home so visits can be had all in one go.

Visits in prison are known as "Irish visits" distinct from all other prisoners with prison wardens sitting in such close proximity that there is no possibility of personal dignity or privacy. Men are not allowed in a number of prisons to touch their families and special barriers have been constructed so they sit at a distance. Many children have developed behavioural problems.

There is only state benefit to assist travel in the North of Ireland for wives and children; families of prisoners without these get no assistance and families in the Republic of Ireland get no state assistance.

English families tend to visit their families twice a month, or enjoy accumulated visits. Irish families can afford only occasional contact because of the cost and travel involved. Were most of Irish prisoners to be housed in Long Kesh or Maghaberry prisons, families (especially from Belfast or nearby) could visit once a week.

There is no doubt that this whole procedure is operated in a way that is discriminating on the basis of

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British Exposed Again Chronology of Minnesota MacBride Principles Bill

February 4, 1987 — Senator Jerome Hughes and Representative Rick O'Connor introduced 'The Northern Ireland Investment Bill' (SF 722 and HF 453) into the Minnesota State Legislature.

October 8, 1987 — A Legislative Luncheon was held at the St. Paul Athletic Club with all senators and representatives and staff members invited. Guest speaker was Oliver Kearney, Secretary of The Fair Employment Trust in Northern Ireland. Kearney was on his third American Tour (all organized and sponsored by the American Irish PEC) testifying before State legislatures for passage of MacBride Principles. Each time he came on his own vacation time at the expense of American Irish. For this he was fired — he dared to question British policy in Northern Ireland that promotes and protects discriminatory practices.

During these months up to the opening of the Session on February 8th, several people were actively visiting legislators — mainly Bill Gleason, Thomond O'Brien, Leo Cullen, many more were calling and writing letters. The British were also busy. James Eccles, a member of the British agency, FEA, appeared in town, visited the legislature and news personalities, namely a Tony Morely of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and John Finnegan of the *St. Paul paper*. Mr. Eccles is a used car dealer in Northern Ireland. The results of his last visit showed up in an editorial in the February 15th issue of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. The following day, another blast came from Roger Carrick, British Consul General in Chicago, reminding Americans of their great debt to England.

February 16th and 17th — The House Governmental Operations Committee heard testimony pro and con. Testifying for were: Father Sean McManus of the Irish National Caucus, Councilman Bill Wilson of St. Paul, State of Minnesota Treasurer, Mike McGrath, Dr. Charles McCafferty, St. Paul Psychiatrist and native of Derry, NI, Bill Gleason, Joe Roche, past National President, AOH, and Pat Doherty, Administrative Aide to Harrison Goldin, Comptroller General of New York City.

March 11th — It was announced that the British realized that their message was not being accepted — Carolyn Craycroft, vice-consul from Chicago and the entourage brought at British taxpayers expense were failing, so they resorted to hiring a lobbying firm. After three turn-downs by D.J. Leary; the Kelm brothers; and Larry Redman, the British were able to lure the company of O'Connor & Hannan for a fee of \$100,000.00. It is understood

Did you Know?

IRISH MUSIC

Did you know that many songs which are considered to be of Irish origin were really written right here in America? When young America had no native music of her own, she borrowed many tunes from Ireland such as *The Girl I Left Behind Me*, which was used as a colonial fife tune, a popular stage song, a square dance tune, and a song of farewell used by western pioneers and at military departures. It is played at graduation ceremonies at West Point to this day.

The favor was soon returned and a good number of Irish tunes were written in America and became popular in Ireland, such as: *Take Me Home Again Kathleen* (1876), *Rose of Killarney* (1876), *Sweet Rosie O'Grady* (1896), *My Wild Irish Rose* (1899), *Where the River Shannon Flows* (1905), *Harrigan* (1907), *Mother Machree* (1910), *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* (1912), *Too Ra Loo Ra Looal* (1914), *A Little Bit of Heaven* (1914), *Eileen Alanna* (1917), *That Old Irish Mother of Mine* (1920), *Glocca Morra* (1946), *Galway Bay* (194), *Christmas in Killarney* (1950), to name just a few.

Written by Americans, Irish Americans, and Irish who came to this land still dreaming of the land of their birth, they are part of a tradition that extends to this day. Johny Cash's *Forty Shades of Green*, Tommy Makem's *Four Green Fields*, and many other new compositions give a healthy indication that Irish tunes will continue to be written here and sent to Ireland in return for her lovely songs and in grateful appreciation of the rich musical heritage that she has given, not only to America, but to the world.

That several Irish pooled their resources and sent thirty pieces of silver to O'Connor.

March 17th — St. Patrick did not fail his people on this day. In the morning, the sub- and the whole Rules committee met. Again, Senator Hughes was victorious over Senator Moe and the Bill was easily voted out of committee. In the afternoon, the final vote was taken in the House of Representatives and passed 82-34.

(Taken from *Hibernian Life*.)

Questions and Answers About Northern Ireland

What is this fighting in Northern Ireland about? For 800 years Britain has ruled part or all of Ireland brutally, causing the deaths and exile of millions. Resistance was constant and by 1922 the Irish Republican Army had freed 26 of Ireland's counties. Britain held on to 6 in the northeast where it had sent loyal English and Lowland Anglo-Scottish Protestants to displace the Gaelic Irish Catholics centuries before. This Loyalist or Unionist majority set up a police state similar to South Africa in which the Catholic Irish were deprived of basic rights, kept in poverty and killed. A peaceful civil rights movement was met by Loyalist violence and when the Irish Nationalists reacted the British Army intervened, allegedly to restore peace but actually (leaders later admitted) to stabilize the government and keep the state part of the United Kingdom. The Crown forces' record has included imprisoning thousands of people without fair trials and the use of torture. The IRA was resurrected initially to defend Nationalist neighborhoods but now all Nationalists recognize that there will only be lasting peace and justice when Britain ends this occupation of its first and last colony.

Won't the recent Anglo-Irish treaty improve things? Since it was negotiated against the will of the Loyalists, who threaten violence to disrupt implementation and since it ignores the desire of the Nationalists for a reunited Ireland it obviously will not bring peace. It only gives the Irish government the "right to make suggestions" for reforms, most of which have been rejected before, a powerless role which will not solve problems like the nearly 40% unemployment rate among Catholics. Britain's primary reasons for negotiating the treaty were to get Irish taxpayers to help more with the cost of its occupation and to qualify for up to half a billion dollars in U.S. aid by giving the appearance of reform. The pressure to do something, however cosmetic, was brought about by the IRA and the Republic (Nationalist) political party Sinn Féin ("shin fane").

Why does Britain stay in the North if it is so costly? It does not maintain nearly 30,000 security personnel (about the same number for 10 years) because it is trying to separate "warring factions," as it often asserts, since Crown actions have been primarily against Nationalists who have never desired conflict with their Loyalist neighbors. The real reasons range from access to cheap labor for British industry and to the best U.K. port at Belfast to the security for its west flank which Northern Ireland provides. Most important is national pride and not wanting to stir nationalism among the Welsh and Scots by giving the Irish freedom. However, despite censorship preventing them from understanding the situation, 75% of the British want to withdraw from Ireland.

Shouldn't the will of the majority in the North determine if there should be reunification? The so-called majority in the Six Counties (two of which have national majorities) is artificial, cut out from the province of Ulster's 9 counties when the results of the last all-Ireland election (1918) calling for a free and united island were rejected by England. The Loyalists were then allowed to manipulate this gerrymandered statelet so that Nationalists were deprived of even proportional power. Britain recognized the fact that the Loyalists are not rational or responsible enough on the question of relations with the Nationalists to be allowed to decide policy, which is why Britain instituted direct rule and negotiated the recent treaty against the will of Loyalists. Although the Catholic birthrate is higher (they make up 42% of the population and 52% of schoolchildren) majority status will not be reached because 70% of emigrants from the area are Catholic.

Wouldn't there be more violence if Britain withdrew? There would be no less security because British troops would be replaced by Irish or U.N. forces. Nationalists would certainly cause no violence after achieving freedom. Loyalists would try to prevent reunification but violence would fade after the fact because there would be nothing for it to feed on since Loyalism thrives on what it would be like to live among a Catholic majority as equals. Those not content with the reunited and secularized Irish state could maintain dual citizenship with Britain or leave altogether. Whatever the risks to Irish Nationalists they should be allowed the choice to take them.

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Monsignor Fink, a zealous student of the historical scene, cites an example of apparent neglect of Barry's exploits. At the Pan American Exposition of 1901 the

guest speaker, Captain Richard Hobson, mentioned "a long line of majestic figures whose very names are an inspiration" (the naval history of the Revolutionary War). But in giving the names of twenty-one of those "majestic figures," did not include John Barry — the "Father of the American Navy."

Besides his heroics on the sea (winner of the first and last official battles of the war) and land (the crossing of the Delaware and the

Battle of Trenton) and diplomacy (Barry carried back from France six million dollars from the government and French clergy for the completely depleted treasury of the rebel colonists), we must also cite his work in helping legislate the Constitution successfully.

In 1787, from June until September, Barry actively promoted the ratification of the Constitution in his home state of Pennsylvania. He even led a group of "compellers" in

visitations of lethargic assembly members to drum them into the legislative assembly for the crucial vote. When the group finally elected for the Constitution, Philadelphia erupted into a chorus of cheers and ringing bells.

Admiral Morrison in his papers called Barry "the most popular Captain in the Navy." Washington went one step further; he gave him the first official commission in the nation's navy — a singular honor.

THE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA

To John Barry

I GEORGE WASHINGTON, President of the United States *reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism Valour Fidelity and Militia have nominated and by and with the Advice and Consent of the SENATE, appointed you Captain in the NAVY of the UNITED STATES, and Commander of the FRIGATE called UNITED STATES, to take Rank from The Fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety four. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Captain and Commander by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I strictly charge and require all Officers, Marines, and Seamen under your command to be obedient to your Orders as Captain and Commander. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from the President of the United States, or any superior Officer set over you, according to the rules and discipline of War, and the usage of the Sea. THIS COMMISSION to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States*

By the President

James M. Henry
Secretary of War

Given under my hand at Philadelphia, the Twenty second day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States the Twenty first

G. Washington

STATE NEWS: Connecticut



THE NEWLY ELECTED president of the New London Division, shown at right in both photos, is congratulated by National Director Frank Kearney, installing officer, who is handing him the symbol of his office; and in the photo at right, Hanley is congratulated by outgoing president, Ernest "Doc" Muehlberger at the division's installation dance.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Baseball — Somebody once said, "Baseball has been very, very good to me." This may be true. It may also be true for Billy Martin. As you must know by now, Billy didn't last even until the All-Star break as manager of the New York Yankees. George Steinbrenner let him go after the fracas in the topless joint in Texas and when the umpires more or less ganged up on Billy. Believe it or not, Martin ended up around Binghamton doing a little relaxing and a lot of fishing, compliments of Mike Klepper, a local who runs a truck leasing firm in Binghamton. His family and Martin's family are close, due to show horses.

Speaking of the Yank's owner, who has his business headquarters in Cleveland, he was quite critical of the Yankees who played in the All-Star Game in Cincinnati. He singled out Winfield and said he was too busy with his off-the-field commitments instead of paying attention to playing ball. Don Mattingly and Ricky Henderson were the other Yankees who received public denunciations by their boss. Oh well, when the boss is paying you that kind of money, he can say whatever his little heart desires. The rest of us will hear from our bosses about not being productive enough for a lot less!

All-Star Game — YR doesn't know what some reporters were looking for during the All-Star Game. It wasn't a slug fest. It wasn't a no-hitter. It was a good ballgame. There were a lot of ground balls. There was some great defense. There was some not-so-hot defense. ABC did some overkill with their interviews during the game. Outside of that it was a lovely way to spend a Tuesday

evening. Al won, by the way.

Job Security — This doesn't seem to be part of a manager's contract. Managers have been getting the heave-ho this year quickly. The latest, as of the day this is being written, is John McNamara of the Boston Red Sox. McNamara was in a win-or-else position. The Red Sox had to be near the top and they weren't. You can't fire the whole club. Ergo, you get rid of the manager. It could be related to the sacrificial lamb theory. YR wonders, "Does this make Billy Martin and John McNamara eligible for unemployment benefits?"

Wrestling — Chris Cody, son of Leo and Mary Cody of Binghamton, who keeps winning all sorts of tournaments against international competition, is going to Colorado. Chris will be there trying to make the Olympic wrestling team. In his last time out in Atlanta, Chris was the object of poor officiating. He was disqualified. The first time ever for Chris. Now, he faces the uphill battle to make the team. Good luck, Chris. All your fans from Div 1-Broome County will be pulling for you.

Tour De France — Is without last year's winner Stephen Roche of Ireland. Roche injured himself prior to this race(?) and had to withdraw. YR is watching the Americans and the Canadians to see how well they do. Bicycle racing is big in Europe. It hasn't yet made an impact on the States, except for a few die-hards and few locations.

Golf — The Big News in golf concerns the U.S. Open which was held outside of Boston. This should have been just another prestigious tournament. It wasn't. *Golf Digest* had their special edition which featured

many articles about the U.S. Open. One of these articles was written by an Englishman, a free-lance writer. This short article included every hackneyed, trite and misconstrued stereotype about Irish. Supposedly he wrote it as humor. The only humor about it was that he got paid for it. YR didn't see the article until after the fact. The Associated Press picked up the story about the protest by the Mayor of Boston, Ray Flynn and the Archbishop, Bernard Cardinal Law. YR checked it out. These are the facts:

Golf Digest did hire the guy. The guy wrote the article. Then the *Boston Globe* picked the article to be included in an advertising supplement on the U.S. Open. The *Boston Globe* maintained that it didn't hire the guy to write it; were ignorant of what the article contained. They also maintained they could not pull the 200,000 supplements that it was in off the streets. The *Golf Digest* is owned by the New York Times Company. YR wrote to each of these publications saying as how the AP had picked the story up, that now it was necessary to apologize to the other Irishmen and women in the U.S., especially the AOH. The *Boston Globe* sent a reply that rehearsed their stand, that they just purchased the article, that's all. They were not guilty of anything. It was all the *Golf Digest's* fault. The New York Times Company sent a very nice letter, apologizing for one of their publications using such a derogatory article against the Irish or any ethnic group. In this letter, the New York Times Company spelled out the steps being taken to correct this article and to make amends for poor judgement. Overall, YR was impressed by the New York Times Company, unimpressed by the *Boston Globe*. The *Golf Digest* did not reply to YR's letter. There are those who are sure enough of their position that they will admit that a mistake has been made and apologize for it and take steps to see it doesn't happen again. There are others who like Pontius Pilate wash their hands

of the whole thing. Then there are those who think if you ignore it the problem will go away. So fans, draw your conclusions.

Nota Bene — The NBA 1987-88 season is over. The LA Lakers won the title. The championship play-offs were played or perhaps we should say this championship series finally

ended in June. Practice begins in August. Enjoy the time off. All YR can say to this is, "Deo Gratias, Alleluia!"

The End Of The Game — That's it for this edition. Until the next time on the sidelines, send those cards and letters to PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

What It Means To Be Irish

JEFF DAVIS

Binghamton, N.Y., Columnist

Stepping into Mike Heslin's kitchen is akin to gaining entry to Irish-American consciousness. Mixed with the humor and the gab is a healthy measure of passion and a profound understanding of pain.

Michael P. Heslin, 42 Whitney Ave., Binghamton, is a dedicated Hibernian. Heavily involved with Broome County's Ancient Order of Hibernians, Heslin writes for the *National Hibernian Digest* and has written for the *Irish Echo*, a major Irish-American weekly newspaper published in New York.

As St. Patrick's Day approached this week, I asked Heslin and his wife, Sheila, if we could meet to discuss what it means to be Irish.

Before the Tuesday evening session concluded, there had been a Pat-and-Mike story, a reference or two to the Bishop and some sobering talk about the English government's often brutal handling of the Ulster tinderbox.

"You have the same problem in the Middle East," Heslin said of the conflict in Northern Ireland, "only they get better television coverage."

Heslin said the British government encourages the simplistic notion that the troubles in Ireland are rooted in a centuries-old religious war. That pat approach obscures the economic ramifications of the conflict between Protestants and Catholics, he said. It also encourages a resignation to hopelessness.

"There is a history of job discrimination that goes back 400 years," Heslin said. "I know a man who came here from the North because he couldn't get work there as an electrician. He is Catholic, and each time he went for a job he was told, 'You can have a job as long as your father and grandfather held it before you.' Of course, there's no way that can happen for a Catholic."

"Also, the South doesn't want to take in the six counties of Ulster because of economic problems," Heslin added. "There are plenty of economic difficulties in the Irish Republic, too."

Because of those difficulties, he said the United States is faced with a serious Irish immigrant problem. Skilled Irish workers are making their way to the U.S. illegally to live and work here.

"We're not talking about cheap labor," Heslin said. "It's intelligent labor, but not necessarily legal labor. It seems to be Ireland's biggest export at this time."

As the conversation drifted on, it acquired an increasingly local flavor, which went well with the coffee Sheila Heslin was serving. Sheila said her heritage is Irish and German, in a 50-50 split. But, she added, her family tells her she got all the green genes in the pool.

On Tuesday, the Heslin home was still jammed with the remains of last Saturday's AOH-sponsored St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Binghamton.

With bright sunshine, warm tem-

peratures and a record crowd that Heslin estimated at 55,000 people, the Hibernians' parade was a success by anyone's standards.

Heslin said the parade was the city's 21st, and he saw it as a symbol of community for Irish-Americans in Broome County.

"My father was born in County Cavan, which once was part of Ulster," he said. "And my mother came from Clare, way down in the south. They met over here, got married and raised eight kids."

"My father came over here in the early 1920s. The Royal Ulster Constabulary barracks burned down, and the next day he was on his way to America."

"When I was growing up in Binghamton, I was brought up in a very Irish family. But there were no parades or anything like that. It was nice to see the parade Saturday. It makes you feel like we're part of the community."

Heslin graduated from Binghamton's St. Patrick's School in 1954. Employed by Universal Instruments Corp., he is bespectacled; his thinning hair is tousled and gray.

During his youth, Heslin said, Binghamton's Irish-American population tended to be self-contained in neighborhood enclaves, like The Patch on Binghamton's East Side.

"You're in the Patch now," he said as the talk returned to what it means to be Irish. There was a twinkle in Sheila Heslin's eye as her husband handed a visitor a photocopy of a scroll written in Old English text. The scroll, which was given to Heslin by a representative of the Irish government, said:

"I do not choose to be a common man."

"It is my right to be uncommon — if I can. I seek opportunity — not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me."

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"I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat."

"It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, 'This I have done.'"

"All this is what it means to be Irish."

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British Justice Is Flawed

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political belief and national origin. By doing this it breaches the European Convention on Human Rights which guarantees a right to family life (article 8) without discrimination (article 14). Republican prisoners are retained here as Rudolph Hess figures for political purposes.

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DANGER IN PRISON

Injury and abuse to Irish prisoners (including the Birmingham and Guildford defendants) within prison is considerably documented. Others have been held in extended (almost limitless) conditions of sensory deprivation — solitary confinement, causing physical (ear and eye injury) and mental damage.

POST SENTENCING DIFFERENCES

A form of re-sentencing (effectively retrospective legislation) has been taking place in the past 3 years whereby prisoners serving discretionary life sentences (not for murder) have been told they cannot expect to be considered for release before they have served a minimum of 20 years.

In the case of the man referred to above (moved 60 times) this has led to absurd discrepancies as between co-defendants (4 were the last prisoners to be transferred to prisons in the North in 1976). What is clear is that totally different principles apply where a person has been convicted.

American Revolution

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1783, there was a huge patriotic celebration at Jamaica Avenue and Parsons Boulevard, Jamaica, attended by all the Whigs in the county. Smaller festivities occurred at Dutch Kills and Astoria; thirteen candles were placed in every window in honor of the new thirteen-state nation.

The physical damage produced by the Revolution took years to heal — houses delapidated, fences destroyed, acres of timber cut — but the social damage was even greater — families split by divided loyalties and neighbor set against neighbor. Feeling ran so high against active Loyalists that many could not return for years; often death alone put an end to the alienations and enmities of the war years.

This proclamation of the Commander-in-chief of the British forces in Queens, General William Howe, promised to all Loyalists protection of person and property. The Loyalists wore red ribbons around their hats to indicate their disapproval of the rebellion and their faithfulness to king and country.

PROCLAMATION

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Government Bail Doesn't Work in Northern Ireland or Here!

"By Dawn's Early Light" War of 1812

By HARRY MCGUIRK

The Empire Builders of England had made a decision to return America to its previous status as a colony under the British crown. King George of England sent his powerful navy to harass American shipping to cripple the economy of the new republic.

Patriotic Americans who were anxious to build a powerful defense force of land and sea forces were called "hawks."

There was apathy in government under President Madison. History books record the nation's capital was

ted of a terrorist offence to normal penal procedures.

CONCLUSION

In all, at every stage, concrete evidence exists to show that Irish suspects charged with "terrorist" offences enjoy a totally different prospect in relation to detention, trial and sentence from any other suspects. One would not want to suggest that the system of justice in England is any other than deeply flawed. There is no constitution, no proper safeguards for suspects, the announcement of the abolition of the right to silence, and an increasing attribution of those rights that exist. In that general context the worsened situation of Irish suspects is even more worrying. One can guarantee miscarriages of justice now that extradition has been implemented.

not defended. Worse still there was open treachery. Three New England states, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts, decided to discuss secession from the United States and make a separate pact with England. This was called the Hartford Convention.

This young nation was demoralized by the success of British expeditionary forces which captured Washington, D.C., and burned the city including the White House.

The young American navy restored morale to patriot citizens. Three American frigates, the Constitution, the President and the United States, were fast and threw a strong broadside. On August 19, 1812 the British frigate Guerriere had an encounter with the Constitution about six hundred miles out from Boston. British canon balls bounced harmlessly off the famous American warship; but the British ship was left a pile of timberwood.

The Constitution was forever to be known as "Old Ironsides." Just three days before this happened, on August 16, 1812, American General William Hull surrendered his army to the British. After many a debacle on the land, the Battle of New Orleans saw a massacre of British redcoats. They suffered over 2000 casualties. The slain British commander-in-chief, Sir Edward Pakenham, was shipped back to England in a cask of rum (to preserve his body). Weeks after this fierce battle both sides heard of the truce which had been signed, the Treaty of Ghent.

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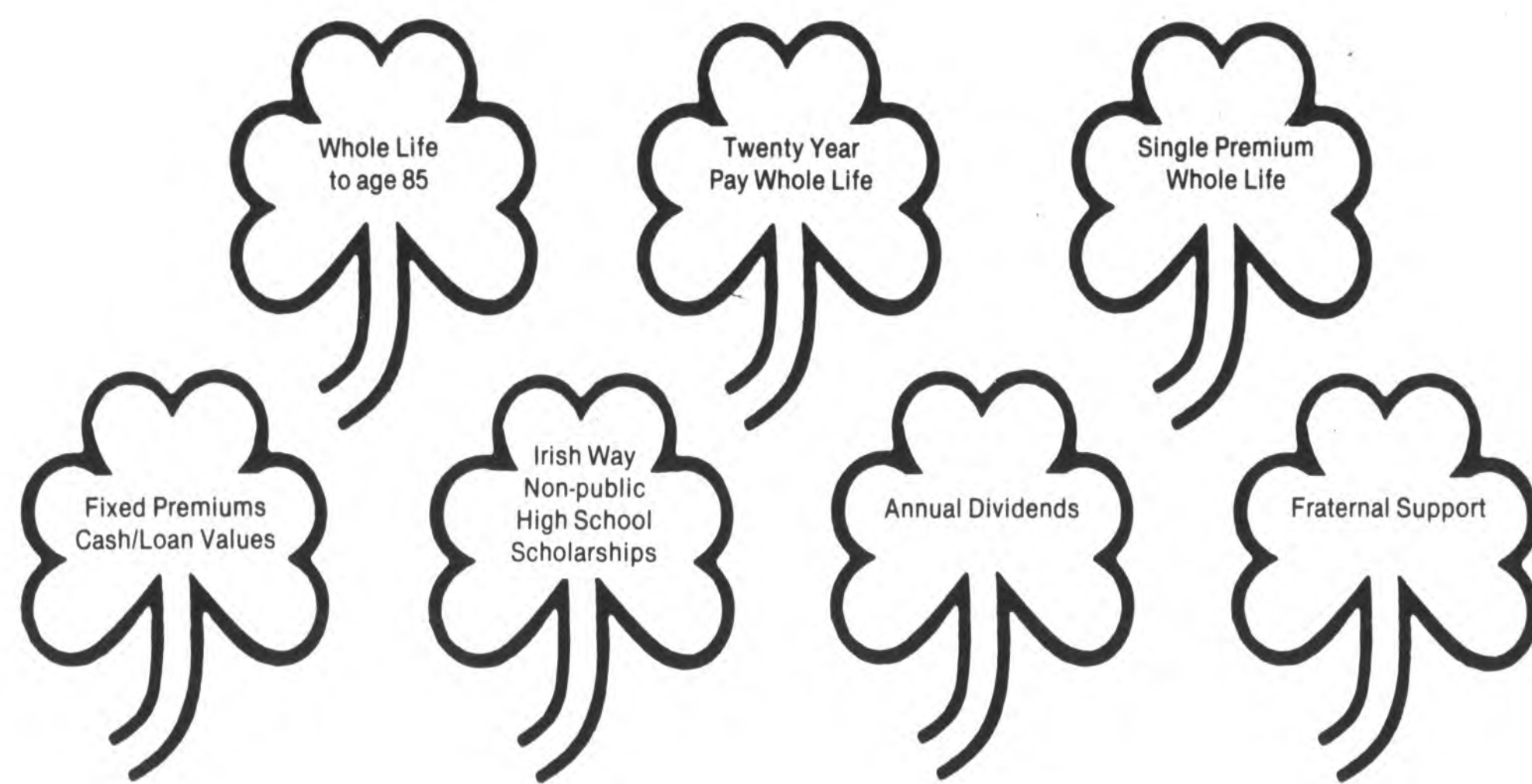
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Bride Bill Gaining Momentum

NEW YORK: Activities of the three largest New York City pension funds demonstrate that American companies continue to resist equality in employment in Northern Ireland. New York City Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin states.

Acting on behalf of the New York City Employees Retirement System, the Teachers Retirement System and the Police Pension Fund, this spring Mr. Goldin submitted a record number of shareholder resolutions calling on corporations for the adoption of the MacBride Principles, a set of equal opportunity guidelines for American companies with facilities in Northern Ireland.

Shareholder support for pro-MacBride resolutions averaged 7.7% significantly more than obtains for most stockholder initiatives opposed by management. The Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal agency which monitors shareholder actions, considers votes that exceed 3% are significant, Mr. Goldin noted.

Although no American firms that operate in Northern Ireland have yet endorsed the MacBride Principles publicly, with many fearing reprisals by the British government, a number are making changes called for by MacBride.

"I hope our 1988 shareholder activity will help keep the pressure on the Thatcher government to put teeth into her government's pitifully weak anti-discrimination program in Northern Ireland," Mr. Goldin said.

The dollar value of the shares that voted for the MacBride Principles resolutions in 1988 was nearly \$4 billion. Eleven religious groups affiliated with the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, as well as the New York State Retirement System, joined the City pension systems in sponsoring the resolutions.

Support for the MacBride Principles is growing in legislatures

around the country, the Comptroller said. On the local level last year Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Delaware, joined New York City in adopting the MacBride Principles as part of their official investment policy. Also last year, Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania joined New York State in mandating that official investment policy recognize the MacBride Principles. Previously, Florida, Minnesota, Illinois and Maine also became MacBride states. Legislation mandating that investments adhere to the MacBride Principles is pending in eleven other states.

Irish Immigration Issue Amidst Crisis

On March 15, 1988 the Kennedy/Simpson Bill (S.2104) passed the Senate by a vote of 88-4. The Kennedy/Simpson Bill, which is by no means an Irish Bill, would provide some alleviation to the Irish immigration crisis.

On June 22 hearings were held by the Immigration Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives. At these hearings several immigration bills pending in the House were discussed and testimony was heard from key players in the immigration campaign, namely Representatives Brian Donnelly (D-MA) and Joe

DioGuardi (R-NY).

It was hoped by the Irish Immigration Reform Movement (I.I.R.M.) and the AOH representatives on the I.I.W.C.'s, namely Nick Murphy and Jack Irwin, New York, and Jack Meehan, Boston, and other Irish American organizations that companion legislation to S.2104 would emerge from these hearings. Such was not the case. It is the opinion of the I.I.R.M. observers at the hearings that little progress was made.

Up to Thursday, July 28th, little seemed to have been happening. On

that date Congressman Rodino, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, introduced a favorable immigration bill, H.R. 5115, entitled *Legal Immigration Amendments of 1988*.

An analysis of H.R. 5115 manifests that it contains provisions favorable to Irish immigrants. It creates a new independent category with 150,000 annual visas encompassing three categories of immigrants.

- (1) Those of exceptional ability and members of the professions: 50,000.
- (2) Skilled and unskilled workers.

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CONVENTION BANQUET at the 84th Biennial AOH National Convention was a gala affair — see Picture story on pages 14 and 15 for highlights of the well-attended gathering of the Order's brothers and sisters and friends.

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Boeing and Lockheed to pressure their British subcontractors in Northern Ireland, Shorts' and GEC PLC, to end discrimination against Catholics.

Finally, the shareholder resolution filed with Ford sought outside independent monitoring of its recently adopted fair employment code.

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Exclusive to Hibernian Digest

Interview with Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein and Member of British Parliament

Conducted by SCOTT S. SMITH

What led to your involvement in the movement to end the British presence in Ireland?

I grew up in Belfast when polarization was peaceful but when I was at college I encountered my first experience with repression when the British paramilitary force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, attacked a Sinn Fein headquarters. I was slowly led into the civil rights movement, based largely on that of blacks in the United States at that time in the late 1960s, to end discrimination against Catholics and to gain voting rights. The civil rights struggle led to a violent reaction against it, even though it was non-violent, because the British state could not concede the demands, and that commenced the struggle for national liberation. The British army were rushed to the streets to prevent the state from collapsing in 1969 and the stage was set. The conflict has been between those who want to see full sovereignty for the Irish people and those who oppose it.

Passive resistance was effective in India against the British. Why was non-violent direct action abandoned in Ireland and do you see its revival in the '88 committees?

Civil disobedience here is on-going in that republicans have removed their consent to be governed by the British state, as expressed by, for example, voting for Sinn Fein or refusing to answer questions put to them by British soldiers. The armed struggle is just a manifestation of British militarization of the situation and the British occupation force makes purely non-militant efforts unlikely to be effective. If there were a way to develop an unarmed struggle, republicans would be for that — we did not bring the gun into the political situation. The 68 Committees

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Thanks, Mario

Dear Mario:

Twenty years ago the British government rolled tanks into Derry and Belfast in an effort to crush the civil rights movement through a systematic oppression befitting the Nazi's in Poland or the Russians in Hungary. Amongst America's nationally elected officials yours was the first — and for a long time the only voice — consistently raised against this tyranny.

What was at first a fair and politic thing for you to do, soon became a moral obligation; it was a matter of conscience to speak against British violence. Your courage and that of those who followed your leadership in the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs brought the British war machine to a grinding halt as Americans demanded answers to your probing questions. There are few Congressmen in my lifetime who stood tall and firm against the pin-stripe crowd at Foggy Bottom and said no to placing .357 magnums in the hands of the most discredited police force in Europe — the Royal Ulster Constabulary. There are many in the six occupied Irish counties who owe their very lives to you and the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee, who rightfully demanded that the other side of this conflict be placed before a free people for all to see and judge.

Throughout your tenure in Congress and as a true Irish-American leader, you have been vilified by the British propaganda machine and slandered for speaking the truth about British misrule in Ireland. This is perhaps your most enduring legacy to Americans who want an end to this conflict and to the British troops that prompt it. Many elected officials pushed out their St. Patrick's Day statements and were never heard from again and still others — most notably those with Irish names — would tiptoe on the condemnation chorus line without ever asking for American resolve to intervene. You, Mario, were there from Bloody Sunday, pricking the American conscience and drawing the lightning of British arrogance and hatred. In the words of Padraig Pearse "you were faithful and you fought."

God Bless you for your dedicated service to the people of Ireland. Until

President's Message

Teachtaineacht an Uachtaráin

By Michael J. Coogan, National President

At our national convention held in Cleveland, I was elected your National President. I wish to thank all the delegates for their faith in my ability to lead the order for the next two years.

I would also like to thank the Hibernians in Cleveland for the tremendous job they did in hosting the convention, the first held in Ohio in 104 years.

As a national organization, we must set goals which will be responsive both to the demands of a modern world and to the needs of our own members, who look to our organization as the foremost leader within the Irish-American community.

The first order of business of a new administration is the appointing and assigning of duties to members who will constitute the National Board. This has been accomplished and you will find their names listed elsewhere in this issue. I have instructed them to work and cooperate with all state, county and division officers. I request all state, county and division officers to give your fullest cooperation to the National Board. Only by working together can we accomplish our goals.

There are now an estimated 100,000 illegal Irish aliens in the United States. They come here fleeing political unrest and violence in the north and economic depression and unemployment in the south, seeking refuge in the United States as did our forefathers. Yet these young, well educated, well motivated emigrants have been denied legal entrance to our country because United States current immigration policy is restrictive and, in its very nature, anti-Irish.

A favorable immigration bill, HR 5115, entitled "Legal Immigration Amendment of 1988," introduced by Congressman Rodino of New Jersey, and co-sponsored by Congressman

the final chapter of British occupation in Ireland is written, the name of Mario Biaggi will remain in our prayers for good health, and a long life, and in our hearts filled with gratitude for a job well done.

Michael Coogan
National President

Romona Mazzoli of Kentucky, contains provisions favorable to the Irish immigrant.

Your new National Director, Jack Irwin, whom I have appointed National Chairman of Immigration, urges all members to support this important piece of legislation. Call or write your district congressman; ask for his support of HR 5115 "Legal Immigration Amendment of 1988."

Since 1836 when the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded, it has supported all efforts for an independent and free Ireland of 32 counties. We will continue this effort and I remind you that Ireland has but one enemy — the Government of England. I urge all members to support Martin Higgins, your National Chairman for the Freedom of all Ireland Committee.

One of the duties of this committee is raising funds to support families in Ireland in need of financial aid. I ask each division to hold one or two fund-raisers a year with all proceeds going to this worthy cause. Also we need your support in helping to secure the passage of the MacBride Principles. Past National President and Chairman of the Political Education Committee Joe Roche will welcome all your support in this effort.

Membership is the life-blood of all organizations. Under the energetic leadership of Tom Gilligan, your new National Organizer, we are looking for a net increase of 20 percent in membership over the next two years. Tom cannot do it alone. He needs the help of all state, county and division membership chairmen, along with the support of all members.

I have named National Director John McInerney Retention Chairman. His duties will be to contact all divisions and members who are behind in their assessment and dues; try to determine why they are losing interest in the Order and what corrections are needed to revive and keep their interest.

In future issues, I will highlight the work and needs of other committees on our National Board. Please pray that Ireland will soon become a 32-county, free Irish Republic. Because until then, there will be no peace.



NATIONAL OFFICERS are installed at the AOH National Convention Banquet in Cleveland, Ohio, the evening of Thursday, July 28. From center is National President Michael Coogan, with Deputy National Chaplains, Rev. Michael Healy at left and Rev. Donald O'Carroll, at right. Second row, National Directors William Hynes, Texas; Kevin Reynolds, Ohio; Thomas Gilligan, Florida; Jack Irwin, New York; and John McInerney, Michigan. Back row, partly hidden, National Vice President Michael Carroll; National Secretary Thomas McNabb; and National Treasurer Edward Wallace.

Irish Immigration

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investors and retirees: 50,000 visas.

(3) New "seed" immigrants based on a point system: 50,000 visas.

In addition, H.R.5115 extends Section 314 of IRCA 1986 (the Donnelly Visa program). H.R.5115 would allow for 10,000 visas each year for five years to be awarded in a lottery to immigrants from the 36 countries disadvantaged by the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act. Irish immigrants did very well in the last visa lottery, capturing approximately 40 percent of the visas. It is expected that such would be the case under this new provision.

The I.I.R.M. has decided to support H.R. 5115 for the following reasons:

(1) The Bill contains provisions which would be favorable to Irish immigrants.

(2) H.R. 5115, unlike the Kennedy/Simpson Bill (S.2104), does not tamper with the family preference system. Much of the opposition to S.2104 came from Asian and Hispanic groups who opposed it on the grounds that it interfered with the family preference system. The fact that H.R.5115 does not so interfere increases greatly its chances of passage.

In fact H.R.5115 also contains provisions favorable to Asians and Hispanics. The Bill provides 800,000 visas for close family members of aliens legalized under the amnesty provision of I.R.C.A. and it also provides 200,000 visas to clear backlogs in the 2nd preference category.

(3) H.R.5115 was introduced by Congressman Rodino, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, who is recognized as the most powerful and influential Representative on immigration legislation. H.R.5115 is also co-sponsored by Congressman Romano Mazzoli, Chairman of the House Immigration Sub-Committee. These factors dramatically increase the Bill's chance of passage.

(4) Senator Edward Kennedy is

I.I.R.M.

In the election year of 1988, it seems that this, the 100th Congress could be hesitant to pass legislation that would ease the Irish immigration crisis. We in the Irish American community must not regard the possibility pessimistically, but rather as a challenge.

We must get favorable legislation through in this Congress. Trojan work has been done by organizations like the Ancient Order of Hibernians, American-Irish Political Education Committee, Catholic Charities, The Emerald Societies, The Irish American Labor Coalition, The Irish American Unity Conference, The Irish American Business Coalition on Immigration Reform and the Irish Immigration Reform Movement to bring the immigration campaign to its present level. Congress is expected to dissolve in early October. If favorable legislation is not obtained in this Congress, then the entire legislative process will have to be initiated all over again. This may be a setback from which the Irish immigration lobby campaign might not recover.

The passage of favorable legislation is urgently and specifically necessary for the following reasons:

(a) to relieve the plight of the undocumented Irish in the U.S.

(b) to open up U.S. immigration to

also delighted with the introduction of H.R.5115. Indeed it is believed that the persuasions and coaxing of Senator Kennedy were very influential in prompting Rodino and Mazzoli to move.

(5) The Irish Government fully supports the Bill.

(6) If the Bill has a successful passage through the House of Representatives, then a House-Senate conference will be convened where the Kennedy/Simpson Bill S.2104 and the Rodino/Mazzoli Bill H.R.5115 will be analyzed and a compromise bill will be produced which will be forwarded to the President for signing.

The successful passage of H.R.5115 depends on you to a large extent. There are only a few productive weeks left in this Congress.

•Please call your local Congressman and ask him to support H.R. 5115 *Legal Immigration Amendments of 1988*.

•Please encourage all your friends and members of your Division to call their Congressman to urge him to support H.R.5115.

The survival of the Irish American community and the salvation of a generation of Irish immigrants is now in your hands. We would be very grateful if you could mail any replies you receive to I.I.R.M., 33-01 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101.

Patrick Hurley
National Council

the Irish again.

(c) to ensure the continuity of the Irish American community by revitalizing it with new influxes of Irish immigrants.

While the passage of favorable immigration legislation is necessary for these reasons it is also necessary in order to prove to ourselves as a community and to America, that the Irish American community is capable of acting as a united, organized, cohesive force and is capable of obtaining favorable federal legislation.

H.R. 5115 and S. 2104, which if enacted would be favorable to Irish immigrants, are currently being considered by the House Immigration Sub-Committee.

Please pursue the following course of action.

(1) Please call the member whose district is closest to you and tell him that Irish immigrants have contributed much to the very foundation and development of the U.S.

(2) Tell him that it is almost impossible for the Irish to immigrate legally to the U.S. under current immigration policy.

(3) Tell him that as an American voter of Irish heritage, this situation is unacceptable to you.

(4) Ask that he support and vote positively on H.R. 5115 and S.2104 or any legislation that would be favorable to Irish immigrants.

(5) Tell him that you want favorable immigration legislation passed in this Congress.

(6) Advise him that you will be monitoring his position on such legislation as it moves through Congress.

Favorable immigration legislation is essential for the Irish American Community. You have the power to ensure its passage. The future of the Irish American community is in your hands. Unity, organization, cohesiveness and political pressure is working for the MacBride Principles; let's make it work for immigration reform.

Vice President's Message

I want to take this opportunity to thank my brother delegates for the many courtesies extended to me and for the great support that you showed me at our recent National Convention in Cleveland.

The office of the National Vice President over the next two years will be quite active. From time to time you will be receiving many communications. My major goal over the next two years will be to remind

State, County and Division vice presidents that they are responsible for promoting the Major Degrees of our Order as well as the fact that they are in charge of promoting Junior Divisions under their

jurisdiction. We ask that they take this job seriously.

In addition, we ask that Division Vice Presidents extend assistance to all appointive officers in the performance of their duties, and see that

legal holidays of our Order are observed with dignity.

The office of the National Vice President will be publishing a directory of all Major Degree Teams and Hibernian Building Associations throughout the U.S. Correspondence on this last matter has already been sent, and we are requesting a return deadline of November 1, 1988.

Michael Carroll
National Vice President

National Officers Meet



THE TOP FOUR OFFICERS of the AOH National Board met for a weekend work session August 12-14 at the national secretary's office in Auburn, NY. Among the many items on the agenda were the questions of establishing a national board budget, duties of the various national board officers, establishing goals for each national officer, and implementation of resolutions passed during the recent convention. Each acknowledged that the prolonged session was exceedingly productive, making each more fully cognizant of the direction the National Board could be expected to take in the next two years. The leadership team, left to right, are National Treasurer Edward J. Wallace; National President Michael J. Coogan; National Secretary Thomas D. McNabb; and National Vice President Michael Carroll.

First Official Visit



WHILE IN AUBURN, NY, National President Michael J. Coogan made an official visit on August 12 to the local AOH John F. Kennedy Division 1. This was the first official stop by the newly elected national president outside his home state of Ohio. Welcoming the Order's new leader are, left to right, National Secretary Tom McNabb, Division President Michael Aldrich, Coogan, Standing Committee Member Donald Barry, Division Recording Secretary Joseph A. Donnelly, and New York State Organizer John M. Burns.

Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL McCORMACK

This column will be a regular feature of the *Digest* to inform members of the activities of the National Historian's Office. Permit me first to thank President Mike Coogan for his faith in me, and to express my gratitude to all who extended their best wishes on my appointment. I shall do my best to be worthy of the honor. I have called this column "Phases of Irish History" in memory of our late past national president, Judge James J. Comerford, who authored a column of that name in the *Irish Echo*, newspaper many years ago. Judge Comerford was a friend, an inspiration, and a source of unlimited encouragement through my 16 years as Division Historian, 14 years as Suffolk County Historian, and 8 years as New York State Historian. My only regret is that he passed to his reward before seeing how this fledgling historian benefitted from his advice and encouragement.

The National Historian's Office has embarked on several projects, and hereby solicits support of all AOH historians as part of their official duties. Suggestions for future projects shall be gratefully accepted, and announced as they commence. Current projects include:

a. **National Essay Competition** — The competition will be run in conjunction with, and supplement the essay competition sponsored by the LAOH for elementary and high school students. Our competition will be for college and open (non-student) levels. Further, the subject matter of our competitions will be current events (tomorrow's history) and will provide source material for our National Order in their efforts at immigration reform and defeat of the Extradition Treaty. Historians at all levels are urged to promote and participate in this competition.

b. **The Holland Project** — The first working submarine and its prototype are presently in the rear of a museum in Patterson, N.J. These submarines, *Holland I*, and *The Fenian Ram*, were invented by John P. Holland of Liscannor, Co. Clare, and became the forerunners of the great U.S. Navy submarine fleet of today. This office feels that they deserve to be properly displayed. Similarly, over 10,000 personal documents of Mr. Holland are in the museum's possession, but cannot be viewed by researchers until properly catalogued and archived. These include original drawings, biographical material, and letters from such leading Fenians of the day as Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, James Stephens, and John Breslin. The New Jersey State Board has accepted the lead on this project and, in conjunction with the Connecticut State Board and this office, will raise funds to catalogue the Holland papers, publish a pamphlet on his

life, and create a suitable display for this remarkable collection of Irish and American historical material.

c. **Books for Libraries** — Individual divisions are encouraged to purchase quality hardcover books on Irish topics for donation to the public library in their communities. Several sources of reasonable, historically accurate books will be provided as they are determined. Two recommended sources are the Hibernian Readers Guild, AOH Books, 89 S. Broadway, Lawrence, MA 01843; and Devin Adair Publishers, Irish Books Division, 6 N. Water St., Greenwich, CT 06830. Presentation of the books should be scheduled for the 3rd or 4th week in February so that the combined nationwide effort can be publicized around St. Patrick's Day.

d. **Monuments & Sites Project** — Each state, county, and division historian is asked to compile a listing of Irish monuments, plaques, graves, buildings, and historical sites in their geographic area for submittal to this office. A brief explanation is requested, if available, with each submittal for compiling a directory for members who travel through various parts of the country, and for documenting these historical sites before they are forgotten forever. As a fundraiser, you may consider a local area map showing these historical sites and any Irish gift shops, restaurants, or other businesses in the area. Solicitations from the business people whose shops are included would help pay for the map and support the fundraiser.

e. **Profiles in Patriotism** — A monthly reading of Irish history suitable for use at meetings of the Order and focusing on an Irish patriot will be provided to any county and division historian requesting it. To be placed on the mailing list for this material, please make a copy of the official Form 9 confirming your name, address, and appointment as historian, and send it to the National Historian's Office, 37 Harrison Ave., Centereach, NY 11720.

RETURN OF A TRADITION

I am pleased to announce the Ancient Order of Hibernians National Essay Competition for 1988-89. I can think of no better way to insure the perpetuation of our beloved heritage than to promote the study and research of subjects associated with our noble race. We are running this competition in conjunction with the essay competition sponsored by our Ladies AOH in order to insure maximum participation at all levels. The Ladies competition will be for Grade School and High School while this competition will be conducted for College and Open levels. Since each competition is open to all, we

encourage young men of Grade and High School age to participate in the Ladies Competition as we welcome the entries of the ladies in our competition.

All state, county and division historians are encouraged to promote the Essay within their regional areas as part of their official responsibilities. The following rules shall apply:

a. Division and/or county level historians are encouraged to advertise and solicit participation in local colleges, church organizations, and public forums. Entries in each category shall be accepted by the division or county historian no later than February 1, 1989. They shall be judged by an impartial panel of three or more, and two (2) entries in each category shall be forwarded to the state historian for consideration no later than February 15, 1989. Historians are encouraged to award prizes of recognition for those whose entries have been accepted for forwarding to the state level. A modest budget for postage and printing may be requested from their local jurisdiction.

b. State historians will accept no more than two entries from each subordinate jurisdiction which shall be judged by an impartial panel of three or more. Two entries in each category shall be forwarded to the national historian for consideration no later than March 15, 1989. State historians are encouraged to award prizes of recognition for those whose entries have been accepted for forwarding to the national level. A modest budget for postage and printing may be requested from their state board.

c. An impartial national panel shall select a first, second, and third prize. In each of the categories, notify the winners, and arrange for presentation of the awards through the local historians.

d. Essays should be typed or neatly handwritten on white paper, 8½ by 11 in size, written on one side only. Contestants shall not write name, address, local division, or any identifying mark on the essay. This information shall be on a separate

sheet of paper and clipped or stapled to the essay.

Topics and Awards

Since today's happenings are tomorrow's history, the topics for this competition will explore current events in the hope that our contestants may furnish data that will aid the AOH in pursuit of immigration reform and repeal of the recent extradition treaty with Great Britain.

Open Level

TOPIC: Irish Emigration — A Modern Cornucopia.

SOURCE DATA: Current Newspaper & magazine articles; United Irish Immigration Committee, 29 John St., Suite 502, NY, NY, 10038; Irish Immigration Reform Movement, 33-01 Greenpoint Ave., L.I. City, NY 11101; Consulate General of Ireland.

ELIGIBLE: All members of the AOH, their family and friends who are not presently attending a formal scholastic institution.

LENGTH: 1000 to 2000 words

PRIZES: First Place — Gold Medal and \$250; Second Place — Silver Medal and \$200; Third Place — Bronze Medal and \$150.

College Level

TOPIC: Extradition vs Political Asylum.

SOURCE DATA: Current Newspaper & magazine articles; Irish American Defense Fund, PO Box 1026, FDR Station, NY, 10022; Mary Pike, c/o Somerston & Pike, 401 Broadway, NY, NY, 10013.

ELIGIBLE: All students attending College, University, or post-high school Trade School.

LENGTH: 1000 to 1200 words.

PRIZES: First Place — Gold Medal and \$200; Second Place — Silver Medal and \$150; Third Place — Bronze Medal and \$100.

In addition, the winning essay in the Open level will be published in the *Irish Echo*, the country's leading Irish American newspaper; the winning essay in the College level will be published in the *Hibernian Digest*, the national AOH newspaper. Good luck.

Brian K. Lonergan

John Barry Exploits

Although the British under General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown in October, 1781, Washington formally announced the closing of the war on April 19, 1783. On March 10, 1783, the last battle of the war took place on the sea between Captain John Barry of the "Alliance" and the "Sybille" under the British commander, Captain Vashon.

Captain Greene of the Continental ship, "Duke de Luzerne" was carrying a large amount of money for Congress and was in the company of Captain Barry. It was Barry's job to protect the "Luzerne." However, both ships were set upon by three British vessels, including the "Sybille" in the Gulf of Florida. Barry guided Captain Greene's bulky boat out of danger and in the meantime engaged in a spirited encounter with the "Sybille."

Captain Barry writes: "I have the pleasure to inform you that on the 6th of March, 1783, I sailed from The Havana in the company of Captain Greene with the Duke de Luzerne. . . . On the morning of the 20th we saw three large ships standing directly before us. . . . was a convincing proof to me they were enemy ships. . . . I then ordered the courses haul's up. . . . by bringing the enemy to action which I did in a few moments close on board for 45 minutes, then the enemy sheered off."

Captain Vashon, the "sheered off," — explains the encounter more thoroughly: "He never had received such a drubbing" and never before saw a ship so ably fought as the "Alliance" under Barry's orders. "The coolness and intrepidity, no less than the skill and fertility in expedients, which Barry displayed on the occasion are described in naval annals as truly wonderful; every quality of a great naval commander was brought out with extraordinary brilliancy."

Well spoken — by an Englishman! Good as a toast on September 13 — John Barry Day.

MacBride Principles Gaining Momentum

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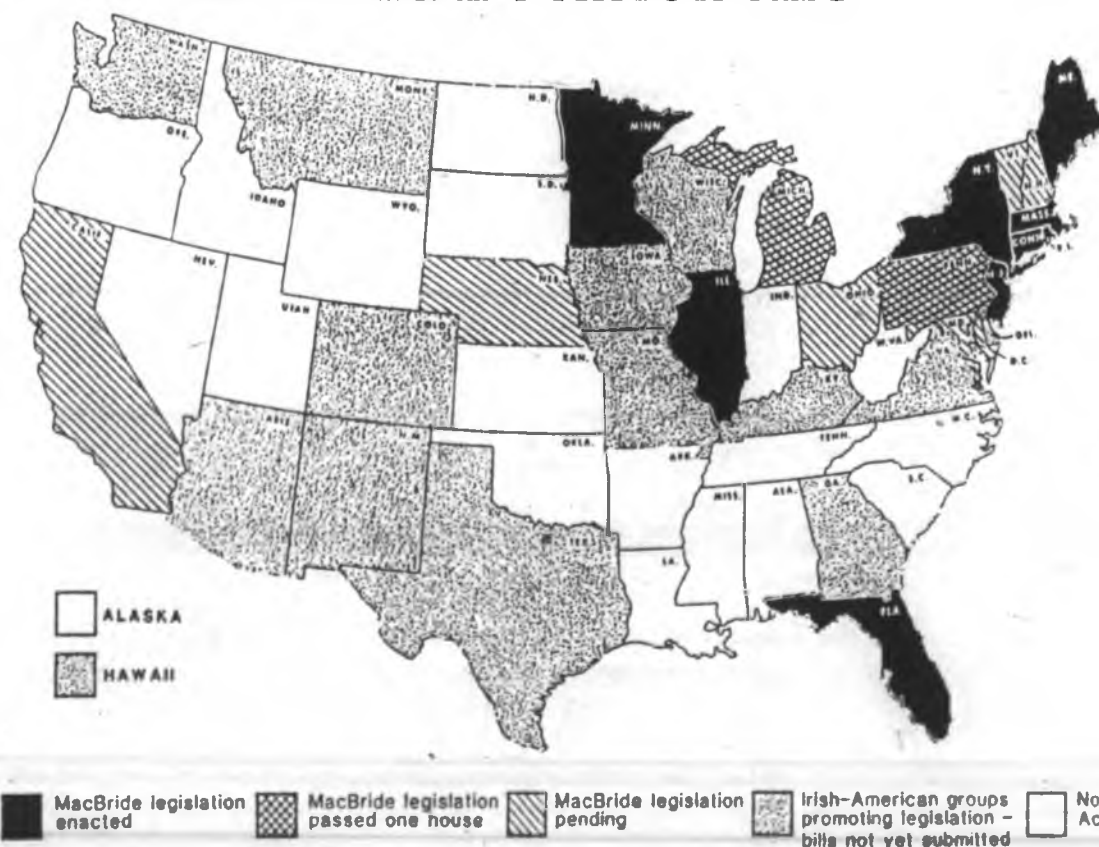
The religious groups that co-sponsored resolutions include Adrian Dominican Sisters, American Baptist Home Mission Society, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Churchwomen United,

Friars of the Atonement, Oblate Fathers of the Eastern Province, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Sisters of Charity of New York, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell, N.J. and Sisters of St. Dominic of

Sparkhill, N.Y.

"Progress is being made," Mr. Goldin said. "But much still needs to be done to achieve full economic equality and opportunity for the Catholics of Northern Ireland."

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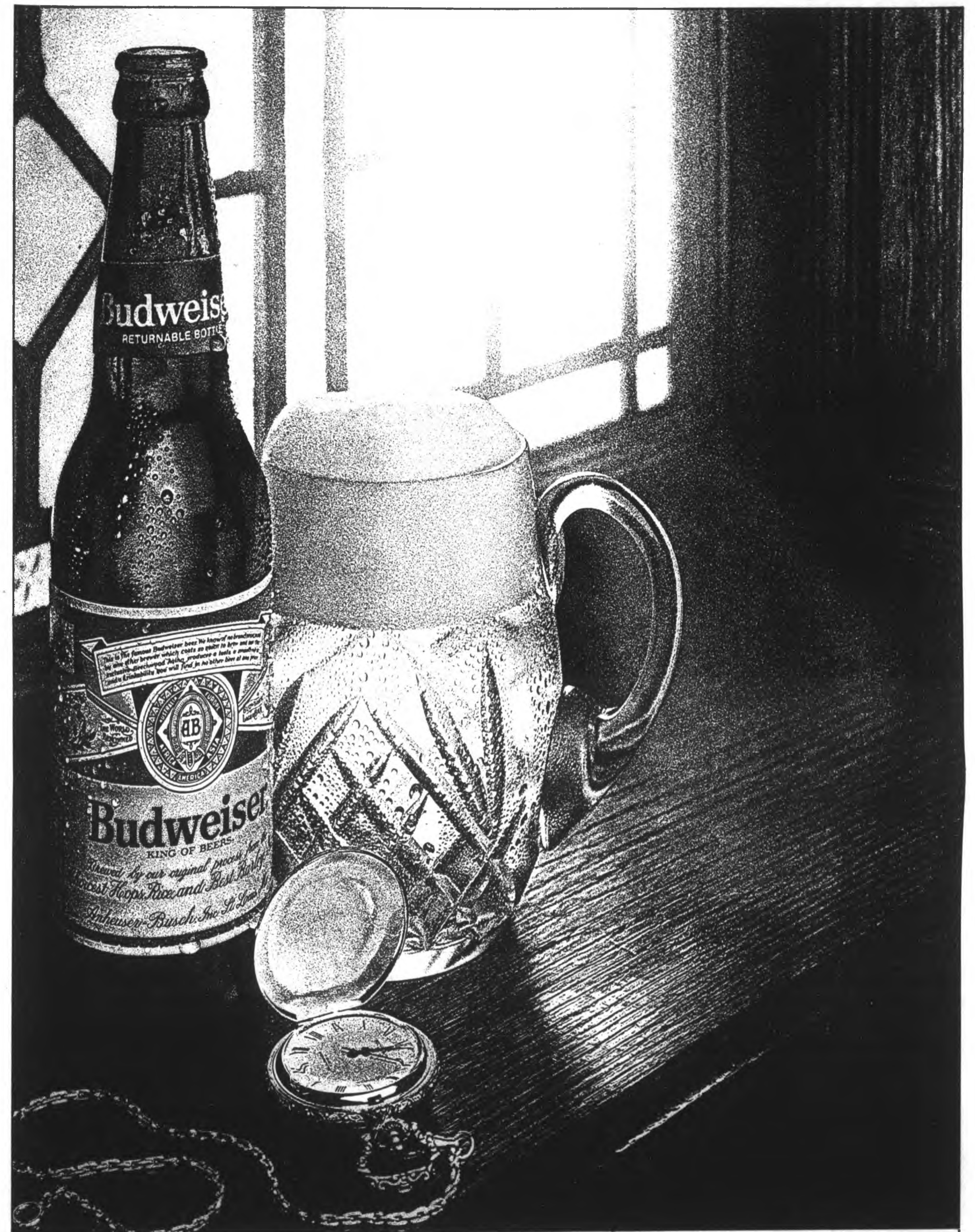
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Dennis Long Presented The 1988 J.F.K. Medal



DENNIS PATRICK LONG of Sunset Hills, Missouri, with his John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, awarded at the 1988 AOH National Convention.

Irish Eye photo

CLEVELAND: Dennis Patrick Long, recipient of the 1988 J.F.K. Memorial Medal, addressed the gathered convention delegates here on receiving the prized award. His inspirational acceptance follows:

President Murphy, President-Elect Coogan, Bishop Pilla, Father Malloy, honored guests, fellow Hibernians: I am indeed proud and honored to receive this prestigious award. To me, it is very special, something I will forever treasure.

It is special because it bears the name of one of the greatest human

beings of all time, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

It is special because of the stature of the individuals who have received this award in the past.

And most important — at least to me — it is special because it comes from the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Our nation is blessed with several Irish American organizations, but few compare to the AOH. Few have established as strong a reputation as has the organization to which we all belong. To be honored by one of the world's most dynamic

Irish groups is a thrill I shall never forget.

To be Irish is to be blessed, for — as is the case with most Irish Americans — my County Kerry heritage has provided me the incredible richness of Ireland's culture, adding depth and meaning to my life. At the same time, the many contributions that Ireland's sons and daughters have made to the United States have served as a constant inspiration.

Consider that in the field of politics, eight signers of the declaration of independence were born or their parents born in Ireland, and 17 presidents of the United States have traced all or a part of their ancestry to Ireland — from Andrew Jackson, to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, to Ronald Reagan. More presidents have been of Irish descent than any other nationality.

Consider such heroes as Captain John Barry — the father of the American navy; Major General John Sullivan, who compiled a distinguished record in the Revolutionary War, and William "Wild Bill" Donovan, who fought with the "Fighting 68th" in World War I and headed the Office of Strategic Services during the Second World War.

Consider such remarkable people as Eugene O'Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, John O'Hara and George M. Cohan.

Consider John L. Sullivan, who showed the world what an Irishman could do in the ring, Babe Ruth, Steve Garvey, John McEnroe, and so many other athletes who trace their heritage to the Emerald Isle.

And in business, consider the dynasties built by the Irish at the turn of this century, and the fact that more than 30% of the current chief executives of the Fortune 500 companies are of Irish descent.

Those are merely examples. Add to

Hibernians Institute the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award

CLEVELAND, OHIO: At its 84th National Convention here in July the AOH instituted the Sean MacBride Memorial award by unanimous accord, creating the opportunity to honor the famous Irish Nobelist and to encourage others to follow in his footsteps where peace, justice and economic well being of Ireland is concerned. The granting of the award will be governed by the following rules:

SEAN MACBRIDE HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Section 1. To memorialize the Human Rights contributions made by Nobel Peace laureate, Dr. Sean MacBride, and to recognize the efforts of others who make similar contributions in the cause of peace, justice and the economic well being of the Irish people, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America shall award bi-annually, at the National Board Meeting, a bust or likeness of Dr. Sean MacBride. The award will be conferred without regard to the nominee's race, creed, sex, religion, color or national origin.

Section 2. The award will be presented in the year between National Conventions.

Section 3. The National Vice President shall serve as the Chair-

man of the nominating and award committees. Other members of the nominating committee shall be all members of the National Board, both elected and appointed, all State presidents, all County Presidents and the National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. The same officers will constitute the election board for the award.

Section 4. The chairman of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award shall, in the first week of November of the year prior to the National Board meeting, send to all national officers, elected and appointed, all State, District and Provincial Presidents, Division Presidents and the National President of the AOH, a request that the aforementioned send to him, before January 15th of the following year, the name of one nominee for this 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 their nominee, not to exceed 500 words and shall request that the nominator ascertain that the nominee, if selected, would be willing to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board.

Section 5. A ballot will be mailed to all eligible for voting, listing in alphabetical order the nominees. 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 the fifth choice one (1) point. The nominee with the highest number of points will be declared the recipient of the award. Any winner who declines 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 6. The Chairman shall complete the election on or before March 10th, and he and the national President shall announce the name of the recipient of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award at a time they consider most appropriate for the good of the Order.

Section 7. The Chairman shall publicize the selection and granting of this most prestigious award in all sections of the media including the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Section 8. All travel expenses of the awardee as well as expenses of administration of this award to be paid by the National Board.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 28, 1988: Cleveland, OH
SECRETARY: Thomas McNabb

Please send all nominations to the office of the National Vice President before February 1, 1989. Send to:

Michael Carroll
12 Marsh Ave.
Worcester, MA 01605

now, and where we — as Irish Americans — are going. To that end, I suggest that while we Irish men and women in America have succeeded as individuals, we have never banded together to create the power base which 40 million people deserve. Proof of that can be found in last week's Democratic convention where many ethnic groups were courted, promised concessions and new opportunities, except the most powerful and successful group of all, Irish Americans. We must ask ourselves if we have merely assimilated into the

man of the nominating and award committees. Other members of the nominating committee shall be all members of the National Board, both elected and appointed, all State presidents, all County Presidents and the National President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. The same officers will constitute the election board for the award.

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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 the fifth choice one (1) point. The nominee with the highest number of points will be declared the recipient of the award. Any winner who declines 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 6. The Chairman shall complete the election on or before March 10th, and he and the national President shall announce the name of the recipient of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award at a time they consider most appropriate for the good of the Order.

Section 7. The Chairman shall publicize the selection and granting of this most prestigious award in all sections of the media including the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Section 8. All travel expenses of the awardee as well as expenses of administration of this award to be paid by the National Board.

ADOPTED: Unanimous
DATE: July 28, 1988: Cleveland, OH
SECRETARY: Thomas McNabb

Please send all nominations to the office of the National Vice President before February 1, 1989. Send to:

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now, and where we — as Irish Americans — are going.

To that end, I suggest that while we Irish men and women in America have succeeded as individuals, we have never banded together to create the power base which 40 million people deserve. Proof of that can be found in last week's Democratic convention where many ethnic groups were courted, promised concessions and new opportunities, except the most powerful and successful group of all, Irish Americans.

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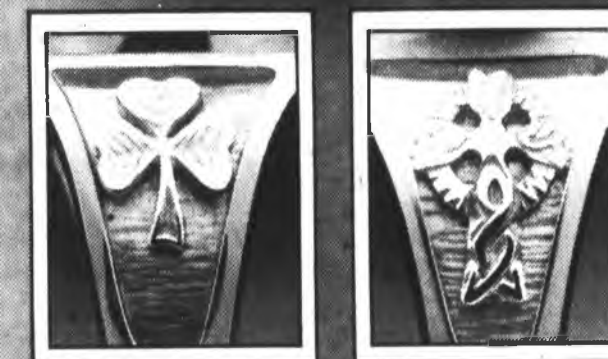
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Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

An interview with Mary Pike, the attorney for imprisoned Irishman, Joe Doherty, is a lesson in American history, respect for the law, and civil rights.

Joseph Patrick Doherty was arrested in New York City on the sunny Saturday morning of June 18, 1983. The charge: entering the U.S. using an invalid visa. Joe remains to this day, after more than 5 years, in maximum security custody of the Manhattan's Correctional Center in New York City. What makes Joe's story unique? It is a story of political intrigue involving a foreign government interfering in the American judicial system; it involves a scheming Attorney General of the United States who left his post tinged with scandal; it involves gross violation of our revered constitution by our administration in Washington; it involves government leaders ignoring decisions of Federal Judges.

On that fateful day of Joe's arrest a frenzied effort was made to find an attorney who would take Joe's case. The ancient Irish saints must have been watching over Joseph Patrick when Mary Pike, a law partner of Somerstein and Pike, arrived on the scene and took on the job of legally defending Joe Doherty.

On August 23, 1988, Mary Pike trekked out from Manhattan to Suffolk County (N.Y.), and spoke informatively about Joe's case. She had responded to a request initiated by Edward Romaine, Suffolk County legislator, to speak at a Public Information Forum held at the Shirley-Mastic Library at Shirley, N.Y. The story of Joe Doherty as the victim of gross injustice and of the interference into the American legal system by a vengeful British Government, sparked by the vixenish pique of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, left the audience trembling with hurtful indignation.

Joe's story is incredible. He is in prison. He has broken no U.S. laws. Mary Pike has carried forth his legal defense through the many courts of jurisdiction, including the U.S. Federal Courts. In every adjudged case initiated by the British and U.S. governments she has won the day for Joe, but he remains in jail. It has been a tough defense. Fortunately for Joe, Mary Pike has a streak of toughness in her character.

After a few minutes of conversation with Mary, I began to sense that I was experiencing something special. Mary is a very pleasant young woman, tall and pretty with the Manhattan chick of today's young professional. She very quickly acquainted me with the depth of her innate intellect, and her nimble perception of my probing questions. She is bright and clever. She is a sincere, truth-seeking woman. She is one in a million.

Mary hails from Cleveland, Ohio. She attended local Cleveland schools and started her formal education at Chatham College in Pittsburgh. After graduation from Chatham she earned a masters degree at American University in Washington, D.C., and finally her law degree from Georgetown University. She teamed up with a law school friend, Stephen Somerstein, and is now a law partner in the law firm of Somerstein and Pike in New York City. Somerstein and Pike are handling the Joe Doherty case and Mary has principal responsibility.

Mary has no links to political parties, or organizations. She responds to requests for speaking engagements from time to time — never missing a chance to speak out on Joe's behalf. She has worked on the case from the



MARY PIKE, at right, is the attorney defending Joe Doherty, at left is Joe's mother, Mrs. Maureen Doherty, and Bishop John McGann of the Diocese of Rockville Center, N.Y.

day of Joe's arrest and has no thoughts of letting up. She has dedicated herself to this fight for justice, and believes that her admiration and respect for the dignity and courage that Joe and his family have continually shown has inspired her in her work. She receives no fee and since much of her time is spent on Joe's case she must live modestly and has to forego the usual lavish lifestyle of New York lawyers. She has devoted much of her life during the past 5 years to her mission of pursuing justice (for Joe). Her sympathy for the suffering, oppressed people of Northern Ireland, and for that matter, any of the oppressed people in the world, was plainly evident to me as an interviewer.

During our conversation of about 45 minutes, I began to detect in Mary, a deep, sensitive compassion for the downtrodden, unfortunate people in this world of ours who have been victimized by thoughtless, or cruel and domineering political leaders. Civil rights was, to me, up to now, two loosely used words labeling people who carried placards and marched in places down South complaining about vague things and crying out about injustice. Mary

Catholic ghetto surrounded by predominantly Protestant neighborhoods. As a boy, he saw loyalist mobs burn Catholics out of their homes and shoot and kill only because the victims were Catholic. He knew families with successive generations of unemployed fathers. He knew poverty. He watched the unmerciful beatings of his young friends while the Royal Ulster Constabulary ignored their misery and laughed at their bloodied heads. More often than not the RUC were the club wielders. He saw the homes of the innocent invaded, furniture heaved out and burned, and basic human dignity violated. During the terrible violence of the 1960s and 1970s, Joe's oldest sister was one of the first women interned. She was routinely insulted and abused. Another sister was strip searched 82 times before being released from Armagh Prison.

Joe was interned on his 17th birthday for five months without charge or trial. He joined the Irish Republican Army upon his release. A life of violence was his natural environment. It was not a chosen option, but, rather, a defensive reaction against the worst acts of human degradation perpetrated on a decent, religiously devout, helpless society. The oppression continues to this day, and it is a disgraceful history of unmatched bigotry. Diplock court justice (without the benefit of jury or realistic legal defense), contrived unemployment, and brutal subjugation by an occupying military force are the elements of governmental business as usual today as in the past.

It is no wonder that Joe Doherty fought back. He endured three periods of imprisonment for his IRA activities. In 1973 he was sentenced for possession of a firearm, and in

Joe Doherty was born on January 20, 1955 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He grew up in the turbulent New Lodge Road area, a small

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The Right to Read



AOH PRESIDENT MICHAEL COOGAN examines books of great interest to the Irish American community, which he hopes shall win wide circulation through the recently announced Hibernian project, Hibernian Readers' Guild.

Hibernian Readers Guild Announced by Nat'l President

Ancient Order of Hibernians in America National President Michael Coogan has announced the inauguration of the Hibernian Readers' Guild, commencing with this issue of the *National Hibernian Digest*. Under the direction of National Buy Irish Chairman David R. Burke of Essex County Division 8, Lawrence, Massachusetts, the Hibernian Readers' Guild will offer monthly Selections and Alternates of the finest in Irish books. The subject matter will range from history, political science and politics, to art, literature and special books for children.

Irish books offered by the Hibernian Readers' Guild would make outstanding quality gifts for Christmas, birthdays or graduations. They

would enrich your own personal collection or that of the library of a school or municipality. Irish books are an excellent way to introduce children or grandchildren to some of the riches of the Irish culture which is their heritage.

While monthly selections will be offered, subscribers are encouraged to write to the Hibernian Readers' Guild, 89 Broadway, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01843, for more complete listings of available books.

The first two monthly selections are: *Paddy's Lament* and *The Stalker Affair*; the first two alternates are: *Washington's Irish Policy* and *To Hell or Connacht*.

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Hibernian Readers' Guild, National President Mike Coogan stated, "The reading and owning of books is a privilege of a free people. While this may seem to be a fundamental right, a glance behind the Iron or the Bamboo Curtain, or indeed at the history of Ireland under English influence, will show that this is not a freedom to be taken lightly.

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At 10:00 a.m. a wreath was placed at the Statue of Father Ryan in his namesake Ryan Park. A motorcade

to Cathedral Park followed, where a second wreath was placed at the monument. "To the Brotherhood-Of-The-Sea," a memorial dedicated to the known, and unknown, unsung Mariners.

A happy hour and banquet took place at 6:00 p.m. at Korbet's Restaurant. Division President John P. "Jay" Cornick was presented a proclamation naming September 10

John Barry Day by Patrick Kelly, representing City of Mobile Mayor Arthur Outlaw. Guest speaker for the occasion was Senator Bill Menton.

Winners of the division's Essay Contest were presented checks. A check was also presented to the Catholic Maritime Club — all in the name of Commodore John Barry and the AOH. Bernard O'Leary was Master of Ceremonies.



GATHERED AT the Father Ryan memorial are members of the Mobile division named for him. Left to right, front row, Green Waggoner, Willey Foster, Jay Connick, Pete Whelan, Dave, Jean and Ray Carney. Back row, Bernie O'Leary, Jim Doody, Mike Foster, Aubrey Smithart, and Joe Connick III.

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Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

Q. Please inform me about the name TALLY? *Thomas Talley, Olathe, KS.*

A. Talley, O'Taithlaigh, derives from similarly sounded taithleach, meaning peaceable. The variations in modern spellings, Kelly and Kelley, most likely resulted when the name received its English spelling. Nomenclature orthography often results from errant or guessed spellings.

The former lords of Devonshire used the form Mac Taighligh. Subsequent generations showed their more distant relationship to the first Taithleach by changing the Mac (son of) to O (descendant of). Although most popular in Co. Fermanagh, the name is now quite rare.

Q. What is the origin and background of my name CULLINANE? Was there a Bishop and professor by that name at the Rock of Cashel over one thousand years ago? *Thomas C. Cullinane, Bayside, N.Y.*

A. Some trace your family back to Cormac Mac Cuileannain, King and Bishop of Cashel. Because he lived before the Irish used surnames he cannot properly be called a member of the Cullinane sept. What we assume as his surname, is his distinguishing trademark between him and his father. If he had a son named Cormac, the prince would be referred to as O'Cuileannain. The name is an Old Irish dialectic form meaning young puppy; we imagine a very spry young lad as the original owner of the name.

From the Cashel the family moved into both Cork and Wexford. The Wexford sept, showing its long history in that region, in accordance with the local dialect, changed the spelling of which the modern English variant is Quillane. The Cork sept formed a branch of the ancient Corca Laidhe clan and settled in Barryroe. From their barony they settled throughout eastern Munster. Two with this name from Kinalea fled to Spain after the Battle of Kinsale. Cullinane is the anglicized Munster name and Cullinan the Co. Clare name.

Cullen forms the modern name of the important sept from Tirconaill. With their seat at Mullinashee they shared a rich past with the O'Donnells. One sixteenth century Cullinan is better known for his pious sons. The eldest, Dr. John, Bishop of Raphoe, died in 1653 after years of persecution. His brother, Slaisne, Cisterian Abbot of Boyle, was a martyr.

Q. Kindly send information on the name McGinley. *John McGinley, Philadelphia, PA.*

A. McGinley or MacGinley are anglicized forms of similarly pronounced Mag Fhionnghaile. The initial *Fh* loses its pronunciation before the *g*, which replaces them in modern spelling. In the Donegal dialect, Mag Fhionnghaile appears as Ginnell in English and is related.

The name has always been popular in Ulster, but was not originally related to MacKinley, the Scottish form of MacFhionn Laoich. With so much movement between Ulster and Scotland, however, the names can be synonyms now.

The MacGinleys have produced several noteworthy religious and patriotic figures. The diocese of Raphoe include several clergy including John, Bishop of the Phillipine Islands and Dr. John B., first Bishop of Monterey, Fresno, California. Peter was a leading activist in the Gaelic League who wrote under the pen-name Cu Uladh, "the Ulster Hound." The Westmeath Ginnells included Lawrence (d. 1928) an early proponent of Sinn Fein and active in the cattle-driving campaign. Although for different political reasons, one cannot help but associate the famous cattle-drives of early Irish epic, such as the Cattle Raid of Cooley, with those escapades of Sinn Fein.

Q. Could you please send me information concerning the name Devlin? *William A. Devlin, Pittsburgh, PA.*

A. From the ancient Irish sept O'Duibhlin, pronounced similarly to anglicized Devlin come numerous famous figures. The oldest branch dwelled around Corran, Co. Sligo, where a Gillanane O'Duibhlin, was standard bearer to O'Connor. He died in action in 1316. Afterwards little is known about that sept.

In Co. Tyrone, probably descendants of the Sligo branch, another important sept flourished throughout the medieval and Elizabethan eras. Their principal seat was called Munterdevlin near Lough Neagh. This sept produced a Bishop of Kells who died in 1211. Much later, Patrick O'Devlin, a noted rebel, came from Portadown. The Franciscan friar of Prague, Czechoslovakia, Francis was a noted writer from Co. Tyrone who died in 1735. James is on record as having fought in our Revolution and died in 1825. Two modern Devlins, both Josephs, supported the cause of Protestant Northern Ireland. Joe (d. 1934) served as a brilliant Member of Parliament, while the younger Joseph wrote under the pen-name "Northern Gael." Almost 90% of today's Devlins hail from the Co. Tyrone area.

Unrelated to the Ulster sept, but an interesting character, is Anne Devlin (1778-1851), a loyal supporter of Robert Emmet. Even when imprisoned and tortured, Anne would not divulge any information against the insurgent leader.

Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. Please include a check for ten dollars, payable to Mr. Malone, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

National Secretary's Report

Several items of extreme importance will soon be facing Division Presidents and Division Financial Secretaries. The first is the filing of the Form #9 (list of new officers and their addresses) which gives us the ability to communicate with the proper individuals within each Division. Also, the Annual Financial Reports will be due by February 15, 1989.

During the month of October, the Division Financial Secretary will be receiving the up-to-date computer print-out of your membership as it presently appears. I ask that this be checked over for proper name spelling; correct addresses including zip codes; proper credit to those members who have received the Major Degrees; and finally, that all new members appear on your print-out and those who have been or need to be terminated are deleted. We intend to place a great emphasis on keeping as many members as we can. We should not be quick to terminate great numbers of members without first having used all avenues toward retaining those members on our rolls. We suggest that the officers of the Division be given the names of those in arrears and that personal efforts be made to keep these members active.

Since I will be preparing the 1989 membership cards based on the changes and information the Division Financial Secretaries supply to my office, I am confident that these cards will contain the correct information.

Remember, the 1989 membership cards will be mailed only to those Divisions who are current with their National Per-Capita Tax. I receive a great many phone calls from Divisions who do not receive their cards and I have to explain to them that their 1987 per-capita tax has not been paid. So, to avoid this incident, please make sure your Division is in the paid-up status.

THOMAS D. McNABB

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Six Irish Way Scholarships Announced

JOHN P. CONNOLLY

On behalf of the National President and National Board we would like to congratulate the following: Pat McInnis and Mora Sheedy, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Erin Boursachs of Mercerville, New Jersey, who were this year's National Board Scholarship winners. Other scholarship winners were: William Judge of Brooklyn, New York; Martin Kenney of Salisbury, Connecticut and Margaret O'Donnell of Witney, New York, as well as the winners of the Hibernian Life Insurance Irish Way Scholarship.

Irish influence in America is dwindling. The general lack of concern in the U.S. for the problems of Northern Ireland is just one example. Immigration to this country has fallen off sharply in recent years and the Irish presence which once characterized some of our major cities has all but vanished.

Our fellow citizens — even some of us — know little of the Irish contributions to the U.S. or to the world. The membership of our Divisions is growing older and we justifiably complain that our young people lack an enduring pride in their heritage.

The situation will not improve unless we face the facts and act now. We must do something dramatic, something effective, something that will spark the enthusiasm of future generations of Irish Americans.

The National Board of the AOH pointed the way in 1978 when it offered a scholarship to the Irish Way program. Will your Division do likewise? Let us all strive to conserve Irish ways in the U.S., before the well runs dry.

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The AOH Program for the Irish Way is going to be much expanded. Correspondence on this will be sent to you in the near future.

New Heads At Irish Institute

ST. PAUL, MN — The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI) has announced the election of John P. Walsh of New Vernon, N.J., as Chairman of its Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, and the appointment of James Rogers of St. Paul as Director of Operations. Walsh's election follows the



JOHN WALSH receives congratulations on his election to the chairmanship of the Irish American Cultural Institute Board of Directors from the Honorable Margaret Heckler, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. Walsh is also the Institute's Chief Executive Officer.

retirement of Dr. Eoin McKiernan, founder and long-time president of the IACI. Dr. McKiernan remains a member of the Board of Directors.

Welsh, 50, is president of Koch Carbonic Corporation. He has served on the IACI Board since 1976, and is the head of the Institute's New Jersey Chapter. Mr. Walsh is the Irish representative on the Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council for the State of New Jersey.

James Rogers, formerly IACI membership director, returns to the Institute following the resignation of Executive Director Brendan Shortall. Shortall and his family will return to Ireland this autumn.

GOP Stand on North Ireland Backed by King

Nassau Controller Peter King, who was a delegate at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans, said that he'll support the party's platform on Northern Ireland.

King, in a statement with Rep. Ben Gilman of Middletown, N.Y. said that the party's platform on Northern Ireland is a "significant victory for the oppressed Catholics of occupied Ireland."

A staunch supporter of the Irish Republican Army, King has called for the removal of the British presence in Northern Ireland. He said he backs the platform because it calls for peace and justice in the region and non-discrimination in employment.

"The Republican platform is stating that British rule in Northern Ireland causes Catholics to suffer injustice, inequality, and discrimination," said King, who is also the chairman of the Committee for Legal Justice in Northern Ireland.

Gilman is a member of the congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs. —Jerry Rosa

BUY IRISH

By DAVID R. BURKE, National Chairman

The Buy Irish campaign of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is more than an attempt to help the fractured economy of a partitioned country. It is also more than an attempt, as in the case of the Hibernian Readers' Guild, to propagate Irish culture in the New World generally and among our own families in particular.

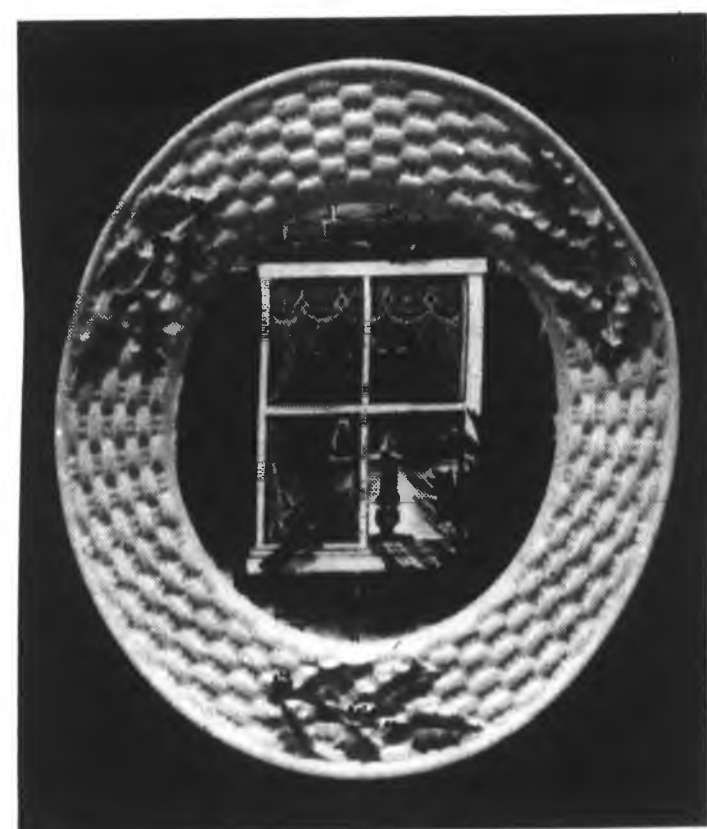
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The 'Avis' of The AOH

By MIKE HESLIN

BINGHAMTON, NY — At the National Convention which was held in Cleveland this past July, National Secretary read the names of the ten largest divisions in the U.S. In first place was Watertown, MA. This is not that surprising as this division, YR is told, encompasses the greater metropolitan Boston area. Based on this fact alone, its base for membership should be quite extensive.

The 2nd division on the list is not one that you would expect. Division 1, Broome County is not located in a large metropolitan area. Division 1, Broome County is located in Binghamton, NY, which has a population of 59,000 people. Binghamton is located on I-81 and NYS Rte 17, 70 miles south of Syracuse, NY, 60 miles north of Scranton, PA and 59 miles east of Elmira, NY.

Binghamton and Broome County are no longer the farming area that down-state New Yorkers seem to think that anything north of Yorkers is. Binghamton and Broome County are considered one of the leading Hi Tech areas in the country, right behind Silicone Valley in California and Rte 28 in the Boston area.

What makes Division 1, Broome County so special? Its members? Its philanthropic generosity? Its laid back attitude? None of these and all of these.

Division 1, Broome County was founded in 1965 with the aid of Tom McNabb, who was at that time, the NYS Organizer, Bill Reagan of Syracuse and a few other dedicated Hibernians. The first few years of its experience, it stumbled from church to house to church holding its meetings and its affairs. In 1968, it moved into its first permanent home at 128 Henry St., Holmesy Wilson's old store. The membership at this time was someplace between 60 and 100 members.

The division remained at that address for almost 10 years all the while increasing its membership. In 1978, the division moved into its present home at 148 Main St. which it purchased. They had a grand gala opening inviting the then Consul-General of Ireland up from the City, among the dignitaries.

What does the "Avis" Division of the AOH do? The Division supports as many of the national charities as possible including the St. John of God Brothers, the Freedom For All Ireland projects and the Irish Way scholarship. The Division also supports the local Project Children committee financially, vocally, and bodily.

On the local scene, the Division supports Catholic education and its athletic programs through participation in Seton Catholic Central High School and Broome County Catholic Schools and also is a big supporter of the County CYO program which is headed by one of its members. It continues to support one of the many soup kitchens operated in the area through periodic donations of foodstuffs. It also supports the combined Catholic Charities-Broome County Council of Churches and the local Rabbinical effort called "CHOW". This program stocks various food pantries throughout the county to be used to those in need.

In addition to these endeavors, the (Continued on Page Twenty-Seven)

EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Exclusive to Hibernian Digest Interview with Gerry Adams

(Continued from Page One)

were formed to mark the 20th anniversary of the civil rights movement and to bring people back in to the struggle. But the British have never listened to the force of argument, only the argument of force.

What could "Constitutional" Nationalists do to play a constructive role?

First of all, they could face the British with the moderate and modest demand for Irish reunification. They could put it to the British government that the Irish people have a right to national self-determination. If the British say no to this they can then elicit international support for this objective. The elected representatives of nationalist parties should simply do what they were elected to do.

In your talks with John Hume and the SDLP are you finding any common ground where they and Sinn Fein can work together?

We have to wait to see how the talks turn out but they are continuing. I have the duty to exhaust any option that could bring about a solution. We are arguing to the SDLP that they should do what I have just said, that they should not be part of any British internal arrangement and should not assist the British in any way to stay and perpetuate the problem.

Sinn Fein has gone through a lot of changes in the 1980s since the Northerners came into leadership. How did this come about?

Ruairi O'Bradaigh decided to stand down from the presidency for a mixture of personal and health reasons. We persuaded him to stay on another year and then were unable to convince him to continue. The leadership was virtually forced on me in that context.

Did this North/South rivalry create bitterness that contributed to the 1986 split?

It is an exaggeration to say that was a split. It was a very, very small number who rejected the democratically expressed wish of our 1986 Ard Fheis, our party conference, to take seats to which our representatives might be elected in the Leinster House parliament in Dublin. They argued their case and did not persuade sufficient numbers of its correctness. I don't think there was any North/South rivalry. It was a pragmatic decision to take seats. Opponents had the right to disagree but should not have left the party. I hold no bitterness towards them and have felt sorrow more than anger. The occasional public utterances of those who left to form so-called Republican Sinn Fein attack us as much as the British, which gives comfort to our common enemy. No one can afford to lose supporters and we would welcome them back but the decision is up to them. We also cannot afford to be isolated from the vast majority of the Irish people who see Leinster House as their parliament. Abstentionism from taking seats for 60 years led to an elicism which allowed other parties to ostracize us.

Does that explain the low electoral support for Sinn Fein in the February, 1987, 26 county election?

We got what we deserved for not working with the people as we should have. The outcome was also due to the desire to get rid of an anti-working class coalition and form a stable majority government, as well as censorship and repression.

What about the drop in Sinn Fein votes in the June, 1987, Northern election?

It was a very small drop. Sinn Fein fights elections under great difficulties. People from areas where we are strong are expected to have passports or driving licenses to vote, which they often do not have and this cut very much into our vote. The hype of the Hillsborough treaty, the black propaganda campaign run by the entire establishment, and the moral blackmail of the Catholic hierarchy were all factors, as well as the fact that in certain areas the SDLP had the "stronger horses," candidates most likely to win and deny a loyalist the seat, so some republicans voted tactically. I think it is to Sinn Fein's credit that we did so well. We were told our vote would be halved, that we would lose the West Belfast seat, etc., and that didn't happen. Our voters showed great courage.

Given the tendency for Republicans in Newry/Armagh and South Down to vote for the SDLP representatives now to prevent a loyalist taking the seats, is Sinn Fein considering measuring its support in those areas by opinion poll? Is an election pact between the parties possible?

We have not and I wouldn't have much confidence in them. We are interested in an election pact to increase anti-unionist representation but the SDLP has so far rejected the proposal.

Are those who serve time for "political" offenses allowed to vote?

Not while they are in prison but afterwards, yes. But they are not allowed to stand for election.

You are not allowed a visa to enter the U.S. Why? Are you banned elsewhere?

I was recently banned in Canada, following the U.S. precedent. The reason given is patently contrived, superficial and inconsistent. Many political representatives who are hardly pacifists are allowed in the U.S. — our opposition in the North and in Britain, as well as represen-

tatives of many other militant struggles and regimes elsewhere in the world. The real reason, as opposed to the excuse, is the British do not want our alternative view of what is going on heard. They are denying U.S. citizens their right to information, they are disenfranchising those who elected me to express their views, and they are creating a dis-information campaign about the situation. They fear open debate. Perhaps a change in presidents would alter the policy, though it hasn't changed it in the past.

Are there plans to set up a Sinn Fein fund raising organization in the U.S.?

There were tentative inquiries being made but no plans as of yet.

What about charges that money given to Irish Northern Aid buys guns for the IRA?

That's nonsense. The money is entirely needed by the dependents of political prisoners and those killed in the struggle.

Why doesn't the SDLP provide support for prisoners, since so many are known to be innocent, due to the nature of the legal system in the North?

You'd have to ask the SDLP about that. I don't know.

What was prison like for you?

Obviously you are having your life severely limited in prison and what is important is not my experience but that there are hundreds of men and some women still in prison in Ireland and Britain. Those in Britain should be repatriated. Some of these prisoners went in at age 15 and are now in their 30s serving indeterminate sentences. Some of the women undergo the frequent humiliation and harassment of strip searching without any cause. Prisoners who are in as the result of the British presence are being held as hostages to try to extract concessions from the nationalist people.

What stands out in your memory from the hunger strike of 1981 and what impact do you see it having had?

The main memories are of the deaths of the hunger strikers and their funerals and the different ways the establishment parties in Ireland and the British government tried to dodge the main issue, which is whether political prisoners should live in those conditions. One should bear in mind that if the British government had had the integrity to live up to the agreement reached as a result of the hunger strike at the end of 1980, there would not have been the second and more tragic hunger strike. The immediate impact was to rejuvenate the whole resistance movement. It also led to the New Ireland Forum and then to the Hillsborough treaty to counter the rise of republicanism.

Part of your constituency is the hardline loyalist Shankill area. Do any of them deal with you?

Yes, a small but regular number of inquiries come in to help those in the Shankill and other loyalist areas and we pursue those.

What should the Republican movement be doing to win loyalists to its viewpoint and do you see any common ground? Also, is not the IRA alienating loyalists?

Sinn Fein should be representing the working class interests of loyalists but we would not suggest we could represent their political interests. We must remain dogmatically non-sectarian. The problem is that loyalism is based on perceived self-interest. The British prop must be removed to achieve equality. Yes, the IRA does alienate but if we seek to do nothing that alienates loyalism we would not be able to do anything. We would not have agitated for the right to vote in the 1960s.

The Catholic Bishops in Ireland have issued some hostile statements about the IRA recently. Has this had an impact on Sinn Fein and the IRA? Do you try to keep communication with the church leadership open?

The statements have had an impact on Catholic republicans or those thinking of joining the Movement but it is hard to gauge. The Church hierarchy — which is distinguished by many from the broader Church and faith — is perceived by many nationalists as pro-British. Historically, the bishops have been anti-radical and excommunicated some of those involved in the Fenian Brotherhood, in the Easter Rising, some who were in the IRA and later became statesmen. The hierarchy's role should be one of standing up beside its flock against injustice and the greatest injustice is the British presence, from which so many other injustices flow. And it is perfectly proper to speak out against injustices committed by republicans but the language that is used about British actions is weak in even the rare statements that are made — almost all the harsh statements are against republicans. I have answered these comments both in private and public and have engaged in lengthy correspondence with my Bishop, Cathal Daly, but received no satisfaction there. But we are interested in dialogue — listening as well as putting our views forth. I think some Church conservatives fear democracy in Ireland which would usher in an era when the bishops would have less influence with the legislature, something which can come about only by an end to partition.

What is Sinn Fein's assessment of the Hillsborough Agreement and the International Fund which supports it after almost three years?

The treaty is the latest in a long line of diversions pursued by the British to bolster up their interests here. Sinn Fein pointed out the un-

democratic nature of the treaty, the way it copper-fastens the loyalist veto over the wishes of the Irish people as a whole, and that Britain would use the Dublin government through the treaty to insulate itself from international criticism. The International Fund has been administered to benefit pro-British interests to a large degree and enforce economic apartheid. A lot of absurd projects have been funded while deserving community-based projects get nothing.

26-County Justice Minister Gerry Collins claimed the IRA was trying to overthrow the Dublin Government, to justify the search of 50,000 homes for arms. What is your response?

He's talking nonsense. The IRA has stated on numerous occasions that it has no intent to overthrow the institutions of the 26 Counties. What Collins did was give a propaganda excuse to use his police force as an extension of the RUC, at Thatcher's behest. This was to dilute the response to the action which would have occurred had he been forced to be honest.

How do you compare the Haughey and Fitzgerald governments?

The difference between Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.

Do you think Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act, censoring Sinn Fein, will be repealed? Does it affect private radio stations?

It affects all stations and we had the ironic situation where illegal stations had Section 31 imposed on them when they attempted to interview Sinn Fein members. Haughey recently said when he was in the States that it only affected live broadcasting, which isn't the case. The law not only affects SF but others who profess similar views. *An Phoblacht*, the republican paper, tries to overcome the effect of censorship as best it can.

What is your assessment of Irish newspapers?

Most papers represent the interests of the establishment but at times they are fair. The British tabloids are much worse. Only after an awful lot of pressure will editors of most papers print our viewpoint — and even they often will not. Voluntary censorship.

Why doesn't the general public demand an end to censorship?

Polls show it supports an end to Section 31 but many are so beset by other daily problems, health cuts, unemployment, etc., it doesn't rank as nearly as important. We have to show the connection between partition and the economic situation and the need for a government which represents their interests.

The bombing at Enniskillen which killed 11 civilians last November was devastating to the movement's image. Why did the IRA consider the bomb safe? Are we going to see similar tragedies in the future? Why should the IRA's claim that the British triggered the bomb be believed?

The IRA statement said it thought it had effective measures to prevent accidental triggering by British radio signal but I do not think it should have been placed where it was. It is up to the IRA to see that civilian casualties are minimized, in its own interest. As for who is truthful, even hostile journalists acknowledge that the IRA admits responsibility for even actions that are damaging to itself, whereas the British, from Bloody Sunday to the Stalker Report, have lied and covered-up and whitewashed constantly. This has been documented in a number of books and articles.

The claim has been made that the Whitecross massacre by the so-called South Armagh Republican Action Force was really the doing of the IRA. Has the IRA engaged in sectarian killings?

The IRA has consistently denied the Whitecross killings and have denounced sectarian killings in general. They certainly should play no part in the liberation struggle but there have been fringe elements and Catholic groups which have responded to immense provocation. The pro-British elements are responsible for the vast majority of sectarian killings and most of them pre-meditated. The IRA has also been blamed for actions of covert British agents designed to discredit the republican struggle. The Irish National Liberation Army, incidentally, has only a counterproductive role to play and should disband. Its horrendous actions are lumped together with the IRA in the public mind too often and it has no support.

Women in Ireland seem to have a subservient position in society. What about in the Republican Movement?

Women in Irish society are subservient and the Republican Movement reflects some of that as a part of that society but we are trying to change that. We have legislated against sexism and we have a policy of positive discrimination in favor of women so that they who are burdened by society with domestic responsibilities and so on can fully participate in the Movement, including positions of leadership.

How has your involvement affected your family?

Like every other family but given the suffering of families of prisoners and those who have died, I have no cause to complain.

Do you have any hobbies or interests or is it all work?

Like any normal person I have other interests — walking, gardening, reading and so forth but most are impossible to satisfy because of the situation.

What about the importance of the Irish language today?

It is vital to keep the spirit and identity of the Irish people alive and there is a fantastic renaissance of the language in the North, of course, where Britain has tried to crush the nationalist people and their native language.

It has often been said that today's IRA is different from the old IRA. And what about the claim that the old IRA had a mandate from the people?

There is no difference between the two except one could argue that today's IRA is going to finish the business left unfinished 60 years ago. The methods are the same and bravery and integrity are the same on the part of the Volunteers then and now. They used to say that the Fenians were different from those before them, that the old IRA was not as noble as the Fenians and so on. The mandate is from the British presence. Those who proclaimed the Republic in 1916 had no formal mandate from the people. The establishment said the same things then as it does today.

Resolution Asks Change In 1987 Extradition Act

CLEVELAND, OHIO — The following resolution was passed at the recent AOH national convention here, toward restoring the political offense exception to the Irish extradition laws, removed by the recent 1987 amended act.

Whereas, the government of Great Britain has for centuries consistently disregarded the welfare of the Irish people and thwarted their aspirations for a free and independent country, and

Whereas, the government of Great Britain has, in this century, enacted a system of laws which has deprived the Irish nationalist people of Northern Ireland of their civil rights and civil liberties and, in doing so, turned their courts into instruments of oppression, and

Whereas, the government of Great Britain has demonstrated its insensitive policies by condoning an obvious shoot-to-kill policy, which was investigated extensively by Mr. John Stalker from which his complete report proved such a policy, and which the government promptly suppressed, the denial of justice to the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four, and the outright rejection of Irish government proposals to insure justice in the courts, and its refusal to take any meaningful action under the Anglo-Irish agreement to remedy gross injustices to Irish nationalists, whether in Northern Ireland or in Great Britain, and

Whereas, the Republic of Ireland has succumbed to pressure from the Council of Europe's Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism and has, therefore, in interpreting its own

Extradition Act of 1965 and the Extradition Act (Amended) of 1987, effectively removed the political offense exception, thereby prohibiting the Irish people from attempting to overthrow an unjust and oppressive foreign government, and allowing Irish people to be extradited to the United Kingdom, and

Whereas, the Republic of Ireland in passing the Extradition Act (Amended) of 1987 has prohibited and suppressed the legitimate political aspirations of Irish nationalists to change an unjust political and economic situation, and

Whereas, the political offense exception in extradition treaties has been firmly established and held sacred for centuries in international law, and

Whereas, the Anglo-Irish agreement recognizes the political nature of the civil unrest in Ireland, yet, under the Extradition Act (Amended) of 1987, the Irish nationalist striving for independence and self-determination can no longer be expressed, and there is no recognition of the legitimate moral rights of Irish nationalists to change an unjust political situation.

Now, Therefore, we, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., in National Convention assembled, express our profound disappointment in the adoption of the Extradition Act (Amended) of 1987 by the government of the Republic of Ireland with the approval of the Taoiseach, Charles Haughey.

Recognizing the legitimate right of a government to pass such laws as it

desires, we must nevertheless object to such legislation on the grounds that no Irish man or Irish woman, as has been adequately demonstrated by the record of the United Kingdom, can expect to receive a fair trial in British courts. We must, therefore, consider extradition to any part of the United Kingdom to be a gross violation of fundamental human rights of the individual concerned, and a denial of one of the most basic of human rights, the right to a fair trial by an unbiased judge in an open, public courtroom free of political pressure.

We implore the Taoiseach, Charles Haughey, and the legislative bodies of the Republic of Ireland to restore the political offense exception and to repeal such parts of the Extradition Act (Amended) of 1987 which are in contradiction thereto, so that the basic moral principle of political offense exception may be restored.

Adopted at the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., this 28th day of July, 1988.

AFL-CIO Urges Doherty Release

The New York State AFL-CIO in convention, unanimously passed the following resolution seeking the release of Joseph Doherty from prison.

Joseph Patrick Doherty
Submitted by: Troy Area
Labor Council

WHEREAS, Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty began his sixth year in federal prison on June 18, 1988; and

WHEREAS, he has never been convicted of nor even charged with the commission of any crime in this country, and

WHEREAS, in the past five years, federal and immigration judges have consistently rendered decisions in favor of Mr. Doherty and against the government in every proceeding initiated by the government, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty would never dishonor those who have supported him by failing to respect and scrupulously abide by any and every condition imposed on him in conjunction with the grant of bail:

RESOLVED, that the New York State AFL-CIO petition President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese to take any and all steps necessary to accomplish Mr. Doherty's release on bail in order that his unconscionable imprisonment be brought to an end; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution by transmitted to Mr. Reagan and Mr. Meese.

Catholic Bishops Quit Dem. Party

HARTFORD, CT — Two Roman Catholic bishops, including Hartford's Archbishop John Whealon, have announced they are quitting the Democratic party because of its support for the right to abortion.

Whealon wrote in his weekly column in the archdiocesan weekly that the party "has accomplished much for the nation" but it "has abandoned the Catholic Church" and he was "unable in conscience" to stay in it.

He said the party "is officially in favor of executing unborn babies whose only crime is that they temporarily occupy their mother's womb."



Hibernian presidents with Richard F. Celeste, Governor of Ohio. From left, LAOH President-Elect Mary Bradley, LAOH President Sheila Clifford, the governor, and AOH President Nicholas Murphy.



National Historian Mike McCormack is flanked in the press room by National Press Secretary John Concannon, left, and Assistant Digest Editor Mike Heslin.



Five past national presidents at the Convention Ball — from left, Roche, McNabb, Murphy, McEnery and Connolly.

1988 National AOH Convention

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Junior Division from Akron ready to enter the church.



Twelve AOH Chaplains assisted Bishop Pilla at the Mass. Running gag amongst them was "Who is Judas?"



A FESTIVE AIR SURROUNDS THE CONVENTION



NEW NATIONAL BOARD — Left to right, front row, Vice President Mike Carroll, MA; President Mike Coogan, OH; Deputy Chaplain Fr. Donal O'Carroll, OH; Secretary Tom McNabb, NY; Treasurer Ed Wallace, NY. Second row: Director Frank Kearney, NJ; Historian Mike McCormack, NY; Past President Nick Murphy, NY; Hibernian Digest Editor Dave Henshaw, NY;



It wasn't all business — some of the ladies, representing the District of Columbia Board, enjoyed the balloons and green hats at "Irish Night."



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Advertising Director Jim Brennan, FL; Legal Counsel George Clough, MO. Third row: Awards Chairman Dick Rogers, NY; Director Tom Gilligan, FL; Director Kevin Reynolds, OH; Director John McInerney, MI; Dep. Chaplain Michael Healy, CA; Director Jack Irwin, NY; and Director Bill Hines, TX.

Irish Eye photos



The National Editor, Dave Henshaw, was honored.



National Director John McInerney is proud of his A.O.H. logo.



Two AOH national presidents after their installation, AOH Michael Coogan from Dayton, Ohio, and LAOH Mary Bradley from Central Falls, R. I.



Baby James Thomas Willenhorst from Cleveland, sleeping on the job of campaigning for Kevin Reynolds.



Some of the delegates assembled in the Cleveland Convention Center "Little Theatre" — Tom McNabb at the mike.



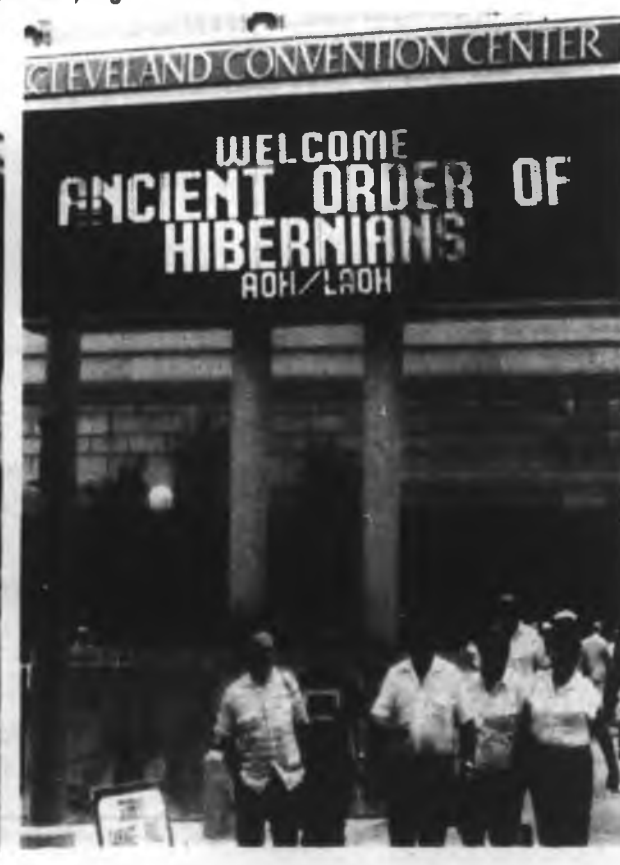
LAOH President Sheila Clifford and AOH President Nicholas Murphy with the Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland, after the opening Mass.



Right to Life trio, from left, Jim Herlihy, AOH National Chairman, Right to Life Committee; Dr. John C. Wilke, National President, Right to Life; and Joseph Kriegbaum, AOH Ohio State Chairman, Right to Life.



Parade to opening Mass at St. John's Cathedral.



This photo is the proverbial thousand words.

President Coogan Condemns Extradition of Irish Citizens

DAYTON, OHIO & ALBANY, N.Y.: Mike Coogan, national president of the AOH, denounced the Irish Government's extradition of Robert Russell and Gerard Harte (Irish citizens) as an "act of cowardice not worthy of a sovereign nation." "It is inconceivable," Mr. Coogan stated, "that any Irish citizen — no matter what he or she may be accused of — could be turned over to a nation with such a track record of treachery in Ireland." Is the Irish system of justice so inadequate that its citizens cannot be tried instead of handed over to an oppressor whose violence and injustice against the Irish people seems never to end?

"Like Pontius Pilate," Mr. Coogan continued, "the Dublin Government tries to wash its hands of freedom

and those who yearn to be free but with every act of collaboration promotes the very violence they claim to abhor. This act is all the more shocking because in the three years of the Hillsborough Deal there is not one action by England that would justify the slightest confidence in British justice and much to prove their malevolence, including the death of Aidan Mcanespie, the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four, the Stalker scandal, the release of Ian Thain, etc."

"I applaud the protest," Mr. Coogan concluded, "of men and women of good conscience in the Dail and elsewhere and urge them to continue for nothing less than the self-esteem of the Irish people is at stake with every citizen surrendered in this shameful manner."

BOOK REVIEW

THE STALKER AFFAIR By John Stalker

In 1984, John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of the greater Manchester Police Force, was asked to undertake an inquiry into the deaths of six men which took place in Northern Ireland in late 1982. These six men were killed by officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). Their deaths produced enormous controversy and allegations that the police had a secret but official "shoot to kill" policy against suspected members of the IRA.

Stalker's investigation, although commissioned by the RUC, met resistance and obstruction at all levels. After two years' work, Stalker was abruptly removed from his job — at the very moment that he was about to gain access to material which would be highly embarrassing to the RUC.

The story of his suspension, the attempts to discredit him, and his eventual reinstatement, make eloquent reading. But the political scandal which the affair has caused; the allegations of a "shoot to kill" policy; the decision of the British Government not to prosecute the RUC officers involved; and the grave damage inflicted on Anglo-Irish relationships — all make this one of the most important books published this year.

John Stalker was Deputy Chief Constable of the Greater Manchester Police Force in 1984, when he went to Northern Ireland to investigate the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Throughout his investigation, suspension, and ultimate vindication, John Stalker has enjoyed an astonishing degree of public support. He has become a local and national hero, and his book tells the

Ireland Chamber of Commerce In U.S. Names First Chairman

NEW YORK, September 22 — James B. Malloy, President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Louis-based Jefferson Smurfit Corporation, has been named Chairman of The Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the United States of America (ICCUSA). Jefferson Smurfit Corporation is 78% owned by Jefferson Smurfit Group, Ireland's largest industrial corporation.

"It is a unique privilege to spearhead an organization that will promote and expand trade and commerce between this great country of ours and Ireland," said Malloy. "Our efforts in establishing an official presence in the United States has received the encouragement and good wishes of leading members of the Irish government as well as all the major political parties throughout Ireland."

"By encouraging the private sector within Ireland and the U.S. to broaden and enhance business ties, we can spur a new era of recovery and growth in Ireland. We can also further educational exchange programs that complement that mission," Malloy added.

In making the announcement, Patrick J. Marsh, president of IC-CUSA noted that Malloy "offers professional and personal characteristics that typify the Irish American contribution to American business." Marsh added that "Jim Malloy also represents the achievement of excellence in performance, ethical professionalism, and a strong reputation as a free enterprise practitioner."

story that many people are determined should be told.

REVIEWS

"Stalker is at least as important as *Spycatcher* in the vital debate about democratic and judicial standards under pressure.... Stalker recounts his story with a writer's eye for the significance of petty insults that echoes Gogol and Kafka. The book has the ghastly inevitability of Greek Tragedy." *The Sunday Times* (London)

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"Stalker is probably the most honest account of life in the British police ever published." *The New Statesman*

"The image that emerges from this book of an honest cop, treading his way through the jungle of Ulster, hunting down the truth, is both disturbingly rare and deeply reassuring." *The Spectator*

To order from AOH Books, see page 9 this issue.

Teacher Cherishes Earned Irish Medal

Irish American Maria Kane little suspected the outcome of her agreement to publish in the periodical she edits, *Saoirse na heireann*, some of the poems of fluent Irish speaker Joe Doherty. Joe became her teacher of the Irish language while he awaits extradition in a New York detention center. She was able to pass the Irish language

Headquarters for ICCUSA are located in New York City, with U.S. regional offices planned for Boston, Washington D.C., St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Cleveland, San Antonio, and Miami. Offices in Ireland



JAMES B. MALLOY

will be located in Dublin, Shannon, and Belfast.

Biographical Information

James B. Malloy has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Jefferson Smurfit Corporation since 1982. The company, with its affiliate, Container Corporation of America, is one of the largest paper packaging organizations in the world — managing \$3.3 billion in sales, over 20,000 employees, a million acres of trees, and more than 180 paper and paperboard mills and converting plants in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Columbia.

Prior to joining Smurfit, Malloy served as Vice President and Group Executive, Industrial Packaging Group, for International Paper Company, New York.

He currently serves on the boards of directors for Jefferson Smurfit Corporation, Container Corporation of America, Jefferson Smurfit Group, Sequoia Pacific Systems Corporation, the American Paper Institute, Mercantile Bancorporation, the St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Boys Hope and St. Louis University.

Malloy was born in Boston, MA, and is a graduate of Babson College, Wellesley, MA, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

test and is proud to wear the symbol of that accomplishment, the Fainne.

"I started to visit him every five or six weeks, and from that we progressed to weekly reverse-charge phone calls, during which he encouraged me to speak Irish and slowly but surely I began to get there."

A teacher of Spanish in her home town, Oswego, Maria said, "I owe everything to Joe — it would have been impossible without him. I'm a teacher myself and I can tell you he's an excellent teacher — demanding but patient. He should know my good news by now; my mother should have told him when he rang. I just hope he's as pleased as I am."

Maria arrived in Ireland on July 15th on a five week holiday. She took the fainne examination and was delighted when she learned she'd passed the test.

From the *Andersontown News*, NY.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

I am very grateful to our newly elected President, Michael Coogan, for affording me the opportunity to once again serve in the capacity of National Chairman of the very important Freedom For All Ireland Committee. I am very thankful to all the members who have so wholeheartedly cooperated with me throughout the years in our efforts to help our beleaguered brethren in Northern Ireland. Without your help and assistance, we would not have accomplished the good work that has been done through this Committee.

May I once again request that all division presidents send me the

name, address, including zip code, of their Freedom For All Ireland Chairmen, and also ask that the Boards do the same. This will enable me to communicate with them directly on forthcoming events and projects.

In the not too distant future, I will be writing to all divisions requesting their help for the prisoners' families at the forthcoming holiday season. Meanwhile, I thank you for your cooperation and look forward to working, as always, toward our inevitable goal — "Ireland - United and Free."

MARTIN HIGGINS

Episcopal Church Convention Endorses MacBride Principles

DETROIT: Meeting here in General Convention July 2-11, the Protestant Episcopal Church, U.S.A., passed a resolution endorsing the MacBride Principles for employment in Northern Ireland. The resolution resolved as follows:

Resolved, That this Sixty-Ninth General Convention endorse the MacBride Principles for equitable employment in the north of Ireland and that it adopt the policy of divestiture with regard to companies doing business in the north of Ireland who do not follow the MacBride Principles; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention memorialize the 1988 Lambeth Conference to endorse the MacBride Principles for employment in the north of Ireland and that it encourage all members of the Anglican Communion to work for peace with equity and justice in that region.

EXPLANATION

The history of Anglo-Irish relations has been fraught with centuries of bitterness and misunderstanding. The Plantation settlements artificially created a Unionist majority in the north of Ireland, and that majority has consistently discriminated against the Roman Catholic minority in such areas as employment, housing, political leadership and civil rights. (MacBride Principles appended).

Statement made by the Most Reverend Dr. John Austin Baker, Anglican Bishop of Salisbury, when Chaplain to the House of Commons, during the Long Kesh strike in 1980.

"No British government ought ever to forget that this perilous moment before it, is the working of a history for which our country is primarily responsible. England seized Ireland for its own military benefit. It planted Protestant settlers there to make it strategically secure. It humiliated and penalized the native Irish and their Catholic religion; and, then, when it could no longer hold on to the whole island, it kept back part to be a home for the settlers' descendants, a non-viable

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"Belfast Diary" Touching and Informative

A friend from Division #2, Babylon, NY, was thoughtful enough to pass along his copy of John Conway's *Belfast Diary* (Beacon Press, Boston, 1987), giving this non-fiction account a positive recommendation. So much about the Six Counties has recently been sensationalized, romanticized, and fictionalized that the resulting distortions just are not worth the effort.

Not so with the Conway book, which sets out to be an impartial account of the writer's life among the people in a nationalist neighborhood. Conway's conclusions as presented in the book's "Epilogue" indicate that his digging for the truth has brought him to some disturbing realities. To quote:

"The North today has the highest infant mortality, the highest unemployment, the lowest wages, the lowest standard of living, and the lowest life expectancy in the United Kingdom. It has more than double the per capita prison population of the mainland. The industrial landscape is so bleak (more than one out of four men is out of work, and in Catholic Strabane, the figure is one out of two, that the development authorities cannot convince even British companies to invest; British corporations will invest in the Republic, but not in the North.

"Unless you know where to look,

and unless you care to look there, it is easy to believe that it is not a society in a state of suppressed war, but a society at peace which is plagued by a few 'Godfathers of violence' who will soon be sorted out by the police, the army, or the diplock courts.

"While the world finds the problem in the North complex, A teenager in Clonard or Ballymurphy sees it as elementary. He knows he will have no work, or if he does have it, it will not reflect his intelligence or pay him enough to escape the ghetto. He finds himself regarded not as a citizen, but as a suspect, and at some point in his young life he will probably have a confrontation with the army or the police that will convince him that those forces are not his protectors. Given his natural desire for dignity and his conviction that the system is unjust, it comes as no surprise when he assumes the role of the violent man...."

If we can take the time to reflect on these excerpted reactions from Conway, we might use this post-convention period within the AOH to re-dedicate ourselves as individuals and as an organization to fighting oppression in the north of Ireland and promoting national self-determination for all of Ireland's people.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland Committee

"Talking to Congress" Addresses Justice Issues

AOH leaders of Suffolk County, N.Y., met with Congressman George Hochbrueckner on September 12, 1988 at the Saint Ursula Center of the Sisters of the Ursuline Order at Blue Point, N.Y. Many important Irish American political and government issues of the day were discussed at length.

Congressman Hochbrueckner, who is well informed on the more popular issues, was made aware of many less known disheartening and unfair con-

ditions affecting Irish, and Irish American people. The Irish American position on the various topics was ably presented by Brendan Moore, State Freedom For All Ireland Chairman.

The Immigration Reform movement was addressed, and the Congressman explained the legislation action currently underway. The discriminating judicial system in Northern Ireland, the British influence on the Reagan ad-

ministration, and the future leadership of the Irish American Ad Hoc Committee in the House were subjects of lively discussion.

The injustice of the Joe Doherty case, and the consequences of the infamous Extradition Treaty Supplement were passed on to Congressman Hochbrueckner who was in genuine sympathy with the concerns of the Irish American people.

Jack Flatley



LIVELY, FRIENDLY AOH banter prevailed at the "Talking to Congress" session with Congressman George Hochbrueckner (First Congressional District). Left to right: Jack Flatley, *Digest* columnist; John Hennessey, Suffolk Co. Vice President; Brendan Moore, State Freedom For All Ireland Chairman; Joe McDermott, Division 8 representative; Mike McCormack, National Historian and *Irish Echo* columnist; Cathy Holmes, American Irish Congress; Tom Jordan, Suffolk Co. president; and Charley McLaughlin, Immigration Chairman.

Threat of Extradition Imminent

The situation for those of us facing the threat of extradition is now entering a crucial and critical stage. The public generally have been lulled into accepting the necessity for extradition by politicians supported by the media. They have been deliberately fed a diet of misinformation designed to create the mistaken belief that safeguards exist and by implication that the political exemption clause that prevented the extradition of Irish Freedom Fighters would still apply.

This is not the case. We assert that collusion existed between the then Chief Justice Tom O'Higgins and the Fine Gael government to redefine the accepted interpretation of what constituted a political offence (in the case of Dominic McGlinchey), thereby establishing precedent and diluting the supposedly judicial independence of the Supreme Court. In the case of Robert Russell the precedent was followed; the Supreme Court ruled 3-2 against him on the grounds that because he was engaged in an attempt to overthrow the British occupation forces, he was also subverting the Irish Government's constitutional claim to sovereignty over the six counties. Therefore political exemption, according to the majority judges, did not apply. If we follow this simplistic and dangerous argument to its logical conclusion, then all who oppose the British presence in the six counties, or defend the Nationalist people from the sectarian attacks of the R.V.C. and U.D.R., would find themselves extraditable if seeking refuge in the 26 counties.

Robert Russell is now due to be handed over to the R.U.C. on completion of his sentence here in August. He is to be returned to the H-Blocks, the horror of which has been well documented and universally condemned. Republican prisoners incarcerated there are subjected to a systematic regime of ill-treatment, constant beatings, the loss of remission and solitary confinement for any infringement of the prison rules. Rules that by their very nature are anti-Irish and discriminate against nationalists. The playing of Gaelic sports is forbidden; the playing of Irish musical instruments is forbidden; all publications or letters with an Irish language content are forbidden; the wearing of the Fainne, in any shape or form, is forbidden; the use of Irish on visits is forbidden. Yet the authorities conceded that any other language, bar Irish, was allowed. We have witnessed the horrible conditions that led to the blanket protest and the Hunger Strikes, culminating in the death of ten men.

The catalogue of the British reign of terror in our country is endless, their contempt for the Irish people evident. Is it now to be the case that Irishmen, following in the path of Tone, Pearse and Connolly, are to be extradited to one of the most corrupt, bigoted and sectarian states in the world? It will be to the eternal shame of the Irish people if this is indeed allowed to pass.

Dermot Finnucane, Chairperson
Portlaoise Prisoners Against
Extradition
Portlaoise Prison, Co. Laois

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William Donnelly Was An Active Hibernian



WILLIAM H. DONNELLY

On Sunday, May 29, 1988, William H. Donnelly died at the Waltham Hospital after an eight week illness. He is survived by his wife Ann, who is vice president of Division 14 LAOH; two daughters, Lucille and Diane; two sons, Tom and William, Jr.; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Donnelly held many offices in Division 14 AOH, including

Maryland Mourns Death Of William Guerin, Sr.

The Maryland State Board, and Baltimore City Division 4, AOH, mourns the loss of its past state president and loyal Brother Hibernian, William J. Guerin, Sr. who passed away on August 2, 1988 at age 91. He worked 50 years for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

Mr. Guerin was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 26, 1896. His parents were born in Co. Tipperary, Ireland. His father, Richard Guerin, was from Templemore, and his mother, Nora Brolan, hailed from Thurles.

Richard Guerin was an active member of Baltimore City A.O.H. Division 6, which met twice monthly in St. John's Boys School on Valley and Eager Sts., an Irish enclave in the old tenth ward. He passed away in 1914, and soon after, William joined his father's old division. He was soon called away to serve in the A.E.F. in World War I in 1916, at 19 years of age.

He returned home in 1918, married Sarah Margaret Murphy, and became very active in the A.O.H. He even met Eamon DeValera in 1920 before the man became the first Prime Minister of the Irish Republic. The Guerins were blessed with 17 children — 4 daughters and 13 sons. He attended St. John's parochial school, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, McCoy College and Johns Hopkins University.

William Guerin served as Recording Secretary of Division 6 until the close of 1928, when he formed a completely new Division, the Commodore John Barry Division 4 of Baltimore City on February 28, 1929. He served in a number of important

positions including Division president, president of the Baltimore City Board, president of the Maryland State Board, member of the National Board of the A.O.H. and was a delegate to twenty National Conventions.

On March 17, 1959, an Honorary Life Membership was bestowed upon him by the AOH National Board in recognition of his long and devoted service to the Order.

On June 8, 1984, the Hibernian Brothers in the Commodore John Barry Division held a testimonial dinner to honor Mr. Guerin. In attendance were National President Joseph Roche, Treasurer Michael Coogan, John F. McBride, Michael Flannery, Deputy National Chaplain, Rev. Silvan Brennan, E.B., and Maryland delegate Gerald Curran, to name but a few.

Mr. William J. Guerin, Sr. was a member of the AOH for 74 wonderful years. Many of his sons carry on his legacy of activism in Baltimore City, Division 4.

Mr. Guerin is survived by his daughters, Cathleen King, M. Margaret Sites, Nancy Gillyooly (Shrewsbury, PA), Patricia Busky (Shrewsbury, PA); sons John, Emmet, Charles, William J. Jr., Albert, James (New Freedom, PA), Michael (St. Petersburg, FL), Denis; as well as thirty-four grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. His wife and five sons preceded him in death.

The Mass and Christian burial were celebrated in St. Matthews Church in Baltimore.

Montgomery J. Phair

Maryland State Historian

JFK Medal

(Continued from Page Six)

American lifestyle, so that we as a group are taken for granted. Have we fractionated our efforts into fraternal and religious organizations to the point where interests of Irish Americans have become ad hoc — instead of developing a unified, directed and controlled, power base.

I feel we have. I feel it is time for all Irish Americans to create a bond which brings us together, expressing and acting out what we share in our cultural heritage — while we are seeking what we deserve as both Americans and Irishmen.

To that end, I suggest an immediate effort. The major, or a least the most immediate issue confronting Irish Americans, and possibly the AOH as a group, is the estimated 100,000 Irish-born illegals currently living in America.

Through no fault of their own, these young people, the cream of Ireland's most educated generation in history, have been forced to leave their native land to seek, as thousands of our ancestors did, work and sustenance here in the United States.

The fact that they are illegal is a source of great sorrow. However, we can do much more than wring our hands. We can ensure that legislation is passed through the U.S. Congress that will allow these young people to banish the spectre of illegality which hangs over them.

In the name of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, I call on all dedicated fellow Hibernians to make this a major issue within their divisions, to write and lobby their local political representatives to ensure that the Irish voice is heard loud and clear on this issue. This is not an issue that divides Irish and Irish Americans; it is one that should bring us all together, in common cause, to ensure a better future for the young people of Ireland and to evidence the power of our people — here in the United States.

I also call on all Hibernians to use our most powerful weapon to help Irish people, worldwide. An effort connected with the very origin of our organizations' existence. We need to pray. We need to seek the help of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Knock — the Queen of All Ireland — and we need to do so through the rosary.

My fellow Irish Americans, God has blessed me with a wonderful wife, an incredible family — a life that is rich and fulfilling, and friends and associates like you. Now, I need to share what I have been given. I have an obligation to give something back.

That, I think, is a worthy goal. A responsibility, a duty, and assignment. And I urge each of you, each person in this room, whatever your role in life, to do the same for Ireland. I am not asking you to change your — or the AOH's — priorities. I am seeking to ignite your dedication to Ireland. Be it time or power or ability or money.

Let's not allow the wonders of our heritage and the pride of our ancestors' contributions to slip from our memory or our way of life. Let's not allow those who have found success to lose touch with their Irish roots and the memories of their families' struggles in this country.

Let's be proud of first being American, but let's not fully assimilate into mainstream America. Let's use the strength of our ancestors. Let's apply the leverage of our numbers. Let us use the pulse of the Irish blood that flows through our veins to make this life better for Irish Ameri-



IRISH YOUTH TEAM OVERJOYED

Dear AOH Friends:

We want to extend a huge thank you, on behalf of the Irish Youth Team, for your help in bringing them to America and enabling them to have the time of their lives!!!

We would like you to know that your generous dollars paid for their airfare, accommodations at Hofstra University, transportation to the Bronx Zoo, New York Aquarium, Jones Beach, Roosevelt Field, the flea market, tickets to A Chorus Line, the World Trade Center (to meet Governor Cuomo), and many other places that tourists dream of seeing. They were wine and dined in beautiful restaurants, hosted at cocktail receptions and treated like visiting royalty (which they were, to us). They received uniforms, to take home, which will make them instant celebrities. Best of all, they won 30 Gold, 1 Silver and 8 Bronze medals. These were worn, with great pride, to the airport when the team flew back home to Ireland.

We know, without a doubt, that the reception they received here far exceeded their dream!!!

The Lord Mayor, Dominic Kieran, is at this moment organizing the Irish Youth Team for the 1989 Games, and is working on bringing an American team to Ireland.

We want to thank you again, from Tracey Berney 14, Steven Donnelly 17, Helen French 21, Patricia Furlong 12, Tony Maloney 19, Carla McVitty 11, Decaln Monaghan 19, Edel Reck 21, Thomas St. Ledger 20, Anita Tighe 21, Seamus Wall 19, and Joann Wright 14, and to bring you the up-to-date as to how you have contributed to bringing so much happiness to these wonderful kids.

God Bless.
Susan Gordon Ryan
Executive Director
New York State Games
for the Physically Challenged

RESEARCH IN ORDER

Letters to the Editor
Houston Chronicle

The Chronicle recently published an editorial with evidently secondary research pertaining to the position of the I.R.A. in Northern Ireland. I just completed a primary research project of the criminal justice system and how it would affect our 5th and 8th amendments in Belfast during the first part of August. My findings are somewhat different than projected by the Editorial.

1. The Catholic Irish have forgiven the way that 3,500,000 men, women and children starved 100 years ago while under the English rule, and England let it happen.

2. The Irish remember the cruel treatment given the patriots by the

cans — and Irishmen — in this land and in Ireland.
For what you will surely do and for this award, I thank you very much. I thank God for making me an Irishman and I ask him and the glorious Saint Patrick to bless us as a group — as Hibernians — and each of us, one at a time, as Irish Americans.
Slainte!

English when they sought their freedom in the early part of this century. Men were hung as traitors and terrorists to the crown.

3. The Northern Irish Catholic cannot own or purchase weapons so they can defend themselves from the English-controlled police or soldiers.

4. The voting districts have been so gerrymandered that the Catholic minority has little voting power.

5. In Northern Ireland, a man, woman, and boy can be arrested by the police and held for 72 hours for no reason at all. They can then be charged, taken before a Judge appointed out of London, and given a life sentence (without a jury).

6. Today in Northern Ireland, the Judges appointed out of London all have five or six bodyguards.

In spite of the fact that the Southern Irish have opposed the I.R.A. publicly because they dislike violence, they recognize the only protection the Northern Catholic Irish have is the I.R.A. They trust the I.R.A. and its intents more than they do the English. I suggest that a little primary research might make you alter your position.

Gerald P. Monks, Ph.D.
C.A.R.E. Bail Bond Company
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FLAWED U.S. POLICY ON NICARAGUA

Aside from the on-again, off-again support for the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters, there is one fatal omission in our efforts to make Nicaragua — as well as the rest of Central America — immune to Marxist contamination. The fatal omission is the absence of any emphasis on the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force Report entitled "High Road to Economic Justice."

This report emphatically encourages Employee Stock Ownership Plans and Debt Equity Swaps for Central American and the Caribbean. When President Reagan accepted the report on August 3, 1987, he stated, "Don't let anyone tell you we are relying on guns alone to carry the day."

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega knows that individual ownership of the means of production provides immunity to the false promises of the Marxists. He knows that power follows property. Currently his communist regime holds power; individual workers have none.

The ugly identifying birthmark of communism is the denial of individual ownership rights in the means of production.

It is most discouraging to see some people behaving as if Marxism were the moral equivalent of democracy. It is time that the free world representatives of the peace plan move to eradicate the fatal omission that distinguishes Marxism from democracy.

Vincent J. McGrath

The writer is a member of The Lt. Col. John A. Dowd USMC Division, Woodbridge, VA. He is a volunteer consultant to the Center for Economic and Social Justice, Washington, DC, and served as a counselor to The Presidential Task Force Project Economic Justice.

King Honors Grand Knight



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King, left, presented a Nassau County flag to Pat Thompson, who is Grand Knight of the Robert W. Powell Council of the Knights of Columbus in Uniondale, Long Island. King commended Thompson for his "dedication to freedom and justice in Ireland and his outspoken support of the Pro-Life movement." King made the presentation prior to the recent Frank Patterson concert sponsored by the Powell Council.

Hamburg Student Wins the Carew Scholarship

The New York State Board of the AOH in America is pleased to announce that the 1988 Austin V. Carew Scholarship has been awarded to Thomas R. Gilmartin of 129 Charlotte Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075.

Mr. Gilmartin is a recent graduate of Hamburg High School and will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (R.P.I.) where he intends to study Electronics Engineering.

Tom is the son of Mary and Thomas F. Gilmartin of Hamburg, a suburb of Buffalo, where the father is a member of the Monsignor Toomey Division #2 of the AOH.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 per year for four years of college study and is awarded each year to a member, son or daughter of a member, of the AOH on the basis



THOMAS R. GILMARTIN

of a combination of S.A.T. scores and the results of an examination on Irish and Irish-American history, culture and geography, administered by the New York State Board.

Invitation Extended to All Irish Pipe Bands

Buffalo, New York, extends an invitation to all Hibernian Pipe Bands to come to Buffalo for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in March of 1989. The Parade is sponsored by the United Irish American Association of Erie County. It is held in Downtown Buffalo on Delaware Ave. A \$500.00 first prize is awarded.

Buffalo's St. Pat's parade is not held on the Great Day — it is held on a Sunday.

For more details and information on the parade, write to Mr. Timothy J. Leary, 67 Ivanhoe Road, Buffalo, New York 14215; or telephone (716) 894-0098.

New York State Pro-Life Report

"Of Parties, Platforms, Candidates, And Where They Stand"

The summer before a presidential election is a time of excitement, "hoopla", and gearing up for the beginning of a vigorous campaign between candidates who often have different viewpoints. The major political parties also present differing views and this is often reflected in their platforms. As the major party conventions roll around this year and as the candidates speak with the "oft" catchy, glib, and articulate use of words, let us pause and reflect; let us ask ourselves from whence the parties and the candidates come; let us look beyond the surface and behind the image; and let us ask where is this party or that candidate leading us.

If we look at each of the major party platforms on the pro-life issues, we are faced with a clear choice as to whether we want to protect the lives of unborn babies or to go on killing them. The 1984 Republican Party platform was pro-life and it stated: "The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed." In contrast the 1984 and most recently in Atlanta the 1988 platform of the Democratic Party stated a pro-choice/abortion position: "The fundamental right of reproductive choice should be guaranteed regardless of ability to pay."

Groups which represent a pro-life or pro-choice viewpoint have analyzed the candidates voting records and public statements over several years and these groups provide revelation as to where the candidates stand. The National Abortion Rights Action League booklet, entitled "The Right to Choose: A Guide to Presidential Candidates on Abortion Rights" and published in May, 1987, stated that the Democratic presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis "is a firm supporter of reproductive rights. He fully supports funding for abortion services." The National Right to Life Committee's President, Dr. Jack Willke stated in the *NRL News* (6/23/88) that "George Bush is a man with a consistently strong pro-life position; a man opposed to tax funding of abortions and supportive of reversing *Roe v. Wade* and the reestablishment of federal protection for human life from conception; a man who will respect traditional family values and the sanctity of human life."

And if looking at where the presidential candidates stand is not enough, then, look at the men who are running for the vice-presidency and who would be called upon to take

Catholic Action Trying to Understand Life

Christ is our Teacher. "You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am." (John 13:13).

All that the Catholic faith teaches is Christ's answer to us in our search for the meaning of life and in our desire to lay hold of what the heart longs for. The message of Christ is a message of joy to a world in need of hope.

This life is mysterious because it contains so much that is excellent and stirs up hope in our hearts and also confronts us with profound tragedies. We find here much that is true and good and beautiful and much that proves radically disappointing. Hope and joy, grief and anxiety are strangely intermingled in this world, and we cannot help asking ourselves: Why do we exist? Who are we, and why do we live in a world like this?

We need to understand the meaning of our lives because the span of our years is limited. To live intelligently and well we must grasp in time what life is for and what it means.

Catholic faith teaches that God Himself, the Lord who created us and all things, has become for us a Teacher of life. In and through Jesus

Christ, God is our Teacher, and we are set free from doubts and anxieties by the light of His word.

One receives faith with the certainty faith brings, only as a gift of God. Yet God gives this gift to us in ways that respect our humanity and all the needs of our intelligence and heart.

When Jesus invited people to faith in Himself, He clearly respected their intelligence. The good news He taught was accompanied by many signs of its truth: the words He spoke rang true and appealed to their intelligence. They longed for a certainty only God could give them. He touched their hearts from within, and enabled them to share by God's grace in the light of God's own wisdom.

Thus Christ taught His disciples to pray for faith, and taught them that the certainty of faith was not merely the fruit of human insight into the signs that He gave, but the gift of the Father.

Christ has been in human history; how even now it shapes a family of faith sealed with exceptional marks of its authenticity and goodness.

Catholic Action
AOH Nassau Co. Board
Long Island, New York

over the presidency in a time of national tragedy. Senator Lloyd Bentsen's position is clear. Kate Michelman, Executive Director of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), stated in a Memorandum dated 7/12/88: "On the whole Senator Bentsen's voting record on our issue has been very good." The Republicans have not met in convention as yet and we will have to watch in the days ahead the position of their vice-presidential candidate.

The upcoming national presiden-

tial election provides us with a clear choice on the pro-life issues. Let us ask ourselves: Do we really want to halt abortions, to halt the killing of unborn babies? The choice is ours. Our vote and those of others can bring us life or death.

As we move toward election time do not be fooled by candidates trying to show how moderate or conservative they are. Ask yourself: Does the candidate support killing unborn babies or not?

Charles Welch
Pro-life Chairman

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Missouri Mourns Regina Carrigan

Hibernians in Kansas City and St. Louis are mourning the death of Regina Carrigan, who passed away on May 31, 1988. At the time of her death, Regina was serving as president of the Padraic Pearse Division. Regina joined the LAOH in 1971 and served the Order with dedication and devotion. She held the offices of secretary and treasurer of her division and was elected state president in 1981, serving two terms. In

Detroit and Baltimore, Regina worked on the committee to revise the national constitution. Since joining the Order, she had attended every national convention and planned to attend this year in Cleveland.

Regina is survived by her sister, Margaret Carrigan. We shall miss Regina and know that God will grant her eternal rest. We shall meet again when we join her in Tir n'an Og.

Anne Conroy

Remembering Frances Hamre

By PATRICIA A. OBERRATH

Frances Hamre was a very unique individual, the first LAOH Assistant Editor I came to know personally, who helped me develop confidence in accomplishing the tasks assigned to me as a Hibernian.

When I was the chairman of Press and Publicity for the Ohio State newsletter, Frances would send me notes of thanks and encouragement. That was how we first met, through the mail. We finally met in person during my very first national convention in Buffalo, NY, when I had been assigned to her Press & Publicity Committee.

As several "experienced" delegates gathered for this meeting, Frances asked for a volunteer secretary to take the minutes. Of course, nobody volunteered, knowing what would later be involved! Frances turned to me and smiled; I knew I was sunk!

We later had a short conversation and to my dismay, I learned I was expected to type the report, find a place in downtown Buffalo to make copies of it, and read it in front of the entire LAOH delegation assembled. I stood looking up at her in shock for a moment and said with a lump in my throat, "Frances, are you sure I should be the one reading this? After all, you're the Assistant Editor and I think..." She cut me off and said, "Listen, kiddo, I think you will do a fine job up there and besides, it's getting awfully hard for me to climb on that stage." What could I do but comply. I still remember how she placed her hand on my shoulder for support as we continued our walk down that long hall together and her words still echo through my mind. "Who knows, kiddo, maybe you'll have my job some day and have to read those reports all the time!"

Frances Hamre was, in my opinion, Lovable, Ambitious, Objective, and Humble, which abbreviated, spells out L.A.O.H. She had a remarkable ability to give constructive criticism; you felt glad you could hear it from such a pro. Frances' influence on her fellow Hibernians will long survive her death.

New Jersey Hibernian Joins National Board

A newcomer to the LAOH National Board is Mary Paglione, who was elected to the office of National Chairman of Catholic Action at the biennial convention in July. A resident of the Roebling section of Florence Township, New Jersey, Mary learned about Hibernianism as a youngster in her family — her mother and two older sisters were members of Division 2, Florence. At age eight, Mary joined the Junior Division, remaining active until old enough to join the adults. When the Florence division disbanded, Mary joined other members in transferring to her current Burlington Division 3.

As presiding LAOH New Jersey state president, Mary Paglione has a strong background of service to the order. For her divisions she has been chairman of missions, historian, treasurer, vice president and president. On the county level she has been treasurer and secretary. Prior to her state presidency, Mary served as state historian and vice president. She has also twice co-chaired the state conventions.

Mary's grandmother, Annie Agnes Bolger, hailed from Carlow, Ireland. Nee Mary Foulks, she is married to Samuel O. Paglione, the mother of five children, Sam, Jr., Christine, Tom, Terri and Lisa, and grand-



MARY PAGLIONE

mother of seven.

Her busy schedule includes full time employment in the family real estate business, soloist with the St. Clare's Church choir and the Florence Township Community Chorus.

Minnesota Ladies News

Minnesota was well represented at the National Convention in Cleveland this past July by Mary Ann O'Brien, state president; Jean Cover, secretary; Leah Curtin, treasurer; Dorothy Schlen, Catholic Action; Mary Hanlon, scrapbook & publicity; Margaret Ransey, county president; Sister Patricia Hoveland, Minnesota 2 president; Mary Minton, past state president; and Mary Douville, past state president and national chairman of Catholic Action; and from the AOH Bill Gleason, president, Div. 4, Ramsey County; and John Curtin, financial secretary Div. 4.

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock

was celebrated on August 28 at St. Thomas Church in St. Thomas. Rev. Ralph Hayden, chaplain, Div. 1, was the celebrant. The choir was comprised of AOH and LAOH members.

Plans are now being made for our Irish Heritage Fair which will be held November 19 and 20 at Cretin-Denham Hall High School, St. Paul. There will be booths and exhibits of Irish food, art, crystal, pottery, clothing and textiles, history, genealogy, music and dance.



MINNESOTA LAOH State President Mary Ann O'Brien of Minneapolis, left, and State Scrapbook and Publicity Chairman Mary Hanlon, right, display the first place winning scrapbook in the 84th Biennial National Convention competition in Cleveland. It contains state and national convention and other LAOH activities. Creator of the scrapbook, Mary Hanlon is also the vice president of Division 1, Scott County. She previously won first place for her entry in the scrapbook competition at the 1986 Buffalo National Convention.

Resolution Committee Report

National Convention
July 25-28, 1988

The Resolutions Committee of the A.O.H. met on July 27, 1988, in the Rockefeller Room of the Bond Court Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was opened by Chairman Ann S. Healion, New York State President, at 8:40 A.M. Joyce Hennessy was appointed secretary.

We offer the following Resolutions:

1. That we hereby renew our pledge of loyalty, allegiance, and fidelity to Almighty God, and that we, as loyal citizens of the United States and Canada, representing thousands of men and women of Irish ancestry, renew our allegiance to our respective governments.

2. That the LAOH recognizing the value of human life, support efforts for global nuclear disarmament, realizing that the further production of nuclear armaments is destructive and in disharmony with nature.

3. That the LAOH, recognizing the most basic of all human rights is the right to life, urge the support of all members for human life amendments or any pro-life legislation consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church protecting all human life; and

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New LAOH National President Achieves Goal

The smallest city in the smallest state has produced a lady holding the biggest office. Dedicated veteran Hibernian Mary Bradley of Central Falls, R.I., has been elected LAOH National President. Mary has worked diligently toward this goal which started many years ago with an appointment.

In 1964, after attending activities held during the Albany convention, but not yet a delegate or member, Mary decided that this was the group for her. Since then, Mary has served her sister Hibernians as vice president and president on the division level, secretary on the county level and vice president and president on the state level. Mary is an outstanding leader; she has earned the respect of an entire nation of Hibernians in her climb to the top, starting as National Chairman of Missions. She prepared herself by mastering knowledge and experience in each office along the way. Thus, as national president, Mary Bradley is well aware of the capabilities of each of her board members.

Mary has a sister and two brothers. Her mother, Elizabeth Doherty Bradley, has been a Hibernian for 65 years and is a life member. Mary comes from a long line of Hibernians — her grandfather,



MARY E. BRADLEY

James Doherty, was a charter member of AOH Division 9 and her grandmother, Mary Brady Doherty, a member of Division 1, both of Central Falls. After receiving her degree in elementary education at Rhode Island College in Providence, Mary became a kindergarten teacher and is currently working in the Cumberland school district in Rhode Island.



Mary E. Bradley
National President

It is with sincere gratitude that I have the honor and opportunity to greet you in this column as your president.

The officers elected to help me fulfill my office are extremely capable women, well able to lead this organization.

The National Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. George B. McCarthy of Newport, Rhode Island, as the LAOH Deputy National Chaplain.

Sr. Annella Martin, R.S.M., of Maryland, has consented to continue as the LAOH Legislative Coordinator. Sr. Annella would like to encourage all our members to become registered voters. This is most important if we are to have a voice in matters about which we have great concern.

Patricia Oberrath of Ohio will be the Assistant Editor of the *Hibernian Digest*. Pat has accepted the responsibility of keeping us informed on the national, state, county, division levels. To accomplish this successfully, she will need your assistance.

Each State has received a copy of the names and addresses of the National Board officers and appointments. Information should already have been received from them by this time. Know that we are sending — investigate if you are not receiving.

Some highlights of the 84th Biennial Convention: \$45,000 was presented to Fr. James O'Brien of the Columban Missions at the final dinner. President of the University of Notre Dame, Fr. Edward Malloy, our main speaker, received a check for \$5,000 for the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund. Finally, \$1,000 will be donated to the Lillian E. Fay Scholarship Fund at Trinity College.

An organization is as successful as its smaller units. If leadership is to succeed, it will never be as a single individual or as a single board. Every member needs to exert the effort necessary to do a better job than ever. If we all meet the challenge of improving things a little, the entire organization will take a great leap forward. We cannot miss.

The Fun and Business of Conventions

SNAPPED AT JULY convention, clockwise, the San Francisco Hospitality Suite in full swing with songs and literature about the Golden State city. Strumming the guitar in the background is AOH California State Chaplain Rev. Michael Healy. Next, Past National President Sheila Clifford presents a check to Fr. Malone, president of Notre Dame, who was the keynote speaker at the convention. Lastly, Dorothy Fowler, chairman of Missions, Kansas City, MO, presents a check to the Rev. James O'Brien of the Columban Fathers. Irish Eye photos



Dorothy Fowler New National LAOH Historian

Another veteran Hibernian, Dorothy Fowler of Kansas City, MO, was elected National Historian at the 1988 convention in Cleveland. Dorothy joined the LAOH in August of 1971, but was forced to put her LAOH activities on hold due to business and personal reasons. She returned to the limelight with a tremendous desire to make up for time lost. Dorothy has recently completed a two year term as National Chairman of Missions and is currently financial secretary of her division and state chairman of missions.

Aside from LAOH activities, Dorothy has been chosen by her sorority as Philanthropic Chairman, which involves working with the elderly and disabled. She also finds time to work with children in her community involved with the local 4-H Club eight weeks out of each year. Since her retirement in 1984, Dorothy now has time to care for her invalid mother and believes our greatest reward comes from helping others.



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Bronx County Board Holds Fall Luncheon

The Ladies AOH Bronx County Board will hold their Annual Fall Luncheon & Social on Saturday, October 29 from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY.

A full course dinner featuring prime rib of beef will be served. Music will be provided by Martin Melody. Tickets are \$25 each. All reservations must be paid by Saturday, October 22. Checks should be made payable to: Bronx County Board — LAOH.

For reservations contact Nancy McNellis, Bronx County President, 212-828-4906.

Division 11 President Kathleen Finn will chair the event, assisted by Marie J. McArdle, guest chairlady.

Convention Fun



YOU'LL "ROAR" AT THIS ONE!! Past National President Sheila Clifford wasn't able to attend too many Convention parties after the evening banquets. Why, you ask? For one, she felt she should return to her room to feed the animals and take them for a walk so she could get a good night's sleep! There was a rumor circulating that Sheila called for room service and said, "Send me some turtle soup — and make it snappy!"

Ladies Ohio State News

By VIVIAN LERMONDE

What a summer it was all around the Buckeye State. In July, the Cleveland Hibernians played host to the national convention; if you weren't there, you missed a wonderful part of history. Hats off to Ohio's Kathy Linton, newly elected LAOH national treasurer and to the Ohio Summit County Juniors, who walked away with several honors. Taking First Place in the national junior scrapbook competition was Kerri Wawrin, who was also named National Junior of the Year.

Lifetime membership was bestowed upon Betty Murphy, Mary Ellen Murphy and Loretta Prendergast by National President Sheila Clifford during the convention.

Irish culture was alive and well in Ohio all summer long. Cleveland, Youngstown, Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus and Akron all hosted an annual Feis. Cleveland hosted its annual Irish Festival, a weekend of activity that followed on the coattails of the convention. In August, many Hibernians from across the state found their way to the Irish Festival in Huron on the shores of Lake Erie. The Irish love of the Blessed Mother was once again proclaimed across the state as each division hosted a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock.

The Jefferson County ladies honored their own Father O'Carroll, newly appointed Deputy National Chaplain, at a special covered dish dinner on July 28.

Ladies —

Interested In
Information about
the Hibernian Digest?

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LAOH Irish Essay Contest Announced

Dorothy Fowler, national LAOH historian, has announced the topics and guidelines for the 1988-89 National Annual Irish History Essay Contest. Only four essays can be entered from each state or Canadian province; these will consist of two entries on the level of grades 6 to 8; and two entries on the level of grades 9 to 12.

SUBJECTS: Grades 6, 7, 8 — Fr. Flanagan, Founder of Boys Town; Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 — Dublin, Its Place in History.

TIME: Contest opens October 1, 1988 and closes February 1, 1989.

LENGTH: Not less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words — Grades 6, 7, 8. Not less than 750 nor more than 1,500 words — Grade 9, 10, 11, 12.

ELIGIBLE: All children attending public, private and parochial schools.

PRIZES: Prizes on each level: \$250.00, \$150.00, \$100.00. Two Honorable Mentions: \$25.00 each.

IMPORTANT: Each essay must have on a separate cover sheet: 1. Contestant's name. 2. Age. 3. Complete home address. 4. Complete school address. 5. Number of words in each essay — exclusive of Foreward, Introduction and Bibliography.

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 — two best essays from each subject and forward same to the National Chairman NO later than March 1, 1989. Winners will be announced as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY (other sources may be used)

FR. FLANAGAN —
FOUNDER OF BOYS TOWN

Fr. Flanagan of Boys Town, Fulton and Oursler

Fr. Flanagan: Founder of Boys Town, Charles Graves World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 2; Vol. 7

Boys Town: Memories and Dreams Booklet — obtain from Fr. Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town, NE 68010

DUBLIN —

ITS PLACE IN HISTORY

Dublin, Peter Somerville-Large

Dublin, A Portrait, V.S. Pritchett

The Story of Dublin, D.A. Chart

Ireland: A Terrible Beauty, Leon Uris

The Liberties of Dublin, Compilation of Historical Experts

Dublin Abbey Theatre, Peter Kavanagh

(Essays should be returned to your respective State Historians).

Columban Order Most Grateful

Dear Sheila,

It was a joy seeing you again in Cleveland. Thanks for your service to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians over the past two years. It was most evident at the Convention that you and the other officers put in much hard work and dedication to your responsibilities.

Thank you ever so much for your thoughtful preparations for my stay while at the Convention. I felt at ease and most welcome at all times. I sensed a real mission spirit there and must genuinely compliment you for a job well done.

The Convention was a grand success. Needless to say, the Columban Fathers feel most honored to be associated with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and look forward to further collaboration in the years to come.

The Columban Fathers are deeply grateful for the immense generosity of the LAOH shown in the magnificent sum of the \$45,000.00 donation. I also want to thank you for the \$1000.00 donation for my expenses at the Convention. Everything went very well. Our Director, Fr. Edward Naughton, was extremely pleased and wishes to extend to all the Ladies the deep felt appreciation on behalf of all Columban Missioners and the people whom they serve in Asia and Latin America.

Be assured of our support and prayers for you and all the members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Sincerely,
Fr. James O'Brien
Mission Education Director

for the brevity of their reports and respectfully suggest future Boards follow the lead of brevity and conciseness.

22. That we give the 1986-88 National Board a rising vote of thanks.

22. That we express our gratitude to the Convention Committee and to all who arranged and participated in the programs, and especially to our National Chaplain, the Hierarchy and Clergy.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann S. Healion, Chairman, NY
Joyce Hennessy, Secretary, NY

Missouri State Board Meets



THE LAOH MISSOURI State Board met at the Holiday Inn, Lake of the Ozarks, earlier in the year. The decision was made to change the state convention from September to May to coincide with state conventions throughout the U.S. The next Missouri State Convention will be held in Kansas City in May, 1989. Attending were, left to right, first row: Dolores VanOsdol, state treasurer; Sister Francine, St. Louis; Sandy Christman, state secretary; Eileen Carty, state president; Dorothy Fowler, national and state chairman of Missions; and Imogene Donohue, state chairman of Irish History. Second row: Mollie Bullinan, Kansas City; Aileen Bell, Kansas City; Dorothy Castor, state chairman of Catholic Action; Margie Manning, state vice president; Linda Delaney, St. Louis; and Geraldine Ready, St. Louis.

Flatley's Corner

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1974 for possession of explosives. In 1980 his IRA unit was attacked by an SAS (commando) force. A British officer was killed. Eventually, Joe and his comrades were captured and sentenced in the Diplock court to life. During the trial Joe escaped custody and made his way to the U.S. He lived quietly and peacefully in New York City until his arrest for entering the country illegally. Any illegal alien can be picked up like Joe, except that an informer was likely involved, and Joe's IRA history made for an attractive arrest. His offense is ranked lower than a misdemeanor. Immediately, the British demanded his extradition.

Two Federal Judges, John E. Sprizzo, and Charles S. Haight, Jr., and a Federal Appeals Court made rulings that Joe could not be extradited, with Judge Sprizzo determining that his wrongdoings were not considered to be criminal acts, but, rather, political activities — thus barring his extradition to the U.K. at that time. Pressure by the British, especially after President Reagan requested use of British airfields in 1986 for the deployment of F-111 bombers to the attack on Libya, resulted in revision to the extradition treaty by abolishing the political offense provision. What continues to be a "political offense" in 96 other countries is now an "extraditable crime" for anyone seeking political asylum from Britain.

In direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, which specifically forbids ex post facto laws and bills of attainder, the new treaty supplement was made retroactive so that it would apply to Joe Doherty.

So, the legal battle continues and Joe sits in jail with Mary Pike doing legal battle daily in the courts, fighting against his return to the U.K. by using every legal means available. The newest twist is that Joe can be returned to the Republic of Ireland (where he is likely to be extradited to the U.K.). Most recently, before his demise, Edwin Meese ruled that Joe is to be returned to Britain. His justification for ignoring the laws of his own government and the decisions of the Federal Courts was, "it would be prejudicial to the interests of the U.S." It smacks of a

Ireland's Only Queen

Someday, when the land of our ancestors becomes a thirty-two county nation once again, it will be Mary, mother of God, who will reign over Ireland. The Irish people will serve "no other Queen!"

Almighty God asked her to take up an awesome responsibility and in total obedience she accepted. Our Blessed Mother declared herself a servant and made no demands for her own personal comfort. She is a very special person indeed.

Unfortunately there are those in this world who actively work to discredit her role and her powerful intercession on behalf of those of us who run to her in our times of need. We as her children should always be ready to willingly and lovingly stand by her and defend her.

Our Hibernian family must become

deal with Mrs. Thatcher. Mary Pike's legal response was typical of her resolute nature. She has argued a new motion to reopen Joe's request for political asylum before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

I asked Mary many questions. Her answers were quick, witty, adroit, and were typical of her intense energetic personality. A few are listed:

Question: What are your feelings about the troubles in Northern Ireland?

Answer: "Extreme sympathy for the oppressed; not a day goes by since June 18, 1983 that I have not thought of the troubles, and I will continue to think about it."

Question: What are Joe's chances?

Answer: "I don't know, I play it day by day."

Question: Why is Joe's case being singled out and highlighted by the State Department?

Answer: "Joe Doherty typifies the story of Ireland's sad history of oppression, and of the occupying and intimidating presence of English military in Northern Ireland. He symbolizes the struggle for freedom. A victory for Joe would be a blow to British authority and prestige. It is a reputation-keeping thing for them."

Question: What would happen to Joe if he is sent back to the Republic of Ireland?

Answer: Because of the Cross-border Jurisdiction laws he could be tried in the south for his escape from

more involved in spreading Mary's message of peace and love to all who will listen. The Rosary should be promoted and the name of Mary should be included in every meeting and at every level of our Order. We at times seem embarrassed to pray together; but with the Blessed Mother's help we can bring others to come and pray with us and thereby increase the volume of our petitions to our Most High God.

The evils of war, abortion and discrimination are real, evil is the devil's hand and we need someone to intercede on our behalf. Why not Mary? Mary is always there, always willing to help. Our Lord and Savior put his confidence in her; why shouldn't we?

The following prayer is an act of confidence in Mary. I hope it does as

the Crumlin Road jail. The intended effect of the Extradition Act, implemented in the Republic in December, 1987, is to insure that Joe Doherty would be extradited from the South to the North where his life would be endangered."

Question: What are your expectations regarding a new political administration in Washington in January, 1989?

Answer: "I expect nothing. I only want an administration that will have respect for the law and human rights."

Question: Has any other person been held in prison without being charged as long as Joe Doherty?

Answer: "No, Joe has set a precedent."

Question: What thoughts remain in your mind regarding U.S. laws after the experience you have had with the Joe Doherty case?

Answer: "In December, 1984 an American judge ruled that Joe could not be extradited to the U.K. The Reagan administration rewrote American history and American law by ignoring the court ruling. I am frightened by an administration that will not respect a legal decision by its own courts, and responds to the demands of a foreign government."

Question: Do you think that the Irish American community is supporting Joe to the level they are capable?

Answer: "The support varies within the community and Joe is counting on it."

Question: What message do you have for the Irish American people in the U.S.?

Answer: "I repeat the words of Joe Hill moments before his execution: Don't mourn, organize!" (Joe Hill was a famous civil rights labor leader who was executed in 1915).

IRISH TRIVIA QUIZ (Answers on page 26)

1. Who is the female patron saint of Ireland?
2. What state in the U.S. is the approximate size of Ireland?
3. What newspaper did Thomas Davis and Charles Duffy found in 1842?
4. What is a 'Fleadh'?
5. What do the hands on a Claddagh ring symbolize?
6. How many miles are there between Dublin and Limerick?
7. Who founded the Gaelic League in 1893?
8. James Joyce dedicated only one of his works to someone — who?
9. Who was the leader of the Wild Geese?
10. What is the bible of Irish traditional music?

Pro Life Annual March

By WILLIAM S. FARRELL
National Pro Life Chairman

I ask for your prayers and inspiration that I may serve the Pro Life of fice with the attention and enthusiasm that is required in order that we may convince America to address

much for you as it has for me.

AN ACT OF CONFIDENCE IN MARY

I leave all to you,
O Mother,
in the name of
the Father;
I leave all to you,
O Mother,
in the name of
the Son;
I leave all to you,
O mother,
in the name of the
Holy Spirit;
I leave all to you,
O mother,
in your own sweet name,
as God left all to you
in the care of Jesus.

AMEN
Vincent J. Scully
Nat'l Chm. Catholic Action

the important question of Life.

As Hibernians, we must accept the challenge of Nellie Gray and her March for Life slogan, "Pro Life Talk Demands Pro Life Action."

On January 23, 1989 National President Michael Coogan and National Vice President Michael Carroll will lead a large delegation of Hibernians down Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House in the annual March for Life.

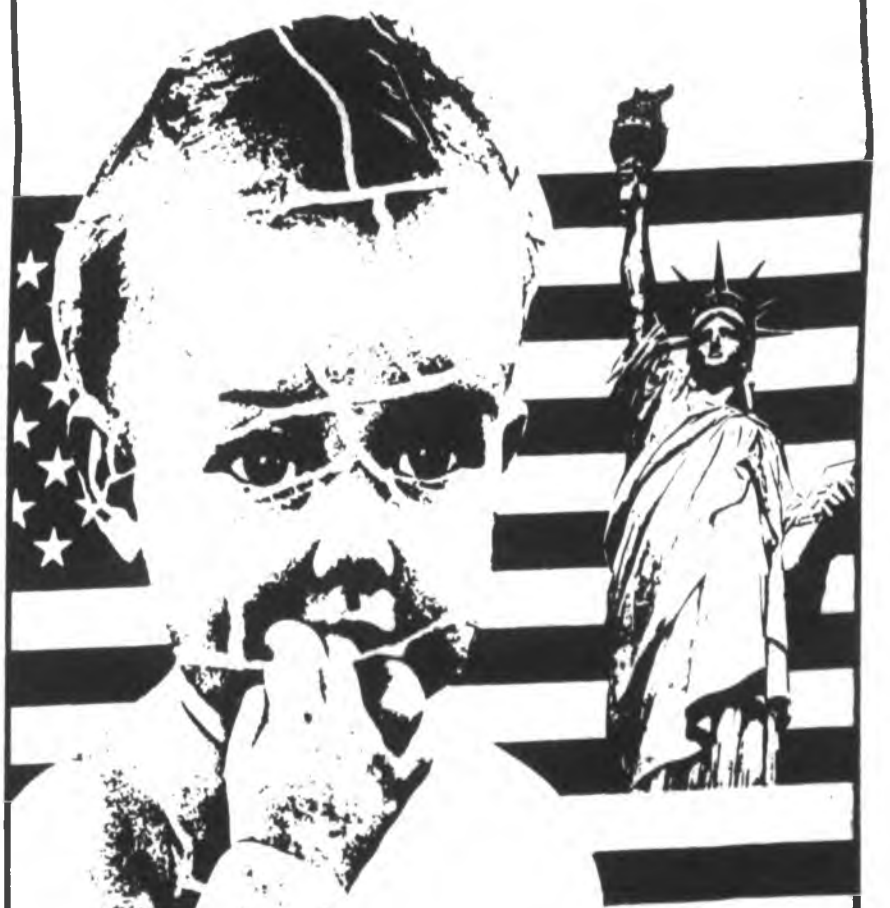
We would like as many divisions as possible, with banners, marching behind the tri-color.

For purposes of organization, I ask that all state Pro Life chairmen contact me either by phone or mail in order that we may set up a Hibernian Pro Life committee to insure the success of this effort.

The address is P.O. Box 252, Wayland, MA 01778. (608) 358-4569 day, 443-2876 evening.

May God bless all Hibernians as we are called to address this very important issue of Life.

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THOUGHTS ON THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CONSTITUTION
AND THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN GENERATION

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD

Virginia in 1990

Brothers and Sisters of the
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and Ladies AOH —

Thank "You All" for voting
as your next
Convention site — Virginia.

We welcome the chance to
show "you all" some true
Southern hospitality. See
"you all" in July 1990.

STATE NEWS: Florida

By NICK SCHNEIDER
For Florida Hibernians, the big news coming out of the recent National Convention was that our own Tom Gilligan of Fort Lauderdale, was re-elected as one of the six national directors. One of nine candidates, Tom's national popularity and effectiveness as a national director was reflected in the voting, as he was second in the total votes received by the six newly-elected national directors. Tom has not only been an asset to the order nationally, but to the state of Florida, right down to the division level. He is always right there to assist and advise any division, particularly those newly-formed. In the judgement of this reporter, Tom has earned the great Irish title of "HIMSELF."

Florida Hibernians attending the convention were State President Jack Boyle; State Vice President

John Cullinan; State Secretary Bob Schneider and State Treasurer Eamon Quinn. Broward County was represented by Division 1 President Martin McAndrew and their chaplain, Rev. Fr. Liam Quinn, son of State Treasurer Eamon Quinn. Brevard County Division 1 was represented by its treasurer, Tom Schneider; Pasco County Division 1 represented by its president, Tom Condon; and Manatee County Division 1, the newest Florida division, by its president, Paul Finerty. Also in attendance were Florida Hibernians Jim Crimmons, Tom Roherty, Al Murphy, Ed Zwich, Frank O'Brien and Bill Maroney.

Brevard County Division 2 plans to hold their Annual Irish Night on October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palm Bay KC Hall on Dairy Road. The popular Irish band, "Shades of Green" will play from 8 to 12 mid-

night. Between sets, there will be American music. On September 20 Brevard County installed their county officers. Installed by State Vice President, John Cullinan, the new officers are President Bob Carroll, Vice President Art Bellingham; Recording Secretary Ernie Kees, Financial Secretary Ed Reilly, Treasurer Matt Mannix, Standing Committee Chairman Tom Donnelly and Marshal Dick Girard.

As divisions begin their activities, hopefully news of same will reach me, State Editor Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32953, so that I can share with Hibernians all over the country what we are doing here in Florida.

As I indicated heretofore, when I lived in New York, there was an expression that Florida was the land of the newly weds and the nearly dead. Well, in my judgement, it may still be the land of the newly weds, but when it comes to the Hibernians and what we have to do to foster peace and freedom in Ireland, Florida is the land of the "Far from Dead!"

STATE NEWS: Virginia

Fifty members of the Virginia AOH and LAOH travelled to Cleveland Ohio, the last week of July to join a couple thousand of their brothers and sisters in the Hibernian biennial convention.

In a week of tough competition the Virginia Group concentrated on bringing the convention, 2,000 strong, to Virginia in July 1990. Pitted against strong convention sites in San Francisco, St. Louis, and the Poconos of Pennsylvania, Virginia won out.

Much hard work remains ahead to prepare for our guests. Virginia is more than "for lovers." Virginia offers a great convention packet in Crystal City, great historic sites, restful beauty of the state, and true friendly, southern hospitality. Come join us, "you all."

Joseph O'Connor, State Editor
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THE GREEN ARMY

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Of starvation, and the dread Gombeen;
Of the Rapparee slain on the cold breen;
I'll say a prayer and wear the green.

To the saints whose learning was supreme;
to the memory of what might have been;
'til the Shan Van Vocht* becomes a queen;
I'll always wear the color green.

And so to show the world I mean that England leave the Irish scene, and let her nationhood begin; until that day I'll wear the green.

*Poor Old Woman (Metaphor for Ireland)

STATE NEWS: Rhode Island



NEWPORT, R.I. — Christopher Behan of Division One, is being re-appointed Deputy National Organizer by State President William J. McEnery, center, as Division President Michael J. Malloy extends congratulations. A 12 year member and holder of the 4th degree, Bro. Behan graduated from Providence College in 1980, proceeding to Suffolk University for his law degree. His five brothers are all members of the division, his father Michael J., his uncle James K., and brother Michael J. Jr., all having been past presidents of Division One. Christopher is currently division financial secretary.

Respite from the Troubles



JENNIFER DEVLIN of Belfast is greeted to America by Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II, right. Ms. Devlin visited the states this summer under the auspices of Project Children, and was hosted by Mr. Neil Abelson, center, his wife Denise and daughter Samantha. Copies of an award-winning public affairs TV program on Project Children, titled "Respite From The Troubles" are available for group viewing. To obtain a copy, send a blank VHS video tape and a stamped, self-addressed padded mailing envelope to: Sean Gerlen, Audio-Visual Services, Suffolk Community College, Selden, NY 11784

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NEWEST MEMBER of the AOH, Most Rev. James Reuger, Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, MA, being congratulated by Ed O'Connell, president of Division 36, Worcester, and Fr. Jim Champion, Massachusetts state chaplain. Bishop Reuger was inducted into the Order at the State Dinner held at the home of Division 8 in Lawrence.



PARTICIPANTS IN the Massachusetts State Board television mass were left to right, Joe Doherty of Division 36, Worcester; Fr. Francis T. McFarland, director of the Boston Catholic T.V. center; State Chaplain, Fr. James Champion, Massachusetts LAOH; President Mary Dolan; and Massachusetts AOH President Bill Sullivan.

Massachusetts State Board News

By DICK HICKSON
Deputy Director of Public Relations

The Massachusetts State Board is pleased that their own Past State President, Michael Carroll, was elected National Vice President of the AOH at our recent National Convention held in Cleveland. We wish him, our new National President, Mike Coogan, and all our newly elected officers much success during their terms of office.

The Massachusetts State Board Degree team under the guidance of State Vice President Joseph McHugh, recently held three Major Degree ceremonies, one hosted by Division 10 of Lynn. Another by Division 36 of Worcester, and a third held at the home of the division in Meriden, Connecticut.

Our State Banquet was held on June 4 in the Home of Division 8 in Lawrence. An overflowing crowd filled the largest Hibernian Home in the United States. The Most Rev. George E. Rueger, Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, was guest speaker. State Presidents Bill Sullivan and Mary Dolan addressed those present marking the 150th Anniversary of the Massachusetts State Board. Music was provided by the Silver Spears Irish Showband; David R. Burke served as toastmaster.

The Annual John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises were held on June 18 in Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline, attracting the largest gathering in the past twenty years. Father Whalen, chaplain, Division 14, Watertown, celebrated the Memorial Mass; Al Madden of Division 1, Boston, served as General Chairman of this event.

It is with a great sense of loss and regret that we note the passing of Bill Donnelly, state treasurer, on May 29. His death is a loss not only to his fine family, but to his division and our state board as well. David R. Burke has been appointed state

treasurer, and will serve in that capacity until our next state convention in May 1989 at The Colonial Hilton.

A large delegation of men and women from the State Board recently were guests of Channel 7 in Boston, appearing on the Sunday TV Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese.

All Massachusetts Divisions during September held events to commemorate Commodore John Barry Day, reported at the State Board meeting on September 25 in Worcester.

On the division front, word has been received from Division 1 in Newburyport of various successful Hibernian activities held during Yankee Homecoming week in late July and early August. Also Division 8 of Lawrence, the largest Hibernian Home in North America, was the scene of the Seventh Annual Merrimack Valley Irish Festival on September 17 and 18. Joe Sipsey served as General Chairman of this event. Division 10 of Lynn held a dinner in honor of their area clergy on September 23 which was well attended.

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Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Greetings Hibernian Sports fans!! A big Thank You to Mike Coogan, AOH National President, for reappointing YR to the position of Asst Editor again. It will be my pleasure to serve under him and work with Dave Henshaw. Thanks, guys! Now, let's talk sports!

Baseball — The NL East seems to be only a matter of time before the Mets clinch it. That should be a sure thing according to the bookmakers. The NL West seems to be LA. So be it.

The AL East is turning into its usual fall spectacular. Detroit began to fade. This probably doesn't make their owner too happy. Boston is making their run. The Yankees are chasing them. Interesting note about the Yankees; they beat up on the Tigers. Then went to Cleveland where they were done in. The pundits say they can beat the tough teams but have a tough time with the easy teams. But it will make for a fun-filled fall.

The AL West looks like Oakland. At this time they're 11 games ahead. Things like this make baseball look dull.

The interesting sidelights of baseball this season are the squabbles between the Yankee players and the owner, George Steinbrenner. YR believes that he, GS, is footing the

bill and paying these guys and therefore is entitled to his piece of mind.

On the other hand, the players, if they are giving one hundred per cent, should not be harassed by a boss who shoots from the lip. A bit of trivia is to name all the managers that are under contract to the Yankees, including Billy Martin and Lou Piniella.

The other interesting fact concerns the Red Sox. Upper management, in the form of Mrs. Yawkey, so YR is told, decided that John McNamara had to go. The baseball men on the Red Sox staff tried to persuade against such a move. She persevered. McNamara was out and Joe Morgan was in. Since that day, the Red Sox have put on quite a show. They are in contention for the pennant. This action may be weighing heavy on some people's minds in Boston.

On the local scene, the proposed stadium got shot down by 4 Republicans and a maverick Democrat. In a manner of speaking, it was a sight! This gang of 5 kept putting up all sorts of barriers to the Mayor, the Honorable Juanita M. Crabb. She and her administration met and bettered most of them. She just couldn't get these guys to see that minor league baseball has become a money-making venture for those who get in with a solid game

plan. The local paper in an editorial stated that all the 4 Republicans were doing was playing hard ball and down and dirty politics. Well, the stadium is doomed. Minor league baseball is not in Binghamton's future. One of these Republicans is running for the State Senate for the seat held by a man who had become the leading Republican in NYS. It will be interesting to see if this prestigious job goes to a guy with such small ideas.

Football — Notre Dame is off to a good start. They look quite impressive in their opener. Let's hope the rest of the season goes their way. It would be good to see them No. 1.

The NFL is having its problems with drugs. Very interesting! Especially some of the names who have been suspended for 30 days for substance abuse. YR knows from experience the effects of abuse. Yet, he also knows that a slap on the wrist isn't going to change a lot of guys' thinking. "Hey, Man! This is Good Stuuuuff!!!" YEEEEAAHHHH!!!" As long as these guys think they need this crap to play their best, they will keep on doing drugs. The NFL must either get a tougher policy with teeth in it or silently admit that it is afraid to punish these druggies because of loss revenues at the gate. Sorry, guys, it won't wash. If you believe in human dignity then you have to have a program that helps those who need help and punishes those who wish to break or even bend the rules. If it's just the money you're interested in, then in a few years, the NFL will not be the league that Art Rooney was so proud of. You can't have it both ways. Kicking

The Irish Connection

Chris Reid, an Irish American, dubbed the "Shamrock Express," has a professional career record of 20 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws. His people are from Stranochum, Co. Antrim, Ireland and Kildysart, Co. Clare, Ireland. He is a member of AOH, Div. 4, New York County and holds an honorary membership card from the N.Y.C. Police Department Emerald Society.

Chris was named one of the top 100 Irish Americans by Irish America Magazine; was winner of the 1987 "Sportsman of the Year" Award from the County Clare P.B. and S. Assn. of New York; fought in Kings Hall, Belfast, Ireland, on four occasions; marched in the N.Y.C. 1987 St. Patrick's Day Parade as an Honorary Marshal for the County Clare P.B. and S. Assn. of New York.

The young athlete has been traditionally escorted into the ring by the Men of the Pipes and Drums of the Sword of Light Bagpipe Band from Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.). He was honored to spend part of last St. Patrick's Day with

the habit is not easy. It can be done. It must be done. It can't be done by substitution. It can be done by abstention! It can be done Cold Turkey. It's the NFL's and players' problems. Will the guys who don't do drugs stand up and make the league do something? Will the players union molly-coddle the offenders against the big bad owners? Will the owners say the union is meddling if the union comes up with a solution? Tune in next time for the continuing saga of The Inside Dope of NFL or should it be The Dope Inside the NFL?

The NFL is into its 2nd week of play. The Giants are winning without LT. Dent successfully sued and has been returned to active status with the Chicago Bears. Dent's case brings up an interesting point. To refuse to take a "drug test" because of what he thought was infringement on his personal rights, is one thing. If he refused because he was afraid that a foreign substance would show such as coke, heroin, or some other drug, in his specimen, then the NFL is in bad shape. If the NFL is in bad shape, then we, the fans, are being short-changed.

YR was never an athlete of note. Yet, YR has personally learned what substance abuse can do to a person. Not only do you short-change the team. You short-change your friends and supporters. But the biggest two you short-change, are your family and yourself. That's the tragedy of it all!

Hockey — Wayne Gretzky goes Hollywood. This should prove very interesting for the LA Kings who even changed their logo when this happened. The question is, "Can Gretzky survive Hollywood?" "Can the Oilers win without Gretzky?" The coming season will tell.

The Olympics — Have begun in Seoul, Korea. One of the remarks YR has heard on TV, on the radio and in the press, is the Koreans are called "The Irish of the Orient." This is based on some very bad stereotypes. The two most stupid ones are that the Irish and the Koreans are both heavy drinkers and brawlers. This doesn't speak well of either ethnic group. By the time you read this, the Olympics will be gone. The names of the medal winners will be forgotten. The only thing that anyone will remember is that the Irish and the Koreans both drink and brawl. Let's see if we can't change these stupid stereotypes which keep coming back



SHAMROCK EXPRESS
CHRIS REID

Maureen O'Hara, the Hollywood starlet who appeared with John Wayne in the movie classic, "The Quiet Man," a story about a boxer who returns to Ireland.

Reid married the former Elaine Giles. Mrs. Reid is a native of Blackrock, a suburb of Dublin City in County Dublin, Ireland.

The days of Dempsey, Tunney, Tommy Loughran, Mike McTigue and Chris Reid's idol, Billy Conn, when an earlier wave of Irish immigrants dominated the fight game, has long since passed. However, there is a new wave of Irish immigrants and they love boxing, as do most Irish Americans. They want a new hero and will argue loudly that Chris Reid is not the last of a dying breed. For the Shamrock Express, it's all aboard!!!

to haunt us.

It was noted by the host of a local Irish radio program that the Irish Tri-Colour during the opening ceremonies was carried by a Protestant from Belfast. She seemed fascinated by this. YR could have told what his father told him many years ago, that the struggle in the occupied six counties of Northern Ireland was not about religion but occupation by a foreign nation and economic stability for both Catholics and Protestants.

The Olympics are causing their own set of problems in the international sporting arena. U.S. boxers being disqualified for not being where they should. U.S. boxers being named losers in bouts by the referee only to have that decision overturned by a committee after filing a protest. This should be a very interesting Olympiad.

The End — One final comment on the NFL this year. YR is having a hard time adjusting to the "Phoenix Cardinals". It just doesn't sound right! That's it from the Cardinals this time until next time. Keep sending YR those sweet little love notes. YR will print them. Send them to PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

IRISH TRIVIA ANSWERS (Continued from page 23)

1) St. Brigid. 2) Maine. 3) The Nation. 4) A "Feast of Music" — a traditional music festival. 5) Friendship. 6) 123 miles. 7) Douglas Hyde. 8) The play *A Brilliant Career* is dedicated to "My Own Soul." 9) Patrick Sarsfield. 10) Francis O'Neill's "Music of Ireland." Reference: *Irish Trivia*, M.A. Cafferly, H.M. Quinlan, and M.P. Quinlan, Quinlan Press, Boston, MA. January 1986.

Federal Express Comes To The Rescue of Derby Champ

By JIM DETTLING
Beacon Journal staff writer

Dave Leslie of Federal Express doesn't look much like a leprechaun, but he granted an Irish wish Tuesday when he offered to ship a Soap Box Derby car back to Northern Ireland free of charge.

The offer was immediately accepted by members of the Akron Hibernians.

The car has been sitting in the group's Kenmore Boulevard building since Aug. 14, when Liam Muldoon, the 14-year-old Irish derby champ, returned to Ireland after competing in the All-American race in Akron.

The Muldoons could not afford to have the green racer with the gold shamrocks shipped back to their hometown in Jonesborough, Northern Ireland, so the Hibernians took it in and started a fund drive to pay to ship it to young Liam.

A story on the youngster's plight appeared Monday.

"I saw the article and thought, 'How unfortunate that this kid went to all the trouble of building his racer, coming to Akron to race it and then having nothing to show for it,'" said Leslie, manager of Federal Express' Akron office.

"We have an international service and ship to Ireland, so I checked and found we could fit it into our system," he said.

"I checked with my senior

manager, Steve Ricca, and he liked the idea, so we contacted the Hibernians and went from there."

Mike McNulty, who headed up the fund drive for the Hibernians, said the club "really appreciated Dave's offer."

"We had already collected about \$400 in donations and pledges," said McNulty.

"What we would like to do is keep that money and any other donations we receive and use it next year to help pay the traveling expenses of the Irish derby champ."

"Liam has a younger brother who may race in the Soap Box Derby next year and it would be nice if the money could help him," McNulty said.

He said anyone who has donated so far could get a refund.

"We plan to call everybody that has donated and make that offer," he said.

News coverage of the story also provided an unexpected bonus.

"We got a call from the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) and they are going to patch us into a talk show in Northern Ireland today where we can talk to Liam about his experiences here in Akron at the All-American and the friends he made here," McNulty said.

"It looks like everything worked out just super in the end."

funds for this parade are raised by members of Division 1 — Broome County, AOH and LAOH and Division 2 — Broome County, LAOH. The Division receives no grants-in-aid, donations from local corporations or federal, state or municipal funds. It is strictly a local AOH function.

This parade has become the largest single day spectator event in Broome County. Last year, over 50,000 people came to see this Parade in beautiful downtown Binghamton. It was at this parade, that "CHOW" had the largest intake of donated foodstuffs for one day in its history, over 13 barrels of food was donated in that one hour and fifteen minutes of Parade. These barrels are the 44 gallon variety.

Does this mean the Division is without problems? No. Division 1 — Broome County has the typical problems which beset the other

D.C. Friendly Sons Grants Scholarship



AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the Friendly Sons Society Scholarship award are, from left, Vincent Burke, secretary of the Society; Jerry Colbert; John Colbert, recipient; and the Rev. William J. Byron, S.J., president of the Catholic University of America.
Photo by Nicholas A. Cretella, CUA

The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Washington, D.C., has named John Colbert of Bethesda, MD., the winner of a full-tuition scholarship to pursue graduate work in Irish studies at The Catholic University of America.

The nation's capital Friendly Sons Society and CUA's Center for Irish Studies announce the award, made to an entering M.A. candidate in English or politics who specializes in Irish studies at CUA. The scholarship, applicable for one year, may be

renewed for a second.

Colbert, 21, is the son of Jerry and Eileen Colbert, also of Bethesda. He is a 1988 graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, where he majored in history and played on the varsity baseball team.

Open to undergraduate and graduate students, the CUA Program in Irish Society and politics in which Colbert is interested sends a selected group of students to Dublin for a semester to work as research assistants to Irish Parliament mem-

bers and pursue coursework in Irish studies.

Colbert is the second winner of The Friendly Sons' Scholarship, which was established at CUA in 1986. Patricia C. Kelly, a 1981 CUA graduate and native of Lakewood, Ohio won the first award to study for an M.A. in English.

For additional information on CUA's Irish studies programs, call Robert Mahony, director, CUA's Center for Irish Studies, at 202-635-5488.

divisions throughout the country, lack of volunteers to bartend, to serve on committees, to solicit funds, ads, etc. Division 1 — Broome County has its share of members who mean well and have all sorts of great ideas but want others to carry out

their schemes. By and large, Division 1, Broome County adheres to "Paterno's Law of 80-20." This law states that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the membership. This doesn't relate into that many bodies. But they do get things done.

Will Division 1 — Broome County ever overtake Watertown, MA for the #1 spot? Probably not, due to the base from which each works. Regardless, YR is proud of the work that is being done by Division 1 — Broome County, its officers and members.

The 'Avis'

(Continued from Page Twelve)

Division supports the PAL, the Blind Work Association, and the local chapters of many of the national organizations, such as the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society, Cystic Fibrosis, etc.

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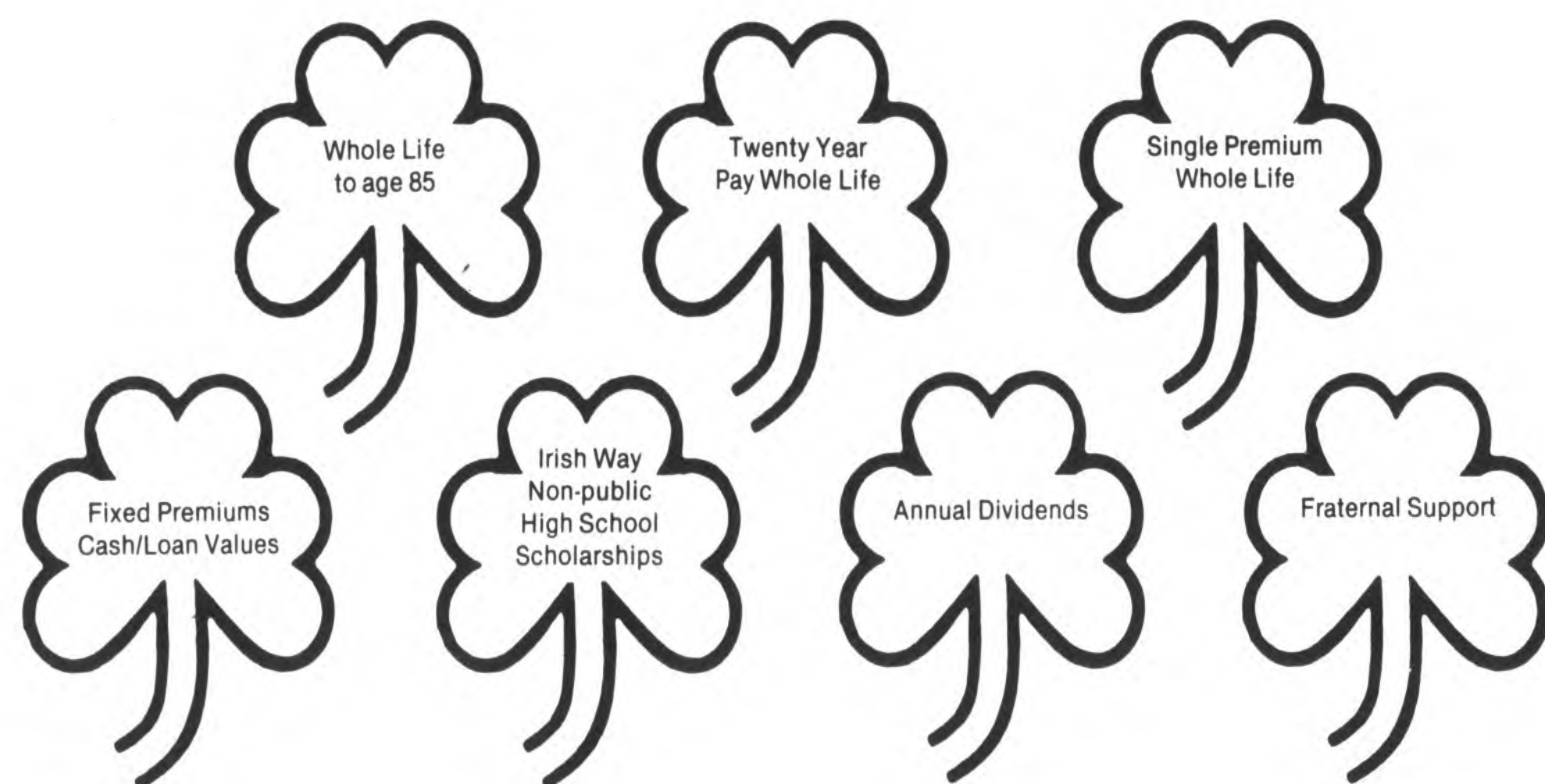
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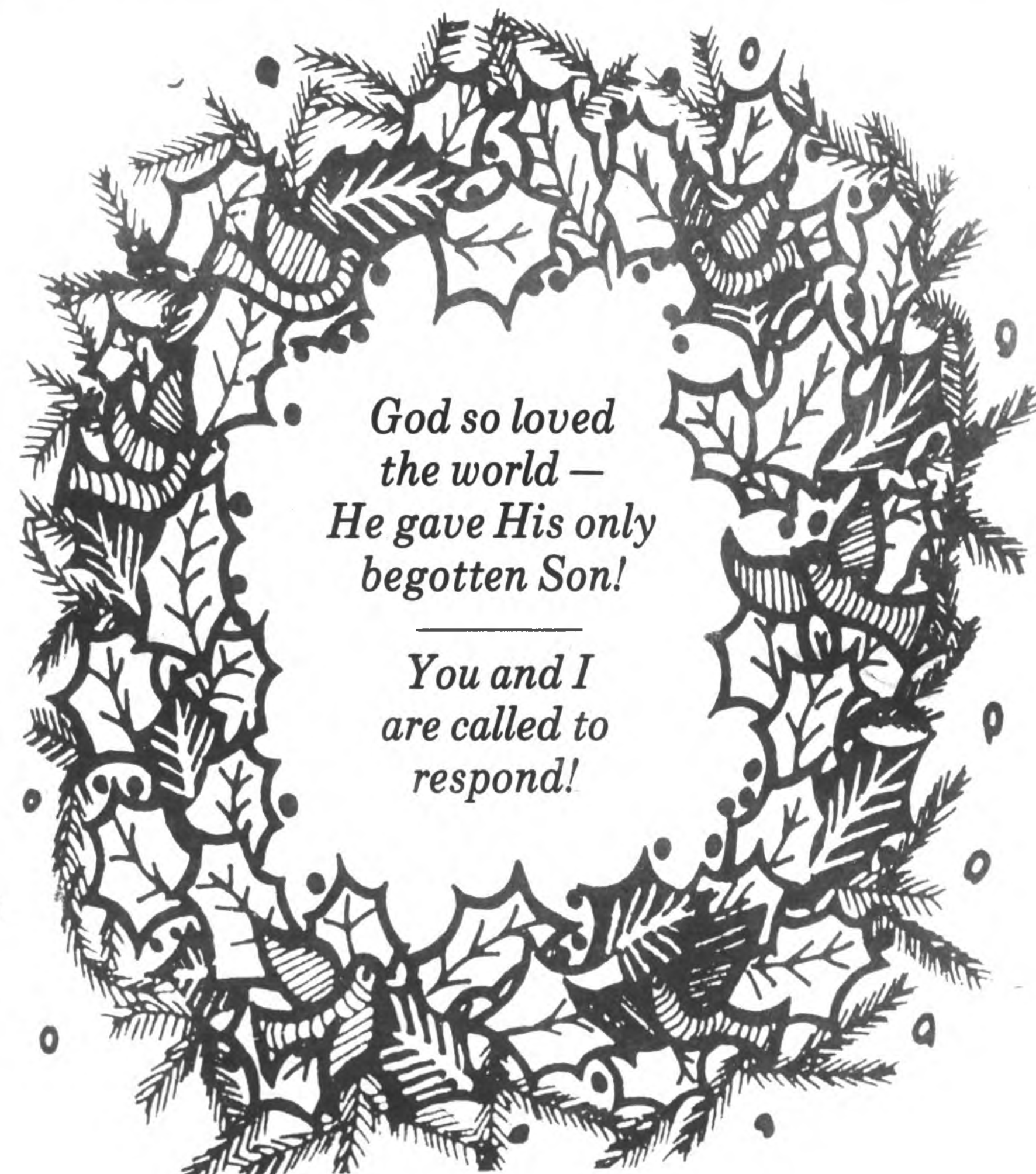
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President's Message

Teachtaineaí An Uachtaráin
By Michael J. Coogan, National President

The Council of Presidents met recently to assess where we are and where we want to go in our efforts to lobby the Congress on behalf of vital Irish issues confronting Irish Americans. I quote from the enlightening statement issued by the Council:

"Discussions are currently underway with Congressional leaders and the Government of Ireland on America's role in the Anglo-Irish conflict. Specifically, we hope to expand and improve our means of addressing issues of the conflict before both Houses of Congress and the White House. The decade that lies ahead will present many new and different opportunities for positive American action. We wish to be prepared to respond to these issues in a timely and effective manner."

"In our statement adopted two years ago we called for a fundamental change in America's policy toward the Anglo-Irish conflict. We are convinced such a policy change will reduce violence, enhance the prospects for peace, and painlessly bring about the re-unification of Ireland in our lifetime. A new Administration and Congress must be convinced that facing this challenge

will serve the interests of peace and prosperity in Ireland. We hope to begin a process that will ultimately expand that dialogue in Washington. We hope to announce by early next year how we feel this might best be accomplished."

Recent events have increased the urgency of dialogue among all leaders and citizens. I refer to the British government's escalation of repressive measures against the people of Northern Ireland. Douglas Hurd, British Secretary of State, has decreed that the right of detained persons to remain silent while in police custody is to be abolished. To remain silent would be considered similar to an admission of guilt in a criminal case. This action, unthinkable in most civilized societies, must be viewed in the context of the martial law measures to which the people of Northern Ireland are already subjected. The fact that any person can, for any reason whatsoever, be picked up by the police and interrogated for up to 48 hours, incommunicado and without access to a lawyer, makes the right to remain silent essential. After this period of time, an individual may be held for up to seven days for further interrogation without being charged.

Hurd also abolished the right of free access to all media to certain groups, including the legal political party, Sinn Féin. It is now against the law for British electronic and print media to broadcast or report "direct statements" from supporters of what it considers extremist groups.

The British government has also expanded the Prevention of Terrorism Act to permit the seizing of the assets of individuals or organizations "suspected" of aiding terrorist groups, without due process of law.

Twenty years ago, the civil rights movement in Northern Ireland was in the process of being beaten and shot off of the streets. Today, British army regiments in ever increasing numbers continue to patrol in full battle gear the streets and glens of a civilian population. The repressive and desperate actions of the past month are further proof that the situation is totally out of control and that the British position in Ireland is untenable. The British government must do the right thing and it must do it now — it must announce a specific time-table for the total withdrawal of its troops and government from Ireland.

Right to Remain Silent Severely Threatened

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES

Criminal Evidence In Northern Ireland

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, The Rt. Hon. Tom King MP, gave the attached answer to a question in the House of Commons on 20 October. His comments on the announcement are also included.

Summary

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Courts may draw inferences from a suspect's silence in four circumstances: Two are dealt with by provisions that have the same effect as provisions recommended by the Criminal Law Revision Committee in 1972. The first is the 'ambush', where having remained silent during police questioning the accused offers an explanation of his conduct for the first time at his trial when he might reasonably have been expected to offer it when being questioned. The second provides that once the prosecution have established that there is a case to answer, the accused should be warned that he will be called to give evidence and that if he should refuse to do so the court may draw such inferences as would appear proper.

The other two situations are covered in provisions which have the same effect as provisions in the Criminal Justice Act enacted by the Irish Parliament.

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I have today laid before Parliament a draft order in Council which proposed amending the general criminal law of Northern Ireland relating to evidence both before and during trial.

The provisions of this draft order would allow the courts to attach whatever weight they think proper

to the fact that someone remained silent when questioned; for example, where circumstances were such that an innocent person might reasonably have been expected to protest his innocence and draw attention to facts which served to establish it.

The draft order proposes amending the criminal law to permit the courts in Northern Ireland to draw whatever inferences would be proper from the fact that an accused remained silent in four situations.

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A nutshell non-sense analysis

Which is to say that while I am not 100% for any one group, I am 100% against two of them. I don't intend to waffle or be mealy-mouthed; or be considered no better than the mass media on both sides of the Atlantic, dependent on establishment dish-outs. I can't accept the two cowardly bullies having the power and using it crushingly. Least of all I am on the side of the occupation troops operating from the safety of barbed wire fortified barracks; and when patrolling the streets, from behind caged personnel carriers, armored cars and helicopters. And whose bosses, visiting from London, have to be protected night and day with maximum security. Ongoing now for twenty years! This is democracy? Compare Afghanistan. Confer Helsinki.

I hold no brief for any of the three main warring factions in truncated Ulster (six of a nine-county province): Irish, Orange and English. Colman McCarthy in the *Washington Post* describes the trio inaccurately, using religious connotations, but otherwise correctly:

"Ulster is a three-sided conflict; the Catholic minority, the Protestant majority, and the British government. It's two against one, with the two having the power and... using it crushingly."

My sole purpose is to present the total picture with all the salient facts and ramifications and historical background. I seek to stress the basic principle that no nation has any right, human or divine, to occupy by force any part of another.

People need to be disillusioned about the present situation in Ireland. Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere and all peoples should be concerned. Recognition of who belongs where was neatly illustrated by an incident this year in Belfast. A British soldier shouted at a US Congressman (J.K.): "Why don't you go back to your own country?" The American shot back: "Why don't you go back to yours?"

The originator, instigator and perpetrator of the present murderous mess is the ruling faction. It is none other than the London puppeteer who pulls the strings of the one-man gauleiter ruling the roost with the aid of SS or SAS stormtroopers daily elbowing the citizens off the sidewalks. It is this faction that restarted the Troubles (dormant since 1922) in 1968 by their cowardly and brutal onslaught upon thousands of men, women and children participating in a peaceful civil rights march from Belfast to Derry, inspired by Selma and born of desperation. The Troubles is a euphemism for all the wars in Ireland since Easter Week 1916.

Since that event the British government is responsible for deliberately killing and maiming more innocent civilians than the other two factions combined — beginning with that fateful day in 1968, and compounded three years later in Derry with the cold-blooded gunning down of fourteen young civilians, most of them teenagers and

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MacBride Principles Bill Introduced in Indiana House

A coalition lead by Ned Delaney of Kokomo, Indiana, is working to have a MacBride Principles bill introduced in the Indiana legislature. State Representative Brad Bayliff said that he would sponsor the legislation, requiring that U.S. companies operating in both Indiana and Northern Ireland adopt the MacBride Principles or explain in writing why they did not.

The state would discontinue doing business with the firm if it failed to provide that written explanation.

Along with Delaney, the coalition consists of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Irish Northern Aid Committee; Robert E. Connolly, an attorney and author from Ft. Wayne; and Charles Rice, a professor at Notre Dame University; and others.

Editor's Note: The National Irish Caucus reports that the MacBride Bill will be introduced into the state house of Wyoming in the New Year by newly-elected Donald J. Sullivan from Cheyenne.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Michael Coogan meets with local Hibernians of the Kevin Barry Division, Indianapolis. From left: Patrick Miles, past president; Robert Boyle, president; Coogan; Dennis Moriarty, past president.

MacBride Wins Michigan Senate

By JOHN MARTIN CAHILL

(Story taken from the Michigan Hibernian)

The long and difficult struggle to pass the MacBride Principles in Michigan took a giant step in early June. By a vote of 30-3 the Michigan Senate approved a MacBride Principles Bill. The bill is a substitute bill for the original proposals sponsored by Senator John Kelly and Walsh Division member, Representative Michael Bennane. It was submitted by our wonderful "friends", Senators Rudy Nichols and John "my grandmother was Irish" Engler.

The journey of Senator Engler from a reactionary Thatcher conservative to an Irish Republican is a curious story. It is well documented that Senator Engler had fought the MacBride Principles Bill at the behest of the British Government. Only last January he had ordered

Senator Nichols to kill the bill and not allow a hearing. Just prior to St. Patrick's Day, Senator Engler brought in British cabinet minister John Stanley for a press conference to support his anti-MacBride position.

Engler Embarrassment
The Stanley stratagem ended on a sour note for Senator Engler when Minister Stanley was questioned by IAU President Blair McGowan. Recent news reports had romantically linked Prince Andrew to a Belgian Catholic princess. The British tabloids raged about the romance because British law requires that anyone who marries a Catholic must renounce all rights to the British Crown.

McGowan asked Minister Stanley if this was true. He further asked why Irish Americans should believe that the British government will address anti-Catholic discrimination in the North of Ireland when it discriminates against Catholics at the highest level of its own government. Clearly flustered, Minister Stanley tersely stated that he did not discuss matters of the Royal Family. He then bolted from the room before any other embarrassing questions could be asked.

This exit followed an opening to the press conference that had also embarrassed Senator Engler. The Senator had begun by stating that the press conference had been called because of his desire to have a "full debate" on the MacBride Principles. He stated that he wanted all sides of the issue to be presented. He said that he had brought Minister Stanley to Lansing to contribute to that "full debate."

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British Lobby Hard Against MacBride Bill

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The Honorable Paula Hollinger
206 Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Hollinger,
I understand that you, as a member of the Maryland Senate, will soon be considering Senate Bill No. 663 entitled "Retirement and Pensions Systems — Northern Ireland Investment".

The Bill, as originally introduced in the Maryland Senate, required US companies in Northern Ireland to subscribe to a set of demands known as the MacBride Principles. We told members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee of the reasons why the British Government and every political party in Northern Ireland, except Sinn Féin, the

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GEORGE FOLEY, New York, left, past National Editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*, visits with Sean MacBride at his home in Dublin before the beloved patriot's death.

Vice President's Message

First of all I would like to wish all my Brother and Sister Hibernians a Happy and Blessed Christmas. May 1989 bring us all true happiness and peace.

I would like to thank all my Brother and Sister Hibernians on the AOH National Board, the Massachusetts State and County Boards, as well as the many members of Divisions across Massachusetts who attended the testimonial in my honor given by my own Division 36 in Worcester. It was an evening that my family and I shall remember for many years to come.

In response to the questionnaire that was recently mailed to all Hibernian Building Associations in September concerning a Hibernian Directory of all Hibernian Homes in America, the following have responded so far: Lawrence, MA; Lauderdale Lake, FL; Bristol, PA; Water-

ville, NY; East Islip, NY; Pittsburgh, PA; Worcester, MA; Massapequa, NY; Detroit, MI; Malden, MA; Akron, OH; Monroeville, PA; Lynn, MA; Brooklyn, NY; Newport, RI; Dayton, OH; Auburn, Albany and Selden, NY. If you have not returned your questionnaire yet, we ask that you do so by the official deadline, since we are planning to go to print right after the first of the year.

A questionnaire was sent to all major degree teams. To date the following have responded: the Massachusetts State Board; the Round Tower of Brooklyn; Brian Boru of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Tara Court of Dearpath, New York. If you have not yet responded to date we ask that you do so before the official deadline, so we may publish this information in our new directory.

We would like to congratulate all

those Brothers in Worcester, MA and Meriden, CT who recently took their degrees. In the future we ask that degree teams please inform the office of National Vice President of the time, date and locations when degrees are given, so note of it can be made in our column.

With regards to Junior Divisions, please remember that is the duty of the vice president on the state, county and division level to promote this. The future of the AOH lies with our youth. They will be the leaders of tomorrow.

On the Sean MacBride Award please remember that all nominations are due in the office of the National Vice President before January 15, 1989. Complete information on this has been sent to all county and state presidents. Criteria on this award also appeared in the last issue of the *Hibernian Digest*.

Michael Carroll

A Nice Place to Visit

VINCENT J. SCULLY

National Chairman, Catholic Action

Have you ever really examined the church you attend?

It is common practice to walk in and worship and meditate, or just sit in quiet repose; but most of our churches offer an enormous amount of beautiful art that lends added dimension to our spiritual life. When you get the opportunity, look around your church. I think you will be pleasantly surprised!

My parish church is St. Clement's in southwest Philadelphia. It is a beautiful and friendly place to visit. The statuary and design (it is built in the shape of the cross) are really something special! The stained glass windows depict the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus preaching and teaching on the Mount and by the sea, among other very beautiful scenes. If you wish to, you can let your thoughts and prayers drift back some 2000 years and imagine how wonderful it must have been to see and hear our Lord and Saviour go about his Father's work!

The refraction of light at different times of day and the changing of the seasons adds to the beauty and message contained in each panel.

The crucifix on the main altar was thought to be modern by many parishioners; but it is the penal crucifix that takes us back to the very inception of the AOH in Ireland. It was a time when our priests were hunted like the wolf,

with a bounty on their heads. Their courage became a symbol of Irish determination to survive and spread our Catholic faith. They did their job well!

Of course the most important part of any church community is the congregation that makes up the body of the faithful and here, too, my church is a nice place to visit! You'll feel welcome here!

Our congregation is Irish, Italian, Polish, German, Black, Hispanic, oriental and you name it. Rich and poor, young and old. Hard working people who step out to shake your hand and share the sign of peace in true christian spirit. The neighborhood is slowly running down outside; but inside the world is beautiful and I think a credit to the Roman Catholic faith.

If ever I move from this place, my hardest decision would be leaving St. Clement's parish! On second thought, if the Cardinal in New York still considers himself a part of St. Clement's, just maybe you can take some things with you, and just like Father O'Connor, I may find it a great place to visit!

Your church is probably just as beautiful as mine and has the same kind of beauty in its art and in its people as mine; and it's probably as nice a place to visit as mine; so enjoy it and take a friend with you. God bless you.

Irish Way Program

JOHN P. CONNOLLY

National Chairman

The Irish Way is a unique training program for American high schoolers in both public and private schools throughout the U.S. It fills them with pride of heritage; inspires them with a clearer knowledge of their people; introduces them to history, geography, literature, art and music of Ireland.

The program is centered at the Franciscan College in Gormanstown, County Meath. Irish Way students spend six weeks at Gormanstown each summer in a program which combines study, touring and family experience. They return to the U.S. with new enthusiasm for the Irish Way. These are the Irish Americans of the future. Aren't they worthy of a solid investment?

Now in its tenth year, the Irish Way program has more than doubled in size since it began. But that's not enough. We are still only skimming the surface. Most of our young

people need to know more about Ireland. The future of the Irish Way of Life in America depends on what we do for our young Irish-Americans.

Emigration from Ireland to the U.S. has been almost completely shut down. The burden — and the challenge — falls upon the young. And our responsibility is to give them what they need in order to carry on. Your Division can do nothing better to prepare for the future than to commit itself now to raising a minimum of one full scholarship. You can't fault the young! The survival of our heritage demands our decision to commit ourselves to the future now! In as many other ways, we could learn a lot from our Jewish fellow citizens.

State and County Boards interested in sponsoring a scholarship program on the Irish Way, please write to: John P. Connolly, 15 Green Street Terr., Watertown, MA 02172.

STATE NEWS: New Jersey

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — A project to collect books on Irish history, culture and politics and place them in the Ocean County Library has been launched by members of AOH Division 1 of Ocean County, now known as the James J. Howard Division.

The project, which is being aided by other local Irish organizations, is being directed by Brian Phillips, political action chairman, and Ralph Hodges, secretary of the division. Also participating are the women's unit of Division 1, the American Irish Club of Whiting and the Jersey Shore Irish-American Club.

The books will consist of those donated by members and those in the community and new publications purchased with funds raised by the

book drive. Full cooperation has been received from officials of the county library.

The division was renamed the James J. Howard Division last summer in memory of the late New Jersey congressman who was a member of the division. He died suddenly last March.

Brian Phillips is filling the role of the late Bernard Mackle, a charter member of the division who died suddenly last June 22. Mackle was also political action chairman of the Mid-Jersey Chapter of the Irish American Unity Conference. Phillips and member Jim Lowney will serve as division delegates to the Seaside Heights St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Jim Lowney,

Publicity Chairman & Historian



AOH AND LAOH NATIONAL OFFICERS who gathered at the Testimonial in honor of National Vice President Mike Carroll in Worcester, MA October 15 are, left to right, Director Frank Kearney; Catholic Action Chairman Mary Paglione; Rhode Island State President William McEnery; President Mary Bradley; Mike Carroll; and Pro Life Chairman William Farrell.

STATE NEWS: Kentucky

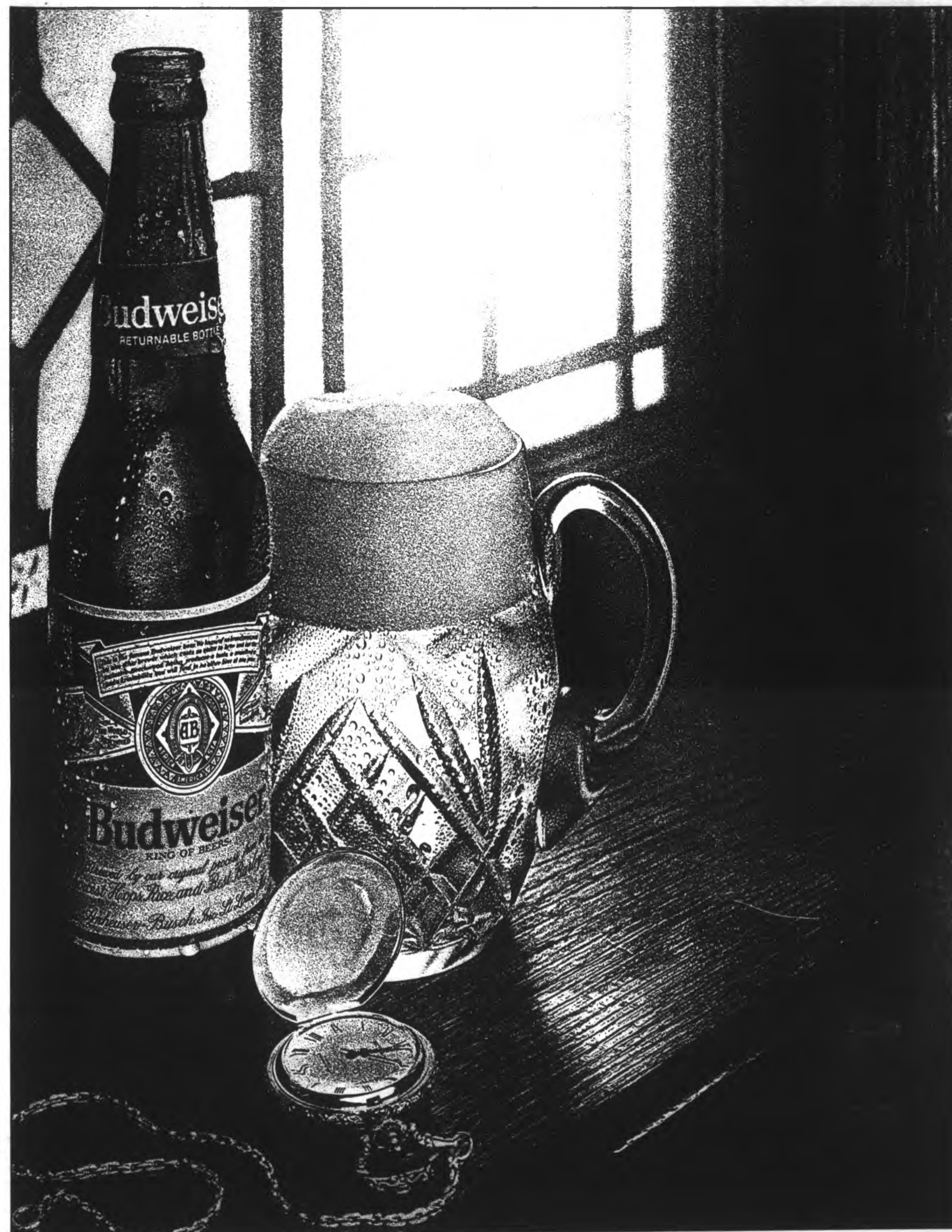
LOUISVILLE, KY — Hibernians of Fr. A. J. Ryan Division 1 attended the recent installation of Our Lady of Limerick mosaic in the Church of St. Louis Bertrand, here. The blessing of the mosaic, enshrined in a niche of

the church facade, 50 feet above the main entrance, brings together two traditions—that of the statue of Our Lady of Limerick in the Church of St. Saviour's, Limerick, Ireland, and the mosaic recently installed here in

the neighborhood of Limerick. The mosaic also symbolized the varicolored ethnic mix of the American Catholic Church—Irish green next to the blue of South America, the brown of Africa and the red of Poland.



MOST REVEREND Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P., with Hibernian members of Fr. A.J. Ryan Div. 1, AOH, Louisville, KY following blessing and dedication of mosaic of Our Lady of Limerick at the Church of St. Louis Bertrand, Louisville.



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Michigan Senate Passes MacBride Principles

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discrimination under the Fair Employment Act of 1976. Senator Kelly inquired what the penalties were against employers who were found to have discriminated. She stated that they could lose their charter to do business with the British Government. Senator Kelly then asked how many times that penalty had been invoked since 1976. Fiona answered "None" as the room erupted into laughter.

The hearing closed with brilliantly effective remarks from Councilman Jack Kelly. Kelly told Senator Nichols that the only thing wrong



Oliver Kearney shakes hands with committee members.

with the bill was that the British were embarrassed by it. "They should be embarrassed!" he thundered while Senator Nichols blanched. Senator Nichols' discomfort increased as Kelly's unique blend of passion and humor entranced the room. Quietly speaking and pointing directly at Senator Nichols, Kelly stated, "Rudy, we would hate to have to run someone against you in the next election."

The Resolution

Senator Engler now had a problem. He wants to run for governor in



Jack Cahill "blows away" Senator Nichols.

1990. He was alarmed by the public outcry about the MacBride Principles. He initially had thought that he could kill the MacBride Principles and the general public would not notice it. Now he knew the voters were watching. He knew that if he killed the bill in 1988 it could be quickly reintroduced in 1989. That meant during his campaign for governor he would be asked embarrassing questions about the MacBride Principles. Running as the anti-Catholic, anti-Irish candidate for governor was not a pleasant prospect.



John Cushman with Fiona Cassidy and an unknown associate.

Senator Engler now knew that a MacBride Principles Bill had to be passed in 1988. He decided to write his own bill. That bill passed the Senate in early June by a 30-3 vote. That bill preserves the MacBride Principles intact, but weakens the enforcement provisions. It now goes to the House of Representatives for approval. If passed in its present form by the House it will go to the governor for signing. This



Senator Kelly congratulated by Sister Mary.

Eleven AOH Teenagers Win Ireland Scholarships

ST. PAUL, MN: Eleven high school students with AOH "ties" have been awarded scholarships by the AOH and other groups for the annual Irish Way Program and will be part of a group of 144 American teenagers from 26 states visiting Ireland for nearly six weeks this summer.

The Irish Way, which began its 13th year July 4, is sponsored by the St. Paul-based Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI). The holiday and study program offers a look at Irish history and literature and a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities, including attending a play at Ireland's national theatre, seeing a hurling match, taking part in a traditional Irish dance, and playing sports matches against local Irish teenagers.

The Irish Way completes its introduction to Irish life and culture by placing each student with an Irish family for a home stay and by offering a sampling of hotel living during a tour of the island.

The program's home base is a secondary school at Gormanston, 25 miles north of Dublin near the Irish Sea. The 51-acre estate includes modern recreational facilities and a medieval castle and is located in one of Ireland's most historic areas. By sharing Gormanston with teenagers from various European countries, Irish Way participants also have the opportunity to learn about more than one culture during the program.

Many of the students going on the Irish Way already know what to expect from the program because their brothers and sisters are some of the more than 1,350 alumni from the program's 12 years. There are now more than 200 families who have sent at least two members on the program and more than 50 families that have sent three or more.

The Irish American Cultural Institute, which administers the

program, is a non-profit, non-political organization working for a more informed view of Ireland. It also brings lecturers and performers from Ireland to a dozen or more U.S. cities six times each year as part of its annual Irish Perceptions series and also sponsors the Trees for Ireland reforestation project.

This year's AOH winners are:

AOH National Board Winners

Erin Bauersachs, daughter of Leonard and Ann Bauersachs of Mercerville, N.J., will be a 10th grader this fall at Hamilton North High School. Erin's parents own a store selling Irish imports and she is an accomplished Irish step-dancer. She plays on her school and township soccer teams, plays the violin, and maintains a solid "B" average.

Patrick McGuinness, son of Sarah McGuinness of Philadelphia enters 11th grade at Father Judge High School this fall and is the second member of his family to go on the Irish Way. Patrick lived in Ireland for a year and a half and is a member of his local Boys Club. He plays on his school's football and baseball teams, collects baseball cards, fixes broken games and toys as a hobby, and plays the accordion.

Maura Sheedy, daughter of Christopher and Margaret Sheedy of Philadelphia, will graduate from St. Basil Academy next spring. Maura is the vice president of her AOH junior division and treasurer of her school's environmental club. She is involved with Community Service Corps, plays piano, is an Irish dancer and is a "B" student.

AOH Flatbush Division 35, Brooklyn Winner

William Judge, is the son of William and Frances Judge of Brooklyn and will be in 10th grade at Xavierian High School in September. An altar

boy and Boy Scout, William plays a variety of sports and also collects baseball cards. This will be William's 3rd visit to Ireland and follows a summer working for his aunt in Georgia.

Katheryn Kenney of Southbury, Conn., moves into 11th grade at Pomperaug Regional High School this fall. Martin played varsity football last year and played trombone in his junior high school band. He's learning the guitar and carries a "B" average in school.

AOH Broome Co., NY, Div. Winner Margaret O'Donnell is the second member of Paul and Margaret O'Donnell's, Whitney Point, New York family to participate in the Irish Way. A senior at Chenango Forks High School next year, Margaret is on her school's prom committee and in the language club. She plays soccer and is captain of her school's volleyball team.

Hibernian Life Insurance Fund Of Minnesota Winners

Michele Hannah is the oldest child of Robert and Dae Hannah of Minneapolis and will enter 11th grade this fall at Totino-Grace High School. Michele has studied guitar since she was six years old and also plays bass, drums and piano. She plays in her own rock band in her school's jazz band, has a "B" average, is a member of LAOH Division 9, Hennepin County, and has won a Hibernian Life Insurance scholarship for her high school tuition.

Shannon Kennedy, daughter of Michael and Rosann Kennedy of Chetek, Wis., is the granddaughter of James Kennedy of Eagan, Minn., former president of AOH Division 4, St. Paul. A senior next fall at Chetek High School, Shannon is involved in 4-H, VFW Jr. Ladies Auxiliary, and Future Business Leaders. She is also yearbook editor and a member of the volleyball and basketball teams and the marching band's flag team.

Other Scholarship Winners

Francis Connolly is the fourth member of Joseph and Mary Connolly's Naugatuck, Conn. family to take part in the Irish Way. He will enter 11th grade at Sacred Heart High School and is a competitive swimmer and bicyclist. Francis plays in the school band, is an altar boy, and works through his school's Key Club to help his community. Francis received his financial award from the Wild Geese of Greenwich, Conn.

Eileen Miamidian's sister went on the 1987 Irish Way and Leon and Patricia Miamidian of Norristown, Pa., are happy to send Eileen. In 11th grade at Mount St. Joseph Academy this fall, Eileen is a member of Amnesty International, a handbell choir, Community Service Corps and many other clubs. She writes for the school paper, plays piano and flute and carries an "A" average. Eileen's grandparents, John J. & Gertrude Kearney, are members of AOH Division 4 and LAOH Division 3, Camden, respectively. Eileen's scholarship came from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Sean O'Connor is the son of John and Patricia O'Connor of Bexley, Ohio, and he'll be a 10th grader at Bexley High School next year. His father is the president of the Columbus AOH division. Sean is an Irish step-dancer, runs track, and acts. He is a member of the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow and he collects coins and builds models in his spare time. Sean won his scholarship from the Shamrock Club of Columbus.



Dan O'Kennedy and Oliver Kearney.



James Phalen - Walsh Div., James O'Kelley - Wayne Co. President and Joseph Roche, Past National President.

Nat'l Legal Counsel Appoints Assistants

National Legal Counsel George Clough announced the appointment of two Deputy National Legal Counsels to assist him. One is National Home Fund Chairman Jim Shannon of San Diego and the other is Kevin McDermott of Nassau County, New York. Kevin is president of Division 15 and serves as Assistant District Attorney of Nassau County.

Clough also said he would be giving a full report in the next *Digest* on the suit against the Justice Department over the denial of a visa to Gerry Adams. The Order has joined the suit as a party plaintiff.

IRISH TRIVIA

- Which two writers of the late 19th century were the reported spokesmen for Irish immigrants to the U.S.?
- Who was called the greatest Irish-born composer of light operas?
- What is the oldest of the great Irish illuminated manuscripts?
- What does the Irish 'gan tir, gan teanga' mean?
- Who founded the Fianna Fail Party, and when?
- What is the Dublin Castle used for today?
- What is the Flags and Emblem Act of 1954?
- What was the O'Connell Bridge, in Dublin, formerly called?
- Where was the 'Shamrock', the first Irish-American newspaper, published?
- What woman was instrumental in the founding of the Abbey Theater?

(Answers on page 22)

Last Minute Passage of Immigration Bill Hailed



CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS of the immigration legislation that recently passed on Capitol Hill, left to right, are Congressmen Howard L. Berman (D-CA); Barney Frank (D-MA); Hamilton Fish, Jr., (R-NY); and at the farthest right, Charles E. Schumer (D-NY).



IRISH PHONIES for immigration. Taking a page from the telephone company's "Reach out and touch someone," ladies from the Arlington, VA AOH Division and the Washington DC Immigration Support Committee, set up their own "Irish Reach Out." They made over 700 calls to the Washington area Irish, asking them to call their representatives to support the Rodino-Massoli Immigration Bill. Heard through an open door at one of the Reach Out Centers was a thick Irish brogue saying "It's spelled M-HAY-ZED-ZED-OH-LYE." Left to right are Erin Herlihy, Maria Herlihy, Elaine Foley, Shelia Curtin, Anna O'Neill, Martina Tobin, Anne McDonald and Vicki Curtin.

Congressman Ray McGrath (R-Valley Stream, N.Y.) said recently that a bill which gives a boost to Irish immigration to the United States was approved in the final days of the 100th Congress. The bill also allows for an extension of expired temporary visas for foreign nurses, already in this country, until the end of 1989.

"Just when all hope seemed lost for this bill, the Senate finally relented," McGrath said. "We have made substantive progress" towards correcting a gross inequity in our immigration laws."

Overall, the bill directs the State Department to make available 15,000 visas in each of fiscal years 1989 and 1990 to the 37 countries designated by the State Department to be "adversely affected" by the first immigration act passed in 1965.

The Immigration Reform Act passed in 1986 included an amendment adding 5,000 visas for each of those 37 countries, including Ireland, but the time limit on obtaining those visas expired this past October 1.

Another provision of this bill includes an additional 10,000 visas for other underrepresented countries for the years 1990 and 1991.

McGrath cosponsored the immigration legislation last year calling for a permanent change in the selection system by adding an additional independent category, thus aiding "adversely affected countries." The bill was passed after many thought the issue would have to wait for the next Congress because of House-Senate differences.

"After many years we have found a workable solution," McGrath said.

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THE DREAM — THE CHALLENGE — THE REALITY

March 17, 1987 proved to be an especially fortuitous day for the "Wearing of the Green" when it brought together two very special people, Susan Gordon Ryan and Dominick Kiernan.

During an ordinary dinner conversation they conceived an exciting idea. It was an idea that was to grow into a dream of hope and fulfillment for a group of Irish youngsters who competed in the New York State Games for the Physically Challenged and returned to Erin's Isle proudly holding aloft their gold medals.

They won the gold for Ireland, but, most of all, they won for all the young, lovable, handicapped Irish youngsters who can now also hope and dare, and compete in all the challenges of life. The Irish Team athletes are real heroes. God bless them all.

The idea, together with the dedication of Susan Gordon Ryan, Executive Director of The N. Y. State Games for the Physically Challenged, and the perseverance of Dominick Kiernan, the former Lord Mayor of Wexford, Ireland, brought to reality the dream of the 1988 Irish Team members:

Tracey Berney 14, Steven Don-

nelly 17, Helen Efrech 21, Patricia Furlong 12, Tony Maloney 19, Carla McVitty 11, Declan Monahan 19, Edel Reck 20, Thomas St. Ledger 20, Anita Tighe 21, Seamus Wall, and Joann Wright 14 — twelve physically challenged youngsters who touched the hearts of the thousands of people who touched them, who loved them, and who cheered them on.

The tireless efforts of the AOH and many Irish societies and individuals raised the funds needed to bring the Irish Team and their chaperones to America. The funds raised paid for the air fare, housing, special buses, food, uniforms, entertainment, and sightseeing. The Team arrived at JFK on May 28, 1988, with beauty of face, heart and spirit. They charmed the people of Long Island and New York City with their beguiling brogue. They made lifelong friends. They were the best ambassadors of goodwill Ireland ever sent. They tweaked the hearts of everyone they met. They won many medals at the Games — 30 gold, 8 silver and 1 bronze. The dream became the challenge.

None of the Irish Youth Team had ever left home before. Most had

never left their small towns. The Lord Mayor, knowing well that he could depend on the generous American Irish, set out and traveled throughout the North and South of Ireland. He scouted the special athletes who were to represent all of Ireland in the N.Y. State Games for the Physically Challenged. His efforts paid off. His choices were excellent. He brought over a well trained, winning team.

The dream became a reality. Again in 1989 we will endeavor to offer the "Dream" to a new team of fifteen physically challenged Irish athletes. With a bit of Irish luck the Irish youngsters will be able to come to America and compete in the "Games". They will be able to meet new friends, see the sights of New York, have the time of their young lives, and return to Ireland happy and triumphant, and with fond memories.

The Lord Mayor called the physically challenged "Magic People." He said there is magic about them. He is right. However, these wonderful magic youngsters need the magic wand; they need the magic words; they need the magic fairy dust sprinkling down on them. They need the magic money.

The Challenge is before us. We must raise the funds for 1989. Please help us by opening your hearts and pockets to the Irish Youth Team of 1989. The athletes have been chosen and are waiting for their dream to come true. They want to share the fulfillment of the 1988 Team. They deserve the lifelong happiness the trip to the Games will bring to them. You deserve the happiness of making it possible by your generous donation.

You can bring the dream to reality.

Please make checks payable to: "Physically Challenged Irish Youth Team." Send all donations to: Jack Flatley, AOH, Public Relations, 32 Mobile St., Sayville, N.Y. 11782.

Or Jack Irwin, AOH National Director, 84 Wilson St., Rockaway, N.Y. 11518

THE PROGRAM

The New York State Games for the Physically Challenged is presented each year and funded for N.Y. State resident athletes by The N.Y. State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (Susan Gordon Ryan, Executive Director). The Games will be held this year from June 1 through June 4, 1989, at Nassau Community College and at the Mitchell Field Athletic Complex, Uniondale, Long Island, New York. The Games offer a program of competition in track and field, swimming, equestrian, and table tennis to junior athletes 5 to 21 years old who are challenged by being blind, deaf, and spinal cord injured. Also included are amputees, youngsters with cerebral palsy, and les autres (muscular dystrophy, dwarfism, arthritis, spinal bifida, etc.). The program is designed for success and each athlete competes in his or her own age group, physical challenge, and degree of ability. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for the top scorers, but everyone is a winner and leaves with a badge for having participated.

The aim of the program is to promote confidence and a positive image in the young athlete which will carry over to other parts of their lives as they grow and mature.

The first Games were held in August, 1985, and 240 athletes competed. The number of competitors has increased dramatically each year. This year we can expect 1600 physically challenged athletes.

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Jim Herlihy (703-536-8628), our Washington Pro-Life Chairman, will be in the southeast corner of the ellipse, across from the White House, holding high the tri-color, and it is requested that all Hibernians muster at this location at 12 noon on January 23rd. President Michael Coogan and Vice-President Mike Carroll, together with officers of the association, will lead the procession

past the White House, Capitol, to the Supreme Court building.

The cause at hand is no less critical than American independence or the freeing of slaves. Each year 1.5 million babies are killed in this nation. They go to their deaths largely unnoticed and unmourned.

Pregnant women seduced by the sweet lies of feminism must be made to understand, in the poignant words of a rescue activist, "Abortion never makes you unpregnant. It only makes you the mother of a dead child." If Operation Rescue can advance this perception it will merit heaven's blessings.

Units and individuals are urged to contact Bill Farrell, National Chair, Hibernian Right to Life Committee, 508-443-2876 or 508-358-4569.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Michael Coogan and Pro-Life Director William Farrell are pictured in a meeting with Dr. and Mrs. Wilke. Dr. Wilke, who is president of both the National Right to Life and the International Right to Life Association, has proposed memberships in the international to many AOH divisions. Bill Sherwin of County Cork is executive secretary of the international, which operates out of headquarters in Rome. A drive to obtain the memberships will begin early in 1989.

BOOK REVIEWS

The O'Brien Junior Biography Series by Moriarty and Sweeney.

At long last an important need is being met through the publication of a new series of historical and contemporary biographies of notable persons in Irish life and culture. Biographies may abound for adult readers, but younger readers have not had the same access to material more appropriate for their age group. It's very satisfying to know that now there is a new series of Irish biographies for the younger reader, in this case the 9-13 year old age group.

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W.B. Yeats presents the story of Ireland's most famous poet, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature and active participant in the early days of the famous Abbey Theatre. Yeats felt that Ireland and her heroic past must be the subject of his poetry, saying he must express "certain ardent ideas and a high attitude of mind which were the nation

itself." His life-long love for Irish patriot Maud Gonne was also subject material for his poetry. In all, he is considered near the top (if not the top) of all 20th century poets. Paperback edition, 64 pp., \$7.95.

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HIS LORDSHIP the Mayor of Wexford, Dominick Kiernan, puts one in the seats.



SUSAN GORDON RYAN, Executive Director of the Games, rides with her husband Frank, who is the Governor's Regional Representative to Long Island. Frank is an active member of the AOH.

D.C. and Baltimore Irish Festivals Draw Large Crowds

From all over the United States, California, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., as well as Canada, the Irish came to the Nation's Capital Feis earlier this year. They were greeted by a warm letter of welcome from President Ronald Reagan. They enjoyed a marvelous competition in the beautiful city of Washington D.C. and they won beautiful medals and trophies for every competition, awarded right in the "back yard" of the president of the United States.

It was a wonderful exciting day of competition and friendship. The day began with Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Hurley, on the south lawn of the White House, President's Park; then the dancing began. There was something for everyone: a baby contest for the "Best Irish Eyes". There were Irish games, such as tug-o-war and soccer, available all day.

While some were doing the jig and the reel, others were playing flute, fiddle, accordion and the harp in instrumental competition. Prizes were awarded for arts and crafts as well. Notable friends in the community

came to visit, including Mr. & Mrs. Tom Breenahan; Mr. Breenahan is president and general manager of WMAL Radio; Mr. & Mrs. Declan Kelleher, of the Irish Embassy and Mr. & Mrs. Jim O'Connor, of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH. All were involved in awards presentations.

The Feis was preceded by a video session of Irish Set Dancing on August 27th, and followed, on August 29th, by a marvelous workshop in Irish Dance, taught by the "Dancing Master", Anthony Nolan, from Limerick, Ireland.



IRISH DANCING prize winners at the Nation's Capital Feis, were, left to right, 1st Julie Showalter; 2nd Kerry Anne Broderick; 3rd Lisa Cashin; 4th Debbie Lynch; 5th Nora Collins; 6th Kathleen Anne Murphy; 7th Caoilfhionn O'Drudy; 8th Susan Mendoza; 9th Cara Butler; 10th Julie Bell and 11th Erin Schilling (not shown). Standing in the rear is the presenter of the prizes, James J. O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division AOH, Washington, DC. Irish Eye photo



AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL FEIS in Washington DC, dancers from the McHugh Irish Dance School took time out to admire the AOH emblem on the back of National Director John McInerney's van. Left to right are Eileen Fitzgerald, Karen Campbell, Deldre O'Neill and Alana Fitzgerald. Irish Eye photo



THE IRISH FESTIVAL inside Festival Hall at Baltimore Inner Harbor. Irish Eye photo



THE CREW from the Commodore John Barry Division 1, Annapolis, dropped their hotdog tongs and hamburger spatulas to pose for a photo. Patrick Quinn, president, on the right. Irish Eye photo



HIBERNIANS checking out the sights at the Nation's Capital Feis in Washington, DC are, left to right, James Browne, Past National Historian; John McInerney, National Director and Retention Chairman; and James Carmody, National Chairman, Charities and Missions. Brothers Browne and Carmody are from Col. John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, VA, co-sponsors of the Nation's Capital Feis. Irish Eye photo



IN THE SHADOW of the Navy Frigate Constellation, curraghs from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Annapolis get started in the four man race. Annapolis crew won the race. Irish Eye photo

<p>An inch AND A HALF OF IRISH</p> <p>Fáilte romhat Welcome! (fai'-cheh row-at)</p>	<p>An inch AND A HALF OF IRISH</p> <p>Céad míle fáilte One-hundred thousand welcomes (kay'd meal-eh fai'-cheh)</p>
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Open Letter to U2

Bono,

I am an 18-year-old long following U2 fan, aware of your presence since December 1980 when I first read about you while on an Aer Lingus flight to Ireland. I've seen you evolve from various perspectives. These include my four trips to Ireland (North & South), my living in Scandinavia and my permanent residence in the United States. The intensity with which I've followed you from Red Rocks, to Live Aid, to Amnesty International and beyond has been viewed by others around me as slight insanity.

I am one who is also very sympathetic to and appalled by the situation which Northern Ireland's Catholic population lives under. I was, to say the least, thrilled at hearing of "Sunday, Bloody Sunday's" release in 1986. Thanks to your music the tragedy of Bloody Sunday is now a household word in many concerned American and Swedish homes. Even though you were not advocating physical resistance (as I do in this situation), I thought the song did a great job for oppressed Catholics. I had no problem with your not mentioning violence as a way out in the song, because taking up arms is your own personal prerogative.

However, I was bordering on tears after seeing "Rattle and Hum" this weekend. Although you're not personally into violence, I thought it was quite irresponsible to cry out, "F the revolution!" I myself believe in exhausting every means of peaceful protest in order to achieve freedom, but in Belfast and Derry that has been tried and it has not worked. It has however, as others would argue, worked in places like India, and in the United States concerning Blacks. These situations must be looked at however as compared to that of Ireland. India only gained its independence after England had been through a second world war. They could not hold on to 750 million people in Asia along with rebuilding their own country and the

rest of Western Europe. The Reverend Martin Luther King (whom I deeply respect) and his peace movement were successful because the president at the time (John F. Kennedy) was sympathetic to their cause. Even though he was a non-violent protester, in essence Martin Luther King had the U.S. Army behind him, which is under the President's command.

In contrast Northern Ireland's Catholics have Margaret Thatcher, her national army, and a blind American government against them. Peaceful protest before the IRA's involvement in Northern Irish affairs brought only internment policies, police beatings, and Catholic civilian deaths at the hands of the British military. The world didn't care about what was happening. America would never step in as long as they needed Great Britain as an anti-Soviet ally. Forced with this oppressive situation at the hands of foreign troops, along with world ignorance, the Catholics of Northern Ireland's ghettos and industrial centers took up arms as a means of self-defense.

Since U2's formation in 1978, IRA attacks have always been aimed at

legitimate military targets and not civilians. Sometimes civilians have gotten caught in the line of fire, which is tragic but a consequence of any military conflict. This is however nothing compared to the countless targeted attacks by Britain's security forces on Catholic civilians. Such names as Carroll-Anne Kelly, Julie Livingstone, and Sean Downes come to mind. Both Carroll-Anne Kelly's mother and Sean Downes' widow have visited my house. I also know and have visited with the family of Bobby Sands and other citizens of such Belfast townships as Twinbrook and Andersonstown. Every civilian death caused by the IRA (which have not been many) has been explained by an operational error, compared to the intended deaths at the hands of Thatcher's troops and other Protestant paramilitary forces which are backed by Britain. Some of this information never reaches the public. Evidence of this comes out in the film. You talk about the bombing in Eniskillen as IRA "terrorism." In case you didn't know, that bomb was scheduled to go off 4 hours later during a military show of strength at that same spot. British forces unfortunately hit the same frequency code as the IRA was using for some equipment of theirs

and the bomb went off at the wrong time during the civilian march. It's sad this ever happened but it was a total mistake which every military organization eventually runs into. Yet this is another example of the true story about the IRA not getting out.

It was inaccurate to accuse us supporters of "glorifying the revolution." I and those in Ireland and elsewhere who sympathize with resistance do not see any glory whatsoever in the struggle. We see it as something that has to be done, and when it's over, it's over. The only glory we hope for is equal civil rights and an end to 80% unemployment in many Catholic ghettos. You talk of how the majority of your country (The Republic of Ireland or Free State) does not support resistance. Your 20 counties don't deal with the British day to day like those in the northern six. If you go into any Catholic areas of Belfast or Derry, you will get a very different story. These are the people who live with the reality of British troops every day.

Nobody wants to infringe on the rights of Protestants. We only want economic and social equality between the two. Protestants and Catholics have not had a history of

conflict in the Republic of Ireland. Even in the North the conflict is between British troops, Radical Protestants (which are not many) and downtrodden Catholics. Only through British interference and segregation is there a conflict, one which when you look at the facts can only be solved by force. Imperialist Britain will understand nothing else. Were it not for justified violence of this kind, you and I would both be living in British colonies today. We're not asking you to endorse violence or turn "Sunday Bloody Sunday" into a rebel song or anything like that; we only ask that you not treat so harshly those who are fighting for the same principles that freed both you and me from British rule. I respect you all greatly but this only recent cursing at those fighting for justice has forced me to think deeply about you, Edge, Larry, and Adam, who have been my inspiration for years. I hope for the sake of Ireland and for the sake of U2, that you seriously reconsider your statement. Thank you and please respond. 26 plus 6 equals 1.

Sean King, American University
EDITOR'S NOTE: Sean King is the son of Peter King, Nassau County Comptroller, Member Division 7 Wantagh, NY.

A Salute from Pat Roper The King of the Irish Festivals

PAT ROPER would like to salute and express his gratitude to the organizers and promoters of the greatest Irish Festivals on the Eastern Seaboard for having him headline their very successful 1988 Irish Festivals and Fairs, to the Chairpersons and their hard working committees, Pat says "Thank You for having me in 1988 and I look forward to being with you again in 1989." To all his fans and friends who visited with him at the fair and festivals, Pat asks, "Did you enjoy yourselves?"



PAT ROPER

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Thank You, Gerry Clarke

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Pat Roper would like to extend a special note of thanks to Terry and Ann Mullan of Mullan's Mountain Spring Hotel in East Durham, N.Y. for a great 1988 summer season. Pat looks forward to appearing there again and greeting all his friends in the Irish Catskills at Mullan's Hotel during the summer of 1989.

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Harris Miller Reflects on Immigration

By PATRICIA JAMES

In a recent interview Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) lobbyist Harris Miller noted that while the overriding goal of trying to make a more fundamental rewrite of the entire legal immigration system was not achieved in 1988, it was not a failure of the Irish American effort, but simply a more fundamental inability of Congress to come to grips with the entire issue. However, it is clear that the groundwork has been set for a more comprehensive rewrite of the legal immigration system in the 101st Congress beginning next January.

In terms of what was achieved on the positive side, given the inability of Congress to come to grips with the comprehensive rewrite, they at least did recognize that the Irish Nationals have suffered under the rewrite of the 1965 Immigration Law and that the purpose of the 1965 Immigration Law to assure ethnic diversity in our immigrant population has not been achieved by the changes in the 1965 law. At least on an interim basis, the extension of the NP-5 or Donnelly visas gives citizens of Ireland and other countries such as Poland and Italy, which have been disadvantaged by the 1965 law, an opportunity to get their nationals into the immigrant stream. Therefore, passage of that bill (H.R. 5115) in the last hours of Congress was a significant achievement.

Miller stated that immigration is a very, very sensitive issue in Congress — it always has been and it always will be. It is an issue over which you do not normally have powerful economic interests competing in the Congress. Instead it is really a question of grassroots political support and how well that support demonstrates itself in terms of Congress.

Miller commented that the Irish groups showed an amazing amount of unanimity of purpose and objective in the lobbying of legislators on the importance of the issue to the Irish community. Given that this was in some sense the first time around for everyone to work together and to pull in the same direction, everyone did remarkably well. Certainly we have to hope that this is a basis for improved cooperation and coordination in the 101st Congress, as immigration reform legislation comes up again.

Miller believes that there will be another attempt, and he hopes a successful attempt, at a fundamental rewrite of legal immigration reform. The Senate had developed a broad consensus on the way to move and the House was coming close to it but in a larger sense they just ran out of time because they got started fairly late. There are some unknown factors, particularly Jack Brooks becoming Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. But Miller feels that the Irish did lay a lot of groundwork and that there was a strong commitment out of people like Congressman Mazzoli and Congressman Fish and others to move ahead with a comprehensive bill. If the Irish American community continues to approach the issue constructively, Miller thinks that they can have a major impact in terms of what ultimately comes out of the Congress and in terms of

rewriting legal immigration law.

In terms of the other issues the Irish American community is concerned about, what to do about the status of the currently undocumented Irish who are in this country and who might have benefited from proposed legislation by former Congressman DiGuardi, we are

really at a much more preliminary stage. We have not yet made the argument successfully that something needs to be done and there really is not a clear vehicle to do it. The whole idea of legalizing undocumented aliens is a very controversial issue, a very difficult task.

Editor's Note: Harris Miller is one

EDITORIALS

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1968: Hopes and Dreams That Were

By JOSEPH PATRICK DOHERTY

This year, 1988, we commemorate the events of twenty years ago. 1968 was a memorable year. Paris riots, the Tet offensive, Soviet armies advancing on a Prague Spring, and the loss of Dr. King and another Kennedy to assassins' bullets evoke stunning memories. 1968 was a year of jubilation and change mixed with defeat and disillusionment. To many, it was a turning point — a year of decision-making and an opening to awareness of a vast, changing world. Two decades later, we still return with a searching eye and probing mind to that yesteryear.

In Ireland, and particularly in our 'troubled' northeast, the year of peace signs, protest, and social transformation was much in motion. Hope, dreams, distrust, resentment, doubt and despair affected a growing, energetic Irish generation. Most of the significance of the social turbulence was lost on me, but I became a part of '68 — its effects and its aftermath. My story is not unique. It is a story of the beginning of a new era in contemporary Ireland and a partial explanation of the tragic events of today.

Twenty years ago, I was a young thirteen-year-old Belfast boy and typical of most ghetto youth in segregated, impoverished, Nationalist Catholic Belfast. The future seemed uncertain, yet unchangeable, as our lives were laid out, as were the lives of our parents and their parents before them.

January 20, 1955, was the date I entered this world. Unknown to me, as I let go my first scream in natural birth, I had committed an offense against the state. You see, I was born an Irish Catholic in British-controlled northeast Ireland. Naturally, I was unaware of my political illegitimacy and disenfranchised role in this Anglo-created society. But, being of an underclass, indigenous people, one gradually develops an awareness of social inequalities, especially when one is at the receiving end of discriminatory measures, judicial imbalances, and a police baton.

My seventh year of boyhood was an introduction to British racial bigotry. An Irish Catholic death in Dallas, Texas, brought much sorrow to our ghetto. "Jack Kennedy was one of our own," people whispered. Kennedy's victory as the first Catholic president was a revelation, as were the successive victories of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. against racial discrimination in the following years. But I was bewildered, as Unionists — those who embraced British rule of the North — jeered our prayers for Kennedy, and I wondered in dismay at their blind and unwarranted hate.

As years passed, the reality of Unionist-British rule began to take shape in my young mind. I cautiously took notice of the abnormalities of everyday life around me. "A Protestant government for a Protestant people" was the Unionist's cry. Not empty rhetoric either. Too young to appreciate the intricate complexities of Unionist quasi-apartheid rule, I could not help but observe continuously our differing environments. They, the Unionists, permanently controlled all aspects of government (through means democratic) and, in turn, all other facets of society. Partition of the country and gerrymandering insured the Unionists a permanent majority, and they managed and manipulated the commerce, the media, the law, the courts, and all security forces. In other words, it was their government, their factories, their law and forces of law. We Nationalist Catholics lived in a separate, outcast world. Our ghetto existence consisted of poor housing, high unemployment, and inadequate socio-educational facilities.

Even before the present war, the police would patrol heavily armed and seemed alien to our surroundings. We did not have police stations or precincts. Instead, sandbagged barracks sprawled across the cities and countryside. No police authority in Europe had such weaponry or extra-judicial power at its disposal.

Beneath the alienation and physical violence of our subjugation were the psychological despair and indignity of second-class citizenship. Being despised, spat upon, and taunted because of my nationality and religion at a young age nurtured my will to resist systems of injustice for years to come. My concern and compassion for South African Blacks, West Bank Palestinians, and Soviet Jews came from a personal abhorrence of racist violence and discrimination.

Even within the family, Unionist repression had its effects. My father and mother sought to rid me of Belfast and their failure to

provide a secure future for their children. My father persisted that I concentrate on trade classes in school as to prepare myself for emigration to a foreign shore. "No work here for Nationalist Catholics," he'd say despairingly. "No chance in life with this government. Look at your cousins. Even an education is useless." were my father's words of regretful advice. "Go to America, Canada, your Aunt Ann in Sidney. Work hard. Bring a family up decent with self-dignity," he'd preach. Most Nationalist youth were pained with these sermons.

But in 1968, my last year of school, hope replaced despair, as parents began to think that perhaps emigration was not the answer, perhaps real political change at home was possible. I began to take notice of the growing movement for political change, but I was really unconcerned and confused about these things called "civil rights" and "civil disobedience." All the grownups, however, seemed caught up in the whole affair. One could not help feeling the emotion, the cautious hope, and the anxieties during those months.

We were gaining political ground with newly-founded organizations such as the People's Democracy and the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association. New, formidable leadership took the headlines: Bernadette Devlin, Michael Farrell, John Hume. Their youthful, positive and non-violent energy gave us the inspiration we needed to move forward. The days of the old Irish rebel were closing as a new dawn of enlightened reformation of the state was taking hold.

But as the world watched, basic demands for civil and political reforms were met with the full violence of the state. Police banning orders, arrests, and beatings of peaceful marchers showed the reactionary and predictable response of a regime that was undemocratic and politically bankrupt. The violent reaction of the Unionist government only reinforced the surge forward. The people were now on the move.

Why such a lack of responsibility or accountability by the government for such basic and quite reasonable demands for reform? These demands were not revolutionary or impractically extreme. There were no calls for the downfall of British sovereignty or revengeful cries about 800 years of British misrule and oppression. Nationalist Catholics were submissively stating their acceptance of British rule, their head of state, flag and culture. All we asked was an equal status of citizenship and justice within the system. What we received was a reactionary period of violence and intransigence in meeting with reforms.

Unlike the United States, we in northeast Ireland had no Lyndon B. Johnson to send in federal troops to uphold constitutional law. We did not have a constitution nor a bill of rights nor a government willing to address issues of discrimination and injustice.

"Those who make peaceful revolutions impossible," said Jack Kennedy, "will make violent revolutions inevitable." Patient attitudes were running out, and I became a part of that impatient upcoming generation. Each peaceful march was met by further state violence. Time was running short for a gradual transitional change, creating the precondition for violence later to come. The reluctance of London and Dublin to take steps to alleviate the deteriorating situation paved the way to an all-out confrontation that has plagued Ireland and Britain to this day.

Twenty years have since passed. There is not much to celebrate in these years that have brought suffering and sadness to many. Death, heartache, and despair cross both communities and both sides of the Irish Sea. The daily symptoms of violence that one sees highlighted on television screens hide the true issues underlying our ancient problem. The colonial nature of British presence is denied, covered up, and painted over for international consumption.

Britain's unwillingness to accept its responsibility and to admit fault in creating partition and an undemocratic, unjust and immoral statelet in northeast Ireland points to the ultimate solution it must face. The Act of Union, 1801, the Home Rule Bills of the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Act of Ireland Bill, 1921, the restoration of Direct Rule in 1972, and the recent Anglo-Irish Accord are all failed British initiatives, failed because premised on continued connection with Britain. Clearly, these initiatives have not worked and direct us to Britain's final and only option: a phased British withdrawal.

There are no other alternatives. We must look to the reality of that

of the nation's leading experts on immigration reform legislation. Mr. Miller has previously served four years as a top aide to Congressman Mazzoli (D-KY), chairman of the congressional subcommittee that drafts immigration legislation. Mr. Miller has published several articles on immigration and lectured widely

about the new law. He also lectures frequently to senior Federal employees. He served for three years as a senior U.S. Senate aide and held a high level Administration position. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and has a graduate degree in political science from Yale University.

day. If not, twenty years from now, new generations shall inherit the hate, the distrust and the fears. Can we afford the pain?

We look back on 1968 as a year of great hope for the future. That generation marched and sacrificed that coming generations would live in a peaceful, just and egalitarian society. We are a diverse people in the roads we take to achieve that freedom. But ultimately, our paths shall finally meet in a free and united Ireland.

Hopefully in the year 2008, twenty years on, our children shall benefit from all our sacrifices. History will judge our pain and our faults.

A List of Supporters Of Justice For Joseph Doherty

His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor, personal visit with Joe and his family
Most Reverend Bishop John R. McGann, personal visit with family
Most Reverend Bishop Howard Hubbard, Diocese of Albany
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Reverend Lawrence Jenko, former American hostage in Beirut (19 mo)
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Reverend Jesse Jackson, presidential candidate
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Senator Christopher Dodd, Connecticut, personal visit with Joe
Senator Denis DeConcini, Arizona
Senator Orrin Hatch, Utah
Senator Jesse Helms, North Carolina
Senator Al D'Amato, New York
Congressman Hamilton Fish, New York
Congressman Bruce Morrison, Connecticut, personal visit with Joe
Congressman Thomas Manton, New York, personal visit with Joe
Councilman Sal Albanese, New York City Council, personal visit
Councilman Robert Rafferty, Philadelphia City Council, personal visit
New York State Assembly, Resolution
New York City Council, Resolution
Yonkers City Council, Resolution
Suffolk County Legislature, Resolution demanding political asylum
Chicago City Council, Resolution
Hartford City Council, Resolution
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Companies Facing Stockholder Resolutions on North Ireland

NEW YORK — At annual meetings this year, a record number of companies having operations in Northern Ireland will face questions and proposals by shareholders about their equal employment practices in that troubled region. Seventeen Northern Ireland resolutions are on the 1988 agenda of U.S. companies shareholders' meetings. This considerable increase over the 10 resolutions debated at last year's meetings reflects the growing concern and action on discrimination in Northern Ireland by U.S. church groups and state and city pension funds. It also reflects the momentum of legislative action on the MacBride Principles in states and cities across the country.

Shareholder proponents have asked 11 companies to implement and/or increase their activity relating to the nine MacBride Principles for fair employment. Three companies have received resolutions asking them to review their Northern Ireland operations and report to shareholders on their equal opportunities policies and practices. Boeing and Lockheed companies have been asked to examine their Northern Ireland subcontractors' adherence to non-discriminatory policies. Ford has been asked to have independent monitoring of the fair employment principles it adopted last year.

The proponents of the proposals include church groups belonging to Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, the New York City Employees Retirement System, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the Christian Brothers Investment Services. This is the first year that the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the Christian Brothers Investment Services have joined the other proponents in submitting such proposals.

"During this time of increased violence in Northern Ireland, we have to find many more non-violent ways to establish justice and equality in that country," said Sr. Regina Murphy, spokesperson for the church groups. "Support for the MacBride Principles would be a peaceful step toward a just solution to the inequality of job opportunity experienced by many in Northern Ireland. As shareholders in American corporations operating in Northern Ireland, we cannot stand by and do nothing."

Discrimination in employment has been cited by the International Commission of Jurists as one of the major causes of conflict in Northern Ireland. Church members believe that, as equal employment opportunity increases, violence will decrease. A climate will be created which will encourage new and expanded investment in Northern Ireland, providing much needed fair employment for the 26% of Catholics and 10% of Protestants who are currently unemployed.

The MacBride Principles for fair employment opportunity are named after one of their four original sponsors,

Viewpoint

The Anglo-Irish Agreement Succeeds

In the November 1987 *Irish America*, Barry White, author of a biography of John Hume entitled *Statesman of the Troubles*, assessed the then two-year old Anglo-Irish Agreement. He started by telling us that the "historic Agreement" represented a U-turn in British policy, gave "the Irish government a say in Northern Ireland affairs as never before", and laid "the basis for a final Irish settlement, however long it may take to achieve." But he then concluded by saying that its record in practice suggests "the Agreement will come to be regarded like direct rule itself — unloved and low in achievement, but part of the constitutional furniture that is impossible to move."

Subsequent events have underscored his comment on the Agreement's record in practice with a vengeance. Yet they also support

sors, Dr. Sean MacBride, an international crusader for human rights and peace, who died earlier this year in Dublin. Dr. MacBride was a founder, in 1961, of Amnesty International and Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, Switzerland. He was the only person to be awarded both the Nobel Peace Prize and the Lenin International Prize for Peace.

In less than four years after the promulgation of the MacBride Principles, five states and seven cities in the U.S. have already passed legislation which links their investments to a company's equal opportunity practices in Northern Ireland. Another eleven states have Northern Ireland legislation pending.

In March 1988 the British government announced new proposals on "Religious Equality of Opportunity in Employment." In outlining the proposals, British officials acknowledge that the Fair Employment legislation of the last 12 years had failed to end discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland. Both government officials and outside analysts stated that the MacBride Principles campaign in the U.S. had influenced the British to take a more aggressive stand against discrimination.

New legislation, however, will not be enacted until sometime in 1989. "We need to see the action of change," said Inez MacCorrack, a Belfast labor union official and another one of the four original sponsors of the MacBride Principles. Brian Lenihan, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Ireland, has stated that the proposed legislation must bring about concrete change as measured in employment statistics. Latest figures reveal that unemployment is more than twice as high among Roman Catholics as among those belonging to other denominations. The Catholic community's disadvantage in employment obtains throughout the Province, even in areas of high employment and persists despite progressive convergence of educational attainment between the two communities.

"Passage of Northern Ireland resolutions by the seventeen companies involved," said Sr. Patricia Daly of Christian Brothers Investment Services, "will help to rectify these unjust imbalances in employment."

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his belief in its future. Spectacularly "low in achievement" where things like "giving the Dublin government a say in Northern Ireland affairs" are concerned, the Agreement endures apparently unshakable. Indeed, Charles Haughey's reaction to each new British bombshell includes still another reaffirmation of Dublin's commitment to the Agreement. It almost seems as though every contemptuous British dismissal of Irish concerns makes the Agreement stronger.

White's readers may wonder, given all this, why it is impossible to move an Agreement that is so low in achievement. But if they conclude that this is merely an example of the irrationality of the governments involved, they will miss the point. The Agreement is impossible to move because in its own terms, it is an almost total success.

This may seem contradictory. But White gives us the key to understanding the Agreement's success, and indeed the Agreement itself, in his summary of its low achievements. In spite of lack of progress in the courts, human rights, the "security forces," or the job market, he discovered two heartening successes. One of them was tangible:

At the same time, better cooperation between the police, north and south has made life more difficult for cross-border terrorists, and several impressive arms and explosives finds have resulted.

And one intangible:
The nationalist population feels good about it — if only because the unionists feel so badly.

No one familiar with the language used to puff the Agreement will be surprised that the intangible one lies closest to the root of its success. Nationalists were happy because

Loyalists were unhappy; as the Loyalists were unhappy over the Agreement, the Nationalists were happy because of it, and come to regard it, and by extension its purposes, as their own. So too, for comparable reasons, the whole "constitutional" Irish side. And out of this transposition come the tangible benefits. Thus the Dublin government accepts preventing attacks against the British as one of its own prime objectives — to the point where not long ago it called up its reserves to enable it to commit 7,000 soldiers and gardai to the largest security operation in its history, a joint sweep of the border, at an undoubtedly enormous cost, at a time when its economy was in ruins and an estimated 150,000 young Irish had illegally entered the United States as economic refugees.

No international agreement that can so re-order the priorities of an independent country can be regarded as anything but a spectacular success.

The sublime beauty of the Agreement is in achieving this. In the Agreement itself, in essence, the Irish side makes concessions to the British, in return for the obligation, through the machinery established by the Agreement — to make more concessions. Thus the Dublin government recognizes the legitimacy of British rule, in return for an arrangement for discussing Northern Ireland with British officials, the terms of which commit it to supporting British security efforts (note Agreement section F 9). And this pattern, so established, reproduces

itself throughout British-Irish relations. Thus John Hume agrees that too much equal opportunity threatens Northern Ireland's economy, and Charles Haughey accepts an extradition treaty worse than the infamous U.S.-U.K. treaty, to insure continued cooperation against "terrorists."

Of course, as noted, the Agreement has resulted in few improvements for Northern Ireland Nationalists. It has achieved even less as a "first step" towards reunification, a subject that doesn't even seem to come up any more. But this shouldn't be held against it. It never promised any such things.

On this, the turgid prose of the Agreement must be read carefully. But so read, it is clear. Most of the components of the oppressive Northern Ireland system are referred to, or seem to be — we are told respect for the human rights of all is necessary for peace, for instance — but in no case does the Agreement recognize that there is a problem with them involving the way the system works. Thus there is talk that a bill of rights might be considered "in some form" — but no mention of juryless courts, suspension of habeas corpus, or coerced confessions, as measures with human rights implications. Nor is there any mechanism set up specifically for dealing with such questions.

Not so security matters. The Agreement stipulates "cooperation against terrorism", thus defining "terrorism" as a problem. By contrast, it stipulates "promoting . . . respect for human rights", a wording which does not presume any human rights violations, and does not stipulate cooperation to end human rights abuses. And it orders a "program of work" for security officials starting with threat assessment and information exchange. Needless to say, it orders no such program on human rights.

So why are Ian Paisley and company so unhappy? Well, they're only so unhappy — they have not, for instance, undertaken an open-ended general strike as they did against the Sunningdale Agreement. But to the extent that they are indeed unhappy, it is perhaps due to a characteristic they seem to share with the other Irish — a willingness to elevate symbol over reality, when British approval is involved. They are outraged that Dublin has a role in "their" affairs, insinuating itself between them and the Queen, despite the fact that the role only really involves helping the British and supporting the British position. Dublin, likewise, is pleased to have gained such recognition, and the "constitutional" northern Nationalists are happy to be part of the status quo that works so pervasively against them (or at least their working class brethren).

When Margaret Thatcher signed the Agreement she declared "I am a Unionist and a Loyalist." The various Irish should realize that the British don't always lie.

Joe Farrell





THREE IRISH SCRIBES.



REVEREND MICHAEL HEALY, AOH California State Chaplain, addressing the delegates. Fr. Healy was appointed Deputy National Chaplain by the new president, Michael Coogan.



IRISH EYE photos

BIDDING FOR 1990. Representatives from San Francisco exp proposals for hosting the 1990 convention. At the podium is Brian standing to his right afe San Francisco Marriott Sales Manager Mary Callanan. Seated, from left, are 1986-88 President Sheila and Secretary Delores Voelker.

1988 Convention Memories Build Toward 1990



CALIFORNIA SUPPORTERS for the 1990 San Francisco convention bid. Left to right, Patrick A. Bergin, past president CA State Board; Tom Mylett, president CA State Board; Evelyn Cheung, sales manager, San Francisco Marriott; and John O'Neill.



FR. DONAL O'CARROLL, Ohio State Chaplain, left, and Victor Lynskey, Sr., outside the convention center.



AOH CALIFORNIA State Board President Tom Mylett addressing the delegates from the convention floor.



AOH NATIONAL DIRECTOR pinning his campaign buttons on Patri



HIBERNIANS PARADE TO OPENING MASS IN SPIRIT OF SOLIDA



aining to the delegates their attractive Sullivan, AOH California State treasurer; Evelyn Cheung and California Hibernian Clifford, Vice President Mary Bradley and Secretary Delores Voelker.



PAT CLARK, Marietta, GA, grabs a hotdog on a street corner between meetings.



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Jack Hassett, from Fremont, California, pinning one of his campaign buttons on a man.



MARILYN SCHORR from LAOH John Barry Division 1, San Diego, gets a hug from Jim Traber, Baltimore Oriole 1st baseman. A Cleveland Indians-Baltimore Orioles ballgame was one of the convention activities.



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FR. MALONE, Keynote speaker, president of Notre Dame University.



ENJOYING THEIR mutual company, left to right, Jim O'Connor, president emeritus, Emerald Isle Division, Washington D.C.; James Moriarty, Board of Regents, Catholic University; Rev. William J. Byron, S.J., president, Catholic University; and James Herlihy, AOH chairman, National Right to Life Committee.

Right to Remain Silent

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racketeering. It is a matter of concern and frustration to the majority of decent people in Northern Ireland, to the police and prosecuting authorities whose lives are put at risk by their job of protecting society. That the absolute refusal of large numbers of people to answer questions cannot be taken into account by a court, justice is being thwarted. The rights of persons detained for questioning in police custody in connection with terrorist offences have recently been strengthened by the provisions of Part II of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1987. They will be further protected when similar provisions are introduced for persons suspected of non-terrorist offences in the forthcoming police and criminal evidence legislation. However, these necessary safeguards have to be balanced to take account of the cynical, planned, exploitation of the criminal justice system by those involved in organized crime, led by those involved in terrorist crime. The government has therefore decided to propose legislation that will help to redress the balance by enabling a court to take account of the fact that an accused person has remained silent when questioned and to allow the court to draw whatever inferences appear proper from that fact."

New York Council Responds To Assault on Freedom

City Council Majority Leader Peter F. Vallone, Council members Walter McCaffrey and June Eislund, and former City Council President Paul O'Dwyer have condemned a move by the British government to abolish the right of defendants in Northern Ireland to remain silent during police questioning. Vallone said the full Council will vote on a resolution condemning the proposal being pushed by the administration of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She holds a parliamentary majority in the British House of Commons and the proposal could become law in Northern Ireland by early next year. "We are in no way condoning the senseless violence that has marked the troubles in Northern Ireland," Vallone said, adding: "But we firmly believe that all suspects are entitled

to the basic right of self-protection, which the British legal system created and has recognized for centuries.

"The City Council wants to add its voice to those across the globe who are concerned that this proposal will strip away an essential freedom, and do nothing to stem the violence or promote the peace we all desire."

The proposal, announced October 20, would allow judges in Northern Ireland to "draw inferences" from a suspect's silence to help facilitate the convictions of those accused of terrorism, racketeering and other serious crimes.

Vallone continued: "Overzealous law enforcement is as deplorable as the criminal acts it seeks to eradicate. It would be a major blunder, these necessary safeguards have to be balanced to take account of the cynical, planned, exploitation of the criminal justice system by those involved in organized crime, led by those involved in terrorist crime. The government has therefore decided to propose legislation that will help to redress the balance by enabling a court to take account of the fact that an accused person has remained silent when questioned and to allow the court to draw whatever inferences appear proper from that fact."

Resolution

Resolution condemning a proposal to abolish the right of a defendant to remain silent in Northern Ireland and calling upon the British Parliament to reject this proposal.

By the Vice Chairman (Council Member Vallone):

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Whereas, The proposal will allow a judge to draw a negative inference from the fact that a suspect or a defendant has refused to provide information or testimony in four situations:

1. If a suspect refuses to account to police for his movements;
2. If a suspect refuses to explain certain specified facts such as suspicious stains on his clothing;
3. If an accused person refuses to answer police questions and subsequently seeks to produce an alibi in court; or
4. If a defendant refuses to testify in court; and

Whereas, The proposal is virtually assured passage in the House of

Commons where Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher maintains a parliamentary majority and could become law in Northern Ireland by early next year; and

Whereas, The purported reason for the abolition of the centuries old English Common law right to silence is to facilitate convictions of those accused of terrorism, racketeering and other serious crimes; and

Whereas, From this English Common Law was derived the right against self-incrimination embodied in the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, a right which has long been cherished as an essential element of any free society; now therefore be it

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Council of Presidents Invites A Broad Cross-Section Input

The resignation of Congressman Biaggi as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs presents an opportunity to re-examine our lobbying voice in Congress and to prepare for a new administration. Discussions are currently under way with Congressional leaders and the Government of Ireland on America's role in the Anglo-Irish conflict. Specifically we hope to expand and improve our means for addressing issues of the conflict before both Houses of Congress and the White House. The decade that lies ahead will present many new and different opportunities for positive American action. We wish to be prepared to respond to these issues in the most timely and effective manner possible. It is important to take time to develop this mechanism because the very future of Ireland and human lives are dependent upon our action.

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deliver our message to Congress and to energize Congress and the Executive to act. Any individual or organization wishing to offer suggestions on the structure and leadership necessary to address these objectives is urged to write to the Council at the address noted below.

In our statement adopted two years ago we called for a fundamental change in America's policy towards the Anglo-Irish conflict. We are convinced such a policy change will reduce violence, enhance the prospects for peace and painlessly bring about the re-unification of Ireland in our lifetime. A new Administration and Congress must be convinced that facing this challenge will serve the interests of peace and prosperity in Ireland. Today we begin the process that will ultimately expand that dialogue in Washington. We hope to announce by early next year how we feel this might best be accomplished.

Address all comments to:

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Irish American Unity Conference
Michael Coogan, National President
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sean P. Gavin
Worthy Sir Knight, Knights of Equity

Rachel Hoffman, President
American Protestants for Truth
About Ireland

John Finucane, President
American Irish Political Education
Committee

Martin Galvin, Publicity Director
Irish Northern Aid Committee
Kathleen Holmes, Chairwoman
American Irish Congress

For more information contact Mike Cummings at (518) 482-0949.

Birmingham Six Attorney Testifies



GARETH PIERCE, British attorney for the Birmingham Six, testifying on Capitol Hill. She is working to have their sentence overturned. Joseph Roche, chairman, Political Education Committee, AOH, assisted in getting the lawyer the hearing. Left to right are Congressman Dear A. Gallo (R-NJ); Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr., (R-NY); Fr. Sean McManus, National Director, Irish National Caucus; Gareth Pierce; Joseph A. Roche, and Congressman William J. Coyne (D-PA).

Irish Eye photo

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

As of this writing (November 11th), I am still looking forward to the receipt of your donations to our annual Christmas Relief Fund, the proceeds of which will be forwarded to the Green Cross and An Cumann Cabrac for distribution to the families of the prisoners in Northern Ireland for Christmas. I hope that your donations will enable us to send a sizeable contribution, and I will be able to elaborate on this in the next issue of the Digest. As of the present time, I am sorry to say that 300 Divisions have NOT responded to this worthy cause. Although this is very discouraging, I hope and pray that things will improve and that I will be able to report some exciting news later on.

Approximately four weeks ago I wrote to every Division and asked that I please be notified of the name and address of the Chairman of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee from that particular division. To expedite matters and to make things very convenient, I enclosed a stamped, addressed post card which I asked to be filled out and returned to me. Again, I am disappointed in the response since there are over 300 Divisions who have not answered.

This information is very important because it enables me to communicate directly with the Chairman, thereby promoting the efficiency of this Committee in its operation. Please, after you read this message, make a telephone call to the member you feel best qualified for this position and send his name and address to me. I will take it from there.

It is quite understandable that we all get caught up in this busy world of ours, but we must never forget those less fortunate than we, and our unfortunate brethren in Northern Ireland should be on top of this list when it comes to help. Let's make this a banner year. Get your donations to me at the below address, even if it's after Christmas.

Make your checks payable to the Freedom for All Ireland Committee — better late than never!! And, don't forget to return the post card to me listing the name of your Chairman for the FFAIC thereon. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation and have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

MARTIN HIGGINS
115 Ward Place
Woodmere, NY 11598

Doors of Hope Support Self-Help Projects

The Doors of Hope is an American initiative committed to support those self-help projects and job-development, cultural, and educational centers in nationalist communities of Ireland which are being victimized because of racial, religious, and political discrimination.

Northern Ireland is a sectarian and corrupt state; the plight of these community projects is further proof of the fact. These groups are systematically denied access to international and local funding; their staff and workers are harassed and arrested; their homes and their community centers are frequently raided and ransacked. These people have neither access to government nor recourse to law or justice.

When The Doors of Hope was founded over a year ago, we were generally motivated by the personal inspiration of Fr. Desmond Wilson in West Belfast and Mary Nelis in Derry's Bogside. At the time, there were groups in America acting independently in support of Fr. Wilson's Springhill Community House and Conway St. Education

Centre and Mary's Dove House and other Derry City initiatives. Nevertheless, the situation was desperate.

Periodic fundraisers and isolated efforts were not sufficient to forestall the imminent prospect of having to close down. When the Northern Ireland Office took away the last crumbs of government and international support during the summer of '86, the end seemed only a matter of time.

It was obvious that an umbrella organization was needed to coordinate the American relief effort and help to spread the word about what was going on in the northeast of Ireland relative to the people's self-help struggle for economic, cultural, and educational, self reliance. The Doors of Hope's principal purposes and associated goals grew out of this need.

Our primary purpose at this time is to raise sufficient funds to keep the community projects going. All that they are asking for is a fair chance and it is obvious that they can't get that chance without our financial support. Psychologically, they also need to know that they are not alone in their struggle and that we in America care about their survival.

Our goal is to provide enough financial support now, when they need it so desperately, so that they can achieve economic, political, and psychological independence and self-sufficiency as soon as possible.

The other purpose of The Doors of Hope is more long term and could best be described as educational. As long as the system in N. Ireland is aggressively working against over 40% of its people, remedial and progressive initiatives from the people themselves can be only minimally liberating and effective.

We believe that the more Americans know about the plight of the nationalist people and government misrule, the more likely it is for America to influence the political and economic changes necessary to see justice done.

American taxpayers have a \$250 million stake in the economy of the troubled northeast and border counties of Ireland (this was our governments contribution in support of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.)

If religious and political

British Misrule

Attention: State, County, Division FFAI Chairmen

These are particularly difficult times for Irish nationalists in the Six Counties. Mrs. Thatcher's latest attempts at silencing Sinn Fein have for once been accurately assessed by the media as obviously oppressive. Certainly the question must be asked: If the British are really gaining the upper hand, then why such desperate measures? Perhaps the perception is dawning on Downing Street that the world, and particularly the United States, is learning far too much about British misrule in the North of Ireland.

The following statement is intended to prod our own elected officials along and, at the same time, keep up American pressure on the British:

TO THE HONORABLE
SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF

WE HEREBY CALL UPON YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR GRAVE CONCERN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING ITS LATEST EFFORTS TO FURTHER CURTAIL CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND. THE THATCHER GOVERNMENT NOW SEEKS TO DENY IRISH NATIONALISTS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL OF FREEDOMS: FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM TO REMAIN SILENT, FREEDOM TO SEEK ELECTIVE OFFICE WITHOUT BEING IMPEDED BY SELECTIVELY IMPOSED CONSTRAINTS. THE BRITISH BAN ON SINN FEIN, A LEGALLY RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY, SENDS AN OBVIOUS MESSAGE: EVEN THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO WORK WITHIN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS CAN BE CUT OFF FROM PUBLIC DEBATE.

discrimination continues to be the hallmark of the Six County Statlet, Americans have the right to know and to take whatever action they feel is appropriate.



Combatting Injustice in North Ireland Addressed

BABYLON, NY: On Friday evening, October 14, Oliver Kearney, National Secretary for Fair Employment Trust, Northern Ireland, delivered a forceful, informative speech at the Irish Culture Center, sponsored by the AOH Division 2, here.

Addressing three important points, Mr. Kearney spoke to the Irish American audience of their need to concern themselves with legislation, particularly the MacBride Principles here in the United States. He pointed out that injustices such as the denial of visas to persons critical of the government in Northern Ireland coming on speaking engagements is non-feasible and is in fact a denial of the American citizens' right to be informed.

Speaking to the Joe Doherty imprisonment, he cautioned that acceptance of such unjust State Department policies in this instance can lead to others more personally felt, or as he put it, "It might be your son the next time."

The third point Mr. Kearney made

referred to the MacBride Principles by advising those present that they must become aware that state funds such as money paid in employee pensions are being invested in, as he put it, "the worst system of economic apartheid possible," comparing Northern Ireland with South Africa.

Sharing the evening as a guest speaker was John McGrath, Professor of Law and Criminal Justice at Mercy College and a former member of AOH Division 2. He gave an impassioned account of the political history of Northern Ireland, describing the formation of the Irish Republican Army and the reason for its existence.

Those responsible for the planning and execution of this successful evening include Mollie Love and Willie Quinn, The Freedom for All Ireland Chairpersons of Division 2; Brendan Moore, N.Y. State Chairman Freedom for All Ireland; and Kathleen Holmes, Chairwoman, American Irish Congress.

Thomas Conway



PLANNERS AND PARTICIPANTS in the recent Babylon, NY, Irish Cultural Center program were, from left, Gerry Coleman, Irish American Unity Committee; Brendan Moore, AOH Freedom for All Ireland, Babylon; William Quinn, AOH Division 2, Babylon; Mollie Love, Ladies AOH, Babylon; Oliver Kearney, speaker from Ireland; Professor John McGrath, Mercy College; and Kathy Holmes, American Irish Congress.

JOB IN IRELAND (EANGACH)

EANGACH, the Irish International Network, announces jobs in Ireland for skilled Irish overseas.

EANGACH is a voluntary network operated by hi-tech and influential Irish around the world.

Would all EANGACH members receiving this notice please photostat it and pass it to other appropriate Irish people who may wish to return to these important jobs in Ireland.

EOLAS, the Irish Science and Technology Agency, is sponsoring the employment of skilled or experienced scientists and engineers. There are immediate vacancies in the following companies:

- Manufacturer of transformers - requires engineer to take responsibility of quality system to ISO 9000.
- Architect with experience of CAD needed to assist company to introduce CAD, including supervision of commissioning and training.
- Engineering company specialising in sub contracting and special machinery requires person to bring company up to ISO 9000.
- Pharmaceutical company requires assistance in product development and testing.
- Electronics company specialising in instrumentation for process control requires engineers for new product development.

If you, or any colleague, may be interested in these opportunities please contact:

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hibERNIAN POSTBAG

CATHOLIC ACTION

Dear Senator:
The evils of discrimination have tortured the Irish Catholic people in Ireland for generations.
The Catholic population in Northern Ireland is still denied basic freedoms; such as equal employment opportunity in the land of their birth. (At one time any Irish Catholic person caught attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was put to death by the crown).

I believe the MacBride Principles can help remove some of the barriers from my Brothers' and Sisters' path to peace and unity. Please support MacBride legislation in Pennsylvania! Please support a non-violent solution to one cause of violence in Northern Ireland by going on record against the ongoing policy of religious bigotry and discrimination, as practiced by the Loyalists against the Irish Catholic people of Northern Ireland.

You may have seen the demonstration of hatred directed toward our Holy Father Pope John Paul II by Dr. Ian Paisley. Imagine how an ordinary Irish Catholic lay person would fare under rulers such as he. Scary, isn't it? Please give MacBride Principles a chance! Thank you.

Vincent J. Scully

Nat'l Chair, Catholic Action AOH

P.S. The British government has no regard for the Irish Catholic at all!

One glaring example is the acquittal of the British S.A.S. Forces in Gibraltar. Three unarmed Irish volunteers were slaughtered and the killers walked away free with the blessings of the Thatcher government. Yet eight Irish volunteers received life sentences with no remission in the death of a British S.A.S. officer on Irish soil, who, armed with an automatic weapon, went around kicking in doors looking for Irish people to kill. He got himself killed instead!

One of those convicted of murder (by the British Diplock Court) is Joseph Doherty, presently incarcerated in New York City.

The courts have ordered Joe Doherty's release and the Attorney General of the United States has defied the courts and ordered Joe's extradition to the United Kingdom. What is going on? Are we still a British colony? Doherty should be as free as the S.A.S. Forces on Gibraltar are. So should the seven other volunteers. So, if someone tells you we do not need MacBride Principles legislation, that things are getting better, please put yourself in the shoes of an Irish Catholic in Northern Ireland.

Thank you and God bless you.

BASEBALL IN IRELAND

Dear Editor:

A few years ago my wife and I took a tour of Ireland. This was in September as the baseball pennant races were charging down to the wire, and I was amazed that we couldn't get any news of them in the Emerald Isle.

I continue to wonder why baseball has not taken hold in Ireland. The mere fact that it has not yet done so in England would lead one to think that the Irish would establish the game in their country and get a jump on the English. The Irish in America adopted baseball more than a century ago, and such stars as Mullane, Galvin, Delahanty, O'Neill, Donovan, Keefe, Kelly, and McGinity let the way. The modern era has included names like Ryan, Collins, Cronin, O'Brien, Flannery, Butler, Fitzsimmons, Flanagan, and McGwire, to mention but a few.

We know that summers can be damp in Ireland, but no more so than in many parts of the U.S. Once properly introduced it could very well gain great popularity there, as it has in Latin America, Japan, and more recently in Italy. It has even started in Russia. Why not then in Ireland, from where so many of our finest players trace their origin?

William Meryman
Lynn, MA 01905

'TIME' AND THE IRA

An article in the October 5 issue of *Time* questions what Britain should do to curb the I.R.A. The British Conservative Party's 19th Century colonial view of the problem in Northern Ireland is that it is a security problem. As such, they consciously choose to ignore the real causes of "the troubles."

The root causes of the unrest and violence are Britain's economic and judicial apartheid policies. The political issue, while real, is overridden by the immediate human and civil rights issues. Remember, twenty years ago when the passive civil rights demonstrators protested the discrimination against Catholics in housing, jobs, etc., there was no active I.R.A.. In fact, Britain brought the gun into this socio-economic situation. The I.R.A. resurfaced in response to the Orange Order paramilitary and British army beatings and killings of the unarmed civil rights advocates.

One solution to the Northern Ireland problem then as now, should focus on British-initiated economic and social opportunities for all, human and civil rights for all, termination of Britain's long-standing military support of the bigoted Orange Order, and a phased pullout with appropriate compensation for damages and for reconstruction. The British approach of internment, plastic bullets, elevated reconnaissance towers, electronic surveillance of residences and S.A.S. "shoot-to-kill" terrorists against the Catholic community is nothing short of barbaric.

The net result of Mrs. Thatcher's policies in Northern Ireland over the past twenty years are more graves and a new generation of hatred. Her administration is strongly similar to that in South Africa, but without the bad publicity. The subservience of the U.S. news media in regurgitating British press releases on Northern Ireland denies U.S. citizens their

right to an objective view of this conflict, and, the lack of investigative reporting into Britain's oppressive actions in civilized western Europe is unconscionable.

History is repeating itself as Britain seeks stronger internment measures and legislates to emasculate the Nationalist Sinn Fein Party. British legislation has traditionally followed a pattern of introducing more stringent legislation whenever it appears that disenfranchised groups in British society attempt to alter the status quo by means outside the normal legislative process, the very process from which the groups feel excluded. I believe it was Elie Weissel who stated that when a segment of society believes that they can no longer legitimately resolve a problem with a repressive government, they feel that their only recourse is to turn to the gun. The progressive transition from peaceful marches to stones, to guns, to bombs by the oppressed has been occurring in Northern Ireland over the past twenty years.

James J. Gallagher
East Lyme, CT

British Lobby Against Bill

(Continued from Page Three)

political wing of the Provisional Irish Republican Army, were opposed to the campaign in this country to force US companies in Northern Ireland to subscribe to the MacBride Principles. The Bill now before you has been heavily amended and all references to the MacBride Principles have been deleted.

At first sight, the amended language appears to remove all possible objections to the Bill. Requiring US companies in Northern Ireland not to discriminate on the grounds of race, colour, religion, sex, age or national origin in fact imposes no further obligations on those companies than the legal requirements by which they are already bound. Indeed, discrimination on political or religious grounds is already totally illegal in Northern Ireland. Under the 1976 Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act, there are extensive statutory arrangements, including an independent Fair Employment Agency with legally enforceable powers, for promoting full equality of opportunity in Northern Ireland.

We share your concern about the situation in Northern Ireland, and well understand your wish to send a supportive signal. We too are determined to bring about change, and have set in motion the machinery which will enable us to do this. We sincerely hope that US legislators will accept the Government's good faith and commitment to fair employment for all in Northern Ireland.

I therefore urge you to consider carefully the effect that this Bill will have on the people of Northern Ireland. If the people of Maryland really want to help, the best way to do so would be to encourage investment — and new jobs — not to create a political climate in which the opposite might actually be the case.

As you consider this legislation, please ask yourself, in the light of recent tragic events in the province, one simple question: will new laws of this kind from Maryland and other States really help generate the confidence and jobs which the people of Northern Ireland so desperately need?

S. L. Couper-Coles
First Secretary
(Political Affairs)

IN MEMORIAM

Ed Kalbfleisch's Death A Great Loss to AOH



ED KALBFLEISCH

The passing of Hibernian Edward J. Kalbfleisch leaves a great void in the lives of his fellow Hibernians and the order itself because the AOH was Ed's avocation and he gave unstintingly of his time and energy to its growth.

Born in 1911 in Brooklyn, New York, Ed died at age 77. He is survived by his wife Dorothy "Fin-negan" Kalbfleisch, son Bruce and brother Robert. He was a 1929 graduate of Brooklyn Jesuit prep school.



Lockport, NY Mourns Member's Sudden Death

The members of the William Ryan Division 4 of Lockport, N.Y. mourn the loss of their Brother, Paul B. Tracy. Paul was 58 years of age and died unexpectedly July 27, 1988. He was the son of the late Jerry and Angela Byrne Tracy.

Paul Tracy was elected president of the Division five times from 1974 through 1978. His father, Jerry, was president from 1937 to 1940 and from 1958 to 1960. Two of Paul's brothers, John and Robert, are Hibernians. Paul was instrumental in maintaining the Division, as it was down to about 12 members early in his presidency. The Division now boasts 226 members and growing.

He was also a Past Commander of the American Legion Post 410 in Lockport and was very active in the Boy Scout Program of St. Patrick's Church for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Fitzgerald Tracy, sons Daniel of Rochester, N.Y., Kevin and Jeffery

A veteran of World War II (USGG), Ed aided in the capture of German saboteurs who came ashore from a submarine at Amagansett, Long Island. He was a retired executive of Cities Service Oil Company, who moved to Florida in his latter years.

Ed was a past president of AOH Division 2, Westbury, Long Island, and the founder of Division 7, Wantagh, and Division 15, Massapequa, N.Y. He was also past president of the Nassau County Board.

In Florida, Ed founded and was president of James J. Comerford Division 1, St. Petersburg, and brought the AOH to the whole west Florida coast, with four divisions.

He was Florida state vice president and state president, AOH deputy organizer, and a regular delegate at national conventions. He marched in fifty St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City and was an aide to the Grand Marshal in 1970.

Never one to just tag along, Ed was always way up front in any church, fraternal or civic organization he joined. He enjoyed life membership in the Knights of Columbus and the AOH, and was an active member in the V.F.W., Irish American Society, and B.F.O.E. He was head usher in Holy Cross R.C. Church, St. Petersburg and St. Brigid's R.C. Church, Westbury, Long Island.

Donations to the American Cancer Society in his name will be appreciated by his family. Ed will be sorely missed. Rest in peace.



PAUL B. TRACY
(1982 Photo)

at home and a daughter Teresa, of the Peace Corps in Liberia. He also leaves four brothers, John, William, Robert of Lockport and Thomas of Leesburg, Virginia.

"... DAYS THAT ARE NO MORE"

I could have been three
or three and a half —
it was St. Patrick's Day, anyhow,
so the half is valid —
Father and I had made the rounds —
all the rounds and the same again,
if you please!
I was the albatross, sent to inhibit
ordained drunkenness,
mother's appropriation of funds
rendered insignificant
in the light of reputation-inducing
credit —
credit sacred among fellow Irish
saloon keepers
who, I think, laughed secretly at father,
while padding his tabs —
talking all the while of ancient,
ethereal, Mother Ireland —
Macree and Macushla,
Mavourneen and Molly Brannigan,
"Sure I'll never be a man again" —
jealous, I'd say they were,
that he could do so —
jealousy as only like has for like —
he, smiling and playing the eejit,
knew, as they knew he knew,
cut from the same ambitious bolt —
in days when Whist was played,
beer was a nickel,
and mysterious women were hidden
in juke boxes to accept your
requests —
how were they fed? —
did they sleep in there? —
did they — you know! —
Uncle Tom, who owned our last stop,
Club St. Joseph,
said, like good women,
they were available any hour,
day or night —
and I joined the laughter he caused
by his puzzling remark — all the men did!
but, mother slept at night
though remembered creaking springs
remind me of Tom's appraisal —
Uncle Tom was special and real lucky —
mother said his sheets were never cold —
even when Aunt Theresa was in the hospital!

At last, under protest, we launched sail
from Newark to Elizabeth —
there was some confusion about
(my) father's keys,
because his new friends were trying
to take them away —
they didn't know father! —
he roared, mentioning Jesus several times,
and, by intercession, I guess,
retrieved his rightful keys —
the music stopped,
change was scuttled across the bar,
and out he went, to whispered silence,
trailing me like a wayward spinnaker —
on the sidewalk, we heard the faint music
resume —
then, the laughter —

The coupe was uncooperative
and paid in kind —
sworn to a reluctant, coughing start
that became a roar of exhaust fumes
obscuring our departure —
the coupe launched its assault on late
afternoon traffic —
complacent foes soon passed out by
father's derring-do maneuvering —
coupe responding wide-eyed,
cowering and coughing,
balking and questioning,
then rushing forward with a lover's impatience,
impetuous, fool-hardy,
weaving through its kind with disdain,
utter disregard! —
I knelt up, thrilled to wetting,
just in time to witness the now aroused
coupe couple with another of its
species —
parked and anticipating —
the dashboard rushed up to my skull,
as if to protect me,
while father's anxious foot
found the clutch pedal
less responsive
than the brake pedal —
fiddle machine!
fractured me!

Twilight — I'm on a stoop —
a lady has her arm around me

BUY IRISH

By DAVID R. BURKE
National Chairman

NOLLAIGH SHONA AGUS
BHEANNAICHE DUIT
To Our Brother and Sister
Hibernians

CHRISTMAS 1988: This Christmas Brother and Sister Hibernians should avail themselves of the opportunity of at least attempting to purchase a quality Irish product, whether it be in china, crystal, clothing or in the publishing or recording fields. This will go a long way in helping Ireland's economy.

Each and everyone of us has the opportunity to become a salesperson for Ireland. When you think of the high quality goods and items that are available through the many different department stores, it is hard to imagine why they do not carry Irish merchandise. Why not simply ask the salesperson or department head to consider carrying Irish products; should they need assistance simply notify the Chairman of the Buy Irish Committee, and we will put them in touch with the proper authorities from the Irish Export Board.

NETWORKING: Maybe you have a friend, a neighbor, a relative, a fellow parishioner, classmate, alumnus, who may be a buyer for a large store or chain. Make that call. Ask them if they would consider some of the quality products that Ireland has to offer. That's what networking is all about, making a call here or there.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES: County Boards and Divisions who will be planning their Saint Patrick's Day Activities, could prevail upon their committees to have Irish spirits. Many of our Divisions are having fund-raising activities. Some of these are raffles, Award Programs and dances. Why not have a quality Irish product as the prize?

So this Christmas and Saint Patrick's Day, and all year round, treat yourself and your loved ones to a quality treat, in Eireann go deant (made in Ireland). Buy Irish!

and is washing my forehead —
she is not (my) mother
but sounds like (my) mother —
"Poor child," she says — and
"Is it any wonder?" —
"Weren't they great friends to let him drive?" —
father, of course, being so popular,
had a great many people around him,
all talking at once and pointing —
one woman in curlers was very excited! —
she must have known father —
And there he was — not father —
on the other sidewalk,
quietly smoking and watching —
I thought I had seen him earlier buying
cigarettes at Tom's —
but, just watching — detached —
and smoking —
curiously, not watching the cars' divorce —
(It was only the fenders that locked —
money was exchanged!) —
no, he was watching me, I thought,
though I was dizzy and fuzzy
and sometimes he was more than one —
father came for me,
answering the nice lady with a look I knew,
and we watched a frowning policeman
park father's car —
father respected policemen
so I guessed that was why he gave him
the keys —
when I looked again, the man smoking was
gone —
Most, though, I remember
that was the day
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Ladies National Board Installed



CLEVELAND, OHIO: Newly-elected officers of the LAOH are installed at the National Convention here in July 1988. In front position is President Mary E. Bradley, Rhode Island. Across row, from left to right, are Catholic Action Chairman Mary Paglione, New Jersey; Vice President Dolores Voelker, New York; and Charities and Missions Chairman Margaret Cooney, Pennsylvania. In the line position at rear are, front to back, National Secretary Terry Kelleher, California; National Treasurer Kathie Linton, Ohio; and National Historian Dorothy Fowler, Missouri.

An Irish 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 that First Holy Night."

"Ah, faith, and I think it is terrible," the sexton replied with a frown; "The way that Our Saviour 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'd 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 ye and step inside.'"

"I'd shake up the old turf fire, and make them as warm as could be, And I'd have 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 ye, without a word of lie, That there wasn't an Irishman livin' when Mary and Joseph passed by."

Fr. James Connaughton
Deerfield Beach, FL

Pennsylvania Ladies Attend Barry Memorial

Pennsylvania State Board and Allegheny County Board sponsored a memorial service honoring Commodore John Barry. AOH State President Ronald Bryan chaired the ceremony.

Mass was celebrated by Rev. William J. Cheatham, pastor of St. Anslem Church in Swissvale, a suburb of Pittsburgh. A full pipe band preceded the members into Mass and escorted them from the church.

The band then led the procession, which included members of the United States Navy and a contingent of the National Guard, to the War Memorial. Justice John Flaherty expounded on the virtues of John Barry, the father of the American Navy. While the band played Amazing Grace, the Justice laid the wreath. Ron Berger sang the National Anthems of United States and Ireland. A reception brunch was held at the AOH Hall in Homestead following the formal ceremony.

The Ladies AOH was represented by Sally Mains, Allegheny County treasurer and state chairman of Missions, and Mary Ellen Ponticel, Division 47 president.

Besides State President Bryan and Allegheny County President Dave O'Connor, other dignitaries present were Tim Finnerty, AOH state solicitor, and Judge Donald Lee.



DIGNITARIES attending the Commodore Barry Memorial Service were, left to right, Ronald Bryan, AOH Pennsylvania State President; Sarah Mains, LAOH Allegheny County Treasurer; Mary Ellen Ponticel, LAOH Division President; David O'Connor, AOH Allegheny County President; Timothy Finnerty, AOH Pennsylvania State Solicitor; Ronald Berger, AOH Allegheny County Solicitor; and Judge Donald Lee, AOH Division.

Ladies Ohio State News

Ohio Hibernians who were proud to receive their degrees from the LAOH Michigan Degree Team during the national convention were Geri Corcoran, Mary Ellen Glending, Corrine Ginley, Patrice Kearney, Angela Kerrigan, Margie Lackey, Margaret McNeely, Kathy Murphy and Nancy Murphy.

On September 11 Sheila and Bob Crawford represented the Irish community in the One World Day Parade of Nations. The celebration is

sponsored by the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation and was held in the Yugoslav Garden.

In October Cleveland Division 10 was proud to have lifetime memberships conferred on three of its members, Mary Ellen Murphy, Loretta Prendergast and Betty Murphy.

Many Hibernians supported a MacBride Principle Rally on October 21, at which an enthusiastic welcome was given to Oliver Kearney of

County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

The November 5 LAOH Ohio State Board meeting was held in Steubenville with good attendance. The mass at beautiful St. Peter's Church was inspiring. The dinner and social following afforded much-enjoyed fellowship. President Kathie Linton expressed appreciation for the support of the board's fund raising endeavors. The main prize was won by AOH National President Mike Coogan of Dayton.



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS. National Convention LAOH National President Sheila Clifford announced the granting of lifetime memberships to three members of Cleveland Division 10. The presentation was made on October 16 at St. Augustine Manor, by LAOH State President Marie Cooke. Holding their National Life Membership citations are left to right, Mary Ellen Murphy, Loretta Prendergast and Betty Murphy. Standing behind at left and right are Sheila Crawford and Joan Cavanaugh, daughters of Betty Murphy, and at center is Mary Michenfelder of Division 10, a voice graduate, who entertained with beautiful Irish songs. Also present for the event were LAOH National Treasurer Kathie Linton and Past National Secretary Margaret Judge, both of Akron.

Maryland Awards Education Grants

Funds from the Maryland Educational Assistance Fund have been awarded for the 1988-1989 school year. Two grants in the amount of \$500.00 each were awarded to Charles Dillman and Karen Shaffer.

Charles is a Junior at Cardinal Gibbons High School and the grandson of Beverly Sherin of Baltimore County Division.

Karen is a member of Division 7 in western Maryland and attends Allegany Community College in Cumberland where she is working toward her B.S. degree in nursing.

Maryland members of the LAOH, their children and grandchildren, who maintain a "C" average are eligible to apply. Applicants must be Maryland residents, though they may be attending schools out of state.

Ladies —

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Maryland Juniors Active



CARRYING THE OFFERTORY GIFTS at the annual mass honoring Our Lady of Knock were three active members of the Maryland Junior Division. From left are Caroline Kesselring, Clare Danaher and Erin Kesselring. Eight juniors competed in the second annual Fels during the Baltimore Irish Festival, two of whom won honors. Elizabeth Iranl took second place in the novice jig and Bridget Iranl won second place in the beginners jig. Their mom Susan is president of Harford County, LAOH Division 1. The Juniors also served as honor guard at the Festival Mass.

Ladies Florida State News

Division 2, LAOH, of Palm Bay in Brevard County, in conjunction with the men's group, held its annual Irish Night on October 22nd. Genuine Irish music was provided by "Shades of Green," with traditional Irish dancing provided by the spirited attendees.

Four Thanksgiving baskets were contributed by the division to be shared by four local Catholic churches.

Certificates for ham or turkey were included.

Plans are in the works for the annual family Christmas Party, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Dance.

At the conclusion of the individual monthly meetings, the joint groups auction off various items; the funds are set aside for a building fund.

Isobel Carroll



Mary E.
Bradley
National
President

As I look around all the signs of Christmas are appearing. The stores are decorated in red and green, the carols are playing on the radio and trees and window candles are being turned on each night.

It is the time for planning, shopping, cooking, decorating and all the other activities that have become traditional. Adding all of these activities to an already busy schedule can easily cause one to despair of completing everything on time, but it also makes it very exciting.

Treasured memories of past holidays remind me now that it was only through the efforts of others that the holidays were so very special. Like most young children I believed that everything was done by a form of magic — the Christmas tree that suddenly appeared all

decorated, the special gifts that appeared on Christmas morning, the dinner that was served as family and friends gathered to celebrate the day, and even Mass that could be held at midnight instead of the morning.

Still today, my effort is aimed, at least in part, to continue the traditions of the holiday as I have known them in the past. It is an opportunity to express love for our family and friends. It is the chance to express good wishes to neighbors and acquaintances.

So while we rush around remember that the effort and love shown may make the season a bit brighter and happier than ever before and create many new and lasting happy memories.

Mary E. Bradley

Ladies Maryland State News

Maryland Hibernians seem to always be wearing their traveling shoes. Division 4 is off to the Poconos; Division 14 to the Big Apple; and Division 1, Baltimore Co. is sponsoring a trip to Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine Museum in Chadds Ford. Jane Carter of Div. 4 recently returned from three weeks in China, and will be visiting her daughter and family in England. Eleanor Lukowski attended a 50th anniversary of her high school graduation in Boston.

Eleanore, who is Baltimore County

Board president, is finalizing plans for the County Convention scheduled for April. Many Baltimore Ladies were active in the recent Baltimore Irish Festival.

The annual memorial Mass for deceased members in November was well attended by both AOH and LAOH. The guest speaker at the reception following mass was Congressman Ben Cardin, who works closely with National Legislative Coordinator Sr. Anella Martin on Irish issues.



BALTIMORE IRISH FESTIVAL. Running the St. Patrick's Day Parade Booth was Past National President Sally Murphy, center, and ladies of the LAOH. If you fell into the category of Scholar, Saint, Sinner or Wee Folk, you could become a patron of the parade, for a fee.

Irish Eye photo

LAOH Pennsylvania News

The Pennsylvania LAOH State Board and the entire Pennsylvania membership congratulate the newly elected National Officers and wish them the best for their 1988-1990 administration. Our state is proud that Margaret Cooney, state president, was elected as National Chairman of Missions.

Allegheny County, Mary Margaret Maurath, president: The second year of this administration began with an Executive Board meeting held as a dinner meeting at Smithfield Grill in Pittsburgh. In honor of Our Lady of Knock, a Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's at the Point in downtown Pittsburgh. After the Liturgy, members of the seven Divisions attended dinner. Then came the Irish Day Picnic at Kenneywood. The Fall County Meeting was held at the beautiful Croghan-Sylvan Room, one of the Nationality Rooms of the University of Pittsburgh.

Castle Shannon Division 21, Kathleen Parker, president: Getting an early start on fund raising, this Division held a Dessert Card Party at St. Anne's Harkins Hall. Division

21 expressed appreciation to those members supporting the quilted wall hanging of Irish symbols. It was awarded to Louise Briggs of Pittsburgh.

Dauphin County, Division 1, Harrisburg, Margaret McGinley, president: Bus trips have proved so popular that the Division has sponsored three tours to the Three Little Bakers in Wilmington, Delaware. Now plans are made for the same trip on St. Patrick's Day. Irish Festivals have been another major interest. At the Scotch and Irish Day Festival in Donegal Mills the Division sold Irish soda bread, potato candy, scones, and Irish products. And to Baltimore, Maryland, another bus trip to an Irish Festival was taken.

Lackawanna County, Division 3, Carbondale, Margaret Speicher, president: Although it was a busy summer, two outstanding religious ceremonies were held. The Lighting of Candles for Peace was marked by the entire membership attending Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church. Our Lady of Knock Feast was celebrated with Mass, followed by a continental breakfast. A three-day trip to Washington, D.C. was enjoyed. Included in the itinerary were a show at Kennedy Center and delightful Luncheon Cruise on the Potomac.

Lehigh County, Division Tir Na Nog, Ellen Foley Trexler, president: It was a slow down with a house party meeting instead of the school-structured environment. Then it was a family picnic joining with the men's group to meet the Irish children who were visiting in the area. A school for Irish Dancing was sponsored both for adults and children. Columbus weekend in October was marked by joining the city of Bethlehem in a "Celtic Fest." The Division's speciality was painting colorful design on faces.

Luzerne County, Janette Wydo,

president: The County recently held elections for the following officers: Janette Wydo, President; Ann Metz, Vice President; Claire McNelis, Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Lavan. The installation was held at the Spinning Wheels in Wilkes Barre. It was followed by a dinner dance with the Teachers from Ireland as guests.

Freeland, Division 2, Claire McNelis, president: The Teachers from Ireland who attended college in this area were entertained. The feast of Our Lady of Knock was celebrated with Mass and Rosary at St. Ann's Church in Freeland.

Westmoreland County, Greensburg Division 3, Margaret Carr, president: This Division is maintaining its membership despite many handicaps. They are saddened by the death of a great Lady Hibernian, Josephine Murphy, one of the Division's original members.

Mary Margaret Maurath

Irish TV Show Extended



IRISH AMBASSADOR Padraic MacKernan, center, sent Christmas Greetings to the Washington DC Irish in his guest appearance on the Washington DC Irish Television Show. Pat Troy, left, and Ed O'Brien, right, co-hosts of the TV show, celebrated the year-old show by extending the program to one hour.

Irish Eye photo

John Barry Day Celebrated



REAR ADM. WALTER J. DAVIS JR., Commandant, Naval District Washington, smiles but is not convinced that a new type of "piping" is needed for the Navy. Dave Foley, and Matthew Koldell, right, from Fairfax County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band, show the Admiral how they could pipe somebody on board. They were all on board the Navy Ship Barry for the Annual John Barry Day Celebration by the Commodore John Barry Division 1, Washington, DC. The AOH considers Commodore John Barry to be the Father of the United States Navy.

Irish Eye photo

STATE NEWS: New Mexico

The Hibernians and the Ladies AOH united recently to give an assist to the children of Northern Ireland. Their project is called "Operation Humanity," which stands for "Hibernians Unite Minnesota in Assisting Northern Ireland's Troubled Youth." Their goal is to try to give the children in Northern Ireland a little happier Christmas in 1988, and also to assist the teenagers in training for and in securing better-paying jobs throughout the country. Both Hibernian groups are concentrating on the months of October and November with their money-making projects, but contributions are welcome at any time, according to Bill Gleason, President of Division #4 of the AOH. The Minnesota Irish Heritage Fair, scheduled for November 19 and 20, at Cretin-Derham Hall, provided many opportunities for people to extend a helping hand. Father Desmond Wilson of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and founder of "Doors of Hope," supervised the distribution of funds.

Other organizations and their representatives who are helping to promote this project are: Ladies AOH, Mary Ann O'Brien; Division #1, AOH, Don Lamm; Irish Northern Aid, Thomond O'Brien; Twin City Irish American Club, Wes Hallman; Minnesotans United for Ireland, Michael Whelan; Irish American Unity Conference, Leah Curtin; and State Board, AOH, John Gregory O'Connell, and Brother H. Lewis Twohig, State Chaplain.



IRISH NIGHT in the city of Albuquerque was part of SummerFest '88, with a different ethnic group represented on Saturday nights in the Civic Plaza. Folks were treated to live Irish entertainment, dancing and traditional Irish food. Left to right are Tim Dowling, fund raising chairman; Brother Mathias Barrett, founder of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd and recipient of the 1984 AOH JFK Medal; and Brother Justin Howson, Brother General of the Good Shepherd Brothers. The trio received a check from Dan McDonnell, Division 1 president, Albuquerque.

Those wishing to make a donation at this time may send their check to: Hibernians, c/o William J. Gleason, 790 South Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55116. Most of the groups listed above also had a booth at the Minnesota Irish Heritage

Fair, where people made their donations. Present plans call for most of the money to go for the purchase (in Northern Ireland) of food, clothing and toys for the youngsters of this troubled land.

Brother H. Lewis

STATE NEWS: New York



LEUKEMIA FUND RAISER. The William F. Fennelly Division 1, Watervliet, NY, held a fund raiser recently to benefit the Leukemia Society. Society representative Joan Meyer, right, receives a check from Fund Chairman Calvin "Lefty" Ellis while Randy Lynch, NY Public Relations Chairman, looks on.



MAN OF THE YEAR — Assemblyman Phil Healey is shown presenting a New York State Assembly Citation to Jack Irwin, Man of the Year, at the recent Nassau County Fels. The Assemblyman was a guest speaker at the ceremony. Left to right, Kevin McDermott, Councilman Ken Diamond, Supervisor Angelo Delligatti, Assemblyman Phil Healey, Jack Irwin, Nassau County Comptroller Peter King, Member of the Band, Fels Chairman John Ryan and Committee Member Bill Condon.

STATE NEWS: Florida

By NICK SCHNEIDER

All Florida Hibernians were saddened over the passing of our beloved Ed Kalbfleisch. Ed was the second state president of the Florida AOH. He will be missed by everyone, not only for his Hibernian expertise but for his great wit and grandeur.

On October 22, the State Board of Officers held its quarterly meeting at the Holiday Inn West in the city of Melbourne. Presiding was State President Jack Boyle, assisted by

State Vice President John Cullinan and State Secretary Bob Schneider. Also in attendance were National Director Tom Gilligan; National Deputy Organizer Jim Crimmins; State Treasurer Eamon Quinn; State Historian Don Fortune; State Editor and Public Relations Officer Nick Schneider; Brevard County President Bob Carroll; Broward County Division 1 President Martin McAndrew; Pasco County Division 1 President Tom Condon and his



ENJOYING THE DINNER DANCE at the quarterly Florida State Board of Officers Meeting in Melbourne are at left, former mayor of Palm Bay Hal Bryant, an active member of Brevard County Division 2, and at right, State President Jack Boyle.

Irish Information Center Opened in Albany, NY

ALBANY, N.Y. — Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, co-founder of the Irish civil rights movement and Irish political immortal, took time Monday from a busy speaking schedule to inaugurate the Capital District Irish Information Center, calling it the first facility of its kind in the country.

On an American speaking tour marking the 20th anniversary of the civil rights movement, which ushered in the current generation of the Irish Troubles, Mrs. McAliskey noted the importance of the Center as an alternate source of information about Ireland to combat the British disinformation disseminated through the American media. Speaking to reporters and television cameras at the store-front facility at 114 Quail Street in Albany, she also

expressed the hope that Irish Americans in other communities would initiate similar centers.

Incorporated by a cross-section of the Irish American community, including members of the AOH, INA and the Cultural Institute, the non-profit Information Center will emphasize current newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets and other informational publications of Irish interest, also featuring Irish music, crafts, clothing and other items.

After the opening, Mrs. McAliskey promoted the Information Center at each of her area speaking engagements, using the example of former *New York Times* reporter Jo Thomas to illustrate the British manipulation of the media and thus the importance of the Center. Jo Thomas, with whom Mrs. McAliskey had shared a dais the previous weekend, was fired from the *N.Y. Times* for digging too close to the truth in Ireland.

Included in Mrs. McAliskey's Capital District schedule were addresses to standing-room-only crowds at the Knights of Columbus and Siena College, editorial board meetings with the *Evangelist* and the *Albany Times Union*, extended coverage by *Metroland Magazine*, a reception benefiting Fr. Des Wilson's Doors of Hope, an Albany AOH reception, and two hours on two local radio talk shows, including WGY, whose 50,000 watts carried her comments to 30 states on Monday evening.

Mrs. McAliskey's remarks, a personalized history of the 20-year struggle, reflected the hope and despair of an oppressed but risen people. Particularly poignant were her first hand accounts of Bloody Sunday and the Milltown Massacre. She told of being "young, brave and very, very stupid" on that Derry

nians. Following the AOH and LAOH business, the groups enjoyed a dinner and dance, and the music of "Shades of Green" Irish band.

Broward Division 1 has elected the following officers for 1989: President Martin McAndrew; Vice President Don Fortune; Recording Secretary Don Hartnett; Financial Secretary Bill Maroney; Treasurer Ed McCready; Chairman of Standing Committee Eamon Quinn and Sentinel Jim Lawless. Members were urged to flood their legislative sub-committees with phone calls about the immigration bill, and their outrage over the assaults on freedom being enacted by the British government.

Brevard County Div. 1 reports its new members, Jerry O'Shea, Steve Ryan, Bill Rothamel, Sal Vitale and Bill Wren are already taking an active part in division activities. Manatee County Div. 1 is the newest and also the most aggressive chapter, which is proud of the addition of three O'Sullivan's, father and two sons. President Paul Finnerty also reports that his wife is having success in forming an LAOH unit.

Brevard County Div. 2 President, Bob Carroll reports a large amount of community activity to be shared in the next issue of the *Digest*. This seems to be the most productive, active and fast growing division in the state.

All divisions are urged to send information to Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island FL 32953, or call (407)453-3424.

Sunday in 1972, refusing to believe British paratroopers would actually fire into a peaceful crowd until she saw the 13 who could not crawl to cover. At Milltown Cemetery, she offered to help away an elderly lady, who refused, pulling her old coat about her shoulders and remaining to bury her dead. She recalled with awe the young people at Milltown, pursuing unarmed their pistol-shooting, grenade-lobbing attacker, knowing what they had to do though they might be, and were, killed. She wondered how the British could now penalize a people who were not afraid to die in pursuit of their freedom and their dignity.

Dennis McFadden
FFAI Chairman
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STATE NEWS: Ohio Irish Champ's Soap Box Car Shipped Home

Quoting Jim Dettling of the *Akron Beacon Journal*: "When Liam Muldoon, the Irish National Soap Box Derby Champion, left Akron after the All-American race, he took with him a lot of fond memories back to Northern Ireland. What he didn't take back was his green derby car with the gold shamrocks."

Liam was under limited sponsorship for the trip and had no funds to ship the racer back. So the car would be on display in the Club rooms of Akron's Mark Heffernan Division of the AOH.

A committee, headed by member Mike McNulty and Division Vice President Horrace Phillips enlisted the *Akron Beacon Journal* and on August 29th, a feature story (with picture) explained the situation to the community.

Akron and the Hibernians responded beyond expectations. Within two days the score stood at: Cash \$273, pledges some \$200 more, and three offers for free shipment to Liam's home.

Federal Express, the first volunteer, through David E. Leslie, Akron Manager, and Steve Ricca, District Senior Manager, was accepted as the carrier.

Thanks also are due the other two volunteers: Wayne Stock of Little Tykes Co., Hudson, Ohio's toy makers, and Chris Gary of D.H.L. World Wide Express. It's nice to have such good friends.

So, Liam Muldoon gets his racer back, and the Hibernians get a problem! What to do with \$500 plus in donated funds.

Mike McNulty wants to earmark these funds as a supplement to the expense fund for next year's Irish National Champion. Mike is now in the process of contacting all individual contributors for approval, and promises a full refund to any contributor on request.

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Project Children Receives \$6,000

Cleveland's Irish Cultural Festival committee wishes to announce it has advised Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coyne, co-ordinators of Project Children, that \$6,000.00 has been set aside from festival proceeds to bring children from Northern Ireland in 1989.

This was made possible because of continued community support for our annual festival.

Marcia J. Lacinski
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Ireland Redux

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all of them shot in the back by crown forces (shades of the brave Black-and-Tans). They were moved down in broad daylight and many more maimed for life by government "security" forces! To add salt to the wounds, Her Majesty later decorated the officer in charge. Even the Crown Coroner described it as "unadulterated murder."

The British propaganda machine, recognized as having few if any equal, is credited with having invented *disinformation*. US Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young, for his forthright statement to that effect, had to apologize, not in the cause of truth but in the interests of international diplomacy. Dr. Liz Curtis (English historian) pinpointed the influence of the machine on world opinion by the title of her book on Northern Ireland (1984) — *Ireland: Propaganda War*. "Disinformation Rampant" would have been a suitable subtitle.

The Derry massacre of 1972 will forever be linked with the Boston 1770 and Sepoy 1857 massacres as three of the blackest pages of infamy in Empire history. Englishman Christopher Hibbert in his book *The Great Mutiny* describes the Indian carnage as an example of "the English lust for atrocity." It continues today unabated in what is left of the jolly old conglomerate on which the sun was never to have set.

Those are the stubborn facts, already passed into history, allowing of no honest contradiction. They explain the ghastly anomaly that is "Northern Ireland."

The British prime minister is the present prime mover, instigator and executioner (remember the ten hunger strikers, sons of other mothers) who insists on perpetuating the annexation of Ireland (Act of Union 1800) on which honest Prime Minister Gladstone commented: "There is no blacker or fouler transaction in the history of man." The Orangemen feel no such shame in glorying in the dark and foul reminder. They like to be called Unionists.

To describe Mrs. Thatcher as a "formidable champion of liberty" is a statement likely to provoke the anger of much of the population of Northern Ireland, where, as I remember, a state of martial law exists. Britain also has the *worst* history of human rights violations in the European court, and consistently refuses to act upon the courts' rulings. (*The American Spectator*, Sept. 1988).

Early this year BBC tapes on N. Ireland were ordered seized by Mrs.

Thatcher. Cheers for the BBC! Even that august body must not overstep the limits of truth embarrassing to Whitehall.

Meanwhile, back in the occupied Six Counties, a travesty of justice goes unchecked. The Diplock courts have long since out-kangarooed the Kangaroo version in the dispensing of summary (in) justice — officially! Concentration camps supplement the overflowing jails and prisons. Former Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry said: "I think the life of a Nationalist in the North is unequaled in its misery anywhere in the world."

Occupation policy is to shoot systematically anyone who gets in their way or appears suspect. The shoot-to-kill order, given to the soldiers on the street in riot gear and with guns on the ready, is now under investigation—proceeding reluctantly and very slowly—as are the SAS Gibraltar murders. "Justice delayed is justice denied" means nothing to judges paid and appointed by the ruling faction.

The Iron Lady of No. 10 Downing St. imposes her will on Washington, Amsterdam and even Dublin. She demands that escaped POWs and suspects must be extradited back to England — to a fate worse than death. Joe Doherty, acquitted six times by US courts, is a prime example of the old Mother Country's long arm and power still to dominate.

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The Orange faction, witting tool of the government is more indiscriminate. The objects of their assassination squads are not only their armed counterparts, but any man, woman, or child known to be a Catholic. One of their favorite graffiti, "To Hell with the Pope," translates into personal hatred for every Papist in the land. Some of their leaders have actually called for the burning alive of Roman Catholic priests. Witness too, their wanton destruction of schools, churches and thousands of homes, especially but not solely during pogroms; and decide where lies the bigotry. They equate nationalism with Catholic. The targets of the Irish side are always military and political and on occasion commercial. Religion is never a factor.

In spite of the absurd efforts of the media and the paid politicians to give the impression that one side is as much to blame as the other, fanaticism is entirely one-sided. Government press releases make sure that the occupation army is perceived as a peacekeeping force.

One of the more ferocious of the

pro-British paramilitaries is the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary) — described variously as crown mercenaries or local gestapo, on the London payroll. Their tortured and torturing mentality is catching up with them. According to *Apartheid* (A Parallel and A Comparison) up to 1985 more than 50 of the RUC and UDR had taken their own lives. This information will not be found in official news dispatches.

Khomeini and Ian Paisley are a pair and their followers are a similar breed. Their ilk can be only physically subdued or mentally civilized. The Orange group have the longer and fouler history. Their ugly animosity does not stop at the grave. Their frequent desecration of Catholic funerals is eloquent testimony — to the extent of tossing hand grenades among the mourners. Even during those ghoulish exhibitions the "security" forces stand idly by, if not actually abetting the hooligans. Unbelievable, you must think. I agree. BBC tapes covering two such attacks were ordered confiscated. The truth must not out.

Orange intransigence — no surrender, no sharing — has had method in its madness. Bigotry, too long an obsession and a badge of privilege (jobs, housing etc.) was and is carefully fostered by a government that can then pose as the guardian of law and order. The wily Winston Churchill exposed his hand, when in an unguarded and rare moment of candor, he counseled: "Play the Orange Card." All the fanatical hatred and government complicity cannot be natural. It is man-made, manufactured and contrived by London. Is there any other logical conclusion?

III

Portraying the conflict as sectarian is high on the list of dirty tricks of the media and the establishment. It is the reddest of red herrings. It has nothing (repeat) to do with religion. Neither side wants to convert the other. In fact one of the country's noblest patriots was Protestant and an English gentleman, Erskine Childers. Southern leader Douglas Hyde likewise was a Protestant.

Precisely and simply stated it is an international dispute — national sovereignty versus foreign occupation. One sure formula for world peace is that all occupied countries be unoccupied. Internal political conflicts will always be with us — like the poor. World recognition of national boundaries would make world war impossible, and could bring existing international conflicts to a speedy end.

It does not make sense to argue that 60% of the north's population

do not want a united country, and welcome the occupation. Why should that gerrymandered percentage which is 25% of the total population be able to keep the island divided? In 1918 the one and only free national general election was held, in which all of Ireland voted. The result was an overwhelming majority for an independent united Ireland. England reneged on her promise to abide by the decision of the total population, and imposed partition. Lloyd George threatened resumption of an intensified Black-and-Tan reign of terror unless partition were accepted. Civil war ensued 1918-22, with Britain arming and backing the pro-partition party against De Valera's Fianna Fail.

There once again are the facts, — complicated and undistorted — the whole truth as history, generations hence, will record them, concerning the imposed and unnatural division of one of the oldest small nations of Europe, for whose freedom WWI was allegedly fought!

Not to be hoodwinked, every fair observer of the Irish scene should first give an honest answer to the question: Who has the better (or the only) right to bear arms in his native land — the native, or the soldiers of an army of occupation? The only sincere answer is as true today as it was in Vichy France or Quisling Norway or at the present time in Afghanistan. Must Ireland always be the exception? The irony is that in its case a mighty dishonest pen seeks to justify a mightier sword — proving, conversely, it is no match for truth.

In a word: who are the real terrorists in northeast Ireland? It has been established that the English and Orange sides are the only ones to have deliberately killed innocent civilians — by lead, rubber, and plastic bullets. (Because they are lethal, plastic bullets are illegal in England. In the occupied Six Counties they are legal. The Irish are expendable!) The killing of civilians by Irish militants is never intentional. They can be attributed to bungling or even monumental stupidity. It is in their code of honor always to admit responsibility for mistakes; and to give them their due, apologies are always forthcoming. Can they be blamed for sticking to their guns, literally and figuratively?

Their opposites never offer apologies; their victims are always "caught in the crossfire!" Why should they? Since the deaths are fully intended — to teach the natives a lesson. Herein lies a clear point of difference and indicates again the one-sided bigotry. While the Irish target police barracks, military posts and border checkpoints, they leave untouched schools, churches, and private homes. The Orange gangs have no respect for sacred places. They and their masters are clearly the aggressors and the real terrorists; "having the power and using it crushingly." Two against one. Two Goliaths against David. The handwriting on the wall says the one is winning.

Resentment is building in Britain that so many of her sons are returning from Belfast and the continent in coffins. It does not soften the blow to know that they died ingloriously to uphold and defend the cruelest and longest tyranny of all time, not just in the past 700 years but in the preceding 700. During the Famine years it took on the dimension of genocide. Only a week ago (Aug. 8) another casket from Europe soon after the three in May, occasioned the Prime Minister, usually calm and cold, to blurt that the IRA has to be "annihilated!"

It would have made far more sense

if the good lady had demanded the annihilation of the sickly system in the Six Counties. Here is her chance to make honorable history by emulating what is being done right now in Afghanistan, by another evil empire, — pulling out, lock, stock and barrel.

The Irish and the English could be the best of friends if only the government would listen to the *vox populi*. Polls increasingly show that the English people want their troops out of Ireland immediately. Not just a phased withdrawal. If so would there be a bloodbath? There exists already a constant bloodbath, year in and year out. The final quote that concludes this paper is from the executed Patrick Pearse, whose parents were English.

On the principle that a bully is always a coward, it can be assumed that there would be no escalation of the Troubles. Remove the backing of the English faction and army, and the Orange gangs will quickly pull in their horns, faced with the stark reality of the inevitable. London armed the Orangemen; let it now disarm them. Should that happen, the Irish armed units have pledged that they will call a cease fire.

Serious political scientists agree that in such an eventuality peace could be restored in one week. Or, if UN troops were to replace the British, it would require only a matter of days. A solution Britain studiously and stubbornly avoids. Ignoring it will not make it go away. In the meantime all casualties of the unnecessarily protracted struggle are its responsibility. In a letter to *The Times* of London in 1971, Graham Greene wrote: "Now . . . when deaths and tortures have gone on long enough to blacken us in the eyes of the world . . . there will be a roundtable conference . . . Why not now rather than later?"

"If Ireland is not a nation, there is no such thing as a nation." — G.K. Chesterton. He explained that England's barbarity toward the Irish is due not so much to hypocrisy as to stupidity.

"Ireland unfree can never be at peace." Ireland restored — a nation once again — can.

Book Reviews

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make! And what an enjoyable opportunity they present for our children to learn about Ireland. Painstakingly illustrated and written, this is a series of five different books, each with a different focus on Ireland. Each page of each book contains exquisite illustrations which children may color in, plus a very readable accompanying text. Adults will enjoy reading the text to younger children; older children will want to read it themselves, and to make the books permanently theirs by artfully coloring in the lavish pictures.

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STATE NEWS: Georgia Hibernians Honor Navy's 'Father'

By O. KAY JACKSON

One of the occasions celebrated by the Ancient Order of Hibernians is Commodore John Barry Day. And while nationally the organization gathers on the anniversary of Barry's death, September 13, the Savannah chapter got together October 2.

"We set it back due to the extreme heat then . . . it's amazing the difference two weeks makes," said Hibernians President E. Graham Harold.

Sunday's weather was perfect for the picnic at Fort Pulaski National Monument attended by nearly 60 members of the oldest Irish Catholic lay organization in the United States.

Hamburgers and hot dogs sizzled over coals, ice in coolers cradled soft drinks and beer, and parents kicked back to enjoy Irish music provided by balladeer Jamie Keena of the Savannah Folk Music Society. The children played ball, hide-and-seek, and their own kind of war games.

Particularly fierce was young warrior Daniel Regan, armed with a plastic sword, who hid beneath palmetto fronds and attacked unwary passers-by. In the background Keena's rich voice celebrated ancient warrior kings "with standards of green unfurled . . ."

Harold handed out copies of "Echoes of Irish History" written about Commodore John Barry by AOH National Historian Mike McCormack and containing a eulogy by Dr. Benjamin Rush, stating "He was

born in Ireland, but America was the object of his devotion and the theater of his usefulness."

Barry fought in the first and last naval battles of the American Revolutionary War. In between the two he captured the British ship "The Edward," the first American war prize, assisted George Washington in the famous crossing of the Delaware; captured an armed British vessel when ammunition was scarce and a supply ship when food was at a premium.

In 1794 Washington asked the popular naval hero to form and train a class of midshipmen to be commissioned as ensigns, forming the nucleus of the new American Navy. Barry was named ranking officer, being granted commission number one.

"Commodore John Barry had many firsts to his credit from being the first to fly the new American flag in battle to escorting America's famous ally, General Lafayette, back to France, but the first that he should always be remembered for is his position as Father of the American Navy," McCormack wrote.

The Irish-heritage proud Hibernians agree and keep Barry's accomplishments, and those of other Irish heroes, alive with such celebrations, thereby instilling Irish pride in their own offspring.

"I'm going to join (the AOH) when I'm old enough," said Tim Fallon, 13. "My two brothers already belong."

Irish Restaurateurs Tour Cities



SAN FRANCISCO: Nicholas and Catherine Healy, proprietors of the Dunderry Lodge Restaurant, and members of the Irish Country Houses Restaurants Association, recently completed a worldwide tour of selected North American cities. Participants at the promotional luncheon held at the Press Club, here, included: left to right, Robert Jacobson, Delta Airlines; Patricia Flood, Atlas Travel; Nicholas Healy, Dunderry Lodge; Eileen Kivlehan, Kivlehan Travel; Catherine Healy, Dunderry Lodge; Terry Hill, Franciscan Travel; Margaret Winters, Pan Am; and Harry Gogarty, Regional Manager, West Coast, Irish Tourist Board.

Major Degrees Exemplified in Babylon, N.Y.

Candidates became "Confirmed Hibernians" on October 9, when Tara Court Major Degree Team exemplified the Major Degrees of our Order. The degree was held in the new St. Patrick's Division 2 Irish Cultural Center, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon, N.Y.

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Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Greetings Hibernian Sports Fans. It's the Blessed Season of Christmas. May each and everyone of you experience the joys and blessings of this Holy and very merry season. Let's make like a yacht and sail in. Boole!

Football — ND has been looking quite impressive in its outings against Pitt and Miami. They also had the luck of the Irish with them in those games, thank God! In the Pitt game, Pitt's Dickinson couldn't hang on to the ball as he crossed the goal line. He fumbled it and then tried to pick it up twice. ND finally fell on the fumble. In the Miami game, Miami gambled on going for a two point conversion which ND broke up nicely. Please do not get the idea that YR is down on ND; he isn't. He's thrilled that they are doing so good. He would like to see them go undefeated for the season but each week it gets a little tougher. No matter what his staff, Coach Lou Holtz and his staff, the entire ND team, and the student body deserves the praise and recognition that they are earning. Keep up the good work!

YR was dismayed about some of the antics that he read about prior to the ND—Miami game on both sides. He realizes that there apparently isn't much good will between these two schools. What he takes exception to is some of the harassment and/or attempted harassment of the coaching staffs on each campus by telephone calls from members of the student body. Maybe it's part of the football mentality. Maybe it's just youthful enthusiasm gone astray. Whatever it is, YR doesn't like it. Let's get out of this 80's Yuppie mentality where one plays all sorts of mental "psyche" games with his opponent before the game or match. Then lords it over his defeated opponent in a loud, rude and boisterous manner. Whatever happened to good sportsmanship. YR knows what Leo Durocher said, "Nice guys finish last." YR thought that was part of a Catholic education. Is he wrong?

The NFL does have a problem. YR caught an interview with Terry Bradshaw, the former QB with the Steelers. He stated that he didn't think the league or the owners really had the players' best interest in mind with the NFL substance abuse policy. He thought players who tested positive should sit out at least a year, not the 30 days as it is now. He also thought that the league and the clubs both had an obligation to secure the best rehabilitation program for the players who are caught using drugs. He said he realized that it was a weakness and/or a sickness. He stated also that he didn't think playing golf instead of football was the ideal method of kicking the habit. YR agrees wholeheartedly with him. The NFL league and owners will not address this problem this year. They may not address this problem next year. What they will address is gate receipts and television monies, etc. That's why this NFL substance abuse policy is the way it is. They feel they need these players in the game to draw the crowds, be it in the seats of the stadium or before a TV screen. What this policy does is send the wrong message to very impressionable young adults and teenagers who look up to these athletes. The message that is being

received, is "It's OK to do drugs or to abuse your body with steroids or alcohol; just don't get caught. If you're caught, you're only going to sit out 30 days. It ain't that bad!" That's the wrong message, gentlemen.

In another interview on the Larry King Show, the question was raised that back in the days of Ruth and other bygone heroes, the media covered up the exploits of these stars. The media in those days was only the press and radio. It was claimed that the reporters of that era never mentioned anything about the booze these guys drank. Supposedly on the grounds that the reporters and the stars hung out together and drank together and did other things together. That some of these stars did have serious drinking problems which were covered up is true. The point was that the problem of substance abuse has existed since sports came into being. Today it's just a different substance that these athletes are using.

Being objective, YR has to agree that the foregoing statement is technically correct. Being subjective, YR feels this is playing another form of a mental game called, "It might have been..." Let's face it. None of us can go back and correct the mistakes of the past, our own or somebody else's. You learn from these errors in judgement and move forward.

Baseball — As the guy said, "Baseball's been very, very good to me!" This season two teams were being touted as The Teams. The teams that would meet for all the marbles in the World Series. These two teams were the Oakland A's in the American League and New York Mets in the National League. As the play says, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," a funny thing happened on the way to and at the World Series.

The National League Championship Series matched the Mets against the LA Dodgers. To be honest, YR still feels they committed a mortal sin when they moved out of Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn for the sunny climate and laid-back lifestyle of L.A. On paper, the so-called experts called the Mets a very strong team. They won 100 plus games in the league. The Dodgers on the other hand, were the weakest team. These experts figured that the Mets should blow them away in 4 straight. Well, it didn't take them 4. It took 7 games. When dust cleared, it was the Dodgers, not the Boys of Flushing, who were going to the Series.

In the meantime, in the American League, the Boston Red Sox and the Oakland A's met to determine who would be the AL rep at the World Series. The dyed-in-the-wool Red Sox fans were praying for a miracle, YR's older brother among them. Oakland just went out and won 104 games. In typical fashion, if you lived in the East, the media paid little attention to the West Coast. So when these two teams played in the Championship Series, the A's lived up to the expectations of the experts and blew Boston away in four straight.

That set the stage for the World Series. These same "experts," who in this Hi Tech age do not use crystal balls anymore, but crystal chips in their computers, predicted it would be Oakland. In fact, they were

Gaelic Football in U.S.A.



IRELAND'S national game, Gaelic football, has come to this nation's capital. The new Washington Gaels met their first foe, Monaghan from New York, on the playing field of Gonzaga College High School. The final score, Washington Gaels 4-13, Monaghan 2-5.

looking for Oakland to sweep the Series in 4 straight also. As a poem, called, "Maude Miller" says, "Of all the words of tongue and pen, the saddest of these, 'It might have been!'" That's the way it went for Oakland. On paper, they were the winningest, the strongest, the best hitting team in the Series. The lowly LA Dodgers had nothing but a pitcher and a bunch of hurt, old veterans who had seen better days. When they didn't have veterans, they had rookies who would choke under the pressure of the World Series.

On October 20, approximately 12:00M, the Cinderella bit struck again. The LA Dodgers behind their ace hurler, Orel Hershiser, had done in Oakland's A's. It was a sight to be seen. Hershiser looked tired in the 8th and 9th innings but ended the game and the Series on a high note, a strike out! Hershiser won the Series MVP. He had won the ALCS MVP earlier. Thus he becomes only the 3rd player to win both MVP awards in

one season.

The Dodger triumph also brought these Bible quotations to mind — "The first shall be last and the last first... The lowly shall be exalted... The mighty shall be brought down... The proud shall be humbled." All of them fit nicely when talking about this Series. And so, we did a fond adieu to baseball as our ship sails out into the sunset.

Olympics — Broome County in which YR resides now has its first-ever Olympic Medal winner in a Seton Catholic Central High School student, May Peio. Believe it or not, this young lady won her medal in Tae-Kwon-Do, one of the martial arts. YR isn't up on these martial arts. So he cannot describe exactly what is involved. All he can tell you is it isn't a sport you would readily associate with a young high school junior who is a candidate for Prom Queen. Congratulations, May! The Mayor of Binghamton, the Honorable Juanita M. Crabb, gave her the key to the

City. The County Exec, Carl Young, gave her a proclamation. The school gave her an assembly. The nuns gave her homework. Just kidding, Sisters!

Hockey — Would you believe it's hockey season! The NHL opened its 1989-90 season in October. The interesting things so far in this young season are Wayne Gretzky playing in LA for the Kings and Guy Lafleur coming out of retirement to play for the NY Rangers. Supposedly the Patrick Division has so much parity that any club in it could win it. The other divisions do not have this parity. Time will tell.

The NHL must do something to curb some of the violence that has taken place on the ice in the name of Hockey. If some of these actions took place in the stands or on the streets outside these arenas, these players would be charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault and battery; just to mention a few crimes. The least thing they would be charged with is com-

mitting mayhem. This isn't hockey. YR realizes that many people go there just to see the bloodshed. They're not fans. It's that type of mentality that shouts for a person sitting on a ledge to jump. It's also that mentality that is drawn to the scene of an accident or fire, not to give aid, but to see the carnage. If the NHL thinks they need this type of fan, then perhaps, it is time to change the format of the game. The team that has the most players able to stand at the end of 3 periods wins. Forget about scoring goals! Forget about making assists! Forget about passing! Forget about penalties! Just let the two teams flay away at each other with their sticks. An injured player could come off the ice for medical aid, if he could make it that far. To insure that the proper amount of blood was spilled, helmets and face masks would be declared illegal. The referee, if they decided to use one, could sit in a chair above the action. A player who left the ice either by his own free will or another player's will, could not be addressed in competition. He would have to return to the ice before engaging in competition. Let's hope it never comes to this.

NYS Sports — Don O'Hara, the NYS AOH Sports Chair, sends along this information. The 1988 AOH Softball Tournament was held at

Auburn, 8/27-8/28. Teams competing were Auburn, Babylon, Camillus, Oswego and Niagara Falls. Camillus' infield averaged 65 years plus. In the Open Division, 1st place went to Auburn with Babylon being the runner-up. In the Over-40 Division, Auburn was 1st again with Niagara Falls coming in 2nd.

In the NYS AOH Golf Tournament which was held at the State President's golf course, Frear Park, it appears that the club travelled farther than the ball. Don O'Hara reports that again this year, rain plagued the tourney. Don Cunningham and John O'Hara, the golfer, not the novelist, took high honors for distance. Don O'Hara stated that next year, there is talk of playing under a Carley/Considine Handicap system. If it rains, Carley and Considine get hung. The fierce competition was followed by a great steak dinner at the Troy Hall. Well done? Gentlemen?

The NYS AOH Bowling Tournament will be held on the 3rd weekend of April in the Capitol District. Please make your plans. O'Hara says he can promise that no game will be called on account of rain during this tournament.

Finish Line — That's it for sports for now. Keep sending those cards and letters to YR at PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

Rhode Island Division Holds Annual Tourney

The AOH Division 1, Newport, RI, held their annual golf tournament on October 15 at Jamestown Country Club, Jamestown. Starter Leo "pink-tee" Mistowski insured that the tournament ran like clock-work. Leo was assisted by his two sons, Joe and John, and the Division gives them a tip of the hat for a job well done.

Chairman Harry Winthrop announced the winners at an awards dinner after the tourney. Awards were presented to the winning team in a "best ball tourney", to Kevin Carty, Brian Sullivan, Neil Sullivan and Norman King with a score of 6 under par.

Individual awards were presented to John Spingler for longest drive, Martin Shea for closest to the pin, Peter Bolhouse for the longest putt. A special award was presented to

Neil Sullivan for the "shortest drive."

Harry Winthrop also chaired the AOH Summer Golf League. The results of the four divisions are not available due to play-off competition. Division A, Kevin Carty vs. Charles Burns; Division B, Cliff Wilson vs. Tom Kane; Division C, Charles Toracenti vs. Joe "bean-ball" Lalli; Division D, Bob Kinsella vs. Norman King.

Leo Downey of Newport served as head chef at the awards dinner. Assisted by his son Mike Downey, Bob Kinsella, Ed Murphy, Jim Nolan, Russ Seibens and a host of other volunteer members, Leo Downey can put this one in the WIN column.

Thanks to Harry Winthrop for an enjoyable season of golf.



NEIL SULLIVAN, past state president, Rhode Island AOH, and two-year Division 1, Newport president, receives a tournament prize for the "shortest drive" as well-wishers look on.

Irish Institute Awards \$63,000 to Arts

ST. PAUL, MN — The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI) announced grants and awards totalling \$63,000 at ceremonies September 8 in Dublin's Shelbourne Hotel. "This is the largest one-time disbursement of funds in our history," said John P. Walsh of New Vernon, N.J., the recently elected chairman of the 26-year-old organization.

Dignitaries attending the awards presentations included The Hon. Margaret Heckler, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland; Tanaiste Brian Lenihan, Ireland's second-ranking official; Martin Dully, head of Bord Fáilte-Irish Tourist Board; the AICI's three Irish directors; and four American directors in addition to Walsh: Bernard Croke of Philadelphia, Paul Gillespie of Boston, Kingsley Murphy, Jr. of Minneapolis, and the Institute's co-founder and longtime chairman, Dr. Eoin McKiernan. Some of the leading figures in the Irish arts scene also attended, including Chieftains' leader Paddy Moloney.

Two Butler Literary Awards of \$10,000 each were presented, the first by Tanaiste Lenihan to Seamus Heaney, who accepted the award on behalf of *The Field Day Anthology of Irish Literature*, a comprehensive project for which publication plans are well advanced. Others associated with Field Day are Brian Friel, Seamus Deane, David Hammond and Thomas Kilroy.

The Institute works to foster the arts in Ireland and to promote a more informed understanding of Irish culture in the U.S. In addition to its annual awards in Ireland, its programs include the publication of *Eire-Ireland* and *Ducas*; the Irish

Way summer program in Ireland for American high school students; the Trees for Ireland reforestation effort;

and the Irish Perceptions series, which arranges regular U.S. tours for Irish speakers and performers.



AMONG THOSE attending the IACI Awards luncheon in Dublin were, left to right, poet Thomas Kinsella, Irish language author Alan Titley, Irish American Cultural Institute CEO John P. Walsh, poet Seamus Heaney, and IACI administrator in Ireland, Mr. Patrick Long.

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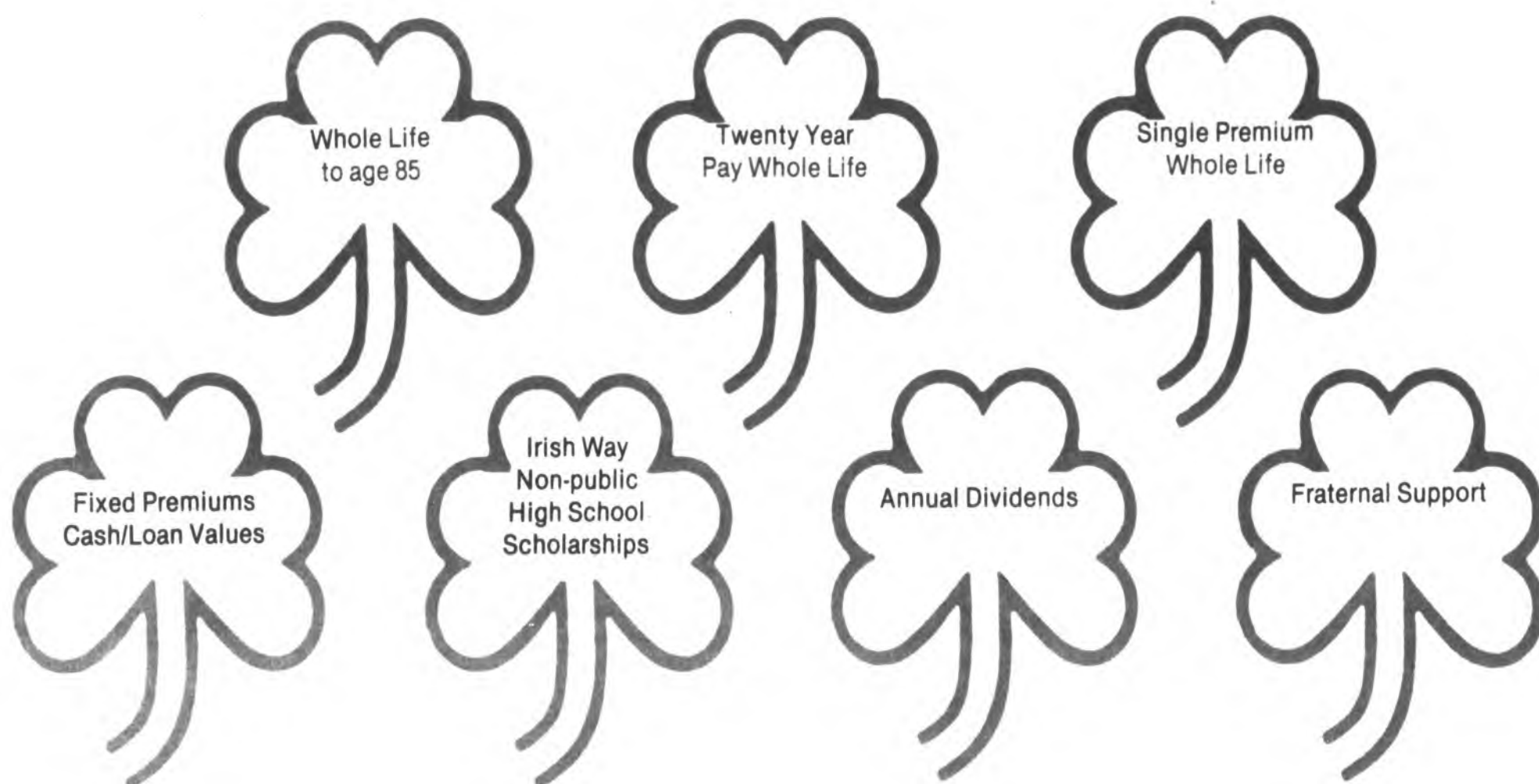
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A "Day at the Races" at Laurel Race Course, Laurel, MD has become an annual affair sponsored by the District of Columbia Board. A highlight of the day is a trip to the winners circle after the "Ancient Order of Hibernian" race. Gathered around the trophy won by LaRoll are, left to right, Matt Hannon, president, District Board AOH; Yvonne J. Stoner, owner of LaRoll; John Maher, vice president, District Board; Jose A. Santos, winning jockey; and Declan Lelleher, First Secretary and Press Officer, Embassy of Ireland.

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AD HOC Committee Selects New Leadership



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The bipartisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs began its work in the 101st Congress with the selection of four Co-Chairmen to lead the committee. The new Co-Chairmen are Reps. Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-NY), Thomas Manton (D-NY), Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), and Bruce Morrison (D-CT).

The Co-Chairmen were selected as the Ad Hoc Committee, first established in 1977, met on the second day of the new Congress. The Ad Hoc Committee has over 100 House Members and Senators.

Rep. Fish was the acting Chairman of the Committee following the resignation of former Chairman Mario Biaggi (D-NY) in August of 1988. Fish serves as the Vice-Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and is the author of the House legislation calling on

American firms doing business in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles of fair employment. Fish has also been very active in the cases of Joseph Doherty and the Birmingham Six. Fish is beginning his 11th term in the House.

Rep. Manton serves on the prestigious Energy and Commerce Committee in the House. He has been a leading voice in the Congress on Northern Ireland and was a main co-sponsor of the MacBride Principles bill. Manton will shortly reintroduce a House Resolution calling for Irish political prisoner Joe Doherty to gain political asylum in the U.S. Rep. Manton is beginning his third term in the House.

Rep. Gilman is an original member of the Ad Hoc Committee and has been one of its leading spokesmen. He is a senior Member of the House

Foreign Affairs Committee and serves on the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, which has direct jurisdiction over Ireland and Northern Ireland. Gilman is credited with including conditions in the 1986 legislation providing first-time U.S. economic aid to Northern Ireland to ensure that the aid benefits both communities. Gilman will lead efforts to monitor the aid which is now in excess of \$100 million. Rep. Gilman is beginning his ninth term.

Rep. Morrison is a leading Member of the House Judiciary Committee and also serves on the House Banking Committee. Morrison, as a Member of the Judiciary Committee, will pay particular attention to the Doherty case, as well as Irish immigration matters. He also authored a resolution in honor of the late Sean MacBride, a Nobel Peace Prize win-

ner and founder of Amnesty International. Morrison is beginning his fourth term.

The Ad Hoc Committee will shortly announce the formation of an Executive Committee and intends to hold its first meeting within the next month. The Ad Hoc Committee has also announced that its long-time staff coordinator, Bob Blancato, who worked for Rep. Biaggi from 1972-1988, will remain. Moya Benoit, another long-time Biaggi and Ad Hoc Committee staffer, will also remain active.

Historic First Lady Grand Marshal To Lead N.Y. Parade

NEW YORK, NY — Ancient Order of Hibernians history was made on Tuesday, January 31, 1989 at the Sheraton Center, here, when the St. Patrick's Day Parade delegates selected Dorothy Hayden Cudahy to be the first woman Grand Marshal in the parade's 227-year history.

Dorothy Hayden Cudahy will lead the 228th parade up Fifth Avenue on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1989. An historical event for Irish women and the AOH, the selection of Dorothy was made over a worthy

contender, Mary Holt Moore. (The tally was 256 - 233).

There was great jubilation in the Cudahy camp when the winner was announced. Dorothy bubbled her joy and gratitude to everyone for bestowing upon her such a great honor. "It will also be in honor of your mother and my mother and all those sisters who invigorate all things Irish!" she declared.

A member of Queens County LAOH Board, the new marshal is also known as "first lady" of Irish

radio. For over 40 years she has been host of a weekly talk show, *Irish Memories*, which she took over as a young girl on the death of her father.

Her Father, James A. Hayden, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, was one of the pioneers of radio in New York City. Her mother, Delia Brennan, also deceased, was a native of Curry, County Sligo.

John Cudahy, Dorothy's husband, is a member of Division 3, New York County, and a past president of the Clare Society. Other family are a son,

Sean, a sister, Ann Cuggy, and brother, James Hayden, all natives of New York City.

Dorothy's radio program, *The Irish Drive-In Show*, can be heard on car radios each Friday from 6:15 to 8:00 A.M. on station WNWK (105.9 FM).

Grand Marshal Cudahy will be escorted by twelve elected aides, ten from the County Board jurisdictions of the AOH, one from the United Irish Counties Association and one from the Grand Council of Emerald Societies of New York. The twelve aides are:

Al Burke (Manhattan); John Cummings (Bronx); Owen Dorothy (Brooklyn); Alice Jones (Queens); Peter Shaughnessy (Staten Island); Thomas Flynn (Westchester); Patrick Fogarty (Rockland); Patrick J. Doyle (Orange); John Boyle (Nassau); John Mullen (Suffolk); Frank Feighery (United Irish Counties); and Joseph Fitzpatrick (Emerald Societies).

The great day starts with the traditional Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal John

O'Connor as principal celebrant. At 11:30 A.M. Parade Chairman Francis Beirne will blow his whistle and the hundred thousand strong paraders of the 228th St. Patrick's Day Parade will march into history, led by the first "Lady Grand Marshal" Dorothy Hayden Cudahy. It's a safe bet that in contrast to the few names of male marshals the Irish will remember, the name of Grand Marshal Dorothy Hayden Cudahy will never be forgotten.

David Henshaw



DOROTHY HADEN CUDAHY reacts to the announcement that she is selected as the first lady Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, while rival Mary Holt Moore looks bemused.

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President's Message

Teachtaineacht an Uachtairin
By Michael J. Coogan, National President

It is now going on six months since our National Convention. I will try to give you a brief update on some of the activities of your National Board.

On January 23rd, the Pro-Life March will be held in Washington, D.C. Your National Pro-Life Chairman, Bill Farrell, has been working hard at assembling the Hibernian contingent for the March. I look forward to seeing many of you in Washington. Doctor Wilke, national chairman of the Right to Life Crusade, has asked the AOH to raise a minimum of \$10,000 for the international Right-to-Life. This office is in Rome, and is managed by William Sherwin, from County Cork, Ireland. Any division that donates \$100 will be given affiliation with the International Right-to-Life Society. Our goal is to obtain membership from at least 100 divisions. If the Pro-Life Chairman of each division would canvas the membership, I am certain they could raise the \$100 without tapping the Division treasury.

John Holland, born in 1841 in County Clare, Ireland, is the inventor of the submarine. He built two, the *Holland* and the *Fenian Ram*. Both boats, along with about 10,000 of Holland's personal documents, are located in the back of a museum in Patterson, New Jersey. Because of their condition they cannot be displayed. National Historian Mike McCormack, along with Brothers Joe Sullivan of New Jersey and Jim Gallagher of Connecticut is organizing a committee to raise funds in order to restore these submarines so that they may be displayed. This committee is sponsored, but not necessarily funded, by the AOH. However, any support you can give this worthy cause would be appreciated.

The president of our division in Mobile, Alabama, John P. Commick, has written me that their division is going to place a plaque in the battleship USS Alabama to honor John Barry as father of the U.S. Navy.

Michael Foister is chairing this committee, and has asked me to present the plaque on John Barry Day in September.

Congratulations to National Organizer Tom Gilligan and all of the brothers who helped him organize nine new divisions since July. The new divisions are located in Erie County, New York (2); Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; Browder County, Florida; and Los Angeles County, California (6). Now is the time for each division to start a membership drive. It is proven that in fraternal organizations you will lose an average of ten percent of your membership each year. If each division president would work toward twenty-five percent growth, you would realize a net increase of fifteen percent. Remember, active divisions attract new members, and new members make active divisions!

In closing, I want to wish everyone a blessed and happy St. Patrick's Day.

National Board Official Pilgrimage Set to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

County Mayo, Ireland
Saturday, July 1, 1989

In association with O'Connors Fairways Travel of New York, and Nick Murphy, Pilgrimage Chairman, the following are the official 8-day and 4-day coach tours, to coincide with the AOH PILGRIMAGE TO Knock on July 1, 1989.

29 June: Depart JFK Airport, New York, for Ireland.

Coach Tour A: 8 Days; Coach Tour B: 4 Days.

30 June: Arrive at Knock, at Msgr. James Horan International Airport, board our luxury coach for the brief trip to Westport to our hotel. Welcome reception there. Afternoon free for relaxation and exploring this historic town; dinner at hotel.

1 July: Pilgrimage Day at Knock. Beginning with Mass at the old church at Knock at 11 am followed by lunch, and then afternoon free for private prayer and reflection in this holiest of Irish places. Coach transfer to Westport, gala dinner with invited guest speakers tonight at our hotel.

2 July: Morning departure via the coast road, past Ireland's Holy Mountain, Croagh Patrick, Louisburgh and then through Killary Harbour to the Skye Road into Clifden. Visit Millers Tweed Factory, Kylemore Abbey, and the Connemara National Park, home through Tourmakeady and the Gaeltarra Aran Knitwear Factory, Mass then in the evening at Ballinabur Abbey, Ireland's oldest Abbey, and reputed departure point of St. Patrick's Pilgrimage, dinner at one of Westports fine restaurants, at your own discretion.

Optional day trip to the Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh, County Kildare. Details from AOH President.

3 July: Depart our hotel for the last time, drive via Ballinrobe to Headford and Galway City, shopping there at Royal Tara and Galway

Crystal, lunch, and finally head south to the Clare Inn, at Clarecastle, dinner and overnight here.

***Or pick up rental car here, or meet friends/relatives; end of Coach Tour B: 4 days.

4 July — Independence Day: Morning spent touring the County Clare from the cliffs of Moher to Kilfenora, golf at Lahinch for those who wish, special medieval banquet at Bunratty.

5 July: Depart this morning for Killarney, through Limerick, Adare and Abbeyfeale, afternoon free for golf or relaxation at Killarney, take a jaunting car ride, or a cruise on the lakes. Dinner at your discretion tonight.

July 6: Drive this morning around the magical Ring of Kerry, heading north then via Tralee to Adare and Limerick. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

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THE APPARITION

At about 8 o'clock on the Thursday evening of the 21st August, 1879, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of the church at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland; beside them and a little to the right was an altar with a cross and the figure of a lamb, around which angels hovered. There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition — young and old. They watched it for two hours in pouring rain and recited the Rosary. Two Commissions of Enquiry accepted their testimony as trustworthy and satisfactory in 1879 and 1936.

Today, Knock ranks among the world's major Marian Shrines, having enjoyed the full approval of the Church for many years. It has received privileges from four Popes. The most recent privilege was the visit of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on the 30th September, 1979.

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Alternative Arrangements: Scheduled service is available on Aer Lingus to Shannon or Dublin, air fares from \$479.00 plus \$13.00 tax, payable in full by February 28. Late payment penalty, \$155.00. Also Pan Am service to Shannon. The above tour dates are extendable either way. Please ask for details and for add-on fares from outlying cities.

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All AOH members and their families and friends are invited to attend the Pilgrimage Ceremonies at Knock on July 1, whether participating in the above tour or not.

To join in the above tour, call your local AOH Division today, or call or write to O'Connors Fairways Travel, 900 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017, Tel. 212-861-0650, or Nationwide, 1-800-288-7609. (Ask for Brian Nolan).

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1989 Irish Way Now Open to Applicants

ST PAUL, MN — A group of 150 American teenagers won't be greeted by fireworks when they land in Dublin, Ireland, this 4th of July but they won't mind at all because they will have more than five weeks in Ireland on the annual IRISH WAY summer program still ahead of them.

Sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute, a non-profit public foundation which has administered the program since 1976, the IRISH WAY is accepting applications for its 14th year.

A sure sign of the program's success is the impressively large number of the more than 1,400 alumni — nearly one-third — who have had a brother or sister participate in the previous 13 IRISH WAY programs.

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The Institute provides some financial aid for the Irish Way program, as do a number of Irish and Irish American groups.

To obtain an application and more information, write IRISH WAY, Irish American Cultural Institute, 2115 Summit Ave., College of St. Thomas (Box 6026), St. Paul, MN 55105, or call (612) 647-5678.

Special Meeting Scheduled for AOH Chaplains

National Board chaplains and all state chaplains of the AOH are asked to come to a special meeting in Beverly, Ohio on Tuesday, April 18, 1989.

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Rev. Donald O'Carroll
National Deputy Chaplain

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Chaplain's Message

Teachtameac An Seipimáca

Rev. Donal O'Carroll, Deputy National Chaplain

My Dear Bishop Drury, Fellow Chaplains and Brother and Sister Hibernians,

The joyous season of Christmas has passed and a sense of new expectations again fills our hearts and minds in anticipation of a bright new year. We again turned our attention to the Judean Hills — to Bethlehem and the still unsettled Holy Land, as God sent his son made of a woman so that we might receive the status of adopted sons. (Galatians 4:4-15).

The realization of the Christmas message was brought home to me in a very real way. It was a new experience for me, a loving insight into what Christmas should be for most Irish men and women. Christmas in our Fatherland is still, thank God, a predominantly religious celebration.

The occasion I write about was a recent Irish concert at Parkersburg, West Virginia, given by Phil Coulter, the master of Irish music, with his accompanying vocalist, Maura O'Connell. I had the great privilege to introduce these good will ambassadors of Irish music and culture from Ireland to the audience.

Phil and his orchestra held their mostly non-Irish audience spellbound all during the first part of the concert; but the best was yet to come in the Christmas theme. Listening to Phil do the Christmas narrative from scriptures and "one solitary life" with musical background, and Maura singing *Holy Night, Away In A Manger* and *Angels We Have Heard On High* brought tears to many eyes. Never before at any concert did we feel such a presence and meaning of the Christ child's coming as in that awesome event. What boggles my mind, however, was two of Ireland's most renowned musicians bringing us a real sense of peace. Even when this is still a much-needed entity in Northern Ireland, Phil Coulter told us much about it in one of his theme tunes, *The Town He Loves So Well*, his native Derry. This was his concluding song.

We Irish men and women seem to be able to respond to the needs of so many other peoples; we are well motivated; full of Christian idealism in helping others. This of course is the Gospel message and we heed it well. However, when it comes to ourselves in dealing with other Irish people we fail so often in putting the motto of our order, Unity, Friendship, and Christian Charity, into practice.

Phil Coulter and Maura brought a Christmas message to Parkersburg, to the hills of West Virginia — the message of peace from the land and people of Ireland, from the broken and divided City of Derry. What did we do this season of Christmas for Derry and the other cities of Nor-

thern Ireland? Or for that matter for the broken homes around the Irish countryside bleeding from the immigration of the gifted and the best.

What are we Hibernians doing about the economy of Ireland (all of it); about setting it on a sound and secure footing? What are we doing for the new Irish, the best educated of any country in Europe who, yet, have to come here or go elsewhere for employment.

Many questions are asked and many answers to the problems are given. All have some solution, but to have a solution that will work, that is plausible, is another question.

Did it ever occur to us that Phil Coulter and Maura, in bringing the Peace of Christ to us in music and song, yes and the Christmas message itself, that God has blessed us as a people in our adopted country; that we should be a very, very thankful people. Maybe some of us have to experience the want and pain of others so that we learn to be a thankful people, and to understand our own want and pain.

The message may never come or it may come slowly or partially; we still have hope. But if it does, let us immediately resolve that we are going to pray, even fast, and be reconciled ourselves so that we can then reconcile others.

How about going on our hands and knees and joining others on their hands and knees in prayer — yes, with a special focus on the elimination of an artificial border (so costly to keep) that will probably mean very little after the Euro-Market Enactment in 1992 anyway.

How about joining some of us as we tour Europe next time and going on our knees at Knock, Loughderg (St. Patrick's purgatory), or Fr. Neal Carlin's Columba House in Northern Ireland. And, let's make some visits to other historical spots of interest and take some time to enjoy Irish life and culture. Thus during the coming year, as we practice more resolutely the hallmarks of our Order, Unity, Friendship and Christian Charity, these virtues will begin to flow from us and begin to be part of the understanding of life of the "folks at home" in the land of our birth and our forefathers.

Certainly, if the master of Irish music, Phil Coulter and Maura O'Connell, could bring us such happiness in song and story in a short evening at Parkersburg, West Virginia, can we not return the favor in our "we" prayer and good wishes to the people in "towns we love so well" in the Emerald Isle.

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Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL McCORMACK

MONTHLY PROFILES. The first of the bi-monthly *Profiles in Patriotism* appears in this issue. Historians may receive a monthly mailing of Profiles in Patriotism for use at their meetings by writing to this office.

HOLLAND PROJECT. On Jan. 20, National President Mike Coogan and National Director John McInerney met with our Holland Submarine Committee at the Patterson Museum where the two original submarines built by inventor John Holland of Co. Clare are stored. The Committee, consisting of Joe Sullivan, Jack Flatley, and Jim Gallagher, showed Mr. Coogan the submarines and discussed the financing of a proper display for them. We also showed him the file of approximately 10,000 papers, most in Holland's own writing, that are part of the Holland Collection, which we would like to microfilm, document, and make available to historians. We then met with the museum management to discuss the plans and cost factors of such a project. The National President was very impressed with these treasured relics of Irish-

As for our other projects:
NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION. All essays must be received at Division level by Feb. 1, submitted to State Historians by Feb. 15, and to this office by March 15. The winning college level essay will appear in the *Irish Echo*, and the winning open essay will appear in this *Digest*.

Book Review

NORTHERN IRELAND
The Political Economy of Conflict

By Bob Rowthorn and Naomi Wayne
In this book, Bob Rowthorn and Naomi Wayne provide a clear and incisive analysis of the politics and economy of Northern Ireland, from the partition to the present day. They outline options for the future of the province and argue for the withdrawal of British troops and the reunification of Ireland.

The book focuses on the development of the economy of Northern Ireland, comparing it with economic development in the Irish Republic and the UK. The roles of foreign investment, international trade, and British government subsidies are examined. The authors also analyze the causes and effects of discrimination and inequality, documenting their differential impact on Protestants and Catholics. On the bases of these analyses, they assess the likely consequences of British withdrawal and specify measures that might be taken to minimize violence and improve living standards.

November 1988; 230 pages with tables, figures, maps, appendixes, biblio, index; \$45.

Westview Press, 5500 Central Ave., Boulder, CO 80301.

IRISH TRIVIA

1. What city is referred to in the song "The Town I loved so Well?"
2. Who donated 5 pounds to the Irish people and 100 pounds to a dog kennel during the height of the famine?
3. Who is called Ireland's National Composer?
4. Who was the first Catholic Bishop in the United States?
5. Where is the Fanad peninsula?
6. What does the 'White' in the flag of Ireland represent?
7. Who is called "Mary of the Gaels?"
8. What Irish statesman said "Human blood is no cement for the temple of Liberty?"
9. Who was the first Irish-Catholic to ever run for the U.S. Presidency?
10. What is the emblem of the Fenians?

(Answers on Page 22)

Profiles in Patriotism

THOMAS DAVIS

Few events in Irish History are as tragic as the death of Thomas Osborne Davis. A rare man, his impact on the history of Ireland has never been truly appreciated.

Born in Cork in 1814, the son of a British Army surgeon, he was educated at Trinity College and called to the Bar in 1838. But Davis heard another call — the call of Ireland. He heard it in the voice of Dan O'Connell when the Great Emancipator visited his home town of Mallow in 1842, and asked a crowd of 400,000, "Where is the coward who would not die for Ireland?" This was a fiery young O'Connell, not the parliamentarian of later years, and he raised the consciousness of the Irish to a new spirit of nationalism. Men like Davis, filled with the fire of that patriotism, joined his cause.

O'Connell however, fell short of the goals he inspired in other men when he opted to negotiate in the Parliamentary arena. Davis, on the other hand, fired by O'Connell's early speeches against the tyranny of England, never changed direction as had his mentor. The young Protestant barrister with two colleagues, Charles Gavan Duffy and John Blake Dillon, founded *The Nation*, a newspaper that would propagate patriotism and a love for Irish national literature like no other tabloid of its time.

The Nation became a great power whose place in history is that it rekindled the dying flame of Wolfe Tone's nationalist doctrine. Since the abortive risings of 1798, England's suppression of Irish nationalism had all but stamped out the memory of the great Tone and his sacrifice. It was *The Nation* that revived that sentiment and inspired a lasting tradition, due in no small part to the nationalist writings of Thomas Davis himself.

It is truly written that the bullet of the patriot is soon forgotten while the words of the poet are immortal. Davis was brilliant with words and verse; his poetry captured the nation's imagination. He lionized Ireland's tragic heroes and gave her some of her most inspiring ballads. His style was articulate as well; his

American history, and authorized this office to raise funds to assist in publicizing John Holland and his contribution to America. A subscription campaign will shortly be officially underway.

VIDEO HISTORY. As promised, video tapes would be made available to supplement organizing or education efforts. Those presently available are:

a. 1987 dedication of the Thomas J. Clarke Homesite in Manorville, Long Island, by the AOH (Excellent Quality/Color) — \$10.

b. Ireland Rediscovered, a series on Irish History by Eoin McKiernan, which was saved from oblivion by the University of Minneapolis Library. The black and white video quality is poor to fair, but the sound is excellent. 12 half-hour programs on 1 six-hour cassette — \$15.

MONUMENT SEARCH. State, County and Division historians are urged to document and provide a brief writeup on any Irish monuments, public plaques, or historical sites in their geographical area. Those sent will be mentioned in this column as they are received.

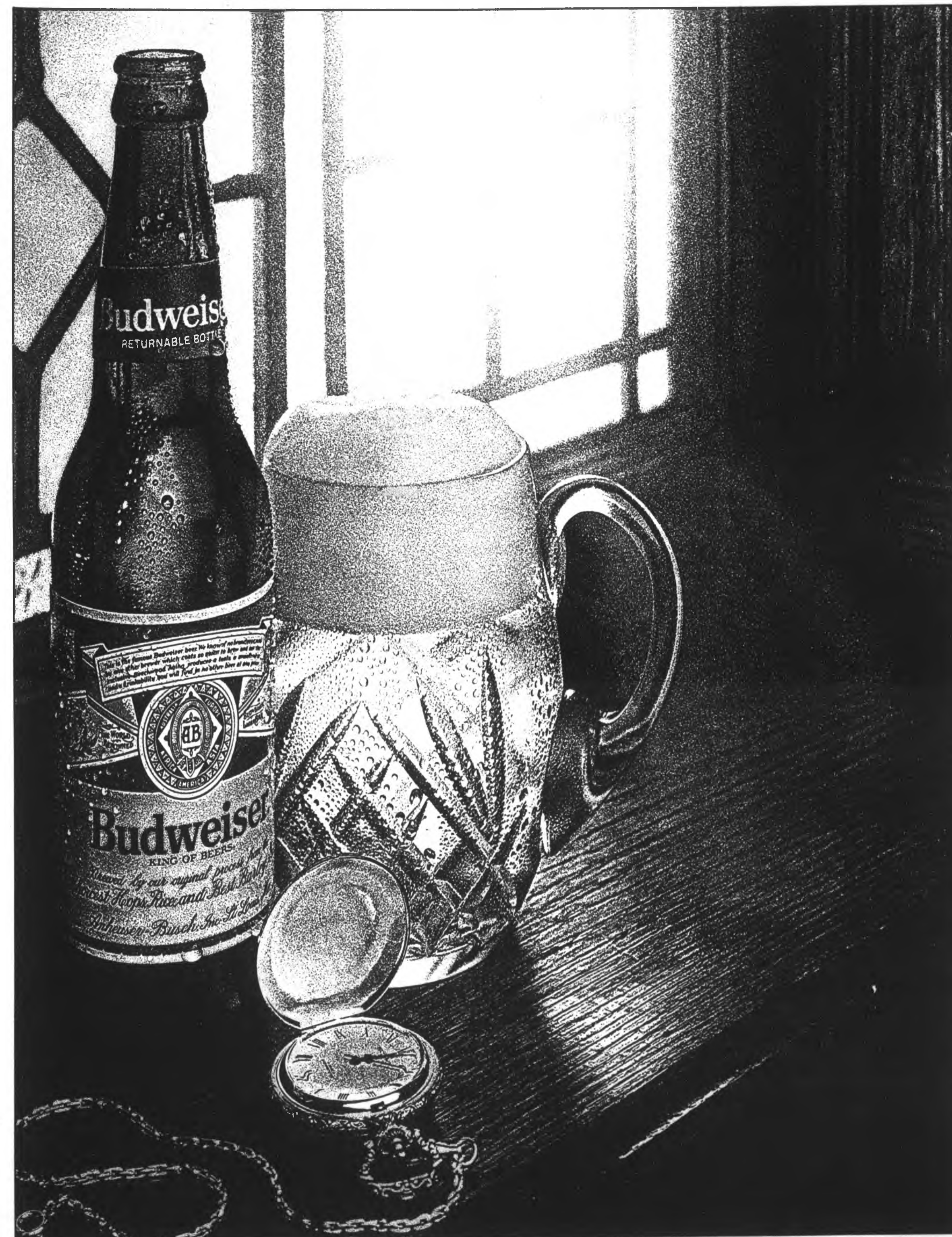
poem *The Fate of King Dathi* became the model for Tennyson's *Charge of the Light Brigade* written ten years after Davis' death. His lament for the great Chieftain Owen Roe O'Neill, who was poisoned by a pawn of the English in 1649, seethes with fury:

Did they Dare, Did they dare to slay
Owen Roe O'Neill
Yes they slew with poison him they
feared to face with steel.
May God wither up their hearts, may
their blood cease to flow,
May they walk in living death, who
poisoned Owen Roe.

His memorable poems about Fontenoy, the Clare Dragoons, and Wolfe Tone were on the lips of every Irishman of the age. He drew to his philosophy such talented future leaders as John Mitchel, Speranza, William Smith O'Brien, Michael Doheny, Clarence Mangan, D'Arcy McGee, and Thomas Francis Meagher. His followers became the Young Irelanders, and their impact on history was considerable for they carried Davis's philosophy into the origin of Ireland's greatest nationalist movement — the Fenian Brotherhood. Unfortunately they did so without the master for Thomas Davis, at the young age of 31, succumbed to a fever brought on by an exhausted condition, and he died at his mother's home in Dublin on Sept. 16, 1845.

The death of Davis, the brave young hope of his country, was a greater disaster for Ireland than she has ever realized for he was the bridge between Tone and Stephens; between United Irishmen and Irish Republican Brotherhood. It was he who insured that the nationalism of Tone was not interred with him in that green grave at Bodenstown which Irishmen cherish as their most prized possession.

The only consolation we have is that his songs are with us still. Who has not marvelled at the bold courage displayed in *The West's Awake*; and who is not moved — to this very day — by the nationalist sentiment in the song he wrote to express his fondest desire — *A Nation Once Again*.



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STATE NEWS: Ohio



STEUBENVILLE, OHIO — Attending the Ohio State Board meeting held here recently were, left to right, Michael Muldowney, deputy national organizer; Michael J. Coogan, AOH national president; Rev. Donal O'Carroll, deputy national chaplain; and Kevin Reynolds, national director.



YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO — On December 10, 1988, Joseph T. Nally Division No. 6 installed new officers for 1989 at its annual Christmas party. Joining the festivities and administering the oath of office were State President Thomas Murphy and State Chaplain Rev. Thomas O'Carroll. The new officers include President Patrick J. Donlin, Vice President Thomas Carney, Treasurer Charles Byrne, Financial Secretary Thomas Durkin, Recording Secretary Robert O'Connell, Sentinel Dennis Jones, Marshal Hugh McLaughlin and Chairman of the Standing Committee David McGuire, Jr. Pictured in the photo from left to right: Father O'Carroll; outgoing president, James Cahill; State President Thomas Murphy and new President Patrick J. Donlin.



DAYTON, OHIO: National President Mike Coogan installs the new officers of John F. Kennedy Division 1, Montgomery County. The ceremony followed Mass at St. Joseph's Church, with dinner served in the Club Room. New officers are President Thomas Roach, Vice President Bernard McGovern, Recording Secretary John Mulhern, Financial Secretary Frederick Kelley, Treasurer James Kelly, Marshal James Combo, Sentinel Patrick Dunnigan, and Standing Committee Chairman John G. Kiley.

Sullivan Brothers Honored in Waterloo, Iowa



Joseph, Francis, Albert, Madison and George Sullivan

NAVY SALUTE: The U.S. Naval Reserve salutes "The Sullivans." Their courageous spirit serves as an enduring inspiration to all veterans who have fought to defend our great nation. Albert, the only married brother, was survived by his wife and son James.

WATERLOO, IOWA: The home town of the five Sullivan Brothers gave still more recognition last November to the courage and ultimate sacrifice the men made in defense of their country. In ceremonies surrounding the rededication of the Civic Center in honor of the Sullivans, the local AOH Five Sullivan Brothers Division 1 played a major part. The National Hibernian Board was represented by President Michael Coogan.

Following an open house at K of C Council 700, on November 10, a reception was held at the Civic Center for the many dignitaries and committee members involved in the dedication programs. Coogan was presented with a key to the city by the president of the Ambassadors of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce.

At the dinner and program which followed, two of the five surviving members of the USS Juneau were present and honored: Lt. Cmdr. Lester Zook and Wyatt Butterfield. Chairman of the committee and master of ceremonies was Edward J. Gallaher, Jr., attorney, and brother Hibernian.

Still to come in the celebration was a Mass, parade and ceremony the following day. Site of the Mass was the home parish and school of the Sullivan brothers, St. Mary's. Celebrant was Rev. Donald Hayes, a boyhood friend of the Sullivans, who is now the pastor. Bishop William Franklin and Frs. Clarence Raker and Robert Hilmer were also in attendance.

The parade began from the Sullivan Brothers Memorial Park, led by the Great Lakes, Illinois, Navy Band, followed by high school bands and floats, veteran organizations, as well as boy scouts and school groups of the community. A drill team from Great Lakes and a Navy Jazz Band performed, to the delight of the onlookers.

Prominent in the parade was AOH Five Sullivan Brothers Division 1, carrying the Irish and "Erin Go Brae" flags. The division preceded

National President Coogan riding in a restored Model A Ford, owned and driven by brother Jim McElmeel. President Coogan greeted the crowds standing in the rumble seat of the car, followed by several Hibernians, including Division President Larry Duggan. All were wearing navy issue "USS the Sullivans—DD-537" caps. The DD-537 is on display at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Servicemen's Park in Buffalo, N.Y.

After the parade a 21-gun salute was presented by a local Marine and Naval Reserve Unit followed by taps by Columbus High School bugler, Keri Ludwig. The dedication services were held inside the Civic Center at which Michael Coogan, the first speaker, gave a short talk on Irish participation in all the wars in which America fought.

Lawrence W. Duggan
President, Five Sullivan
Brothers Division 1



FIVE SULLIVAN BROTHERS Div. officers meet with National President Mike Coogan. From left, Treasurer Jim Clabby, President Larry Duggan, Coogan, and Vice President Robert McElligott.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Mike Coogan prepares to march in salute.

With Your Help 'Irish Television Chicago' Aspires To 'Irish Television America'



IRISH TELEVISION CHICAGO executive producer and co-host Thomas C. Looney, left, with special co-host Elizabeth Coghlan, 1988 Chicago St. Patrick's Day queen.

It's been a long time coming," smiles Tom Looney, Executive Producer of a new television show seen in Chicago and its suburbs. "The Irish community in America, in spite of the tremendous contributions it has made to the growth and prosperity of this country, has been without any real source of televised programming in the past. It's our aim to bridge the gap."

And to reach out to the entire country with a little help from The Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The show, Irish Television Chicago, made its debut last May and has steadily gained in popularity as more Chicagoans tune in. A magazine format, hour-long adventure in Irish news, sports, and entertainment, the show airs on cable television and currently reaches over

300,000 homes.

The fast-paced show not only features the best of Ireland's musical talents with groups like The Furey Brothers and Davey Arthur, Patrick Street, The Wolfstones, and The Dublin City Ramblers; it covers the gamut of Irish life segueing quickly from items like a report on shark fishing off the coast of Mayo, to an interview with an 84-year-old Irish step dancer (complete with a surprisingly impressive demonstration), to coverage of the Young Scientists' Exhibition in Dublin, to a stroll through Yeats country.

A recent show, one that aired on December 26th, St. Stephen's Day, featured a young local boy reciting

the Wren Day drohling. The five minute segment resulted in a flood of nostalgic and appreciative mail and phone calls from viewers.

"We want to combine the elements of excitement and tradition," declares Looney. "We want the show to be so interesting and attractive that the general population, as well as the Irish American community, will tune in, give us an hour of their time, and let Irish Television America show them the real Ireland."

"The only view of Ireland most Americans see on a regular basis is coverage of the strife in the North. We'd like to show American viewers the Ireland that we know."

A Clare man himself, Looney is no stranger to taking risks and winning. He formed Cablecom Corporation in 1973 and assisted in the design and construction of one of the largest Catholic Television Networks in the United States, CTN/C of Chicago. Cablecom went on to design, install, and maintain one of the largest private cable distribution systems in the country. When Cablecom sold most of its cable-related assets to TCI/Chicago Cable Television in 1987, Looney was intrigued by the possibility of Irish television in America.

After working on the technical end of cable television for over twenty years, Looney admits that never in his wildest dreams did he ever think he'd find himself in front of the camera as a host. "Especially with such charming co-hosts," he grins. His guest co-hosts, past and future, include Elizabeth Coghlan, the 1988 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Queen; Larna Canoy, the 1987 International Rose of Tralee; and Jean Michael Conroy, the 1988 Chicago Rose of Tralee.

"Our problem now," says Looney, "is to get the show out to the rest of the country. We're set to hook-up for satellite distribution, but persuading

cable systems and individual cable operators to pick up the show is going to require a real grass roots kind of effort. We're letting the public know what we've got and asking concerned Irish Americans across the country to help us convince cable operators to give Irish Television a chance."

"After all," Looney adds, "the more than 47 million Americans who are of some Irish extraction represent a market with quite a bit of potential."

According to Looney, because he has several key elements already in place, a national satellite hook-up could become a reality very quickly. That means if a cable operator in Boston or L.A., for example, agrees to pick up and re-broadcast the show, Boston or L.A. cable viewers could be watching updates on Gaelic football, a look at the changing Irish economy, or a video tour of the Galway area within a short period of time.

"If members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians can aid us in just getting the initial contact information for their local cable operators and systems, we'll be months closer to providing them with Irish programming."

Sitting on the set of Irish Television, in a modest studio on Chicago's north side, Looney takes a break from the grueling schedule that he and his fledgling production company maintain. "This is much more than entertainment, although it certainly is that. Irish Television America is a way for the Irish here to have an instant voice on both the local and national level in the American community, and the show is the beginning of a new source of pride and support for those who wish to see that Irish culture and tradition is not only remembered, but flourishes and becomes vital on both sides of the Atlantic."



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STATE NEWS: Illinois

President John McGuire of Chicago's John F. Kennedy AOH Div. 59 recently named State Representative John McNamara "Man of the Year." Representative McNamara was honored for his leadership and dedication, resulting in enactment of the Illinois MacBride Principles bill.

Chicago's Div. 59 is a booming, exciting organization under the leadership of President John McGuire. Realizing that to attract new members one must have significant and ennobling goals, and that goals are achievable only through sufficient membership, John has concentrated on both simultaneously. Prospective members are advised, with good reason, that Div. 59 is the fastest-growing Irish-American organization in Illinois and is a leader in the following:

1) The Illinois Free-Doherty cam-

paign.

2) The Pro-Life campaign.

3) The campaign for clemency for Robert John MacBride.

4) Congressional review of the International Fund for Ireland.

5) Support of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs.

Div. 59 will resume work for immigration reform once IIRM presents its new strategies.

The Christmas Party was the most successful yet. Santa Mike Noonan's basso "Ho Ho Ho's" enchanted adults and children alike. Chief merriment-maker was Chaplain Tony Barrett, from Bangor-Erris, Co. Mayo via Kenya; a newly-minted Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology from the University of Chicago.

Recent election results are as follows:

President John McGuire; Vice-President Anthony Noonan; Recor-

ding Secretary Connie Sullivan; Financial Secretary Frank Brown; Treasurer Martin McDonnell; Chairman of the Standing Committee John Buckley Jr.; Marshal Eamonn Gaughan; Sentinel Francis Gorey; Chaplain Rev. Tony Barrett; Historian Dan Corcoran; Organizer Dan Curran; Chairman of Charity and Mission Funds, Tony Noonan; Chairman of Catholic Action Kevin Cahill; Chairman of the Freedom-For-All-Ireland committee Tom Healy; Liaison Officer Chris Fogarty.

President McGuire, a youthful leader in Illinois, will resume his organizational efforts upon his return from Bush's inauguration. While in D.C. he will visit our political representatives to press for action on our concerns.

Chris Fogarty
Public Affairs



PARTICIPATING in the naming of Illinois State Representative John McNamara "Man of the Year" by Chicago's John F. Kennedy Division 59 are, from left, Father Tony Barrett, Frank Brown, Eamon Gaughan, Tony Noonan, Division President John McGuire, Martin McDonnell, McNamara, John Gannon, and Pat McGuire.

STATE NEWS: New Jersey

Somerset County's St. Patrick Division recently elected new officers for 1989: William T. Cooper, president; Dennis J. Smyth, vice president; Patrick J. Mulrooney, recording secretary; John E. Hoey, Sr., financial secretary; Peter J. O'Neill, treasurer; and Brian P. Rogan, marshal. The new officers were sworn in by Edwin Cosgrove, New Jersey AOH State President at a special reception for new division members.

This AOH division was organized in 1983 through the efforts of its first

president, Thomas J. Lavin. The division has been very active in Irish cultural events both within and outside New Jersey and with the Irish Immigration Reform Movement.

The Hibernians have been sponsoring ceili (Irish folk) dancing lessons since 1984. Ceili lessons are free; those interested should contact Dennis Smyth at (201)968-8667. They also sponsor intermediate and advanced Irish language classes (contact J. Ken O'Brien (201)231-1695; and tin whistle classes (contact P. Joe Mulrooney (201)725-1956).



NEW OFFICERS of St. Patrick Div. 1, Somerset County, NJ, left to right, Recording Secretary Patrick J. Mulrooney, Financial Secretary John E. Hoey, Sr., Marshal Brian P. Rogan, Vice President Dennis J. Smyth, and President William T. Cooper are congratulated by New Jersey State AOH President Edwin Cosgrove. Missing due to the untimely death of his father, is Treasurer Peter J. O'Neill.

N.J. Division Leads Drive to Donate Irish Books to Library

James J. Howard Div. AOH
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Most Worthy President,

We are writing to inform you of a most exciting project our Division has championed and has actively encouraged all other Irish organizations in Ocean County, NJ, to support.

We have noted that our county library system has a severe lack of books on Ireland, its history, culture, politics and the vast contributions the Irish people have made in the building of this great nation, America. Our Division resolved to commence a book drive to correct this situation by purchasing hardcover books for donation to our library system. Our Division members have reached out to every Irish organization within Ocean County and successfully gained their active support and participation. We are pleased to inform you that all Irish groups in our area are united in a common cause to insure that future generations of Irish-Americans and all those within our area have adequate resources available to discover the richness of Ireland's history, heritage and culture. When the Irish are united and working together nothing can halt the progress we can make. We hope to be able to place between 150 to 200 books regarding Ireland in our county library system. Such a contribution would give the Ocean County library one of the finest Irish collections in the state of New Jersey.

In addition to contributions from the various Irish groups we have developed a press release and a fund-raising letter which is to be sent to each member of the Irish groups,

civic leaders and other community groups within our county. We are also willing to receive donations of hardcover books from any individual's personal collection. The response to date has been most encouraging.

We must also take this opportunity to thank Brothers McNabb and McCormack for the work they have done to aid us. The Brothers named have given us many contacts for the purchase of Irish books.

We encourage other Divisions to consider embarking upon similar projects within their own communities. The Order has always been actively concerned about the furtherance of Irish culture and history. Wherever a Division is organized the AOH should see to it that the local library contains adequate books on Ireland. Such a project is also a service to the various communities in which we live, a fact that is usually not ignored by the local press.

Enclosed please find a copy of our fund raising letter.

We would appreciate any help or advice you or any other Brothers can give us. We are having considerable difficulty in finding hardcover or clothbound books regarding the situation in British Occupied North-east Ireland. We are most concerned that our library system contain a good collection on the present struggle of the Irish people for freedom.

We would be most willing to offer our advice and aid to any other Division that may wish to undertake a similar project.

Thomas J. McBride, President
James J. Howard Division AOH
Ocean County, NJ Div. 1
Brian J. Phillips, Coordinator
Irish Book Project

STATE NEWS: Virginia



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS. 1989 leaders of the Col. John Fitzgerald Division 1, Arlington, Virginia, are, left to right, front row, Charles Hagger, marshal; James Carmody, national chairman, Charities and Missions (Installing Officer); Thomas Gaughan, president; Joseph Gormley, financial secretary/treasurer; Jack Smith, chairman, Ways and Means. Back row, Edward McNamara, recording secretary; Ed Watkins, sentinel; Rev. John D. Kelly, chaplain; Frank Pilik, vice president; and Joseph Mulcahy, secretary.

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania

On January 7 a State Board meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Carlisle. Fourteen brother members traveled from all parts of Pennsylvania in very inclement weather. Presiding was State President Ronald Bryan, assisted by State Vice President Vincent Scully; State Secretary Daniel Deasy and State Treasurer David W. Fleming. Also in attendance were Allegheny County President David O'Connor, Lackawanna County President Robert Coleman, Philadelphia County President Patrick Mulrooney, St. John Neumann 11 Division President John Bonner, Black Jack Kehoe Division President Michael Williams, along with Tony Mielecki. Also representing St. John Neumann 11 was Joseph Clark. Representing John F. Kennedy Division 1 were State Chairman of Missions and Charities Paul Finnerty, Treasurer Joseph Murrin and John Kane.

A program has begun in the state to help raise funds for the retirement of Catholic nuns and the Christian brothers, along with financial support of the Parochial School system. All three projects, when you think about it, are woven into one. If you can remember when you were young and had a Parochial education, it was the good nuns and the Christian brothers who gave us that education in a Parochial school. Now their day has come. It has been reported that some nuns are homeless, and the pension fund for the Christian brothers exhausted, and the closing of Parochial schools a frequent occurrence.

Allegheny County reports they will have their annual County Board John F. Kennedy Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast on Sunday, March 5, 1989. The breakfast



PRESIDENT BOB COLEMAN, Division 2, Carbondale, PA, presents checks to Sister Marian Denise Walsh, left, of the St. Joseph Center, Scranton, and Mrs. Diane Keller, United Cerebral Palsy, Scranton. Funds for the charities were raised in the division's annual Charity Drive, which ended with the AOH Irish Jubilee at Airy Lodge, Mount Pocono, PA.

will be at Duranti's Park Plaza, following 9:00 A.M. Mass in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Philadelphia County reports that the annual St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday, March 12, 1989. Divisions and other Irish organizations from Southeast Pennsylvania are invited.

John F. Kennedy Division 1 held its installation of officers on November 5, 1988 and the following officers were installed by State President Ronald Bryan: President Bruce Cunningham, Vice-President Tom Kerrigan, Recording Secretary John Kane, Financial Secretary Robert Roche, Treasurer Joseph Murrin, Chairman Standing Committee Thomas O'Malley and Sentinel William Osborne.

Division 1 Bucks County hosted the Round Tower Degree Team from Kings County N.Y. on October 16, 1988. Fifty-eight brothers received their major degrees in the ceremony held at the division home in Bristol.

All divisions are urged to send information to John Kane, 2731 Pittsford Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

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VIRGINIA HIBERNIAN HONORED. The Commonwealth of Virginia, Ancient Order of Hibernians paid tribute to one of their own in a Testimonial Dinner for Past National Director, Roger E. Furey. Presenting him a plaque is Jerry Gorman, president, Virginia State Board. Left is State Chaplain Rev. John J. Munley and right is Joseph Mulcahy, chairman of the dinner. Irish Eye photo



VIRGINIA HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR — A.C. "Charlie" Moore, a charter member of the Lt. Col. John A. Dowd Division 1, Woodbridge, was named Virginia Hibernian of the Year. He was presented his award and plaque by Past National Director Roger Furey, left, and Virginia State Board Vice President James Carmody, right. Irish Eye photo

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STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

On Saturday evening, October 15, 1988 National Vice President Michael Carroll was honored at a testimonial given by Division 36 of Worcester at their home, the Irish Club. National, State, County and Division officers were in attendance along with members from throughout the great state of Massachusetts. To a standing room only crowd, Vice President Carroll expressed thanks for their attendance and noted that it was a night that he and his family would long remember.

On Sunday, October 16 Bill Farrell, National Chairman of the AOH Right to Life Committee, along with various State Officers from the mens and ladies State Boards led a

large delegation of members from throughout the state of Massachusetts in the Right to Life March held in Boston. Well over 7,000 marchers participated in this event. Brother Farrell hopes to lead a large delegation of Hibernians to Washington, D.C. in January for the National Right to Life March.

In November the Massachusetts State Board held their first annual Sweepstakes for the benefit of their charities fund at the home of Division 14 in Watertown.

Divisions across Massachusetts are now in the process of electing officers for the upcoming year. Early returns show that the status quo will prevail in many Divisions with veteran officers returning for

another year of service.

On the Division front, the following events are noted: Division 1, Newburyport, held an Irish Party in October at Salisbury Beach and their annual turkey raffle in late November. Division 36, Worcester, continued their weekly entertainment and meat raffles at their Division Home. North Attleboro Division 1 enjoyed a dance to the music of Noel Henry's Band in November and their annual Christmas party in December. Division 8, Lawrence, was pleased with the results of their annual Shamrock Sweepstakes held in November, and their annual family members Christmas party.

Dick Hickson



MIKE CARROLL'S GUESTS at the testimonial given in his honor by Massachusetts Division 36, Worcester, last fall.

Fifty-Year Members



FIVE MEMBERS OF DIVISION 10, Lynn, MA, were honored for attaining 50 years of membership in their division. They are John McWalters, Walter Cuffe, Sr., Joseph Keaney, John Finn and John Richardson. Citations were presented by local, state and national dignitaries. Division 10 presented each with a cap, a clock, and a 50-year pin. Each honoree spoke of what Hibernianism has meant to him through the years. Present were National Director Mike Carroll, Mass. State President William Sullivan, Essex County President Jack Hatch, State Chaplain Fr. James Champion, Division Chaplain Msgr. John Carroll, Mayor of Lynn, Albert Divigilio, State Senators Walter Boverini and Francis Doris, State Congressman Nicholas Mavroulas represented by his aide Pat Carney. Pictured above seated is Joseph Keaney, a past division president; and from left, standing, Joseph Kidney, who was master of ceremonies, John McWalters, Walter Cuffe, Sr., William Sullivan, and Fr. James Champion.

Watertown Charities



WATERTOWN, MA — At a recent AOH Division 14 reception, the Mass. State Board presented checks totalling \$4500 to four charities. Pictured is the grant to the AOH National Fund for Dependents of Political Prisoners in North Ireland, administered through the National Freedom for All Ireland Committee. At center is State Board President William Sullivan, presenting a check to AOH Past President John P. Connolly, who accepted on behalf of Martin Higgins, National FFAI chairman. Looking on, at left, is State Board Treasurer David R. Burke, and at right, State Board FFAI-Immigration Chairman John J. Meehan, Jr. Others presented checks were the Boston Irish Pastoral Center, an outreach program to undocumented Irish in Boston; the Cancer Research Unit of St. Anne's Hospital in Dublin, Ireland; and the Irish Way Scholarship Program, St. Paul, MN. An additional \$4000 will be donated to other charities in the near future. Funds are drawn from a highly successful fund raising program of the Mass. State Board.



LOCAL CLERGY of Greater Lynn, MA, were honored by AOH Division 10. Speakers at the event included National Vice President Mike Carroll, covering the National Convention, the Notre Dame Scholarship Fund and the new goal for the Catholic University Fund. Division President Joseph Kidney highlighted the division's charities, and with Ladies President Ellen Sanderson, offered membership to the clergy present. Remarks were also offered by State President Bill Sullivan, Mass. Ladies State President Mary Dolan, State Chaplain Fr. James Champion, Essex Co. President Jack Lawless, and LAOH President Maryellen Pellitier. They are pictured above, left to right, first row, Fr. James Champion, Ellen Sanderson, Mary Dolan, Mike Carroll, Maryellen Pellitier. Second row, Joseph Kidney, James Gately, vice president Div. 10; David Johnsen, chairman of event; Fr. Dan Bowen, former both Mass. state chaplain and deputy national chaplain; and Bill Sullivan.

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STATE NEWS: Rhode Island

Testimonial Held for William J. McEnery

More than 400 friends, associates and family members joined in a recent tribute to Past National AOH President William J. McEnery at an Early Retirement dinner-dance sponsored by the AOH Wm. J. McEnery Division 12 of Providence, held at the 1025 Club in Johnston, R.I. Bill left the Providence Journal Company as Personnel Administrator after 40 years of dedicated service.

Bill served the AOH as National President in 1964-66 and is currently the AOH State President.

Gov. Edward D. DiPrete said in part in his proclamation

"WHEREAS, Bill McEnery has been with the Providence Journal for some forty years, most currently serving as Personnel Administrator, and has also written the Veteran's Column for the past thirty-seven years and will continue to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS, Bill McEnery is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, of which he previously served as the youngest National President in the one hundred and fifty-two year history of the organization, being elected at the age of thirty-four, and currently is the State AOH President; and

WHEREAS, Bill McEnery, father of Joan, Eileen, Dennis, and Dr. Kevin, and lifelong resident of Providence, Rhode Island, has earned the deep respect and admiration of his colleagues for the dedication and professionalism he has continually displayed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward D. DiPrete, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Do Hereby Proclaim

BILL MCENERY RECOGNITION DAY

in the state of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in congratulating this remarkable man on the occasion of his Early Retirement, and wishing him a happy, healthy, future. . . ."

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Salvatore R. Matano, Vicar of Administration Co-Chancellor, read messages of congratulations from the Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of Providence; the Most Rev. Kenneth A. Angell, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence and the Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of Norwich. Monsignor Matano said in part,

"You are a man of high moral character and a man of great faith; faith in God and faith in His Church. You have exemplified this faith in your dedicated service to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and I am sure that you will devote even more time to your charitable works. You have been an example to all who have known you. You are a true Catholic gentleman of whom we are all proud. . . ."

The national AOH and LAOH were represented at the testimonial by National Vice President Michael Carroll, National Ladies President Mary E. Bradley and the Rev. George B. McCarthy, LAOH Deputy National Chaplain and State AOH Chaplain. Among the AOH guests from outside the state were Past National President John P. Connolly, National Buy Irish Chairman David Burke, Massachusetts LAOH President Mary E. Dolan and Deputy Director of Public Relations Dick Hickson. The Providence Journal Company was represented by Howard G. Sutton, vice-president-Administration and John C.A. Walkins, Chairman emeritus and retired Publisher and President. Richard Reynolds, retired Journal Sports Editor, was master of ceremonies. Patrick J. Fallon, skipper of the WRIB Irish Showboat, was chairman with Joseph E. Fanning, treasurer and Norbert B. Stamps, secretary, assisted by members of Division 12.

Citations and resolutions were presented at the event by Rep. Irving H. Levin from the House of Representatives; Sen. Victoria Lederberg from the Rhode Island Senate; Att. Gen. James E. O'Neil and State Treasurer-elect Anthony J. Solomon. Certificates and plaques

Division One Installs New Officers



NEWPORT, R.I. — Installation of Division 1 officers on January 6 was presided over by Past State and Division President Neil Sullivan. From left are Secretary Thomas Gough; Treasurer Charles Torocinta; President Norman J. King; Master of Arms Dennis Reddy; Vice President Vincent Arnold; and Sentinel Timothy Lynch. Missing is Financial Secretary Christopher Behan. Snacks provided by Walther Grou were enjoyed following the ceremony.

Photos by Russ Siebens



GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED by Past National AOH President William J. McEnery, center, at Early Retirement Testimonial dinner-dance held in Rhode Island. Past State President Norbert B. Stamps is shown at left.



AMONG HEAD TABLE GUESTS at Bill McEnery Testimonial are, left to right, Vicar for Administration Co-Chancellor Msgr. Salvatore R. Matano, Pastor of St. Augustine's Church Rev. Edward F. Egan, National AOH Vice President Michael Carroll, Deputy National LAOH Chaplain Rev. George B. McCarthy and National LAOH President Mary E. Bradley.

were presented by representatives from the American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled

American Veterans, Cranston Veterans Council, United Veterans Council of R.I. and Pawtucket Veterans Council.



NEWPORT, R.I. — Michael J. Molloy, right, turns over the president's green gavel to newly elected 1989 president, Norman J. King, at Division 1's January meeting. The outgoing leader has served as chairman of the house committee, vice president two years and president two years. While his accomplishments might go unnoticed by many members, Molloy's common sense and untiring work have left the division in a stable and solvent condition, for which all members express appreciation.

STATE NEWS: Texas

Jim Foley — Grand Marshal

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Jim Foley, Houston Rockets radio broadcaster who has been involved with the parade since 1973, has been named Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade is set for downtown Houston on Saturday, March 11, at 10 A.M. A unique blend of the many cultures of Houston, the parade, believed to be the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi River.

A native of LaSalle, Ill, Foley, 49, graduated from St. Patrick's School



JIM FOLEY

in that city where in the late 1940's the local government was turned over to the Irish for St. Patrick's Day. With authority to levy fines for indiscretions such as not wearing green, the Irish raised funds to help the poor of the area. Foley's late father, John, served as honorary Irish mayor for several years and later was elected the real mayor for a four-year term in 1973. Mr. Foley died on St. Patrick's Day in 1984, while Foley's mother remains in LaSalle. This year's Grand Marshal's great-grandfather, John, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1838 and came to the United States in 1857, settling in LaSalle at that time.

A member of the Dick Dowling Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of St. Teresa's Parish, Foley has served as Master of Ceremonies at many Irish events, including the St. Patrick's Day Queen Contest for 15 years. He and his wife of twenty years, Carolyn, reside in Houston's Memorial area.

Texans Launch MacBride Effort

An Ad Hoc committee met in San Antonio, Texas, to coordinate a campaign to legislate the MacBride principles into law. The Committee was formed by the Irish American Unity Conference and the AOH. Mr. James Delaney and James Brown, both from San Antonio, were selected co-chairmen of the Committee. Mr. Kevin O'Connell of Austin was appointed legislative liaison and will coordinate the bill's progress and enactment at the State Capital. Mr. Patrick Patton of Houston was appointed Public Relations chairman and will be spokesman for the committee. Mr. Delaney will coordinate budget and finance activities for the committee and lobby support. Mr. Brown will direct the grassroots campaign throughout the state.

Ms. Linda Vaughn, a professional

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Flatley's Corner

Jack Flatley

THE FRENCH IN MAYO AND THE FICKLE IRISH WEATHER

The visiting tourist sightseeing in Ballina, in the County Mayo, may pause and look in the center of the town at the imposing statue commemorating liberty and honoring the French and Irish soldiers, led by General Jean Joseph Amable Humbert, who fought the forces under British General Cornwallis (of Yorktown fame) in the year 1798.

Until recently, little was known of the men who fought and marched through Mayo during the "Rising of '98". A great story it is, indeed.

On August 22, 1798 General Humbert landed his force of 1,100 men at Kilcummin Strand on the Head of Kilcummin, which juts seaward between Lackan Bay and Killala Bay on the north coast of Mayo. Humbert's force marched the 14 miles to Ballina, where he was joined by several thousand Irish volunteers. With Killala and Ballina captured, off they marched to do battle at Castlebar, where a numerically superior English army was defeated in spectacular fashion. This battle became known in history as "The Castlebar Races," describing the rapid retreat of the Redcoats.

Unfortunately for the French-Irish fighters, General Cornwallis collected and grouped his many regiments of English and Scottish soldiers and advanced on the rebel-invaders. Humbert's force was driven from Castlebar in September and was doggedly pursued to Foxford and Swinford in Mayo; to Collooney in Sligo; and on to the towns of Dromahair, Drumkeeran, Drumshanbo, Carrick, and Cloone—all in Leitrim. Finally, Cornwallis forced their surrender at Ballinacorney in County Longford.

Cornwallis was not only stung by the defeat at Castlebar, but also carried the shame of his defeat by the Yankees in the American Colonies. He knew well that many of the Yankee soldiers were Irish born. He was determined to never again suffer disgrace in battle.

When Thomas Flanagan published his novel *The Year Of The French* in 1979, interest in the "Rising of '98" was renewed and the historical events of the Franco-Irish entente were brought to light. The fame of Theobald Wolfe Tone and James Napper Tandy was rekindled in the pages of this epic, historic novel, and the tragedy of the Irish recruits who fought with Humbert was retrieved from the dim pages of Irish history. All the Irish patriots were executed and the tragedy of the Irish recruits who fought with Humbert was retrieved from the dim pages of Irish history.

As usual, in the way of the Irish rebellions, the people were not a bit interested in the politics and the military maneuvering. The reason, in 1798, was the pitiful poverty of the Irish peasants—and most Irish were peasants in those days. Hungry farmers were not concerned with the niceties of revolutionary ideology. Jean Louis Jobit, one of

Humbert's captains, wrote in his diary: "One thing which surprised us greatly was the extreme poverty we encountered everywhere. Never before had I seen a more wretched country; the men, women, and children go about hungry and half-naked with no shelter other than their poor, cramped little huts which do little to protect them from the ravages of weather."

It is ironic that the root causes of the "Rising of '98", poverty and despair, were, in fact, the reasons the people could not, in their helplessness, rise up and support the rebels.

A frightful storm prevented the first French expedition (6,000 strong) from landing at Bantry Bay in 1796. Wolfe Tone, on board one of the French ships of line recorded in his diary: "England has not had such an escape since the Spanish Armada of 1558, and that expedition, like ours, was defeated by the weather." Two years later the landing force at Killala was understrength for the scale of its mission and was doomed to eventual defeat.

In Wexford, under Father John Murphy, the rebel Irish struck the British hard and fought bravely. Father Murphy was killed at the head of his column while charging forward with his pikemen. Many other uprisings and skirmishes were successful for a brief time during the summer of 1798. If Humbert's landing had resulted in a successful campaign; had the storm of 1796 not occurred—the politics of the early 1800's may have taken a more favorable turn. At the time, Ireland had a population of 8.5 million. It was the most densely populated country in Europe for its size. Unfortunately, the "Rising of '98" brought misery, slavery, occupation and torture down on the already suffering people and started the massive emigration phenomenon which continued unabated for the next 100 years.

PASS BY OLD IRELAND

The gray castle stones weathered, cracked, crumbled down. Aged monuments on parade left over from the olden times. Skeletal remains of historic grandeur enduring silently.

Stone cottages tumbled in on forgotten lives. Forever a barrow of sires dust. The shroud of mossy green a timeless tapestry.

The graceful mistle thrush skims the waving ferns. Searching the sacred spots and grassy mounds. Dips quickly for a morsel from the lichens. The traveler pauses ever seeking a Celtic link. The past is always here not much else. Old Ireland, dear old Ireland is passing by.

1988 by Jack Flatley

QUOTES OF NOTE

"I testify in truth and in joy of heart that I never had any motive, except the Gospel and His promises, for ever returning to that people from whom I previously had barely escaped."

—St. Patrick, *Confessions*

Maryland Division Invests in Children

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Officers of the Commodore John Barry Division, AOH, were installed at the division's Christmas Party held at the Radisson Annapolis Hotel in December. The Division continues to invest

its energies in promoting and supporting the local and international efforts of the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland. This project brings together Catholic and Protestant children from strife-torn

areas of Northern Ireland to the U.S. where they spend the summer with American families as well as with one another in a non-confrontational environment.

Michael F. Healy



THE SLATE OF OFFICERS elected to head Commodore John Barry Division for 1989 are, left to right, front row, William W. Owens, treasurer; William J. Toomey, president; George J. Hogan, vice president; Robert Philburn, financial secretary. Back row, Ralph Murphy, sentinel; Michael F. Healy, recording secretary; Vernon J. Laurie, chair, Grievance Committee; and Daniel E. Cheetham, marshal.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the John F. Kennedy Division 5, Prince George's County, Maryland, from left to right, front row, are: Rev. Michael C. Kidd, chaplain; Peter Flaherty, vice president; Frank Herbert, president; Charles Vidsens, financial secretary; Matthew Ryan, treasurer. Back row, Francis McCarthy, sentinel; Matthew Hannon, president, District Board (Installing Officer); Jack Gibbons, marshal; and Tim Kelliher, recording secretary.

Irish Eye photo



PRESIDENTS GALORE. At the installation of officers for the John F. Kennedy Division 5, Prince George's County, MD, all of the past presidents were in attendance. Left to right are: Patrick Troy, 1979-1980, first president; Peter Flaherty, 1981-1982; Charles Quinn, 1983-1984; Charles Vidsens, 1985-1986; Norman McCarthy, 1987-1988; and Frank Herbert, 1989.

Irish Eye photo

● National Officers' Action Reports ●

Nat'l Organizer Announces Year-Long Membership Drive

Since leaving the National Convention in July, the organizing team has been established and hard at work. To date we have new Divisions in Florida, New York, Maryland and California. Reports indicate that future Divisions are forming in Oklahoma, Wyoming, and possibly South Carolina. As you read this report, the state of Louisiana will be back in the ranks of the AOH, with the possibility of two Divisions.

The National Convention stressed the importance of building membership not only through new Divisions, in locations where none currently exist, but also through the existing Divisions. To stimulate the growth of existing Divisions, I am pleased to announce a year-long membership campaign especially for that purpose. The entire year of 1989 will be used to compile the figures that will result in an award at the National Convention. This award will be presented to the Division President whose Division has the highest number of new members; another award will be given to the Division that has the highest percent increase for the duration of the contest. To determine the winners we will use the form 9 filed in 1989 and 1990.

Several other new areas are currently being explored that will aid all Divisions and will lead to more visibility for our grand and noble Order. This includes, but will not be

limited to, paid advertising in certain areas of the country. Rather than a shotgun approach, which I used effectively in 1984-1986, we will use a selective approach. Targeting certain areas and working them to the fullest extent to establish strong leads that will eventually lead to the establishment of new Divisions.

In the near future we hope to implement a monthly article of current events and topics that will be sent as a press release to various Catholic newspapers. These articles will address issues that we are currently working on in various parts of the country. It is hoped that they will provoke readers' interest, prompting them to explore membership in our Order.

In order for the next two years to be productive every member must be a part of the organizing team and work towards bringing in new members. In a few short weeks we will be at the peak of Irish awareness, and we must take advantage of that. In the spring and summer we have many festivals available to inform people of our Order; displays and other publicity items are available for your use.

Please Become Involved In This Organizing Effort... Every Member Is On The Organizing Team! Your Suggestions Are Always Welcomed.

TOM GILLIGAN
National AOH Organizer

In Florida MacBride Principles Effort Obtains Major Endorsement

National Director Thomas E. Gilligan of Florida reports that in his state the MacBride Principles have received the endorsement of Catholic Charities USA. Gilligan reports that through the efforts of Helen Gorman, a Director of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Miami, we were able to obtain this important endorsement.

Gilligan met Helen Gorman while working the bill to a successful passage in Florida. "Helen was a terrific supporter and a key player in the passage of the bill in Florida. Her many contacts with religious leaders of other faiths, as well as her contacts in the other dioceses of Florida played an important part in our success," Tom explained. He went on to report that Helen is also concerned and active in other important activities such as immigration reform, and the undocumented, especially the Irish.

"This should help those states still working the bill, and provide yet another group of people to help towards successful passage," said Gilligan. Those states currently working the bill are encouraged to contact their local Catholic Charities to seek assistance and support.

SUPPORT FOR THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES

Whereas: The Catholic Church in the United States has long been in the forefront of fair employment practices and has led the way against discrimination of any kind; and

Whereas: American monies, including pension plans, are invested in companies in Northern Ireland; and

Whereas: Discrimination in employment opportunity in Northern Ireland is perhaps the most significant contributing factor to the growing strife and violence in the area; and

Whereas: It is generally recognized that Catholics in Northern Ireland suffer from discrimination insofar as they are denied access to regional employment; and

Whereas: The MacBride Principles:

- Increase representation of individuals from underrepresented religious groups in the work force including managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical, and technical jobs;

- Provide for adequate security for the protection of minority employees, both at the work place and while traveling to and from work;

- Ban provocative religious or political emblems from the work place;

- Require all hiring to be publicly advertised.

- Develop training programs that will prepare substantial numbers of current minority employees for skilled jobs, including the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new programs to train, upgrade, and improve the skills of minority employees;

- Establish procedures to assess, identify, and actively recruit minority employees with potential for further advancement;

- Provide for the appointment of a senior management staff member to oversee the company's affirmative action efforts and the settings up of

timetables to carry out affirmative action principles.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. Catholic Charities USA express its opposition to economic and social injustice by supporting the MacBride Principles; and

2. That Catholic Charities USA encourage its membership to support to the fullest extent, by written communication to their state legislators or city officials, legislation that would have the effect of adoption of the MacBride Principles by states and cities in which such action is pending; and

3. That Catholic Charities USA encourage its membership to support to the fullest extent, by written communication to their senators and representatives, "The Northern Ireland Fair Employment Act" (SB 229 and HB 722) which is now before the United States Congress, sponsored by Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) and Congressman Hamilton Fish, (R-N.Y.) with 75 co-sponsors.

Region M. State of Florida
Charities USA
December, 1988

Vocations: A Call to Serve!

The world has become so overwhelmingly materialistic that I am afraid we are heading for a great fall. Our church will be there to help us back to our feet; but will our church have enough clergy to minister to our need?

The need for vocations to religious life is serious and grows daily. Our priests, nuns, brothers and dedicated laity, the backbone of our spiritual and educational well-being are hard pressed in trying to reach out to the Christian community. Many areas of our own nation suffer a decreased ministry because of a lack of men and women in service to Christ.

I remember my Catholic education and I am thankful for the nuns and brothers who took the time from their lives to educate me. It is a debt I cannot really repay; but I can help other Catholic boys and girls by trying to encourage increased vocations to religious life.

My education was not free, although it didn't cost me anything. The people in my parish and throughout our archdiocese paid for it with their hard-earned nickles, dimes and dollars. Those little weekly envelopes so faithfully used, paid my way and paid the way of thousands upon thousands of my brothers and sisters.

Now it's our turn to serve our Holy Church by asking our children and grandchildren to seriously consider a life of service to our Almighty Father. What vocation could be more honored or successful? What career can offer as much reward as the religious life offers? We tend to measure success by money and prestige in today's world; but we had better start thinking about the eternal world we seek as Christians and make some real effort to restock the vineyards that Jesus has planted for our salvation.

Financial success has its place, but it should not be the yardstick of our station in life. We can't throw money at a broken heart or a troubled soul. We certainly need money to pay for vocations; so I don't deny its value and if we use money for good then it can help spread the Gospel and aid those of our world who have need of it.

Success can also be measured by serving the Lord, and assuring the

Drive Against Irish Defamation Continues

St. Patrick's Day will soon be upon us. Throughout this great land we will witness the normal display of St. Patrick's Day cards with some despicable reference to the Irish as stupid and drunkards. Some will involve sex and smut; some will display the true meaning of March 17, a Holy day, a day of worship and celebration honoring the patron Saint of Ireland.

The past number of years the AOH has protested the production and display of these degrading cards. It is my understanding that Bro. Bill LeFevers of Kansas City has been in constant contact with Hallmark Card Co., with great success in changing their cards to a religious format effective 1990. They work one year in advance, therefore they could not change the 1989 production. Other card companies will produce and display demeaning cards. We

must continue to filter the many stores and places cards are for sale. If we find any cards offensive, we must ask the establishment to please remove such negative and slanderous cards from their display. If necessary, purchase these cards and forward them to this office for further action.

I wish to thank Bro. Randy Lynch, chairman, Public Relations, New York State Board and Brother Joseph Kidney, Mass. Anti-Defamation Chairman, for their interest and concern in continuing the effort to protest these blatantly defamatory cards.

St. Patrick cards are not our only concern. We should be on the lookout for organizations using the "Irish" for fund raising opportunity. This office is investigating a promotional gimmick from a West Coast group requesting contributions benefiting a cancer fund. A \$10.00 contribution will entitle you to four chances to win a \$5,000.00 "Irish Sweepstake." Are these promotions legitimate? These types of schemes must be investigated as well as the cards.

We in Texas wish you and yours a Holy and Joyous St. Patrick's Day.

WILLIAM E. HYNES, Chairman
Anti-Defamation Committee

Notre Dame Fund Now Over \$300,000

George J. Clough, Jr., National Legal Counsel and National Chairman of the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund has just released the Annual Report of the Fund. The Fund has now exceeded the \$300,000 mark. The amount is the largest sum ever raised by the Order.

During the present school year nine sons and daughters of members are receiving scholarship assistance from the fund while attending the University of Notre Dame. Over 25 students have received help.

This year the annual Hibernian lecture was given by Dr. Timothy Meagher. Each year the fund makes available a Hibernian Research Grant to a post doctoral scholar for work in the area of the Irish in the United States. One of the past recipients of a grant has just edited a book *The Exiles of Erin* which was published this year by Notre Dame press through the auspices of the fund. The book is the first in a series to be published dealing with the Irish experience in the United States.

Anyone with outstanding pledges or donations to make or who needs information on the Fund should contact Sally Murphy, Fund Secretary, at 130 Stanmore Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212.

not consider the well-being and rights of our brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland.

We will ask you to: Stand up and be counted. We thank you for any effort you give and for any challenge you are willing to face.

VINCENT J. SCULLY
National Chairman, Catholic Action

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Extradition — A Violation of National Sovereignty And Constitutional Policy on Partition

Extradition strikes against the whole historic aspiration and conception of Ireland as a thirty-two county entity, part of whose national territory is under occupation by a foreign power. (This position is enshrined in the major historic and constitutional declarations of the Irish people.)

As the late Sean MacBride, SC, pointed out in his introduction to a collection of constitutional documents, published under the title 'Ireland's Right to Sovereignty, Independence and Unity Is Inalienable and Indefeasible', "... partition was imposed on Ireland against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland" and "The imposition of partition has led to a permanent insurrectionary situation in the six North Eastern counties of Ireland."

At the end of his introduction, Mr. MacBride quotes the Most Reverend Dr. John Austin Baker, Anglican Bishop of Salisbury, a leading Anglican theologian, who was also chaplain to the British House of Commons. At the time of the 1981 hunger strikes, this eminent Anglican bishop said of Britain: "Our injustice created the situation; and by constantly repeating that we will maintain it so long as the majority (in the Six Counties — IAEC) wish it, we actively inhibit Protestant and Catholic from working out a new future together. This is the root of the violence, and the reason why the protestors think of themselves as political offenders." (Our emphasis)

Sean MacBride makes the point that the major constitutional documents of the state here repudiate all British claims over any part of the national territory. As he puts it, "Neither Britain nor a small minority selected by Britain has any right to partition the ancient island of Ireland."

It is worth quoting from these documents. Even leaving aside the Easter 1916 Proclamation and the 1919 Declaration of Independence, which were adopted before partition and obviously assert our national unity, we can still look at the 1937 Constitution adopted by the people of this state and the Unanimous Declaration of Dail Eireann of May 10, 1949.

Article 2 of Bunreacht na hEireann states, "The national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland, its islands and the territorial seas." Article 3 speaks of the reintegration of the national territory and the right of the Parliament and Government established by the Constitution to exercise jurisdiction over the whole of that territory.

The 1949 Declaration, adopted unanimously on the joint proposition of An Taoiseach John A. Costello and Leader of the Opposition Eamon de Valera states:

"Dail Eireann, "SOLEMLY RE-ASSERTING the indefeasible right of the Irish Nation to the unity and integrity of the national territory,

"RE-AFFIRMING the sovereign right of the people of Ireland to choose its own form of Government and, through its democratic institutions, to decide all questions of national policy, free from outside interference,



"REPUDIATING the claim of the British Parliament to enact legislation affecting Ireland's territorial integrity in violation of those rights, and

"PLEDGING the determination of the Irish people to continue the struggle against the unjust and unnatural partition of our country until it is brought to a successful conclusion;

"PLACES ON RECORD its indignant protest against the introduction in the British Parliament of legislation purporting to endorse and continue the existing Partition of Ireland, and

"CALLS UPON the British Government and people to end the present occupation of our Six North Eastern Counties, and thereby enable the unity of Ireland to be restored and the age-long differences between the two nations brought to an end."

That declaration was sent to the governments and the parliaments of all countries with which Ireland had diplomatic relations. It is the only unanimous declaration of the Dail on the partition issue. What a huge step backwards, then, it is for the present Fianna Fail administration to be extraditing people to the North!

There can be no doubt, from all the above statements and the whole litany of oppression endured by the northern nationalist community since partition, that the conflict in the North is political. As Congressperson Joe Kennedy stated after his recent visit, he was in no doubt that people resorted to arms because of the intransigence of the British and their role in the North.

Given that there is a political conflict at the root of violence in the North, and that Britain's presence is the root of that conflict, and in violation of the feelings of the majority of the Irish people (and also against the feelings of most British people), and in violation of the major constitutional documents of this state, it is totally wrong for any Irish Government to extradite people to British "justice".

How can you extradite people to a foreign power whose very occupation of part of your national territory you are opposed to?

In point of fact, extradition explicitly recognises the right of Britain to be in Ireland, to impose its will and its laws in our country by force of arms, to flout our aspirations and the constitutional positions of this state, and to imprison, torture and kill Irish citizens. Extradition is a total betrayal of Irish national sovereignty. It is saying that Britain is right to be in the North and has always been right in being there, and that anyone who resists their presence is a common criminal.

Clearly, there is now a total rejection of Patrick Pearse's famous dictum that freedom for Ireland meant "... not the freedom of a geographical fragment of Ireland, but the freedom of all Ireland, of every sod of Ireland." And what of Mr. Haughey's 1986 declaration that Northern Ireland is a failed political entity?

The whole extradition process simply turns the courts, judiciary and police, and the political institutions, of this state into part of the whole conveyor belt system of British injustice in Ireland.

The independence of this state becomes further eroded. And it is clear that the more which is surrendered to Britain, the more Britain will demand. At the end of this process, will there be anything left of our national aspirations and the constitutional documents in which they are enshrined? Will there be anything left of our independence? Will there be anything left that any Irish person can be proud of?

The time to stop this process is now.

Rather than handing over Irish citizens who are engaged in trying to resist Britain's presence — i.e. people who are actively seeking to implement the positions of the majority of Irish people and of Article 2 of the 1937 Constitution and the whole 1949 Declaration — the Irish Government should abolish the 1987 Extradition Acts and begin doing all it can to pressure the British to leave Ireland, thus creating a framework in which peace and justice can be achieved.

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Profiles in Patriotism Easter Rising 1916

THOMAS J. CLARK

Every nation honors the memory of Patriots whose personal sacrifices contributed to their freedom. In our United States, George Washington looms up larger than any other figure. In Ireland, the American Revolution, although Sean Nathan Hale a martyr for its cause, the Easter Rising of 1916, a mark rising that led to today's Republic and Concord of Irish history — when against the might of England for the first time, the men of Easter Week, is the personification of the Easter Rising to many, yet the sacrifice of that rising who gave his life in its cause was Thomas J. Clarke.

Thomas Clarke was born in 1857 and the landlord-dominated Irish population bordering on serfdom. In 1878, he joined the Fenian Irish Republican Brotherhood, a secret revolutionary organization not unlike our own Sons of Liberty. In 1881, his activities caused him to flee to America. He settled in New York, and became an active branch of the Fenian movement. On a trip to England in 1883, he was captured and sentenced to life in penal servitude for Fenian activities. He was eventually driven insane under the conditions. Clarke persevered, however, and was eventually released to the U.S., married Miss Katie Clarke returned to Fenian activities. An American newspaper edited by John Devoy — the most powerful figure in *Clan na Gael* at the time, he endured for Irish freedom, Clarke became one of the Clan's most trusted members.

In September 1906, Clarke retired to improve his wife's health. Though prematurely aged at 48, Clarke was not put out to pasture. In December 1907 he was called to Ireland to rejuvenate the Irish Republican Brotherhood. As the trusted link between the Irish exiles of *Clan na Gael* and the IRB in Ireland, he was appointed to the Supreme Council of the IRB and was one of its most powerful advocates of revolutionary action. He plotted a course with young IRB organizer, Sean MacDiarmada, to replace inactive militants, and attract new blood into the movement. In 1913, Clarke spoke at a commemoration ceremony at the grave of Irish patriot, Wolfe Tone — a ceremony which became an annual event of considerable nationalist significance. Within a few weeks, the young school teacher, Padraig Pearse, had joined the IRB.

As the most constant advocate of revolutionary action, Clarke himself set the course that led to the Easter Rising. With the start of the Irish Volunteer movement in 1913, Clarke insured that IRB men were on the Volunteers provisional committee, and between the two groups. In May 1915, Clarke established a Military Council of the IRB; by year's end, they had set a date for a rising. In January, Clarke brought the council, thereby insuring the support of the Irish Citizen Army — a group formed to protect workers during strikes. In February, Clarke informed *Clan na Gael* that a rising would take place in Dublin on Easter Sunday and signal the start of a nationwide rebellion.

The confusion of events caused by the late discovery of the secret plans, upset the original schedule and caused the historic decision to rise on Monday. It was not the rising that was planned, but a braver and more hopeless one in military terms. Yet, it altered the course of the rising. The Easter Rising was led by Clarke, Sean Connolly, Eamon Ceannt, Sean MacDiarmada, Joseph Plunkett, and Thomas MacDonagh — all of whom were executed for their dreams of these leaders for their mentor was rising, when the Proclamation of the Irish Republic was drawn up, the man given the honor of having his name affixed first was the veteran Fenian, Thomas J. Clarke.

In 1983, a single sentence found in an old biography of Tom Clarke referred to his relocation to Suffolk County, Long Island, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians set up a committee to locate that historic homestead. Intensive research through old books, records, and conversations with recognized experts in the field, revealed little. Finally, a search of thousands of deeds in the Town of Brookhaven produced not one, but two. Deeds showing that Thomas J. Clarke of Brooklyn, New York, had purchased 30 acres in Manorville in 1906, and an adjoining 30 in 1907. The name on those deeds is the same as that found in the primary of considerable historic significance; the site a Historic Landmark, and erect a suitable monument. On May 8, 1987, 71 years and 5 days after his execution, a 2-ton obelisk was erected on the land Tom Clarke walked in life. It stands today as a permanent reminder of the sacrifice of one man for the welfare of many.

Mike McCormack, National Historian

England's Hidden War In Ireland

By MIKE CUMMINGS

Ireland's "troubles" are often portrayed by England as an ancient religious quarrel which is sustained by those who failed to accept the benevolence of British partition and by nostalgic Americans who give aid to the Irish Republican Army (IRA), the prime militant resistance to that benevolence since 1920. Thus Ms. Thatcher uses the IRA as scapegoats for an Irish hatred used by British interests for centuries. In this way the Prime Minister seeks to draw public attention away from British policies which have failed to change England's original role of occupier since Parliament adopted the *Better Government of Ireland Act* in December, 1920. The evidence of that failure can be seen in the military fortresses in Fermanagh, the garrisons at Lisburn and Antrim, and the beachhead and state of siege atmosphere of Belfast.

To reinforce this simplistic notion of the IRA as the cause of the conflict, British Information Services (BIS) in the U.S. widely promotes and rapidly distributes their version of the carnage of the conflict. More and more Americans are beginning to understand, however, that a 70 year struggle endures because for every soldier of the IRA there are thousands who feel the pain and witness the tragic effects of British rule but whose protest is not as dramatic as a bomb at Ballygawley. For obvious reasons their protest will not be a part of any BIS media information packet. There are, in fact, many stories of people who have been victimized by English treachery in Ireland and their only crime has been to possess extraordinary courage, a professional integrity, or a Christian conscience. Here are but a few examples of England's hidden war in Ireland.

The Policeman

John Stalker, a Senior Manchester Constable used by the Home Office to buy time after the public furor over the 1986 release of *Shoot To Kill*, a report by the International Lawyers Inquiry. The report documents the pattern of innocent civilians killed by British forces in the North. Stalker's two-year highly professional investigation of four of those killed found evidence of official bribery and murder, the destruction and manufacture of evidence and all manner of official misconduct and deceit. Stalker came too close to MI-5 and SAS operations and high-level cover-ups, so a baseless slander campaign was created and he was removed from the inquiry. His flawless career was ended by a government that had become a factory of lies. Thatcher publicly admitted misconduct but refused to release Stalker's report, and praised RUC Chief John Hermon who masterminded the cover-up. Michael Tighe, a 17-year-old Irish kid with no involvement in militancy, was brutally murdered and all John Stalker wanted was the truth about his death.

The Priest

Rev. Des Wilson is a dynamic priest whose service and organizing of the Catholic ghetto of West Belfast earned him the wrath of the late Bishop Philbin, probably the only Bishop in the world to expel Mother Teresa from a diocese. In January, 1973 Fr. Wilson's parishioners began Ballymurphy Enterprises, a highly successful work skills and cottage industry program desperately needed in the purposely deprived areas of high Catholic population. The program then became the Whiterock Industrial Estate Ltd., on the slopes of Divis Mt. and without government sponsorship, employed 120 people in skill building. Fr. Wilson's leadership in giving hope to those 5th and 6th generation unemployed made him at once an "enemy of the State." Whiterock's buildings were mysteriously torched, power was mysteriously interrupted and then when it appeared that wouldn't stop him Whiterock was occupied and confiscated by the British Army without notice or compensation. It is today an army fortress. Undaunted, Fr. Wilson started Conway Enterprises in an old flax spinning mill in Belfast which not only continued the skill building and training but added day-care services and Gaelic classes

The Professor

Robert Miller, a Queens University instructor and consultant to the Fair Employment Agency (FEA) in 1979 when an evaluation began into anti-Catholic discrimination in the Civil Service. The studies he conducted for the FEA in 1982 showed clear statistical evidence of anti-Catholic bias in the younger appointees, i.e., those who had been appointed after imposition of direct rule by the

British Government. The 1983 release of the final report by the FEA differed radically from what Miller submitted. It included a number of conclusions based solely on unsubstantiated research done by the Civil Service, the very agency which was under investigation. Naive enough to think the government was interested in the truth, Miller submitted his research conclusions in an article to the *Journal of Social Policy* in April, 1987, and was threatened with criminal prosecution by Mr. Cooper, head of the FEA. The effect of this public threat has been to blacklist Miller from further research despite the fact his method and conclusions have never been challenged. His career effectively ended when he failed to conform his research to official conclusions about anti-Catholic discrimination.

The Journalist

Jo Thomas a senior reporter for the *New York Times* whose assignment to London began with lunch at the Savoy with publisher Sulzberger and abruptly ended in February, 1986 with her reassignment to America for "paying too much attention to Northern Ireland." Ms. Thomas was a skilled investigative reporter who, as Miami Bureau chief for the *Times* exposed the excesses of South America dictatorships, and was not content with Home Office handouts and London briefings on the mounting death toll in Northern Ireland. Doors that were once open to her when it was assumed she would play ball now were closed as she searched the North and compared eyewitness accounts with official reports. She concluded, like Stalker, that official deceit was the coin of the realm. Unable in all honesty to use the Home Office buzzwords, her last dispatch revealed not the lunacy of terrorism but a state-of-siege power struggle where violence is an official tool of social control. Thomas left the *Times* realizing her career was over. The *Times* has now returned to its coverage of the "normalization" of life in the North in keeping with the Home Office dictates.

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NY City Council Condemns Removal of Right to Silence

By RAY O'HANLON

The New York City Council has unanimously passed a resolution condemning the move by the British Government aimed at abolishing the right to silence of suspects during police questioning.

All 35 members of the Council added their voices to the considerable criticism that has already been directed at the British initiative which could be in force in Northern Ireland early next year.

"The City Council wants to add its voice to those across the globe who are concerned that this proposal will strip away an essential freedom and do nothing to stem the violence or promote the peace we all desire," Council Majority Leader Peter Vallone said.

Vallone described the passage of the resolution as an expression of outrage by the greatest city in the world. And he said that City Council resolutions in the past had been adopted by Congress. He hoped this latest action would spark a similar kind of response in Washington.

"I find the move by the British Government to be mind boggling. The right to silence is the cornerstone of the U.S. Constitution and I hope free people throughout the world will express outrage at the British action," he added.

The City Council initiative was welcomed by its former Council president Paul O'Dwyer, who said such acts by the British Government were creating havoc in Northern Ireland. "They are the ones who have established the example of a government being violent and lawless," he said.

'Times' Critical of British Prime Minister in Editorial

The moves by the British Government to ban Sinn Fein and other organizations from the airwaves and remove the right to silence from suspects has drawn strong criticism from the *New York Times*.

Referring to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the *Times* in an editorial said that "when she is right nobody is more impressive. And when Britain's Prime Minister is wrong, her zeal compounds the damage and embarrassment."

The *Times* continued: "Now she is spectacularly wrong with a new limit on journalistic freedom and a proposal allowing criminal defendant's silence to weigh as evidence against him."

"In political terms," the *Times*

— a red flag to the British overseers. Prime industrial/commercial space in Conway Mill was now labeled no-go or red-lined by the government local Enterprises Development Unit (LEDU) so that no funding would be available for private initiatives. But hope and private American donations kept Conway Mill still going.

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The British action was also condemned by council member Jill Eislund at the press conference before the resolution was passed in City Hall. She described it as one more nail the coffin of a system that was discriminatory.

The City Council resolution both condemns the proposal to abolish the right of a defendant to remain silent in Northern Ireland and calls on the British Parliament to reject the proposal. Meanwhile, Councilman Sal F. Albanese of Brooklyn, has sponsored another resolution in the council calling for the British Government to reverse its recent ban on broadcasting interviews with representatives of Sinn Fein and other groups in Northern Ireland.

Albanese said the ban would fuel the fire of discontent in the North, Gerry Adams was a duly elected member of parliament and president of the Sinn Fein Party. To ban interviews with him was to cut off the voice of the people and it could only lead to further frustration and trouble.

The Albanese resolution was not passed with the other one but is being considered by the council's International, Inter-Group and Special Events Committee chaired by Councilman Wendell Foster.

A spokesman for Albanese, Fred Maley, said that in order to generate movement on the resolution in the committee it would be a good idea for people to write to Councilman Foster. Letters to him should be addressed to Council Member Wendell Foster, City Hall, NY, NY 10017.

(From the *Irish Echo*)

adds, "the plan may backfire. Leaders of Sinn Fein can now mischievously pose as defenders of liberty. They can also point to legislation soon to be put before parliament that would let Northern Ireland's courts take adverse account of the silence of a defendant. Doing so would erode a venerable English common law privilege against self-incrimination, one prompted by revulsion over Star Chamber tribunals in the 17th century.

The *Times* concludes: "Britain's good name as mother of parliaments and seedbed of political freedom is an asset more precious than the crown jewels. How bizarre for it to be tarnished by a Conservative Government."

(From the *Irish Echo*)

Mill Enterprise and the determination of its employees to be free of government control. The irony is that the British are using U.S. dollars to destroy Fr. Wilson and the very self-sustaining programs which Congress sought to encourage.

Personnel Manager

Oliver Kearney as a Personnel Officer for the Northern Ireland Housing Authority was forced to resign for trying to improve job opportunities for Catholics at the Authority. He then became the premier spokesman for the MacBride Fair Employment Principles, named for the late Irish statesman and Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Sean MacBride. The opportunity for per-

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In 101st Congress No. Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act Reintroduced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-N.Y.), has reintroduced his "Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act," a bill that would require all U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland to adhere to the MacBride Principles, a nine-point set of guidelines for fair employment.

"The phenomenon of over 50% unemployment for Catholics in some Northern Ireland communities will not resolve itself. That figure remains double the unemployment rate of Protestants," said Rep. Fish, a co-chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs. "My legislation will ensure that U.S. companies are not party to that discrimination."

Under the provisions of the bill, U.S. companies must eliminate religious discrimination and significantly increase the number of Catholic employees, especially in management.

The bill requires that companies provide adequate security on the job for Catholic employees, eliminate religious and sectarian emblems in the workplace, actively recruit Catholics for employment, place qualified Catholics in management positions, and develop training and educational programs for the

Catholic minority.

U.S. companies failing to comply with the provisions of the bill would be prohibited from importing their products into the United States.

"Efforts in the U.S. have also sparked legislative activity in the British Parliament. A new fair employment measure for Northern Ireland is presently under consideration, though its fate is still unclear. Hopefully, the new British initiative, in concert with the MacBride Principles, will be effective in ending the cycle of religious discrimination," said Fish.

"The MacBride campaign has gained great momentum, with over a dozen states endorsing the principles and an increasing number of supporters in Congress. It stands as a constant reminder that employment practices in Northern Ireland must be corrected. We will continue our work to secure passage of my legislation in the 101st Congress," said Fish.

"Ability, not religion, should be the basis for employment opportunity. As a nation based on equality, our companies in Northern Ireland must take the lead in eliminating religious discrimination in the workplace," Congressman Fish concluded.

Action in the Congress On North Ireland Affairs

Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA) — with some help from his uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) — succeeded last year in forcing an agreement between Short Brothers, the Northern Ireland aerospace manufacturer, and the U.S. Army, on improving employment opportunities for Catholics.

A provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1989 prohibits the Army from spending money (appropriated earlier) on a contract with the company (known as Shorts) unless "the Secretary of the Army secures a commitment from the contractor that it will support equal employment opportunities for all individuals irrespective of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in its employment practices." The roughly \$60 million contract, a major program for Shorts, is still being negotiated; it will be for 10 or 11 Sherga cargo aircraft. Short Brothers is a British government-owned firm that employs more than 7,000 people in Belfast, making it the largest employer in the province. Shorts has been under fire for a number of years for discrimination against Catholics. Catholics have made up only 5 to 10 percent of the company's work force.

This appears to be the first time that a U.S. equal employment

provision is being imposed on a foreign contractor. U.S. equal employment opportunity laws and regulations do not apply to overseas contractors, and in October a federal appeals court ruled that U.S. civil rights laws do not even apply to U.S. citizens employed by U.S. corporations overseas.

The original Kennedy amendment, adopted by the House in May 1988, would have prohibited the Defense Department from awarding a contract to be performed overseas to any contractor that discriminates in its employment practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The amendment would have required the department's inspector general to investigate any allegation that a firm performing defense work overseas was in violation of anti-discrimination standards as made evident in U.S. law. Confirmation of such violation would have made the firm ineligible for further contracts (in most cases), unless the firm agreed to a plan to assure compliance with U.S. anti-discrimination law.

The Kennedy amendment elicited considerable opposition, not only on the part of Britain, but also from others, such as Israel and Turkey, according to Kennedy legislative aide Don Carlson. Israel, for exam-

ple, does not allow Arabs (even with Israeli citizenship) to work in defense facilities, and thus apparently would be in violation of the amendment. In the House-Senate conference on the defense authorization bill, the Senate agreed to go along if the focus were narrowed to Shorts. (President Reagan vetoed the first Defense Authorization bill, approved in Congress in July, but the provision remained in the final legislation, approved by Congress and signed by the President in September.)

In the summer of 1988, as a result of pressure from the Kennedys — including this provision of the then-pending authorization bill — the Army reached agreement with Short Brothers on increasing the employment of Catholics. According to the Army, Shorts agreed to specific employment goals and time-tables for the recruitment of Catholics as "new hires." (Given a 5 percent turnover rate, Shorts expects to hire about 350 new employees per year.) The company expects that Catholics will comprise 17.5 percent of new employees hired in 1988. The goals for 1989 and 1990 are 25 percent and 33 percent.

The agreement also commits the company to a "set-aside" program. According to a memo by Under Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone:

The set-aside would stipulate a volume of subcontract work available for employers having 'predominantly Catholic employees.'

New sponsors, new legislation: Other legislative activity in 1988 included the addition of 16 new House cosponsors to the Fair Employment Practices Act, a bill that would (1) restrict the import of goods from Northern Ireland unless the manufacturer documented that it was in compliance with the MacBride principles; and (2) require any U.S. company doing business and employing more than 20 persons in Nor-

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secution came later when, as Secretary for the Northern Ireland Vinters Federation, Oliver worked for improvements in liquor laws affecting publicans in the North. The Chairman of the Federation was quietly informed by the Northern Ireland Office that as long as Kearney remained in their employ changes in the Sunday Opening law were not likely. A period of baseless slander against Oliver was then followed by his dismissal in June, 1987. The payment for this act of cowardice by the Federation was received in August, 1987, when the Sunday Opening bill sailed through Parliament.

None of these people have ever lifted a gun, planted a bomb or been in prison, but are part of the hidden war England wages in Ireland against people whose only weapon is truth. These stories are not as intriguing as those of Semtex or SAM-7 missiles, nor as emotionally wrenching as the battles of Ballagawley, Gilbralter or Loughall but they pose a greater threat to the image of the conflict so carefully cultivated particularly in America by the British Information

thern Ireland to comply with the principles. Principal sponsors are Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.) and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.). Rep. Brian Donnelly (D-Mass.) and 27 cosponsors introduced a new bill in April that would use a carrot and stick approach to encourage employment of Catholics. The bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to remove limitations on the amount of foreign tax credit available for income generated by a manufacturing facility located in a high unemployment area of Northern Ireland, if 40 percent or more of the facility's employees are members of a religious

minority in Northern Ireland. The 'stick' is that the legislation would reduce the foreign tax credit for entities that have operations in Northern Ireland that do not:

(1) take steps to ensure that no direct or indirect discrimination on religious or political grounds exist in employment,

(2) actively practice equality of opportunity in employment, and

(3) take advantage of affirmative action programs designed to give under-represented groups better access to employment and training opportunities.

By Ken Bertsch

Update on 'MacBride'

Since our last issue, another State — Michigan — has joined the "MacBride" camp. This brings to ten the number of States with 'MacBride' legislation on the books and in force. In addition, another city, Tucson, Arizona, has passed 'MacBride' legislation and it was done over a tremendous effort by the British Government to halt it.

More progress is projected for 1989, with more than a few states ready to introduce and pass a fair employment for northern Ireland legislation, including Wyoming,

Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana and Oklahoma.

In the U.S. House and Senate, legislation is also being prepared for introduction. Watch for information and progress and how you can be helpful. The following is from the Dec. 1988/Jan. 1989 issue of *The American Irish Newsletter*. Read it and you will realize what a tremendous campaign this is:

"The MacBride Principles Campaign is the greatest opportunity we ever had to educate the American public. Every time the Principles are

proposed they are discussed and the true nature of British colonialism and oppression in Ireland is exposed. The public, particularly influential lawmakers and corporate heads, become informed. This is why it is so critical that we continuously promote them, even though our state may have already adopted them. All endorsements of the Principles are transformed into pressure on our federal representatives to support the national legislation. We must push for endorsements from town councils, community groups, etc."

STATE LEGISLATION ON THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES



MacBride legislation enacted MacBride legislation passed one house MacBride legislation pending Irish-American groups promoting legislation bills not yet submitted

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom For All Ireland Committee Chairman

To all who contributed to the Christmas Relief Fund, thank you very much. The response was fairly good and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted at any time, so to those who have not sent in their contributions, please do so. Mail your checks to me at 1115 Ward Place, Woodmere, payable to the Freedom For All Ireland Committee. It is a most worthy cause and rewarding as well, especially when letters are received from the prisoners' families expressing their gratitude to our mem-

bers for their help and concern.

One hundred twenty-four Divisions have sent me the names and addresses of their Freedom For All Ireland Chairman. If you have not done so, please fill out the tear-off below and send it to me as soon as possible. Upon receipt of this information, I will be able to compile a complete mailing list whereby I can communicate directly to the Chairman relative to all things pertaining to the importance and workings of this committee. God Bless.

Marty Higgins

The name of our Freedom for All Ireland Committee Chairman is:

Address:

Division No.

Mail to: Marty Higgins, 1115 Ward Place, Woodmere, NY 11598

Doherty Wins Again?

The Board of Immigration Appeals has once again found in Joe Doherty's favor. This means that his deportation case can be reopened so that he can apply for political asylum in the United States. The decision has been referred to the Attorney General for review, at the request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This once again takes an eminently reasonable judicial decision and turns it into a political decision. There is no valid reason for this case to be "reviewed." Therefore, what is actually being sought, from the Attorney General, is a reversal of the decision.

It is incredible that Joe Doherty and his attorneys, who have won case after case in court, are still being blocked by political maneuvers. These maneuvers are

being used to exhaust Joe and his attorneys, emotionally, physically, and financially, as they achieve win after win but make no progress. This is Joe's sixth year of winning cases, yet he is still incarcerated in the MCC without charge and without bail.

We have all written letters about Joe's case to various people and at various times; however, we must redouble our efforts. We can't let Joe down. In a recent scuffle with a new prison guard, who tried to remove his notebook, Joe had all privileges suspended and was given 60 days solitary confinement.

Write to the Attorney General: Hon. Richard Thornburgh, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Constitution Ave. and 10th St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20530.

Patrick Rooney

Free Press

I am proud and honoured to have this opportunity to speak directly to all my American and Irish-American friends who are involved in one way or another in the struggle for Irish freedom. You are the people who in all the dark times have kept our hopes up and our spirits alive. We have always looked to you for succour and you have never let us down. Your support, material and moral, has inspired us to continue the struggle for the freedom of our country.

In the past months the situation in Ireland has become progressively more repressive. Republicans and republican supporters are now denied access to the Broadcast media in Ireland and England. The age-old democratically enshrined law

of the suspect's right to silence has now been removed by the stroke of a British minister's pen. There is much speculation that the RUC will be given increased powers that will enable them to charge and have imprisoned, on the sole word of some bigoted anti-nationalist RUC officer, people whom they believe are involved in resistance to British rule in Ireland.

Allegations of shoot-to-kill policies and state assassination of dissidents are no longer restricted to Republicans who have had to bear the brunt of Britain's violent war in Ireland. The whole world has now witnessed the extent of British repression. Murder-gangs are given carte blanc to track and kill unarmed Republicans. Their actions are sanctioned and applauded by Thatcher and her cronies in Westminster, and their cold-blooded savagery is covered-up and explained away by British-owned judges.

There are no more spurious

political options left for the British and they know that. The Irish war is now in its final phase. It will be fought with a ferocity unequalled in modern Irish history. Murder and repression are the only weapons Thatcher has left and she will do all in her considerable power to destroy Irish republican resistance. But she will fail, just as previous attempts to finally pacify the ungrateful Irish have failed, because the Irish people, with the full support and approval of freedom-loving peoples across the world, are determined that come what may, this time Ireland will be free.

It is vital in this new climate of repression and denial of free expression that American supporters of Irish freedom do all that they can to ensure that the voice of republicanism, the voice of resistance, the voice of freedom, is heard throughout the United States. You can do that. You can use your influence, your political muscle, your disapproval of those who pander to Thatcher, to impress upon everyone that Irish republicans and democrats only want what is just and right. We want the freedom of our country. We want an end to British domination, to the continuing slaughter and imprisonment of our people, to the system that discriminates against us and deprives us of jobs, decent living standards and hope.

We, the struggling Irish people, are depending on you, our friends and comrades, in the coming days. You will not let us down.

Martin McGuinness
Sinn Féin

Your \$\$\$ Squandered!?

Attention: State, County, Division
FFAI Chairmen

Hostility and disbelief followed the release of the annual report on the International Fund for Ireland. Charles Brett, chairman of the Fund, had a difficult time fielding reporters' questions as to how he could justify allocations for the refurbishing of a Chinese restaurant and a Freemasons' Hall. Unfortunately, the misuse of this money manifests a basic contempt for those idealistic and generous enough to contribute millions of dollars — including, to a great extent, American taxpayers.

The following statement is intended to alert our elected officials to what is happening:

To The Honorable Senators and Representatives of the People of the State of _____

The second annual report of the International Fund for Ireland, released on December 14, 1988, verifies the shocking and scandalous revelations of spokespersons for Northern Ireland's nationalist community. The misuse of funds which were originally intended for those who "have suffered most severely from the consequences of the instability of recent years" to instead purchase oceanographic survey ships, paint banks, and construct saunas and swimming pools in five-star hotels is an obvious misapplication of United States citizens' tax dollars.

We, therefore, urge you to demand

congressional hearings on the disbursement of the International Fund so that abuses may be identified and corrected.

Basic Procedures:

1. Work the above statement into a petition or letter.
2. Make as many copies of the petition/letter as you will need to gather signatures at your next state/county/division meeting. Where possible, plan to gather signatures at dances, etc.
3. Indicate a name and return address on all outgoing petitions/letters to assure Congressional response.
4. Request to be reimbursed by the state/county/division for all expenses.
5. Make copies of signed petitions/letters and mail to EACH: —your 2 Senators —House members from your membership's district(s).

Mail to:

Senator _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Representative _____
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Brothers, we must act now to clearly show that we will not tolerate this kind of arrogant mismanagement.

Brendan Moore
Deputy Nat'l Chairman
F.F.A.I. Committee

Caucus Esposé On International Fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Irish National Caucus — the Irish lobby on Capitol Hill — has taken dramatic action on the International Fund For Ireland (The Fund was established in December 1986 to support the Anglo Irish Agreement. The United States is the major contributor to the Fund having already donated \$120 million).

The Caucus has presented to Congress a devastating expose of the way the Fund has distributed its money in one of the six counties of Northern Ireland, County Fermanagh.

The Caucus Case-Study — based on the Fund's own official figures — shows that for the period 1987-88, of

the money distributed in County Fermanagh, 87.2% went to Protestants, 10.1% went to Catholics and 2.7% went to Neutrals (those who cannot be given any religious classification).

"When one considers that Fermanagh is 52% Catholic," said Father Sean McManus, I.N.C. National Director, "these figures are truly scandalous."

The Irish National Caucus presented its Case-Study to Congressman Lee H. Hamilton (D. IN), Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Europe and the Middle East, and called on him to hold Public Hearings on the workings of the International

Fund for Ireland. The Caucus also held an emergency meeting with Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman (R. NY), ranking Minority Member of the Sub-Committee on Europe and the Middle East and Co-Chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee For Irish Affairs.

"As was expected, Congressman Gilman was very responsive," said Father McManus. "He expressed great concern about the Caucus Case-Study and said he was going to bring it immediately to the attention of everyone concerned. I know we can count on Congressman Gilman to do the right thing," said Father McManus.



CONGRESSMAN Benjamin Gilman, center, is briefed on the Irish Caucus Case Study report by Fr. Sean McManus. Looking on is Caucus secretary Mary Mullen.

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MORNING NEWS ANCHOR BERATED

Mr. Charles Gibson
Good Morning America, ABC
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019
My dear Mr. Gibson:

I wish to express my own and the disappointment of many people in the civil rights movement as well as in the Irish American community at your failure to ask Mrs. Thatcher about the murderous behavior of her minions in Northern Ireland — action exposed by John Stalker and others — which has been a matter of public inquiry by many members of the House of Commons.

In your interview you discussed the war conditions in the Near East in which Mrs. Thatcher has no involvement but failed to ask about a matter which was covered extensively by the American press.

You could hardly be ignorant of the fact that editorials across this nation (a few days before she appeared on your program) decried the action of Mrs. Thatcher which was aimed at Irish men and Irish women and which would remove the right of silence from an accused and require the television to refuse access to dissenters.

It must be plain that in an open society such as ours, when a Prime Minister of another country claims the benefit of our airways, he or she should be called upon to answer for acts which are inimical to the principles on which our democracy rests. This policy has been scrupulously carried out over the years by members of your calling. It is regrettable that you have sullied a proud tradition.

Former President Reagan or President-elect Bush may deal with Mrs. Thatcher in the quaint ways in which those who support the Contras by fair means or foul, deal with those who carry out a "shoot-to-kill" policy in her first and last colony, but you who represent us have no such privilege for you are our representative in this situation. Because we have the kind of society we have, you may not be, willingly or unwillingly, involved in a coverup. It brings you no glory. You owe it to the people and to the Bill of Rights which affords you the privilege of using the airways to attempt to have the truth presented.

It is unlikely that history will mention you with the media heroes of the past and present, who have stood firm for that right even though the cause was unpopular and in opposition to the views of our leaders.

Paul O'Dwyer
New York, NY

MARGARET THATCHER AND A.B.C. TELEVISION

A.B.C. Television
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Sirs:

I watched the program in which Charles Gibson interviewed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Editorials across this nation in the previous weeks decried the fact that Margaret Thatcher had scrapped all of the safeguards (right to remain silent, etc.) which are incorporated into our Bill of Rights and drawn from the British system.

The basic protests came from the American media and were provoked by the fact that such action is quite contagious and may ultimately undermine the First Amendment. Yet, while Mr. Gibson wandered all over the world in his interview — all through the troublesome Near East in which Mrs. Thatcher's country was not directly involved — he failed to ask Mrs. Thatcher a single question about her own departure from tradition in Northern Ireland or with respect to the activities of her murder squad (S.A.S.) in Northern Ireland which, according to John Stalker, is part of a deliberate shoot-to-kill policy. Neither did he ask her about the rules she is about to promulgate which will prohibit Irish dissenters from speaking on British television.

I am speaking both from a Civil Rights background of many years as well as for the many, many Irish Americans who are shocked that you, whom we would hope would not be influenced either by Mrs. Thatcher or the State Department or anybody else, would have shown such obvious bias. I cannot believe that Mr. Gibson (who has been up to now an astute but fairminded reporter) would have the temerity to so obviously slant the interview. When one operating under the First Amendment fails to speak when he/she has the obligation to do so, silence is tantamount to speaking falsely.

The First Amendment has been and is a sacred right and while the rights under other of the amendments have been whittled away, the first has withstood vicious and sly attacks. Writers, publishers, civil rights organizations and civil rights lawyers have up to now frustrated these attempts on its life. But the First Amendment was not attached to the Constitution for the special benefit of the media alone. If everybody does not share in its benefit, the cries of the media for its protection will be as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

Paul O'Dwyer
New York, NY

PENNSYLVANIA PURSUES MACBRIDE BILL

Hon. Robert C. Jubelirer
President Pro Tempore
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Dear Senator:

I am sure you are aware the MacBride Fair Employment Principle Bills S. 544-548, are now before the Senate. We would ask your full support of these bills, and ask your help in putting these bills on the floor before you recess.

The MacBride Principles are a simple set of employment guidelines drawn up to insure that Catholics get a fair shake when it comes to jobs in Northern Ireland. Ten states have

adopted the MacBride statutes. The significance of these victories is that Irish Americans, backed by many other American ethnic groups and bipartisan political support, are defeating the British Propaganda Machine.

Catholics in Northern Ireland are two and a half times more likely to be unemployed as Protestants, and American dollars are subsidizing this anti-Catholic discrimination — along with numerous other human rights violations.

The MacBride Principles were developed in 1984 by four prominent Irish activists, one of whom they were named after, the late Dr. Sean MacBride. A list of their biographies is as follows:

Sean MacBride of Dublin. An international human rights advocate, MacBride was the founder and first Chairman of Amnesty International (1961-1974). He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Lenin Peace Prize, and the American Justice Medal for his human rights work. Dr. MacBride has served as United Nations High Commissioner for Namibia and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations (1974-1977). He was also the General Secretary of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva (1963-1971), and Minister of External Affairs for the Republic of Ireland (1948-1951).

Dr. John Robb of Ballymoney. A prominent Protestant surgeon in Northern Ireland, Dr. Robb was appointed an at-large member of the Irish Senate by Prime Minister Haughey in 1982. He is also Chairman of the New Ireland Group, a predominantly Protestant organization seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict in North Ireland.

Inez McCormack of Belfast. A leader of the Irish National Union of Public Employees, Ms. McCormack is a former director of the British Government's Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland (FEA). She resigned her directorship in 1981 to protest the Agency's failure to combat religious discrimination adequately.

Fr. Brian Brady of Belfast. Formerly of St. Joseph's College in Belfast, Fr. Brady has testified before U.S. Congressional Committees on employment discrimination in Northern Ireland. He also served as a major witness for the Republic of Ireland in its successful case in 1978 charging the United Kingdom with human rights violations in Northern Ireland before the European Court of Human Rights in Geneva, — distinguished, concerned humanitarians.

We are constantly being reminded to seek peaceful solutions to the injustices in Northern Ireland. Now that the MacBride Principles are meeting with great success, Britain is spending millions on lobbyists to defeat them. Typical British hypocrisy, deceit and propaganda.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, and all Americans, place great importance on America's values and principles concerning human rights. We have faith that our elected officials will uphold these values, not only in Northern Ireland, but in every country where human rights violations exist.

Your support and vote for the MacBride legislation will be a major step against injustice, oppression and tyranny.

Respectfully requesting a reply to this letter, and with grateful appreciation for your time, I am,

Robert D. McIlwain, Chairman
Freedom For All Ireland Committee
Delaware Valley, Pa

PA. MacBRIDE BILLS

Mr. Robert D. McIlwain, Chairman
Freedom For All Ireland Committee
2908 South Felton Street
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Mr. McIlwain:

Senator Zamprelli has referred your letter of November 28th regarding the McBride Fair Employment Principle bills, Senate Bills 544-548, to me as his successor to the post of Senate Democratic Floor Leader.

I regret to inform you that this package of four bills remained in the Senate's Finance Committee at the time of our adjournment sine die on November 30th. Consequently, this legislation must be reintroduced in the next session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

If you have any future correspondence on this issue in the next session of the General Assembly, I would be happy to hear from you.

Robert J. Mellow
Senate of Pennsylvania

IRISH WAY PRAISED

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

We here at the Irish American Cultural Institute prize the close relationship we have with the Hibernians. I am fairly new at the Institute — but I wanted to write you, and your colleagues in the leadership of the AOH to say how much I look forward to continuing our special connection.

One of the nicest parts of my job is that I get to read some wonderful letters. I've enclosed a photocopy of one which came to our IRISH WAY administrator earlier this month. Glowing reports from parents are nothing new for this program, but this particular parent — a father of nine from the Washington, D.C. area — articulates the impact of the program in an especially touching way.

Letters like this are the real reward of the IRISH WAY. Though this particular student did not receive a Hibernian scholarship, you can be assured that the families of the many who did could write the same letter.

Best wishes for all your efforts on behalf of the Irish inheritance.

James Rogers
Director of Operations

Mr. James Bohan
Irish Way Administrator, IACI
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN

Dear Jim:

I just wanted to send along this short note on my impression of your Irish Way program. Gillian has not stopped talking about her experience in Ireland from the moment she returned home. There was not one aspect of her time spent with your first class operation that did not leave a positive impact on her and the solid attitude she now has about growing up and facing the future.

I sent a teenager on the 4th of July to your Irish Way program and got a young woman back with renewed goals on school, going to college, and one day returning to Ireland. Both MJ and I are so pleased that as she tackles everyday life as a Senior she somehow ties it to her trip. The best example of this is the essay on her College entrance application. Gillian has chosen to write about her trip, the impact it has had on her, the historical value it had, and how she wants to share it with everyone especially the college she finally chooses to attend next year.

Again, as a parent I thank you and your staff for an outstanding program and the role models you presented to my daughter.

Vincent O'Brien

Court Pronounces:

Britain Violates Human Rights

A court in Strasbourg, France, ruled recently that a British law permitting pre-arrest detention for up to a week, of people suspected of connections with terrorist groups was a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The British law was enacted as a way of countering the Irish Republican Army. The ruling means that Britain will have to change the law or seek special exemption within six months, according to British lawyers familiar with the case. The Home Office, which only last month asked Parliament to put the Prevention of Terrorism law on a permanent footing, said it would consider the court decision before the House of Commons takes up the new bill.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reacted angrily to the court ruling and to the failure of the Belgian and Irish governments to extradite an Irish Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Patrick Ryan, who is wanted by the British on charges of helping the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

She told the Commons, "We shall consider the judgement carefully and also the human rights of the victims and potential victims of terrorism." Criticizing Ireland for its response to what she viewed as an important anti-terrorist matter, Thatcher said, "Although the Government of the Republic makes fine-sounding speeches and statements, they do not always seem to be backed up with the appropriate deeds." She said she was "utterly dismayed" by Belgium's decision to refuse extradition. In Brussels, the Justice Minister, Wilfried Martens, said the British charges in its warrant were "very vague indeed."

Thatcher met with the leaders of Belgium and Ireland at a winter summit meeting of the 12-member European Community on the Aegean Island of Rhodes in December.

The human rights court's judgment came as the New Statesman society presented to Parliament a petition for a written British constitution, signed by more than 200 public figures in the arts, academia, entertainment and the law. Geoffrey Robertson, a lawyer who signed the petition, said the government could decide that fundamental rights to a speedy trial or to remain silent could be snuffed out easily since there is no written British constitution.

The case considered by the human rights court involved four men from Northern Ireland who were arrested in 1984 and held for periods ranging from four days to nearly seven, but never charged with a crime.

"The Strasbourg decision," Mr. Robertson said, "very clearly shows that there's no machinery in our country to insure such rights, or redress for their violations." The four complainants, Terence Brogan, Dermot Coyle, William McFadden and Michael Tracey, appealed to the European Commission of Human Rights after their release and it referred the case to the court, a 19-member court from as many different countries.

The justices ruled 12-7 that all four defendants had been denied their right to be brought "promptly" before a judge or other judicial officer after their arrests, and 13-6, that they had also been denied "an enforceable right to compensation," as provided by clauses of the European Convention, signed by Britain in 1950.

A majority of the court denied

their claims of violation of the rights in the European convention to liberty and security of person and to a speedy judicial ruling on the lawfulness of their arrests.

The British government is obliged to observe the terms of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights as part of its obligation as a signatory to the European Convention. It can, according to international lawyers here, ask for a waiver in special cases but Mrs. Thatcher's statement indicated that Britain would probably abide by the decision.

After a rash of terrorist bombings in Northern Ireland last summer, the British government decreed that judges trying criminal cases there may draw negative conclusions from the silence of a defendant who refused to talk to the police or testify in court. By executive decree, the British authorities also banned radio and television from broadcasting live or recorded interviews with members of terrorist organizations or groups that support them.

Last month it proposed laws that would require candidates for political office to swear oaths against violence, make it an offense to raise money, directly or indirectly, for terrorist groups, and limit remission of time served in terrorist cases to one-third instead of one-half of the sentence.

John P. Gavin

Washington Area Honors Brother J. F. Kennedy

The largest number of people ever to visit Arlington National Cemetery came to the grave of former President and AOH member John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the 25th anniversary of his death.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division 5 of the District Board held a memorial service at the cemetery and a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Greg O'Brien of the Washington Pipe Band led brother Charles Moore and the honor guard from Woodbridge, Virginia degree team to the speakers platform.

Following the procession were Division 5 Chaplain Reverend Michael C. Kidd, Virginia State Board Chaplain Reverend John J. Munley and honored guests, his excellency Padraic MacKernan, Ambassador from Ireland, Mr. Daire O'Cioldain, third secretary of the Embassy of Ireland, his honor James Moran, mayor of Alexandria, Virginia, National AOH Director James Carmody, Division 5 president Norman McCarthy, Co-chairmen Charles Quinn, Pat Troy and Frank Herbert, District Board president Matt Hannon, Division 5 ladies president Jennie Gibbons, ladies District Board president Catherine Back and Virginia ladies state board president Anna O'Neil.

Also present was former national director Roger Furey.

The memorial service was opened with the national anthems of Ireland and America, sung by Pat Garvey, and prayers by Father Kidd, Division 5 chaplain. Co-chairman Frank Herbert introduced all the guests and turned the podium over to co-chairman Pat Troy. Brother Troy introduced each speaker. The ceremony was concluded with Greg O'Brien playing Irish tunes and Pat Garvey singing the late president's favorite song, "The Boys of Wexford."

Following the memorial service there was a motorcade to the grave of our beloved late president and brother, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Division 5 president Norman McCarthy was joined by our founder and first president Pat Troy in laying the wreath. The large tri-color and shamrock wreath was donated by brother Troy.

The committee consisted of Frank Herbert, Charles Quinn, Pat Troy, Pat Cady and brother Hibernian from Virginia Joseph Mulcahy. They were able to arrange this official ceremony because of a long history of Hibernian activities at Arlington Cemetery.

Frank J. Herbert
President, Division 5 AOH



WREATH—LAYING CEREMONY AT THE PRESIDENT'S GRAVESITE. Laying the shamrock wreath are Norman McCarthy, left, Division 5 president, and Pat Troy, first president of Division 5. The Prince George's County Maryland Division is proud to be named for the beloved brother, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Irish Eye photo

Off Our Knees

1968 MARKED THE 20th anniversary of the continuous mass struggle in the North since the formation of the Civil Rights Movement in Ireland.

This video represents the views of those who were there at the beginning, who have continued and grown with the struggle and who are determined to carry on until civil rights, justice and freedom have been attained.

"Off Our Knees" celebrates the stories and aspirations of the people involved — political activists, working people, human rights campaigners — and demonstrates how and why the basic demands of the Civil Rights Movement, for votes, jobs, housing and an end to the Special Powers Act have developed into the demand for a United Ireland — without which true civil rights cannot be won.

Written and narrated by Bernadette McAliskey, the video uses archive film, interviews, murals, posters and songs of the period.

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Life Memberships Granted Two New York Hibernians

One of the highlights of the recent LAOH 84th Biennial National Convention was the granting of Life Membership to two dedicated New York State women — Mollie Barrett and Monica Burke — in recognition of their outstanding service to the LAOH over a long period of years.

A large portion of Mollie's life was devoted to our Order. During her more than 30 years of active membership she held a wide range of offices at the division, county, and state levels. No task was too great for Mollie. Whether it be making soda bread or balancing the state treasury, her dedication and enthusiasm was tireless. While now only active on a spiritual level, she continues to be an inspiration to her Hibernian sisters and loved ones.

Monica's commitment to Hibernianism and service to our order have won her the respect of sister Hibernians. She has been active in Hibernian circles for 30 years, holding numerous offices at division, county, and state levels, and is presently serving as Immediate Past New York State President. Monica has attended National and State conventions for 28 years, often acting as committee chairperson or committee secretary. Most recently, she chaired the Ritual Revision Committee at the 1986 National Convention in Buffalo. She has served on a wide range of administrative and social committees in Irish-American circles, including the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade and the 150 years AOH

Bicentennial Celebration and has extended her Hibernian dedication to activities in religious and community affairs and programs. Among her personal endeavors is fundraising for Irish students who attend American colleges, and care for the elderly. Our Hibernian motto has been fully exemplified in Monica's fraternal and secular activities.

LADIES Michigan News

The Ethel Kennedy Division, Macomb County, has been busy with various activities. We started off our season of thanks and celebration with the donation of two turkeys and all the fixings for needy families to the Third Order of St. Francis Hall in Detroit. In the following week we shared a delightful evening of dinner and spirits with some of our sister Hibernians of Rose Kennedy Division at a new nightclub in Detroit, Dunleavy's Z's Riverplace.

Several of our ladies have been attending joint meetings with the Macomb men, planning the 1989 Michigan State Convention to be held May 19 and 20. We are planning to have the best convention possible.

The 1989 Officers are: President Betty Littlejohn, Vice Pres Lillian Hennigan, Secretary Mary Ochab, Financial Secty Agnes Gowdy, Treasurer Nancy McCauley, Irish Historian Mary Jane Ryan, Mission Chairman Ruth Minnich, Catholic Action Chairman June Flanagan, Mistress at Arms Aileen Hebert, and Sentinel Nancy Mack.

Mary Ochab



DOLORES VOELKER

The National Vice President, Dolores E. Voelker, was born on Memorial Day. In her early years, she and her twin sister, Dorothy, thought the parade was in celebration of their birthday. Of course, by the time they were eight or nine, they knew better. Being identical twins, they are often mistaken for each other.

Dolores comes from a Hibernian family. Both her parents were charter members of Division 15 in Whitestone, N.Y. In fact, her mother was the organizer and first president in 1942 of the then Division 15 LAOH. Her mother's roots are in

Vice President Voelker and Twin Born on Memorial Day

Limerick on her father's side and Roscommon on her mother's side. Her father's grandmother, Barbara Murray, was born in Leitrim and her daughter was Ellen Laydon Voelker. When she was baptized, Dolores was given her grandmother's name, Ellen, as her middle name.

As a Hibernian, Dolores has served in almost every office in her division, including several terms as president, and in many offices on the County Board, culminating in the presidency of the Queens County Board in 1979. Subsequent to that, she was the New York State Chairman of Catholic Action and Chairman of Missions, a position she held when elected National Secretary in Buffalo in 1986. She is a very dedicated Hibernian who gives of herself unstintingly in behalf of our noble Order. For many years she was a member of the Queens County Degree Team and has been attending State and National Conventions since 1956.

A true Geminarian, she has many interests — writing, cooking, entertaining, photography, and traveling among them. She is a graduate of the Germain School of Photography and is a qualified professional photographer. At the request of the president of Revlon International, she made an 8mm movie for Revlon

which was shown at their office in Paris. Having gotten interested in cooking when she was thirteen, she earned the nickname "Cookie", a name given to her by her father. She has a great sense of humor and is genuinely interested in people. If a friend is sick, she can count on Dolores' frequent phone calls.

During the war years, she spent many volunteer hours in Flushing Hospital as a nurse's aide and later taught First Aid for the Red Cross.

Dolores retired after 27 years as an executive secretary for the National Association of Letter Carriers.

While traveling in Ireland a few years ago, she won a prize for writing the winning limerick. She is an ardent Mets fan and her pet peeve is having her first name spelled incorrectly. She loves to say she is a two "O" Dolores which means never spell her name Dolores! She resides in Whitestone with her twin sister Dorothy and both of them enjoy the love of their brother Bob, his wife, Claire, whom they adore, and their six children and five grandchildren.

Dolores E. Voelker is also a member of the committee to select the Grand Marshal for the 1989 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Women of 1916 — Easter Rising

During the surrender of the heroic rebels during the Easter uprising, nurse Elizabeth O'Farrell left the insurgent ranks at the general post office (G.P.O.) with a white flag signifying capitulation. She had come forward in the name of Padraic Pearse, commanding officer, who would surrender: "In order to prevent the slaughter of

unarmed people and in the hope of saving the lives of our followers."

But Miss O'Farrell, although the first to officially surrender, was not the last of the "women of 1916." Mary Holt Moore cites a number of female Irish Republican prisoners, which roster we present below:

Barrett, Kitty
Brady, Bridget
Brown, Kate
Brown, Martha
Byrne, Eileen
Byrne, Katie
Byrne, Mary
Carron, May
Cooney, Annie
Cooney, Eileen
Cooney, Lily
Cosgrave, Marcella
Davis, Bridget
Ennis, Elen
Fleming, Kathleen
Gahan, May
Goff, Bridget

Grenna, Julia
Hackett, Roseanne
Hegarty, Bridget
Humphreys, Ellen
Humphreys, Sheila
Joyce, Maggie
Kelly, Kitty
Kelly, Josephine
Kelly, Martha
Kennedy, Margaret
Kenny, Bridy
Liston, Catherine
Liston, Mary
Lyons, Bridget
Lynch, Bessie
Maher, Kathleen

Markham, Pauline
Martin, Kate
McCauley, Julia
McGowan, Josephine
McLaughlin, Maggie
McNamara, Rose
McNamee, Agnes
Mead, Florence
Mitchell, Caroline
Mullaly, Rose
Muhall, Lizzie
Murphy, Kathleen
Murtagh, Bridget
Norgrove, Annie
Norgrove, Edely
O'Brennan, Lily

O'Daly, Nora
O'Flaherty, Margaret
O'Hanlan, Sheila
O'Keefe, Emily
O'Keefe, Josephine
O'Moore, May
O'Sullivan, Louisa
Partridge, Mary
Quigley, Maria
Quigley, Priscilla
Retz, Barbara
Seery, Kathleen
Shanahan, Jane
Spiker, Josephine
Sullivan, Mary
Treston, Catherine

This list does not cite others who are mentioned in various texts. Some women had initially served as couriers sending the rising message and counter-messages as the first hours of confusion ended in decisiveness. Eamonn MacThomais also cites Helen Maloney reading the Proclamation on Easter Sunday. Later on she would tend to the wounded at Cork Hill along with Dr. Kathleen Lynn. He also mentions nurse Keogh who was killed near Mount Brown Hill while assisting the wounded.

At first the rebels had shunned the presence of women in any military outpost, probably fearing for their safety during the almost suicidal defense and perhaps also fearing personal outrages after the battle. Maire nic Shuibhlaigh, Eileen ni Riain and other women convinced Mac Donagh, Pearse, Connolly, and Clarke to allow the women to stay at the rebel positions. Mary Holt Moore

notes: "The only commandant to steadfastly refuse the women was Eamon de Valera on Boland's Mill."

Other names mentioned in the heroic stand were: Helena Maloney of the Citizens Army Ambulance Corps; Margaret Shinnider, a sharpshooter, wounded near the Russell hotel; Louise Duffy and Con Colbert at the Lane Distillery; Rose McNamara of the Cumann Na Ban; Winifred Carney and Julia Grennar at the G.P.O.

And of course the woman most known at the time was Countess (Georgianna Booth) Markievicz, an active member of the Cumann Na Ban, the women's paramilitary organization. She and fifteen other women were stationed at Stephen's Green. Her later words could echo the feelings of these heroic women of the Easter rising: "While Ireland is not free, I remain a rebel . . . pledged to one thing . . . a free and independent Republic."

Brian K. Lonergan

Source: *Sinn Fein Rebellion Handbook - Easter 1916*, compiled by *The Weekly Irish Times*, Dublin, 1917, 286 pp.

Ladies Florida News

October 22nd was the quarterly State Board of Officers meeting. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Melbourne, Brevard County. State President Mary Herbert presided over the meeting, which was attended by officers and members from all over the State of Florida. That evening we all had a grand time at

the Division Two Annual Irish Night. The dinner dance was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in West Melbourne. Division President Jackie Lepper and her members did a wonderful job. The music by "Shades of Green" was lively, the decorations beautiful and the buffet was scrumptious.



DISPLAYING NEW BANNER for St. Brigid Division 1, Pasco County, Port Richey, are Annemarie O'Brien and Esther Condon.

Ladies New York News

The Hibernian women of Westchester County have had a full calendar of social and cultural activities:

The weekend of September 9-11 marked the annual county weekend in East Durham, New York. In October, a large contingent attended Testimonial Dinner-Dances in Troy and Brooklyn honoring New York State Presidents Edward Carley and Ann S. Healion, respectively. November's events included a county dance honoring Past County President Terry O'Connor and County Vice-President Michael Dwyer, as well as participation in the Annual Irish Children's Toy Drive chaired by Lorraine O'Sullivan.

As 1988 drew to a close, Divisions 2 Yonkers, 10 Peekskill, 11 Tarrytown, and 17 White Plains, held their installations of officers for the New Year. Recent division activities included a Dinner-Dance held by Division 17, White Plains, honoring past and present presidents, and the distribution of gifts to Rosary Hill Cancer Home by Division 11, Tarrytown. Division 11

also sponsored a New Year's Eve Dance, the proceeds of which will be used to renovate the Transfiguration Church Hall.

Westchester ladies are very proud of their Chaplain, Rev. Michael T. Driscoll, who received the First Founder's Award in recognition of his founding the Carmelite Community in Florida. This honor was bestowed upon him at a dinner held at the Boca Raton Hotel in Florida.

The Ladies, Queen Maeve Division 1 AOH, Erie County, Buffalo, New York, installed the newly elected officers for the coming year before the Christmas party on December 10, 1988.

The officers are President Nancy Kelly, Vice President Patricia Ryan Dudek, Recording Secretary Marilyn Fadel, Financial Secretary Catherine Casey, Treasurer Patricia Caudle, Irish Historian Mary Ellen McCarthy, Mistress at Arms Phyllis Kessel, Sentinel Nellie McCorty, Admissions, Mary Carr, and Catholic Action, Jean Sherman.



AT THE MIKE is Sr. Meg Redling, president of LAOH, Queens County, introducing Sr. Sheila Twomey, the guest of honor at the 113th Annual Queens County Ball, held on November 19. Sr. Twomey has held many Division and County offices, including that of Queens County President.



Mary E. Bradley
National President

1989 — Is It Too Late For A New Year's Resolution? There is an old Chinese Proverb that states, may your troubles last as long as your New Year's Resolutions! That would never hold true for a good Irishman, for we never give up when the going gets tough.

The beginning of a new year could be the beginning of Hibernianism for a new member. Wouldn't that be a wonderful way to start out a year or new Resolution with? Think about it. If every Division throughout the country made a New Year's Resolution to increase Hibernian membership and kept that promise, consider the triumphs not only for

each Division but the entire organization as well.

With the enthusiasm and dedication I've witnessed in so many members over the years, it seems to me this particular resolution would be easy for many of our talented LAOH Sisters. We are forever willing and eager to bring forth what we believe in and, being Irish, always the last to give up. I think it is a wonderful way to begin a year, by letting people know there are those who really care about each other. Isn't that what being Irish is all about? By taking that first step, you are proving the first part of our motto: Friendship. Getting these friends to that meeting and showing them the second part of our motto, Unity, and the third part, Christian Charity, would give them the experience of how much we all need each other. Make that LAOH Resolution today, for you see, it is NEVER too late!

LADIES Maryland News

Word comes that Division 4's Christmas Party, chaired by Ruth Knapik, met everyone's expectations and more; however, the division was grieved by the loss of two members, Ellen Hanley and Lorraine Owens. Lorraine was a conscientious Hibernian, holding the offices of county chairman of missions and division financial secretary at the time of her death.

Division 14 also suffered loss in the passing of sister Rita Rice.

Baltimore County Division One found its trip to Longwood Gardens to be a social as well as a financial success.

In January State President Nancy Perrin was feted by her family and friends with a surprise birthday-retirement party. Part of the surprise was a new bedroom TV.

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Connecticut LAOH News

On Saturday, November 26, 1988 the members of the AOH and LAOH CT. State Boards hosted a Dinner Dance at the AOH Hall in Stamford, to honor Immediate Past State Presidents Martin Devaney and Mildred Scanlon.

During the evening, Mildred Scanlon was presented with a National Life Membership by Immediate Past National President Sheila M. Clifford. National Director Frank Kearney, Sr., presented Martin Devaney with an award from the AOH National Board.

The successful event was chaired by Tom Eagan and Kay Egan.

New Haven County Board: County President Sue Sweeney has been visiting each Division to install the new officers for 1989. She has been accompanied by Past National President Sheila Clifford, who has acted as the installing officer.

On January 4th, the duo installed Division 66 officers; Jaclyn Reilly is president. On January 7th, they appeared in Meriden to install Division 15's officers, where JoAnn Flynn was installed as president. Within the next two weeks they will perform the same task in Naugatuck and Derby.

Meriden Division 15: President Diane Daley hosted the Division's annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner. The event was held on the

Ladies

Ohio State News

Cuyahoga County: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity were all very well displayed during our annual Christmas Party with almost 100% attendance of Divisions Five and Ten along with their invited guests. Christian Charity came aglow with the results of a collection taken up for Providence House, a home for battered children which is run by St. Joseph Sister Hope Greener. Part of the collection went to Div. Five member Nancy Murphy, who has recently undergone drastic surgery.

The highlight of the evening was the installation of the 1989-1991 County Board officers: President Marilyn Madigan, Vice President Sheila Crawford, Secretary Kathleen Murphy, Treasurer Joan O'Donnell, Historian Rana Chambers, Catholic Action Jeri Corcoran, Mistress-at-Arms Peggy Ladika and Sentinel Nancy Murphy.

Division Ten had a Membership Social on Sunday January 22 and members were encouraged to invite at least one guest.

On Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m., a St. Brigid's Day Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church on Bridge Ave. Breakfast followed in the lower Hall and was catered by Division Five member Patricia Kern and her husband, AOH member Jim Kern.

The Shamrock of the Month Award represents a special note of thanks to a very special individual who has been an outstanding Hibernian leader and given totally of herself beyond the limits. This month, our new County President, Marilyn Madigan, made this award to Joan Cavanaugh, outgoing County President. Her die-hard dedication and leadership eased us through many difficult moments, especially the long hours she spent on our successful National Convention. Congratulations to a great lady, Joan Cavanaugh!

Marilyn Madigan

evening of the first snow, but like true Hibernians, all appeared in appreciation of Diane's two years as president. The ladies are busy planning for their annual float in Meridens St. Patrick's Day Parade, when they intend to win the entry trophy... again!

Division 66, Bridgeport: Fairfield County President AnnMarie McEvoy installed the 1989 officers at the Annual Christmas Banquet. Marge Sheehan has returned as president.

Division 66, Waterbury: Christmas started early for the members of Division 66, which held its 1st Christmas Bazaar on November 19. It was a complete success and the members are looking forward to the 1989 Bazaar. At the Annual Christmas Banquet, in place of a grab bag the ladies decided to collect donations for a family that had quintuplets and were in need of help, and to donate baby items for the nursery at St. Mary's Hospital.

Penny McCarthy, Linda Galvin, and Arlene Hamel chaired the annual Hibernian Children's Party that was held at the AOH Hall. President Jaclyn Reilly has arranged for the Annual St. Brigid's Mass to be held on February 1 prior to the business meeting. Plans are being completed for the annual St. Patrick's programs.

Ladies

Pennsylvania News

The months of January and February are rather inactive for many LAOH Divisions in Pennsylvania. In anticipation of inclement weather, meetings are not scheduled; nevertheless, members were kept busy auditing books, preparing the annual reports, planning for gala celebrations for St. Patrick's Day. This curtailment of activities followed the series of Christmas parties as each Division celebrated in its own way.

Allegheny County, Mary Margaret Maurath, president. Wilmerding Division 16 hosted the County Meeting and Christmas Party. Nancy Olivo, president, and her members, excelling in the culinary arts, served a delicious Christmas Dinner and entertained the guests with a great party. The meeting was held in the AOH Wilmerding Hall and thanks to our Hibernian Brothers, the hall was decorated in full Christmas spirit.

County officers and Division presidents met on January 16 at Kaufmann's Dining Room to finalize the plans for the annual St. Brigid Mass and Brunch. Sarah Mains, county treasurer, is Chairman of the event.

Division 21, Castle Shannon, Kathleen Parker, president. Division Chaplain Msgr. Charles Owen Rice was honored on his 80th birthday.

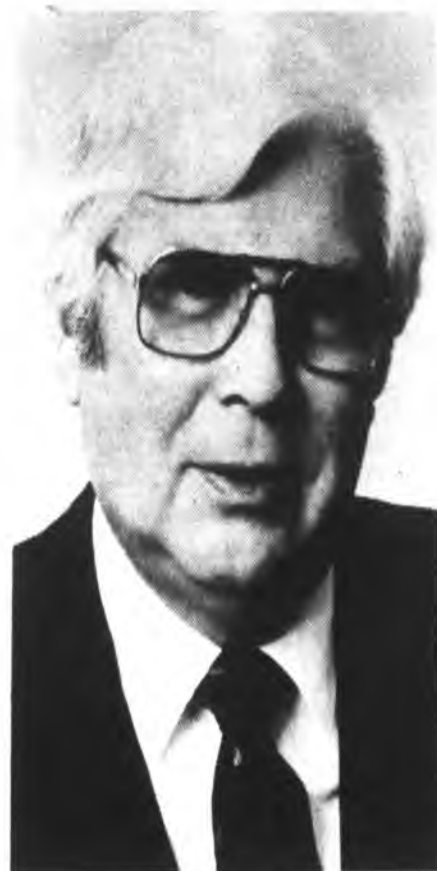
Luzerne County, Janette Wydo, president. The County Board Members were the guests of their County President at a Christmas Party.

Washington County, Dorothy Weldon, president. Division 4 Charleroi elected Dorothy Weldon as president. The first major event for the new officers will be a Mass and Breakfast in honor of St. Brigid at St. Jerome's Church in Charleroi. Their Chaplain Rev. John Marcucci will officiate. The Division is saddened by death of their historian, Irene Barrows, who gave her reports in her own special manner of wit and liting laugh.

Mary Margaret Maureth

IN MEMORIAM AR DACIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

John E. Lawe Was An Honored Irish American



JOHNE E. LAWE

John E. Lawe, the Irish immigrant and former bus cleaner, who led 36,000 transit workers on an 11-day city-wide transit strike in New York in 1980 died of cancer recently.

During the 1980 strike, Mr. Lawe was President of the TWU of Greater New York, Local 100. He rose to International President of the TWU of America, which represents 100,000

workers nationwide, on May 1, 1985.

Mr. Lawe, also one of the most prominent members of New York's Irish-American communities, had the honor of serving as Grand Marshal of the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1987.

He is only the fourth International President of the TWU of America, the others being the late Michael J. Quill (1934-1966); President Emeritus Matthew Guinan (1966-1979), and William G. Lindner (1979-1985).

Mr. Lawe was born in Kilglass, Strokestown, in County Roscommon, Ireland in 1919. He came to America in 1949.

His work in behalf of the Irish community in America and for the victims of repression in Northern Ireland, has gained him many accolades from Irish American groups. In addition to being the 1987 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal, he was named "Irishman of the Year" in 1986 by the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, and has been honored by the Irish National Caucus, the Irish Northern Aid Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Mr. Lawe is survived by his widow, the former Mary Heaney of Longford, Ireland; son, Desmond; and daughters Deirdre Behrens and Patricia.

California Suffers Loss Of Revered Life Member

Dennis Crowley was born in Northern California on March 7, 1912 and died in Los Angeles on December 13, 1988. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, three sons, two daughters and two grandsons.

Dennis was an active member in the Hibernian since he became a member at the age of eighteen. He served as the National Director of California, state president, was county president of Los Angeles twice, was a delegate to the National conventions, and became a life member in 1978. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and active in his church, St. Francis de Sales, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, helping the shut-ins in his area. He was always willing to go the extra mile for his friends and fellow Hibernians.

Dennis served in World War Two, where he rose in the ranks from



DENNIS CROWLEY

private to captain.

He will be missed by all his friends.

Bernard Mackle Dies at Age 68 Div. Member

ISLAND HEIGHTS, N.J. — Bernard Mackle, 68, died here at his home. He was a self-employed professional engineer, planner, and land surveyor in Toms River for the past 26 years.

Mr. Mackle was engineer for the borough of South Toms River and for its sewerage authority. He formerly was engineer for the Dover Township Board of Adjustment and for the township.

He was a member of the Ancient

Order of Hibernians, Toms River; the Irish-American Unity Conference, Central Jersey Branch; the National Survivors of Pearl Harbor, and the Society of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Mr. Mackle was a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Toms River. He was a former member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a World War II Army veteran.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., he lived in Toms River for 20 years, moving to Island Heights in 1980.

Surviving are his wife, the former Noreen Lyons; three sons, Bernard M., here; John Fitzgerald, Leesburg, Va., and Pearce Colum, here; two

Andrew Smith Was An AOH Life Member

The members of the Judge James J. Comerford Division No. 1, AOH, Pinellas County, Florida, announce with deep sorrow, the passing of one of their most distinguished brothers, Andrew Smith, on November 3, 1988, in Clearwater, Florida. Andy was a life member of the Order, holding the post at his death of state and division historian. He was a gentle soul who enjoyed everything Irish and whose contributions are too numerous to list.

Andy was born in 1902 in Scotland from Irish parentage, who had immigrated from Baileborough, County Cavan, Ireland. At the age of 17 Andy left home and returned to Ireland where he joined the I.R.A., fighting in the early 1900's along side Eamonn DeValera for Irish freedom.

While on the run at age 21, he fled to Australia and remained there for a year. Andy returned home to Scotland, where he married his childhood sweetheart, Lillie. A short time later he immigrated to Canada and subsequently brought Lillie out to join him. Lillie and Andy made their next move to Detroit, where he was employed at the Ford Motor Company. He attended night school to further his education and advanced upwards through the Ford Motor Company. After 35 years with Ford, Andy and Lillie retired to Clearwater, Florida, in 1968.

He was an inspiration to those of us, in and out of the Irish communities, who knew him. He was one of those beloved figures you do not forget and Andy will long be remembered — fondly.

He is survived by his daughter, Nora Willet, and 12 grandchildren.

Emerald Isle Div. Member Passes Away

WASHINGTON D.C. — James A. Shrewsbury passed away on December 9, 1988 at his residence. He had been a resident of Washington, D.C. area for the past twenty-five years. Brother Shrewsbury served as sentinel of the Emerald Isle Division, AOH and was a faithful attendant at meetings.

Brother Shrewsbury is survived by a loving son, James F. Shrewsbury, daughters Mary Catherine Fallon and Donna Marie Fearon, and a brother John. Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Gerard Maiella Catholic Church, Kirkwood, MO. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

James J. O'Connor

daughters, Breege Kohl, Point Pleasant, and Mary Margaret Mackle, here, and a sister, Mary Noonan, Briar Neck, Mass.

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to questions on Page 4)

1. Derry City. 2. Queen Victoria. 3. Turlough O'Carolan (1870-1738). 4. John Carroll, of Baltimore. 5. Co. Donegal. 6. The bond of peace between the Protestant and Catholic religions. 7. St. Brigid. 8. Daniel O'Connell. 9. Charles O'Connor, against Ulysses S. Grant in 1872. 10. The sunburst.

Ref: "Irish Trivia," Quinlan Press, Inc., Boston, Ma., 1986.

Jim Gallagher

STATE NEWS: New York

AUBURN, N.Y. — The 85th New York State AOH/LAOH Convention will be held here on July 12 through 15, 1989.

The Convention will officially open with a Mass at Holy Family Church on Thursday, July 13, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a served breakfast at the Holiday Inn. On Thursday afternoon, the normal business sessions will begin and continue on Friday and Saturday.

For your evening entertainment,

on Wednesday, July 12, we will have an "Opening Reception" with music by The Flying Column. On Thursday evening, we will host an "Evening at Owasco Lake Pavilion" with food and music by the Rutherford. On Friday evening, the "Convention Ball" will be held at the Holiday Inn, with music by Noel Kingston. Saturday evening will be the "Convention Banquet" which includes the Installation of Officers.

Thomas D. McNabb
Convention Chairman

Celtic New Year Celebrated

The MacBride Chapter, Irish Northern Aid, recently hosted a Celtic New Year social at which Patricia Dwyer, chairwoman, Rockland County AOH Feis for several years, was the honored guest. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Paul Loneygan, Celtic Scholar and chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, Queen's College, CUNY.

Mrs. Dwyer, a legal secretary, has done much to foster a love and knowledge of the arts and culture of Ireland among the younger generation. Patricia is a charter

member of the Irish American Cultural Centre, Rockland Co., a sponsor of the local Gaelic Athletic Association, active in politics and the pro-life movement. She was elected the first president of the Rockland Co., LAOH, and is currently their treasurer.

The festive evening also included a fashion show by Una's Irish Heritage, music by the True Celts and the lighting of the candles representing the six Celtic Nations (Eire, Alba, Mannin, Cymru, Kernow and Breizh).

Ann Loughman



PATRICIA DWYER accepting award from the chairman of the MacBride Chapter INA, Robert Loughman (AOH Div. 17 White Plains, NY).

In Brooklyn

Judge Bellard Grand Marshal

Judge William T. Bellard, a member of Division No. 4, AOH was elected Grand Marshal of the 1989 Brooklyn Irish American Parade. Judge Bellard has a long record of outstanding community service and has held office both in Div. No. 4 and currently on the Kings County Board AOH. Bill was the Brehon of this year's Great Irish Fair.

Three outstanding AOH men,

John McGuinness of Div. No. 4, Paul Morrissey of Div. No. 35 and John Comer of Div. No. 19, were each chosen to be an aide to the Grand Marshal in the 1989 Brooklyn parade. John McGuinness was selected to represent the Brooklyn Irish American business community; he is the owner of McGuinness Irish Imports on Avenue S. Paul is the aide representing the Brooklyn AOH and is currently the recording secretary of the Kings County Board. John Comer was elected the representative of Irish Americans in Education in Brooklyn. He is the community superintendent of District 22.

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In East Islip

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THOMAS MCENROE

The members of Division Seven, our Lady of Knock, East Islip, Suffolk County, New York, elected Thomas McEnroe as Grand Marshal of Division Seven's Twenty-Fourth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade will be held on March 12, 1989 in East Islip.

Brother McEnroe is a past president of the Division, chairman of the Division Seven Scholarship Fund and was honored as Division Seven Hibernian of the Year in 1987. He also is a piper with both Division Seven's "Roisin Dubh" Pipe Band and the New York Fire Dept. Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. After twenty five years of service with the Fire Department he retired with the rank of Lieutenant.

John P. Reilly, Parade Chairman

Al O'Hagan Announces For NY State President

Al O'Hagan, a third generation, 38-year veteran of the AOH has announced that he will seek the office of New York State President at the upcoming Convention scheduled for July in upstate Auburn County.

O'Hagan, a State Board officer for the past 12 years, is currently the State Vice President.

The popular Hibernian was chosen as the Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade in the year of our Order's 150th Anniversary. "He best typified the principles of Hibernianism," stated parade spokesman Frank Bierre.

O'Hagan, one of the foremost experts on the AOH ritual, has been asked by the AOH national president to produce a training video for degree teams throughout the Order.

Family Tradition

Al O'Hagan's father and grandfather were national life members of the AOH. Grandfather John O'Hagan from County Derry was the New York state president from 1925 to 1927.

The O'Hagan's were the first grandfather/grandson combination to be Grand Marshal of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. (John O'Hagan led the 1929 parade).

Al O'Hagan has acquired a long list of accomplishments in the Irish-American community. His AOH Great Irish Fair raises astronomical funds for Catholic Charities each year and is considered to be the largest Irish festival in the world.



AL O'HAGAN

This fair is also credited as being responsible for the current plans for the renewal of Coney Island, which in itself is a major contribution to New York.

Martin Kelly, president of O'Hagan's home base of Kings County, Brooklyn, says, "Al O'Hagan is an organizing genius. His election will be an asset to our statewide organization."

Nassau County Ball



MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR awards for 1988 were presented to Margaret Thornton, Division 14, and Robert Nesbitt, president, Division 6. Sharing the honorees' pleasure are, from left, Pater King, Division 7, chairman of the ball; and Thomas Gullotta, Nassau County Executive. The event was the most successful in many years.

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NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Dept. of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Please provide me with information on my family name McCall? Donald McCall, Truxton, N.Y.

A. Two Irish words are joined to form your name: cruadh, the *ua* pronounced like *ue* in *fluent* the *d* is silent, and the *h* gives the word a slight final aspiration; and laoiach just like *lee*. Together they mean 'toughness of the warrior' or simply 'tough warrior.' No doubt someone was bestowed with this appellation for his military prowess.

The spelling of your name is the modern variant akin to Crilly, Croll, O'Crilly, and these same forms preceded with Mac. The O prefix is rare but appears as early as 1647, when Friar O'Mellan gives the Irish spelling O Crilly to a variant. From what I have researched it seems that your name appeared in an official census of Co. Louth in 1659. But the forms are MacCroll, MacCrolley, and Croll; however, at least we begin to see forms close to your name being used early.

Because so many modern variants of your name exist one cannot determine the most probable origin without knowing a little more about where your family originated. For instance, several prominent Americans named Crowley emigrated from Co. Cork and these do not share any relationship to the names occurring in the 17th century census from Cos. Louth and Armagh. Nor do the Cork Crowleys look as if they descended from the James O'Crilly who fought in one of the O'Neill regiments of James II's Irish army.

Q. Can you tell me something about my name O'Rourke? Frank O'Rourke, Chester, MD.

A. Prior to the Norman conquest, several O'Rourkes sat on the throne of the Kingdom of Connacht. These Lords of Breffny feuded incessantly with their arch rivals, the O'Reillys. Whoever donated owned the more land. Land, however, changed hands on a regular basis. O'Rourke holdings were at their zenith when they controlled the territory from Sligo to Kells in County Meath.

O'Rourkes enjoyed a comfortable life style until Oliver Cromwell ravished the island. Without enough wealth to be earned many Irish aristocrats ventured to the Continent. A branch of the O'Rourkes settled in the Principality of Poland, a puppet State of the Russian Empire. Also, Two Owen O'Rourkes led troops in defense of Maria Teresa of Austria from 1750-80. Prince Joseph O'Rourke served as General — in Chief of the Russian Army from 1700. County Patrick O'Rourke also served in the Russian army in the middle of the 19th c.

Another branch went to France. Colonel Count John O'Rourke (1705-86), served in the army of the French Kings. The proliferate Father Francis O'Rourke (1660-1741), kept the Irish language alive among the literatures of the continent. A common Celtic heritage, agricultural economy, and Roman Catholicism support a good relationship between France and Ireland. Even today, Irish students prefer French as their first second language.

Many O'Rourkes remained in Ireland. Calling themselves Chief of the Name, O'Rourkes staunchly opposed English hegemony any where in Ireland. Brian O'Rourke hanged in London in 1684, he could not speak a word of English, such was his loyalty to his culture. Part of early Irish legend includes the story of Prince Tiernan O'Rourke of Breffny's adventures after his wife, Dervorgilla, was carried off by Dermot MacMorrogh.

Today your surname is ranked among the 100 most frequent surnames in Ireland. O'Rourke still remains most common in Cos. Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo — original holdings of Breffny.

Q. Could you provide me with material on the meaning of my family name Hallerman? Ronald Hallerman, Staten Island, N.Y.

A. Indulge me while I delve into a little linguistics. Hallerman derives from the old Irish word *allmuir* 'one from overseas, a foreigner.' In the plural *allmuire* means imported goods, valuable of foreign origin — law records attest such a meaning. And the plural can also refer to 'foreign parts.'

allmuir consists of two words, *al* is the preposition 'beyond, over,' from the old Irish *al* — such a form still appears when the syllable receives stress as in the case of your name. The initial *A* is the prefixed aspiration caused by the preceding *o* 'descendant of, grandson of,' common in many Irish names. *Muir* is cognate with the Latin word *mare* 'sea.' *Muir* can mean sea in any sense including water as opposed to land.

The name may at one time have referred to a specific individual(s) who arrived in Eire from beyond the sea. Because of Ireland's location the sea often remains foremost in many people's minds, and for all types of reasons. Anyone coming from beyond the sea would be a *rara avis* to many, especially if the traveller, for whom the title *allmuir* would be so appropriate, could not communicate with the inhabitants. Records can not exist concerning the first instance of the name, but they could reveal the first recording of the name. The name could have been used for centuries before writing became popular.

Nota Bene: With each question please include a self-addressed stamped business envelope and a check in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), payable to William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

Pro-Life Report

"Moving to Overturn *Roe v. Wade* and to Restore Protection for Unborn Babies."

The good news is that we elected a pro-life president, George Bush, whom we hope will be able to nominate a few more pro-life Supreme Court justices. Then the court will be able to overturn the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand through the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Some good news is that three states had referendums during the recent elections and the voters in these states (Arkansas, Colorado, Michigan) by a wide margin agreed not to fund abortions. Back in 1970 Colorado had been the first state to repeal its law making abortion illegal but presently the people of that state want to restrict access to abortions or at least not to pay for them.

The recent victories on these referendums point out what people in the pro-life movement already knew — that the American people do not favor abortion as the pro-choice/abortionists have tried to make us believe through their costly and extensive polling and advertising campaigns. Sixteen years ago the pro-abortionists had to win their victory through the Supreme Court on a newly invented "right of privacy" because thirty-two states between 1970-72 had passed referendums to maintain the then present anti-abortion statutes.

The National Abortion Rights Action League (N.A.R.A.L.); Planned Parenthood; N.O.W.; the A.C.L.U.; People for the American Way and other pro-abortion groups are now worried as they sense that we are getting nearer to overturning *Roe v.*

Wade. Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League, expressed her worry over the momentum that the right to life people have gained. She stated on 5/10/88 in the *New York Times* that the anti-abortion groups "obviously feel that it is within their reach to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and make abortion illegal again. And the frightening thing is that I'm not sure they're wrong." A few months from now the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a Missouri case that strikes a blow at *Roe v. Wade* and it is the opinion of many people on both sides of the abortion issue that the Court may restrict abortion but probably will not overturn *Roe v. Wade* this time around. However, it is the thinking of many people on both sides of this issue that *Roe* will eventually be overturned. When *Roe* is overturned the battle will go back to the states whereby each state will decide on the legality of abortion.

Another optimistic sign is the witness of ten thousand people who have been arrested since the time of the Democratic Convention in Atlanta, Ga., last summer; these people blocked the entrances of abortion clinics in order to shut them down so that babies' lives could be saved. These religious people and civil rights activists have been courageous and heroic in their efforts and they have captured the hearts of the American people due to their brave "laying down their lives" for the unborn babies. Their youthful leader, Rev. Randall Terry of Binghamton, N.Y., as well as they, has drawn strength from the Scripture which states: "Rescue those unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die" (Proverbs 24:11). Roman Catholic Bishop Austin Vaughan of Newburgh, New York, has been arrested several times with this group because he wants to stop the killing of babies by abortion.

There are interesting and hopeful political rumblings happening. Staunch pro-abortion advocate and

Scripture also reminds us that if you and I have enough faith we can move a mountain (Matt. 21:27). I ask each of you to put your faith into practice, into action, and with the help of God, like Martin Luther King, Jr., "we shall overcome" and win another of the great civil rights battles of our century — protecting the lives of babies in the womb, who presently have no protection.

Charles Welch, Chairman
New York State AOH Pro-Life

An inch and a half of Irish

Go raibh maith agat.
Thank you.

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Keep marching, Marchers:
you're almost there



Hibernians Join the Annual Right to Life March

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were among the 67,000 amassed in the nation's capital for the 16th Annual Right to Life March. Members from divisions in New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland helped swell the ranks of crusaders. They were led by AOH National President Michael Coogan from Ohio and Right to Life AOH National Chairman William Farrell from Massachusetts.

On the ellipse behind the White House, they heard President Bush say, "I think the Supreme Court decision in *Roe vs. Wade* was wrong and should be overturned."



HIBERNIANS from Lynn, MA, Division 10, with the capitol building in the background.



ON THE ELLIPSE behind the White House, AOH and LAOH members starting to gather around the banner of the District of Columbia Board. Behind the banner is AOH National President Michael Coogan, and AOH National Right to Life Chairman William Farrell, holding the Tricolor. The White House is in the center background.



DAN FLANNERY from St. Brendan Division 1, Berks County, PA, and his grandson, J. Joseph Filak, ready their sign for the parade on the ellipse behind the White House.



HIBERNIANS from Bronx County, NY, break out their banner as they get ready to march, led by Past National Director John Egan (in sash).



THE VIRGINIA marchers were led by Past National Director James Herlihy, center, and Arlington Division 1 President Tom Gaughan, left of banner.



AT THE END of the parade, the AOH group from Philadelphia, PA, led by AOH National Chairman for Catholic Action Vincent Scully, 2nd from left, poses with AOH National President Michael Coogan, 3rd from left.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Brother & Sister Hibernians, and all the ships at sea! Let's go to press.

FOOTBALL — College type — Notre Dame showed the national press, the world and the fans, including the guy who was occupying the White House until January 20th that they are No. 1. Notre Dame was impressive against West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Lou Holtz is quite proud of his team. He has every right to be.

At this point, YR wishes to thank Miss, Mrs. or Ms. Kitty Trainor for sending him a previous column he wrote concerning ND. She said he predicted ND No. 1. Not really true, but he will accept the accolades. Actually he said something about perhaps they could be No. 1. In this game, you take what your readers will give you. Thanks, Kitty. If you're in NYC for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, please look up YR. He would love to thank you in person.

PRO-FOOTBALL — As YR writes this, it is the start of Super Bowl XXIII weekend in Miami. The Cincinnati Bengals and the San Francisco 49ers battle for all the chips. Consensus of opinion at this time, is to go with the 49ers. The books in Las Vegas must be giving long odds on the Bengals. Somebody could make a killing if the Bengals win.

Buffalo, the sentimental favorite of Update New Yorkers, regardless of whom they pulled for all year, gave it the old college try but came up short. Next year, Marv Levy should be able to make it to the Super Bowl.

San Francisco did something everybody said could not be done. They beat Chicago at home at Soldier's Field. YR once was on this field. Not as a player, coach or manager but as a tourist many years ago when he was in Uncle Sam's Canoe Club. Now, that's trivial! Chicago got to the game with San Francisco by defeating a team in a game that has been and will go down in history as "The Fog Bowl". On television you could not see 10 yards. But they played the game and the Bears won. YR's mind is still foggy. Who was it Chicago played?

The NFL still has a substance abuse problem. Will they address it during the off-season. Time till tell. YR thinks the NFL and the owners, the coaches and the players union are sending the wrong message to the kids of America. The message sent, is "Don't flunk a urine test. But if you do, you will only get 30 days suspension." This isn't the message for the youth. Not when some of these kids in the neighborhoods, good and bad, find out the facts of economic life. You can work for a fast food chain and make the minimum wage, \$3.65 or whatever. If you deal dope, you can own a BMW or Mercedes, have a cellular phone in the car, dress in the best rags a designer can make and still have pocket money of \$10,000 to \$20,000. Something is drastically wrong with this picture.

How do you change it? Get involved! Find out what's happening. If you have any athletic talent, donate your time as a coach. If you don't have talent, per YR, then support the teams and leagues that are working with the youth of your community.

STATE NEWS: Florida

By NICK SCHNEIDER

1988 was a banner year for the Florida AOH. Membership increased beyond expectations; a new division was formed and is growing rapidly. During the month of December, a second division in Broward County is in the process of being formed.

Recently, Brevard County Division 1 President Bob Schneider and his Vice President (and first cousin) Nick Schneider, journeyed to the City of Melbourne to donate \$250 from the Division to the school library of the Melbourne Central Catholic High School. Upon receiving the donation, the school principal, Mr. Chip Weaver, indicated that he would endeavor to use part of the money for books on Irish history.

The 1989 State Convention will be held in May in Ft. Lauderdale, with Broward County Division 1 as host. President Martin McAndrew and his diligent workers are diligently preparing for the event.

Brevard County Division 1: The division held its annual Christmas party in Indian Harbor Beach, with 68 AOH and LAOH members in attendance. Also attending was State Vice President John Cullinan and his lovely wife Kathleen. At the Division's first meeting of 1989 the following Board of officers was installed: President Bob Schneider; Vice President Nick Schneider; Recording Secretary Ernie Kees; Financial Secretary Frank Harrington; Treasurer Tom Schneider; Chairman/Standing Committee Pat McCann; Marshal

Bill Rothamel; Sentinel Sal Vitale; Historian Jerry O'Shea. **Brevard County Division 2:** Each year the division supplies Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in the community. Distribution this year was from the rectories of Ascension Parish and St. Joseph Parish.

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The Division's annual Christmas party in N.E. Palm Bay was a great success. Jackie Lepper played Santa Claus and presented gifts to 19 children from the local Children's Home. During the festivities, State President Jack Boyle installed the 1989 slate of Division officers.

Manatee County Division 1: President Paul Finnerty reports that the 1989 Board of Officers were installed at the December meeting. Paul also indicated that the Division has great plans for 1989.

Broward County Division 1: Officers for 1989 are President Martin McAndrew; Vice President Don Fortune; Recording Secretary Don Hartnett; Financial Secretary Bill Maroney; Treasurer Ed McCready; Chairman/Standing Committee Tom Howley; Sentinel Jim Lawless; Marshal

carry the majority of college games during the week. On the weekends, all three networks have some college ball. Just the proper piece to keep you out of the cold and indoors in front of a warm TV set.

TENNIS — YR received a post card from a member in Manhattan. At least the return address was Manhattan. There was a tournament in November in Madison Square Garden. The writer gave YR some information about the coaches for two of the leading players on the circuit. Both coaches are Irish. YR did not have the opportunity to do anything with that piece of information at that time. YR would love to follow up on some of these items in the spring and summer, if possible. So if that reader or any reader would let YR know in advance what's happening, he might be able to do something.

WINTER SPORTS — If you are a skier, you know there hasn't been much natural snow around the Northeast. Most ski resorts are using very sophisticated equipment to make snow. The lack of natural snow has hurt these resorts. It also hurt the professionals in the East. Colorado is about one of the few places that seems to be thriving this ski season. This depends on who you believe.

HOCKEY — The NFL still must address the excessive violence by some players in using their sticks as lethal weapons. Let's knock off the cheap shots and play the game with finesse and intelligence. Let these animals join the professional wrestlers on their circuit.

The Red Army Team has been touring the NFL. These guys are quite impressive. They are also quite disciplined. They play good hard-hitting hockey with good passing.

TIME LEFT—00:00 — Until the next time on the sidelines, keep those cards and letters coming to PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.



BREVARD COUNTY, FL, Div. 1 President Bob Schneider, right, and Vice President Nick Schneider, left, present a \$250 check to Chip Weaver, principal of Melbourne Central High School, for the school library.

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shel Eamon Quinn; Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerry Grace.

President McAndrew announced that he is making final arrangements with Ft. Lauderdale radio station WSPF, 1580 AM on your radio dial, for Irish music and news from Ireland to be broadcast every Saturday at 12:00 noon, beginning 7 January 1989. If you would like to be a sponsor or know a friend or business acquaintance who would like to be a sponsor, call Martin McAndrew at (305) 739-0590 during the day or (305) 474-4737 during the evening.

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New Virginia Division Honors Civil War General And Irish Brigade

By KATHLEEN McCABE MAHONEY

One of the newest kids on the AOH block is the Gen. Thomas F. Meagher Division in historic Fredericksburg, Virginia. Along with the women of the LAOH, the men enthusiastically celebrated the division's first birthday on December 6 at a local restaurant appropriately called "The Irish Brigade." Mr. Jack A'Hearn was re-elected president of this fledgling but energetic division.

A few days later the group, in a more somber mood, met at the site of a famous Civil War battleground to honor its namesake, Thomas Francis Meagher, and the hundreds of men who lost their lives in the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862. Despite bitter cold winds, there was a large turnout to mark the 126th anniversary of the battle, which included a reenactment group representing the 28th Massachusetts.

After retracing the steps from the point where the Yankees would have crossed the Rappahannock River, the authentically dressed and equipped men and their followers participated in a moving remembrance, under the direction of the National Park Service, at the Richard Kirkland monument. Virginia State AOH President Jerry Gorman assisted Jack A'Hearn in the wreath-laying ceremony. With both Irish flags and Old Glory flapping in the cold December air punctuated with a fife and drum band, it was not difficult to imagine the bloody scene where the Irish Brigade lost 528 men in fifteen minutes.

One of the most courageous Civil War units in the Federal Army, the Irish Brigade was made up of men from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to the aforementioned 28th Massachusetts. They were put under the command of then Captain Thomas Francis Meagher, who was later promoted to brigadier general. Meagher was a native of Waterford, Ireland. He had arrived in this country in 1852 after escaping from Tasmania where he had been shipped for his part in the Irish uprising of 1848.

While the Irish Brigade took part in many battles, two sites are memorable for both uncommon bravery and for a staggering loss of life. The 1200 member force was among those at Antietam who charged the Confederates, forcing

them to retreat but at great cost: only 500 men had survived. In a jarring reminder of the war's bloodiest single-day battle, the remains of four bodies were just discovered in a shallow grave at Antietam last March by some men with metal detectors. Experts were able to identify the four as members of the Irish Brigade through artifacts like a crucifix, part of a rosary, and a clay pipe.

From Antietam, it was on to Fredericksburg where General Lee was firmly entrenched at Marye's Heights. The soldiers knew that even the famed Irish luck couldn't help them in this hopeless attempt to vanquish the Confederates. Yet, with a sprig of evergreen in every man's cap for the "wearing of the green," the Brigade formed ranks and followed Burnside's insane orders to attack. An observer, Thomas Galwey of the Eighth Ohio Infantry, wrote of their exceptional valor that December day in 1862: "They try to go beyond but are slaughtered. Nothing could advance farther and live. They lie down doggedly, determined to hold the ground they have already taken."

Despite a withering hail of fire, some of the Brigade were able to take the hill within about twenty-five yards of Lee's position but could get no closer. General Meagher, who had started his day with approximately 1300 lads, found that close to 600 had been killed, badly wounded, or were missing.

The Irishmen's reputation for bravery and glorious style spread fast, but their fame was not confined to battlefield exploits alone. A few months after the terrible battle of Fredericksburg, the Brigade distinguished itself for unparalleled achievement in entertaining.

St. Patrick's Day, 1863, dawned under a sunny azure-blue sky just perfect for the meticulously planned celebration for the wearing of the green. In the weeks before, the undisciplined but undaunted men had used their spare moments for preparations which included the construction of a backwoods church in the area of their winter quarters and a well laid out steeplechase course.

The brigade chaplain who later went on to become president of Notre Dame, Father William Corby, began the day's festivities with a solemn high mass.



GEN. THOMAS F. MEAGHER



VIRGINIA STATE AOH HONOR GUARD at the ceremony placing a wreath in honor of General Meagher and the Irish Brigade at the Kirkland Memorial on the Sunken Road at the base of Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg National Military Park. Following his distinguished military career during the Civil War, General Meagher served as territorial governor of Montana. While serving in that office he died in a drowning accident while engaged in a reconnaissance of the Missouri River.

Gen. Meagher donned the formal dress of an Irish squire for the occasion and served as a combination lector and master of ceremonies. A visiting Jesuit gave the sermon, on St. Patrick, of course.

Then it was off to the races, the featured one being the "Grand Brigade Steeplechase" which carried a purse of five hundred dollars. Good food and spirits, naturally, along with foot races, greased pig contests, theatricals, and Irish dancing, left some of the men a wee bit under the weather the next day.

Considering the battlefield horrors that these soldiers had experienced just three months before, their exuberant celebrating was understandable.

For those Hibernians who plan to attend the national convention in the Old Dominion in 1990, consider a side trip to the Fredericksburg area. During your visit you will be able to walk the hallowed ground where the Irish Brigade fought so valiantly. The excellent museums and exhibits are operated by the National Park Service and are free. The short journey

from the Crystal City convention site could not be easier and will take an hour. Your exit off Interstate 95 South is 45A for the Fredericksburg battlefield and museum. Conventioneers with more time to spend will find plenty to do and see in this historic area of Virginia.

STATE NEWS: Virginia Hibernians Protest Against Ian Paisley

NORFOLK, VA: Members of St. Patrick's Division 1 of Norfolk and Virginia Beach took part in a peaceful street-side protest directed at the Rev. Ian Paisley outside the local church where he was speaking.

The Division banner and protest signs against hatred were seen on all three local television news programs and Division President J. Thomas Brown III was quoted in the local newspaper. Included was his statement that "None of us need this gentleman, and I use the term loosely, to keep stirring up hatred. And, what gives him the right to call the Pope the anti-Christ?"

William Hickey, Div. Historian

Texans Launch

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lobbyist, provided the committee a synopsis of the activities involved with passing a piece of legislation through the legislative process.

Notable among the committee members were Mr. William Hines, National Director of the AOH, Dr. Sean Burke, president of the Corkmen Association, Ms. Joan Moody (Irish Cultural Society), Mr. James McGoughlin of the IAUC, Col. Charles McClure (AOH) and Mr. William Fahey of Cork, Ireland.

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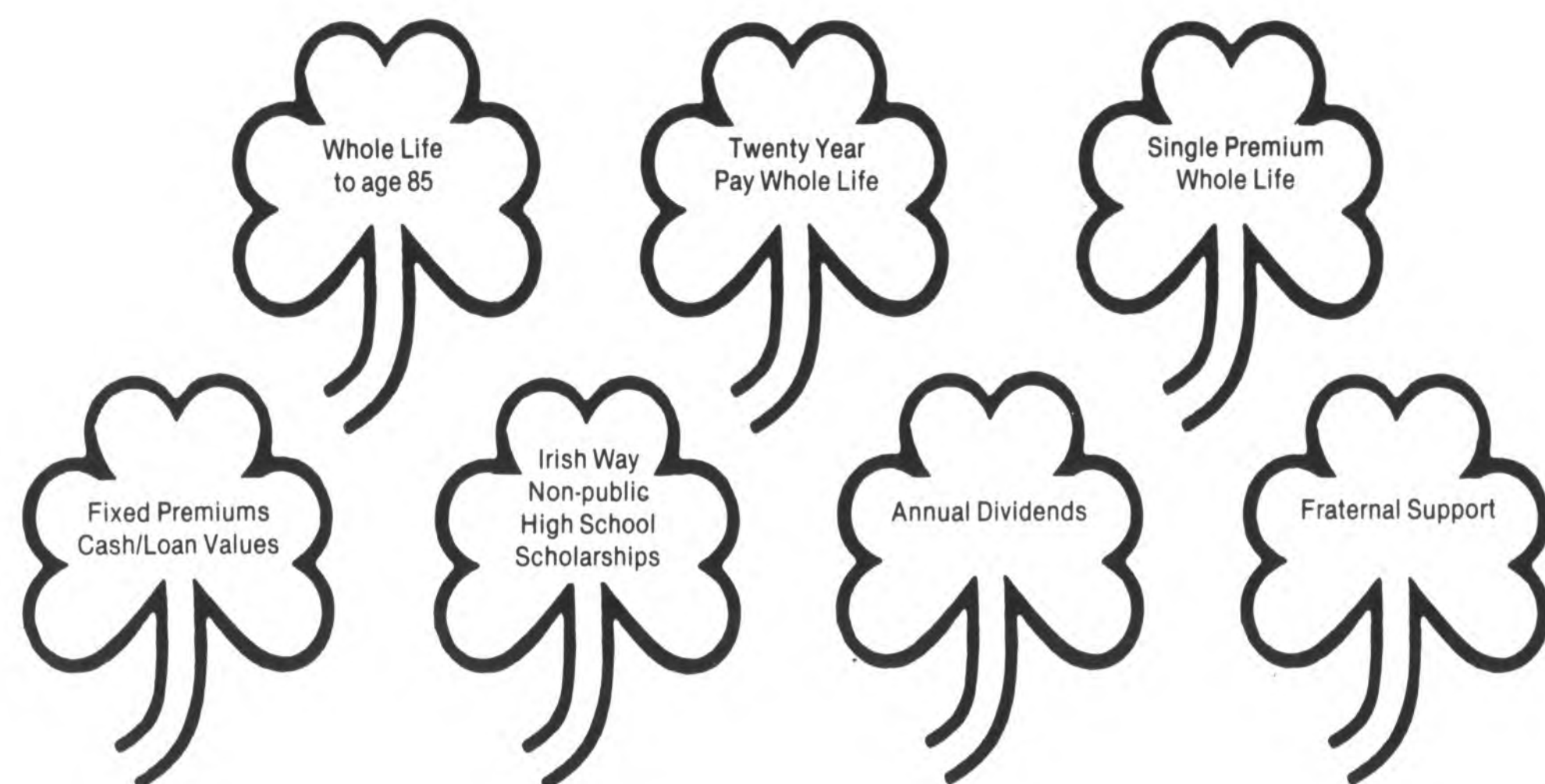
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Patrick's Day Message of Peace and Justice

WASHINGTON — Patrick's Day, the day when the Irish people celebrate their heritage, is also a day when the Irish people are reminded of the need for peace and justice in Ireland.

"Peace, justice, and freedom for all the people of Ireland is our hope on St. Patrick's Day and every day. Our commitment to help accomplish these goals is constant throughout the year."

Joseph Doherty
"On St. Patrick's Day we stand in solidarity behind those legal processes which will put an end to

the six years of injustice against Joseph Doherty. We specifically call on Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to grant him bail while his application for political asylum is reviewed. His six years of incarceration without having violated any U.S. laws is both abhorrent and inhumane, and it must end. We must also urge the Attorney General to let stand the Bureau of Immigration Appeal's decision allowing Mr. Doherty to apply for political asylum. We, in turn, urge the Bureau of Immigration Appeals to approve

this application.

MacBride Principles
"Another foremost concern is the continuing and worsening economic discrimination which primarily victimizes the Catholic minority population in Northern Ireland. Unemployment there continues to be the highest in Western Europe including more than 60 percent in certain Catholic cities. We support those policies aimed at alleviating and eliminating this problem."

"To that end, we reaffirm our support for the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment and Non-Discrimination. We believe their very existence has compelled the British government to seek needed reforms in their existing Fair Employment Act. Any change in that Act must include strong and

verifiable enforcement provisions against companies and practices that promote or perpetuate discrimination.

We lend our specific support to pending legislation to require American companies operating in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles as a new corporate code of conduct. Today more than one out of every ten jobs in the north of Ireland is provided by an American firm. We urge hearings to be held in the House and Senate on this important legislation.

International Fund
"We also call for immediate oversight hearings in both the House and Senate on the distribution of the more than \$120 million in U.S.

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October Dinner and Board Meeting Plans Announced



MICHAEL COOGAN

DAYTON, OHIO — October 20 and 21, 1989 are the dates set by President Michael Coogan for the National Board Meetings and Testimonial Dinner which will be held in his home city of Dayton.

Mr. Coogan has appointed Robert L. Butler, a local businessman as general chairman and Joseph Kilgallen, treasurer.

The event will be a two-day affair with board meetings starting at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, October 20 and carrying through till 4:00 P.M. the following day, October 21. There will be an activity on Friday evening. Saturday will include a mass at 8:30 P.M., followed by cocktails at 8:30, dinner at 7:30, and dancing at 9:00.

The Dayton Mall Holiday Inn, located at 1-75 and Rte. 725 exit, will be the site of the affair. This is adjacent to the Dayton Mall shopping area, one of the largest in the state of Ohio. An added attraction for those with time to spend is the world-famous Air Force Museum, featuring planes of the past and present as well as much equipment used in the U.S. Space Program.

Notices will be mailed to all divisions this spring outlining the cost of the event plus a more detailed outline of the program.

U.S. Church Groups Are Backing MacBride Bills

NEW YORK — At annual meetings this year, a record number of companies having operations in Northern Ireland, will face questions and proposals by shareholders about their equal employment practices in Ireland. Twenty-one Northern Ireland resolutions are on the 1989 agenda of shareholders' meetings of U.S. companies. This increase over the 17 resolutions debated at last year's meetings and the 10 resolutions debated in 1987, reflects the growing concern and action on discrimination in Northern Ireland by U.S. church groups and state and city pension funds. It also reflects the momentum of legislative action of the MacBride Principles in states and cities across the country. "The continually increasing number of

shareholder resolutions and state legislation shows that Americans will continue to monitor human rights in Northern Ireland," said Sr. Regina Murphy, spokesperson for the church groups. "We refuse to acquiesce to the discriminatory systems in Northern Ireland."

Shareholder proponents have asked 10 companies to implement and/or increase their activity relating to the nine MacBride Principles for fair employment. Eight companies have received resolutions asking them to review their Northern Ireland operations and to report to shareholders on their equal opportunities policies and practices. Boeing and Lockheed companies have been asked to examine their

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Ad Hoc Committee Takes Up 1989 Irish Agenda for 101st Congress

The call for Joseph Doherty to be free on bail and granted political asylum, strong support for passage of the MacBride Principles and a full investigation into the U.S. economic aid provided to Northern Ireland were the main topics as the bipartisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs held its first business meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 1989.

The four committee co-chairmen, Reps. Thomas J. Manton (D-NY), Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-NY), Benjamin

Gilman (R-NY), and Bruce Morrison (D-CT), all participated in the hearing together with Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Elliot Engel (D-NY), member of the executive committee.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Council of Presidents of Irish-American organizations to present their 1989 Agenda to the Committee. This group consisted of Michael Coogan, national president, and Joe Roche, former national president, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Bob

Linnon, president, Irish American Unity Conference; Martin Galvin, publicity director, Irish Northern Aid Committee; John Gavin, president, Knights of Equity; Kathy Holmes, president, Irish American Congress; John Finucane, chairman of the Political Education Committee; and Mary Pike, the attorney for Irish political prisoner Joseph Doherty. Hilary House, representing American Protestants for the Truth About Ireland, also participated.

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THE NEW AD HOC Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs held their first meeting at the end of February where they listened to requests from major Irish organizations. Clockwise around the table, from near end at eyeglasses: Robert L. Linnon, National President, Irish American Unity Conference; Mary Boreaz Pike, Attorney for Joseph Doherty; John J. Finucane, Nat. Pres., American Irish Political Education Com; Kathy Holmes, Chairperson, American Irish Conference; Martin Galvin, Publicity Director, Irish Northern Aid; Michael Coogan, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians; John Gavin, Worthy Sir Knight, Knights of Equity; Joseph A. Roche, Chairman, Political Education Committee, AOH; Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), Committee Co-Chairman; Rep. Elliot L. Engel (D-NY); Rep. Thomas J. Manton (D-NY), Committee Co-Chairman; Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. (R-NY), Committee Co-Chairman; and Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY). Irish Eye photo

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economic aid contributed to the International Fund for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The 1986 authorizing legislation had strong conditions governing this first time U.S. aid. The funds were to benefit both communities. They were to be directed into programs which would provide additional employment opportunities for both communities. Reports by two major Irish American organizations charge these funds have not been distributed according to conditions. Oversight hearings are essential to finding out why.

Visa Policies

"We call for continued legislative reforms in our visa policies. We urge the one-year moratorium on visa denials solely on the basis of political beliefs be made permanent. We urge continued attention and appropriate legislative action to reform our immigration laws to remove those elements of hardship that have so especially impacted on the Irish community.

Political Solution

"We urge the Administration to issue a formal position on Ireland and Northern Ireland and to identify what contribution the United States can make to achieving the political solution which helps bring peace and justice to all 32 counties of Ireland.

Shoot to Kill

"We reiterate with emphasis our absolute opposition to all forms of violence in Northern Ireland, civilian or official. We know that both forms of violence have claimed many lives. We urge all who are responsible for acts of violence, civilian or official, be fully prosecuted. We denounce the recent rash of murders being conducted by extremist groups such as the savage murder of Patrick Finucane, a prominent Catholic lawyer. We urge continued world attention to

the conduct of British security forces in Northern Ireland to avert repetition of such actions as their "shoot to kill" policies.

We note that August 12 will mark the 20th anniversary of the introduction of British troops into Northern Ireland. We must use this occasion not only to reflect on the tragedies of the past, the present British policies in the North, but also to renew our commitment to seek a new path for peace and unity for this troubled land. It is a path which many may wish to pave, but only the people of Ireland should set its final direction."

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Church Groups Back MacBride

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Northern Ireland subcontractors' adherence to non-discriminatory practices.

The proponents of the proposals include church groups belonging to Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, the New York City Employees Retirement System, Minnesota State Board of Investment, Connecticut Retirement Trust Funds, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the Christian Brothers Investment Services. This is the first year that the Minnesota State Board of Investment and the Connecticut Retirement Trust Funds have joined the other proponents in submitting such proposals.

"During this time of increased violence in Northern Ireland, we have to find many more non-violent ways to establish justice and equality in that country," said Sr. Patricia Daly of Christian Brothers Investment Services. "Support for the MacBride Principles would be a peaceful step toward a just solution to the inequality of job opportunity experienced by many in Northern Ireland. As shareholders in American corporations operating in Northern Ireland, we cannot stand by and do nothing."

Discrimination in employment has been cited by the International Commission of Jurists as one of the major causes of conflict in Northern Ireland. Church members believe that, as equal employment opportunity increases, violence will decrease. A climate will be created

which will encourage new and expanded investment in Northern Ireland, providing much needed fair employment for the 26 percent of Catholics and 10 percent of Protestants who are currently unemployed.

In less than five years after the promulgation of the MacBride Principles, ten states and seventeen cities in the U.S. have already passed legislation which links their investments or purchases to a company's equal opportunity practices in Northern Ireland. Another twelve states have Northern Ireland legislation pending.

In 1988, the British government announced new legislative proposals on fair employment. In outlining the proposals, British officials acknowledge that the Fair Employment legislation of the last 13 years had failed to end discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland. Latest figures reveal that unemployment is more than twice as high among Roman Catholics as among those belonging to other denominations. Both government officials and outside analysts stated that the MacBride Principles campaign in the U.S. had influenced the British to take a more aggressive stand against discrimination.

Companies at which Northern Ireland resolutions will be discussed include:

Dun and Bradstreet
American Home Products

1989 Ad Hoc Irish Agenda

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In statements delivered at the meeting the four co-chairmen and Reps. Ackerman and Engel discussed the current issues on the agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee. These include:

• A resolution introduced by Rep. Manton calling for Joe Doherty, incarcerated since 1983 without charge, to be released on bail pending review of his application for political asylum which the resolution also urges be approved. The resolution now has 20 cosponsors. In a related development, Manton has also sent a letter to Attorney General Thornburgh, urging that Joe Doherty be given bail. He was joined on the letter and resolution by all the other co-chairmen including Rep. Morrison, who was recently named as Chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee which has oversight over the Immigration Service as well as the Board of Immigration Appeals which has ruled that Joe Doherty be allowed to apply for political asylum.

• Legislation authored by Rep. Fish calling on American firms doing business in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride Principles of fair employment and non-discrimination. This legislation was introduced in January with almost 40 cosponsors.

• A full scale investigation by the House Foreign Affairs Committee into the \$140 million in the U.S. economic aid directed to the International Fund for Ireland and Northern Ireland. Reps. Gilman, Ackerman and Engel, all members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, pledged to press for such hearings.

Manton, who chaired the meeting, also indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee during the 101st Congress would press for the reforms in current U.S. visa policies to permanently end the ban on those denied entry solely because of political views. Further, he said the Committee would issue a St. Patrick's Day message for peace and justice.

The Ad Hoc Committee begins the 101st Congress with over 100 members including five senators. In a joint statement the four co-chairmen called the meeting with the council of presidents "constructive, comprehensive and helpful to us as we continue to press the agenda for peace and justice in Ireland forward in Congress and in the administration."

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The first Northern Ireland shareholder resolution presented in 1989 at the Baker-Hughes meeting received a resounding 6.4 percent of the shareholder vote. This vote will enable the resolution to be resubmitted in 1990.

Interfaith Center on
Corporate Responsibility

Sean MacBride Century Club Seeks Members

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. (AOH) was established in 1836 in this country although it was first organized in Ireland in the sixteenth century. A recent amendment to the AOH Constitution, in part, states that the AOH shall memorialize the human rights contributions by Dr. Sean MacBride and it shall recognize the efforts of other individuals who make similar contributions in the cause of peace, justice and the economic well being of the Irish people whether they belong to the AOH or not.

For reference purposes Dr. Sean MacBride was born on January 26, 1904. His father was Major John MacBride, who was responsible for the Irish Brigade in 1899 which fought for the Boers against the British in the unsuccessful Transvaal (Boer) War of 1899-1902. Major MacBride fought the British at

Jacob's factory during the Easter Week Rebellion. He was sentenced to death by the English and executed at Kilmainham Jail on May 5, 1916. The mother of Sean MacBride was Maud Gonne MacBride, a beauty and one of the strongest advocates of Irish Nationalism. W.B. Yeats idolized her in many of his poems.

Sean MacBride grew up in France but finally was able to permanently return to Ireland with his mother in 1918. He immediately joined the Fianna. In 1921, he was with Michael Collins in London during the negotiations for the Anglo-Irish Treaty. When the treaty was ratified by the Dail (Irish Parliament) in 1922, Sean MacBride exhibited his Anti-Treaty philosophy primarily because of the partition of Ireland. Sean fought against the Irish Free State and was captured and jailed with Ernie O'Malley in the Four Courts Battle. Years later, Sean MacBride succeeded Moss Twomey in 1936 as Chief of Staff of the IRA.

Thereafter, a change in his life occurred and he departed the IRA. He was admitted to the Bar and became a Senior Barrister in 1943. From

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National Board Awards Program Honors MacBride

The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has decided that the proceeds of the 1989 National Awards Program will be used to establish the Dr. Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award. This Award, now part of our National Constitution, will be presented for the first time at the National President's Dinner on October 21, 1989.

Sean MacBride's uncommon valor and dedication to freedom and justice brought him truly unique distinctions. He was the only person in the world to receive three major peace awards. He was eulogized by Cardinal's O'Flaich and O'Connor as an Irish "man for all seasons whose service to the victims of conflict and to the dignity of man spanned three

continents in an extraordinary life." His address to Hibernians in 1984 launched a nationwide campaign for the MacBride Fair Employment Principles which has given hope to those who have lived with despair for decades.

The Awards program will have eight cash prizes. In addition, each Division will be eligible for an incentive prize as outlined in a letter to all Divisions. The list of winners will be published in the November-December issue of *National Hibernian Digest*.

Additional Award books are available from Division Presidents or directly from the National Awards office at Box 623, Mineola, NY 11501.

Your support of the Awards will enable an Irish artist to cast the original bust of Dr. MacBride and will honor a man who walked with us and in so doing ennobled our Order for generations to come.

George Meany Remembered



THOMAS DONAHUE, secretary-treasurer, AFL/CIO, left, and Joseph Roche, chairman, National AOH Political Education Committee, admire the new bust of labor leader George Meany, sculpted at the New York City District Council Carpenters School.

A Special Day

VINCENT J. SCULLY

National Chairman, Catholic Action

One of the Special Days we in the AOH are expected and required to honor is the feast of Our Lady of Knock, celebrated on August 21 or the Sunday closest to that date.

As Irish Catholics we should be determined that our Blessed Mother receive all the recognition she can attain under her title, Our Lady of Knock. I am asking every division to contribute some effort to promote dedication to Our Lady of Knock.

Your efforts need not be elaborate or expensive. An announced Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin would be great. Perhaps with the permission of your parish pastor, a bouquet of flowers at the Post-Communion could be presented, followed by a prayer or hymn or both. Any effort you make will help create some awareness to what we as a people feel for the Blessed Virgin Mother of God.

This past December, I was in St. Patrick's church in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania (the Mushroom Capital of the World). On the Blessed Mother's altar was a beautiful portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The altar and the portrait were decorated with dozens of roses, in all shapes and colors. The sight of it all was astonishingly beautiful!

Our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters working in the mushroom houses put their time and money together and set an example we can proudly follow on an annual schedule.

When we participate as an organization, people are drawn to us; and the growth of the AOH is important to our church and to Ireland! Please begin making plans now in your own way and with your own ideas to create a new awareness of the beauty that is Mary.

AOH Leaders Greeted



JOHN CARDINAL O'CONNOR greets National LAOH President Mary Bradley, left with back to camera, while National Vice President Michael Carroll kisses the Cardinal's ring as they meet in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day. Photo by Bill McEnery

New York City to Hold American Irish Forum '89

Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx), working with dozens of Irish-American leaders throughout the city, will hold the "American-Irish Forum '89" for city mayoral and comptroller candidates on Thursday, May 11 at Manhattan College in Riverdale, the Bronx.

"Like last year's successful Presidential Forum and the Empire State Political Forum in 1986, there are more than enough issues at hand in the city in terms of the Irish vote that must be addressed by candidates for citywide office," Dearie said. "Letters have gone out to leaders in the Irish-American community and to all the candidates, both announced and unannounced, inviting their participation in this very important Forum.

"It's logical that we seek their views on Irish issues and the Forum is a singular opportunity for any candidate to have his thoughts on Irish issues disseminated as widely as possible. This is the perfect time to do so," Dearie said.

The Forum will begin at 7 p.m. at Smith Auditorium at Manhattan

College in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. "In the coming weeks we will be arranging for tickets, which will be free, to be distributed to the event and we are asking that the candidates confirm their attendance by April 15," Dearie said.

In the letter inviting the candidates to join in the Forum, Dearie wrote, "Among the issues that we are asking you to address are: investment of city pension funds in U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland and their compliance with the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment for the Catholic minority there; the future of Gaelic Park in the Bronx, a landmark cultural, athletic and social center for the Irish community, whose lease with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is due to expire next year; the city's response to the needs and concerns of the "New Irish" pouring into the city, both documented and undocumented, whose numbers have been estimated at upwards of 100,000; and the fate of Joe Doherty, an Irishman who has been held for nearly six years without charge at the Metropolitan Correctional Center."

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D.C. Area St. Patrick's Day Events



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD BANQUET—Dignitaries at the annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet sponsored by the District of Columbia Board, left to right, are Denis Sheehan, Administrative Officer, Embassy of Ireland and a member of AOH Commodore Barry Division 1, Annapolis, MD; Matthew Hannon, President, District of Columbia Board; Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Bransfield, Director, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and a member of Emerald Isle Division 3, Washington DC; and Richard Callahan, Banquet Chairman and member of Emerald Isle Div. 3.



VETERANS HONORED — Laying a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial was one of the many AOH sponsored activities in the Washington, DC area on St. Patrick's Day. Left to right are Jack Keefe, past president, Michael J. Dowd Div. 6 Rockville, MD; Terry Radigan, president, Commodore John Barry Div. 1, Washington, DC; Dr. Thomas J. McNerney, Bishop George Evans Div. 1, Denver, CO; and Matthew Hannon, president District of Columbia Board.



J.F.K. REMEMBERED — Annual wreath-laying ceremony took place at the grave of President John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery. Presenting the wreath is Frank Herbert, right, president John F. Kennedy Division 5 Prince George's County, MD. He was assisted by Matthew Hannon, left, president of the District of Columbia Board. In the background are Brothers from various Washington, DC Divisions and Donal Denham, First Secretary of the Embassy of Ireland, right of center.

John J. Sweeney Grand Marshal of D.C. Parade

WASHINGTON D.C. — The 19th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the nation's capital was held on Sunday, March 12, 1989, at 1:00 p.m. on Constitution Avenue, starting at Seventh Street and finishing at Seventeenth Street.

John J. Sweeney, President of the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO was this year's Grand Marshal. Manus J. Fish, retired Director of the National Park Service, was chosen the Gael of the Year, an honor bestowed on a distinguished Washington area resident who is prominent in the Irish community.

The theme of this year's parade

"The Irish Contribution to Building America" is in keeping with the Committee's desire to honor the men and women of organized labor. Irish Americans have been influential in the formation of the American labor movement to protect the rights of workers. Mr. Sweeney is the second labor official to be Grand Marshal. George Meany the former president of the AFL-CIO was Grand Marshal in 1977.

The parade consisted of more than 100 marching groups with floats and many bands, including ten bagpipe bands.

Matthew J. Hannan
Parade Committee Chair

A Catholic Bicentennial

The year 1989 will witness more people flocking to our city: some as tourists, but this year some will be pilgrims. The reason is the celebration of Baltimore's bicentennial as the Prime Roman Catholic See in the United States of America. What Jerusalem is to the Jews, Rome is to Italy, Canterbury is to England, and Armagh is to Ireland, so Baltimore is to American Catholics.

Maryland had its religious beginnings in 1634 with the arrival of two Jesuits aboard the Ark and the Dove. Catholic clergy would suffer a turbulent relationship with the secular authorities in this state for a number of years, in spite of the religious tolerance espoused by the early Lords of Baltimore. During the 17th and 18th centuries a protestant ascendancy based upon the Anglican Church was established in Maryland, much the same as in Virginia. Only Anglican church members were granted all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

For many years, it was illegal to say Mass or perform the sacraments of the church in a public setting. During the English civil wars all Catholic clergy and influential persons were exiled from the colony.

The Jesuits were the only clergy present in the colony from 1756-1763. There was no Catholic church in Baltimore until 1775, until St. Peter's ProCathedral was built on what is now the Northwest corner of Charles and Saratoga Streets.

The Catholic Church grew steadily throughout the Revolutionary War period. Tory Anglicans became distrusted, while no one questioned the patriotism of the Catholics, many of whom had escaped the British isles due to religious bigotry. Most of these refugees were immigrating to Maryland.

The great John Carroll, whose father was descended from Keane Carroll of Ireland, and whose elder brother Charles was the Attorney General for the state, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, became prominent in Maryland's religious affairs. John had received a Jesuit education and was ordained in 1769. He circulated a draft plan to Rome for organizing the Catholic clergy in 1782. When the treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, an American Catholic committee headed by Carroll wrote to Rome asking for an ecclesiastical structure.

In the summer of 1784 John Carroll was named Superior of the mission in the thirteen United States of North America. The Pope had fol-

lowed Benjamin Franklin's recommendation of Carroll as the Prefect Apostolic, with limited jurisdiction in America. Official work of Carroll's new position came on November 26, 1784. Carroll did not return a formal acceptance until February 27, 1785. He was not going to take his position lightly, and gave the matter a great deal of thought. His reply was supplemented by a "Report on the State of Religion in the United Provinces of Federated America" on March 1. It was composed of three sections: 1) an estimate of the Catholic population; 2) remarks on the quality of religious practice; and 3) the clergy.

There were approximately 15,800 Catholics in Maryland at that time (while Pennsylvania boasted 7,000; New York 1,500; and Virginia only 200). Maryland had only nineteen priests, Pennsylvania had only two (both in their 70's).

Carroll emphasized the need for promoting priestly vocations, and was already planning Saint Mary's Seminary to train them.

An election was held at White-marsh plantation on May 18, 1789. John Carroll was chosen by a vote of 24 to 2, and named the First Bishop of Baltimore in a papal decree on November 6, 1789. He was consecrated on August 15, 1790 by the Benedictine bishop, Charles Walmesley, in Dorsetshire, England. He was the next closest bishop, geographically to Baltimore.

Baltimore was the only See in the U.S. from 1789 until 1808. Its territory extended from the Atlantic to the Mississippi river, and from Canada to Florida (an area now comprising 25 states). It was in all probability, the largest Roman Catholic archdiocese in the world.

As early as 1792, Carroll thought of dividing the diocese. In 1808 it was subdivided into the suffragan Sees of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Louisville (KY), and the Metropolitan See of Baltimore.

The principal patron of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is the Blessed Virgin Mary, Assumed into Heaven (which was declared in the Synod of Baltimore in 1791. August 15 was declared the City's principal feast day.

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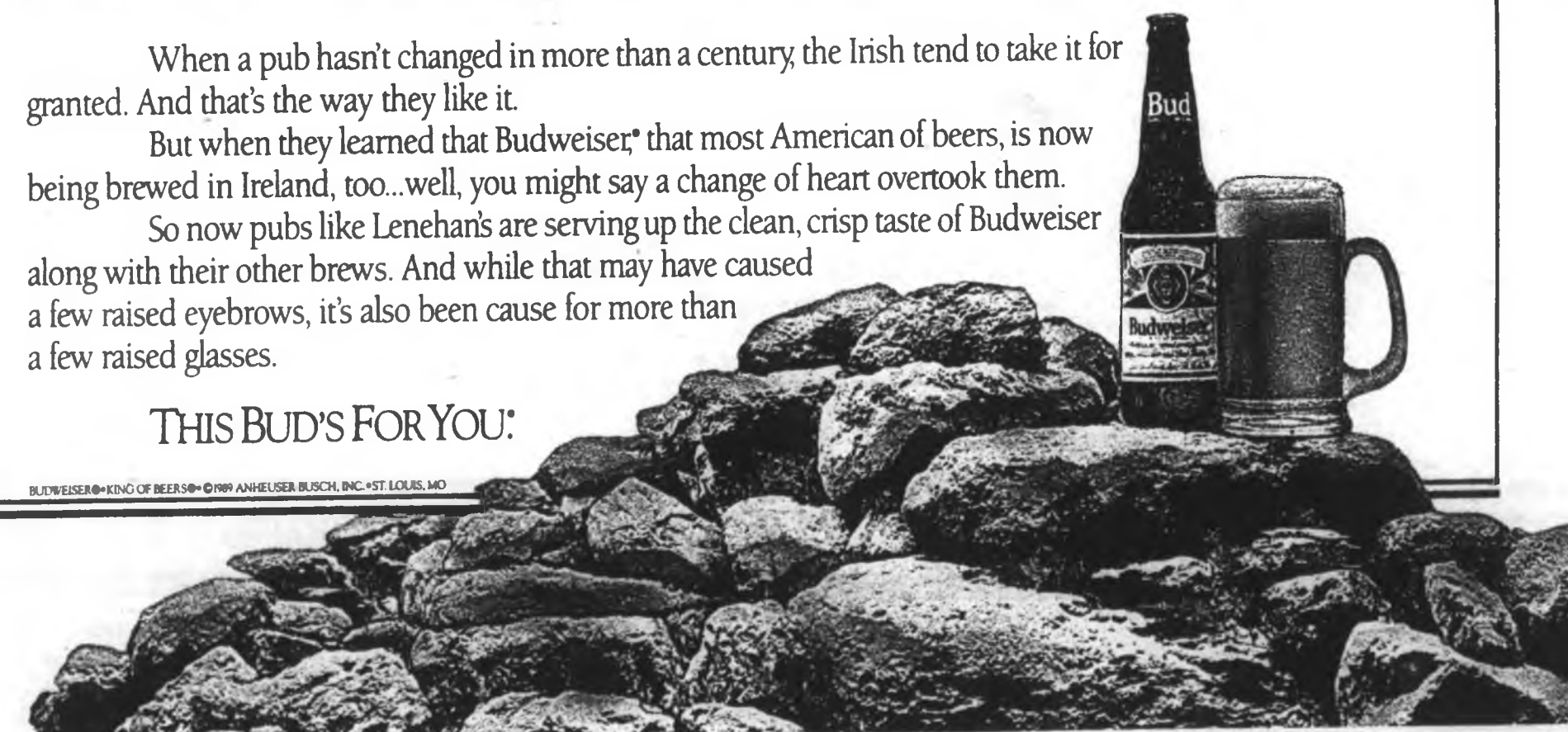
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STATE NEWS: Florida

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Florida State Board was held on March 4 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Port Richey, with Pasco Co. Div. 1 acting as host. State President Jack Boyle presided over an attendance including the following State officers: Vice President John Cullinan; Secretary and Brevard Co. 1 President Bob Schneider; Director Tom Condon; Editor and Brevard Co. 1 Vice President Nick Schneider; Coordinator and Pasco Co. 1 President Jim Crinnins; and Treasurer Eamon Quinn represented

Green" Irish band, with an attendance around 250. Around the divisions briefly: President Jim Crinnins of Pasco Div. 1 found that the most popular recent activity was assisting the Salvation Army during their Christmas "Bell Ringing" fund raising program. Paul Finnerty of Manatee Div. is pleased over an increase to 28 members in their newer division. Support for the parish St. Patrick Day dance in Bradenton, supplying cooks for the parish Soup Kitchen are two well-



DEEP IN DISCUSSION AT THE Florida State Quarterly meeting are, from left, State Vice President John Cullinan; State Secretary Bob Schneider, and Manatee Co. Div. 1 President Paul Finnerty.

by Broward Co. 1 Martin McAndrew. Also present were Manatee Co. Div. 1 President Paul Finnerty; Pasco Co. Div. 1 Catholic Action Chairman Frank O'Brien and Sports Information Chairman Bill Hulton, Jr.

Announcement was made of a new division, No. 2 for Broward County, with 20 members. Its officers are President Mike Roger Silky; Treasurer Ed Talley; and Sentinel/Marshal Kevin Banaghan.

There was discussion and planning regarding the State Convention on May 6 in Tamarac, a suburb of Ft. Lauderdale. Paul Finnerty was appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee for the next board of of-

received activities. National Vice President Mike Carroll, a winter resident of the area, was happy to install the new division officers recently. In addition to President Finnerty, they are Vice President Tom Eagan, Recording Secretary Bob Bambrick; Treasurer Shawn Carney; Financial Secretary Martin O'Sullivan; Sentinel/Marshal Don Donahue, and Chaplain Fr. James Nugent. Fr. Nugent was recently appointed the new American provincial of the Rosminian Fathers' Institute of Charity.

Brevard Div. 1 was sorry about Treasurer Tom Schneider's job relocation to another state. Brother Sal Vitale volunteered to add the job



ENJOYING THE social time at the Quarterly Meeting are State President Jack Boyle and his wife Betty.

ficers. An increase in state per capita tax is to be voted on at the convention. Many Irish and Irish American issues were discussed, most of which are still to be resolved.

With the LAOH meeting at the same time, the quarterly meetings prove to be excellent family experiences and a way to meet Hibernians from all over the state. In addition to recreation in the Sheraton and shopping, there was a much enjoyed dinner-dance on Saturday night at the Port Richey KC hall. Music was by the popular "Shades of

to his sentinel post. Historian Jerry O'Shea gave a well received review of *The Land of Ireland's* background on St. Patrick.

Div. 2, Brevard Co., participated in the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day parade, and held a highly successful dinner-dance to celebrate. The membership produced some unusually fine musical talent.

At the Broward Co. Div. 1 St. Patrick's Day Ball, there were entertainers from Ireland — singer and guitarist Allen Craig from Dublin, accompanied by Marita O'Hehir

STATE NEWS: Metropolitan D.C.

Belfast Children's Program Expands



MICHAEL "MICKEY" BRENNAN, center, president, DC Friends of Ireland, presenting a ten thousand dollar check to Ray Walsh, right, director, Belfast Children's Summer Program, Metropolitan Washington DC Area. With them is Jack Herlihy, Program Chairman for the Washington/Maryland area. The check is to establish a Northern Virginia area in the program. The DC Friends of Ireland also pledged an additional forty thousand dollars to the program. The funds will bring 100 children from strife-torn Belfast, Northern Ireland, to the Washington, DC area for a six week visit this summer. Brennan is a member of Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA; Walsh, of John F. Kennedy Div. 5, Prince Georges Co., MD; and Herlihy of Michael J. Dowd Div. 6, Rockville, MD. *Irish Eye photo*



A CHECK FROM the Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington, VA, to the Belfast Children's Summer Program will help get the newly organized Northern Virginia Area off on the right foot. Left to right are Anna O'Neill, president, Virginia State Board, LAOH; Roger Furey, past national director; Fr. John D. Kelly, chaplain, Col. John Fitzgerald Div. 1; Joseph Mulcahy, chairman, Northern VA Area, Belfast Children's Program and financial secretary, Col. Fitzgerald Div. 1; and James Carmody, vice president, Virginia State Board. *Irish Eye photo*

from Bunratty Castle, a well-known soprano. President McAndrew remains pleased with the radio show on Saturdays, 12:30 to 1:00, WSRF, 1580 AM, for which they still seek sponsors. Call him at (409) 474-4737 with prospects you may have.

The division announced the opening of its new hall in Ft. Lauderdale with an item in *The Irish Echo*, hopeful to expand the knowledge to the many visitors to Florida. Each Saturday night there is Irish music, dancing and fellowship. The address is 4187 N. State Road 7, just west of Commercial Blvd. and State Road 7. Or call 435-4208 for directions.

Continue to send news of your divisions to me at 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32963.

Ad Hoc Staffer Gains University Post

The Italian American Heritage Center, Inc. at The Catholic University of American announces the appointment of Robert B. Blacato as its first Executive Director. Blacato had previously worked as Administrative Assistant to former Congressman Mario Biaggi, who founded the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs and served as its chairman from 1977 until August, 1988. Blacato served as the Committee Staff Director and will continue in that capacity for the four new co-chairmen of the Committee: Reps. Hamilton Fish (R-NY), Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), Thomas Manton (D-NY), and Bruce Morrison (D-CT).

The Italian American Heritage Center is a private tax exempt institution dedicated to the promotion of interest in the history and culture of the Italian people, the experiences and contributions of Italian immigrants to the United States, and the continuing relationships between the Italian and American people. The Center will be located on the campus of the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and across from the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Heritage Center is expected to open in 1992 to coincide with the Celebration of The Columbus Quincentenary and will include academic and non-academic programs.

James Hoban Tradition Continues

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Sunday, March 12, 1989, nine-year old James Hoban continued a tradition by leading the James Hoban Marching Group down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.'s St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Group marched annually since 1982 and was organized to commemorate White House architect Hoban's active local civic service. Young Hoban, of Washington, D.C., the namesake and collateral descendant of Hoban, attends St. Anthony's Catholic School.

Irish-born James Hoban, who was educated in Dublin at the Royal Dublin Society's school of drawing and design, is one of the largely forgotten founders of the City of Washington, D.C.; generally his life is associated solely with the design and construction of the White House and as an early superintendent of the building of the U.S. Capitol. But Hoban was an active civic leader, calling citizen meetings at Rhodes Tavern, near the White House, beginning in 1801, to petition Congress for locally-elected home rule government, representation in Congress, and the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. Hoban was elected to the first City Council of Washington in 1802, served for a record 30 years and advocated equality for Washington's African-American community.

Rhodes Tavern, the only remaining

landmark in the United States associated with the remarkable local civic career of James Hoban, was demolished in 1984 by owners Oliver T. Carr Jr. and The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, despite a resolution of the AOH at its 1982 National Convention in San Antonio, Texas; the resolution was sponsored by the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C., pleading with Carr and Equitable to spare this singular landmark, first listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

In 1983, the citizens of the District of Columbia, in an overwhelming initiative vote, supported the preservation of Rhodes Tavern, only to be denied the fulfillment of this popular sentiment in court by Carr, Equitable and the Mayor of Washington, D.C.

District of Columbia public school students and some of their friends who attend Catholic schools have collected over \$1,000 in pennies and have requested permission from Carr and Equitable to use the pennies to pay for placing a bronze historic marker at the corner site of Rhodes Tavern at 15th & F Streets, N.W., as a memorial to James Hoban and the important civic history which unfolded in Washington, D.C.'s first unofficial town hall. The placement of such a marker would fulfill a 1978 recommendation of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in Washington, D.C. stating that if Rhodes Tavern were demolished an appropriate



HISTORIAN Nelson Rimensnyder with young James Hoban, descendant of the architect and civic leader James Hoban.

Div. President Takes Irish



THE FOUNDER AND first president of Division 1, Dutchess County, N.Y., Terrance P. McGowan, above left, is accepting congratulations from Michael Mac Con Iomaire of Casla, County Galway, for completing a six credit intensive course in spoken Irish. Offered by University College Galway, the course was held in the Gaeltacht, An Cheathara Rua, Co. Galway. Mac Con Iomaire was one of the Directors of the course.

RHODES TAVERN

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commemorative plaque should be affixed to the new construction.

However, to date, Carr and Equitable Life have refused to meet with these young Washingtonians to discuss an offer they made two years ago. Meanwhile, neither Carr nor Equitable have made any public announcement of any plan they might have to place a historic marker at the site.

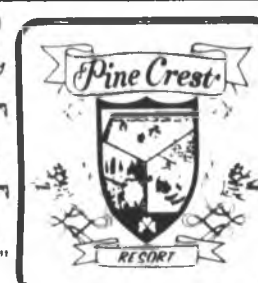
The James Hoban Marching Group is one of a series of annual

commemorative activities sponsored by the Rhodes/D.C. Heritage Society, an organization dedicated to promoting a greater awareness of Washington, D.C.'s native cultural roots. Shown here is a depiction of a proposed historic marker for the site of Rhodes Tavern.

NOTE: This article was written by Mr. Nelson Rimensnyder, researcher and historian, U.S. House of Representatives. He has been actively involved with the James

Hoban project for many years and is constantly researching the life of James Hoban. The Emerald Isle Division, AOH, Washington, D.C. has been encouraging Mr. Rimensnyder to write a book on the life of James Hoban. Relatives of James Hoban, persons who bear the name of Hoban and others who know anything about James Hoban, are encouraged to write to Mr. Nelson Rimensnyder, 13 Sixth Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

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STATE NEWS: Rhode Island



HIBERNIAN of the Year Thomas Finn, center, with Division President Norman King, left, and Division Secretary and Parade Committee Chairman Christopher Behan, right.

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Hibernian of the Year

Thomas J. Finn, Jr. was named Hibernian of the Year for 1989 at AOH Division One, Newport, on parade day March 11th. Following the 33rd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport, Bro. Tom Finn was honored at a luncheon where he was presented with the award.

Bro. Finn has been a life-time member of the Hibernians for some 40 years. He served as president of the division in 1969 and is past county president. He now serves on the financial committee.

Tom and his wife Nora, a native of County Clare, have three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Both his parents were born in Ireland and his father was also a life-long member of the Hibernians and a Lieutenant on the Hibernian Rifles Drill Team in 1913.

Bro. Thomas J. Finn, Jr. is best known for his "nuts and bolts" articulate speech, his sense of humor, and his dedication to the Hibernians.

Division One's "Mr. March"

At AOH Division 1, Newport, the month of March not only means the St. Patrick's Day Parade, but a wealth of other events in which our members are involved either directly or indirectly. In Newport, the month of March is *Irish Heritage Month*. A calendar containing some 24 separate events is published annually by the Irish Heritage Committee, most of whom are Hibernians.

Hibernian Hall for the past five years has sponsored Celtic Night and Irish Pub Night. Bro. Leo Downey, chairman of both committees, prepares food for these events. He is a gourmet chef with over 20 years experience in the food and beverage industry. Mr. Downey should be known as "Mr. March" in recognition of the time and effort he puts into his Irish dinners, which are quickly becoming a tradition at Hibernian Hall.



NEWPORT'S LEO DOWNEY, known as Mr. March for the splendid Irish dinners he serves up at division events in March of each year.

Providence Div. Observes Its 112th Anniversary

The 112th Anniversary of the chartering of the AOH William J. McEnery Division 12 in Providence, R.I. was observed at recent ceremonies held at the Wanskuck Post, American Legion Home in Providence. Division 12 was chartered March 2, 1977 in Providence County.

The Rev. George Brendan McCarthy, Deputy National LAOH Chaplain, State AOH Chaplain and pastor of St. Mary's Church, Newport, was the principal speaker. Father McCarthy spoke on the Life of St. Patrick to mark the occasion.

During the event members of the 112th Anniversary Class of Candidates were obligated to AOH membership into the oldest Catholic Lay Organization in America.

Highlight of the St. Patrick's observance in the state was the AOH and LAOH sponsored St. Patrick's

Mass in honor of the deceased members of the organizations. The Most Rev. Kenneth A. Angell, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, was the principal celebrant of the Mass in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Brian Kane of Los Angeles, a native of County Dublin, Ireland, and a retired Navy commander, was the homilist. An overflow crowd filled the historic Church.

Hibernians in the state participated in four parades held in honor of St. Patrick in Providence, Newport, Pawtucket and West Warwick. The Newport Parade Chairman was Deputy National Organizer Christopher J. Behan. Thomas J. Finn Jr., a long outstanding member of the Dennis E. Collins Division One was named "Hibernian of the Year". President Patrick J. Fallon of the William J. McEnery Division 12 was the grand marshal of the Providence parade.



CELEBRATING THE 112TH Anniversary of the chartering of AOH William J. McEnery Division 12 in Providence, R.I., are left to right, President Norman King of the Dennis E. Collins Division One in Newport; President Patrick J. Fallon of Division 12 in Providence; and the Rev. George B. McCarthy, State AOH Chaplain and Deputy National LAOH Chaplain. Photo by Bill McEnery



TWO PAST NATIONAL AOH PRESIDENTS, William J. McEnery of R.I., left, and Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan of N.J. on the reviewing stand at N.Y. Patrick's Day Parade. Photo by Mary Bradley



Irish Exiles Abused by Authorities

On Tuesday March 14, 1989 the Immigration and Naturalization Service entered Kelly's Pub and Grub Restaurant in Quincy, MA and arrested six young female employees suspected of violation of U.S. immigration policy. One young man seated at the bar, who when questioned answered in an obviously Irish accent, was also arrested and removed with the young women to the J.F.K. Federal Building in Boston. The young man was subsequently released when it was determined that his papers were in order.

The young women were denied access to an attorney who arrived at the J.F.K. Building shortly after the incident at the restaurant to volunteer his services. They were questioned at length and required to sign statements which could prove to be incriminating to them before they were allowed to confer with their attorney. They were then released on their own recognizance.

On the same day, officers of the U.S. Border Patrol entered a building site in Hanover, N.H. and removed four young men suspected of violation of U.S. immigration policy. They were taken to the county jail and detained there without benefit of legal representation and without bail. As of the time of this writing, they were still being held as common criminals although it had yet to be proven that they had committed any crime.

We, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, deplore this type of behavior by the authorities and the effect that current unjust U.S. immigration policy is having on the Irish-American community. We also deplore the arrest, detention, and possible deportation of well-motivated Irish immigrants who, even though documented, are in fact making a significant contribution to our U.S. economy and society.

We call upon other concerned members of the Irish-American community to voice their strong disapproval of this type of activity by U.S. Immigration authorities, and urge them to work diligently for change in U.S. immigration policies.

John J. Meehan, Jr.
National Board Committee
on Immigration

Bicentennial

(Continued from Page Four)

County is named for St. Ignatius.

Maryland's first religious communities were the Carmelites at Port Tobacco in 1790; the Sulpicians at Baltimore in 1791; and the Visitation nuns and Restored Jesuits in Georgetown in 1799 and 1806 respectively.

Baltimore's Prime Cathedral is the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe and dedicated on May 31, 1821. It is the oldest Catholic cathedral in the United States, and will be the sponsor of many bicentennial events during the coming year. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and fellow Catholics. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Baltimore City salutes the Archdiocese on its 200th birthday, and its 200 years of service to the Catholic community in Maryland.

Montgomery J. Phair
Maryland State Historian

STATE NEWS: New Jersey

Camden Hibernians dedicated their 1989 St. Patrick's Day Dinner to the Bishop of Camden, the Most Rev. George H. Guilfoyle. The dinner and dance was held March 17 in Oaklyn. Governor Kean issued a proclamation marking March 12-18 as Ancient Order of Hibernians Week. It stated:

WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is a fraternal benefit society of Catholic Irish Men and Women, chartered and incorporated

by the General Assembly of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Society consists of membership throughout the United States, Ireland and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Ancient Order of Hibernians is to provide aid to its members and their beneficiaries, to assist sick and disabled members, to promote and conduct educational, charitable, religious, social and patriotic activities; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are Friendship, Unity and Charity; and

WHEREAS, the Society this year marks its 153rd Anniversary in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS H. KEAN, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 1989

as
Ancient Order of Hibernians Week
In New Jersey

Newark Holds 54th St. Patrick Parade



NEWARK, NJ: Hibernians here held their 54th anniversary St. Patrick's Day parade on March 19. Participants were, left to right, seated, Grace C. Cunningham, Deputy Grand Marshal; James E. Hunter, Grand Marshal, past president Division 2; and Donald B. Hannon, general chairman. Standing, Hibernians all: John A. Kenny, Division 3; Thomas P. Giblin, Essex Co. Freeholder and 1975 Grand Marshal, Division 9; Joseph Sullivan, past state president and current president, Division 2; Martin P. Kelly, past president Division 9 and county president; Michael L. Delahunty, past national president and 1966 Grand Marshal; Thomas J. Corcoran, past state president and Deputy Chief of Staff; and Michael J. Miggins, parade trustee and president Division 3.

Immigration Support Committee Meets



EXPLAINING THE latest immigration information to members of the Immigration Support Committee, Washington, DC Area, is Daire O'Cioldain, 3rd secretary for Political and Cultural affairs of the Embassy of Ireland. The committee supplies direct support to Irish immigrants in the form of food, clothing, furniture, and housing, as well as medical and legal assistance. Many of the committee are also members of the AOH and LAOH divisions in the Washington area. To contact the committee, call (703) 549-4635.

Irish Eye photo

Business Profile

Hugh Byrne

Hugh Byrne, born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, attended St. Theresa primary school on the Falls Road and LaSalle secondary school located on the Glen Road. He's worked in the fish processing business for 13 years, the last six years on his own, processing and selling fish in Northern Ireland. He has now ventured into exporting Irish smoked salmon to America. He and his wife, the former Ann Doran from Lisburn, County Antrim are both members of Division 406 and Ladies Division 2405 from Lisburn, N.I. They are also the proud parents of one son and four daughters.

For more information you may contact Hugh by writing to:

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Byrnes' Fish Sales of Ireland, located in Belfast, is the only company from the North of Ireland exporting salmon to the United States. They just recently exhibited at two seafood and restaurant shows in New York and Boston.

"Irish Business Profile" is a program of the National Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America — Michael Coogan, National President and David R. Burke, National Chairman, "Buy Irish Committee."

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STATE NEWS: Michigan

By JOHN MCINERNEY

State President James Flynn began the new year with the installation of the officers of Michigan's newest Division—Bay County 1. This brings to eleven the number of AOH Divisions in the State and re-establishes an Irish AOH presence once again in the Bay City area. The members meet in a room within the Green Hut Lounge owned and operated by Division President Dennis Hayes.

Detroit's Patrick Ryan Division 2 held their 8th annual Winter Party in late January at the Lager House in the Corktown District. Division President Dennis Hayes (no relation) pronounced the event a success and as a result of the overwhelming support of a raffle the Division was able to make grants totaling \$3500 to various Corktown charities. Leading the list were Most Holy Redeemer School and The Pope John XXIII

Hospice. Charter Recording Secretary and long-time AOH member Timothy Neenan is retiring to the Ft. Lauderdale area; those who knew him in Michigan will miss a person who truly reflects the motto of the Order.

The Livingston County, Art Walton Division 1 met in February at the home of Frank and Barb McGowan for an Irish get-together but with an Italian twist! While the food was Italian the talk was all Irish—planning for their July 4 fund-raiser to benefit the area's handicapped kids. Division President Jack Murphy was joined by Michael Murphy and their wives along with the McGrudys, the Shaws and the Sullivans. The Division was chartered in 1987 and is off to a great start.

The state's largest Division, the Stephen Walsh Division 1, boasts a recent addition to the lounge in their Hibernian Hall. Doug Gillis (or "Gillie" as he is known), a fourth generation cabinet maker and ten year AOH member of the Division, finished the job in time for the holiday season. Matt McInerney rounded out the team. Division President John Cahill reports that the AOH Charity Ball plans are in place and that all is in readiness for an April 22 date at Livonia's Roma Hall. As expected 300 members, their wives and friends should make this the premier event of the spring. This year's effort honors former Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh, who ran the city as the Michigan outpost during John F. Kennedy's "Camelot" days.

March saw the AOH in Detroit, Bay City, Grand Rapids, Traverse City involved in parades honoring the Saint himself. Detroit's annual parade under Chairman and AOH member Michael (Westside Red) Sullivan was undoubtedly the largest. Participation by members of seven AOH Divisions swelled the ranks of the Sixth Parade Unit. State President James Flynn, National Board of Director John McInerney and Wayne County President James O'Kelly led the marchers down Michigan Ave., through the historic Corktown area. A sunny and somewhat warm day brought out the crowds who lined the parade route. AOH network television, a Richard Kennedy Company, filmed the action which saw Fr. Duffy and Sr. Mary Watson head the parade as Grand Marshals. The two operate St. Patrick's Social Center in Detroit serving the inner city's poor. Joe Doherty was the honorary Grand Marshal this year.

A post-parade party at Detroit's I.B.E.W. Hall in Corktown was hosted by the Wayne County AOH Divisions and included Irish music along with step dancing from members of the O'Hare and Knights of Equity Schools of Irish Dance. An estimated 600 people were in attendance during the four hour party.

Grand Rapids' Kent County Division 1 hosted that city's parade. Chairmen Ed and Pat Glynn coordinated this year's effort which although a bit cool was otherwise a success. The same can be said of Flint, Genesee County Division 1, which hosted their annual parade. Flint's Sullivan and O'Sullivan Division also hosted their annual "Queens Pageant" with State Board Member Michael Zelle as Chairman. The event was a real class act and a tribute to the AOH efforts which were put in place by Charter President Thomas O'Sullivan. Finally Traverse City's parade began (and ended) by following the "Long

Green Line" down Main Street, to Charter President John Conley's Irish Cottage. The pub acts as the Irish hospitality center for the area and is well known throughout "Cherry Country" in Northern Michigan.

The Saint's Day was observed by most Hibernians with metro Detroit pubs the likes of O'Halloran's Tipperary Pub and the three Dunleavy family places acting as centers for the meeting of friends new and old. M. Thomas Dunleavy and Son's Irish Inn at one time was the unofficial metro Detroit Hibernian Hall during the late 70's and to this day still maintains the "Pigeon Hole" AOH mail box.

Michigan will hold their State Convention on May 19 and 20 in Detroit's Northeast suburb of Warren.

LIBRARY PROJECT

Michigan's Bernard J. Brady Division, AOH, recently donated eleven books and several pamphlets on Ireland to their local community library. The group, based in Traverse City, plans to make additional donations on a periodic basis.

According to Traverse Area District Library Director Michael McGuire, a special pamphlet file will be established, and will contain a list of books within the library that deal with various aspects of Ireland and its people. The file will also include various brochures on Irish business and industry and a 72-page directory entitled "Overseas Companies in Ireland," published by the Industrial Development Authority of Ireland. The directory lists, among other things, names and addresses of American companies with offices in Ireland.

According to President Dan O'Neill, the donation had been planned for several months. Letters were sent to the Irish Consulate General, the Irish Studies department at the University of Notre Dame, and the national Hibernian organization for suggestions on what books might be suitable.

"As an organization," O'Neill said, "every year we try to do something charitable." In the past, the Hibernians have given Christmas baskets of food to needy families, and money to help bring Catholic and Protestant children from Northern Ireland to live with northern Michigan families for the summer.

The most recent donation to the library was made, O'Neill said, as an effort to benefit many people who are interested in learning about Irish culture, history, and politics.

One of the donated books, "Pad-dy's Lament: Ireland 1846-1847," is signed by the author, Thomas Gallagher. The 1982 release, published by Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich, describes in detail the horrors of the potato famine. It explains as well as shows, O'Neill said, that, contrary to popular belief, crops other than the potato were abundant in Ireland during the famine but were shipped under armed guard to Great Britain. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of native Irish starved because their subsistence crop, the potato, was ravaged by the blight. The famine forced mass emigration to America.

Several of the books were supplied to the Hibernians by the Chicago office of the Consulate General of Ireland. Those books, all published by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, cover such diverse subjects as Irish art, sports, literature, and language. "Facts About Ireland," a 256-page paperback published in

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STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania



DIVISION 39, Philadelphia, marching in the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12. The division will be 100 years old in May and will celebrate with a dinner on May 21 at the Cottage Green Restaurant in Northeast Philadelphia. All are invited to attend and enter ads in the journal being put together. Contact Seamus Boyle, 7215 Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19133 or call 215-678-4535.



DIVISIONS 39 and 40, Philadelphia, take part in the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade held March 11.



MACBRIDE BILL PROGRESS. Fran McClosky, left, the worker behind the effort in the Philadelphia area for passage of the MacBride Principles, with State Senator Hank Salvatore, center, and Philadelphia Co. Board President Seamus Boyle, right, business agent for the Carpenters Union in Philadelphia. The senator has promised to co-sponsor the bill now coming before the Pennsylvania State Senate.

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Jennifer Williams' Essay Wins Prize

Below is a copy of the prize winning essay for students at St. Clement-Irenaeus School in grades three through six, turned in by a young girl whose entire family is involved in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The contents of the paper were left up to the students with the title and subject being the only requirements. This short essay attests to the positive affect that a Catholic School education has on our young people.

MY FAVORITE PERSON

My favorite person is God. He is my favorite person because He made us. He also made nature. There would not be a world if it wasn't for God. He is so great! God is everybody's friend. God is three people which makes Him the Blessed Trinity. Miss Naseef tells us about God in religion. If we pray to God He will help us. He is so powerful and so kind. I never saw Him before and I don't think my classroom has ever seen Him either. Has He ever talked to you in prayer? I forgot to tell you God loves us more than the world and we should love God the same as He loves us.

by

Jennifer Elizabeth Williams
Grade 3 Room 103
St. Clement-Irenaeus School
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Teacher: Ms. Gina Naseef

Jennifer's family is well represented in the AOH. Her grandfather, Vince Scully, is National Chairman, Catholic Action and Pennsylvania State Vice President. Her other grandfather, Gene Williams, Sr., her father Mike Williams, her uncles, Gene Williams, Jr., Vince Scully, Jr., Rick Scully, John McAndrews, George Davis, her great uncle Joe Schell and her cousins Fred Schell, Ton Dougherty, and Mike Donahue are all AOH members.

Her Dad, Mike Williams, is president of Division 4, Delco, PA, the "Blackjack Kehoe" Division.

MICHIGAN State News

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1985, covers a broad range of topics of interest to foreigners.

Among the books on order but not yet received is a detailed Atlas published by the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. In addition to the books mentioned above, the following titles are among the donations:

Social Life in Ireland, 1800-45, by RB McDowell. Published by the Irish Government, 1976 edition. 118 pages.

Ireland, Irishmen, and Revolutionary America, 1760-1820, by David Noel Doyle, 257 pages. Mercier Press, Dublin & Cork, 1981.

Books published by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs: *Early Irish Art*, by Maire de Paor, 57 pages.

Irish Art from 1600 to Present Day, by Anne O Crookshank, 80 pages *Sport in Ireland*, by Noel Carroll, 106 pages.

Anglo-Irish Literature, by Augustine Martin, 71 pages. *Literature in Irish*, by Proinsias MacCana, 69 pages.

Irish Sculpture from 1600 to the Present Day, by Anne O Crookshank, 73 pages.

The Irish Language, by Mairtin O Murcha, 77 pages.



WILKES-BARRE, PA — Members of the Saint John Neumann Division 2, who, led by John Bonner, president, marched behind the Tyrone County Pipe Band from Long Island, New York, in the ninth annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade here. In center of photo is Reverend Charles Mulrooney, Honorary Grand Marshal, Pastor of Saint Leo's Church, Ashley, Pa. and

Saint John Neumann Division 2 Chaplain since its charter in 1978. Rev. Mulrooney is also past state chaplain of the AOH and it is the first time that a Catholic priest was honored as Honorary Grand Marshal. Wilkes-Barre had 125 units marching in this year's parade, the largest ever.

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EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, *National Editor*

Remarks of David Henshaw, *National Editor*

At the Easter Rising Commemoration Monument, Mineola, Long Island, New York

Another year has passed in Irish history as we commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the Easter rebellion against British occupying forces in Ireland. After 800 years of occupation and oppression, after many bloody struggles for Nationhood, the courageous men and women of 1916 finally broke the shackles of oppression, at a tremendous cost in life and property. This sad beginning set the basis for what Ireland is today, a self-governing body, a guardian of its culture, a culture almost completely lost and stamped out by the British.

It is sad to say that Ireland's oppressor is our ally, England; it is also sad to say that our Government looks beyond Ireland and its problems to England, with whom it seems to agree as far as British policy on Ireland is concerned. We must come to this conclusion because of our Government's silence on matters Irish. The daily mayhem in the forgotten six counties of Northern Ireland, an area sandwiched between the two large democratic nations of the United States and England, continues because of those nations' intransigence. They seem to have forgotten the most western nation of Europe, Ireland. Is this related to Ireland's not representing a good foreign policy role model in its expectations of human rights for the people of the Eastern bloc nations?

The men and women of this world who command great power in their short stay in this earthly life, and who rationalize their cruelty to the weaker races with a variety of excuses, must ultimately answer to the Almighty for the wanton misery they helped to visit upon their fellow man. How do these power moguls compare with the men and women who we honor here today. Pearce, Clark, Connolly, McDermott, McDonagh, Plunkett and Ceant did not command big armies; their only self-interest was to free Ireland from the English yoke. They died in pursuit of freedom and peace for their beloved Ireland. They died to remove that ever present pain of oppression. These great men stood up to the might of our ally, England, undertaking the awesome task of setting the record straight, that Ireland belongs to the Irish and oppressors belong in hell. The quest for their dream began on the streets of Dublin City, the city in which I was born. My father, Lord rest him, often held me in awe relating the events of that time and the valor demanded from ordinary citizens in fighting a mighty empire.

An eyewitness recalls this account of Monday, April 24, 1916: "In the City centre, at Beresford Place, men and boys in uniform are mustering, bearing Mausers, Enfields, shotguns, sabres, pikes and bayonets. Drays with equipment. Even hansom cabs are arriving by the minute. The Irish Volunteers and the Citizen Army have assembled. Patrick Pearce, yesterday a school teacher, today Commander-in-Chief of the Irish Republic Army and President of the Provisional Government, arrives with his brother, William, and Joseph Plunkett.

Northern Ireland

"Mississippi Burning," a recent movie, portrays the horror of hatred and warns us of the evil of violence in all of its forms. It reminded me of some feelings and experience I had while working in Belfast, Ireland.

It is terribly sad to note how much the British Government dislikes the Irish. History has recorded the wicked behavior of the British during the time of the famine in the 1840's when millions of Irish were killed and forced to flee to foreign shores. Anyone in touch with Irish history is aware of this situation and current British practice seems to continue to reveal this attitude.

Just recently, the British Government decided not to comply with the ruling by the European Court of Human Rights. The British law permitting the police to detain suspects without cause for up to seven days is a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights. This kind of action would cause a major protest among legal authorities in all

civilized countries.

On December 8, 1987, a study was concluded on the northern Ireland justice system by the City Bar Association of New York wherein they reported that there is a compelling need to correct their judicial system. This inquiry was conducted by the association's committee on international human rights. They criticized their Diplock judges, their trial without juries, their internment arrest procedure and the amount of their coerced confessions along with other judicial violations. This comprehensive 120-page study can be obtained from the American Bar Association of New York.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's new limits on journalistic freedom and her proposal allowing defendant's silence to weigh as evidence continues to manifest the British Government's attitude towards the Irish.

On December 16, 1988, the British Government finally introduced

The final battalion wheels into Abbey Street, led by James Connolly and flanked by Pearce and Plunkett. In the General Post Office (G.P.O.) it is just another day. A motley crowd moves in and out. The silence, interrupted only by the shuffle of feet, muffled voices and the scraping of pens, is shattered by cheers, shouts, war whoops to the command, "General Post Office... charge!" Bedlam breaks loose, the battalions come pouring in. The insurgents take their positions and resist a heavy onslaught by the British Lancers. The G.P.O. is seized, as is the South Dublin Union, Jacob's factory, Boland's Mills, the Four Courts, St. Stephen's Green, the College of Surgeons and City Hall. Connolly, with Pearce, Clarke, MacDermott, MacDonagh, Ceant and Plunkett, are in command. The Tricolour flies over the G.P.O., the people outside are silent, as Patrick Pearce, from the portal, reads the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.

"On the sixth and final day of Insurrection, the flags, torn and bullet scarred, still fly through columns of smoke over the General Post Office. The rattle of gunfire accompanies the crackle of flames. The roof crashes into the flames and the flagstaff slowly topples to one side. It is over twelve hours since the Insurgents quitted the G.P.O. and vanished amid gunfire into the labyrinth of laneways between Henry Street and the military cordons in Great Britain Street. The insurgent leaders, Pearce, Connolly, Plunkett, Clarke and MacDermott, establish headquarters in Grogan's grocery shop at the corner of Moore Street and Henry Place. Eamon DeValera is holding out at Boland's Bakery. So are commandant Thomas McDonagh, Major John McBride, Michael Mallin and the countess Markievicz. Eamon Ceant and the critically wounded Cathal Brugha are in occupation in the South Dublin Union Hospital. In Moore Street, Miss Elizabeth O'Farrell, one of the nurses with the G.P.O. garrison, emerges from the insurgent headquarters carrying the white flag and approaches the British barricade. She returns. Now Patrick Pearce walks with her towards Great Britain Street, where the British authorities await him. Later in the afternoon, Pearce is taken to Arbour Hill Prison, and Connolly to the hospital at Dublin Castle."

The eventual execution of these patriots by General Lord John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Ireland, united the Irish people as never before, and forced British withdrawal from all but the six counties in the North of Ireland. On behalf of these brave men and women and the unfinished chapter of Northern Ireland, let us ask our Government to intercede with our ally England and break the chains of oppression that still exist in Northern Ireland today; and so make Ireland a complete Nation; a Nation for which the men and women we honor here today will not have died in vain — as they fought for freedom and Nationhood, the same goals we in America fought for and enjoy today.

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An Action Through Boycott?

By VINCENT

Did the 80's go by us that quickly? We are watching another decade slide by us while British injustice toward Irish Catholics and Nationalists continues. Suppose we really start to consider a boycott in memory of the 10 brave Irish men who died on hunger strike in the beginning of this tragic decade in the North of Ireland?

Suppose we go after the Brits with a new non-violent energy never seen before? Suppose we join with every Irish Organization (and I mean every Irish Organization) and ask every Irish man and woman wherever they may be to join in and support our efforts?

Suppose we pick just 1 British Retailer and just 1 British Financial Institution and target them for total boycott until the Strip Search and Diplock Courts and Shoot to Kill Policy and the Evil Extradition Treaties are abolished once and for all? What do you think would happen?

We need laws such as the MacBride Principles to protect the rights of Catholic people in Northern Ireland and in every State we work in British Lobbyists are working against us. We have to convince our own legislators of the evils of Discrimination as measured against monetary considerations. (Thank God many good legislators are on our side).

Ten brave Irish men died and most of the world stood by... Can we be as strong and united as they were? Do we have the courage to test our strength or find our weakness? Let us see if we have the Unity of Pur-

persuasion, the Shankhill being mostly Protestant and The Falls Road Catholic. It was deeply moving to be with them weeping and embracing one another. They are a fantastic and wonderful people. Herein lies the hope; there must be forgiveness on everyone's part. Forgiveness can heal all wounds if only we work at it.

The issue is justice, for injustice has been rampant and vicious. The unfairness has to be revealed, so people can see the causes of hatred and violence. In the main, these gross injustices stem from social and economic policies enforced by the British.

Human rights violations have been severe and persistent. Keeping up the pretense that British propriety would never allow such horror is a form of ignorance. Americans outraged against human rights violations in South Africa, Guatemala and the Middle East have the same duty to speak out against the British. Civil rights must prevail for human rights and peace to occur.

These violations have been substantiated by the famous Bennett Report, Amnesty International and the Strassbourg Report.

American and European mediators are desperately needed. The people need outside help and it is desperately needed now. This is the greatest contribution America could make, offering them peace facilitators.

Belfast children learn quickly about violence and hatred. Belfast is a difficult place to raise a family. Children are enticed into paramilitary activities, destroying the hopes and stability of a large number of families. It is heart-wrenching to witness.

Their basic problems are social and economic. They become polarized and exploited for their religious beliefs. Restrictions, injustice and confinement can make loving people become crazed. Northern Ireland people are a beautiful people yet they are hating, fighting and killing one another.

The hurts are emotional and psychological, besides physical. Man's inhumanity to man presents a terrible and unbelievable atmosphere. The most frightening

T.J. SCULLY

pose, and if we are weak, let us realize what we must do to become strong!

If every Irish group has input and ALL our Chieftans stand together with the cry of "NO SURRENDER", then perhaps we can gain for our brothers and sisters some basic human rights and freedoms. We owe Bobby Sands and his nine brave brothers and our persecuted ancestors at least that much! We should not let them down.

Just look at the Joe Doherty case. How many court decisions must he and his lawyers win? Our government seems bound and determined to send Joe back to Thatcher and her S.A.S. retribution. They could not hold him in a British jail; so they get our Attorneys General to do the job for them. We must do something!

We have people who can advise us on investment or dis-investment in stocks and funds that involve British businesses. We can live without British retail products. Can't we? I am just thinking out loud; but I welcome the opportunity to participate in such a challenge. You see I believe we Irish can do whatever we set our minds to. I believe the Ancient Order of Hibernians can be the catalyst for such an action.

Non-violent change can be lasting change. And I want the sons and daughters of Ireland to be able to live for their country and help her grow and live United and Free!

Where is Mike Coogan's phone number? I have to run this idea by him... Mike is always there when I call. Stay tuned!

reality is the physical violence. While I was there, kneecappings and firebombings seemed to be at a peak.

How would you feel if you were lifted, or your son or daughter were jailed and held for an undue length of time without trial, without lawyers? The court system and the civil laws were specifically devised by the British for northern Ireland. Until recently they had laws of internment up to two years. They have bred long-term and deep hatred. Laws such as these have enabled the police and the British army to search and ransack homes without warrants. They can arrest people and hold them for long periods of time without trial. Many of these people were innocent of any activity or crime; some of them were tortured and brutalized.

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British Fear Election of New York Irish Hardliner

FROM LEONARD DOYLE
IN NEW YORK

British officials are bracing themselves for the prospect that Northern Ireland is becoming an issue in this year's election for Mayor of New York, in much the same way that US policy on Israel inevitably figures in the city's politics.

More ominously, there is a distinct possibility that the winner in November will be the candidate most antipathetic to British interests, Harrison "Jay" Goldin, who has supported two campaigns against Britain being fought by Irish-Americans.

Mr. Goldin, 52, the Comptroller of New York, is one of the main sponsors of the MacBride Principles, which would oblige the British to introduce affirmative action programmes for Catholics in Northern Ireland. He is also prominent in the campaign by Americans across the political spectrum to win political asylum for Joe Doherty, an IRA man convicted of killing a British soldier.

His chances of winning the election are considered high because of the way New York politics divides along ethnic lines. And, curiously, those who tip Goldin to win, say that it will be because of his support among Jewish and black voters rather than the ethnic Irish whose political agenda he has done so much to advance.

The others in the three-way race for the Democratic nomination are David Dinkins, a black candidate with little Jewish support, and the incumbent Mayor, Ed Koch, who alienated the black community by disparaging Jesse Jackson last year. Though running third in the polls (not unlike Ed Koch in 1977), Mr. Goldin still commands broad Jewish

and black support which together comprise 57 per cent of the New York Democratic electorate.

In the general election, the Republican candidate is expected to be Rudolph Giuliani, the former US Attorney with a reputation for fighting crime. Mr. Giuliani's core supporters are expected to be the ethnic Italian and Irish who together make up just 16 percent of the electorate.

The MacBride campaign, directed and largely bankrolled by Mr. Goldin's New York office, shows the increasing influence of local pressure groups on US foreign policy. Although the US government disapproves of the MacBride campaign, it has been unable to halt it. Last week, the US Consul General in Belfast, Robert Myers, said it was spreading "almost like AIDS" in America. Ten states and over a dozen cities have passed laws stipulating Catholic job quotas in their Ulster subsidiaries.

Based loosely on the Sullivan principles, which tackled discrimination against blacks in South Africa, the MacBride campaign has been seen from the outset by British officials as a Trojan horse, disguising the true intentions of Irish-American activists. British officials also claim the principles will frighten US investment away and worsen Catholic unemployment.

The Joe Doherty case is another thorny issue for British officials. He fled to the US after being convicted of killing a British captain and has been in jail for six years while appealing against deportation to Britain. The British say that if he is granted asylum, it will be seen by Irish-Americans as judicial support for the IRA.

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Viewpoints A Political Prisoner Rots in New York

By JIMMY BRESLIN

Here was Joe Doherty yesterday morning in his orange jailhouse jumpsuit, exploding off the wall at the front of the cell, running about two big steps and hitting the rear wall of the 12-by-6 foot space. He rebounded like an orange stone, twisted, and hurled himself at the front wall.

Joe, 34 now, runs like this for about two hours every day after breakfast in his cell on Floor 9 South at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan. As this form of running requires more shoulder strike than foot strike, Joe now could have a bus brush his shoulder and feel nothing.

He has never committed even a misdemeanor in this country and yet he has been in the MCC for almost seven years, longer than any prisoner who ever has been in the place. They have him in solitary confinement in a high-security floor. In walking the 20 yards from his cell to the visiting room yesterday morning, he was handcuffed in back and escorted by three guards.

"They took the television out of here," he was saying yesterday. "They said we're on a high-security place and they don't even want television."

Joe Doherty came to New York in 1982 direct from the Crumlin Road jail, Belfast, Northern Ireland. He was in the IRA and had been in a shootout with British soldiers, during which one of them, a captain was killed. Doherty and seven others were captured. They broke out of the jail, tying up 16 guards and going through six doors. They emerged onto a street they thought would be clear, but instead was crowded with British soldiers leaning against tanks. Doherty and his people fled under fire. Margaret Thatcher got up on the floor of the House of Commons and promised that they would be hunted and caught. Seven of them remained in Northern Ireland and were caught. Joe Doherty made his way to New York.

He immediately made the most sensible decision of moving in with a woman of Italian extraction in Bensonhurst. He worked construction and on weekends he tended bar at Clancy's on Third Avenue and 65th Street. In June of 1983, nine federal agents came into the Saturday morning quiet of Clancy's with a murder warrant. It was British government issue and being executed by the United States Department of

Remarks of

Michael Cummings, National Director, Public Relations
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Submitted to
Honorable Lee Hamilton, Chairman
Subcommittee on Europe and Middle East
House Foreign Affairs Committee
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Chairman, Professor Coleman has detailed for you the utter waste of tax money in the "American" Fund for Ireland. To end this aid would be the first rational thing Congress has done in Ireland since it stopped the Department of State from placing .357 Magnums into the hands of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the most discredited police force in Europe. At least the sale of .357 Magnums made no pretense of reducing tensions or lessening anti-Catholic discrimination. This Fund was adopted with more haste than the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and will likely have similar results for peace in Ireland as that Resolution had for peace in Vietnam.

Professor Coleman has explained with great detail and accuracy what a clever hoax this fund really is. When Senator Kerry voted for this Fund he stated that he was advised by John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic Labour Party in the North, that "it is the only effective means for bringing terrorism under control." Let us see.

•Without pretense as to any purpose, the Agriculture & Fisheries program monotonously lists amounts paid to every farmer in Antrim as if it were a welfare stipend. And since when is mushroom farming a weapon against terrorism?

•The Urban Development grants include a scandalous list of payments to banks and restaurants including the very latest in anti-terrorism techniques — investing in bars and bookie shops.

•The Wider Horizons and Tourist Programs do nothing but silver line the pockets of entrepreneurs in the most successful industry in Ireland — north and south. The water sports and golfing tours surely will get at the root causes of violence. We all know how a golfer can terrorize a golf course.

Please Consider these questions?
•Is it right that public funds enrich private industry particularly where there is no need? Did you know that rural depopulation is a problem in Antrim and that grants for raising geese and ducks would solve it?

•Is it not wrong to have a member of the auditing firm that conducts the audit of the Fund also on its Board? This may explain why there is no showing that 3/4ths of the money has gone to the north and why the key phrase "Generally Ac-

cepted Accounting Principles" is never used in the report.

•Isn't it wrong that the Act (P.L. 99-4115) requires the use of the funds to leverage private sector investment but the Chairman of the Fund reads that to mean the promotion of private sector prosperity?

•If, as many here believe, this is a religious struggle, is it not incredibly wrong that so much money is going to shell corporations of the Catholic Church whose boards are peppered with priests and Knights of Columbus?

•With so many international bodies capable of administering these funds why is it that the money is managed by the very agency that has crafted the Catholic discrimination and isolation for decades — the DED — which regularly sends teams of "experts" to testify against the MacBride Fair Employment Principles here in America?

•What utter madness permits District Councils and their subsidiary organizations that have never even adopted the 1976 Fair Employment Statement (Ards, Craigavon, Coleraine, North Down) to be grant recipients of American money?

•Most importantly are there not bankrupt American farmers who need this money and homeless here could use the funds expended on tourist hotels in the North of Ireland?

The Fund was ill conceived, is mismanaged, and can do nothing to contribute to peace. Its purpose then and now is to reward Catholics for lining up at the SDLP trough. We have recommended termination of the Fund but have suggestions which would minimize its corruption if it won't die a graceful death.

Senator Moynihan stated in 1986 that to vote against the Fund would mean that the "Senate would have blood on its hands." Indeed, Congress does have blood on its hands when it chooses to act expeditiously and without reason or conscience simply throws money at the Anglo-Irish conflict. The time and money wasted in this Fund have surely cost lives and deepened the despair that turns reason to rage. I ask you to honestly admit this mistake and to begin seriously examining a truly constructive American role in ending Ireland's agony.

United States as a political refugee. The immigration service moved to deport Doherty to Britain, which was the same as extraditing him.

Doherty again won in court. He then applied for political asylum in this country. Attorney General Edwin Meese, who lived with one foot in jail himself, refused. "That would be injurious to our relationship with the United Kingdom." Suddenly, in Washington they changed the extradition treaty with Britain to eliminate political asylum for fugitives and made it retroactive to cover Doherty. He won in court again. Now his request for asylum is before the latest attorney general, Dick Thornburgh.

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U.S. Press Goes Easy on 'Death Squads' in Northern Ireland

Say the words "death squad" in Ireland and people won't automatically conjure up Central America. Chances are they will think about Northern Ireland and Mrs. Thatcher and what her government has been sanctioning and condoning. Writing as one who grew up in County Court, I don't think there have been many moments in my lifetime, certainly not since Bloody Sunday 1972, when troops shot unarmed people in the streets of Derry, that the British state has been held in lower esteem by Irish people.

Why is Britain so unpopular?

Viewpoint

By ALEXANDER COCKBURN

Three words—Stalker, Birmingham and Gibraltar—gesture to the reasons. First, the British policeman John Stalker has said that the inquiry bearing his name turned up evidence that a policy of state-sanctioned murder—death squads in fact—was operating in Northern Ireland, in which suspects were being gunned down without benefit of arrest, interrogation or trial. A British government official conceded to Parliament the disturbing implications of the inquiry but proclaimed that "national security" compelled it to be closed off.

No less infuriating to Irish people was the refusal by Britain's judicial system to acknowledge that men and women in all likelihood innocent—the Birmingham Six—remain in prison. They were arrested after a bomb explosion had killed 21 people in London. Subsequent investigation has shown that confessions were consequent upon beatings, that forensic evidence was dubious, that the guilty parties are at large. But a British judge rejected convincing indications of a terrible miscarriage of justice. The Birmingham Six remain behind bars and many Irish people think "national security" is the decisive factor in their continued incarceration.

The killings in Gibraltar are freshest in mind. Three members of the Irish Republican Army, two men and a woman, were shot to death by British security forces, who claimed their victims were about to detonate a terrorist bomb. But the British government's account turned out to be false. A British TV network aired—over fierce pressure from Mrs. Thatcher and her forces—eyewitness accounts indicating that the unarmed trio were murdered, and the BBC, increasingly gagged and servile in the Thatcher years, has come up with similarly disturbing accounts.

The fury in Ireland is echoed by Irish Americans, who are baffled by the extraordinarily genteel way these episodes have been handled by the press here. Now the role of the U.S. press is of great importance, as the British well understand. An alert

press means an alerted public, hence responsive politicians and ultimately pressure on the British government to clean up its act. Any equitable political solution in Northern Ireland depends in part upon the confidence of all parties—Catholic as well as Protestant—in the lawfulness and impartiality of government. As the foregoing material suggests, no such confidence now exists; nor will it till the British government stops flouting elementary justice, whether with a shoot-first, ask-questions-afterward policy, or with its diplock courts where people in Northern Ireland can be bundled into prison virtually without due process.

Well aware of the importance of the U.S. press, the British run an efficient public-relations campaign, blessed with great cooperation on the part of American journalists, as a remarkable account by Jo Thomas in the May/June issue of the *Columbia Journalism Review* (and reprinted in the June issue of the more widely circulated *Irish America*) underlines.

Ms. Thomas, now teaching at a journalism school in Illinois, was previously a correspondent for the *New York Times* and a journalist for 18 years. From 1984 to early 1986 she was based in the *Times's* London bureau, making forays to Northern Ireland. Ms. Thomas narrates how she began investigating the involvement of police and British Army undercover units in what she calls "questionable shootings." She completed two stories before, as she says, "I was abruptly ordered home." By her count, between 1982 and 1987 there were at least 47 suspicious shootings by police or undercover army units. At least 21 of the victims were unarmed and the rest, in Ms. Thomas's opinion, were probably given no opportunity to surrender before being killed.

Why was she suddenly recalled? Ms. Thomas says a senior editor told her it was because she had been paying too much attention to Northern Ireland, and she sets this charge in context. It is easy, she writes, for an American journalist in London to feel important and well informed. They get their weekly confidential briefing at 10 Downing Street. They are invited to dinner at the best places: "No one understands hierarchies better than the British, and they are careful to make close personal friendships with members of important American news organizations. It makes us reluctant to offend, especially to bring up the touchy subject of the war, which they refuse to call a war, in Northern Ireland."

Anyone following U.S. reporting from Britain will recognize the accuracy of this. Anthony Lewis, a former *New York Times* bureau chief in London, still visits Glyndebourne every year and remits to his readers paeans to the British *Way of Life* of a sentimentality unrivaled since

'Time to Go' Initiative Launched

HISTORIC CHARTER

THE charter states: "British presence is unquestionably part of the problem. It remains the major obstacle to negotiating a peaceful settlement. Surely it's time to look for a lasting solution. We must recognise that there will never be peace while Britain remains in Ireland."

By RACHEL DOWNEY

Labour MPs have launched a campaign for the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland.

The campaign entitled *Time to Go* includes a charter signed by more than 100 politicians, artists, musicians and authors.

Launching the campaign, Clare Short, the Crossmaglen, County Armagh-born Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, said that it was aimed at speeding up the political settlement process without which troops could not be withdrawn.

The leading campaigner on Irish issues pointed out that the majority of the British public had expressed support for withdrawal from Northern Ireland in opinion polls over the last ten years.

"Yet this argument has not been allowed which is an unhealthy situation in our country," she stressed. "Debate is paralysed because politicians who take an interest in Northern Ireland but fail to defend the status quo, or who advocate withdrawal are instantly ac-

Rupert Brooke's World War I poem "Grantchester." A subsequent bureau chief, R. W. Apple, Jr., seemed as determined as Mr. Lewis to savor an England perfumed with fine claret and the values of an 18th century squire. When American journalists meet British bobbies ("smiling and unarmed," of course, though the opposite is usually true) or members of the upper classes, their backbones and prose turn to the neuro-physiological equivalent of a British nursery pudding staple, junket.

Ms. Thomas says that the good favor of her colleagues and hosts subsided abruptly as she embarked upon her inquiries in Northern Ireland: "A senior editor, who kept a home in London as well as New York...began telling me to stay out of Northern Ireland. A high-ranking British official, who in the past had close ties to the intelligence community in Northern Ireland, took me to lunch and suggested that I drop my investigation in exchange for a lot of access to the secretary of state for Northern Ireland." Her mail arrived opened. Finally she was recalled.

Reflecting upon her experience, Ms. Thomas analyzes acutely the biases afflicting most American reporting on Northern Ireland, from the political reverberations of using "Ulster" to denote six counties, to the way in which a crime by British security forces is often described not as such, but as a "propaganda victory" for Sinn Féin. It is rare for a mainstream journalist to be so forthright, and perhaps it will have an effect. "If a police force of the United Kingdom could, in cold blood, kill a 17-year-old youth with no terrorist or criminal convictions, and then plot to hide the evidence from a senior policeman deputed to investigate it, then a shame belonged to us all," former Deputy Chief Constable John Stalker writes. "This is the act of a Central American assassination squad—truly of a police force out of control." Mr. Stalker took his responsibilities seriously and so, too, should the U.S. press. It would make a difference.

From the "Wall Street Journal," Mr. Cockburn is a columnist for "The Nation."

cused of being covert supporters of the IRA. There has to be a new political settlement that reduces the conflict."

Peter Hain, one of the sponsors, said that the campaign aimed to raise the level of debate around the need for withdrawal but not to offer any solutions. "The key focus of the campaign is to get a government commitment to withdraw the troops and move towards a political settlement," he said, adding that *Time to Go* was the "most broadly-based campaign for withdrawal ever" and would include a popular style of campaigning.

During the coming year the charter will be open for signatures and a march and carnival will be held in August next year, on the twentieth anniversary of British troops being sent onto the streets of Belfast and Derry.

In November there will be a briefing conference to open up the debate among young people and, in the spring, a weekend of discussion will be held, involving leading international academics and politicians, to examine the ways in which withdrawal can be accomplished.

Ms Short acknowledged that support for the campaign to date had come from members of the Labour Party, the SDLP and Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Nationalist Party but that none had been sought from the Conservatives. However, she added: "by the end of the year many Tories will be able to express their support which now is expressed privately."

The campaign has not contacted Irish groups in Britain but is concentrating on increasing support amongst British groups. "Britain governs and legislates for Northern Ireland," Ms Short said. "It was Britain which sent in the troops and says that there will be no solution until agreed by the majority. Britain is the cause of the problem and we are responsible. Everytime a child is killed by a plastic bullet, we are to blame. Britain has to face up to its responsibilities."

Ms Short described the charter as an "important historical document" adding that developments towards a political settlement could already be seen in Ireland—with the talks between Sinn Féin and the SDLP, but not in Britain.

Another one of the sponsors, Mike Fisher, the solicitor for one of the Guildford Four who has represented a number of Irish people tried in Britain, said he was supporting the campaign because "it is absolutely clear that until the charter has been accepted in principle, Irish people in Britain will never be tried fairly."

Tommy Walsh, Community Care Officer of the Federation of Irish Societies, has signed the charter in a personal capacity, along with Tony Benn MP, Ken Livingstone MP, Lord Gifford, who represented the Birmingham Six during their appeal hearing last November, Dublin born Democrat politician Alan Whelan and his Democrat colleague Simon Hughes, historian A.J.P. Taylor, author Donall MacAmhlaigh, cartoonist Steve Bell and, from the acting profession, Julie Christie, T.P. McKenna and Steven Rea.

A number of trade unionists have also added their names to the charter including Alan Sapper, the general

secretary of ACTT and the union's national organiser; Noel Harris the general secretary of the NUM, Peter Heathfield and also the president of the National Union of Students, Maeve Sherlock.

From: London Irish News

Cong. McGrath Supports Two Irish Causes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman McGrath (R-Valley Stream) announced his support recently of two bills favoring Irish causes. One would penalize American corporations operating in Northern Ireland who use discriminatory hiring practices, and another commends a U.S. legal decision allowing Irish National Joseph Doherty to seek asylum in the United States.

"Frequently, our attention is focused on other parts of the world which draw more media coverage," McGrath said. "Violence and oppression in Northern Ireland have continued for hundreds of years. The lack of constant attention by television cameras does not mean the problems have been solved."

McGrath has cosponsored H.R. 156, which contains severe tax penalties for U.S. companies who discriminate against the Catholic minority. Strong empirical evidence shows that Northern Ireland's Catholics experience widespread hiring discrimination. The British government is expected to pass anti-discrimination laws later this year which all companies in Northern Ireland will be required to follow. H.R. 156 will ensure that U.S. companies are not being subsidized by the tax code for practices that would not be tolerated in this country.

"This bill brings a 'carrot and stick' approach to the discrimination problem among Northern Ireland's Catholics," McGrath explained. "U.S. companies will be told that discrimination means the loss of generous tax breaks. Companies which make an effort to hire Catholic workers in high unemployment areas will be eligible to receive further incentives."

Additionally, McGrath is supporting a resolution commending the Board of Immigration Appeal's decision to allow Joseph Doherty to apply for political asylum in the United States. Doherty has been in a U.S. prison since 1983 without being charged with a crime. He escaped from a Northern Ireland jail after conviction of crimes relating to the death of a British soldier. Doherty considers himself a political refugee and wishes asylum.

"Joseph Doherty is a soldier fighting against an occupation army with a history of shooting suspected Irish Republican Army members on sight," the Long Island Congressman said. "His actions against the British occupation forces should be viewed as a political, not criminal act."

McGrath concluded, "Let us hope that peace will soon come to Northern Ireland, but not at the expense of continued discrimination against the Catholic minority."

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

City Officials Urge Release Of Joe Doherty

SCHENECTADY, NY: The Schenectady AOH has congratulated the Schenectady city government for speaking out on behalf of Joe Doherty.

"The courage and vision of Schenectady's mayor and councilmembers are to be commended," commented Dennis McFadden of the Schenectady AOH Freedom For All Ireland Committee, referring to the Mayor's Official Proclamation and the Council's Resolution, which strongly supported Joe Doherty, calling for his release. McFadden noted that Schenectady's action followed similar resolutions by the New York State Assembly, the cities of New York, Chicago and Philadelphia and dozens of other governments and organizations. "By appealing for simple Christian justice for an Irishman unjustly imprisoned in the land of the free, Schenectady's leaders have demonstrated the true spirit of St. Patrick's Day."

McFadden also congratulated AOH Schenectady President Larry Riley, who, along with the FFAI, proposed the Resolution and Proclamation to the City Government, while thanking other area Hibernian leaders in Watervliet and Troy who have had the courage to speak out for Doherty.

Cong. Downey To Fight for Joe Doherty

During a February 17 meeting with Suffolk County's Congressman Thomas Downey, Irish-American leaders were assured of the Congressman's deep interest in Joe Doherty's plight. Based on a recent personal visit to the Manhattan Correctional Center, Downey indicated that his discussion with Joe impressed him to the extent that he is now anxious to actively involve himself in rectifying this blatant injustice.

Meeting with Congressman Downey were Ray Meehan, AOH State Treasurer; Brendan Moore, AOH State Freedom For All Ireland Chairman; Tom Jordan, AOH County President; John Hennessey, AOH County Vice President; Tom Conway, St. Mary's Parish Peace and Justice Committee; Charlie McLoughlin, AOH County Immigration Chairman; Anna Marie Priest, LAOH County President; Kathleen Holmes, Chairwoman of the American Irish Congress; Kathleen Conway, County Chairwoman, Freedom For All Ireland Committee.

Other concerns addressed by the group included visa denial, federal MacBride legislation, the work of the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, and Irish immigration problems.

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Constitutional Nationalists

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and out posterity, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Preamble to what is perhaps the greatest government document ever written, the U.S. Constitution, is characteristically crystal clear. It leaves no doubt as to what the Constitution is, what it does, and where it comes from. And any American who says that he is a constitutionalist stands on clear ground; he may argue about what constitutes interstate commerce, or at what point a punishment becomes cruel and unusual, but he must affirm the sovereignty of the American people over American government and American destiny. And he must regard as legitimate only laws and official actions that are duly made according to the provisions of the U.S. Constitution and its amendments, those provisions and amendments themselves duly enacted by the American people — and by them alone.

What a "Constitutional" Irish Nationalist is supposed to be is not so obvious.

The word has slipped into the idiom of public discussion on Northern Ireland in recent years. It is used to refer to Nationalists in northeastern Ireland, in particular the SDLP, who follow the legal forms and work within the political institutions of the statelet, ostensibly to bring about the aims of Irish Nationalism. In other words, the Constitutional Nationalists advocate using a sectarian, British-run governmental system that enshrines the interests of an Orange oligarchy and rules by means of military force and laws that suspend almost every essential liberty — to bring about a united, free, non-sectarian and democratic Irish republic. Do you need to be an "extremist" to see a problem with this?

Modern constitutionalism is generally defined as requiring that a government's powers be defined, and its actions limited, by a specific set of laws and practices imposed by the people whom the government represents. By contrast, the new Irish Constitutionalists allow, indeed advocate, that the people's actions should be defined and limited by laws imposed by a government which represents a different country — in fact, by the historic oppressor of their own country.

Thus the "Constitutional" Nationalists have stood the rich and honored concept of constitutionalism on its head. And what passes for an Irish constitutionalist these days is one who for practical purposes supports the British Constitution — or worse, the degraded version of it that applies to Northern Ireland.

Could Eamon DeValera, who brought Ireland's own noble Constitution into being, have known this was going to happen?

The Irish advocates of "Constitutional" Nationalism presumably use the term to capitalize on the air of legitimacy that the U.S. and Irish Constitutions lend to it, as well as that given by the concept of limited

rule itself. As such, it is a public relations gambit along the same lines as the TV fast food commercials that show smiling, singing people eating greasy, tasteless, burgers to associate happiness and health with the junk food that the fast food joints sell. The commercials are apparently as successful as the message is bogus; perhaps the same holds true for "Constitutional" Nationalism. To paraphrase Lincoln, you can probably fool a lot of the people a lot of the time.

The real issue behind the slick packaging of moderate Nationalists as constitutionalists, though, is one of strategy. While the term is used to create the impression that their approach is the legitimate one, the original reason for working within the system in Northern Ireland, in fact for the founding of the SDLP itself, was that it offered what was hoped would be a more effective way of working for civil rights and other Nationalist goals, given the perceived failure of militant Republicanism in the years before 1969.

Has it been? After twenty years of the Troubles, and nineteen of the SDLP, there is a track record.

The key issues in 1969, by all accounts, were discrimination and civil rights. Let's look, first, at discrimination:

In 1968, the rate of Catholic unemployment was double that of Protestants; today it is double that of Protestants, but there's a government Fair Employment Agency to study the situation and take complaints from Nationalists who for some reason think they've been discriminated against. Few complaints are filed; hardly any are found to be "merited."

And civil rights: In 1968, Nationalists were subject to arbitrary seizure and imprisonment under the Special Powers Act. Today, under the Emergency Provisions Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, they are subject to seizure and interrogation for up to seven days at the discretion of the authorities, followed by a non-jury trial before a Northern Ireland judge, in which they can (will) be convicted legally by forced confessions, or by the uncorroborated testimony of a paid informer, or even by the testimony of the police interrogator that they made an unrecorded verbal confession. But, the Dublin government now has a consultative arrangement with the British, the Anglo-Irish Agreement, under which it can offer comments and suggestions on human rights in Northern Ireland, if it wishes. Presumably having received such input, the British are now in the process of passing laws that will eliminate the right of arrested persons to remain silent, a right enshrined in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and that will ban spokesmen for legal, but anti-British, political parties from the airwaves, violating a right enshrined in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

So the track record of "Constitutional" Nationalism brings us back to the subject of constitutions again — and leaves little more to be said.

Let me only suggest that any claims by the SDLP, the Dublin government, the Kennedy-Moynihan

Support Clare Short, MP

Clare Short is Member of Parliament for Birmingham/Ladywood and chairs the "Time to Go" movement. The movement is a broad-based campaign which calls for a detailed debate on how British withdrawal from Northern Ireland is to be accomplished. Perhaps an understanding of the person and the organization is to be attained from Clare Short herself.

"We do not accept the democratic legitimacy of the Northern Ireland border and all the poisonous discrimination that has flowed from it..."

"Given that nothing else will work, it is surely time to re-examine the traditional solution to the Northern Ireland conflict. Should not Britain withdraw from the province, re-unite Ireland and reverse the historic mistake of partition? Nowadays this course receives no serious consideration at all from the political establishment, even though opinion polls show that it commands con-

temment."

bunch, or whoever, that its approach to Northern Ireland is constitutional, should be judged according to the first article of Eamon De Valera's Constitution:

The Irish nation hereby affirms its inalienable, indefeasible and sovereign right to choose its own form of government, to determine its relations with other nations, and to develop its life, political, economic, and cultural, in accordance with its own genius and traditions.

Joe Farrell

istent majority support among the British electorate. If it is raised at all it is usually to be dismissed out of hand as utterly impractical, morally irresponsible and politically unacceptable...

"It is widely understood that the political partition of Ireland did not have the consent of the people of Ireland and that the border had no democratic or geographical legitimacy. But even worse, the present majority has been maintained through the crude and deliberate use of discrimination to force a disproportionate nationalist emigration and thus avoid the nationalist majority that would otherwise have taken power by now...."

"The New Ireland Forum predicted a nationalist majority by 2016 on current population trends. But there is real doubt that this majority will be allowed to take power. The poison of discrimination and sectarianism is built into the present political settlement."

Clare Short MP (TTG) House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

We cannot afford to turn our backs on this effort. Can we count on you to request a \$25 donation from your division? If so, send it directly to Clare Short at the above address, indicating that it is intended to further the "Time to Go" movement.

Brendan Moore Deputy Nat'l Chairman, FFAI Committee

N.Y. State Legislature Acts on Joe Doherty

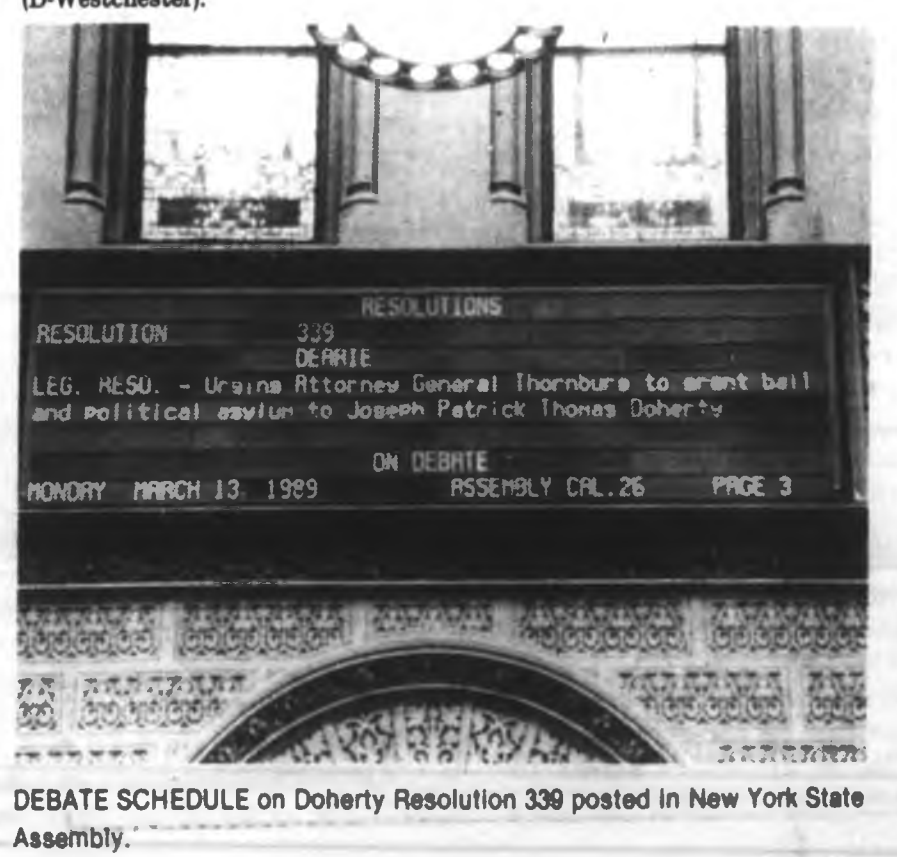
ALBANY, N.Y.: Continuing his fight on behalf of imprisoned Joe Doherty, Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx) marshaled a resolution through the State Legislature urging President Bush, the Congress and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to grant Doherty "immediate release on bail" and "his plea for political asylum."

Joining Dearie as co-prime Assembly sponsors of the measure are Queens Assemblyman Joseph Crowley, Richard Keane (D-Erie) and Kemp Hannon (R-Nassau). Sponsoring the resolution in the State Senate were Nicholas Spano (R-Westchester) and Suzi Oppenheimer (D-Westchester).

The resolution noted that Doherty has been held at the MCC, a federal prison in New York City, since June of 1983 without one federal charge having been brought against him.

It also reads Doherty's extradition was denied by Manhattan Federal Court Judge John E. Sprizzo in December 1984 "on the grounds that the acts which his extradition is sought are not common crimes but rather offenses of a political character."

There is no doubt that Joe Doherty, so far, has been failed by the U.S. Justice Department, to our regret, through obviously blatant British government anti-Irish propaganda and manipulation," Dearie said.





RESPONSE APPRECIATED

Dear Mr. Henshaw,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and to The Ancient Order of Hibernians for all your helpful responses to the article published in The Digest regarding our television plans for Irish Television America. Please let your readers know that Abbey Productions is currently working to expand our viewing area as quickly as possible and that their continued requests to cable systems for access to the show will definitely help speed the process.

Tom Looney
Abbey Productions

REP. DOWNEY UPDATES

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

Knowing that you share my continuing interest in Irish issues, I want to take a moment to bring you up to date on some recent actions taken by the Congress.

The 101st Congress is already demonstrating its concern with Irish issues. Congressman Brian Donnelly recently introduced H.R. 156, a bill to provide tax incentives for American companies doing business in Northern Ireland, as long as those companies abide by fair employment practices. I am proud to have joined Congressman Donnelly as a cosponsor of this bill, and will be working hard to ensure its passage in the House of Representatives.

I have again joined Congressman Hamilton Fish in cosponsoring his Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act. The so-called MacBride Principles of Fair Employment, which this bill seeks to implement, require that American companies operating in Northern Ireland employ a fair representation of Catholics.

Finally, as a followup to my November visit with Joe Doherty, I have cosponsored a House Resolution commending the Board of Immigration Appeals decision to allow Joseph Doherty to apply for political asylum in the United States and asking the Attorney General to expeditiously approve that request.

As a member of the House Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, these issues, which I know are important to you, are never far from my mind. I hope that you will always feel free to write or call me should you have further questions, comments, or concerns.

Thomas J. Downey
Member of Congress

SELECTIVE CRITICISM

Dear Editor:

Another Saint Patrick's day is upon us and Ireland is still an occupied country.

The leaders of the free world criticize South Africa, Iraq, Iran, El Salvador for the atrocities they have committed against mankind. We have placed sanctions against them to show that civilized nations will not stand for this form of political slavery. Yet not one word of official criticism is directed towards Great Britain for the 800 years of political and economic slavery she has imposed on Ireland. I believe Great Britain is still in Ireland not because of so-called religious differences, but because she cannot bear to part with her first out-of-country conquest. The mighty British Empire has fallen onto hard times, and she is

trying hard to hold onto her former glory. So Ireland must suffer for British vanity as the rest of the world turns its head.

I would ask you to remember one thing. The children of Ireland bleed the same color blood as the children of the Mideast, South Africa, Afghanistan, Asia and South America.

If we protest tyranny in other parts of the world, can we in good conscience forget Ireland?

James P. Conlon

CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S MESSAGE PRAISED

Dear Cardinal O'Connor:

Your St. Patrick's Day homily was insightful and a powerful call for truth. There are, in fact, many moral questions and issues about the conflict in Ireland and its many victims but up until your appointment, religious and political leaders alike focused on the symptom of violence and not on the causes. The "blaming the victim" syndrome you spoke so eloquently about is certainly key to understanding how Britain has been able to avoid serious scrutiny of their official mechanisms for military and legal repression, economic subjugation and social isolation of Catholics in Ireland.

I implore your continued leadership in broadening the agenda of moral questions to be considered. It is up to me and others to actually promote political and social action but all of that would be without effect were it not for your pleas for justice, equity, dialogue, etc.

Please feel free to call upon me at any time if I can be of assistance in this matter. Please accept the thanks and gratitude of our National President Mike Coogan and all Hibernians whose affection for Ireland and concern for the conflict is well known to you.

Michael J. Cummings
Public Relations Director, AOH

JOSEPH PATRICK DOHERTY

Honorable Richard Thornburgh
Attorney General
United States Dept. of Justice
Tenth St. & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General:

As members of the New York State Legislature, we are writing regarding a serious injustice that is being perpetrated against Mr. Joseph Patrick Doherty, who has been incarcerated since June 18, 1983, in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, without being convicted of any offense against the laws of this country.

We are concerned that implementation of the November 14, 1988 decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals will be further delayed if you decide to undertake yet another review of Mr. Doherty's case. In that decision, the Board granted Mr. Doherty's motion to reopen the deportation proceedings which entitles him to pursue his claim for political asylum and/or withholding of deportation.

As you are aware, three separate federal courts have rendered decisions that bar Mr. Doherty's extradition to the United Kingdom. In addition, an immigration judge and two successive panels of the B.I.A. have rejected the government's unprecedented demand that Mr.

Sean MacBride Century Club Seeks Members

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1948 to 1951, he was Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Irish Government. He was responsible for declaring Ireland a Republic. He appeared in many leading civil and criminal cases in Ireland, Africa and before International Courts. In 1958, he acted as adviser to the Greek government. He was the co-founder of Amnesty International.

In 1974, Sean MacBride was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; in 1977, he was awarded the International Lenin Prize for Peace; and he was awarded the American Medal of Justice by President Carter in 1978. His receipt of these three awards is quite unique in human history. His work in defense of human rights called him to many parts of the world. He was United Nations Commissioner from 1973 to 1976 and in Iran in 1979 in an effort to secure the release of hostages. One could go on for many pages listing the various international organizations in which he played a significant role and which honored him with high office, awards and distinctions. I was fortunate to meet Sean MacBride privately on a number of occasions. He was in my mind, and in the minds of others, an intellectual leader who was concerned with the equality of humans and fought against discrimination by some of our lesser brothers and sisters. In the words of Thomas Moore:

Shall the harp be silent when he,
who first gave,

To our country a name is with-
drawn from all eyes?

Shall a minstrel of Erin stand mute
by the grave,

Where the first, where the last of
her patriot lies?

Sean MacBride died in Dublin on January 15, 1988. He was the author of the MacBride Principles, an anti-discrimination code, which has been adopted by many states in America. The MacBride Principles are aimed at forcing American companies operating in Northern Ireland to ensure equal employment opportunities for Catholics who are denied equal rights by the British. Thus shall we be silent and mute?

In a poem written by Yeats in memory of Sean's mother, it states: "Vague memories, nothing but memories, but in the grave, all, all

Doherty be deported only to the United Kingdom. It is apparent that Mr. Doherty's offenses were of a political nature, aimed at the British presence in Northern Ireland, under no circumstances should he be deported to the United Kingdom. We urge you to affirm the B.I.A.'s November 14, 1988 decision, allowing Mr. Doherty to apply for political asylum, as soon as possible. Additionally, we think, in the interests of justice, Mr. Doherty should be released on bail while the issue is decided.

We feel strongly that since our courts have already unequivocally determined that Mr. Doherty's offenses were of a political nature, aimed at the British presence in Northern Ireland, under no circumstances should he be deported to the United Kingdom. We urge you to affirm the B.I.A.'s November 14, 1988 decision, allowing Mr. Doherty to apply for political asylum, as soon as possible. Additionally, we think, in the interests of justice, Mr. Doherty should be released on bail while the issue is decided.

Alan G. Hevesi
23rd Assembly District
State of New York
Editor's Note: This letter was co-signed by ninety-seven New York state assemblymen.

Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL McCORMACK, National Historian

JOHN P. HOLLAND

John P. Holland of Liscannor, Co. Clare, survived the Great Hunger of 1845-49 that devastated his country and earned a living as a school teacher. A lover of the sea, he studied the unsuccessful attempts of Borne, Bushnell, and Fulton at underwater sailing. When the historic confrontation of the ironclads, *Monitor* and *Merrimack*, took place in the American Civil War he noted English concern; they saw the vulnerability of the wooden ship navy they relied on to maintain their colonial power. Also a lover of his country, the young schoolteacher began to design an ironclad that would sail beneath the waves, and threaten that navy. He came to the United States to promote interest in his submarine.

In 1882, an impatient Clan leader, John Breslin stole the *Ram* and took it to New Haven where he hoped to launch it; unfortunately, with no knowledge of its operation, it only sank. The *Ram* was later salvaged for use in a fund-raising campaign for the 1916 Easter Rising, and its rusting hull ended up as a monument to Holland in Westside Park, Patterson, NY. It was finally moved to the Paterson Museum alongside *Holland I*, salvaged in 1927.

Without sufficient funds, Holland continued his designs on paper, and persevered with his own limited assets and borrowed money to interest financiers in his invention. In 1895, he finally won a \$150,000 U.S. Navy contract to build a submarine. The plucky Irishman built the 53-foot, 63-ton, *Holland VI*, to his own specifications, and offered it to the Navy for trials. It was a total success and in 1900 became the U.S.S. *Holland* — the first American submarine. He received an order for six more.

So it was that the brain-child of a patriotic Irish immigrant became the prototype for the greatest submarine fleet in the world. Unfortunately, Holland was deeply in debt and couldn't finance the order. Financiers bought into the J. P. Holland Torpedo Boat Company and costly court battles eventually arose regarding ownership of the patents. Holland spent his remaining years in costly unsuccessful litigation trying to reclaim his patents. On August 12, 1914, he died in obscure poverty in Newark, N.J., leaving his wife Margaret with five children. As he lay dying, the Germans and British were readying their respective Navies for war and the eyes of both fleets were submarines, built with Holland's principles.

Holland's original design remained the standard for American submarines until a narrower design was introduced during World War II. Ironically, with the advent of faster nuclear submarines, the narrow design proved unstable and Navy engineers returned to Holland's design. As a result, all U.S. submarines from the 1958 *Skipjack* to the present day bear a likeness to the Navy's first submarine *Holland*, named after its forgotten inventor, one of the immigrants who help make America great.

Long interested in Holland and his inventions, Jack Flatley and I visited the Paterson museum in 1987 to see the *Holland I* and the *Fenian Ram*. We found the boats in good condition, but poorly displayed in the rear of the museum. We identified ourselves as State officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and asked if there were anything we could do to encourage a more suitable display. Museum curator, Ms. Barbara Rivolta, was happy to find someone interested in the Holland exhibit, and generously took the time to show us the Holland memorabilia in their care —

James Patrick Shannon

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John Philip Holland Father of the Modern Submarine

By TERENCE McHUGH SHEA

Inventors must often fight the establishment to gain credibility for their achievements. Even then, they sometimes are not rewarded for their success.

Late in the 19th century, many inventors were hard at work developing submarines, but the powerful navies of the world refused to take notice. It took one man, an Irishman, initially motivated by his patriotism, to change their minds.

John Philip Holland, trained only as a school teacher, defied his critics and mastered the problems of underwater navigation, earning the epithet

"father of the modern submarine." Many preceded him, and many followed, but only Holland succeeded in demonstrating the submarine as a formidable weapon that no navy could survive without.

Born in Liscannor, a port on the barren coast of County Clare, February 24, 1841, Holland grew up watching his countrymen lead poor and miserable lives. While he was still quite young, Holland developed an inextinguishable resentment for an England that allowed so many Irish to suffer and die in the Great Famine. Later in life, Holland channeled this resentment into building a submarine for the Fenians which would have rendered Her Majesty's Navy quite helpless, were it not for internal Fenian political problems.

Ironically, Holland survived the Famine because his father was employed as an officer in the British Coastguard Service in Ireland and they literally were guaranteed a roof over their heads. He did not forget this either.

After demonstrating a proficiency for math and science in school, Holland joined the Teaching Order of the Christian Brothers and took his initial vows at the young age of 17. After several years of apprentice teaching, Holland taught subjects ranging from math to music in various parts of Ireland.

Holland's ill health often kept him from the classroom, but this convalescence proved to be a blessing in disguise. During these periods when he was unable to teach, Holland began studying the then unconquered realms of human flight and undersea navigation. Holland's first exposure to anything that even resembled submarines was in 1862 when he read in the *Cork Examiner* of the Battle of the Ironclads between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack* in the American Civil War.

While Holland's ideas on submarines thrived, his health did not. As well, he had to cope with the added stress of worrying about his mother's health and his brothers' revolutionary activities. (His older brother, Alfred, edited a semi-revolutionary newspaper and his younger brother, Michael, was an active rebel). In 1873, The Christian Brothers granted Holland a dispensation on the grounds of his health and he then followed his mother and brothers to America, where they had been for some time.

After a brief stay in Boston, Holland joined the Christian Brothers as a lay teacher at St. John's Parochial School in Paterson, New Jersey. Legend has it that a student's father was a friend of Navy Secretary George M. Robeson and encouraged John Holland to submit his design for a one-man pedal-powered submarine to the Navy in 1876. The Navy rejected Holland's proposal, calling it "impractical." This was Holland's first — but certainly not his last — experience in dealing with bureaucracy.

Michael Holland, the inventor's younger brother, and a member of Clan-na-Gael, the United Brotherhood of the Fenians in America, introduced Holland to Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, in turn introduced him to Jerome Collins, the founder of the Clan-na-Gael in 1876. Later, Holland met John Devoy and John J. Breslin, Fenian leaders and heroes of the *Catalpa* affair (the daring rescue of Irish political



JOHN PHILLIP HOLLAND

prisoners from the British penal colony in Fremantle, Australia) upon their return to New York after the incident.

The Fenians were interested in Holland's scheme for a relatively inexpensive boat which they could use to cripple the British fleet. Eventually, the Fenians used the money from their Skirmishing Fund, which was set up solely for the purpose of revolutionary activities and collected weekly in nickel and dime increments from Irishmen in the States, to support Holland's submarine. Holland contracted with the iron works on Albany Street in New York to produce his first submarine.

On May 22, 1878, the *Holland No. 1*, at a length of fifteen feet (shorter than most of today's cars) and a width of just three feet, was launched on the Passaic River in New Jersey. Holland's demonstration of this submarine, in which he remained submerged for the unprecedented time of one hour, was a complete success. The tests impressed the Trustees of the Skirmishing Fund so much that they directed Holland to build a larger vessel equipped with armaments.

Thus the *Fenian Ram* was conceived and John Holland ended his teaching career to devote full time to the project, which began in May of 1879 at the Delamater Iron Works in New York. Here, the submarine was launched two years later. Many of its features demonstrated elements of submarine design and navigation that soon became standard and others that would not appear again until the designs of the diesel



JOHN HOLLAND in his first submarine, 15 feet long, 3 feet wide.

powered *Albacore* and the nuclear powered *Skipjack* of the American fleet in the 1950's. These vessels were lauded for their outstanding design and performance.

And though Holland had demonstrated his skill as an inventor, the Trustees of the Skirmishing Fund were unable to exhibit their talents at successful money managing.

As Holland continued testing the *Ram*, and building a smaller, working model in which he was advancing the *Ram* design, the Trustees skirmished among themselves. The debate, which is putting it lightly, centered on what determined proper use of the Fund. Since its only use was for "revolutionary activities," the Fund had quite an ambiguous purpose and was open to various interpretations.

When a Dr. Dennis Mulcahy was sent to Ireland with the remains of one of the Fenian leaders, some of the Trustees promised to pay him from the Fund. But the other Trustees objected and Mulcahy eventually took his case to the New York Supreme Court. Before the court case, however, Devoy resigned as a Trustee, Breslin gave up his post of directly overseeing the submarine project, and O'Donovan Rossa was ousted from the Clan-na-Gael. These actions severely factionalized the Fenians.



CHECKING OUT a later submarine bearing the name "Holland."

Breslin, still an active advocate of Irish nationalism and still unofficially involved in the Holland venture, was compelled to act in order to save the Fenians and their \$60,000 investment—Holland's submarines—from both Mulcahy's suit and the angry contributors to the Skirmishing Fund who expected their "ten cents worth of revolution each week."

Late one night in November, 1883, Breslin and a few fellow Fenians stole the *Fenian Ram* and its

in the Paterson Museum today. While Holland certainly had cause to sever his relations with the Fenians—and they with him—after the theft of the submarines, historians have debated whether or not he was a member of the Fenians before the action. Dr. Richard K. Morris, author of Holland's biography and grandson of his supervising engineer, asserts that there is no strong evidence to suggest that Holland was a member of the Fenians. If he was a member, "He didn't do it very openly," says Dr. Morris, a retired Trinity College (CT) Professor, and a resident of Deep River, CT.

As well, Dr. Morris adds, "He was fairly close to (John J.) Breslin and John Devoy." However, Dr. Morris continues, "When he died (in 1914), there was some evidence that he was a member of Sinn Féin." Although this fact adds to the legend of John Holland, it is doubtful that he was a very militant member, because at that time he was engaged in selling his submarine plans to the British navy.

After his failure with the Fenians, Holland tried again at selling his plans to the U.S. government, but to no avail. While the submarine fascinated many young navy officers, Holland could do nothing to change the minds of the Admirals in command who saw no need for such a ship. As his hope for supplying the navy with his first submarine grew dim, Holland took up an offer of Edmund L. Zalinski, a well-known inventor who specialized in artillery

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Arriving for Big Parade



NATIONAL LADIES OFFICERS assemble for the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. Left to right are President Mary Bradley; unidentified person; Treasurer Terry Kelleher; Vice President Dolores E. Voelker and Past President Sheila M. Clifford. At back are Past President Margaret F. Rust and Catholic Action Chairman Mary Paglione.

D.C. Board Honors St. Brigid



WASHINGTON, D.C. — District of Columbia Board members before the altar of St. Brigid in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., after attending the annual Mass in honor of St. Brigid, celebrated by Father Brian McTommonney, O.F.M., on Sunday, February 5. Father McTommonney is residing at the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D.C., and is on a sabbatical after serving in Bethlehem as a tour guide for about eight years. From left to right are Mrs. Patricia Muir, secretary, D.C. Board; Mrs. Marianne Lacey, president, Div. 6; Fr. McTommonney; Mrs. Peggy Dowd, president, Div. 4; Mrs. Kathryn Donnelly Back, president, D.C. Board and past president, Div. 3; Mrs. Kathryn Gatins, president, Div. 3; Mrs. Helen Slattery, treasurer, D.C. Board; Miss Mary Ann Settlemyre, president, Div. 5; and Miss Peggy Dee, Board historian.

Irish Eye photo

Junior News, Maryland

We are proud to announce that our Junior Division is 15 members strong. The Juniors presented the offertory gifts at the Formal Obligation Mass on March 5. They were also in attendance at the special Mass at the Basilica to install the Grand Marshal and Deputy Marshals for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On Parade Sunday, the Juniors led the LAOH contingent, proudly attired in their new uniforms. Junior Coordinator Kathleen Burke reports that the Juniors made Valentine cards for the retired sisters at Mercy Villa, where they practice dancing each Saturday.

Rose Kennedy Div. LAOH, Wayne County, Michigan, sponsored their 22nd Annual Court of St. Brigid Pageant on February 18 at the Hibernian Hall in Detroit. Mr. Neal Shine, Senior Managing Editor of the *Detroit Free Press*, was Master of Ceremonies. The distinguished judges were Mary Ellen Dunleavy, Thomas Dunleavy, Helen Ivory, Philip O'Dwyer and Margie Reedy, who is a newscaster on Channel 4. The lovely young ladies, ages 17 to 22, who competed for the title of Queen all have in common an interest in their Irish heritage and Irish history.

The judges selected Mary Margaret Cleary, 21, to be Queen. Ann Marie Houlihan, 19, and Jennifer Prater, 18, were chosen for her Court. The Queen's father, Frank Cleary, is a member of the new Art

Walton AOH Division, Livingston County.

The Queen was presented the Mary Gibbons Memorial Bond, a \$200 U.S. Savings bond. She also received \$500 from the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ann Marie received a \$200 scholarship and Jennifer \$100. Each of the girls who participated was given a gift.

Queen Margaret Mary and her Court led the AOH and LAOH in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. The girls attended Hibernian festivities and will be presented at the AOH Spring Charity Ball.

The O'Hare Irish Step Dancers set the tone for the evening of the Pageant by performing traditional Irish dances. The Wakes and Weddings Band provided lively music for singing and dancing.

LAOH President Keynotes At Leprechaun Convention

National LAOH President Mary E. Bradley of Central Falls, R.I., from the smallest city in the smallest state, was the keynote speaker at the Leprechaun Society of Ireland and America's fun-filled 11th annual convention and St. Patrick's day observance held at the Old Timer Restaurant in Clinton, Mass. The convention luncheon was sponsored by the LAOH Clinton Division, led by President Cathy Duvarney.

Miss Bradley in her keynote address featured the story of the "Nine Famous Irishmen in the Irish Disor-

ders in 1848." After the keynote address Chief Leprechaun Dick O'Toole presented Miss Bradley with the Leprechaun Award, along with a letter in a silver frame from the White House, Washington, D.C. The letter read in part "... As you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Barbara and I join in sending best wishes to Award Winner Mary Bradley and to all the people in Clinton, Massachusetts, for a Happy Leprechaun Society Convention ... Sincerely, George Bush."



SMILING DELEGATES at Leprechaun Society Convention in Clinton, MA, are, left to right, front row, Elaine Patterson; Division LAOH President Cathy Duvarney; National LAOH President Mary Bradley, keynote; and Virginia Ferguson. At rear, Himself Richard O'Toole; State LAOH President Mary E. Dolan; and National AOH Vice President Michael Carroll. Photo by Bill McEnery

Connecticut Life Member Dies

Margaret Sweeney Cashman, a Connecticut State Life Member, LAOH, and past State President, died January 18, 1989 in Rocky Hill at the age of 97. Margaret joined the Order sometime between 1903 and 1907, according to her son Robert H. Cashman, Sr. of Wethersfield, CT.

Born in Rockville, CT, she lived in Hartford from 1921 until 1968, moving to Newington 20 years ago. There she was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit. She was a past president of Rau Locke Post,

past president of the Hartford Chapter of Widows of World War I.

She was also a member of the May, Davis & Stolzer Post of the Legion Auxiliary, the Newington Historical Society and the Newington Senior Citizens. She did volunteer work at the Newington Veterans Medical Center and the St. Francis Hospital Thrift Shop for 20 years.

Margaret is survived by her son Robert H. and his wife Geraldine (Toce), and three grandchildren, Robert H. Cashman, Jr., Mary Alice and Kerry Ann Cashman.

Following a mass of Christian burial in the Church of the Holy Spirit, burial was in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

LADIES Massachusetts News

LOWELL, MA: During December LAOH Division 1 joined with the men of Div. 19 for the President's Dinner and Installation of Officers. Joan O'Brien, county president installed our new officers with the help of Mary Morley and Mary Ryan from the Marlboro Div., who accompanied her. A roast beef dinner was followed by music by Joe Tinean with singing and Irish dancing. A Past President's pin was presented to outgoing president Noreen Conlon, by out-going vice-president Eileen Sullivan, along with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The guest speaker for the February meeting was Rosemary Noon, division member who is Director of the Lowell Office of Cultural Affairs. She spoke on Lowell culture, education, recreation and sculpture. The members were saddened by the announced passing of member Rosetta O'Donnell the evening prior to the meeting.

The Men and Women Divisions

held a Scholarship Dance social in January. The ever popular Noel Henry's Showband was featured. A Ceili was run on March 12 as part of Irish Cultural Week by the LAOH with a grant from the Arts Council.

Nassau New Division

On February 8th, 1989 Division 17, LAOH, was formed in Long Beach, New York, with a membership of over twenty-five ladies. The officers installed were as follows: President Ronnie Healy; Vice President Kitty McCarthy; Recording Secretary Jane Waterman; Treasurer Colleen Phillips; Financial Secretary Mary Ann McCay; Historian Peg Cronin; Catholic Action, Nula McCann; Missions, Dot Finn; Mistress at Arms Marge McCloskey; and Sentinel Evelyn Smith.

According to Nassau County President Jean Clark this is the first division organized in the past several years. Meetings are planned for the

Ladies Pennsylvania News

Allegheny County: Mary Margaret Maurath, president. The third Annual St. Brigid's Mass was held on February 5th at St. Agnes' Church in Pittsburgh. Sara Mains, county treasurer, was chairman assisted by the presidents of the seven county divisions. Rev. David Keager, T.O.R., was celebrant. Robert Bierra and Sr. Sara Marie Healy, county chaplain, were the Eucharistic Ministers. Two Division 8 sons were the altar servers, Joseph Byrne and Joshua Mylan. Piper Charles Gladick led the procession which included Margaret Cooney, state president; Ronald Bryan, AOH state president; and David O'Connor, AOH county president. The cantor was Brother William O'Brien and soloist was Patricia Conroy. The division vice presidents presented the seven gifts of St. Brigid. Formal installation of division officers was conducted during the Mass. Following the liturgy, brunch was held in Moriarty Hall. Women of Ireland was presented by members of the Gaelic Arts Society with Margaret Maloney as coordinator.

Division 11 — Eileen Martini, president: After marching as a Unit in Pittsburgh's largest St. Patrick's Parade, members held an After-the-Parade Party at the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers.

Luzerne County — Wilkes Barre, Division 1: Monica Mullin, president of Saint John Newmann Division, proudly led her Sisters in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Wilkes-Barre on March 11th. A new banner was carried in the parade, in memory of deceased Sisters, by Sue Quinn Cosgrove and Pat Quinn Astolfi. Rev. Charles Mulrooney, pastor of St. Leo's Church, Ashley, and division chaplain, was Honorary Grand Marshal. It was the first time in the history of the parade that a Catholic Priest was so honored. On Friday, March 17, the LAOH were present for the traditional Irish Flag Raising ceremonies at the Luzerne County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre.

Washington County — Charleoi Division 4: Dorothy Weldon, president—February 5 Mass at St. Jerome's Church was offered for the intentions of the Living Members and also honoring our patroness, St. Brigid. Rev. John Marcucci, division chaplain, was celebrant and homilist. Following the Mass, a breakfast was served at St. Jerome Lyceum. Guest speaker was Sister Colman Cohill, C.S.J., who centered her talk on thoughts of St. Brigid.

second Wednesday of every month. New members in the area of Atlantic Beach and Long Beach are welcome to join this fine organization.



Mary E. Bradley
National President

If you want the best you must offer the best. The LAOH is the best and the time to offer is fast approaching. We are about to begin that period of time set aside for county and state conventions. All the divisions are buzzing with information on locations and planned activities for the conventions. Everyone is carefully employing every means possible to attend.

Outgoing presidents have carefully examined every idea and plan to make the convention at which they will preside the best run, the most orderly, the most harmonious and just the very best. Outgoing officers deserve a good deal of credit. These two years have been well run and very effective. The Order can salute them for their work.

What of the new candidates? There are customs and rules and understandings that all enter into the picture when election time draws near, and in honesty, many of these have in the past served the Order well.

Now we need to really examine those women within our ranks who have quietly been sitting back and watching — capable women who have not expressed particular aspirations for themselves, but who are extremely faithful and hard working. Women who are always there and who have some understanding that more might be expected of them as they accomplish their current work. Some of the division officers appear to have great potential.

Now is the time, before convention, to explain what the duties of the officers on the county and state levels are. Perhaps if the positions were more fully understood, there might be greater ease in accepting nominations for these higher offices.

Ability to do the required work is not the problem — we need the commitment to dive in and get it done. Officers direct the membership. We need the best, not necessarily the best known.



ST. JOHN NEWMAN Division, Wilkes-Barre, proudly displays new banner used in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. From left to right are Sue Quinn Cosgrove; Ann Brown, past president; Monica Mullin, president; Rev. Charles Mulrooney, Honorary Grand Marshal and division chaplain; Marie Roth, past president; Margaret Shea, past president; and Pat Quinn Astolfi.

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to questions on Page 12)
1. Carratoughill, McGillicuddy's Reeks, Co. Kerry; 3414 ft. 2. Muchanaghderdauhaulla, Co. Galway. 3. November 1, a time when dead spirits of ancestors return to be close to the living. 4. A fairy that often appears in the form of a dark

horse. 5. General Sir John Maxwell. 6. Drumcliff, Co. Sligo. 7. The "Stone of Destiny", upon which the Kings of Ireland took their oath of office. 8. June 16, 9. "Borstal Boy". 10. James Hoban, of Co. Kilkenny.

Ref: "Irish Trivia," Quinlan Press, Inc., Boston, Ma., 1986.

Jim Gallagher

Ladies Michigan News



ST. BRIGID'S COURT — From left, Jennifer Prater, second runner-up; Ann Marie Houlihan, first runner-up; Mary Margaret Cleary, Queen; Bud Carey, driver and escort.



LEADERS of Rose Kennedy Division in the St. Patrick's Day Parade were Division President Patricia Martin and Chaplain Father Robert McGrath.



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California LAOH Project



SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY: During the Christmas season the County Catholic Action Committee sponsored a lap robes project for patients at Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco, in which all divisions participated. Top picture, from left, County Catholic Action Chairman Margaret Koehane and State President Maureen Murphy Edwards hand their lap rugs to State Chairman of Catholic Action Marie Doherty. Bottom photo shows some of the 80 lap rugs held by patients at the hospital.

Ladies Ohio State News

Angela Stanton Weist Kerrigan of Division 5, in Cleveland, Ohio, has been selected as the Irish Mother of the Year. Mrs. Kerrigan, a twice widowed mother of eight, step-mother of 10 and grandmother of 55, was scheduled to ride on the 122nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade but suffered a heart attack on March 12. After having heart surgery three days later, she is now in excellent



ANGELA CATHERINE KERRIGAN

condition. Mrs. Kerrigan said she would be attending the Hibernian Banquet on March 17, 1989 in spirit and in the place of her eighteen children who would be there to honor her. Mrs. Kerrigan is an employee of the diocese of Cleveland, where she is manager of computer services for the financial legal department. She is LAOH chairperson of Catholic Action in Cuyahoga County and also on the National Council of Catholic Women.

Montgomery County this year will be celebrating 100 years of Hibernianism; congratulations! Ohio State Chairman of Missions, Colleen Wooton, reports that following the National Convention, Ohio ranked fifth among the states for contributions to the Columbian Fathers with a total of \$2,749.54 in contributions.

Columbus. Franklin County's Vivian Lermonde was recently listed in the 1989-1990 edition of *Who's*

Who of American Women. She's right in there with Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Walters.

As 1989 Hibernian of the Year, Joan E. Cavanaugh continues in the footsteps of her parents, Oliver and Betty Murphy, previous Hibernians of the Year.

Joan was born and raised on the east side of Cleveland, attending Christ the King Grade School and Sacred Heart Academy. She earned her degrees in Business and Education at the University of Dayton.

A member of the Ladies, AOH, Division 10 since 1977, Joan has held several offices on both division and county levels. She is the immediate past president of the LAOH County Board and chairperson of the successful 1988 AOH National Convention held in Cleveland. Joan's interest in Irish Culture and dancing continues, as a founding member of the Murphy Irish Arts Center and long time member of the Feis Society, East Side Irish-American Club, Greater Cleveland Cultural



JOAN E. CAVANAUGH

Gardens and the United Irish Society.

In addition to her Hibernian activities and working as an executive secretary, Joan's first priority is her loving family. Together Joan and her husband Jim raised two wonderful children, Maureen Ann and James Thomas. Joan and her family are active members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Aurora, Ohio.

LADIES Maryland News

A Mass celebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Duffy preceded a formal obligation to welcome members, including Juniors, who entered the Order in 1988. State President Nancy Perrin awarded State Life Memberships to several members.

Sr. Annella Martin, state vice president, delivered toiletries from the LAOH to a day shelter for women. Sr. is monitoring closely a MacBride Principle bill introduced in the State Legislature and members of the A.O.H. and L.A.O.H. went to the State Capital to show their support. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was again chaired by Sally Murphy; Mary Heckner was the Deputy Marshal representing the L.A.O.H. Trolleys were also provided for the members unable to walk the parade route.

Div. 4 had a charity donation in excess of \$1200.00 and Div. 14 paid another installment on its pledge of \$2500.00 to Hope Lodge, a hospice for cancer patients.

Three Divisions have reported deaths of members. We also grieve the loss of our dear friend, AOH brother, John O'Neill, husband of Catherine of Division 4.

The annual Mass and breakfast

A Political Prisoner

(Continued from Page Fifteen)

All Doherty has ever done in this country is win in court and stay in jail. If Joe Doherty were on the run from Nicaragua or South Africa, on either side in either place, he would live here undisturbed. But he sits in jail through all these years because the British put their hand into our criminal justice system and people with Irish backgrounds around here don't know how to raise an eyebrow or a finger at injustice.

There will be tens of thousands of them in their green ties on Fifth Avenue tomorrow. Later, there will be the usual torrent of brave talk over the lip of a glass, yet only the faintest of heartbeats sound in their fat chests.

I give you them and I give you their parade. They allow the British to hold an Irish political prisoner in a cell right in our own city for almost seven years now.

On Joe Doherty's first day in the MCC, they brought in three Colombians who were charged with holding 1,000 kilos of cocaine. The Colombians pled guilty and received sentences of 7 and 8 years. All three have finished their sentences and are back on the street now.

Joe Doherty, who never committed a crime in this country, sits in his cell.

He was in there when they brought in the Soviet spy, Gennadiy Zakharov, who wanted to steal all our missile plans. One day, the guards took Zakharov out to get a plane home to Russia.

Joe Doherty sat in his cell.

John Gotti arrived. Gotti said he would wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day. One night, Gotti was not in the next cell.

Watching television, Joe Doherty saw Gotti returning to his house in Howard Beach.

A spy from Bulgaria and another from Czechoslovakia came in and sulked for a while. They were taken to the airport for the ride home. Joe Doherty, who never did a thing wrong in this city, flew off the walls. Here was Ivan Boesky, who stole tens of millions. He was in and out. Joe Doherty stayed. Then Stanley Simon, the Bronx borough president, who stole from people who were starving had the cell next to Joe. Simon is gone and out doing his sentence. At this rate, Simon will be back in the Bronx and Joe still will remain in the MCC.

"My mother is coming up this afternoon," Joe was saying yesterday. "She gets over here every year. They make me an honorary grand marshal at one of the St. Patrick's Day parades. Hartford, Bergen County, Philadelphia. And they bring her over here."

"Who brought her over this time?" "Cincinnati."

Of course, another town. Never New York. The Irish who parade tomorrow in New York, with their tendency to be a race of butlers, would let the man rot in his cell before they dare raise a voice against authority.

Taken from *Newsday*.

honoring St. Brigid will be at St. Brigid's Church on April 2, and the County Board Convention is scheduled for April 8. Division 7 was honored to have the traveling Statue of Fatima at the home of Robertine Murray. Rosary devotions were led by Div. Chaplain Fr. Mackey. Division President, Margaret Campbell, was recently named outstanding Hibernian of the Year.

Joan Puppe

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By William A. Corbett

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examples to explain how to meet the financial goals Catholics set for themselves through investment, insurance, and savings plans. Its simple directions take a person through the work required to make one's family financially sound without giving them boring theories or confusing them with unexplained terms.

The *Financial Guide For Catholics*

goes even further. It explains the American economic system in simple terms and provides sample worksheets to help readers in their financial planning.

About the author: William Corbett is a financial counselor who concentrates on stocks, municipal bonds, mutual funds, and tax-deferred annuities as vehicles for meeting finan-

cial goals. He is the father of four and is an active member of his parish in Traverse City, Michigan. He is also a member of the local AOH Bernard J. Brady Division. This is his first book.

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HIBERNIAN READERS' GUILD A.O.H.

MONTHLY BOOK SELECTION

MAY

The Battle of the Boyne 1690 by Peter Berresford Ellis

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Peter Berresford Ellis is also the author of *Rising of the Moon* and *To Hell or Connaught*.

JUNE

Error of Judgement by Chris Mullin

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British journalist. Chris Mullin, demolishes the case against the six men wrongfully convicted of the bombings — and still in prison. Mullin has even interviewed three of the four men who admit to planting the bombs — and are free.

The implications for the British political and legal system are shocking — and justify the fear in Ireland that Irish men and women cannot get a fair trial in England.

This book has forced the British Home Secretary to re-open the case. *Must reading for the discussion of extradition.*

Other Paperback Specials

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The classic bible of Irish nationalism that should be in every Irish-American home.

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John Phillip Holland

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weapons and a lieutenant in the American Army, to build a submarine for him.

Zalinski commissioned Holland to build a submarine that could effectively display a new dynamite gun that he had just invented. Known simply as the *Zalinski Boat*, this ship proved nothing to Holland, except that he knew that he must have complete control over the design and construction of his submarines if they were to be built properly.

Beset by funding problems, and therefore lapses in material quality, the *Zalinski Boat* was a failure. Constructed mainly of wood beams on an iron frame, the *Zalinski Boat* sunk on its initial launching in 1885. The project was kept going only for Zalinski to prove his weapon and satisfy his financiers. Eventually the *Zalinski Boat* was scrapped and sold in order to partly pay back the funders of the operation. Holland again found himself out of work and nearly out of luck. Nearly.

The Department of the Navy sponsored a competition for submarine design in 1888. Holland entered this competition, which had certain minimum performance requirements for the ship, under the backing of the Cramps Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia. Holland promptly won the contract, but Cramps could not guarantee that the ship would perform to the Navy's standards. The competition was reopened, the previous plans were reviewed, and Holland was again declared the winner.

However, Grover Cleveland failed in his re-election bid and the submarine venture went out with his Secretary of the Navy. Holland had to wait four more years, until Grover Cleveland was again in the White House, before anyone again took his submarine proposals seriously.

During this time Holland worked as a draftsman for Charles A. Morris of the Morris and Cummings Dredging Company, who had supported him in his efforts with the *Fenian Ram*. Holland worked almost daily with Morris on designing a flying machine, but the potential backers of this scheme always wanted to hear more about Holland's submarine proposals which had made him famous by this time.

After Cleveland's re-election in 1892, \$200,000 was appropriated for the development of an experimental submarine and the design competition was reopened. Holland secured his financial support when Elihu B. Frost, a young lawyer who had Charles Morris as a client, was so impressed with Holland's determination, skill, and attention to detail in his plans that he lent Holland the initial funds needed to complete his proposal.

Within a few months Frost had incorporated the John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Company, with Holland as manager and Frost as the secretary-treasurer. Frost managed to raise the capital for a \$7,500 deposit that the Navy required to be submitted with each design entry. Holland, for the first time, stood on a strong financial base that would finally allow him, or so he thought, to build a submarine the way he envisioned it.

After much political shenanigans, (Holland's chief competitor, Simon Lake, held much influence in Washington), Holland won the government contract for his submarine, which was far superior to any of the other submissions.

Production of this ship, called the *Plunger*, began in 1896 in a Baltimore

shipyard. Although Holland had finally received the government contract that he had long coveted, the *Plunger* was afflicted with the same problems that his previous efforts had encountered: uneducated interference.

The Navy, whose project officers Holland labeled "amateurs," insisted on forcing their ideas into design changes in the *Plunger*. These actions by the Navy later prompted Holland to write, "The Navy does not like submarines because there is no deck to strut upon... Sweep out all interesting but useless devices... She cannot have a deck on which her men can enjoy sunlight." Holland looked to porpoises for the ultimate in submarine design. They always travel with their body in the water; they dive and surface at an angle, and they certainly do not have a deck to strut upon. While all of these features were part of Holland's ideal submarine, they were not incorporated into the Navy's submarines until the late 1950's, when the nuclear powered *Skipjack* was launched - and was lauded for its outstanding design and performance.

Holland, upset at what the Navy had done to his design and adamant about proving his theories, convinced Frost to use the Company's resources to finance a new submarine free of interference from the Navy. Work began on the *Holland VI* at Lewis Nixon's Crescent Shipyard in Elizabethport, New Jersey during the winter of 1896-97. Morris, having lost control of his own company to his partner Frost, was signed on as the superintending engineer for the project.

On May 17, 1897, the *Holland VI* was launched and work began on making the ship fit for service in the Navy. The John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Company, however, had expended its last funds in building the submarine and was forced to sell to Isaac Rice, owner of the Electric Launch Company and the Electro-Dynamic Company, the supplier of the electric storage batteries in the *Holland VI*. The new corporation was called the Electric Boat Company, and the *Holland Torpedo Boat Company* became a subsidiary company. The Electric Boat Company became the General Dynamics Corporation in 1952 and thrives today as the nation's largest defense contractor, with Electric Boat in Groton, CT as its largest division.

The *Holland VI* satisfied Navy specifications and performed brilliantly. Although the *Plunger*, which the Navy had already purchased, did not initially meet Navy requirements—as Holland had predicted—the *Holland VI* brought submarine navigation and technology to a level that had seemed impossible to most people just a few years before. To most people, but not to John Holland.

On April 11, 1900, the United States Government purchased the *Holland VI* (later the *USS Holland*) from the Electric Boat Company. This event was, unquestionably, the highest point of Holland's career, but it was also the beginning of the end. The *Holland VI* was the last ship that he was personally involved in building.

Frost recognized Holland's genius and managed to obtain, for the Company, the rights to all of Holland's existing patents for submarines and any new ones that he filed while he was employed by them. Holland's designs were sold to many nations in Europe, and elsewhere. Even Great

Bishop Honored In Donegal



LETTERKENNY, CO. DONEGAL, IRELAND: Dignitaries are pictured at an event in Donegal honoring Dr. Seamus Hegarty, Bishop of Raphoe. Left to right, seated, Cecil A. King, Donegal Democrat; Phil Brennan; Bishop Hegarty; Willie Joe Cunningham, chairman; and Sean McGovern. Standing: Connell McShane, Hugh Boyle, Manus Gallagher, James McLaughlin, and Michael J. Meehan.

N.Y. Leaders Meet On Investment Bill



MORE THAN A DOZEN Irish-American leaders, instrumental in the passage of MacBride Principles legislation in New York State, joined Assemblyman John C. Dearie (D-Bronx) and State Comptroller Edward Regan to discuss the first "Report on the Northern Ireland Investment Bill" released last week. Shown in the picture are, left to right, Frank Durkan, Brehon Law Society; Kathleen Regan, American Irish Political Education Committee; Assemblyman Dearie; Al Doyle, American Irish Political Education Committee; Mary Wilson, The Irish People; Comptroller Regan; Assemblyman Denis Butler (D-Queens); Nick Murphy, AOH; Willie Joe Cunningham, United Irish Counties; Richard O'Connor representing Nassau Assemblyman Philip Healy; Martin Galvin, Irish Northern Aid; Brian McGrath, American Irish Political Education Committee; Michael Maye of the Irish American Labor Coalition and Dave Henshaw of the National Hibernian Digest. Attending but not shown were John Donegan, Bronx AOH; Michael Cummings, AOH; Jack Irwin, AOH and Al O'Hagan, AOH.

Britain bought a Holland design ship.

While the Company certainly prospered from these sales, Holland received no royalties. In fact, Holland was no longer manager of the Company that bore his name. He was retained as a design engineer at a salary of no more than \$90 per week. When his contract with the Company expired in 1904, Holland resigned.

With the support of Morris and many other old friends, Holland formed the John P. Holland's Submarine Boat Company on May 18, 1905. Holland had designed an all new, high speed submarine since he had left Electric Boat. His attempts to sell the design in this country and in Europe were met with the powerful legal machine of Rice and Frost. Holland did, however, manage to sell this new design to Japan, which was also building Electric Boat designed submarines. This sale was John Holland's last victory.

Holland's infant company could not compete with Electric Boat or the legal problems it created. By 1907 the last of the financial supporters of the Company had backed out, stripping Holland of the capital needed to continue. Although his name had become synonymous with submarines, he had amassed no great fortune. His submarine building days were over.

Holland spent the last years of his life designing various other submarines—including passenger ones—and remaining active in social and church groups and in the American Irish Historical Society. Holland, a native Irish speaker, also had a keen interest in the Gaelic revival.

Through his ingenuity and persistence, John Philip Holland, a self-taught engineer, had mastered the problems of undersea navigation like no one before him. Although technology has advanced submarine development, naval architects still

faithfully follow this pioneer's basic design principles.

John Holland died on August 12, 1914. He is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Totowa, N.J. After his death he was vindicated when a German U-Boat sunk 80 times its own tonnage in British shipping, establishing the submarine as the formidable weapon Holland had envisioned.

Editor's Note: Terence Shea is a student at Washington University, St. Louis. He is the son of Leo Shea, a long-time member of the JFK Div. 2, New London, CT, and a former submariner.

This article is submitted to commemorate the contributions of John P. Holland to the U.S. Navy on the occasion of the anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force, April 11—"Submarine Day." On this day in 1900, the Navy took possession of their first submarine, the *USS Holland*.

STATE NEWS: New York



STEPHEN McDONALD, well-known New York hero cop, recently joined the AOH John McGuinness Division 14, Nassau County, NY. Congratulating Steve, center, are from left to right, David Henshaw, National Editor, *Hibernian Digest*; Richard Rogers, National Awards Chairman; John Gordon, Division Vice President; Thomas Moriarty, Nassau County President; John Boyle, Division President; and John Irwin, National Director.

Freshman Cong. Joins Ad Hoc Committee

Recently elected Congressman Mike McNulty of the 23rd Cong. District of New York will join the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs. Congressman McNulty was also recently elected Freshman Majority Whip for the Northern region of the country. He also serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Small Business.

First elected to public office in November, 1969 as Town Supervisor of Green Island, NY, Mike became

the youngest town supervisor in New York state at the age of 22. After serving eight years as Supervisor, he was elected Mayor of the village of Green Island and served in that capacity until he won election to represent the 106th Assembly District of New York in 1982.

Mike promotes the Ad Hoc Committee's dedication to the advancement of the United States role in promoting justice, peace and an end to the suffering in the North of Ireland.



REP. MIKE MCNULTY (D-NY), right, congratulating New York State AOH President Ed Carley, left, at the State President's Testimonial Dinner.

Tom Dooley Choraliers to Perform at Shrine Opening

On May 7, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, NY, will be opened for its 104th season, assisted by the New York State Board. AOH. Those who have attended in the past attest to the reverence and beauty of the Mass at noon, and the camaraderie of those gathered in the picnic area following the ceremony. For those who do not pack a picnic lunch, there is a well stocked cafeteria available. During the day there are many religious artifacts and shrines on the grounds to explore.

A highlight of the opening is the participation of the Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers and the Tara Hall Pipe

Band of Troy.

By way of background, the Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers was begun 27 years ago and is named in honor of the doctor-missionary to Southeast Asia. The 30 man chorus is reported to be the only Irish Choral group in the country.

Among the group's most memorable previous appearances include: The N.Y. Worlds Fair 1965, Montreal Expo 1967, Chautauqua Music Festival 1971, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and a tour of Ireland in 1972, Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia 1978, St. Patrick's Day for President Reagan and Ireland's Prime Minister at the

John Concannon Retires to Home Work

FLUSHING, N.Y.: Veteran Hibernian and journalist, John J. Concannon, took a "buyout" and early retirement from *Newsweek* magazine, leaving just seven days short of 35 years with the magazine.

This "historic" happening was appropriately celebrated at a "retirement party" tendered by relatives, friends, associates and acquaintances in the cafeteria at the headquarters building of W. R. Grace and Co. on West 42nd Street in the Big Apple.

Among the eight score "for-he's-a-jolly-good-fellow" singers at the party were some three score members of the Irish community, most of them members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Wishing Concannon happy retirement were: former

National President Nick Murphy, National Director Jack Irwin, former National Historian Judge Al Melia, New York County AOH President Dick Cunningham and fellow Big Apple Hibernians Jim Moriarty, John Clark, Jim Fitzpatrick, Neil Walsh, Martin Kearns, Brother David Concannon, Dick Joyce; Queens Hibernians Ed McKenna and Matt Feeley; Rockland's Frank Cull, and Manhattan Lady Hibernian, Dymna Kenny. Also such Irish community activists as telecaster Jack McCarthy, Irish Echo Editor John Thornton, Cable TV's Larry McEvoy, Paul Keating, Peter Duffy, Joseph Jackson, Robert Moynihan, Tom Kennedy and Ann Barrington. Former New York State Governor, Hugh Carey, acted as Master of

Ceremonies and said "a few kind words" about the retiree.

Retiree Concannon reported that he will be working out of his home, now fulltime, on the numerous Irish projects he has in his computer. He revealed that he is currently deeply involved in researching a book on the history of "The Concannons in the United States." This pet project grew out of the "Concannon Millennium," a Clan Concannon family reunion that will take place from June 11 to June 18, 1989 in Galway. The originator of the "Gathering," Dr. Maureen Concannon O'Brien of Dublin, claims that "Concannon is one of the oldest surnames in the world" dating back to 991, when Cuccannan, descendant of Brian, King of Connacht, was killed in battle.



NO MORE "9 to 5": Hibernians feted their fellow Hibernian, John Concannon, on his early retirement after 35 years of service with *Newsweek* magazine. Left to right, standing: Jim Moriarty, Ed McKenna, Dick Cunningham, Matt Feeley, Nick Murphy, Concannon himself, Jack Irwin, John Clark, Jim Fitzpatrick, Judge Al Melia. Kneeling: Brother David Concannon, Martin Kearns and Dick Joyce.

Nassau County Ball



A HIGHLIGHT OF the recent Nassau County Ball was the presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Sharing the pleasure of bestowing and receiving the honor are, left to right, Peter King, Division 7, Nassau County Comptroller; Bill Condon, Division 7, Nassau Board Treasurer and Chairman of the Ball; Woman of the Year Margaret Thornton, Division 14; Man of the Year Robert Nesbitt, Division 6 President; and Thomas Gulotta, Nassau County Executive. The affair was deemed the most enjoyable in many years.

White House 1982 and the pre-Mass ceremonies for Pope John Paul II's visit to Toronto in 1984. Most recently they performed at the re-lighting of the Statue of Liberty on July 4, 1986, for which Director Michael E. Pinkasewicz composed three songs for the choraliers to sing on this occasion. The songs are titled: We are the Sons of Liberty; "Give Me Your Tired" and "You Are My Lady".

The Choraliers are sponsored by and made up of members of Tom Dooley Division 1, Camillus, N.Y.

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Hibernian Sports

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BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Football — The NFL Super Bowl went the way the bettors said it would. So far there hasn't been much backlash about it. The NFL still has its substance abuse problem. This league must work on it. Some coaches lost their jobs, most notably Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys. The new owners handled this like a precocious child. Landry for his part acted like the gentleman he is. Before anybody gets the idea YR is a Cowboy fan, let him reassure you. He is not a Cowboy fan. He never has been a Cowboy fan. He will not make a rash statement and say he will never be a Cowboy fan. He has learned that those rash statements have a tendency to come back and haunt a person.

On the collegiate scene, the NCAA is investigating and handing out suspensions to those flagrant violators of their rules. The mess in the Oklahoma territory gets worse and worse. What is next out there?

Locally, a high school quarterback from Binghamton High School has received a four year scholarship to Alabama. His name is Ray Stanton. YR knows the family well. He was the photographer for the TCjets, a semi-pro football team, when Ray Sr. owned the franchise. Ray Jr. was only the water boy back then. Congrats, Ray. Keep up the good work, especially on the books.

Basketball — In the pro ranks, Larry Bird of the Celtics is still having problems with his feet. The Celtics do miss him. In the interim, they are getting more mileage out of some of their veteran players than they ever hoped. Also they made a trade involving Danny Ainge with which YR is not that happy. Time will tell who is right. YR still can't get hyped up over the pros. To him, most of the pros walk before they dunk. Then there is the definition of basketball. YR always thought it was a non-contact sport. Watching some of the pros and even colleges, they should install a "Sin Bin" for the violations. It is more like playground ball than professional ball.

Speaking of collegiate basketball, it is time once again for the NCAA Tournament. Sixty-four teams will play in this single elimination tournament to see who will make it to the "Final Four" in Seattle. This tournament certainly has grown since the fifties when it usually was played in Kansas. At Madison Square Garden in New York City, the NIT usually had the creme de la creme. Then came the point shaving scandals and college basketball went back to the college gyms for a period. Now it's back on national TV.

Do you still believe that colleges play athletics for the sake of the athlete-student? YR will tell a fact of life. This year, there were seven colleges who shall remain nameless that did not receive a bid to the NCAA tournament as one of the 64 teams. That same weekend, these

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million a season, I'm worth \$3 something million a season. This is an interesting premise. The fallacy in it is there are usually bonus clauses rewarding the player for making the All-Star team, for winning some title, for bettering his average, etc.

There might even be a clause that he gets a bonus just for showing up to play. Who knows?

There are never any clauses stating that if a player has a bad year, he will take a reduction in salary next year or for not making the All-Star team, etc. YR is neither anti-player nor pro-owner. YR feels what is right, is right. These Contracts were negotiated in good faith.

Most of the fans do not have the opportunity of even negotiating a one year contract for minimum wage much less for millions. This is just another example of greed. No wonder the kids of today have such a warped sense of values.

More Hoop Stuff — Last year, YR mentioned his grandniece, Colleen Heslin. She won the NYS Knights of Columbus Foul Shooting Contest at West Point. She is headed there again this year. That's not the big story with Colleen.

Colleen is in sixth grade. In Broome County, the CYO has a grammar school league for grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Usually these teams are comprised of 7th and 8th graders. It is the exception rather than the rule to play 6th graders. St. Patrick's has a grammar school team. There are no 8th graders on this team. There might be one or two 7th graders. The St. Patrick's Grammar School team is mostly 6th graders. If you think this is a Cinderella story or a story of the underdog beating the favorite, it isn't. St. Patrick's Grammar School did not have a winning season. They gave up height, age and experience to their opponents all season. Yet, in many of their games, this scrappy team held on tenaciously like the puppy learning how to bite. They refuse to let go even when the odds said they were doomed. They learned much this season. They are looking forward to next season already. You might say they are looking for revenge against some of the teams that took undue advantage of their weaknesses.

Colleen Heslin was a member of this team. She was usually their high scorer and led the team in assists. Colleen was named by her fellow players on this team to represent St. Patrick's on the Grammar School All-Star Team. This in itself is quite an honor. To be chosen by your peers to represent them says something about how they think of Colleen.

Her father and mother, Terry and Kathy Heslin are proud of their daughter. Colleen is their second daughter. There are also Lisa, Conor and Emily in the family. Colleen is behind Lisa. Her grandfather, James "Red" Heslin is proud of her. Red is retired from Binghamton's Finest. Red and Terry are both members of Division 1, Broome County. Her great grandfather is probably beaming like the sun as he gazes down on Colleen. Her great grandfather was Edward J. Heslin, a charter member of Division 1, Broome County. Edward J. was better known as Ned in Ireland where he played Gaelic football. He had a local Gaelic football team in Broome County in the 20's and 30's.

Why all the fuss over Colleen Heslin, aside from the fact she is YR's grand niece? Colleen Heslin was the only girl not only on St. Patrick's team, but the only girl in the entire league. The rest were boys.

Crystal Trophy Presented



SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Macy's in conjunction with Waterford Crystal, Inc., presented a Waterford Crystal "Superbowl" Trophy to Bill Walsh, coach of the San Francisco '49ers. The football trophy, which carries a dollar value of fifteen thousand, was designed and executed by Mirek Havel, the head designer at Waterford in Ireland. To create the trophy required over 150 man hours of shaping, cutting and copper wheel engraving. Photographed at the presentation, left to right: Jeff Miller, Regional Manager, Waterford Crystal; Coach Bill Walsh and Harry Gogarty, Regional Manager West Coast, Irish Tourist Board.

Links-time on their Minds



AMONG THE warmer-uppers for the 1989 competition of the Nassau County Shamrock Golf Club, left to right, are Hibernians Dave Henshaw, Pat Fox, Jimmy Commer and Gerry Henshaw.

STATE NEWS: New York



BABYLON, NY: Newly-elected heads of St. Patrick Div. 2, here, are President Tom Maher, left, and Vice President John Dooley, right. Other officers are Recording Secretary Sean Murphy, Financial Secretary George McKelvy, Treasurer Enda Dodd, Standing Comm. Chair Donald Booth, Marshal John Ward, Sentinel Stephen Ferlic. Trustees are Bob O'Shea, Leo Murphy and Jim Hayes. On March 11 Div. 2 honored Robert O'Shea as Man of the Year. He is past president and drum major of the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band of Babylon.

This speaks well of her talents if she can compete equally with boys her age and older. Way to go, Colleen! The entire family is proud of you.

Time Left: 00:00—That's it for this time on the sidelines. Send your notes and articles to P.O.Box 156

ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904. YR knows that one of you must have a kid or a grandkid that you are proud of! What about some unsung high school team or college team? YR says watch the Peacocks of St. Peter's next year.



NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Dept. of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Tell me something about McCall our family name? Donald McCall, Truxton, N.Y.

A. There seem to have been two major families from which, for some many and some unknown reason, numerous surnames have evolved. One was an old Irish family active as early as 700 A.D.; the other a prominent English family which came to Ireland around 1607. MacCall, MacCaul, MacCawell, Corless, and Carlos all derive from Caulfield the name of the English family. Related are also Campbell, Howell, MacCarvill, MacCawhill, MacHall. Your own name MacCawell and MacHall are also used for Mac Cathail, however, in their original home country of Connacht usually now appear as Corless, Carlos, or Charles. When English became used more and more as the official government language of Ireland, more families rendered theirs in anglicized forms for any number of reasons: to avoid persecution, gain promotions, buy land and others. Because of the low rate of literacy and the large number of local dialects it is not surprising that so many variations of the two original names appear.

The English form Caulfield was first associated with a wealthy English family which settled in Ulster under the service of Queen Elizabeth. Around 1607 he acquired large tracts of land in Cos. Armagh and Derry where he acted as tax and rent collector. Caulfield was early used as a synonym for MacCall, Gaffney, and MacKeown; the connection with the latter two is obscure. The majority of present day Irish Caulfields once used MacCawell as the anglicized version of the original Irish spelling Mac Cathmhaoil (pronounced just like MacCawell, mh=wh; soil=ell).

The first Irish Mac Cathmhaoils belonged to the Cenel Eoghain clan traditionally said to be descended from Niall of the Nine Hostages, whose saga represents one of the finest pieces of early Irish literature. They flourished in the Barony of Clogher in County Tyrone.

Petty's census of 1959 shows that most MacCawells lived in Armagh and Louth. Today most MacCalls live in the Armagh-Monaghan-Cavan region. Caulfields are most numerous in metropolitan Dublin, Mayo, and northeast Ulster.

The English settlers produced many prominent figures who were usually always naturally very loyal to the English throne considering Queen Elizabeth gave them their important start in Ireland. The original Caulfield held the title Baron Charlemont. Within the vicinity of his holdings lived the Gaelic clan of MacCawell. Certainly confusion arose when the MacCawells began using Caulfield as the anglicized version of their name after the 18th c. Before then, many MacCawells are listed in Ulster records and several served in the Roman Catholic Church. Two were Bishops of Clogher between 1390 and 1432.

Q. Keaton is our new son, could you tell us what his name means? A. As you spell Keaton it is the English surname meaning one who hails from Ketton in Rutland and originally refers to the estate of the Keateven clan. But if you altered the Irish surname Keating to look more like first name then it belongs to one of two traditions.

Keating originates from the Irish Ceathadha meaning 'sense' as in good sense. Thus O Keating means 'descendant of the reasonable or urbane person.' It was a prominent Dalcassian sept name when that clan inhabited Cos. Limerick and Clare. Of note is that Brian Boru belonged to the Dalcassian tribe.

The other tradition is the Keating or Anglo-Norman origin, but is now thoroughly hibernicized. In the 12th c. Keatings came with the Norman invaders and settled in Cos. Wexford, where the name is still popular. From there part of the family moved to Limerick. From their early beginnings this family played a prominent role in Irish history and politics. Many members were sheriffs, members of parliament, and held other local government positions. Depending upon the perspective, contemporary and later historians called the Keatings rebels (against the crown) and loyalists.

John Keating (1635-c.1695), served under James II and is believed to have died as a result of wounds suffered in the Battle of the Boyne. The most famous Keating was Dr. Geoffrey (1570-1844), who wrote in Irish his celebrated History of Ireland.

Q. Could you provide me with background on my family name Bennet, Thomas H. Bennet, Elmont, N.Y.

A. Ben(n)et(t) is cognate with Buynan and Biane, all deriving from the Latin word for 'blessed,' *benedictus*. Benet became a popular Irish surname before 1250 in Westmeath and Tipperary.

The popularity of the name is attested by the many placenames throughout Ireland. Some are Bennetstreet in Co. Kilkenny; Bennetsbridge, Athy, Co. Kildare; Bennetstown, Cos. Meath and Wexford.

John Benet was Bishop of Cork and Cloyne from 1523-36. During the 16th c. numerous references to Benets occur in various capacities in the official records of Cork. In New Ross Bennets controlled local politics from the mid-16th to the mid-17th c.

William Bennett of the 18th c. moved from Co. Kerry to Co. Clare and was known as the Buineen, anglicized to Buynan, rather than the usual gaelicized form Bineid. Because of this nickname he (and other Benets) became associated with a powerful Co. Kerry family named

Buynan (and Bunion). Eventually most Buynans changed their name to Bennett. This switch was exacerbated by the Four Masters associating the Buynans with Baile an Bhuinneanaigh (Town of the Buynans) in Co. Kerry.

The connection between Bennet and Biane seems to have resulted when families near Tralee and Banane used them as synonyms of Buynan.

Q. Why did James Joyce have such a difficult time getting *Dubliners* published in Ireland? Bill Moskalczyk, Throop, PA

A. The Gaelic-Irish Renaissance was well under way when Joyce was writing *Dubliners* and the common opinion was that all Irish writers should be praising Ireland. Instead Joyce chose to depict Dublin and Ireland as he saw them. Joyce rejected his religion, country, and family — three crucial subjects in Roman Catholic Ireland then (and now). He felt that artists should be allowed free reign and not be constricted by social conventions or expectations. Of note is that Yeats, Lady Gregory, G.B. Shaw, and Synge and other 'Irish' writers recognized Joyce's genius well before the general public. As a result only a couple of his short stories were published in Irish periodicals. It was not until 1916 that an English publisher printed them as the collection of short stories known now as *Dubliners*.

Nota Bene: With each question please include a self-addressed stamped business envelope and a check in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), payable to William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

Northern Ireland

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another. The British can help and they don't. No one seems to be helping these suffering people of northern Ireland.

From my experience with these embattled and oppressed people, I am convinced the process for justice and tranquility will begin only when England declares its intention to pull out of the north of Ireland. When England leaves, and hopefully, this will happen soon, the sting will be taken out of the violence. The British are the managers and the ones responsible for the pain and agony in Ireland. They can't seem to let go, and they have to. They must let go of Ireland, their last colony. It is sad that one country can possibly hate another so much. It is my feeling they

owe Ireland a great deal. Many of the people bitterly resent the presence of the British Army and they frequently refer to it as evil. Every year the violence seems to escalate. Government reports in 1986 revealed that the number of shootings, murders and robberies went up dramatically. Fire-bombings increased from 740 in 1985 to 906 in 1986.

The present situation in northern Ireland requires knowledge of the Irish history, especially in 1921-22 and 1966-69. In 1922 the British carved out the six counties and separated them from the rest of Ireland.

Imagine if Mexico took six of our nearby states or if Canada assumed authority over six of our bordering

states. This is what Britain did to Ireland in 1922. Just imagine such a prospect, even if it was supposed to be temporary.

America's unwillingness to condemn repetitive violations of basic human rights in northern Ireland is puzzling. The failure to speak out against these injustices amounts to a condoning of injustice and contributes to the waste of innocent lives and the imprisonment of the elderly in chains of fear. In this regard, the recent and continuing question of New York's Cardinal John O'Connor is haunting in its simplicity. "Where are the forty million Irish Americans who can bring an end to British oppression of the Irish?"

Ireland has made a vast contribution to our country which we should not forget. We should not dismiss the people of northern Ireland, merely because their numbers are small or because their struggle is embarrassing to England. Ireland would be a great place for our new Administration to begin with our modern peacemaking techniques. I think the United States and the European community can now provide a substantial contribution as peacemakers by offering mediators to the people of northern Ireland. Similar to the Camp David peace forum, we can serve as negotiators to work for peace and justice in that troubled land.

We Americans have to make this clear to President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker and to our representative Senators and Congresspeople.

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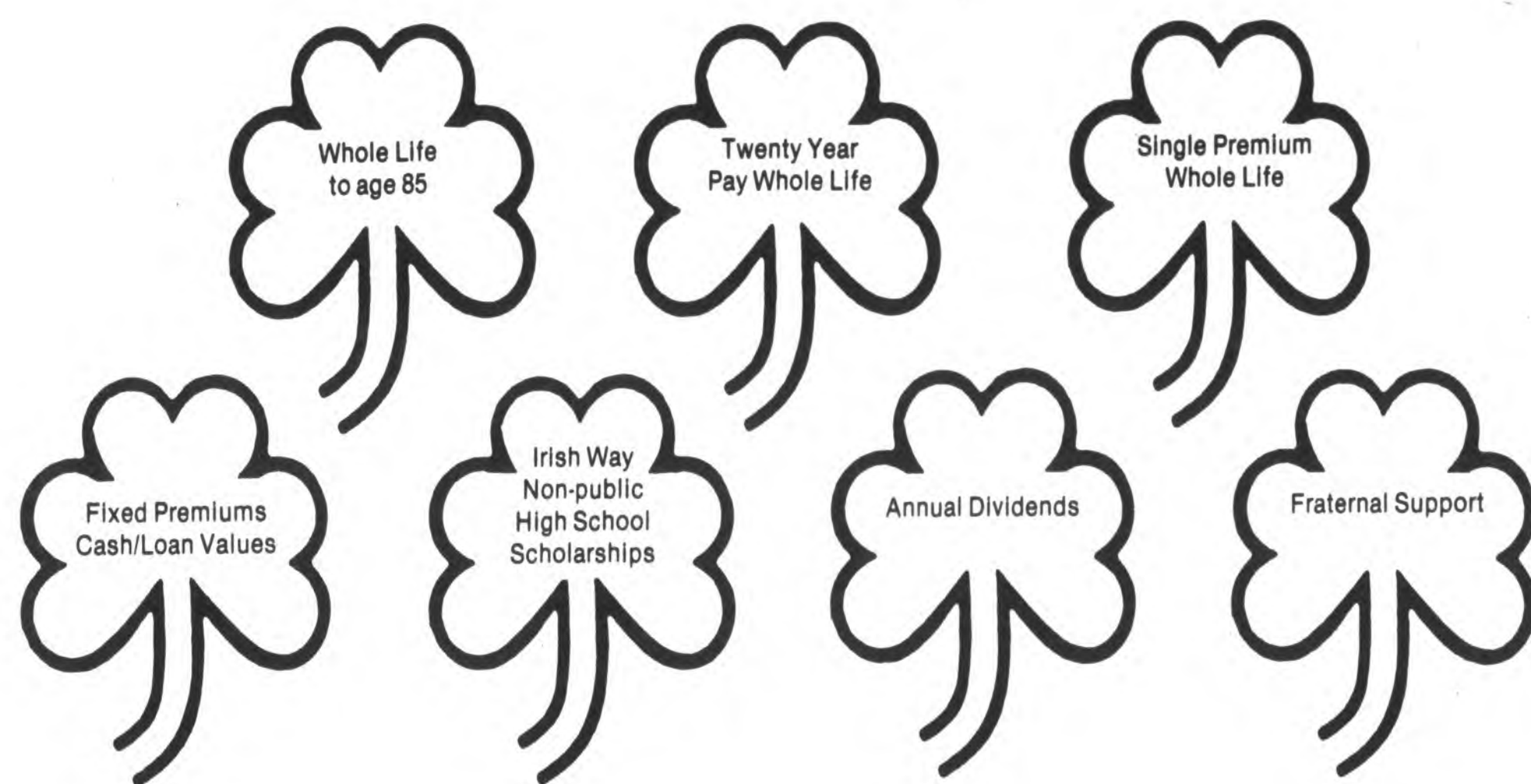
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When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

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But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a

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Britain Sends Top Gun To Target MacBride Bills

By MIKE HESLIN

BINGHAMTON, NY: On May 3, 1989, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council hosted a luncheon meeting on the problems of Northern Ireland. The meeting was covered by C-SPAN, the television channel which usually covers the United States Congress and other meetings and hearings in the Washington, DC area.

The person invited to address the Council on the problems of Northern Ireland was Tom King. Some of the readers of the *Hibernian Digest* will recognize the name. Many will not. Tom King holds the position in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet as Secretary of State to Northern Ireland. His background includes

being an officer in the British Army, and a member in good standing in the ruling party of Britain.

During his one hour presentation, King stated many facts concerning Northern Ireland. Some of these facts have proven quite nebulous. Some are based on truth. Many are based on myths and half-truths. One of the points on which King kept hammering is "The MacBride Principles have not yet made one job in Northern Ireland." Mr. King was here doing his job. He does it quite well. For those readers who think most of the opposition in the six counties in the North of Ireland are loudmouths such as the Rev. Ian Paisley, they are not.

The British government, namely Maggie Thatcher, the Iron Maiden, does not send inexperienced, ungroomed, ill-kempt, illiterate people over to the United States when they are looking for something. She sends her best and brightest. Tom King is one of her best.

Mr. King appeared before the group dressed in a well-tailored blue suit which was not what one would call "off-the-rack". Complementing the blue suit was a white shirt and red tie. The red tie has a mythical power connotation connected with it if worn on TV. His grooming was impeccable.

During his speech, King said that unemployment in Northern Ireland was down to 16% from its previous level. This is to make one believe that the Thatcher government has done something major to cause a reversal in the unemployment rate. King did not break down this 16% into its religious components. If he had, the 16% would be 98 or 99% Catholic and 1 or 2% Protestant.

King made a statement about those who are now unemployed and have been unemployed for years. He maintained that there is work to be

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Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award Recipient Announced

Webster defines a Patriot as "a person who loves and loyally and zealously supports or defends his country".

This definition depicts the character of our first "Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award" recipient, Mr. Oliver Kearney from Antrim Town, Ireland. Other words used to describe his efforts to find peace with justice for his fellow countrymen are author, lecturer and civil rights activist. He is the devoted father of five children and husband of Bridgid.

Oliver first came to our attention here in America at the beginning of the MacBride Principles Campaign in the state legislatures some four years ago. He had already been working in his native Ireland against anti-Catholic discrimination as Executive Secretary of the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Trust. This trust was set up under the sponsorship and auspices of Dr. Sean MacBride. He helped define the problem of injustice crafted by a British institutionalized discrimination against the Catholic minority population and helped in drafting programs and setting up agencies such as the Fair Employment Trust to both monitor the Northern Ireland authorities, document the lack of concern by the government for its citizens from the Catholic population, and suggest remedies and proposals to reduce the devastating effects of second class citizenship.

A highly trained personnel manager, who has known discrimination first hand, and who has suffered the wrath of the British government personally, Oliver chose to speak out in favor of change in support of the MacBride Principles. Oliver's testimony before the California State legislature was the pretext for government conspiracy to eliminate and silence him. His family's safety has been in jeopardy from his advocacy of justice.

Oliver has logged thousands of miles traveling from Ireland to the



OLIVER KEARNEY

United States visiting various states promoting the truth of the MacBride Principles and the lies of British government efforts crafted to address the problem.

The success of the MacBride Campaign to date can certainly be attributed to his unselfish efforts to speak with elected representatives in a professional and most knowledgeable manner concerning the problems surrounding anti-Catholic discrimination in the work place. Thanks to his efforts

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NY Political Forum Hears Views of Office Seekers

NEW YORK: Recently, a New York City Comptroller and Mayoral race Forum was held at Manhattan College, here, attended by 800 American-Irish leaders. This was one of the largest crowds assembled politically for the Comptroller and Mayoral race of New York City.

Under the direction of AOH National Director Jack Irwin, Forum moderator, and time keeper, Patrick Timmons, the Forum got under way with the Comptroller's race. Candidates attending were: Assemblyman Alan Hevesi (D) Queens; Frank Macchiarola, (D) Brooklyn; former Chancellor for the New York City Board of Education and Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler, (D) Manhattan. Those who did not attend were: Assemblyman Mark Alan Seigal (D) Manhattan, and Elizabeth Holtzman.

The media panel for the Comptroller race consisted of: Martin Galvin, editor of *Irish People*, Mary Murphy, reporter for Channel 2

News (CBS), David Henshaw, editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*, and Chris Donoghue, Channel 9 News (WOR).

Questions on the five issues of concern to the American-Irish were: use of New York City Pension Fund to support the MacBride Principles of fair employment; future of Gaelic Park as Irish social, cultural, and sports landmark; maintain and expand present City policy of extending City Services to the undocumented; asylum for Joe Doherty; past and future activities on behalf of the City's American-Irish population and their concerns.

The Mayoral Candidates attending were: Herbert London, (R) New York University; Mayor Edward I. Koch (D); Ronald Lauder (R) former Ambassador to Austria; Henry Hughes (R-RTL) Businessman; Harrison J. Goldin (D) New York City Comptroller; David Dinkins (D) Manhattan Borough President; Richard

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Dayton Division Is 100



DAYTON, OHIO: It was a big day and a gala celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the existence of AOH Division 1, here. A proud National President Michael Coogan, at left, a member of the division for 37 years, presented the division's current president, Thomas Roach, right, with a handsome plaque commemorating the occasion.

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Political Forum

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Revitch (D) former Chairman Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and Art Piccolo (D) Bowling Green Association.

The only one not in attendance was Mr. Rudolph Guiliano (R).

Media panel participants were: John Thornton, editor of *Irish Echo*; Adrian Flannelly, radio host of WNNK; Jim Ryan, anchor of Good Day New York, Channel 5 (Fox T.V.); Niall O'Dowd, publisher of *Irish Voice*; Magee Hickey, reporter for Channel 4 News (NBC).

Rudolph Guiliani, although in the area, refused to attend. Moderator Jack Irwin remarked: "Your non-participation will long be remembered by the American-Irish community."

All candidates responded positively to the American-Irish concerns, with the audience voicing a "wait and see" response. The candidates concede that the American-Irish vote is the swing vote in these elections and react accordingly. The evening started with welcome remarks by Bronx President Fernando Ferris.

The national anthems, Irish and American, were sung by Assemblyman Joseph Crowley. During the breaks, the audience was entertained by the Manhattan College Pipe Band. After addressing the crowd, Assemblyman John Deare (D), coordinator of the Forum, received a standing ovation for his work on behalf of the American-Irish Community. This was the third Forum coordinated by Deare, all relative to candidates for public office—State of New York, City of New York and U.S. Presidency. He acknowledged the special assistance of Brother Thomas Scanlon, F.S.C., president of Manhattan College and the college staff, and his own staff: Cheryl Harrington, John Melia, John McCarthy, Gloria Salacan, Patrick Timmons, and Tim O'Connor.

Restructured Award Format Adds Interest

The decision by the National Board to restructure the annual National Awards program has met with the approval of the membership. Details are available through your local division. Richard M. Rogers, assistant national secretary and National Awards chairman, reports that interest to date has shown a noticeable increase over previous years.

The beneficiary of this year's program is the new Dr. Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award. Additional details on the MacBride Award and its recipient, Oliver Kearney, are on page one of this issue of the *National Digest*.

Every member of the Order is involved in the Awards program. Awards will be conferred at the National Board meeting in Dayton, Ohio, on October 21 and will be published in the November-December issue of the *National Digest*. Additional information is available from the National Awards office at Box 623, Mineola, NY 11501, or by calling the office at 516-887-1952.

President's Message

TEACHTAIMEACHT AN UACHTARAIN

By Michael J. Coogan, National President

Hibernians have been active across the country in projects which give new life and new dignity to our Order. Vermont and New Hampshire adopted MacBride Principles statues and in California a key committee voted out the MacBride bill after the compelling testimony of Oliver Kearney. In Boston I joined with other Irish-American leaders to announce the federal lawsuit to end the discriminatory visa policy our government applies to Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Féin and elected Member of Parliament. In Chicago, a Joe Doherty rally draws 650 people and mayoral candidates; and in May the City Council adopted a resolution declaring June 17th Joe Doherty Day in Chicago.

The innovative fund raising of the Massachusetts State Board has engendered awards to Sister Veronica and the Irish Pastoral Center for helping the undocumented, St. Anne's Cancer Hospital in Dublin and the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. The love and dedication of Hibernians involved in support of the Irish team competing in the New York State Games for the Physically Challenged has been remarkable and gratifying.

I urge your support of State and National AOH leaders, who can maintain this record of achievement only if you get involved. Plans are now being made for activities in support of the International Right to Life Committee, chaired by a physician from County Cork; for the 10th Anniversary dinner to commemorate the start of the aid to Families of Prisoners begun by Past National President Jack Connolly; and for a campaign to support awareness and research on the newly diagnosed Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS) which has probably affected every Hibernian family at one time or another.

My thanks to all for your prayers and good wishes during my daughter's convalescence.

Michael Coogan
National President

Sean MacBride Award

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Americans are more aware of the problem and are responding accordingly. Twelve states and seventeen cities have adopted the Principles as guidelines. No matter when he is called upon to help, Oliver is there, whether by telephone, written information or the sacrifice of leaving his home and loved ones to travel on behalf of his commitment to end discrimination in the North.

Oliver Kearney seeks a better life for his own five children as well as all the children of Ireland who have known hate and religious bigotry since their birth. He speaks for both sections of the community when he seeks fairness from the government, for he has a vision of a United Ireland, where all men and women, regardless of race, religion or national origin are treated equally. In using his God given talents in the manner that he is, Oliver is a real student of his mentor, Dr. Sean MacBride.

The award will be presented to Oliver at the National President's Dinner on October 21, 1989 in Dayton, Ohio.



HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE the first recipient of the Dr. Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award, are the top officers of the AOH, Vice President Michael Carroll, left, and President Michael Coogan, right. The honor goes to Oliver Kearney, who will accept it at the National President's Dinner October 21 in Dayton, Ohio.

Protestants Dominate N.I. University Staffs

BELFAST — The Fair Employment Agency has found that a large majority of those employed in Northern Ireland's universities are Protestants. Some of the information found in an as yet unpublished report compiled by FEA investigators is very embarrassing to the British Government.

For instance, the University of Ulster, one of the North's two main universities, is employing four times as many Protestants as Catholics, according to the FEA report.

The agency has also discovered that more than three times as many Protestants as Catholics are on the payroll of Queen's University in Belfast.

The agency has sent the report to the governing bodies at both universities, asking the authorities for their comments. However, the documents, described as "embarrassing" by one academic, were leaked to reporters in Belfast last week. The source said: "They are certain to spark quite a row, and not only in the academic field."

The reports show that at the University of Ulster, which employs

2,402 people, 64 percent of the workforce is Protestant, 16 percent Catholic, a ratio of exactly 4-1 in favor of Protestants.

At the largest of the university's four sites at Jordanstown, Co. Antrim, 83 percent of the workforce is Protestant, 18 percent Catholic. The Catholic quota at the other three sites are: Magee College, Derry (55 percent), Coleraine (21 percent) and Belfast's Art College (18 percent).

Protestant academic staff (43.4 percent) at the university outnumber their Catholic colleagues (14.9 percent) by almost 3-1.

With the figures confined to staff recruited from within the North, the widest discrepancies occur in the clerical, technical, maintenance and manual grades of the University of Ulster's workforce, where Protestants outnumber Catholics on ratios ranging from 4-1 to 8-1.

The FEA's conclusion in the report is that the University of Ulster has been making efforts since its establishment to redress the imbalance it inherited, but more effort is needed to "further equality of opportunity."

National Park Service Reneges on Agreement

SHARPSBURG, MD — The Irish Brigade Monument Committee (IBMC) has been told by officials of the National Park Service (NPS) at the Antietam National Battlefield here that the group may not erect its planned memorial to the Irish Brigade of the Union Army. "Previously," stated Jack O'Brien, president of the Irish Cultural Society of Prince George's County, MD, "the National Park Service had bones of the Irish soldiers in conjunction with the erection of the tribute to the Irish Brigade. Now, the new superintendent of the battlefield site has reneged on the agreement." O'Brien's organization started the Irish Brigade Monument Committee two years ago. Last year, the bodies of four members of the Irish Brigade were discovered on the field.

Since getting permission for their memorial, members of the IBMC have visited Ireland to select a green/gray/white granite base for the monument. At the memorial's top a large bronze bardic harp is planned. The harp is an ancient symbol of the land of birth of most of the members of the brigade and was emblazoned upon its green battle flags. The four sides of the base of the monument will tell the story of the unit in the September 17, 1862 ("the Bloodiest Day in American History") encounter between the Union Army of the Potomac and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

The Irish Brigade on that date was made up of the 69th, 88th and 63rd New York and 29th Massachusetts Infantry Regiments. Its mission was to attack a line of opposing infantry holding a natural entrenchment along a sunken road, ever afterwards called "Bloody Lane." The brigade was led against the gray defenders by the "young Ireland" patriot hero, Brigadier General Thomas F. Meagher. It assaulted the enemy position until its ammunition was exhausted and it had to be relieved by a fresh brigade. Two regiments, the 69th and 63rd New York suffered 61.8 and 59.2 percent casualties respectively. Throughout the Civil

War, the Irish Brigade lost over 4,000 men, a total which represents more men than the organization ever had within its ranks at any given time.

In a recent meeting between the IBMC and Superintendent Richard Rambur, the Committee was refused what had already been given: permission to erect the monument. The new man in charge at the battlefield does not believe that any more monuments should be put up on the field. He indicated to the group that a new "general management plan" is to be drawn up by a special team from the Denver Office of the National Park Service. Rambur will serve on that team.

However, the IBMC has a document in its hands from the former superintendent at Antietam which does give permission to erect a memorial to the Irish Brigade. O'Brien and Matt Hannon, Chairperson of the IBMC, believe that this letter supercedes the new attitude of the NPS. They point out that the IBMC has already expended funds on the project and has even donated money for the repair of a cast iron marker relating to the brigade, a marker which had been broken in two pieces for years and was only restored through the efforts of the IBMC. One of the difficulties here has been the budget given to the NPS over the years.

Committee historian Professor Jack McCormack of Delaware County Community College (Media, PA) is quick to point out "that the NPS personnel at the site were initially delighted with out intention to place a monument to such a distinguished fighting unit. They were even interested in having us acquire some key land and place the monument on it. There was talk of reinterring the bones of the Irish soldiers in conjunction with the erection of the memorial. Then, suddenly, we were told that there will be no monument. That puts us in a quandary; how far can we proceed under these circumstances? The more the delay, the

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Visa Denial Brings Law Suit



IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS gather in Boston, MA to plan their law suit against the U.S. Department of State over its denial of a visa to Gerry Adams, an elected member of the British Parliament. The law suit is sponsored by the American Irish Congress, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish American Unity Conference, Northern Aid, American Irish Political Education Committee, Brehon Law Society, and American Protestants for Truth about Ireland. Some of those attending were, left to right, Jeanne Bishop, Protestants for Truth; Martin Galvin, Northern Aid; Mike Carroll, AOH National Vice President; Mike Coogan, AOH National President; Bob Linnon, Unity Conference; Mike Murphy, Past National President, AOH; Jim Munsell, Northern Aid; Mike Cummings, National Press Secretary, AOH; and Edith Tiger, Civil Liberties Fund.

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● News from the States ●

STATE NEWS: Pennsylvania



Nat'l Catholic Action Chairman Honored



VINCENT SCULLY accepting the Clan na Gael award presented by fellow Hibernian Robert D. McIlwain, left, chairman, F.F.A.I., and Political Education for the area of Philadelphia, Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Vince Scully Candidate for Pennsylvania Presidency Post



VINCESCULLY

Vincent J. Scully, AOH National Catholic Action Chairman, and Pennsylvania State Vice President, has announced his candidacy for President of Pennsylvania. A man who was honored in 1988 by his fellow council members of the Knights of Columbus as "Knight of the Year", and then in 1989 by Clan Na Gael, for his untiring work in the cause for Irish freedom.

Vince will once again direct his energies toward the passage of the House and Senate resolutions containing the MacBride Principles Legislation.

As National Catholic Action Chairman, his phone calls and telegrams to the Belgium government helped in keeping Father Patrick Ryan out of the hands of the British government, and in showing England that we will not stand by and let them attack our clergy without a fight.

A man of strong family commit-

ment, he has been married to his wife Betty for thirty-two years. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

A printer by trade, he has kept the state informed with his newsletter, "Scully", and has shown that we can make the difference.

Joseph Snyder Honored



BRISTOL BOROUGH, PA. — Following the April meeting at the AOH Hall, Joseph Snyder, right, was recognized for attaining 50 years of continuous membership with the Bristol Division. Mr. Snyder is the sixth person to become a 50-year member, the others being Martin Fallon and Lawrence Delaney, both deceased, Edward Mulligan, James Nealis, and Hubert Nelson. Mr. Snyder's 50-year pin and certificate of merit were presented to him by Bill Wildman, left, of the Bristol Hibernians, president of the Division. The Hibernians have been in Bristol Borough for 106 years, and are believed to be the longest continuous service group in the state. On July 16 the AOH will sponsor the 7th annual Irish Day in the borough, consisting of bands, crafts, food and fun. Held in Lions Park by the Bristol Wharf along the Delaware River, the featured band will be the Claddagh Folk. The affair attracts thousands each year. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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HELPING TO CELEBRATE the 100th Anniversary of the local AOH Altoona division are Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Doyle of Altoona.

STATE NEWS: VIRGINIA

State Chaplain Marks 35th Year As Priest

By KATHLEEN M. MAHONEY

"I had wanted to be a priest since eighth grade," Father John J. Munley recently recalled, and hundreds of people around the Commonwealth of Virginia are very happy that he did eventually achieve that youthful goal. Father Munley, now pastor of St. Mary's in historic



FR. JOHN J. MUNLEY

Fredericksburg, Virginia, celebrated the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this year. He was ordained in Richmond on May 8, 1954.

The month of May was a memorable one for Father Munley. A

A widely known and respected Hibernian in Pennsylvania, Vincent J. Scully, was recently honored by the Philadelphia Clan na Gael at their Eighth Annual Irish Unity Dinner. Scully is presently the AOH state vice president and National Catholic Action chairman.

As Honoree, Vince was presented a plaque in recognition of his untiring work and support over the years, not only to Clan na Gael, but to all Irish-American organizations.

Vince was born fifty years ago into a family that immigrated from County Tipperary, Ireland, in the first part of this century.

He is a man of strong family commitment who has been married to his lovely wife Betty for thirty-two years. They have raised three children and have been blessed with seven grandchildren. Although his work and activities take up a great deal of his time, his family knows they are always his number one priority.

Vince learned early-on the rich values and traditions of his Irish heritage, and sadly, of the suffering, oppression, and persecution of the Irish people by the British.

Always concerned about the rights of others and always proud of his Irish identity, he became outraged in the early eighties with the deaths of

the Hunger Strikers at the hands of the British government.

His Irish Catholic identity took on another facet as he found what he thought would be his true love. He became a member of the AOH and quickly realized that this organization embodied his ideals of Irish heritage and Catholic faith. He saw it as a vehicle that the Irish-American community needed to get its ideas across to the general public.

The AOH had become dormant in his area of Southwest Philadelphia. But through his countless hours and unending dedication, he almost single-handedly resurrected the Order in the Southwest Philadelphia and Delaware County. His actions on behalf of the order became infectious and soon the AOH began to reclaim its past place as a leader of the Irish community. His magnetism and zeal drew many men to the AOH. His deeds became known state-wide and, at the 1987 Pennsylvania State Convention of the AOH, he was elected State Vice-President. His actions didn't stop with a title; he planted the seed for new divisions both in the Delaware Valley and throughout the state.

Vince is a deeply rooted family man, a dedicated Irish-American, a true Catholic gentleman, and most of all, a trusted friend in times of need.

committee of parishioners planned the May 6-7 weekend as one of joyous celebration with a reception after each Mass in honor of Father. While the 10:30 service on May 7 was the official anniversary Mass, Father Munley was present at the activity center after all Masses to greet parishioners and old friends.

On May 17 he joined other priests of the Diocese of Arlington who were celebrating anniversaries at the annual Jubilee Mass. This year St. John of Warrenton was the host parish for the Jubilee.

Sandwiched between those two events, Father Munley celebrated his birthday, turning 65 years old on May 14. A Mother's Day baby, he was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, just across the river from Wilkes-Barre, to Frank and Frances Munley, the parents of five girls and one other boy.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Father Munley keeps busy as the Virginia state chaplain of the AOH. Acting as the group's spiritual advisor is clearly a labor of love, for he relishes the job and all things Irish. The chaplain has been to Ireland about fifteen times and plans to be back this summer among relatives in Belmullet, County Mayo, as well as visiting other favorite spots in the Emerald Isle.

Reflecting on his thirty-five years as a priest in Virginia, Father Munley is quite optimistic that the diocese will continue to be richly blessed with religious vocations. "God always provides" is the Munley philosophy. His current parishioners in Fredericksburg, as well as the countless others he has touched in the last thirty-five years, are thankful that God provided them with a John Joseph Munley.

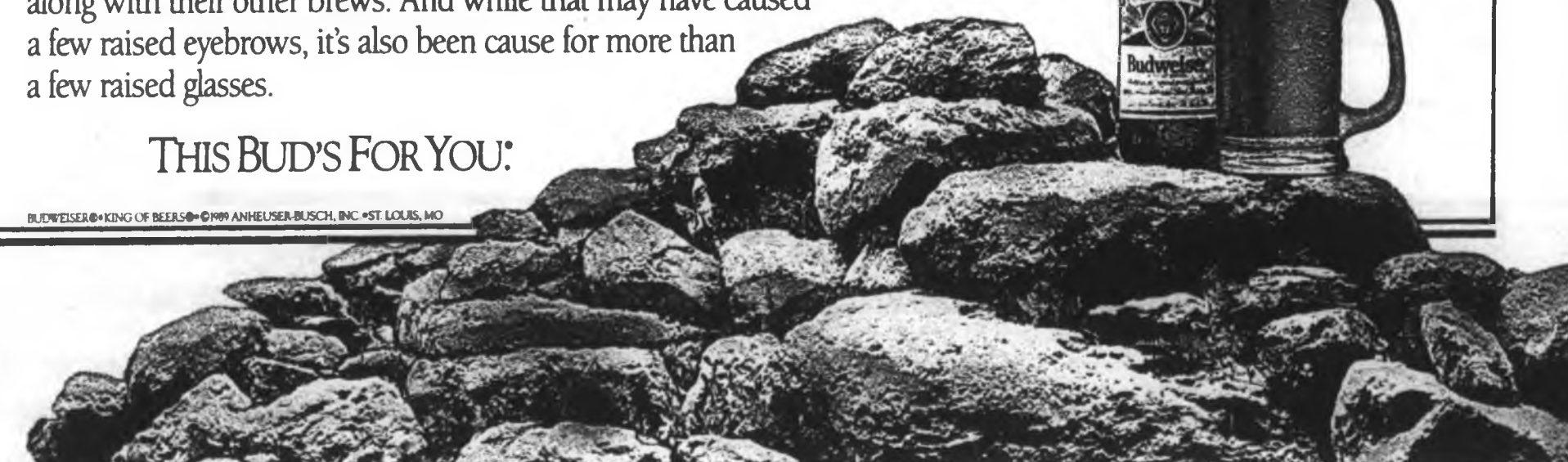
When a pub hasn't changed in more than a century the Irish tend to take it for granted. And that's the way they like it.

But when they learned that Budweiser,* that most American of beers, is now being brewed in Ireland, too...well, you might say a change of heart overtook them.

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Pro-Life Report

We are presently awaiting the outcome of the court decision in Missouri RE: *Webster Vs. Reproductive Health Services*, which will determine where a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy ends and the state's interest in protecting life begins.

The crucial significance is whether the decision will deny abortion as a constitutional right or continue the right as it exists today.

A successful outcome will throw back to the individual states the right to decide whether to hold criminal the killing of the unborn child or to decriminalize the killing

of the unborn child.

Results of a successful court decision to overturn the *Roe Vs. Wade* decision will clearly leave abortion on demand available to states such as New York (others as well). We are probably now the death capital of our nation.

Trees for Ireland Posters Available

American involvement in the *Trees for Ireland* reforestation effort will get a boost through the new full-color poster offered free to interested individuals and organizations by the project's sponsor, The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI). The poster includes a supply of tear-off coupons to enable Americans to have a tree planted in the Irish county of their choice.

To request a poster or for other information about the *Trees for Ireland* Program, write IACI, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, or call (612) 647-5678.

The gift of life blessed by a commitment of faith is our most precious gift. This year the A.O.H. renews its pledge to make a difference. We will defend life in all its stages. We will encourage all our Legislators to do the same.

We must protect Life in all its stages, not as a single issue, but as a priority issue. Pope John Paul II stated that it is the most important work on Earth.

While I embrace the honor and the responsibility of this Pro-Life position of the AOH, let it be said I was and still am fearful of failing. The hardest part (and I am afraid it will always be so) is when our own people find fault with those who must stand up in the public arena and represent their own commitment of faith. Irish Catholics are a twice blessed people. We can make a difference on this issue which we all find repulsive. All I ask for is your consideration of help in this area and your prayers for our success.

Charles W. Welch,
N.Y. State Pro-Life Chairman



PRO LIFE LEADERS gather at the Seventh World International Conference of "Love-Peace-Family" in New Orleans. Left to right are Fr. Paul Mary, president, Human Life International; Dr. Nathenson, author of "Silent Scream," Charles Welch, New York State Pro Life Chairman; and Adele Nathenson, wife, mother, writer.

National Catholic Action Chairman, Vincent J. Scully

PAT AND ME

The date was April 6, 1989. I just called home to check in and when Betty answered I could sense in her tone of voice that something was wrong. She assured me everything was all right, and after I hung up and went back to work, the call slipped my mind.

As soon as I walked into the house after work my wife burst into tears and told me of the death of my best friend, Pat O'Mahoney. It felt as if a knife went through me and I couldn't hold back my emotions either.

Pat and Me. We grew up together. We were in each other's wedding party. Pat and Joan, Bet and I are godparents to one another's children. We went to conventions and banquets and even shared the grief of death and troubles in our families. Pat and Joan were related to everything good and bad. We were that close.

As kids Pat's younger brother Chuckie used to borrow my baseball glove. I was his hero; but I was also lefthanded and just happened to have a lefthanders Hutch fielders mitt. Pat and Me always waited for Chuckie's line and we probably egged him on a little, too.

Pat and Me were in De La Salle Council 590, Knights of Columbus, and the Cardinal Dougherty Assembly of the Fourth Degree. We were both officers of the Commodore John Barry Div. 2, A.O.H. and Pat was our Shirt and Cap salesman. He graduated Villanova University; but was a lousy speller. (His Ancient Order of "Hibernians" shirts can attest to that.) Want to buy one? We still have some!

Pat and Me were especially close and I thank God for allowing us the time to be friends.

It doesn't end there. As it hap-

pened, Pat's burial took place in Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery in a newly opened section. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia sent notices around the parishes about the opening and while 50 is by no means ancient, it seemed to be a good idea to get that stuff out of the way. Anyway when the funeral arrived at the cemetery for Pat's burial, Caretaker Michael Humphreys was waiting to receive him (Mike is A.O.H. and K of C also and took charge in honor of Pat). Brother Mike informed me that all the plots surrounding the O'Mahoney graves had a hold placed on them; just in case Bet and I wanted to make a selection. Well we moved in right next door to the O'Mahoneys. This way somebody should be able to say an Ave for us or plant a Tri-color in the green grass above us at least once in a while!

I still hurt because he was my buddy and I loved him dearly; but I don't want melancholy to set in on you. . . In fact I write of him as if in a prayer that God will give each and every one of you a Pat to have at least once in your life. . . You will be greatly blessed and joyful! Friendship is a wonderful treasure!

It is said that as God closes one door, He opens another. Would you believe that there is another Hibernian and Brother Knight named Walt? God bless you! And God bless you, Pat.

Your friend Vince.

P.S.

My sister Helen and brother-in-law Joe Schell, who is Delaware County Board vice president, purchased the lots directly facing us. We may have an AOH section out at Peter and Paul. None of us will get a good night's sleep. Now if we can only get the Flyers games?

Shaw Festival Theatre Features Popular Works

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONT.: The 1989 season of the Shaw Festival Theatre here will feature George Bernard Shaw's comic masterpiece "Man and Superman" from Apr. 26-Oct. 15, according to Christopher Newton, artistic director. The play is one of Shaw's most popular classics.

In addition, Shaw's ever-popular comedy "Getting Married" will run from July 2-Sept. 24. And to complete the Shaw section of the festival, Ronnie Burkett's unusual Theatre of Marionettes will present a mythical battle of literary titans entitled "Shakes vs. Shaw" featuring George Bernard Shaw and William Shakespeare. The program will run from July 5-Sept. 23.

The Festival will also feature the works of Shaw's contemporaries including "Berkeley Square" by John L. Balderston based on an unfinished novel by Henry James. The play will run from May 4-Oct. 14.

Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's fast-paced and satirical comedy about Hollywood's movie moguls "Once in a Lifetime" will run from May 11-July 23. Other productions will include "Trelawny of the Wells" by Arthur W. Pinero from Aug. 4-Oct. 15; "Peer Gynt" by Henrik Ibsen from July 4-Sept. 24; and "An Inspector Calls" by J. B. Priestley from May 2-Oct. 14.

Two musicals will also be included in the 1989 program. "Good News"

with book by Laurence Schwab and B. G. DeSylva, lyrics by B. G. DeSylva and Lew Brown, and music by Ray Henderson will run from May 17-Oct. 15. And Cole Porter's "Nymph Errant" with book by Romney Brent will be featured from August 8-31.

The Shaw Festival will also present the 25th Annual Shaw Seminar entitled "Love, Sex and Marriage" sponsored by the Academy of the Shaw Festival. The seminar is scheduled from July 13-16 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

For a brochure, write: Shaw Festival, Box 774, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Canada - L0S 1J0.

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and the pucca, it is said
No posted letters
No parcels sent
It's farther than the mountains,
past the mist of imagination
It's the Back Of Beyond.

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STATE NEWS: Massachusetts



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Michael Coogan congratulates Joseph McHugh, newly elected Massachusetts state president, during his visit to the state convention on May 20, 1989.

STATE NEWS: California



OAKLAND, CA. — The Sean McBride Division 4, here, has elected its new slate of officers to take over the helm in 1989. Left to right, front row, are Sentinel Joseph Hade, President Jack Walsh, Financial Secretary John Harrington, Sentinel William Higgins. Back row, Recording Secretary Pat Forde, Vice President Nicky O'Brien, Div. 5 Past National Director Jack Hasset, Trustee Pat Birmingham and Pat O'Brien. Missing from photo are Trustees Des Fox and Billy McGrath.

Bobby Sands Div. Serves Needy

SAN DIEGO, CA: In commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands, Division 2 AOH (Bobby Sands Division) sponsored, along with the San Diego Catholic Worker, a meal service for San Diego's homeless.

Alice Smith, co-ordinator of the local Catholic Worker, accepted a \$200 check Saturday morning at the St. Vincent de Paul-Joan Krock Center. Volunteers from Bobby Sands Division 2 prepared and served 500 poor and needy generous portions of perhaps their only meal of the day.

President John McMahon has expressed a desire that this "be an annual event for our division on this particular day — May 5th." James Shannon, National Board Officer, concurred, stating Christian Charity is best exemplified when words are put into action. Hibernians who served and contributed to the meal service were: Tom Garity, Dan McPherson, Kevin Conway, John McMahon, Jim Shannon, John Whelan, Tim Cashman, John Israel, Carter Ryan, Bob and Bernadette Farrell and John Reynolds. Significantly, as the hunger strike as a means of righting an injustice is a very old tradition in Celtic tradition, perhaps we here in San Diego can ease some injustice by "feeding the hungry."

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RUTLAND, VERMONT: Members of AOH Michael Davitt Division of Vermont, the sponsoring organization for MacBride Principles legislation, pose with Governor Madeleine M. Kunin after she signed into law the MacBride Bill legislation. The ceremony was held in the same room, the council chambers of Rutland's City Hall, where the campaign was launched in 1987. Those who witnessed the triumphant climax are, left to right, Attorney Stephen Cosgrove, division treasurer; Thomas C. Ryan, marshal; Thomas J. Ryan, chairman, Freedom for All Ireland, Tom Kieran Egan, president; Kieran Tom Egan, first president; Michael Harte, former president and current vice president; and Murray McGrath. Two small flags of Ireland are at the Governor's left.

Vermont 12th State to Enact MacBride Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Vermont became the 12th state to pass the MacBride Principles. The State Senate voted for the Principles on Friday, April 28, 1989. The House of Representatives had already passed them on St. Patrick's Day.

"This is yet another great victory," said Fr. Sean McManus. "Now all six states in New England have passed the Principles."

Fr. McManus had appeared on a radio talk show the morning of the vote to urge the people of Vermont to rally around MacBride. He had appealed to the people to call their senators and to call Mr. Tom Egan, the leader of the MacBride cam-

paign, for information on how they could help.

"Right after Fr. McManus made his appeal," said Mr. Egan, "a man telephoned to offer his help. He was from a part of the state where two senators were not known to me and they were not going to vote for the MacBride Bill. The caller knew them both well and he got them to vote for us," said a triumphant Mr. Egan.

Fr. McManus singled out Mr. Egan for special praise. "A lot of good people in Vermont worked on this campaign," he said, "but it is only proper to pay special tribute to the great Tom Egan. Tom is a legend in Vermont. For over 60 years, Tom

has kept the Irish cause alive in Vermont. What makes his victory on MacBride especially impressive is that Tom has, for the past year, been very seriously ill. Tom not only accepted his very serious illness with extraordinary faith and fortitude, but he also poured his heart and soul into getting MacBride passed in Vermont. I've always known that Tom was a great Irishman, but in the past year I have been deeply edified and inspired by his extraordinary faith and resignation to God's will. Tom is truly one of the most impressive men I've ever known. He has the heart of a lion, the soul of a saint, and the talent of a very gifted Irishman."

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Chaplain's Message

Teachtameac An Seipinacta
Rev. Donal O'Carroll, Deputy National Chaplain

Our Chaplain's meeting at Beverly, Ohio, is now history and it is in order that we thank all the participating chaplains for coming. A special word of thanks to Mike Coogan, president of the AOH, for full participation in the gathering. He listened to our proposals and problems and the end result of the meeting will all be the better for his presence. Ohio president, Tom Murphy, was also in attendance.

Fimbar Flannigan, OFM, who was born in Belfast and spent a number of years in South Africa, gave us a different but still interesting look at the problems facing the Irish and the troubles in Northern Ireland. It gave us much food for spiritual thought.

A primary subject that came up was that in the past the Divisions were asked to help the Pastor and were the right arm of the Chaplain. We Chaplains want to serve the various divisions or obtain the services of a chaplain for Divisions that have none. This is a must in spite of the scarcity of priests and the emphasis is now on evangelization since the Second Vatican Council.

In other words, if we are going to continue an interest in Irish

problems, especially peace and justice there, we have to take a good hard look at the social gospel here, and see that all Divisions receive the spiritual food that our involvement can produce. Prayers, meditation and love for the scriptures must have a more important place in our everyday lives and also should be used for at least a short time during the meetings.

The chaplains who were unable to come to the Beverly meeting will receive the minutes of the meeting. The rain spoiled the golfing somewhat and the high cost of the U.S. Air tickets also prevented some from coming (a matter to be studied in the future). I know with some long-range planning that too shall pass. We do ask Mary, St. Patrick, and St. Brigid to richly bless the chaplains from Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland, Connecticut and Ohio who graced us with their presence and many others who wrote although they were not able to be with us and gave some valuable suggestions on current chaplain concerns.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Donal O'Carroll

Summer Courses Set By Galway University

GALWAY, IRELAND: University College Galway will offer a varied program in Irish Studies during June, July and August, according to Seamus O'Grady, administrative director.

Courses in Irish Studies, directed by Gearoid O Tuathaigh, will include: Anglo-Irish Literature, Irish History, Gaelic Culture and Literature, and Irish Society. Classes will run from June 27 to July 29.

Dr. Declan Irvine, director, lists the following courses in the "Education in Ireland" field: Course Structure and Method, and the Education System of Ireland. Dates for the courses will be July 6-29.

In the field of Gaelic Language, directed by Peadar Mac an Iomaire, both Beginning and Intermediate courses will be offered from July 21-Aug. 18. Excursions and visits will be arranged to several Irish-speaking locations to help students experience the Irish language and culture in their natural environment.

"Students will live in Galway homes adjacent to the University and have an opportunity to make contact with people of Galway and their way of life," explained Director O'Grady.

Credits for courses are offered at both graduate and undergraduate levels. Assessment will be based on attendance and completion of appropriate written assignments or examinations as prescribed by each course director.

For information, write: Director Seamus O'Grady, Summer School, University College Galway, Ireland.

trying to tell Irish men and women what to do for years.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland agreed to be interviewed by the *Irish Echo* in its 5/12/89 edition. The material covered in this interview was basically the same covered in his speech to the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles.

Let us, AOH members and citizens of the United States, forget that it was the United States that bailed Britain out with a very favorable "Lend-Lease" program during WWII, did Britain ever repay its debt to the U.S. of A?

The British government is investing money, material, and humans into its battle to defeat the MacBride Principles. There is legislation pending in states besides the twelve states which have already passed such legislation. Some of the states which have passed MacBride Principles legislation are New York, Michigan, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Florida, New Jersey, Illinois and Minnesota plus seventeen municipalities.

Organizations in states where legislation is pending can use all the help they can get. As a member of the AOH, get involved with this project. Drop a line to your state senator or state representative telling him you feel he should support MacBride Principles legislation. You just might be the one who makes the difference. Don't let this noble endeavor get shot down by a "Foreign Gun."

WORTH NOTING

Where Ireland ranks among the nations (1980 data)—"101st in population, with 3,633,000 inhabitants in the 26 counties of the Republic. (Between Sierra Leone and Libya).

Ranked fifth in the ratio of high school age children attending school." —*Brian Cooper's Irish American Almanac and Green Pages*

Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL McCORMACK

What Happened? Where is all the communication between historians? You know, history is not just a passing event — it's what makes the Irish so special. Our rich history shaped our culture and made us what we are today. It is a proud and honorable thing, and we have the obligation to pass it on to those who come after us; so let's get to the letter-writing and keep lines of communication open. Unfortunately, there is very little news to report from the Historian's desk this time. There were several library displays in March, but no one wrote to give us any information on who or where, so we can't mention them or pass on any of their ideas. Hopefully, we'll hear in the near future. Likewise, the mailbox is not overflowing with reports from our historians on plaques, statues, or landmarks that may be located in their geographic areas; but I'm not going to stop trying. If you have a historic landmark of significance to the Irish American community in your geographic area, bug your division, county, or state historian to get the details of that landmark to me. I'll spread the word from there, and publicly acknowledge the source. As for our other projects:

1. **National Essay Competition.** Congratulations to Kenneth Allen of Bayshore on winning the college level competition. Ken's essay appears on the editorial pages of this issue. However, the response in the open competition was terrible, and analysis points to one or all of three possible factors: a difficult topic, lack of interest, lack of promotion. If the topic "Immigration — a modern cornucopia" was too difficult, I accept responsibility for that. I was hoping that our contestants would provide some useful information that could be used in our fight to lift restrictions on Irish immigration. I am in no way convinced that there is a lack of interest in American schools, and I don't want to think that our historians across the country did not promote the competition; therefore we will try again next year and the entire effort will be analyzed to determine where the cause lies. And I promise that the topics will be more interesting.

2. **Monthly Profiles.** The bi-monthly "Profiles in Patriotism" will continue to be mailed to any historian who has sent me a copy of the form 9 or other information confirming his position as division, county, or state historian. That's all you have to do. Why then have I received only 23 to date? I know there are more historians out there. Come on, send me that letter and receive a monthly mailing of "Profiles in Patriotism" for use at your meetings. Send to Mike McCormack, 37 Harrison Ave., Centereach, NY 11720.

3. **Holland Project.** The Patterson Museum suffered a terrible fire only days after National President Mike Coogan and our Holland Submarine Committee met there on January 20. Fortunately no damage was done to the submarines nor the file of approximately 10,000 papers, most in Holland's own writing, that are part of the Holland Collection. The fire only underscores the importance of our project to document and

microfilm the collection. Not only would they then be available to historians, but safe from loss. With the permission of Museum Curator, Ms. Barbara Rivolta, we are sponsoring a nationwide appeal for funds to achieve that goal. Phase One of the project is to catalog the Holland Papers and publish an index for prospective biographers. That phase alone will cost \$12,000. Joe Sullivan of New Jersey and Jim Gallagher of Connecticut are Deputy National Historians assisting on the project, and a project office has been established as a reception point for all inquiries and contributions. As a Hibernian, you can help. Publicize the project among the Irish media in your own area (radio, newspapers, etc.); press releases are available. Seek the assistance of other Irish and Irish-Americans and their respective clubs and organizations. Please send all donations to:

The Holland Project
P.O. Box 9006
Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07201

4. **Video History.** A new video history on Ireland has been produced by Rego Records, 64 New Hyde Park Rd., Garden City, NY 11530. The presentation is a general overview of the subject and should certainly stimulate the appetite for more of the same. The film's biggest advantage is bringing you to the actual scene of many historic events.

Congratulations to our brother Hibernians in Alabama who are actively engaged in establishing a memorial to Commodore John Barry aboard the U.S.S. Alabama. The great warship is now a floating dockside museum in a beautiful commemorative park and the local AOH thought that a plaque to the Father of the American Navy presented by the AOH would be appropriate since Barry was a proud Irishman. Brother Mike Foster is chairing the effort, and asks that if you'd like to help, you can call him at Father Ryan Div. AOH, 931 Carlyle Way E. No. 237, Mobile, AL 36609.

If you have any projects that you would like to share with us please call and let us know what you're doing.

Likewise, if you have any historic story you would like to share, please feel free to contact this office. I'm still waiting for Jim Browne to send me the story he found on George Washington's son (or was it his grandson) and the tradition which requires shamrocks to be placed on his grave every March 17. Maybe one of the Washington DC or Virginia members can find out and share it with us.

James Burke Passes Away

CAMDEN, NJ: James Harry Burke, member of the Rt. Magr. Francis J. Cosgrove Div. 4 here passed away on April 5, 1989, at the age of 87.

He was born in Camden and worked in the Electrical Bureau of the city for forty years.

He was a member of his Division for over fifty years, and is survived by his wife Dorothy and sons James H. and Robert B. and a sister, Evelyn Widmann.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Rev. Magr. Thomas St. John Cannon. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

STATE NEWS: Michigan



ON THE OCCASION of presenting the above portrait of their division's namesake, Fr. Solanus Casey, to the St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, are, left to right, Brother Leo Wollenweber, vice-postulator of the Fr. Solanus' canonization cause; Paul Gowdy, president of Macomb AOH division; Tim Bodendistel, creator of the portrait; Bill Byrne, past division president; and Brother Richard Merling.

It was a bright and beautiful Sunday, November 27, 1988, when the Father Solanus Casey Macomb Division of the AOH met at St. Bonaventure's Monastery on Mt. Elliott in Detroit to help celebrate at Mass the occasion of the birth of Fr. Solanus Casey. Born on November 25, 1870, this unpretentious man and priest is the patron of our division. A highlight of the celebration was the division's presenting the Monastery a magnificent, hand-painted portrait of Father Solanus.

Almost a year earlier, our division commissioned a young and talented artist, Tim Bodendistel, to begin work on an oil painting of Father Solanus for display at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Hall, where we hold our monthly meetings. Soon Tim became an active member of our division for two reasons. First, his family had a great devotion and respect for this saintly man of God. Secondly, he saw our division as a place to express his friendship and camaraderie with our members.

Irish Videos Catching On



PATRICK NOONAN, president of Rego Irish Records and Tapes, provides the musical accompaniment for a group of step dancers who performed at the company's booth during the fourth annual New York Home Video Show at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Connie Murphy, director of publicity for the company, was beaming on the last day of the show. "We've met so many people who were interested in our line. It turned out to be a great show for us," she said. There were more than 4,000 visitors and 180 exhibitors involved.

STATE NEWS: Ohio



100TH ANNIVERSARY — Members of AOH Division 1, Dayton, Ohio, commemorate their centennial along with division member and National President, Mike Coogan. Left to right, first row, are John Kiley, James Combs, National President Michael Coogan, Division President Thomas Roach, Bernie McGovern, James Kelley, Joe Kilgallen. Second row, Thomas Duffy, Pat Dunnigan, Jack Mulhern, John Keaton, Edward Gallagher, Michael Leo, and Fred Kelley.

Castle Carrickancross. Next, they visited Canelough in County Armagh where his mother, Ellen Murphy, was born. They were escorted by Fr. Leo McAuliffe, a Capuchin from Holy Trinity in County Cork. They wanted to see as much as they could in their short visit to the Emerald Isle. Brother Leo and Brother Richard were gathering data for a second book on the life of Father Solanus Casey. Both books will be part of the portfolio of information being gathered and sent to Rome as evidence for his proposed sainthood. The cover on the second

book will have Tim Bodendistel's portrait on the cover.

When the Mass was completed at the Monastery, we adjourned to the 3rd Order Hall for light refreshments and an update by the two Brothers on Father Solanus' cause.

As the portrait of Father Solanus was viewed, Tim Bodendistel was complimented for his artistry in capturing the true expressions of this great man. His piercing blue eyes, his saintly countenance, his gentle manner were perfectly depicted. Tim spent over 60 hours on this 28 by 36 inch painting. Instead of blending

colors together on canvas, Tim created what he called a "Mosaic" oil painting. He said this enables each person to experience his or her expression of Father Solanus. "The blending takes place in your eyes," the artist said.

The occasion ended with a song composed by another member of our division, George Darrah, who honored Fr. Casey in song as he traced the key events in this saintly man's life.

We are so proud of Tim, Father Solanus Casey, and all who made this day so memorable.

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Nine years have passed since the 10 Irish hunger-strikers died in 1981. It has been a lifetime since the first to die, Thomas Ashe, gave his life in 1917. Twenty-two brave martyrs died on hunger-strike. Another eight later died after first surviving the ordeal — their death attributed to their fast.

Thirty tragic stories — every man a hero. Thirty Irish saints? Perhaps; surely men of courage. They endured their suffering for a cause. Shortly before his death on May 12, 1981, Frankie Hughes spoke these words: "I have no prouder boast than to say I am Irish and have been privileged to fight for the Irish people and for Ireland. If I have a duty I will perform it to the full in the unshakable belief that we are a noble race and that chains and bonds have no part in us."

These men expected their sacrifice would bring a new rising, or perhaps a path to a peaceful solution to the "Troubles". Who mourns them now? Who remembers their names? What did they accomplish? What has happened since their death?

The hunger-strikers turned the page of history in Ireland. Since 1981 good things have happened. The British policy of "Criminalization" has failed. People throughout the world would simply not accept the British claim that these men were common criminals. Men who died as these men did were noble to a sacred cause. This same feeling is now felt toward all the political prisoners in Britain. The hunger-strikers highlighted questions about freedom and democracy in Northern Ireland. Never before had the "Irish Question" been discussed in so many government chambers. The immoral and inhumane behavior of Margaret Thatcher and the British government during the hunger-strike has been presented to the world. It has

led to the New Ireland Forum, and to the disclosure of many of its defects. The MacBride Principles have publicly revealed that oppression against Catholics is a way of life in Northern Ireland. The hunger-strikes revealed a weakness in the Dublin Government — that political curtesy to the Queen still goes on.

The hunger-strikes brought an awareness up to the surface that all is not good with British rule. It has been shown that the government in the North is an imposed government; a government without the consent of the people. The hunger-strikers resisted to their death the British forceful trespass on their lives — for sake of Irish freedom. They taught everyone a lesson in courage. If these men were willing to die for a cause in this manner, then the "auld cause" is worth it all. They left a legacy of Irish determination in the quest for unity and freedom. Do not forget these heroes. Pray for them.

Their suffering started long before their first day of fast. Torture in many gruesome ways was inflicted on them. They were deprived of the most basic needs. They were insulted and beaten and abused. Never once did they give in to their cruel warders. Their spirit was never broken.

Soon after the last hunger-striker died, the prisoners in the H-Blocks were wearing their own clothes. The awful inhumane tortures stopped. A reasonable prison routine was established with more frequent visits. Prison life improved.

A strong American lobby is now underway — especially in Congress. People just don't trust the Thatcher government any more. A feeling of sympathy now exists with many English people in England. A great moral energy with Northern Ireland Catholics has been released. They no longer fear the RUC or the government. Strong feelings have been stirred in the North. Historians may tell us, one day, that the hunger-strikes since 1917; and especially the 10 martyrs of 1981, created the turning point in the quest for Irish unity and freedom.

STATE NEWS: Florida

BY NICK SCHNEIDER

Broward County Division 1 hosted the fifth Biennial Florida State Convention on the weekend of May 5, 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn in Tamarac, a suburb of Ft. Lauderdale. Division 1 hosted a social in the adjoining AOH and LAOH Hospital rooms from 7 P.M. to Midnight. Music for the dancing was provided by Martin McAndrew and his accordion. Outgoing President Jack Boyle presided over Saturday morning business assisted by Vice President John Cullinan, Secretary Bob Schneider and Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerald Grace.

Also in attendance were State Editor Nick Schneider; Manatee County Division 1 President Paul Finnerty and Vice President Tom Eagan; Brevard County Acting President Jim Duffy; Pasco County Division 1 Acting President Joe Connelly and Vice President Frank O'Brien; Brevard County Division 2 President Jerry Costlow, Sentinel Dennis Fitzmaurice, Vice President Jim O'Connor and Financial Secretary Tom Donnelly; Brevard County President Bob Carroll; Broward County Division 1 Financial Secretary W.J. Moroney; State Treasurer Eamon Quinn; Broward County Division 1 President Martin McAndrew, Vice President Don Fortune, Treasurer Ed McCready, Delegate Ed Nagle, Recording Secretary Don Hartnett and Standing Committee Chairman Tom Howley; Brevard County Division 1 Ernie Kees; Brevard County Division 2 Pro Life Chairman Fran McMonagle; Pinellas County Division 1 President Al Murphy and Delegate Pat Silver; State Financial Secretary Bob Bambrick and Broward County Division 2 Secretary Roger Silky.

Martin McAndrew, president of the host division, greeted the members and outlined the weekend. He and his committee were commended for the excellent results of their work in putting together the convention.

During the business meeting, many issues of concern to Florida Hibernians were taken up. Some were resolved and some were put into committee. Following further discussion of progress made in the state, election of officers was held.



NEW YORK BOARD OFFICERS elected at Florida's recent state convention are, left to right, back row, Vice President Bob Schneider; President John Cullinan; Treasurer Martin McAndrew and Secretary Paul Finnerty. Seated are the installing officer, National Director Tom Gilligan and outgoing state president Jack Boyle.



NEW PORT RICHEY, FL: New officers of the William G. Hulton, Sr., Division, AOH, in Pasco County gather following their installation at the Magnolia Country Club. From left are: Dennis Reidy, marshal; Joseph Connelly of Spring Hill, Hernando County, sentinel; Ted Creighton, vice president; James Crimmons, president; Howard Kiernan, chairman, Standing Committee; Neil Reilly, financial secretary; William Hulton, Jr., state officer; and Ron O'Neill, recording secretary (not shown).

The winning slate was President John Cullinan; Vice President Bob Schneider; Treasurer Martin McAndrew and Secretary Paul Finnerty. Following other business matters, the divisions represented gave reports. Brief highlights are:

Broward County: Division 1 President Martin McAndrew reported on the opening of their own home quarters, at which there is a social with dancing every Saturday night.

Their radio show has brought in several new members but that they could use more sponsors.

Manatee County: Division 1 President Paul Finnerty reported that for a new division, they are making great progress, particularly in the area of membership. Plans are under way for an Irish heritage section in the local libraries. The most recent members are Rev. Fr. Gerald Curley, assistant at St. Peter and St. Paul Apostles Parish; Pat O'Sullivan, Jim Quigley and Dan Ferry.

Pinellas County: Division 1 President Al Murphy reported that they have a one-hour radio show in the Tampa Bay area and are seeking sponsors. He encouraged the membership to write to the Budweiser Corporation to continue their sponsorship. Division member Mike Hanlon was responsible for getting the program on the air. The Irish memorabilia exhibit at the Clearwater library was a great success. On membership, division Chaplain Fr. Simcox contacted several parish which will put AOH information in their bulletins.

Brevard County: Division 2 President Jerry Costlow reported that his membership is increasing every month. During meetings, a great deal of emphasis is placed on Irish history from the book donated by Hal Bryant. He announced plans for a big Irish Night in October and invites all Hibernians and friends from all over the State.

Brevard County: Division 1 President Bob Schneider reported that the Division dinner at the Lob-

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STATE NEWS: Kentucky



RICHARD LEO O'MALLEY receives applause and the traditional engraved blackthorn stick as 1989 "Irish Man of the Year" from Past recipient Joseph V. Kennedy and officers of the A.J. Ryan Div. 1, Louisville. The award was made during the festivities on St. Patrick's Day.

Funds Are Available for Irish American Research

The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI) is now accepting applications from research-oriented individuals to investigate facets of the Irish experience in America. The Institute welcomes applications from all disciplines. Primary research is the focus of this program. Projects such as museum exhibitions, oral history collections, and the compilation of bibliographies and other research tools are also eligible to apply for these funds.

The Irish Research Fund of the IACI represents the conviction of concerned individuals and organizations that the Irish contribution to America—often a matter of undocumented bombast—deserves serious scholarly exploration. At present, the IACI has two completed funds to support such research. One is the Lawrence and Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy Irish Research Fund; another is the Irish Institute of New York Irish Research Fund. Funding efforts for additional research monies are underway in

several other communities.

Applications are accepted from any state. In the event that two applications weigh in evenly, consideration will be given to that which focuses on a matter from the region of the fund's origin. The prime considerations, however, are the significance of the matter proposed and the capability of the researcher to pursue it. On occasion, a grant may be made for research into events, forces, and movements in Ireland.

Original research and possibly assistance for travel or publication costs can be funded up to a maximum of \$5,000 from each fund. The Irish American Cultural In-

STATE NEWS: Florida

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ster Shanty in Cocoa Beach, celebrating the divisions' tenth anniversary, was attended by fifty-one Hibernians and friends.

State Finance officer Eamon Quinn gave a favorable report which indicated that the State Hibernians are financially sound. The host division invited everyone to their home quarters for lunch, refreshments, music and dancing.

Late Saturday afternoon, Fr. Grace celebrated mass in the hotel conference room.

On Saturday evening the installation dinner/dance was attended by over 200 Hibernians and friends in the hotel ballroom. The music was provided by the popular Irish Band "The Shades of Green." The new officers had the honor of being installed by National Director Tom Gilligan, who is a member of the host division. He was assisted by outgoing President Jack Boyle.

At the conclusion of the installation, President John Cullinan, reappointed this reporter as State Editor. Therefore, I urge all division presidents to place me on your bulletin mailing list, giving me information of your division activities. Send to: Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Ave., Merritt Island, Florida 32953.

Jim Gallagher



LOUISVILLE, KY: Third District, Kentucky Congressman Romano L. Mazzoli, at left, receives a hand-scribed commendation from Dennis M. Brucker, president, A.J. Ryan Div. 1, here, with heartfelt thanks for his 20 years of distinguished service to his district and his efforts for improvements scored in behalf of Irish immigration.

themes. John P. Walsh of New Vernon, NJ, is chairman of the IACI. American Cultural Institute, College of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, Mail No. 5026, St. Paul, MN 55105. Applications must be received by September 15, 1989.

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STATE NEWS: New York



TO HONOR THE MEMORY of Eamon DeValera, the AOH leaders of New York City, under the chairmanship of State Vice President Al O'Hagan, placed a permanent monument at the Summit Hotel, where the statesman was born on October 14, 1882. The hotel was then the Nursery and Childs Hospital. Ceremonies took place on Monday, April 24th, the anniversary date of Easter Monday 1916. Before an estimated crowd of 1500, New York City Mayor Koch and Sile DeValera, Eamon's granddaughter, unveiled the plaque and officiated at the official street name changing, making East 51st Street "Eamon deValera Place." Ceremonies ended with a procession to Saint Patrick's Cathedral where a mass for peace with justice in Ireland was celebrated. Father Michael Driscoll, son of past New York State President Tom Driscoll, con-celebrated the mass while the Suffolk County AOH choir sang traditional hymns. All five New York City borough presidents joined the AOH on the steps of City Hall to proclaim April 24 "Eamon DeValera Day" in their respective boroughs. Left to right, front row, are Ralph Lamberti, Staten Island; Fernando Ferrer, Bronx; Howard Golden, Brooklyn; and David Dinkins, Manhattan. Back row, Al O'Hagan and Kings Co. President Martin Kelly.



ATTENDING THE RECEPTION at the Irish Consulate in New York following the DeValera dedication are, left to right, Mrs. Jack Irwin, Dairi O'Ceallag, Consul General, Mrs. Al O'Hagan, Jack Irwin, National Director AOH, and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kingston. Photo by Kevin Kennedy

Rockland Co. To Hold 16th Annual Feis

The Rockland County AOH will hold their 16th annual Feis on July 23 at the Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, N.Y. The festive day will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for peace in Ireland. The dedication will be by the R.C. Vicar, Mgr. John Harrington.

Patricia Dwyer, chairlady for the past 10 years, has announced there will be 261 competitions in dancing including championship contests, singing, essay, Irish language, pipe bands, Celi bands, together with varied solo instruments. Also, art and Celtic design, choreograph and a four level competition in oratory dealing with the Women of Ireland.

An added feature this year will be "Special Child", art contests, a dart tournament, Irish football and

basketball games.

In the late afternoon the McKiernan Band will entertain outdoors. A journal is published in conjunction with the Feis.

Entry forms and syllabus is available by writing to: "Feis", P.O. Box 31, Garnerville, N.Y., 10923. No entries by telephone. Deadline for entries is June 20th.

Division 3, NY Condemns I.S.

NEW YORK — At its regular monthly meeting Div. 3, NY County AOH, passed a strong resolution condemning the arrests of eleven Irish immigrants by officers of the U.S. Immigration Service and Border Patrol on March 14 in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The resolution calls to question the validity of the procedures followed by these officers during the arrests and calls for the redeployment of the

I.N.S. and Border Patrol "to an aggressive campaign in defence of U.S. society, from the current drug crisis and its attendant criminal sub-culture, and away from the current campaign of harassment of young Irish immigrants."

Emphasizing that the arrests "must be interpreted in a hypocritical light" because they occurred at a time when the U.S. was preparing to honor the historic contribution of Irish immigrants to every facet of American life, the resolution demands of the U.S. Government and Congress, the immediate legalization of the undocumented Irish community in the most expedient way possible.

The resolution points out the irony of current U.S. immigration policy. As the U.S. is facing an impending, severe skilled labor shortage, current immigration policy is restricting the legal entry of industrious skilled and well educated Irish immigrants.

Pat Hurley
Immigration Chairman

New Yorkers in Ireland



CO. CAVAN, IRELAND: Bailieboro AOH Division 453, Bailieboro, County Cavan, Ireland, was host to members of the AOH from the U.S.A. visiting Ireland. Seated from the left, Mr. John Cahill, Mrs. Bernadette Mulvey and Francis J. Mulvey. At back, Mrs. Rita Paxton, Mr. Ted Sheridan, County AOH Secretary of Division 453; Mrs. Maureen Sheridan, Mr. Ted Paxton, County President of Division 453, Co. Cavan, AOH. Mrs. Bernadette Mulvey is a past vice president of the LAOH, Queen Maeve Division, Erie County, Buffalo, New York. Mr. Francis Mulvey is President of the William J. Donovan, AOH, Division 3, Erie County, New York. Mr. John Cahill is chairman of the Catholic Action Committee of the William Donovan Division. Photograph was taken in the Hotel Bailie.

Long Islanders Honored



LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — NYPD Officer Steven McDonald and his wife Patty, far right, are presenting a plaque of appreciation to Maureen and Joseph Wall at the 15th Annual Project Children Dinner Dance at Yonkers Raceway on April 29. Project Children has afforded Catholic and Protestant youngsters from the North of Ireland summer vacations in the U.S. since 1975. The Walls, of Wading River, L.I., have been legal guardians on a year-round basis for the four McVeigh children of Belfast since 1982, providing educational and medical attention which was not available in N. Ireland. Approximately 750 children will visit America for six weeks this summer as guests of Project Children families. For information on Project Children, write to P.O. Box 933, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Photo by Shlobhan Donohue

800 people.

William J. Ryan Division IV will be 100 years old in 1993, and is a thriving, active Division. The membership roll has grown in leaps and bounds over the last 10 years. Current membership is over 250 and

approximately 150 members are under 35 years of age.

We are proud of our Irish Heritage, and Hibernianism is alive and well in Lockport, New York.

William E. Mulvey, Chairman
Standing Committee

STATE NEWS: New York

BOBBY SANDS MEMORIAL

The MacBride Chapter INA, Rockland County, recently held its eighth annual Bobby Sands Memorial. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Holy Eucharist Chapel was celebrated by Rev. Kenneth Loughman, whose homily evolved around the mysticism of Padraig Pearse and its perpetuation in the life and death of Bobby Sands. Rev. Maurice Burke, S.M.A., delivered an inspirational closing tribute to Bobby Sands and his comrades. The scriptural readings were done by playwright Desmond Starr and Peter Quinn of An Cumann Cabhrach. Liturgical music was provided by Janette Major and Brendan Foley.

Dinner followed the Mass at

Ray Meehan Contends for NY Secretary

At a recently-held meeting of the AOH, Suffolk County Board, Ray Meehan, presently New York State Treasurer, was unanimously endorsed for the position of New York State Secretary.

Ray is a long-time member of our



RAY MEEHAN

Order and has held a variety of offices. These include state director; president, vice president, and secretary for both County and Division levels; treasurer and vice chairman of, the Metropolitan Regional Council; and Deputy National Organizer. He has also served on numerous committees at State and National Conventions.

Ray was a driving force in his own Division 8 in Suffolk County when they realized their dream of their own Hibernian Hall four years ago. He has served in many Corporation capacities in maintaining the hall. A 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Ray is also a past president of the Holy Name Society, and has been active with Scouts and Little League programs. He and his lovely wife Patricia are the proud parents of three daughters and a son, as well as proud grandparents of three grandsons.

Suffolk County's candidate for New York State Secretary, Ray Meehan, is a truly dedicated Hibernian who very much exemplifies the motto of our Order, Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. We appreciate your consideration for our candidate by the delegates assembled in Auburn, New York, in July 1989, for the 85th Biennial New York State Convention.

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Bishops Restaurant, Tappan, where the Hon. Sean Patrick Walsh held his audience spell-bound with his multifaceted speech. Sean was given a standing ovation. The guests of honour, Jim and Kitty Trainor, received many tributes including a proclamation from Congressman Gilman for their long dedication to the children of the six occupied counties of N.E. Ireland. Dennis Mulcahy, chairman, Project Children, Greenwood Lake, presented the Trainors with an interesting plaque. Michael and Helen Bates also made a presentation as did Danny Withers, president Division 1 AOH, Rockland County, and chairman of the memorial. On behalf of the MacBride Chapter INA, Dan gave Jim a plaque and Kitty received an inscribed copy of the biography of her cousin, James Cardinal Gibbons.

Representing Rockland County

AOH were President John Cawley and Vice-President Patrick Gillan, together with Judge William Kelly, president Division 2, New City. Other Celts enjoying the evening were Doctor Frank Holt, Douglas and Lila Garnham from Orange County; Joseph Bray from Liberty, N.Y.; Evelyn Morgan from Westchester and Stephen Garvey, representing the I.A.U.C.



JIM AND KITTY TRAINOR were honored at the recent Bobby Sands Memorial in Rockland County. From left are the Trainors, their daughter Margaret, Dan Withers and the Rev. Maurice Burke, S.M.A. Photo by Peter Carr

AOH LONG 'IRELAND' FESTIVAL AND 17TH ANNUAL FEIS

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AOH National Editor To Be Honored

The Long Island Feis Committee is pleased to announce that David J. (Dave) Henshaw, National Editor of the Hibernian Digest will be the Feis's 1989 Honoree. It is with great pride that we honor this dedicated Hibernian and Irish activist whose deep love for Ireland is witnessed by his commitment to Irish Culture and the pursuit of Justice for the People of his Ancestral Homeland.

David Henshaw, we are honored to dedicate this day to you in recognition and appreciation of your leadership and dedication to the ideals we all hold so dear.

We know many of you will want to honor Dave in our Journal, so get your copy in early.

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ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1, Somerset County, AOH and LAOH won 2nd place award for the best appearing float, together with the AOH Ceili group in the Greater New Jersey St. Patrick's Day Parade.



FR. A. J. RYAN, Div. 1 members prior to St. Patrick annual parade in Louisville, KY.



BROTHERS OF St. Brendan Division 1, Fairfax, VA, in front of the nation's Capitol as they prepare to march in the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade.



FIRST LADY GRAND MARSHAL in New York City, Dorothy Layden Cudahy, all smiles.

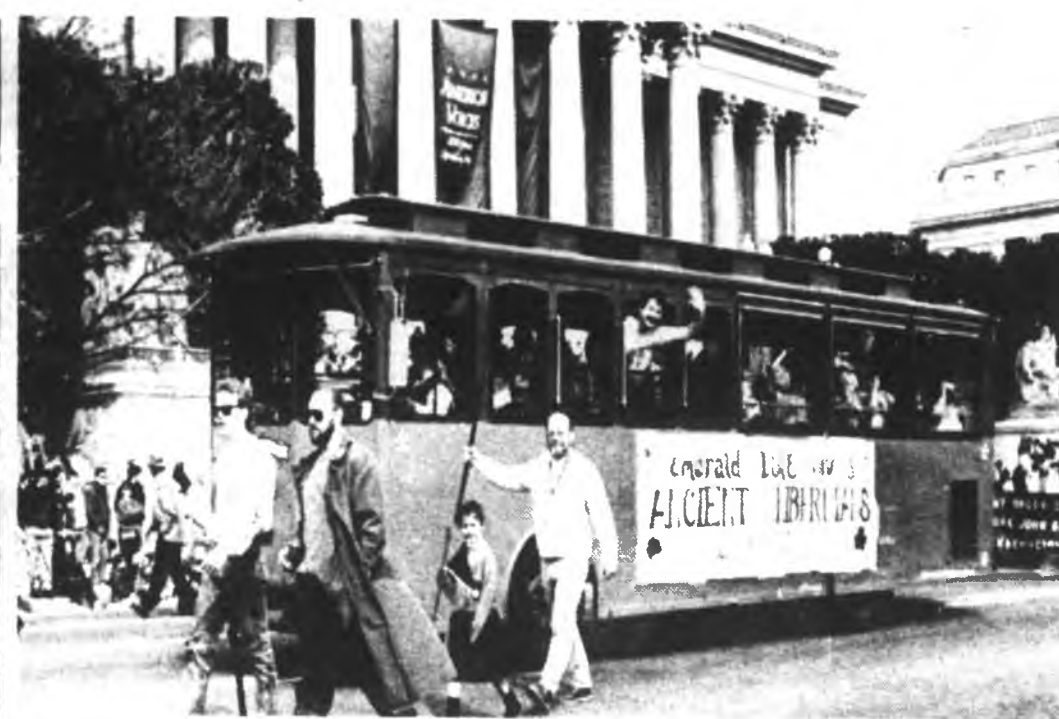
Memories of St. Patrick's Day 1989



DIVISION 1 St. Claire Co. ILL. are entertained by the local Shriners known as "The Riverside Bugle Band."



DIVISION 1 St. Claire Co., IL, having fun waiting their turn to join the parade.



EMERALD ISLE Div. 3, Bethesda, MD, traversed the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Parade route in a special tour trolley. Brothers who chose to walk were considered "off their trolley."



WILLIAM O'REILLY of the Padraic Pearse Division, Columbus, OH, president of the Shamrock Club, left, and National President Michael Coogan, who was the principal speaker at the club's St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance.



CONNIE O'SULLIVAN, Rockland County AOH, member of Orangetown Town Council, as Grand Marshal led the Rockland County St. Patrick's Day parade.



NASSAU CO. wins 1st prize as best AOH unit in the NYC parade. County member, National Director Jack Irwin accepts Irish Echo trophy from Echo staffer Patrick Hurley.



DIV. 1, St. Claire Co. IL "Best of Parade" winning float with revolving platform, AOH Coat of Arms on one side, large map of Ireland on the other. 32 county flags of Ireland are displayed on float.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR Frank J. Kearney leads the order's National Boards up New York's Fifth Avenue.



VIRGINIA STATE Board President Jerry Gorman, right, with Grand Marshal John Sweeney in the reviewing stand at the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Sweeney is president of the Service Employees International Union.

EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, National Editor

The MacBride Principles

The passage of the MacBride Principles Bill in the state of Vermont brings the count to twelve states and seventeen municipalities which have recognized the blatant discrimination against nationalist Catholics in Northern Ireland. The bill has passed in these legislative bodies by large majorities, countering the British denial that discrimination in employment exists in Northern Ireland.

The legislatures of New York, Michigan, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Florida, New Jersey, Illinois, and Minnesota have passed the MacBride bills because never before in modern times has the story of the suffering people in Northern Ireland been brought to their attention with such compelling evidence. For the first time legislators are able to see our ally England as an oppressor, and to send the message in such legislation that, now that the facts are out and known, Britain has lost its day in court.

Despite the fact that bills are not enacted flippantly in our legislatures, that our state representatives are basing their action on facts, the British continue to connive to spend millions of dollars to stop our people from interfering in their policy of discrimination. As hard as they try, however, Britain cannot stop the tide of MacBride legislation making its way through our "legislative halls of justice" to the U.S. Congress where the final statement will be made — no condoned British oppression allowed here!

Those states in the process of examining the history of Northern Ireland and the MacBride bill are Indiana, California, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Utah, Texas, Iowa, Colorado, Oklahoma, Maryland, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Washington. These legislatures will also recognize the bigotry of Margaret Thatcher's government in Northern Ireland and pass the bill.

We must ask ourselves: How many states and municipalities are investing our tax money in Northern Ireland? How many billions of our dollars are unwittingly subsidizing discrimination there? Perhaps someday, someone will put this figure together!



WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

In Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Death

A simple stone in Drumcliff marks
The specter of that ageless voice
A stilling cold-eyed horseman
guards
Transcendence of the noble realm
New dawn combines the cold night
past
With radiance of rising sun
The swan has flown but swans still
swim
In placid pools for wondrous gaze
The chilling silvery Gaelic moon
Restrains the surging, swirling tides
Of powerful Atlantic blasts
In ceaseless regularity
Despite eternal fickle light
Of centuries of Celtic grief
Aurora granted Irish strength
To that mystical symbolist

Notwithstanding cursed oppression
Zealously he withstood the blight
Erin's dreadful, strife-filled aeons
Did not intimidate his song
An ardent lover of life's charm
In Sligo's undulating hills
He explored ev'ry occult tract
And expressed the esoteric
Creative Celt in lunar mode
But still he clocked the time in
truth
With visionary fervency
And solar objectivity
He has bequeathed to us his wealth
Of prodigious scintillation
He endlessly enchants the ear
Of all humanity

Dr. Charles Robert Murphy
AOH Division 8 Lawrence, MA

Examining the Political Offense Exemption

By KENNETH ALLEN

The debate over the political offense exemption versus extradition, much like the question of Northern Ireland itself, is very complex. The exemption question has caused rumblings, not just in Anglo-American relations, but throughout the international political system for some time. Who is a political criminal? What standards are used to measure political crime? No universal criteria has ever been established to determine the politicality of an act but new questions are being raised. Should the political offense exemption exist at all? Have we seen the last of the exemption among the first-world nations whose recent treaties have severely limited its application?

To determine if a crime was political and if the exemption from extradition was warranted, American courts traditionally applied a two-step incidence test. The test was heavily based on *In Re Castioni 1890*, the famous case in which the British high court set precedence for what constituted a political act. The test requires the act first to be "contemporaneous with a violent political disturbance" and second be "incidental to it." This test came under severe criticism from the Reagan administration and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after several members of the Irish Republican Army, including four convicted of murder, successfully avoided extradition in the last fifteen years. The American judiciary ruled that their offenses in Northern Ireland were of a political nature in that they were incidental to a violent political disturbance.

The growing frustration of both U.S. and British governments for the failure of the American courts to extradite convicted IRA members, resulted in a historic U.S. shift of extradition policy towards Great Britain. The Reagan administration took the decision out of the courts' hands with an amendment to the Anglo-American extradition treaty of 1972. The Senate, under considerable pressure from President Reagan, passed the Supplementary Treaty of Extradition with Great Britain in 1986. The supplementary treaty severely limits the application of the political offense exemption. The amendment lengthens the list of crimes which are automatically extraditable between the two countries. The list now includes hostage-taking, murder, manslaughter, malicious assault, possession of firearms or explosives, and serious property damage. The treaty was seen by political observers as Margaret Thatcher's reward for her staunch support and assistance of the U.S. during the bombing raid over Libya.

The treaty was, in fact, part of a wider strategy employed by the Reagan State Department to renegotiate on a state-by-state basis with "stable" democracies to limit the political offense exemption. The reasons given for this new strategy,

reciprocity and international cooperation to thwart terrorism, calls us back to before the mid-eighteenth century when sovereigns constituted a brotherhood of nations who collaborated in the suppression of crimes against the state. Even Hugo Grotius, a most esteemed international jurist and himself a political refugee, wrote at the time that states have the duty either to extradite or prosecute persons who have committed "crimes by which another state is particularly injured."

This attitude changed with the downfall of the aristocracy throughout Europe and the rise of the revolutionary ideology in the late eighteenth century.

There were three base reasons for the birth of the political offense exemption. First, countries sought to protect fugitives from an unfair trial or persecution at home for an act done in the name of political ideology. Second, countries wanted to preserve their neutrality as to the internal politics of other countries. By having a well-defined policy of exemption, countries were able to avoid making sensitive foreign policy decisions with each episode. Third, the exemption clause granted refuge to those who had fought against an unjust or despotic authority. Legal writers have suggested that during the eighteenth century there was a romantic glorification of political offenders, based on a "naive" identification of political offenders with a liberal revolutionary and those who backed the exemption did not fully realize that political offenders would turn against the new liberal world order.

Many legal writers and jurists have called for reform of the way the political offense exemption is used. Some have called for the abolishment of the exemption altogether, if a fair trial for the fugitive can be guaranteed in the requesting state. Another proposal calls for more bi-lateral treaties, such as the Anglo-American amendment of 1986. These treaties list specified offenses that are automatically extraditable, but again extradition is contingent on assurances of a fair trial. A U.N. convention listing specified offenses as automatically extraditable has also been proposed. It is modeled on the European Convention for the Suppression of Terrorism which has been moderately successful in the extradition of offenders. Other proposals include the establishment of an international criminal court, having the trial outside the states in dispute, or requiring the asylum state to prosecute. All these proposals are contingent on the fugitive receiving a fair trial and escaping persecution for his political beliefs.

The new State Department strategy is based on the belief that among the "stable" democracies an international fugitive would receive a fair trial, despite the nature of his crime. This was the basis for the 1986 agreement with Great Britain. A closer look at the particulars of

Northern Ireland, however, contradicts the belief that a member of the IRA would get a fair trial.

Is a trial in the "Diplock" courts considered fair? Can a fair trial be granted in a court where a single jurist acts as both judge and jury? Are fair trials being conducted in a court that convicts 90% of those they try? I would argue no, a fair trial cannot be guaranteed. Of the 90% convicted in the Diplock courts, 80% are on confessions, some of which Amnesty International has called brutally induced. The standards for the admissibility of evidence in the Diplock court are far less than all other courts in the British system. There can be no fair trial in a court where the silence of the accused is held against them.

I would argue that there can be no guarantee that IRA members would receive a fair trial in Northern Ireland. But it is also increasingly clear that the U.S. doesn't care. The U.S. has turned its back on justice and on due process by turning offenders, deemed politically motivated by our courts, over to Great Britain. Through this new policy, the U.S., born of a violent revolution itself, has turned its back on those who are trying to rid themselves of unjust rulers.

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AOH and Undocumented Irish

The enactment of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act has made it almost impossible for young Irish people to immigrate legally to the United States in the 1980s. In the last few years, many thousands of these young people fleeing political unrest, discrimination, and violence in the North of Ireland and economic depression and unemployment in the South have come to the U.S. seeking a better life.

However, because of the 1965 Immigration Act, they come among us as undocumented aliens unable to participate in or contribute fully to the great nation that past generations of Irish immigrants gave their labor to build and their lives to defend. These young people live precarious lives fraught with danger, fear, and insecurity. They labor under a status that manifests itself in adverse social and mental effects on their lives.

The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (I.R.C.A.) further compounded this injustice. Under the amnesty program of this Act, only 600 Irish were eligible out of the 3 million undocumented aliens of all nationalities who applied. While the young Irish, both those in Ireland and those in the U.S., did reap some benefit from the Donnelly visa scheme of I.R.C.A. — securing up to 3.5 thousand visas — the vast majority of those in the U.S., at least 100,000, were left out in the cold.

In the last Congress the AOH, working with our allies in the American Irish Political Education Committee, the County Associations, the Emerald Societies, the Irish American Labor Coalition, the Irish American Unity Conference, the Irish Immigration Reform Movement, and with the assistance of Catholic Charities and the Irish Government, succeeded in passing a minor yet significant immigration bill, H.R. 5115. Of course the passage of this legislation would not have been possible without the cooperation and tremendous efforts of the many senators, congressmen, state and local representatives but, in particular, Senators D'Amato, Kennedy, Simon and Simpson, and Congressmen Berman, Donnelly, Fish, Mazzoli, Morrison and Schumer.

This legislation, H.R. 5115, provides for 30,000 extra Donnelly visas to be awarded over two years. These visas are currently being awarded to applicants who are on the reserve list of the original Donnelly visa scheme. The legislation also provides for the award of 20,000 extra visas over the next two years through the Berman Visa program. The deadline for the receipt of applications under this program was March 31st. A comprehensive informational campaign was organized by the I.I.R.M. and the A.O.H. throughout the month of March, and we are confident that some of our young undocumented immigrants will secure visas. However, it is important to realize that only a certain percentage of our young people will qualify and that effectively the Donnelly and Berman Visa programs are only a stop gap measure on the road to comprehensive immigration reform.

Currently, there are several pieces of legislation in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, which, subject to beneficial amendments and alterations, could legalize many of our people and could establish a more just, equitable, and logical immigration policy.

These legislative measures include the Kennedy-Simpson Bill, S.358 and the Simon Bill, S.448, in the Senate and the Berman Bill, H.R. 672, in the House of Representatives. These three bills propose, in varying forms, the creation of an independent visa category that would benefit our immigrants to a greater or lesser degree.

A somewhat different yet also helpful measure is the legislation H.R.1306 which was introduced into the House by Rep. Ben Gilman (R-NY). This measure, if enacted, would allow for the enlistment of undocumented immigrants into the U.S. Armed Forces, the Reserves, the National Guards, and State Militias. After three years honorable service, the immigrant would be eligible for permanent residence status. It is expected that Representatives Fish (R-NY) and Schumer (D-NY) will introduce their own bills in the immediate future. It is also believed that the Administration is formulating its own proposals.

At our National Convention in July of 1988, as well as being elected National Director, I was also appointed by the National President, Mr. Michael Coogan, to the position of Chairman of the A.O.H. National Immigration Committee. The National President also appointed two deputy chairmen, Jim Larkin of the Connecticut A.O.H. and Jack Meehan of the Massachusetts A.O.H. Previous to their appointments, both these men had considerable experience in the immigration field through their work in their respective state boards and as members of the I.I.R.M.

The objective of the two national deputies and myself is to ensure the maximum participation of the A.O.H. in the lobbying campaign to ensure the passage of a comprehensive, beneficial immigration reform bill through this 101st Congress. We envisage a role in this campaign for every A.O.H. member and every A.O.H. Division across the U.S. However, in order to realize this maximum participation, we must be organized effectively. With such organization in mind, we ask that all divisions across the country appoint a chairman of immigration. This particular officer would be responsible for maintaining contact with the National Immigration Committee. The National Committee would provide this officer with regular updates on the progress of the lobbying campaign and would alert him as regards any specific or strategic lobbying action. This officer would then be responsible for disseminating any information and communicating requests for action to all members of his division.

As you know, the nature of legislative lobbying is such that spontaneous, organized, and decisive action is often necessary and, with this in mind, we ask all such chairmen of immigration to supply their names, addresses, and telephone numbers to Patrick Hurley, A.O.H. Immigration Committee, c/o 3301, Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11101.

Pat Hurley is also a member of the National A.O.H. Immigration Committee and someone with whom I will be working closely.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the immigration reform campaign and its objectives, nor can I stress enough the necessity for the A.O.H. to become fully involved. We must obtain comprehensive immigration reform in this Congress. At a time when U.S. Department of Labor studies are

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Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the

consent of our Legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:
For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:
For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:
For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:
For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:
For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the High Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our

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Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Attest.
CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

James Hoban White House Architect

By BRIAN K. LONERGAN

During their visit to Washington in 1812, the British left their traditional calling card — the destruction of property. One of the better buildings to go up in flames was the presidential mansion, later to be known as the "White House." This residence was restored after the War under the direction of James Hoban, who was also the original architect.

James Hoban was born in 1762 and while growing up in Ireland, became attracted to architecture. He studied in Dublin at this profession before emigrating to the United States. Hoban became a successful architect in the Philadelphia area. He moved on to Washington where, in time, he entered a competition for architects interested in the building of the new presidential home. His design was successful and from 1793 to 1800 he oversaw the work of construction. After the disastrous British arson, Hoban directed a massive restoration plan to restore the charred framework to its original beauty. Workmen finished the edifice in 1817 by giving it a distinctive white surface. He is said to have been responsible for painting the presidential mansion white to obliterate the smoke marks from the burning. From then, the name "The White House" remained.

In September of 1981, the United States Post Office issued a commemorative eighteen-cent stamp showing a portrait of Hoban flanked by a sketch of his "White House". Hoban's design of the presidential residence is said to have been modeled on Leinster House in Dublin, once a Fitzgerald home, now the home of the Irish parliament. The design on the stamp features the White House as it was in Hoban's time. A similar stamp was issued by Ireland. Thus the link between the House of Leinster and the House of Washington had completed a full historical circle.

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hibERNIAN POSTBAG

MEDIA PROBLEMS

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

The March-April edition contained a good deal of excellent information about abortion — the killing of the unborn — and I thank you for it.

The Viewpoint Column by Mr. Cockburn described press bias and the genteel handling of the British role in Northern Ireland by the Fourth Estate. Right to Life groups know well press bias and empathize with you.

Here are a few examples of press bias regarding the Right to Life:

Law — The media constantly refers to abortion as being legal in only the first trimester of pregnancy, when it is legal for all nine months of pregnancy. In the *Washington Post* from one day to the next you can read conflicting versions of the law, even by the same reporter.

On Channel 5 in Washington, D.C., there is a reporter with a Hibernian name — Patrick McGrath. He gave two contradictory versions of the law within a minute in the same report.

Abortion Statistics — Government statistics show there were less than 100,000 abortions in 1969 and 620,000 in 1973. Yet the media continues to claim there were over 1,000,000 abortions annually during the 1960's. Abortion was legalized in 1973 and the media would have us believe that the number of abortions decreased by 40% in the year it was legalized.

Maternal Deaths — The media inflates the abortion figures during the 1960's to try and give credibility to the claim of 5,000 to 10,000 maternal deaths annually. While every abortion is a tragedy, and if the mother dies that is a double tragedy, government statistics show that in 1966 there were 120 maternal deaths due to abortion.

Child Abuse — The media would have us believe that the violence of abortion leads to less violence against the born. Actually, what we all know — violence leads to more violence — is proven again by abortion/child abuse statistics. Child abuse incident growth paralleled the growth in abortion from 1974 to 1978 and then the child abuse incidents increased at a faster rate than abortion through 1985, the year of latest statistics.

Public Support — The television media constantly claim there is widespread support for abortion and it is supported by a wide majority. Actually, a correct statement is "the vast majority opposes the vast majority of abortions". Over 97% of abortions are done for contraceptive reasons. There are about 1.6 million abortions annually and 97% of 1.6 million is over 1.5 million. Some 89% of the people oppose abortion as a contraceptive.

Polls show that in difficult situations where great faith in God is required to continue the pregnancy (rape, incest, health, life) a large majority want abortion to be legal.

In summary, the pro-abortion position as promoted by the media is founded on lies and more lies, but truth eventually wins.

John Naughton
Vice Chairman of Education
Right to Life of Maryland, Inc.

ARTISTS AGAINST PRO-LIFE

Dear Sir and Brother:

May the peace of the Lord be with you. As you are well aware on April 9th, 1989, Pro choice Pro death groups conducted a march on our Nation's Capital. By it's very character and essence we find this action extremely offensive to all things that Catholics cherish and believe.

Leading their presence and support to this event were a number of TV and movie stars who should no longer be supported by those of us who violently oppose murder and abortion.

Among those who attended are Morgan Fairchild, Donna Mills, Kelley McGillis, Cybil Sheperd, Susan Sarandon, Marlo Thomas, Polly Bergan, Terry Garr, Veronica Hamel, Valerie Harper and Whoopie Goldberg.

Furthermore we feel that it is incumbent on us all to let the sponsors know how we feel, and if necessary we will not choose their products at the market place, as long as their employees offend our Religious Beliefs.

We urge you through the avenue of the *Hibernian* to promote our thoughts on this matter. Thank you.

Joseph McGowan

U.S. LEGISLATOR VISITS N. IRELAND

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day 1989, I wanted to let you know about my recent activities in New York and Washington of concern to the Irish community.

As you may know, I traveled to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in early January. It was an enlightening, emotional experience that I will never forget. I had the opportunity to meet with a broad spectrum of individuals and organizations, and I saw first hand the violence and terror that has become part of daily life there. I returned with a personal commitment to do everything I can to end the occupation and the suffering in Northern Ireland.

It was a particular delight traveling with Paul O'Dwyer. Together we made strong points at every level of officialdom. Walking the Falls Road and meeting in peoples' homes in West Belfast and the Ardoyne was especially moving.

In February I had the privilege of visiting Joseph Doherty in his detention cell in New York City. I was particularly appalled that while Joe has never been convicted of any crime in the U.S., he has been held for six years in a prison-like environment, with almost no contact with the outside world. I have requested a meeting with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to discuss the details of Joe's case and to appeal for his release on bail while the legal proceeding continues.

Last week, I was pleased to participate in a hearing on Ireland before the Foreign Affairs Committee, of which I am an active member. I raised many difficult but necessary questions about the International Fund for Ireland (IFI). I asked the State Department representatives about the political discrimination I personally found with regards to Conway Mills and other sites — projects that have applied for IFI

funds but have been turned down because of their political affiliations. I intend to add language to the upcoming Foreign Assistance Act to state that Congress will not tolerate political discrimination in the International Fund for Ireland. I have also called for future Foreign Affairs Committee hearings on this vital issue.

I want you to know that these actions could not have happened without your support and encouragement. I look forward to working by your side in the coming year on these and other vital concerns.

Gary L. Ackerman

House of Representatives

U.S. Congress

LOBBYING FOR JOE DOHERTY

Mr. Edward P. Romaine
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Dear Mr. Romaine:

This is in further reference to your letter dated January 21, 1989, concerning the case of Mr. Joseph Patrick Doherty.

The Board of Immigration Appeals decided on November 14, 1988 to grant the motion to reopen Mr. Doherty's case to allow him an opportunity to apply for political asylum. The Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service affirmed that decision and the matter was certified to the Attorney General on December 6, 1988 and has not yet been returned.

We appreciate the interest and concern you have shown in this matter and will further review the possibility of bail for Mr. Doherty.

If we may be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to communicate with this office.

FOR THE COMMISSIONER

Greg Leo

Director, Congressional

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ASSEMBLYMEN ANSWER N.Y. POST REGARDING DOHERTY

Your editorial, "Albany endorses terrorism" (March 18), was a broadside attack on the Irish Republican Army.

The editorial implied that the state Assembly was endorsing the IRA when it unanimously passed a resolution calling for justice in the matter of Joseph Patrick Doherty, an IRA member incarcerated in a U.S. jail. The editorial, however, never discussed the actual facts of the case.

The real issue in the case is not the IRA or the troubles in Northern Ireland or the presence of British troops.

The issue is essentially whether American laws and legal principles of due process and equal protection are being summarily ignored in the Doherty case. In fact, they are, and this should be of concern to all Americans.

The legislators who voted for the resolution believe Doherty is being treated in a disgraceful manner. They base this judgment on the following facts:

1. Doherty has been held for six years in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan without ever being charged with or convicted of any criminal offense against the laws of the United States.

2. The killing of a British Army captain, in which Doherty participated, and his subsequent escape from a British prison have been ruled by the U.S. federal courts to have been political acts and therefore not extraditable offenses under the

Pearse's Last Letter

FAREWELL OF IRISH PRESIDENT TO HIS MOTHER
ON EVE OF EXECUTION

The following is a farewell letter that Patrick H. Pearse, President of the Irish Republic, wrote to his mother on the eve of his execution. It is dated Kilmainham Prison, May 3, 1916, and is as follows:

"I have been hoping up to now it would be possible to see you again, but it does not seem possible. Good-bye, dear, dear mother. Through you I say goodbye to Wow Wow (a sister), Mary Brigid Willie, Miss B. Mical, cousin Maggine and everyone at St. Enda's. I hope and believe Willie and the St. Enda boys will be all safe.

"I have written two papers about financial affairs and one about my books which I want you to get. With them are a few poems which I want added to the poems in MS in my bookcase. You asked me to write a little poem which would seem to be said by you about me. I have written it, and a copy is in Arbour Hill Barracks with other papers.

"I just received holy communion. I am happy except for the great grief of parting from you. This is the death I should have asked for if God had given me the choice of all deaths — to die a soldier's death for Ireland and for freedom. We have done right. People will say hard things of us now, but later on will praise us. Do not grieve for all this but think of it as a sacrifice which God asked of me and of you.

"Good-bye again, dear mother. May God bless you for your great love for me and for your great faith, and may He remember all you have so bravely suffered. I hope soon to see papa and in a little while we shall all be together again. I have not words to tell you of my love for you and how my heart yearns for you all. I will call to you in my heart at the last moment."

Your son PAT

political-exception clause which existed in the extradition treaty between the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

The judge clearly distinguished between actions that would have been considered "terroristic" and the ones in which Doherty actually participated (*Matter of Doherty*, 599 F. Supp. 270, 276 (S.D.N.Y. 1984).

Further, the court that scrutinized Doherty's actions and the history of the current phase of the Irish "troubles" ruled that "the facts of this case present the assertion of the political-offense exception in its most classic form" and that he is not to be extradited to the United Kingdom.

3. The executive branch under President Reagan summarily ignored the court ruling even when the late Appellate Judge Henry J. Friendly, the federal judiciary's acknowledged expert in extradition law, authored a unanimous 3-0 opinion which upheld the original decision in favor of Doherty, pronouncing it a "careful analysis" of the law.

4. Finally, an immigration judge and two successive panels of the Board of Immigration Appeals have rejected the government's unprecedented demand that Doherty be deported only to the United Kingdom and the last BIA ruling, dated Nov. 14, 1988, stated that Doherty should be allowed to apply for political asylum.

Doherty's case is being handled solely in accordance with the political wishes of the British government, not in a manner showing respect for U.S. law and our judicial system.

Clearly, if Doherty had been an American citizen under the exact same circumstances, the Bill of Rights would have protected him and he would have been released within days of incarceration.

Alan G. Hevesi, John C. Dearie and Joseph Crowley, Members of State Legislature, Albany

CONGRESS MONITORS BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Mr. Eugene M. Fahey
Councilmember at Large
1504 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Fahey:

Thank you for your recent correspondence providing me with

material regarding the Buffalo City Council's recent Resolution on H.R. 725, the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Act and H.R. 1156, the Northern Ireland Fair Employment Incentives Act. I appreciated receiving this information.

I share your concern about continuing discrimination and employment practices in Northern Ireland. The Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, of which I am the chairman, tries to follow developments in Northern Ireland and, particularly with respect to this issue, closely. We are eagerly watching to see how the British government moves to implement the new Fair Employment legislation for Northern Ireland, introduced in the House of Parliament earlier this year.

Once again, I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. With best regards,

Lee H. Hamilton, Chairman
Subcommittee on Europe
and the Middle East
U.S. House of Rep.

STATE DEPT. VIEWS ON IRISH CONCERNS

John J. Finucane

National President

American Irish P.E.C.

Malloy Building

Stony Point, NY 10980

Dear Mr. Finucane:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of January 25 to President Bush in which you requested a meeting with an appropriate official to discuss U.S. policy towards Ireland. I and other officials of the State Department welcome opportunities to discuss all foreign policy issues with the American people of all backgrounds. But before proceeding to arrange the meeting you propose I believe it would be useful to take this opportunity to comment on several issues you raised in your letter.

The U.S. advocates peaceful solutions to the political, economic, and social issues of Northern Ireland. We believe such solutions are possible today. For that reason we support the Anglo-Irish Agreement which states that "any change in the status of Northern

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FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from Freedom for All Ireland Committee Chairman

Fifteen years ago, the presidents of the Irish organizations in our county discussed and decided upon having a monument erected dedicated to those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom. Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon headed that committee and the lovely monument is the site of a ceremony held there every Easter Monday, which includes speakers, bag pipers and laying of a wreath at the monument, located in Mineola, N.Y.

Fifteen years later, we thought that it would be a fitting gesture to plant a tree dedicated to these brave men and women. A committee of three was formed from Division #3, consisting of Michael O'Rourke, P.J. O'Rourke and myself to ask permission to have this tree planted. Permission was granted by our County Executive, and we are pleased to announce that we will have the Dedication Ceremony on

Sunday, July 23rd at 3:00 P.M. in North Woodmere Park, No. Woodmere, the site where the tree has been planted. Hon. Denis Dillon will be the keynote speaker and Hon. Peter King will read the Proclamation. We would be pleased if as many as possible can attend.

Please give some thought to having something similar done in your area. We have to keep informing the public about the atrocities that were suffered by our brothers and sisters in their fight for freedom, a fight that has not yet ended inasmuch as the 32 counties of Ireland are still divided; and there will never be peace while this situation exists. However, let us pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives toward the cause of Irish Freedom. We offer our prayers for them and for the eventual reunification of Ireland.

MARTIN HIGGINS

Joseph Doherty

If you have fears you fail to serve,
forego them -
no longer an unknown among so many valiant -
never again to be a shadow -
your appointed destiny
to be intractable surrogate
for millions -
"When the time comes, the child comes" -
the sacrifice of anonymity and privacy
is trivial -
as buried as Bobby Sands
you live together in affirmation,
waging a far greater campaign
with far greater inspiration
from your tombs
than ever you did in Ulster -
surely, you will be spoken of among the people!

Know what Christ knew,
know what Pearse knew -
transcendence -
you have become magnified
in your sacrifice,
awakened more people,
gained more illustration than any
occasional, corner victory:
embarrassing your enemy, exposing them
in their righteous hypocrisy
to a world they once thought to rule!
(My father, a Sligo man, used to tell me
'the sun never sets on the British Empire' -
then pause - and conclude -
'because you can't trust them in the dark!')
And all this you have fulfilled in New York!
Truthfully, could you have done the like
in Belfast?

You have multiplied the sum of your parts,
cloned yourself from obscurity
to a brilliant symbolic visibility -
whether you fancy it or not.

You all believed
in the divinity of your people -
though you are no longer the architect
of your own destiny,
you serve a nation's heart -
may we prove worthy,
though history provides no precedent.

But - if that mulish woman persists
in tyranny and turpitude,
let her own Book speak for us all:
Pearse recognized King David's aspiration
in driven desperation -
"That thy foot may be dipped in the blood
of thine enemies, and that the tongue of thy
dogs may be red through the same."
Dia leigiana ulc.

Michael McDonnell
Fairfield, June '88

Reader's Digest Addresses Mrs. Thatcher

Reader's Digest's two-page spread in the *New York Times* (April 19, 1989) read like Margaret Thatcher's canonization announcement. While there may well be instances of solid achievement under her administration, there appears to have been very little follow-up by the *Digest* interviewers on some of the Prime Minister's statements.

With specific regard to the North of Ireland, Mrs. Thatcher was unchallenged in stating: "In Northern Ireland, every single person has full civil rights and an equal vote. The reason some of them turn to terrorism is that they do not like the results which democracy gives." Similarly, members of Northern Ireland's minority would have been astonished to read her comments regarding "a freer society with a proper rule of law and a genuine respect for human rights." It was convenient for Britain's leader to ignore the fact of juryless trials in the North of Ireland. Her government was recently condemned by the European Court for Human Rights for its policy of holding citizens for up to seven days without specifying the charges against them. John Stalker's bestseller clearly depicted the "shoot to kill" policy pursued by Northern Ireland's law enforcement agencies, and institutionalized employment discrimination has, likewise, been documented.

In addition, individuals in the British media would have gasped at Thatcher's references to "a much freer society" inasmuch as one of the major criticisms of British journalists involves the Prime Minister's curbs on the media. Indeed, Mrs. Thatcher has even withdrawn one's right to remain silent when accused of a crime.

Was there no will whatsoever on the part of the *Reader's Digest* interviewers to probe for more accurate responses or to challenge what they were being told? Are they misinformed, uninformed, or unconcerned about the facts as they relate to the North of Ireland? What you do about your own subscription to the *Reader's Digest* is your own decision. However, each state board, county board, and division should certainly write to inform the publication of their displeasure:

Editor
Reader's Digest
Pleasantville, New York 10570
The *Reader's Digest* is not merely another periodical. Rather, it is an American tradition. Its readers and subscribers deserve better and they obviously would have been better served had a more objective and determined interview been conducted with Prime Minister Thatcher.
Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland Committee

Remembering the Past The Weekly Summary

BY PETER O'ROURKE

In 1921, as the Tan War entered its third year, the infamous Black and Tans and Auxiliaries received official British government backing and encouragement for their campaign of terror and murder in Ireland through the RIC journal, *The Weekly Summary*.

In April 1920, Sir Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian of Welsh parentage, was appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland. A hard-bitten careerist, he, in a desperate attempt to defeat the armed struggle of the IRA, authorized official 'reprisals' against

the nationalist population and sanctioned a shoot-to-kill policy against republicans.

In *The Weekly Summary*, which he started in January 1921 as he explained, to "revive the morale" of the 'police' force in Ireland, Sinn Féin and the IRA were described as "crime incarnate" for whose members "the rope and the bullet are all too good."

It was widely circulated to RIC and military barracks throughout the country with the aim of goading the crown forces into more violent action in Ireland. The Auxiliaries and Tans, whose object, according to the *Weekly Summary*, was to make "Ireland a hell for rebels to live in," soon realized the extent of their licence-to-kill and the journal kept their temper at fever pitch.

Shoot-To-Kill Policy
The *Weekly Summary* taught the police that they had licence "to use force to the uttermost, force without stint" — in present day terms a shoot-to-kill policy. The effects of the new policy were immediately evident. For the Auxiliaries and Tans the hunting of republicans was indulged in as a form of sport and the inflicting of indignities on young and old came to be regarded as a normal feature of the programme of oppression. During February and early March 1921, 26 Volunteers were murdered by the crown forces, while countless homes, shops and business premises were burned to the ground in 'reprisal' for IRA operations.

BOBBY SANDS

O come tell me, Maggie Thatcher,
Tell me why you hurry so,
Do you see the ghosts of brave
young men
Wherever you go?

We remember nineteen eighty-one
And the death of Bobby Sands.
How one word from you would
spare his life,
His fate was in your hands.

But instead you swore an awful
oath
That Bobby he must die,
Though the Pope himself did
plead for him.
With his mother standing by.

I recall quite well the day he died.
'Twas in the month of May,
The people gathered round the
jail
The rosary to pray.

No, we won't forget you, Bobby,
We will never let you down,
Though your suffering is all over
And you wear the Martyr's crown.

But suppose now, Mrs. Thatcher,
That those ghosts should fade
from view,
It's your conscience, if you have
one,
That will surely make you rue.

For the way you tortured Bobby
Sands
And would not set him free;
His memory will be fresh and
green
And live in history.

While Irishmen will curse your
name,
As they did the Black and Tans,
Unless you try to make amends
For the death of Bobby Sands.

So if you want to ease your guilt,
I'll tell you what to do:
Take your troops from out of
Belfast
And from all of Ulster, too.

Or the fighting will continue
Till they all march off to hell,
Then we'll shout revenge for
Bobby Sands
And the land he loved so well!

Patrick Beary

(Member of Committee on American Principles of Queens Co. Bar Association and serves as Administrative Law Judge, City of New York).

Week after week, the *Weekly Summary* carried utterly fabricated accounts of IRA attacks on civilians and against the Protestant community which were calculated to arouse RIC personnel and others to anger. The vilest of slanders against republican leaders were punned and crown forces were actively encouraged to carry out 'reprisals' — the official term for looting and murder.

This black propaganda publication of Dublin Castle continued to be published until the Truce in July 1921. The British government sponsored *Weekly Summary* first appeared on January 21st, 1921, 67 years ago this week.

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Father Brennan Was Former LAOH Chaplain

Rev. Silvan Brennan, 81, died recently at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. A member of the Passionist order, he pronounced his religious vows Sept. 4, 1928. Following his seminary studies he was ordained a priest April 28, 1934.

Before moving to New York two years ago, Father Brennan lived for 38 years at St. Joseph's Monastery in Baltimore. For the past two years, he was a confessor and counselor at a Passionist retreat in Jamaica, N.Y.

As chaplain at Baltimore's Bon Secours Hospital, he met, counseled and prayed with thousands of patients over the years. He was active in a number of local groups, including the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus. He was recently named an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Father Silvan also served as State Chaplain for the AOH and LAOH State Boards of Maryland. From 1980 to 1982 he was the National Chaplain for the LAOH. In recognition of his Fiftieth Anniversary to the priesthood, the AOH Baltimore City Board appointed Father Silvan as the Grand Marshal of Baltimore's St. Patrick's Parade. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Margaret Judge, Past Nat'l Secretary, Dies

Margaret Mary Conway Judge of Akron, Ohio died peacefully in her sleep on April 22, 1989. She was 82 years old.

Margaret was a lifelong resident of Akron and a charter member of the Mark Heffernan Division in Summit County. She was a past county president, past state president and past national secretary. Of her many interests and projects, the one most dear to her was her affiliation with the Hibernians. Her heritage was very important to her. As a true Hibernian, Margaret lived our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity to the fullest every day of her life.

Other memberships included St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Monica's Guild, Catholic Career Women, Professional Secretaries, Tire Town Chapter, International Institute Women's Auxiliary Board and the B.F. Goodrich Retirees. Margaret was a retired secretary from that company with over 40 years service.

Art Judge, Margaret's husband, preceded her in death 25 years ago. She is survived by her sisters, Rita Flanagan and Blanche Smith, nieces and nephews.

Margaret had planned her own funeral a year or so ago. She wrote her own obituary, chose her casket, and chose what she was to wear right down to her accessories. She wanted yellow roses and to be laid out two nights "so that everyone could see how pretty she looked." She would have been pleased, as she looked like a sleeping beauty. The funeral service was beautiful and the church was full. The heavens opened for Margaret as the rain poured all morning. The sun began to shine almost immediately following the graveside service. Margaret's nephew, Michael Flanagan, gave the eulogy. The eulogy was not included in Margaret's funeral plans. However, as Michael put it, "I know she won't mind because anything her nephews and nieces wanted or did was always just fine."

Margaret will be sorely missed by all those who knew her. She is a legend in Akron and was held in high esteem by Hibernians from all across the nation.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you of my feelings for Margaret. I loved Margaret Judge. She was my friend. Her death has left a void in my life that cannot be filled. I will always remember her smile, her refinement, her gentle manners and the way she always looked out for me. I miss you, Margaret!

By Kathie Linton

Marion Guilfoyle's Death Mourned As Great Loss

Physically, she wasn't very big. She was under five feet tall but when Marion I. Guilfoyle died on April 19, 1989, the Hibernians of New York State felt they had lost a giant.

Marion Irene Guilfoyle was born in Staten Island, New York and moved to the Bronx in 1928 where she resided at the time of her death. She joined the Lt. Patrick J. Walsh, Division 29, LAOH in 1949 and almost at once got involved in Hibernian activities at all levels. She filled most offices on the Division and County levels and upon being elected to the State Board, filled every office, culminating in the Presidency in 1972. The following year, New York State opted to hold the Biennial State Conventions in alternate years from the National Convention. For this reason, Marion served only one year as State President. In 1977 she was awarded National Life Membership in the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Marion was a graduate of Fordham Law School and admitted to practice before the New York State and Federal Courts, as well as the United States Supreme Court. She worked in the Head Reference Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District, and later was Counsel to the New York Bureau of Casualty Underwriters. From 1977 until her retirement in January 1988, Marion was Staff Attorney and Equal Opportunity Coordinator at the United States Supreme Court of International Trade.

Each of us has our own special memories of Marion I. Guilfoyle but one that all of us can share is that of Marion singing "The Sidewalks of New York" as she did a soft shoe dance and also leading the "Chorus" in a medley of George M. Cohan's favorite oldies, "You're A Grand Old Flag" and "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy."

She will be sorely missed because all of us who knew Marion loved her for her vitality, enthusiasm and dedication to our Noble Order.



MARGARET JUDGE

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By Kathie Linton

1988-89 Irish History Essay Contest Winners Announced

In announcing the results of the National Irish History essay contest, National Historian Dorothy Fowler shared the following details. There were 19 essays on the grade school level and 18 high school. Twelve states participated, and eight had winners. The judges, and she herself, were very impressed with the entries. The papers held their interest to the end, the facts were well documented and there was excellent use of resource material.

In addition to letters of congratulations and certificates of award and checks, letters were sent to all who participated encouraging them to enter again when the contest reopens.

Historian Fowler thoroughly enjoyed her drive to Conception, MO, to deliver the essays for judging. "Conception Abbey sits on a knoll overlooking a lake and a thousand acres of land — so serene and peaceful!" she stated.

The essay winners were as follows:

Grade School Level
Subject: Fr. Flanagan, Founder of Boys Town
1st Place: Sean Elsbernd, 44 Vista Verde Ct., San Francisco, CA 94131
2nd Place: Michael J. Covington, 194 Woods Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403
3rd Place: Laura Marie Gaida,

1975 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104
Honorable Mention: Nick Perugini, 332 Neill Drive, Watertown, CT 06795
Honorable Mention: Rebecca Mulligan, 9900 Cherry Tree Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901

High School Level
Subject: Dublin — It's Place in History

1st Place: Marty Doyle, 12370 Radoyka Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070
2nd Place: April Fertig, 166 Sunshine Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34664
3rd Place: Grainne Murphy, 6023 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64113
Honorable Mention: Tammy Gale, P.O. Box 117, Rogers, CT 06263
Honorable Mention: Deborah Githens, 6604 Atis Street, New Port Richey, FL 34653

1988-89 Essay Judges
Right Reverend James Jones, OSB, Abbot of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO.
Rev. Lawrence Gidley, OSB, Former professor of Homiletics and English, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, MO.

Rev. Malachy Riley, OSB, Chaplain, LaVerna Heights Motherhouse and Nursing Home, Savannah, MO.

Whitestone NY Installs New Officers in Joint Ceremony

The Hibernian men and women of Division 13 and Division 15 AOH and LAOH held a joint Installation of Officers at St. Robert of Bellarmine Church in Bayside, NY.

Division 13 officers of the LAOH for the year 1989 are: Alice Jones, president; Inez Magee, vice president; Mary Bailey, secretary; Mary McDermott, financial secretary; Bridget Daly, treasurer; Margaret Fitzgerald, Irish historian; Marie McWilliams, chairman of Missions; Mary Kammerer, chairman of Catholic Action; Helen Gillis, mistress-at-arms and Betty McDermott, sentinel.

Division 15 officers are: Bridget

Kearney, president; Marianna Fleischer, vice-president; Dorothy A. Voelker, recording secretary; Peggy Dee, financial secretary; Jo Spellman, treasurer; Helen Somers, Irish historian; Moira Whelan, chairman of Missions; Marge Julian, chairman of Catholic Action; Rosaleen Downey, mistress-at-arms and Mary Owens, sentinel.

Miss Dolores E. Voelker, national vice president of the LAOH installed the officers, assisted by Mary Leyden, County mistress-at-arms and Kathy Phelan, county treasurer. A buffet supper followed the installations.



NEWLY INSTALLED officers of Our Lady of Knock Division 15, LAOH, Whitestone, NY. Left to right, seated: Helen Somers, historian; Dorothy A. Voelker, recording secretary; Bridget Kearney, president; Marianne Fleischer, vice president; Marge Julian, chairman of Catholic Action. Standing: Mary Owens, sentinel; Jo Spellman, treasurer; Moira Whelan, chairman of Missions; Rosaleen Downey, Mistress-at-arms. Peggy Dee, the financial secretary, was not present when the picture was taken.

Hibernian Women



Mary E. Bradley
National President

DEPUTY MARSHAL Mary Heckner, Division 14, Baltimore left, represented the LAOH in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. With her is Mary Pat Clarke, Division 4, the first woman to be elected president of the Baltimore City Council.



In the past few months I've spent some time reading minutes. State, County and Division levels. The history of our Order is truly fascinating. There is probably no way that a new member can find a true interest in the material without some help and understanding but for someone who has been a member for a while and become involved in the County and/or State workings, it is a trip through the past that can't be replaced. Persons come alive. They are there before you. They had decisions to make and they made them then. Their successes and problems appear on the very next page. You suddenly find the reason that things happened then and why they are probably still happening now. You also find how little things cost in comparison to today's prices.

There is a familiar saying that those who don't know history are condemned to repeat it. Those that do know it or at least of it, are destined to understand and work to circumvent the same problems as

they reappear. Some of the ideas of the last fifty years are exactly what people need today — an adventure into the past to leave the hustle and bustle of the 1980's.

We are following in the footsteps of many great women, many unknown outside their own states. They offer us an opportunity to share the past while planning for the future.

Historians of the Order should take the time to read some of the past and perhaps import it to current members.

Go back and find out what the original meeting was like. How many were there? What was the standing of the Division/County at the completion of the first year? What were their plans? Where are they now? It is truly a trip through time. Those sisters were most likely as interested in the Order as we are now.

They can give us insight into ways to deal with the "generation gap" and an enduring hope for our own future. They have already been there.

Ladies Connecticut State News

Fairfield County Board: On Sunday, April 30 the Fairfield County LAOH & AOH held their Convention in Bridgeport. The new Officers installed were: President Marie Lyman (Stamford); Vice President Cathy Walsh (Stamford); Secretary Marge Sheehan (Bridgeport); Treasurer Bernedette McInerney (Danbury); Chm Missions, Kathleen Henry (Norwalk); and Chm Catholic Action, Maura O'Shea (Danbury).

New Haven County Board: The New Haven County Board LAOH & AOH held their County Convention in Waterbury on Friday, May 5. The newly elected officers were installed by State President Dot Kasey. The officers for 1989-1991 are President Ann Harmon (Waterbury); Vice President Diane Daley (Meriden); Secretary Dot Kasey (Meriden); Treasurer Jaclyn Reilly (Waterbury); Historian Penny McCarthy (Waterbury); Chm Missions, Helen Carroll (Waterbury); and Chm Catholic Action, Veronica Kudje (Lower Valley-Derby).

The final drawings for the 10/20 Club were held after the meeting. Chairman S. Clifford presented the winners with their prizes.

Waterbury - Division 66: At the May meeting of Division 66 the ladies participated in the annual May Crowning followed by the living Rosary. The date for the June Banquet is Wednesday, June 7, and the members of AOH will serve the ladies. As usual the AOH (Angels of Harmony) will entertain.

The annual Cape Cod Trip was held May 19 - 21; it was a sell out as expected and fully enjoyed.

The ladies will host an 'Irish Table' at Heritage Day at Library Park in Waterbury on June 22. Irish Bread and Corned Beef Sandwiches will be sold for a charity project.

Plans were completed for the September Pot Luck Supper. Penny and Tom McCarthy are the hosts for the evening that "Murder" will be committed in Waterbury—"Murder by Invitation," Saturday, Sept. 23.



DIVISION 66, WATERBURY'S entry "Rainbow Connection" won first prize in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Taking a break before completing its assembly are, standing: Sandy McCasland; Jaclyn Reilly; Ray Coughlan; Linda Galvin; Linda Downey; (on truck), Sheila Clifford and Ellen Coughlan.

Ladies Baltimore News

The Baltimore County Board announces its newly elected officers: Cass Magee, president; Mary Sloat, vice president; Rhea Blake, secretary; Margaret Fitzgerald, historian; Mary Heckner, treasurer; Jane Bagwell, Catholic Action chairman; Dolores Balassone, Mission chairman; Margaret Lana, Mistress-at-Arms, and Joan Puppe, sentinel.

Recently, Division 1 in Catonsville, held a baby shower for the benefit of Monica House, a shelter for abused and homeless women and children.

The State Board is proud of Vice President Sr. Anella Martin, who has been appointed to the Maryland Ethnic Heritage Commission.

The annual fashion show and festival for the benefit of the Columbian Mission Fund is scheduled in May, to be followed shortly by the State Convention in June.

April closed with some members attending an ecumenical memorial service for homeless persons who died this past winter. Members will be sponsoring several other members

who are walking to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The LAOH is also contributing to a fund to enable Franciscan Sister Eileen Quinn to attend a World Family Therapy Congress being held in June at Trinity College, Dublin. Sister co-directs a group shelter home for abused children called "IOSAGAN," which is the Gaelic word for "Child Jesus."

Ladies —

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Ladies Florida State News

St. Dymphna Division, a newly-formed LAOH group, was installed on January 19 in Bradenton. Officers are: Mary Finnerty, president; Loretta Banbrick, vice-president; Dorothy Kitchenman, secretary; Elizabeth Lavella, treasurer; Margaret Askin, historian. Chairpersons are Jane Donahue, missions, and Sheila Kipferi, Catholic Action; Eileen Laurino, mistress-at-arms and Elizabeth Finan, sentinel. The first social event for this group was a Valentine's Dance given by Our Lady of Knock Division in Pinellas County.

The Palm Bay LAOH, jointly with the men's AOH group,

hosted a bonny St. Patrick's Dance, March 17 at St. Joseph's Hall. Music by Bobby & Susie was lively and the floor crowded. Master of Ceremonies Jerry Costlow, president of his division, prevailed on various attendees to render Irish songs. The basket of cheer was won by James Brumaster.

The LAOH will sponsor a booth at the Eau Gallie Flea Market in April to raise funds for its ongoing Mission and other humanitarian gifts.

Proceeding the Annual St. Patrick's Dance, both men and women marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade held in downtown Melbourne and sponsored by Shamrocks of Brevard.

This 4th annual event brought out the military and the bagpipes — and green, green everywhere.

The women of LAOH contribute each month with food for the South Brevard Sharing Center. This month our contributions will be baby items, which baskets of goodies are presented to several needy mothers with newborns.

Officers for 88-89 are: Kathleen Cullina, president; Paula Fitzmaurice, vice president; Isobel Carroll, Secretary; Katherine Gokhulsingh, financial secretary; Gerry Shevlin, treasurer; Inez McGovern, historian; Missions Chairwoman Catherine O'Connor; Catholic Action, Kathleen Keville; Sentinel Eleanor Daly; and Mistress-at-Arms Catherine Jones.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FL: Anne-Marie O'Brien has been elected president of the St. Brigid's division, LAOH of Pasco County.

Other officers elected for 1989 were Jeanmarie Whitmore, vice president; Helen Creighton, recording secretary; Kay Connolly of Spring Hill, Hernando County, chairwoman of Missions; Mary Gargan, chairwoman of Catholic Action; Doris Daly, financial secretary; Frances Duane, treasurer; Elsie McFadden, Irish historian; Margaret O'Keefe, mistress at arms, and Theresa Benn, sentinel.

Mrs. Connolly was also installed as recording secretary of the Ladies Hibernians State Board in Florida during the AOH State Board meeting in Fort Lauderdale.



INSTALLATION of new officers for St. Dymphna Division LAOH, Bradenton, Florida. President is Mary Finnerty and vice president, Loretta Banbrick.

New York Juniors Elect Officers

Our Lady of Knock Juniors of Division 15 LAOH, Whitestone, held their installation of officers recently at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall in Bayside. The Division was organized just a year ago by Mrs. Bridget Kearney, president of Division 15 LAOH.

The following officers were installed by the National LAOH Vice President Dolores E. Voelker: President Eileen Sullivan; Vice President Jennifer Sheehan; Treasurer/Financial Secretary Patricia McLoughlin; Secretary Tara Kearney; Irish Historian Attracta O'Connell; Chairman of Missions Marie Reilly; Chairman of Catholic

Action Allison Rubin; Mistress-at-Arms Regina McInnerney and Sentinel Patty Brieza.

The Junior Division is comprised of girls between 6 and 16 years of age who are Irish by birth or descent or the daughter of a Hibernian (either parent). Their projects include learning about Irish music, literature, step dancing, visiting nursing homes and hospitals, etc. Although this group was only organized six months, it was awarded second prize in the Banner Contest at the National Convention in Cleveland in July 1988.

For additional information on the Juniors, call Mrs. Bridget Kearney, 746-3837.



NEWLY ELECTED officers of Our Lady of Knock Junior Division 15, LAOH, Whitestone, New York. Left to right, seated, Eileen Sullivan, president; Jennifer Sheehan, vice president; Patricia McLoughlin, treasurer/financial secretary; Marie Reilly, chairman of Missions; Allison Rubin, chairman of Catholic Action. Standing: Tara Kearney, secretary; Attracta O'Connell, Irish historian; Patty Brieza, sentinel; Mrs. Marianna Flischer, junior coordinator; Regina McInnerney, mistress-at-arms; Mrs. Bridget Kearney, president of Division 15, LAOH and county secretary, and Miss Dolores E. Voelker, national vice president, LAOH, who installed the officers.

LADIES CALIFORNIA NEWS



CALIFORNIA: Oakland hosted the official visit of State President Maureen Murphy Edwards on Sunday, January 29. A luncheon was held in her honor at the Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, Emeryville, followed by a brief business meeting. Division President Catherine Healey made the introductions. In attendance were Past National President Zoe Foley and Nat'l Secretary Terry Kelleher. A brief report on activities of the State Board was given and activities were concluded with a standing ovation for Div. 1's Marie Collins, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Surrounding Marie, seated in the middle, clockwise, are State President Edwards, National Secretary Terry Kelleher, Division 1 President Catherine Healey and Past National President Zoe Foley.

BUY IRISH

By DAVID R. BURKE
National Chairman

IRISH CRYSTAL

Legend attributes the discovery of the secret of glassmaking to a Phoenician sailor who was building a fire on a sand beach using blocks of nitre (potassium nitrate) as a fireplace. The sand, which was piled around the outside of the blocks, reacted with the nitre under the heat of the fire. When the shining trickle of glassy liquid caught the sailor's eye, he tried again and again until he learned how to produce this new material on a repetitive basis.

The discovery of the blowpipe in 30 B.C. removed glass from the luxury list and prefaced the First Golden Age of Glass which lasted for the first four centuries A.C., mainly in those countries of the Eastern Mediterranean area under Roman rule. Little is known of the glass industry between the decline of the Roman Empire and the Middle Ages. Glass manufacture had developed in Venice and by the fourteenth century, an elaborate guild system of glassworkers had been established. This coincided with the beginning of the Second Golden Age of Glass.

By the mid-1600s, glassmaking had spread to Northern Europe and England where Venetian-style glass was produced. Then, in 1674, a new type of glass was developed by an Englishman, George Ravenscroft, by changing the usual ingredients. This glass, called Leaded Glass, contains approximately 30% of lead oxide and is especially suitable for cutting and engraving and for use as tableware and giftware.

The English influence resulted in the foundation in Ireland of a number of "glasshouses" to manufacture what came to be known as "Lead Crystal Glass". This was made basically from sand, lead oxide and potash, and manufacturers took great care to produce a clear white glass which became renowned for its brilliance and suitability for engraving and cutting. Factories were established in Dungarvin, Cork, Dublin, Belfast and Waterford, and survived a chequered history until the middle of the last century when the imposition of excise tariffs brought an end to this craft industry. The fame of the hand-cut crystal glass made in County Water-

ford overshadowed all others and fortunately this industry was re-established after World War Two and has achieved notable success worldwide ever since.

Brother and Sister members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who will be travelling to Ireland this summer will have the opportunity to visit some of Ireland's outstanding Irish Crystal factories. Visitors are most welcome at Waterford, Galway, Dublin, Cavan, Tyrone, Sligo, Tipperary, Cork, Crystal Na Ring and several other Irish Crystal factories. It's an excellent time to purchase that special gift or to do a little advance Christmas shopping.

"BUY IRISH"

Business Profile

It is good to be able to report a new industry, founded by a local man, that is succeeding. Such is the case with Criostal na Rinne, a company recently formed in Ring by a Ring man which is producing beautiful articles in cut crystal at a reasonable price.

Criostal na Rinne Teo is the brainchild of Eamonn Turraoin (Terry) and is situated in Ballingoul in the Udaras na Gaeltachta factory that some years ago housed Scannell Glass (Gloine na Rinne). Eamonn actually started his venture in October 1988, after he had been studying various commercial enterprises in Germany. A lot of research was needed.

Eamonn finished as a cutter in Waterford Glass in late 1987, and got great help and encouragement from Udaras na Gaeltachta, for whom he did feasibility studies before gaining their support.

He is now producing 54 different pieces and adding weekly to his range. His idea is to produce beautiful quality articles in crystal that are not too expensive for the average person to buy, especially as presents. One of his most popular pieces is a preserve jar with a lid. Another big attraction is a Christening Mug individually inscribed with the child's name and the date of Baptism (or birth). A special butter dish designed by him for the American market is going very well. It is exactly the right shape for the U.S. pound of butter. Each piece bears Eamonn's trade mark "An Rinn" etched in the clo-

Gaelach. They all come in a lovely deep-blue silk-lined box with a gift card included.

The new technology being used in the cutting process includes the most up-to-date diamond-wheel cutters. At present he is on his own, but by the end of the year he will have two or three working with him.

His products include every size of drinking glass from liquor to brandy, and come in all kinds, from a single rose vase costing around 15 pounds to a centrepiece at over 100 pounds. But most of his pieces are in the 20-35 pound range — biscuit barrels, honey jars, bowls, ring holders, trays, salad bowls and a beautiful pair of candlesticks. He will take orders for presentation pieces and is doing quite a lot of prizes for competitions, such as engraved trays, bowls and plates, suitably inscribed.

In his office, Eamonn has a map on which he has pinpointed all the places in the world his goods are going to, and there are little red pins far and wide. A special order can be ready in a week.

A gift of sparkling, hand-cut crystal is something to treasure for a lifetime, to pass on to future generations. Criostal na Rinne Teo, is well worth a visit and a purchase.

"Irish Business Profile" is a program of the National Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America — Michael Coogan, National President; David R. Burke, National Chairman, "Buy Irish Committee" and David J. Henshaw, National Editor, Hibernian Digest.

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by Elizabeth Shannon

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Elizabeth Shannon (wife of former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland and author of *Up in the Park*, an account of her years in Dublin) breaks that silence here in a shattering collection of interviews with women of every political and religious affiliation.

She talks to Mairead Farrell, shot to death in Gibraltar in March 1988 by British commandos; to Ann and Eileen Gillespie, two sisters who served a 10 year prison sentence in England despite their claim to innocence; to the widow of Brian Faulkner, last Prime Minister of Northern Ireland; and to a host of others.

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Other Recommended Titles

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My New Curate by Canon P.A. Sheehan, 340 pp. pb, \$15.95

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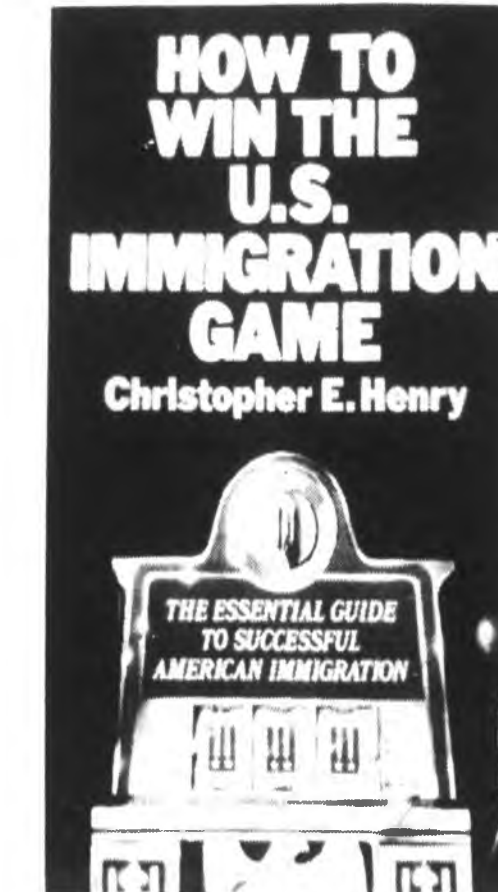
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by Christopher Henry

With the recent surge of Irish immigration to the U.S., many are concerned with work and money matters, medical assistance, and visas—for both the legal and the large underground "illegal" wave of new residents.

Here is a simple guide through the legal maze of immigration, written by the advisor on immigration law to the New York *Irish Voice Newspaper*.

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STATE NEWS: Metropolitan D.C.



IRISH WAR VETERANS — Joel Hudson, right had fun trying on the leather football helmet that was worn by Dick Robertson, left, when he played for the Irish War Veterans in the mid-forties. Joel, a grand nephew of their coach, Bill Hickey, and Dick were at a reunion of IWW Post No. 17, Washington, DC.

Irish Eye photo

Slide Show on Early D.C.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Historian and researcher, U.S. Congress, Nelson F. Rimensnyder, left, with James J. O'Connor, president, Emerald Isle Division here, at the division-sponsored presentation of the historian's history/slide program on early Washington D.C. Focus was the contributions of James Hoban, the Irish-born architect of the White House, on whose life Mr. Rimensnyder is being encouraged to write a book. Anyone having knowledge about James Hoban or his family is urged to write or telephone Mr. Rimensnyder, 13 Sixth St., Washington D.C. 20002. Telephone: 202-226-7705, work, or 546-4688, home.

Photo by Irish Eye

D.C. Feis Set for July 31 Crowd

Need a little fun in your summer? We've got what you're looking for at the 1989 Nation's Capital Feis (Gaelic for Irish Festival) on Sunday, July 30th, 1989! There will be something for everyone in this Irish Cultural Event, sanctioned by the North American Feis Commission. Admission is free, unless indoor facilities are used. Our day will begin with Mass at 8AM on the Ellipse, then the competitions will commence at 9 AM promptly! All events will take place, rain or shine!

The Feis, as it was last year, will be produced by civic leaders from across the country and the Nation's Capital Feis, a non-profit organization. The event expects to draw contestants from across the United States and Canada, as well as from Ireland, Scotland and England. In conjunction with the Feis, there will be a Country Set Workshop, instructed by Dr. John Cullinane, from Cork, Ireland, and Michael Meehan, from Limerick, Ireland, and a Step Dancing Workshop, instructed by Anthony Nolan, from Limerick, Ireland, both to be held Monday, July 31, and Tuesday, August 1. Also, on July 31, there will be an honor dance for the winners of the

Robert Emmet Service Committee



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The official party of the Emerald Isle Division, here, meets in the lobby of Ireland's Chancery, during the planning of the 19th consecutive commemorative services to honor Robert Emmet. From left are the division's Grievance Committee chairman, Richard J. Tarrant; Division President James J. O'Connor; Piper Jennifer Bland; Daire O Croidain, representing Irish Ambassador Padraic N. MacKernan; Mrs. Mary O Croidain; and Terrence Horan, chairman of the division's Freedom for All Ireland Committee, who served as co-chairman to Mr. O'Connor. Following the services at the Robert Emmet Statue, the group attended the traditional Gala Luncheon at Blackie's House of Beef, one of Washington's finest restaurants.

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STATE NEWS: Indiana



SOUTH BEND, INDIANA Mayor Joseph Kernan proclaimed Ed "Moose" Krause Irishman for a Day, and the Notre Dame Director of Athletics Emeritus was the honorary guest speaker at the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance of the James A. McDivitt Division AOH. Among the notables enjoying the event with him were, left to right, back row, Robert Nagle, toastmaster; Ed; and Patrick McFadden, co-chairman. Front row, H. "Red" Conery, publicity; George Mahaney, financial secretary; Rev. Edmund Murray, C.S.C., chaplain; Charles J. Burns, co-chairman; and Maurice Hoban, Sr., president.

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All American Championship (Nation's Capital Feis) and the winners of the Junior and Senior Dance-Offs, at the Old Post Office (a Washington, DC landmark) at noon. This promises to be a marvelous addition to last year's festivities. We are planning an entertainment area for those not participating in the competitions. This area will feature music, stories and games. For more information or to volunteer your much needed help, please call Bev Casserly, Publicity Director, at (703) 430-6283.



Video Review

"A History of Ireland"

Variety and richness are two attributes of Irish culture and of Irish history as well. These two words, variety and richness, also describe Brian Munn's video presentation of "A History of Ireland", recently released in North America by Rego Irish Records and Tapes.

"A History of Ireland" for the first time on video cassette, brings the viewer through the various stages of Irish history from the dim mists of Celtic antiquity and the introduction of Christianity through the Vikings, the Normans, the Penal Times, The Great Famine, the 1916 Easter Rising and finally the formation of the Republic. Shot entirely on location in Ireland, this story of the development of a nation is told against the backdrop of some of Ireland's most breathtaking scenery.

Given that the Irish nation has been settled on and identified with their homeland longer than any other nation in Europe north of the Alps, it is no mean trick to survey millennia of Irish history in a one-hour video tape. But this video does just that with a combination of most attractive on-location filming in Ireland, brief interviews with some of the top experts in the field and a most entertaining narration. Just after introducing the passage grave at New Grange, County Meath (a structure both more ancient and more scientific than the pyramids of Egypt), the antiquity of Celtic Europe is discussed by Tomas Cardinal O Fiaich, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and also an internationally recognized Celtic scholar.

"A History of Ireland", however,

is not an antiquarian exercise, but rather a vibrant history presented with an eye toward the relevance of past events to the present situation of Ireland in the world. The tragic death of Brian Boru, "Imperator Scotorum," and his son and grandson at Clontarf on Good Friday 1014, is presented as having left Ireland without strong leadership and therefore prey to foreign aggression which, with the Norman invasion, ushered in 800 years of struggle which still dominates the relationship between Ireland and England today.

This is truly Irish production, not a foreigner's perspective of Ireland and the Irish. Even where the Irish extend their activities abroad, whether the Peregrini of the middle ages, famine emigrants of the nineteenth century or nineteenth and twentieth century Irish nationalist political leaders like James Stephens or Eamon deValera, the Irish perspective is not sacrificed to convention nor is it tainted by historical revisionism. What is especially refreshing for an American audience is a genuine appreciation of the role of Ireland's exiled children in America in the history of the Irish nation.

In addition to providing an excellent and entertaining historical overview, "A History of Ireland" also incorporates a section on Irish genealogy: "Tracing your Roots", a feature of particular interest to the American Irish.

If there is any caution to viewing the video, it is to warn you that you will come away unsatisfied in that more appetites and passions will be

Park Service Reneges

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greater will be the cost of the monument," he continued.

In the meantime, the Committee feels that the time has come to have people interested in this tribute to soldiers who died for their adopted country write to their senators and congressmen to urge that the Irish Brigade Monument be completed and erected on the Battlefield at Antietam, as originally agreed to by the

awakened than satisfied, and you will be wanting more of the same in greater intensity in one or another area of interest. The great virtue is that this awakening or re-awakening is achieved in a most delightful manner and in proper historical perspective.

"A History of Ireland" is an outstanding, and painless, introduction to Irish history — truly a service in this video age. It is equally suitable for viewing by school children or adults and, as Hibernian historian John Ridge has said, "should be donated by each Hibernian Division or other Irish organization to a school or library, but only after viewing by its members." We can only hope that it will be just the first in a series of videos on various successive chapters of Irish history. "A History of Ireland" is available for \$29.95 plus \$4 postage and handling from Irish J.C. Imports, 89 So. Broadway, Lawrence, MA. 01843 and distributed by Rego Irish Records Tapes, Garden City, N.Y. 11530.

Liam Murphy, M.A. (History)
Former Editor, Hibernian Digest

National Park Service. At the very least, the new memorial should be grandfathered, whatever the new general management plan of the NPS may come up with.

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Editor's Note: The following correspondence is from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

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Antietam National Battlefield
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Sharpsburg, MD. 21782-0158

Mr. Jack O'Brien
Irish Cultural Society
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Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Mr. O'Brien:
It was a great pleasure to have you and Mr. Matthew Hannon meet with our staff Thursday, July 23, 1987, to discuss the monument your Irish Cultural Society is planning to erect at Antietam. We were also pleased to hear of your plans regarding the repair or replacement of the severely broken cast iron descriptive tablet, which marked the battleline of General Thomas F. Meagher's Irish Brigade at the Sunken Road (today's "Bloody Lane").

We have carefully assessed the damage of the cast iron descriptive tablet and believe that it can be reasonably repaired at an estimated cost of \$500. A photograph of the damaged sign will be sent as soon as prints are developed. The dimensions and design of the tablets are enclosed. This rehabilitation work can be contracted locally through the park.

The Irish marble or granite that you and Mr. Hannon described would reflect a distinctive honor to the Irish Brigade at Antietam. This

proposed monument, when completed, should be placed near the existing fence row, at the rise in the upper bank of the Sunken Road, across from the existing locust tree and approximately midway between the 132nd Pennsylvania and the 2nd Delaware Monuments. This approximate location would be historically correct. You may wish to send photocopies of the photographs that were taken to further identify this location for future references. In addition to the location, and proposed rock, we also discussed the height of the completed monument to be compatible with existing monuments and that a height up to 23 feet would be reasonable in scale for this location. We anxiously await receipt of your monument material and design plan so that our Park, Regional and Washington staff can respond within a reasonable time frame.

We sincerely appreciate receiving a copy of the book, *The Irish Brigade and Its Campaigns*, by Captain D.P. Conyngham, Boston, MA, 1869 (reprint 1987). This book, a welcomed asset, has been placed in our park library which will assist interested researchers and our interpretive staff in furthering their knowledge regarding this phase of civil War history.

It was my pleasure to be a small part of your plans regarding Antietam, and I wish you speedy success in achieving your goals. The best of luck to you and to Mr. Hannon, in acquiring an appropriate monument honoring the Irish Brigade at Antietam and your possible target dates for dedication and ceremonies during the 126th and 127th Anniversaries of the Battle of Antietam.

Stan Lock
Acting Superintendent

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Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Baseball—It's that time again when a young man's fancy turns to Runs, Hits and Errors, RBI's, Innings Pitched, K's, BB's and a plethora of other statistics. Some teams are struggling already. Some teams are blowing hot and cold. Some teams are surprising everyone.

The Yankees surprised everyone with their trade of a young pitcher, Dave Latimer, for a veteran player of what many analysts feel is slightly mediocre ability. GS, the Yankees owner, is denying anything to do with this deal. Time will tell.

The other news off the field in baseball is Pete Rose. Did he or didn't he? Perhaps only his hair-dresser knows for sure. There have been allegations hurled across headlines in every newspaper and on every sports show on TV about Pete Rose and his gambling habits. The latest word is that the report is finally in Commissioner Bart Giamatti's hands. Needless to say, it's about time. Rose has been walking under a cloud since the first day it was made public. It has been going on now for months. If he is guilty, deal with him firmly, justly, and with alacrity. This has to be tough on Rose, the Cincinnati Reds, and the whole of baseball. If he isn't guilty, then baseball owes this man a public apology. No one deserves to have his reputation sullied such as this in public.

Politicians and TV evangelists seem to fair better than athletes with the press and the public. Why is so much demanded of an athlete who isn't elected by the populus, works for a privately owned corporation, has entered an agreement to do what he does best for the corporation, play ball?

No place does it state that his or her private life must be public. Yet, many athletes are subjected to the harsh lights of investigative reporting so much more than the pols and the TV evangelists. The politicians take oaths to uphold the law. The first thing many of them do is look for the loopholes. The TV evangelists use the Bible and preach of sin and damnation. If you sin, you will go to Hell. But before you do, please send \$10.00 to keep the ministry going. It takes a lot of dough to keep these ministers in the style to which they have become accustomed.

The latest thing on the Pete Rose case is that the commissioner has

scheduled a hearing and has given Rose and his attorney a copy of everything the commissioner has pertaining to the case. Stay tuned for further developments. Film at 11:00 PM.

Basketball — The good news is P.J. Carlissimo is staying at Seton Hall. This is a good sign. It shows that some coaches not only have principles but also have Class with a capital "C". P.J. Carlissimo is such a person. YR had to pull for Seton Hall in the Final Four because of his connection with the Peacocks of St. Peter's. For those of you readers not familiar with NJ, St. Peter's College is a Jesuit school of higher education located on the JFK Blvd. in Jersey City. When YR went there the road was paved but it was the Henry Hudson Blvd. The Jesuits would probably be very happy if YR did not lay claim to attending St. Peter's. He did not bring any honor or glory during his brief tenure there. Seton Hall was down the road. It's still down the road. They were and are a formidable worthy opponent. If you don't wish to believe YR, ask any college coach in the Big East. So good luck and best of everything to P.J. and the Pirates of Seton Hall.

Frank Cull, who writes a sports column which appears in the *Irish Echo*, recently stated in his column the exact things YR has said about pro basketball. These guys walk. They double dribble. They use much too much physical contact in a sport that is supposedly a non-contact sport. Thanks, Frank. YR knew he wasn't a minority of one. Now there are two!

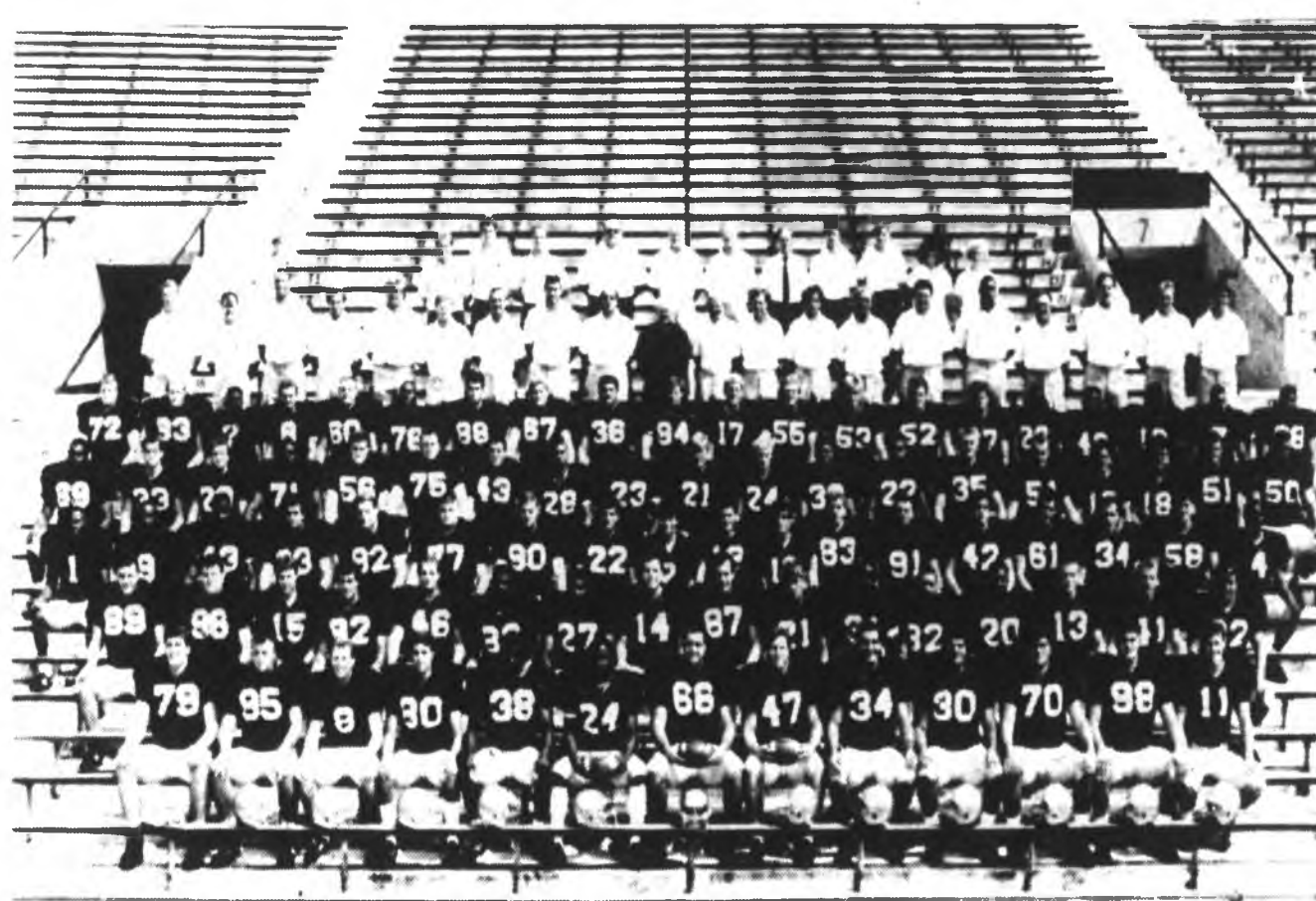
Speaking of the NBA, they have finally started their play-offs. As YR writes this, it is mid-May. By mid-June, they should know who won the play-offs, Methinks.

One final note on basketball. YR's grandniece, Colleen Heslin, won the NYS K of C Foul Shooting Contest held at West Point for the second year. Congrats, Colleen. Any women's teams that are interested in recruiting Colleen, she will be in 7th grade next fall. If she stays with basketball, she can only get better. Then again, YR is biased, prejudiced and bigoted.

Hockey — The NHL has finally made it to its Finals. It's an All-Canada Final with Calgary and Montreal. As YR writes this, it is mid-May. Perhaps by Memorial Day, this too shall have passed.

There were some very interesting games in the quarter-finals and semi's of NHL. The Chicago Blackhawks lasted longer than all the experts said they would. That's good news for the Chicago fans. The Phillies should do something about their goalie, Ron Hextall. This guy is a menace to mankind, not to mention the opposing players. He goes ber-

Notre Dame 1988 Nat'l Champs



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seker. Perhaps the Flyer fans like it. I haven't heard a sportscaster in the northeast, on radio or TV, defend this guy's antics. Hartford has made a change in GM's. Emile Francis is out and Eddie Johnston is in. Johnston was with the Pittsburgh Penguins prior to this. Is it possible to think that the Binghamton Whalers in the AHL might benefit from this move? YR hopes so. The guys who own the local Whalers deserve help in the form of young players.

Track — There was a very good article on track at Villanova in the *Irish Echo*, 5/12/89 issue. There are now three female Irish track stars at Villanova. It seems like only yesterday, Ron Delaney was their big track star. To be precise, it is exactly 31 years ago. Time flies when you are having fun.

NYS OAH Bowling Tourney—This was held. It was written up in the *Empire State Hibernian*. Tom Ryan, the editor, graciously sent me a copy. Alas, YR left his copy home. There were winners and losers. Camillus fielded the oldest team. YR's good friend, Dan McQuiston, was on the team. He wasn't the oldest. He was only the second oldest. Daniel is a Postal Service retiree. The team results will appear in the next column. **TIME LEFT:00:00**—That's all for this column. Send your bon mots to P.O. Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

An Aside — YR would like to thank Mike McCormack, the National Historian, for his latest addition to help the cause of Irish History. He recently sent a one page article on Kevin Barry. YR didn't get a chance to read it. His wife glimmed on to it for the meeting of Our Lady Of Knock Division for their history lesson that same night. Thanks, Mike. You deserve a big hand for this service. Maybe some more people will get interested in Irish history not only of Ireland but also how the Irish made their towns and cities better places to live. It would be good.

Currach Association Elects New Officers

NEW ROCHELLE, NY: Mark Egan Nerich of Riva, MD, was recently elected president of the North American Currach Association. He is also president of the Barry-Brendan Currach Club of Annapolis, which is sponsored by the Annapolis Division of the AOH.

At the Association's annual meeting at Iona College, here, the Association's by-laws were approved. Other officers elected were

Dr. Martin Lyden, Rensselaer, NY (Albany Currach Club), vice-president/treasurer; and Jim Gallagher, East Lyme, CT (Connecticut Currach Club) secretary.

The City Island NY Currach Club was admitted as a full member, and a club from South Jersey has applied for provisional membership.

The tentative 1989 schedule of currach regattas in North America is as follows:

May 6.....	Annapolis, MD.....	(301) 956-4750
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The provisional list of 1989 currach regattas in Ireland is as follows:

June 4.....	Fenit, Kerry
June 9 - 11.....	Feile na nOilean (Gleoteoga)
June 18.....	Maharees, Kerry
June 18.....	Inis Meain, Aran Is., Galway
June 24 - 25.....	Strangford Lough, Belfast, N.I.
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July 28 - 30.....	Kinvara, Galway
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August 4 - 7.....	Doilín, An Cheathru Rua
August 6.....	Brandon, Kerry
August 11 - 13.....	Cuigeal, Leitir Meallain
August 20.....	Dingle Regatta, Kerry

Sept. 3.....	Poolbeg, Liffey, Dublin
Sept. 10.....	Howth, Dublin



Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Department of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Please explain the derivation of the family name McCann. *W. Rocca, Bethlehem, PA*

A. McCann derives from son of Annadh, in Irish mac annadh, but changed to MacAnna and now to McCann(y). The c of mac is such a strong sound that we tend to pronounce it with the A of Anna. The *Annals of the Four Masters* call Amhlaibh Mac Canna a "pillar of chivalry and vigour" when he died in 1155. In 1260 the family lost its status in the south shore region of Lough Neagh in County Armagh. But they did retain some prestige since Donnell MacCanna was called Chief of Clanbrassill in 1598. Today the name is still most popular in the Lough Neagh area and elsewhere found infrequently.

Q. Our Cahills originated in Queens County, but that name no longer appears on Irish maps. *Frank Marquette, Kingston, N.Y.*

A. In 1565 Philip and Mary commissioned soldiers to drive from their lands the clans of O'Connors and O'Mores. The Tudors planned to increase the plantations outside of the Pale; but most of them failed because the English soldiers sent to protect English settlers often sympathized with the natives and refused to burn and destroy Irish farms; and they were none too pleased that they usually did so on empty stomachs. Their important forts were Maryborough and Philipstown. We see again imaginative English nomenclature when they named these the capitols of Queens and Kings Counties respectively. During the Free State these names were Gaelicized to Leix, now Laois, and Offaly. Perhaps if there are any more of your Cahill relatives residing in Laois, they might be able to tell you when people stopped referring to these Pale extension districts by their Anglicized names. The juxtaposition of Laois with Tipperary accounts for your branch within forty miles of where the Cahills of the first formed a family. Their holdings would naturally enough be called the land of the Cahills and develop with them until the family grew to several dwellings so as to constitute a town 'Ballycahill.' From here they expanded into central northeastern Tipperary between Templemore and Thurles. Ask Irish relatives if they know of anyone having moved from Tipperary to Laois. The preponderance of Cahills in this region also accounts for the aetiology of the three towns named after the sept. Ballycahill derives from Old Irish baile 'town' and cahill from Cathail from catu 'powerful' and 'ualos' 'in battle' (the t aspirates the u of ualos when the two words merge; the u of catu drops off for phonological aesthetics; the -os ending drops off because the case changes from the adverbial dative—tells that is 'in' battle,—to a possessive genitive—shows 'whose' son or descendant it is: originally the first offspring to use the name would call himself 'son of his father, Cathail' thus be called O'Cathail, which developed to Cahill in Modern Irish.) At some time in the history of your family somebody seemed to be considered by his fellow warriors and officers good at close fighting. The crest for your name, however, gives no indication of such. Instead the arms depict an anchor atop a shield bearing a spouting whale on blue waves. At this time there is no motto associated with the crest. Again, if you have family in Ireland ask them if they know of any relative involved in a mercantile occupation. Today more Cahills live in Counties Tipperary, Cork, and Kerry than in Galway, where another clan established itself for over 250 years until the O'Shaughnessys usurped their position, and Clare, where the branch migrated south from Galway. This sept's ancient presence accounts for Ballycahills in Counties Galway and Clare even though the name is found infrequently.

Q. Please provide me with some information regarding the meaning of my family name. *Mike Kinnarney, Framingham, Massachusetts*

A. Your name derives from Mac and Aircinnigh 'the son of the eranagh; eranagh has been anglicized from airchinnech (+echt for original) 'headship, leadership' and refers to an overseer of church property. Eventually this office fell into lay hands and generally became hereditary. Since eranaghs lived throughout the country, several families called themselves after this occupational title. Most of them, naturally, are unrelated. In County Clare the name is still most popular. Between Ennis and Quin, in the parish of Kilconry in the barony of Bunratty around 1390, when the family came into prominence and remained so even after losing most of their holdings during the Cromwellian maraudings. The census of 1659 shows at least thirty families living within this barony. The forms Kinnerke in County Clare and Nearney in County Roscommon are related. Your variant seems to have resulted owing to phonological orthography. Someone spelled it

according to the way he figured he heard it. Spelling is not fixed because of the variety of accents and dialects. Your form sounds just like MacInerney.

Q. Could you tell me what my family name means? *Joseph H. Kiely, West Chester, PA*

A. The first problem with your name is determining all the number of related spellings. When a good number of the people are illiterate it often happens that officials record a name according to the way they think it should be spelled. With the variety of Irish dialects and sub-dialects and the nonconformity of spelling in general, it is no wonder that Kiely, Kealy, Keele, Kiely, Queally, Kaaly, Kaylyl, Kaille along with their O' forms appear throughout the country; certain forms being particular to certain regions. Your form was most popular in Counties Waterford, Cork, and Limerick in the 1890 census. In the 17th century the K forms started replacing many Q forms on a widespread basis except in Waterford. Patrick Kiely, (d. 1948) a noted Gaelic revival activist, spelled his Irish name O Cadhla, just as most of the Galway members of this sept did. Today in Kilkenny and Tipperary the forms O'Kally, Kaaly, O'Kaylyl, O'Kealy, and O'Kaille occur most frequently. There and in Laois many have tried to adopt the famous name Kelly, one of the seven significant families in County Laois.

Nota Bene: With each question please include a self-addressed stamped business envelope and a check in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), payable to William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

Liberty Is Ill in Britain

by PETER SLEVIN

London Bureau, *Miami Herald*

"Liberty is ill in Britain," began Oxford and NYU law professor Ronald Dworkin in a recent essay in *Index on Censorship*. "...censorship is no longer an isolated exception in which the nation grudgingly gives up some of its liberty, with great regret and a keen sense of loss, in the face of some emergency."

"This government's challenge to freedom," he writes "has nothing to do with totalitarian despotism. It shows a more mundane but still corrupting insensitivity to liberty, a failure to grasp its force and place in modern democratic ideals."

(Taken from *The Record*, National Press Club publication).

Answers to Trivia Questions (Questions on Page 11)

1. Flight of the Earls. 2. Battle of the Boyne. 3. Influence of the French Revolution on Ireland. 4. Parnell's fall from power.
2. Dr. Eoin McKiernan.
3. Thomas Davis.
4. George M. Cohan.
5. The green flag of the Irish Brigade which fought in the U.S. Civil War.
6. Robert Emmet.
7. Father Duffy.
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International ProLife Leader Greeted by Pope

The Hibernian community, long active in the pro-life movement nationwide, has been encouraged by the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court granting more authority to the individual states to constrain accessibility to public funds for abortion involvement. Plans are under way to further mobilize Hibernians in the Right to Life movement.

The Order has made a commitment to Dr. Wilke, president of the national and international Right to Life federations, to provide \$10,000 for support of the work of William Sherwin, executive director of the International Right to Life Federation,

with offices in Rome, Italy.

With over 300 divisions in America, the AOH hopes to realize \$100 from 100 divisions to reach its goal. The plan is to present the monetary gift to Dr. Wilke at the president's banquet in Dayton, Ohio, in October.

Please send your donation to National Secretary Thomas McNabb, 31 Logan St., Auburn, NY 13021.

All Hibernians are encouraged to join their local Right to Life committees as well as Operation Rescue, and to step up their campaigns to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*, thus guaranteeing to all the right to life.

WILLIAM SHERWIN

Mr. William Sherwin has been the executive secretary of the International Right to Life Federation since its inception in 1984. The year before, he held a similar position with the European Pro-Life Working Group at its Rome headquarters, during which time he helped coordinate pro-life activities in Europe.

Bill hails from Delvin, Co. Westmeath, and studied theology at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, which is the Irish national seminary. He became involved in right-to-life advocacy in his native land during the campaign for the now historic 1983 Referendum which resulted in the first constitution in the world to mandate the protection of the unborn child.

Bill acted as executive secretary of the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign during that long and bitter but successful struggle. The Irish constitution now mandates the State to

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MAIREAD KEANE, Director of Sinn Fein's Women's Department, testifying before a Congressional Committee on the refusal of the U.S. to grant Gerry Adams a visa. With her are Jan Cannavan, Irish Woman's Study Group in New York and Joseph Roche, Chairman, Political Education Committee, AOH. The Congressional Committee, left to right, Elliot Engel, Jr. (D) NY; Thomas Manton (D) NY; William Coyne (D) PA; and Bob Blancato, Irish Affairs AD HOC Committee Liaison.



WILLIAM SHERWIN, Executive Secretary of the International Right to Life Federation, is greeted by Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome, Italy.

Coogan Testimonial Set for Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, OHIO: Oliver Kearney, the first recipient of the "Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award" will be the featured speaker at the Michael J. Coogan Testimonial Dinner in Dayton, Ohio, on October 21, 1989.

Gaelic League of Columbus, Ohio. The Dayton Mall Holiday Inn located at I-75 and Route 725, south of Dayton, is adjacent to the Dayton Mall shopping area, one of the largest in the state of Ohio. An added attraction for those with time to spend in the world-famous Air Force Museum, featuring planes of the past and present as well as much equipment used in the U.S. Space Program.

Robert L. Butler, a Dayton businessman, is general chairman of the affair, assisted by Joseph Kilgallen, Robert Seiter, Donald B. Butler, William J. Grimes, Donald W. Foley, John A. Keaton, Jr. and a staff of members of the Dayton division.



MICHAEL J. COOGAN

Mr. Kearney, who hails from Co. Antrim, Ireland, is noted for his efforts in promoting the adoption of the MacBride Principles in the state legislatures of the U.S.A.

National President Coogan's Dinner will be held in conjunction with the National Board Meetings, which will start at the Dayton Mall Holiday Inn on Friday, October 20, 1989. The two-day affair will feature the meetings, a Catholic mass in Gaelic on Saturday afternoon, followed by cocktails, dinner and dancing in the evening.

The mass will be co-celebrated in Gaelic by Rev. Donal O'Carroll, Ohio, National Chaplain, and Rev. Michael Healy, California Deputy National Chaplain and accompanied by the



Board meetings start at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, October 20, 1989. They resume at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 21, 1989 with adjournment set for 4:00 P.M. A social activity for Friday evening will be announced at the start of the meetings.

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history, has been universally regarded as one unit. The historical and contemporary existence of the Irish nation has never been in dispute. The Irish people have never relinquished their claim to the right of self-determination. What has been in contest is the right of the Irish people, as a whole, to self-determination and their freedom to exercise that right.

For centuries, the relationship between the British government and the Irish people has been the relationship between the conqueror and the conquered, the oppressor and the oppressed. The perennial cycle of oppression/domination/resistance/oppression has been a constant feature of the British government's involvement in Ireland and the Irish people's rejection of that government's usurpation of the right to exercise control over their political, social, economic, and cultural destiny.

From the late 17th century onward, that usurpation provoked both revolutionary resistance and — within the narrowest confines of British constitutional legality — constitutional opposition. In the course of the 19th century, British oppression and famine caused the population of Ireland to be halved.

The last occasion when the Irish people nationally exercised their franchise was in the 1918 General Election. Sinn Fein, with a political program demanding complete independence for the unitary state of Ireland, won the election with 69.5% of the vote. Those democratically elected representatives of the Irish people formed Dail Eireann and, on January 21, 1919, enacted the Declaration of Independence.

The Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1922, the partition of Ireland and the Constitution of the Irish Free State were imposed on the Irish people under the threat of "immediate and terrible war." They were not submitted to the Irish people for ratification and their imposition represents a denial to the Irish people of the freedom to exercise their right to self-determination.

The pretext for partition — the wishes of a national minority to maintain British rule — holds no validity against the express wishes of the vast majority of the Irish people. Secession is not the same as self-determination.

Partition perpetuates the British government's denial of the Irish people's right to self-determination. It perpetuates the cycle of oppression/domination/resistance/oppression. In the words of Sean MacBride, winner of the Nobel and Lenin Peace Prizes:

"Ireland's right to sovereignty, independence and unity are inalienable and indefeasible. It is for the Irish people as a whole to determine the future status of Ireland. Neither Britain nor a small minority selected by Britain has any right to partition the ancient island of Ireland, nor to determine its future as a sovereign nation."

SCENARIO FOR PEACE

The end of partition, a British disengagement from Ireland and the restoration to the Irish people of the right to exercise self-sovereignty, independence and national self-determination remain the only solution to the British colonial conflict in Ireland. The Anglo-Irish Agreement and the processes it involves seek merely to camouflage the fact that the Six-County state is a

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President's Message

Teachtairéacht An Uachtaráin

By Michael J. Coogan, National President

In the coming months our Order must be poised for action on several fronts. I have traveled to the Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York conventions to urge Hibernian leadership support on these key issues. Please help!

We need to meet and talk with our Members of Congress to urge their endorsement of H.R.62, regarding Joe Doherty. If you need information, please call. No effort should be spared to get a Representative's endorsement as soon as possible. We also seek to raise money for William Sherwin (Co. Cork) of the International Right to Life Committee and more than ever need grass roots networking by Hibernians in lobbying State Legislatures to remove funding for abortion and to protect the unborn. We need your calls and action in support of our undocumented Irish. There is no shortage of bills in Congress to do this, but in order to target our efforts on the best bill, please contact your State Immigration Chairman or Pat Hurley (Div. 3, NY) at 718/898-4824. The

House of Representatives failed to address the abuses of the International Fund for Ireland, so we must now ask our U.S. Senators for common sense in examining and eliminating the abuses of our tax money.

Hibernians stand tall and proud whenever we speak up for those Irish still living under English rule; for the unborn; for the undocumented and for the Irish legacy of courage and faith whether in Ireland or America. The Commodore Barry commemorations in Mobile, Alabama and Boston, and Our Lady of Knock Masses by Div. 7 and 2 in Suffolk Co., NY, are important parts of this rich legacy we share with our family and friends.

Congratulations to the Connecticut State Board for getting into high gear with a "Joe Doherty Justice Committee." Welcome to our new members from Delano, Florida. My thanks to all for your hospitality in my travels. I hope to see you again in Dayton on October 21.

Divisions To Benefit from National Awards Program

BY RICHARD M. ROGERS

Over the years many Divisions had suggested it. This year the AOH National Board voted to change the annual National Awards program to grant prizes to each Division that meets its quota — every division can then enjoy an additional means to raise funds.

Each division whose members succeed in returning books equal to one half the division membership will receive a portion of the award, with added incentives for 100 percent membership participation.

The proceeds of the 1989 National Awards program will be used to fund the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award, which this year, will be presented to Oliver Kearney at the National Board meeting and President's Dinner in Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday, October 21, 1989.

But the members' prizes awarded that day will be cash instead of the

merchandise prizes awarded in previous programs. Top award is \$1500, followed by \$700, \$300 and \$100 (4th through 8th place).

Each member has been sent the materials necessary to participate in the program. Additionally, each national officer, county, state and division president has additional supplies. The division need not be involved in handling, accounting for, or shipping the returns, as each member will do this individually. However, because the member will notate each return with his division number and county, every division will be credited with its return regardless of who submits them.

For further details and clarification, see your division president; or write the Awards Committee, Box 623, Mineola, NY 11501; or call 516-887-1952.

New Strategies Planned For Joe Doherty Case

The bi-partisan Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs held an emergency meeting this week to discuss the Joe Doherty case in the aftermath of last week's Justice Department decision ordering his deportation back to England. This meeting was called by Co-Chairman Tom Manton (D-NY).

The Ad Hoc Committee members in attendance including Co-Chairmen Bruce Morrison (D-CT) and Ben Gilman (R-NY), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Gary Ackerman (D-NY), and Jim McDermott (D-WA) listened to a presentation by Doherty's attorneys Mary Pike and Stephen Somerstein. Their statements discussed the current status of Doherty's case in light of Attorney General Thornburgh's position. Manton declared, "What is important to note is the fact that in our mind the attorney general's decision is not the last word on this subject."

•The Ad Hoc Committee will join

on the amicus brief to be filed with the Second Circuit urging that Doherty be granted political asylum. •Members of the Ad Hoc Committee will deliver a series of statements into the Congressional Record on a designated day next week criticizing the Thornburgh decision and discussing future plans.

•Work with the leaders of Irish American organizations to increase the number of co-sponsors on the Manton Resolution urging political asylum for Joe Doherty. At present the Resolution has more than 60 co-sponsors. In addition efforts will be made to get a comparable resolution introduced in the Senate.

Manton added, "To abandon Joe Doherty now would be to sanction the injustices which have befallen him over the past six years. Joe Doherty is entitled to due process and it is wrong for our Justice Department to administer justice in a selective fashion."

Ad Hoc Committee Hears Testimony on Visa Denial

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failed entity, socially, economically and politically. The Treaty does not challenge the constitutional status of the Union but actually reinforces it.

Sinn Fein seeks to create conditions which will lead to a permanent cessation of hostilities, an end to our long war and the development of a peaceful, united and independent Irish society. Such objectives will only be achieved when a British government adopts a strategy for decolonization. It must begin by repealing the "Government of Ireland Act" and publicly declaring that the "Northern Ireland" statelet is no longer part of the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, it must declare that its military forces and its system of political administration will remain only for as long as it takes to arrange their permanent withdrawal. This would need to be accomplished within the shortest practical period. A definite date within the life-time of a British government would need to be set for the completion of this withdrawal. Such an irreversible declaration of intent would minimize any loyalist backlash and would go a long way towards bringing round to reality most loyalists and those of their representatives genuinely interested in peace and negotiation. It would be the business of such negotiations to set the constitutional, economic, social and political arrangements for a new Irish state through a Constitutional Conference.

20 YEARS DIRECT OCCUPATION
The present phase of the struggle for democracy in Ireland has lasted 20 years. It is the longest phase in the struggle for self-determination for the Irish people. In the last 20 years, nationalist people in the Six Counties have lived with armed British soldiers on their streets. They have been the victims of a shoot-to-kill

policy by lead and plastic bullets. They have lived under emergency legislation and non-jury courts. They have suffered discrimination in employment. Today, 20 years on, nationalists are still 2-1/2 times more likely to be unemployed than loyalists. Sinn Fein supports the MacBride Principles and we would welcome federal legislation to enforce these Principles.

We sincerely hope that you, the representatives of the American people, will inform your constituents about the struggle that we are undergoing in Ireland against the censorship of duly elected representatives of the people; and in America, with the visa denial policy, which in effect denies the American public the right to hear all opinions in the struggle for self-determination in Ireland.

We believe that after 20 years of failed initiatives it is time for the British government to adopt a policy of withdrawal. Therefore, we respectfully request the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs in this 20th year of direct British military presence in the Six Counties in the northeast of Ireland to sponsor a resolution on British withdrawal from Ireland. Finally, we sincerely appreciate all your efforts in highlighting the gross inequities in The International Fund for Ireland. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Mairead Keane is a member of the Ard Chomhairle (National Executive) of Sinn Fein. She is the Director of Sinn Fein's Women's Department and Vice-Chair of Dublin Sinn Fein.

For several years Ms. Keane headed Sinn Fein's Advice Center in the Liberties, one of Dublin's poorest innercity areas, helping residents resolve housing, welfare and other problems.

Ms. Keane was on the staff of Sinn Fein's National Publicity Department in Dublin.



MAIREAD KEANE, center, Director of Sinn Fein's Women's Department was on Capitol Hill to protest the visa denial to Gerry Adams, an elected member of British Parliament. Assisting Ms. Keane on her visit is Jan Canavan, left, of the Irish Woman's Study Group. Joseph Roche, right, Chairman, Political Education Committee, AOH, was instrumental in getting the Capitol Hill hearing.

Irish Eye photo



THE PEOPLE behind the successful passage of the MacBride Bill in New Hampshire present State Treasurer Georgi Thomas with a copy of Chapter Law 46. Left to right are, Tom O'Flaherty, American Irish PEC; State Senator Joe Delahunty, AOH Div. 8, Lawrence, MA; Rep. Bill McCann, sponsor of legislation; former Rep. Kevin Mulligan, author of legislation and Div. 8 member; State Treasurer Georgi Thomas; State Senator Tom Magee; Rep. Vincent Palumbo and House Majority Leader Dan Toomey, co-sponsor.

How Much Is A Colony Worth?

By KEVIN MULLIGAN

Her Majesty's government paid almost one half million dollars to defeat the fair employment guidelines, directed at American corporations doing business in Northern Ireland, commonly known as the MacBride Principles.

The half million dollars was spent to pay lobbyists in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. A large portion of that half million was spent on air fare and hotel accommodations for a group of "professional" Catholics from West Belfast who were willing to take the British line against their own people. These men and women were all paid by the Department of Economic Development, a British Government agency in Northern Ireland which distributes the American tax dollar funded International Fund for Ireland. \$3,131.00 to fly from Belfast to Boston. What airline did these people fly on? Three thousand dollars to fly round trip? Call any travel agency and you will find that you could fly very comfortably for as little as \$450.00 round trip to the same two cities.

At the same time the folks from Belfast were living it up on the airways, courtesy of the British Government, Northern Ireland Catholics were lining up at the Falls Road Welfare Office to collect their weekly unemployment check, hoping some day they might get paid for a week's work in any place that will give them a job.

Why has Britain spent nearly half a million dollars in three northern New England states? To save face. Her Majesty's government cannot afford to appear less than perfect in the eyes of her biggest fan club — the American people. So, Britain enlists the aid of "professional" Catholics, from predominately Catholic West Belfast, then pays them exorbitant amounts of money to tell the naive Americans how great things are for them and their families.

They forget to mention how many of their neighbors stand in line every week to collect one-fifth of what they are paid in air fare. They also forget to mention that in some sections of Belfast, unemployment among all adults run at a staggering 86% and that figure is rising.

Yet these men and women are content to go wherever her Majesty sends them at great expense, to tell our legislators that "it is none of our

concern," that Britain will "take care of the problem." The folks from Belfast espouse the "new plan" to take care of the unemployment problem in Northeast Ireland. This according to the sales pitch, is THE legislation that will end all discrimination in Northeast Ireland. Then why is it that every major political party in Northern Ireland is opposed to this legislation because it does absolutely nothing to solve the problem?

Still her Majesty is content to spend millions to defeat the straightforward MacBride Principles and control the American legislative process. Why is it that Britain has unlimited resources to spend on their anti-MacBride campaign, yet is unwilling to invest any amount of time and effort towards investigating and preventing intimidation in the work place?

Britains's ability to generate

hostility against the MacBride initiative became clear in a recent survey of employers in Northern Ireland that showed that a vast majority — 82% — of employers had heard of the MacBride Principles but that only 2% were actually aware of any of the details.

Her Majesty's government might consider that MacBride Principles are in large measure of their own manufacture, given the fact that Britain is directly responsible for a colony that has left Catholics as second class citizens from the beginning of 1920, when the Northern Ireland state was created. The millions of dollars being spent to block the efforts of Americans of good will is much like the proverbial boy with his finger in the dike.

The recent passage of the MacBride Principles in New Hampshire

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Ethical Investors Learn To Flex Their Muscles

An Independent View on Northern Ireland from Fortnight

California may be the next domino to fall in the MacBride Principles campaign. LEONARD DOYLE reports that, despite the Fair Employment Bill, the lobby will keep pushing ahead.

NEW YORK: During his recent tour of the US, Tom King gave New York City a wide berth until the last day of his visit — concerned no doubt that Harrison 'Jay' Goldin, the chief promoter of the MacBride principles in the US, was going to draw him in to the rough and tumble of New York city politics in an election year.

Mr. King had no intention of tangling with Mr. Goldin. It suited the secretary of state to snub the American politician most closely associated with the principles, rather than sit down with him to thrash out some of the issues which divide them.

During his visit Mr. King complained to a local journalist that one of the problems about Northern Ireland was that there had been no serious dialogue between the parties in 14 years. Discussions between the British and proponents of the MacBride principles are not very popular either.

Nor, since Britain likes to lump MacBride supporters in with Noraid and Sinn Fein, is there much

likelihood of talks any time soon. Brian Fall, a diplomat assigned to Washington, put Britain's position succinctly when he wrote recently that the principles ran the risk of aggravated tension in Northern Ireland, because they were "named after a former chief of staff of the IRA" and supported only by Sinn Fein among the northern political parties.

But it remains ironic that officials should attack the MacBride campaign — saying that its backers are IRA propagandists — while incorporating many of its aims into the legislation on fair employment. Affirmative action is in — though there are still arguments about its extent — as are goals and timetables, and penalties for employers who flout the bill.

Why then did Mr. King bristle when asked whether he would meet Mr. Goldin to discuss the issues? The answer seems to be that Britain hopes to stop the campaign while denying that the legislation has

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A Colony's Worth

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and Vermont added new cracks to the dike and with it more leaks are springing up faster than can be covered by Britain and her agents. More and more money will be spent to try and stem the flow of the MacBride Principles while more and more people in the nationalist community in Northern Ireland will slip farther into poverty. All the while, the major political parties that represent that community play a game of see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil about the blatant discrimination that continues to permeate the Northern Irish society.

Why is Britain so concerned with these basic principles, which are more modest than most affirmative

action guidelines in the United States. The Official line is that "they will discourage investment." The real concern is that legislators throughout the United States are discovering the kind of place that Britain has been running in Northern Ireland. Previously Britain has been content in the knowledge that a majority of Americans were more concerned about what color Princess Di was wearing this week, than the generations of Northern Irish citizens being discriminated against because of what Church they went to or what section of Belfast or Derry they lived in. It worries them so much that they are willing to take money from the people who most

need it to try and stop the resurrection of millions of dormant Americans of Irish descent.

Britain knows that these groups of concerned citizens have found a non-violent approach to try to bring justice and dignity to a portion of the Northern Ireland population which has not known the meaning of those words for over eight hundred years.

Never, in recent history, has Britain spent so much to sway American opinion. Margaret Thatcher and her party hastily put together "blue smoke and mirror" legislation which never would have happened save for the MacBride Principles campaign. Tom King, the Northern Ireland Minister, says "it is the campaign aspect that we oppose, not the principles themselves." Her Majesty's government appears frightened of the prospect of

organized Americans contacting Congress and presenting Britain and all of its problems in a far more negative light.

How many more millions of dollars will be spent before the lines end on the Falls Road? How many more mothers and fathers will weep over their children's graves? How many more young men and women must face the prospect of knowing they will never be employed while her Majesty holds their lives in the balance in order to maintain one of her final colonies on whom long ago the sun had set?

Kevin Mulligan is a former 3 term New Hampshire State Representative and author of New Hampshire's Pro-investment MacBride Principles Legislation. He is currently the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Irish Action Coalition.

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anything to do with pressure from America. By characterising the MacBride campaigners as Irish-American hotheads who would see the economy of Northern Ireland crumble, the government has tried to avoid any suggestion that it has caved in to American pressure.

But the force being exerted against it via the MacBride campaign — now endorsed by 12 states and half a dozen cities — is quite different from anything Britain has experienced in the past in North America. Relatively small pressure groups in this country have learned that by combining the strength of stock owned by pension funds and foundations they can wield enough power to undermine US foreign policy. Local policy initiatives can no longer be dismissed as symbolic acts when, like the MacBride principles, they represent some \$4 billion invested in North Ireland.

Exxon, the largest oil company in the world, recently discovered the effectiveness of institutional shareholders after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Once again it was Mr. Goldin who rallied a block of institutional investors with \$88 million in company stock and forced Exxon to agree to the appointment of an environmentalist to its board of directors. The Exxon decision marked a shift in policy by the loose coalition of activist institutional investors led by Mr. Goldin, which is that change may better be brought about through negotiation than disinvestment.

The British government is not about to negotiate with the backers of the MacBride campaign, so it seems inevitable that it will continue to work its way through state legislatures and city councils. Britain's side will certainly get a better hearing in America when the legislation is passed, but MacBride activists are so convinced that it will be ineffective they are confident their campaign will continue to gather steam.

As long as Catholic unemployment remains significantly higher than the rate for Protestants, the MacBride campaigners can expect to be busy. And from Britain's perspective a key danger is that for the first time an Irish lobby is taking shape in the US focused on shaping events overseas. In the heyday of Irish-American political power domestic issues were the priority and politicians paid lip-service to events in Ireland.

All that has changed, and in the same way as the Jewish lobby is active over Israel, second-and third-generation Irish-Americans are getting stirred up about events in Northern Ireland. These activists, many sophisticated professionals, present Catholic unemployment in Northern Ireland as a human rights rather than a nationalist issue, with the result that they are forming alliances with other political pressure groups.

Jay Goldin, a Jewish politician born in New York, is not the sort of person typically to espouse a nationalist cause. But American politicians like him have no trouble in subscribing to a campaign to end discrimination in employment, if it earns them political support at home. As a candidate in the race for mayor of New York (where some 8 per cent of the electorate is ethnic Irish) he will need all the support he can get if he is to dislodge the incumbent, Ed Koch. Even if he loses, however, the MacBride campaign can be expected to rumble on, as local action committees spring up in states like Utah, Texas, the Carolinas and Oklahoma.

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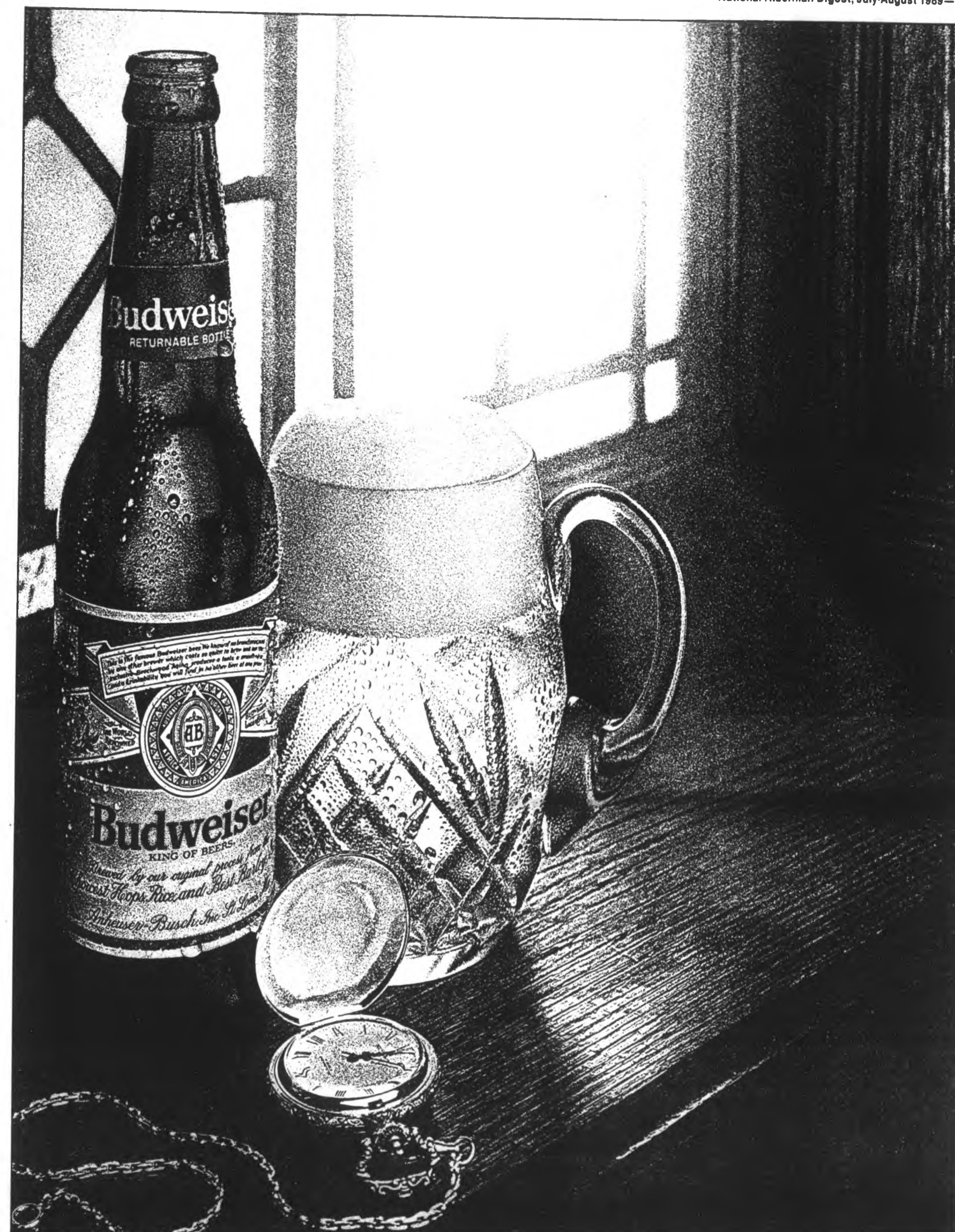
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● News from the States ●

Cincinnati Honors Patriot Joe Doherty ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆



THE COLOR GUARD of St. Patrick Division 1, Hamilton, Cincinnati, proudly led the way for the 23rd annual St. Patrick Day Parade. Joe Doherty was hailed as a Co-Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade, along with U.S. Representative Thomas A. Luken. The St. Patrick Division was privileged to use its collective voice to raise the issue of Joseph Patrick Doherty's unconscionable incarceration in a New York prison.



FOLLOWING the St. Patrick Parade, participants gathered in the division clubrooms to continue the celebration. Happy over the selection of Joe Doherty as Honorary Grand Marshal are his niece, Kellie McAllister and his mother, Maureen Doherty, standing with Division President Mike Hall, National President Michael Coogan and Grand Marshal Patrick Dowling.

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A GRAND "FAILTE" was extended at the St. Patrick Division Hall by Parade Grand Marshal Patrick J. Dowling, Jr., at left, and James Gibbons, Assistant Grand Marshal, right, to the honored guests for the 1989 Parade. From left, the guests are Catherine Mullen, National Joe Doherty Committee chair; Mary Pike, Joe Doherty's attorney; Maureen Doherty, Joe's mother, and Kellie McAllister, Joe's niece, on her first visit to America.



ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1 President Michael W. Hall and Mrs. Maureen Doherty take a break from reviewing the annual St. Patrick Cincinnati parade honoring her son Joe and his struggle for justice.

Gaelic Games To Be Held In Cleveland, Ohio

The North American Championships for Irish Football and Hurling are going to be held in Cleveland, September 1, 2 and 3 at the West Side Irish American Club grounds at 8559 Jennings Rd. in Olmsted Township, 10 minutes northwest of I-71 at the Bagley Rd. exit.

These championships will only come to Ohio every 10 years or so; don't miss them.

We are looking to jointly sponsor a bus trip for Saturday and Sunday with the Shamrock Club. If you are interested, contact, Kevin Talty at 262-9082 or call Sean Gannon in Cleveland at 216-531-5068 for more information. Bagpipe band competition and Irish bands are also scheduled for the weekend.

Chaplains Meet



BEVERLY, OHIO: A recent meeting for AOH chaplains was held here, with Michael Coogan and State President Thomas Murphy who appear in the first row with Fr. McGrath of Michigan. From left, second row, are Fr. Duffy, Maryland; Fr. Champion, Massachusetts; and Fr. McNulty, Ohio. Top row, Fr. Finbar Flannigan, Belfast, N.I.; and Fr. Donal A. O'Connell, national chaplain. The photo was taken in St. Bernard Church.

State Board Meets



NATIONAL OFFICERS from Ohio who attended the recent AOH State Board meeting were, left to right, Michael Muldowney, deputy national organizer; Michael Coogan, national president; Fr. Donald O'Carroll, deputy national chaplain; and Kevin Reynolds, director and chairman of the Constitution and Ritual Committee.

STATE NEWS: Florida

By NICK SCHNEIDER

The AOH in the State of Florida continues to grow. On June 6 a new Division was formed. Volusia County Division 1 held its installation of officers at the home of its first president, John O'Neill, in the city of Deland. The installation team consisted of National Director Tom Gilligan; State President John Cullinan; State Vice President Bob

Schneider; State Editor Nick Schneider and Brevard County Division 1 Secretary Ernie Kees. At the conclusion of the installation, Division President O'Neill hosted an enjoyable social. Officers installed were: John O'Neill, president; Tim Flynn, vice president; Bob Butler, recording secretary; Jim O'Neill, treasurer; Joe Quinlan, financial secretary; Vincent Cleary, marshal and George Ryan, sentinel.

President O'Neill indicated to State President Cullinan that he has many new members joining the division in the fall. Eligible candidates are urged to contact Bob Butler at 1619 Palm Ave., Deland, FL 32724 or call (904) 736-8828.

The summer months are always a time of inactivity for all organizations, and the AOH is no exception. However, all divisions have requested me, through this column, to urge all members to resume their division activities in the fall by attending meetings and supporting all the division socials.

Brevard County Division 2 President Jerry Costlow, recently commended Ray Reilly and Inez McGovern for their great work and dedication as division historians. Jerry invites Hibernians throughout the state to attend his division's Irish Night on November 4 at the K. of C. Hall, Dairy Rd., Melbourne.

Broward County Division 1 President Martin McAndrew reports that the Shamrock Degree was given

grew to 9 full companies—7 of which were made up predominantly of native Irish or sons of Irish immigrants. The remainder were predominantly German.

Led by Col. Thompson and his second in command, Lt. Col. Edward Hand of Co. Offaly, the Battalion served with conspicuous bravery in the crucial and difficult early years of the war against the overpowering might of the British Empire. In January, 1776, Thompson's Pennsylvania Rifle Battalion was redesignated the first continental Regiment, and later, the First Pennsylvania Regiment. In March of that year, George Washington made Col. Thompson a Brigadier General. Three months later, Thompson was captured. Lt. Col. Hand assumed command of the First Pennsylvania Regiment, and was eventually promoted to Adjutant General of the Continental Army.

General Hand went on to become one of Washington's principle Staff Officers, but Brigadier General Thompson's military career was over. He remained a prisoner of his British enemy until he was paroled with the stipulation that he never bear arms again. His release is recorded in a prisoner exchange in 1780. Although his physical condition at the time of his release is unknown, he died on Sep. 3, 1781, shortly after his return to his home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

In 1988, a group of concerned citizens located the final resting place of General Thompson in the old Carlisle cemetery, and erected a beautiful Celtic Cross, carved in Ireland, to his memory. The Thompson Battalion Memorial Project, founded by Col. William Kennedy (Ret), to restore the gravesite, has also published a booklet on this early Irish-American patriot and his memorable fighting force. In the tradition of Commodore John Barry, he was one of America's first patriot leaders.

Profiles in Patriotism

By MICHAEL McCORMACK
National Historian

William Thompson

In Massachusetts in April 1775, a handful of local minutemen at Lexington and Concord moved years of colonial exploitation to the field of military confrontation as the colonies dared to challenge the Crown. In May, the second Continental Congress, assembled in Philadelphia, decided the die was cast, and the American Revolution was on. On June 14, 1775, the stars and stripes was adopted as the flag of the new nation and Congress called for the recruitment of 10 companies of volunteer riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. The following day, George Washington was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the new force; he was gratified to learn that 6 of the 10 companies would be made up of Pennsylvania riflemen.

In 1775, Pennsylvania was the American frontier, and pioneers in that area had developed a method of engraving spiral grooves in their smooth bore muskets that gave them greater range and accuracy. These men with their Pennsylvania Rifles and superior marksmanship were needed to balance the odds against the superior numbers of the British Army. Most of these hardy pioneers were Irish emigrants and their sons, earning a new life far from the English tyranny they had left behind in Ireland. When the call came to stand against that same tyranny on the side of the Ocean, there was no question of what to do.

So it was that in the hot summer of 1775, an army of farmers and frontiersmen marched out of Pennsylvania to fight for a new concept in human freedom. Some became the victims of British guns, disease or exposure, and never returned; others languished for years on British prison ships, and returned broken in health to live out their lives with little more than the satisfaction of having participated in the greatest event in history, but all were America's first patriots.

The companies who were first to answer the call became the critical link in the evolution from New England Militia to today's United States Army, and the men who led them became America's first commissioned officers. According to *The Army Lineage Book, Vol. 11*, Thompson's Pennsylvania rifle battalion furnished 6 of the first 10 companies of the Continental Army, and they were led by Col. William Thompson of County Meath, Ireland.

As already noted, the Irish, who had emigrated to America to escape British injustice in their native land, were a major part of this Battalion, and as word spread, they kept coming. Within a few weeks of the initial call to arms, Thompson's force

to several new members at the July 14 meeting, with a social following. The division's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, October 1. For details, contact Martin at 1701 N.W. 97th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33321 or call (305) 474-4737. The division's radio program on WSRF, 1680 AM on Saturdays at 12:30 PM, is still doing very well. If you know anyone in business or with an organization who would like to be a program

sponsor, have them contact Martin McAndrew at (305) 474-4737 during the evening.

This reporter urges all divisions to support State President John Cullinan and his board of officers as well as the county presidents and their boards of officers during the coming Hibernian year. As one big team pulling together, we can make Florida the greatest Hibernian State in our great organization. I know

that every member must know of at least ONE friend or relative who is eligible for the AOH. If we go out and sign up that one individual, we will double our membership in one shot.

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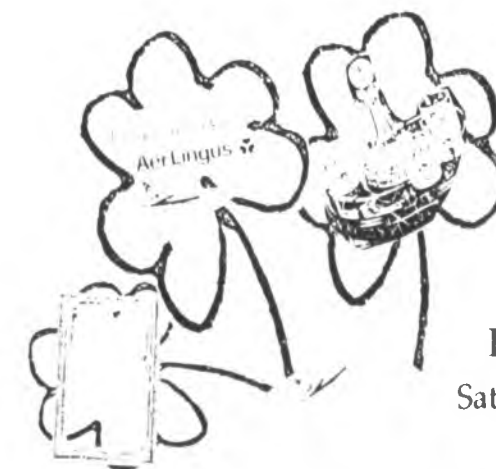
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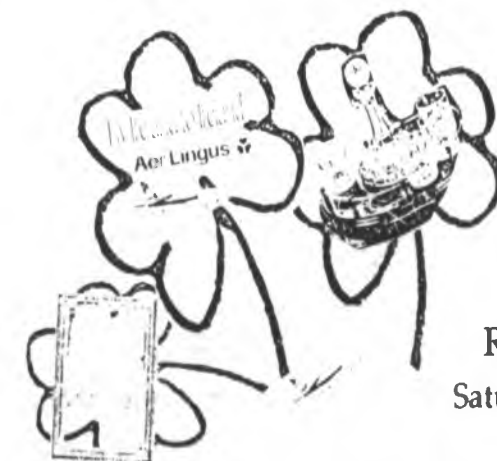
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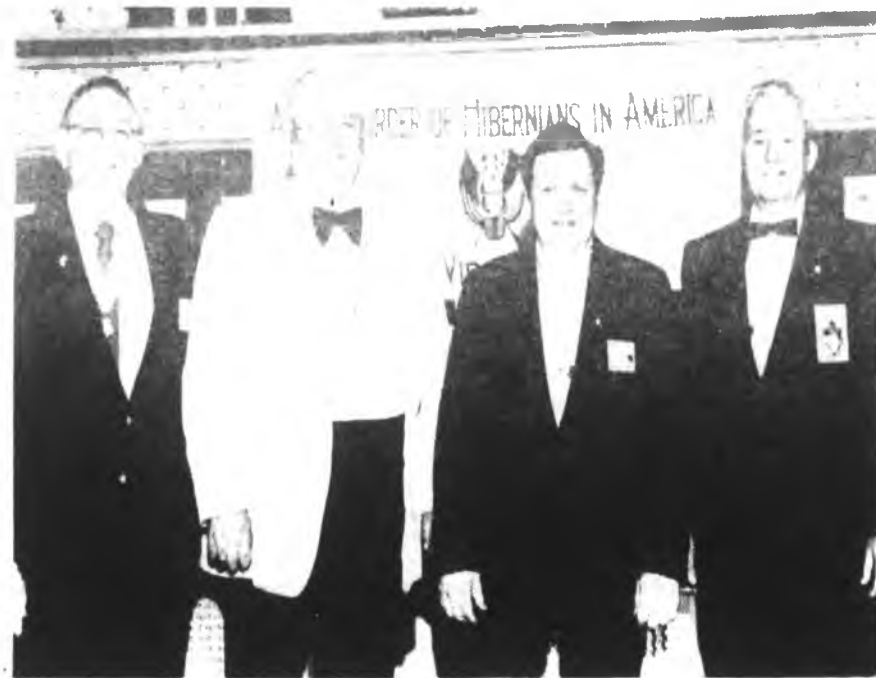
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The Physically Challenged Irish Youth Team - 1989

By JACK FLATLEY

For the first time in my life I have seen the ultimate in human endeavor. The Irish Youth Team competed in the New York State Games for the Physically Challenged. Twenty in all; 12 boys, and 8 girls. They ranged in age from 10 to 21 years. They came from all parts of Ireland — North, and South.

These wonderful physically challenged kids came here to Long Island and we were blessed by their presence. They brought with them a special kind of love, and they touched us all with the Lord's blessings. They came, they loved, and they conquered. They won many medals: 53 gold, 12 silver, and 6 bronze. A remarkable achievement for a small team from a small country. They proudly brought their medals back to Ireland. They showed everyone what they could do. They were an inspiration to all the other less fortunate kids back home in Ireland. Their message was clear: "Look what I can do; you can do it, too."

The members of the Irish Team are called less than perfect, and they are called handicapped, but they showed

us all the meaning of dedication. They trained hard. They had to. The competition was tough. And they won the gold. Two won 4 gold medals. They all won our admiration. They left us with something. I call it "The Misty Eyes." It starts with a tightness in the throat. Then your eyes get wet and misty, and the eyes stay wet. What you feel is admiration in your heart for the courage, for the courage of their mother and their father, and for a family filled with love for this special child. What you feel is the love of life. A special kind of love.

Life can start in many ways. An infant can be born into great wealth, or an infant can be born into poverty. A newborn can be perfectly formed, or the new miracle of life can be born with a tragic affliction — to face life with crippled limbs, blindness, deafness, or many other severe disabilities. When a child born this way is part of a loving family it is indeed wonderful. The touch of God's love becomes part of their life. This special love is passed to everyone they meet and touch. When these youngsters achieve great heights of

excellence, they are success images to all the youngsters who have known only failure. When you think of your own problems — and we have many — think of these kids and what they have overcome. They have defeated life's failures and life's shortcomings. They are champions. Your problems look small when you realize what they have been through and what they have conquered.

I have recalled many times in my mind the day of the young girl's 60 Meter dash for the spinal cord injured. Ten-year-old Gillian Boyle was entered in this event. She was at the starting line facing tough competition. At the gun they were off. At 40 meters Gillian was second. We were all yelling for her. She gave it all she had, her arms flailing, her little legs pumping. She won by a stride. Gillian Boyle, of Dublin, lay on her back on the track with sweat running out of her little body. Tears were streaming from her eyes. She had won the gold for Ireland. I confess, my eyes were wet. I had a case of the

misty eyes. This wonderful little girl born with a body less than perfect (Spina Bifida), a lovable little angel from Ireland, taught me a lesson in determination and courage. God Bless her and her team mates.

I will never forget 12-year-old Catherine O'Neill, from County Wexford, winning a silver medal in Table Tennis. Catherine was born without arms. Seventeen-year-old Helen Winters, and 17-year-old Francis Hyslop each won an unbelievable 4 gold medals. Helen also won the coveted Governor's plaque award for outstanding athlete of the Games. She is a powerful swimmer. She is also a wonderful young lady. Francis was the picture of determination. His foes didn't stand a chance.

The event and medal results are tabulated below.

The Team stayed at Hofstra College dormitories. They were treated to many fine sightseeing trips and entertainment events before and after the Games (June

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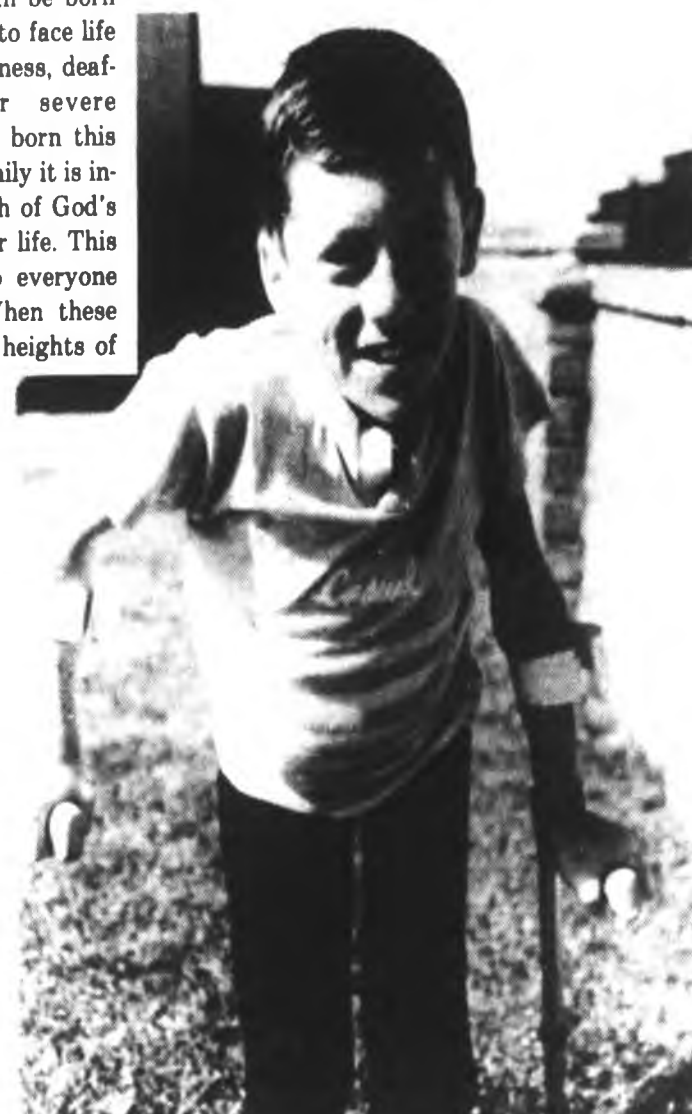
On one memorable day the Team enjoyed the Circle Line trip around Manhattan. The Captain was Tom English from Achill Island, County Mayo. Tom was thrilled to have the Team aboard and treated the boys and girls to a fine time. The Team marched in the Memorial Day Parade at Lynbrook, Long Island. They were proud to march, wheelchairs and all, with Steven McDonald, the New York City police man disabled in the line of duty. Officer McDonald also attended an AOH reception for the Team given by the Nassau County Board. The Team was treated to dinners, barbecues, concerts and many treats provided by the AOH.

The Team was accompanied by some parents, coaches and relatives from Ireland; and also nurses and chaperones from the AOH. When the Team arrived home in Ireland they were greeted by President Hillary, and were given a rousing welcome by

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GILLIAN BOYLE and her dad, Jack, are from Dublin. She won 3 gold and 1 silver medal.



GLENN ALEXANDER, Wexford, won 3 gold and 1 silver.



BARRY MONAGHAN, Wexford, won 3 gold.



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COLIN BONNER from Omagh, Co. Tyrone. He won 1 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze.

STATE NEWS: Maryland

J.F. KENNEDY DIV. 5 OPEN HOUSE

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division V, of Prince Georges County, Maryland, and the Ladies AOH held an open house recently at their meeting room in Holy Family Parish, Mitchellville, MD. Our division members were joined by prospective new members, and our guests. The latter included Rev. Michael A. Kidd, Division chaplain; Rev. Brendan McCormack, District Board

chaplain; the cultural attache from the Embassy of Ireland, Mr. Daire O'Cruidain and wife Mary; National Board Director James J. Carmody; Ladies District Board President Catherine Back; Vice Pres. Joan Videns; Irish American Club President, Isabelle Gallagher; District Board Treasurer Paul Collins; and Deputy Grand Knight, Council 224, Knights of Columbus, Wash. DC, Jack Gallagher.

The gathering was entertained by

the talented Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company singers, seventeen members participating.

Mr. Daire O'Cruidain spoke on immigration and its impact on both Ireland and America.

A buffet prepared by the ladies, under the leadership of Jennie Gibbons, and an open bar were thoroughly enjoyed.

Frank J. Herbert
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THE IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL in Glen Echo Park, Maryland, was a great place to be for all things Irish and to meet old friends. Holding down one picnic table are, left to right, "A.C." Charlie Moore, Al Maltz, Mike Tivnan from Lt Col. John A. Dowd Div. 1, Woodbridge, VA, and Jim Carmody, VA State vice president from John Fitzgerald Div. 1, Arlington.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY Irish War Veterans of the United States were among the many civilian and veteran organizations that laid wreaths in Veteran Memorial Park, Bladensburg, MD., on July 4. Left to right are, Wreath Escort Franklin Stultz, Colmar Manor American Legion Post 131; Jack Sheehan, Bart Finn, Jr., and William A. Hickey, Jr., all past Commanders of Irish war veterans Post 17, Washington DC; and Wreath Escort Charles P. Dondero, Cheverly American Legion Post 108. Bart Finn, Jr. is a member of John Barry Div. 1, Annapolis.

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AT THE PODIUM swearing in the officers is National Director Frank J. Kearney, Sr. Standing, left to right are: William McCarthy, state treasurer; James Gallagher, president; Thomas Egan, vice-president; Edward McGuinness, secretary.

STATE CONVENTION

For the first time in thirty-one years Bridgeport's JFK Division AOH and LAOH hosted the biennial State of Connecticut Convention. It was held at the Bridgeport Hilton on June 24th and 25th. After the meetings on Saturday, a Mass was held at St. Margaret's Shrine on Park Avenue, Bridgeport. It was concelebrated by Fr. Edward J. Small, state and county chaplain; Fr. Michael Flynn, Bridgeport chaplain; Fr. William A. Nagle, Stamford chaplain; and Fr. Joseph Piccarillo. All were welcomed to St. Margaret's by a large banner at the entrance and to the tune of Patrick J. Mallaney's bagpipes.

The procession included National Director Frank Kearney and Past National President LAOH Sheila Clifford, State officers, Chairpersons John Collins and Marge Sheehan (presidents of Bridgeport Divisions); and concelebrating priests.

A banquet followed at the Bridgeport Hilton at which Bishop Michel Egan, newly installed Bishop for the diocese of Bridgeport, was the guest speaker. Music was provided by Christy O'Connor and band. One of the highlights of the banquet was the presentation by Past National President Sheila Clifford of lifetime membership upon Mae King.

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Gallagher, an oceanographer with the Naval Underwater Systems Center, New London, and a member of the New London AOH Division, announced that the State AOH is developing educational programs for members and for the general public in Irish and Irish-American history. Hibernian programs also include: a fair U.S. immigration policy for Irish immigrants; the end to discrimination against Catholics by companies doing business in Northern Ireland (the MacBride Principles); the sparse coverage by the U.S. news media of human and civil rights violations in Northern Ireland; and the dictatorial control of news reporting by the British Government regarding Northern Ireland; peace with justice in Northern Ireland and eventual reunification with the Irish Republic; and, support Right to Life.

Resolutions passed at the convention decried the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to relate free speech to the burning of American flags; and condemned the unconstitutional imprisonment of Joe Doherty in U.S. jails for over six years without a charge, and the U.S. Attorney General's Office for its unilateral order to deport Doherty to Britain, thus reversing the decisions of

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In the year 1992, the massing of twelve Nations in Europe to form the European Common Market will create a formidable force of over 300 million advanced people competing for market share of the world's wealth. We must ask ourselves how Ireland will fare in this convulsion of national identities aimed at a united front.

During the recent European summit meeting, Irish Prime Minister Haughey welcomed the British Prime Minister's "very positive affirmation" of Britain's intention to join the European monetary system. He strongly disagreed with Prime Minister Thatcher's rejection of the massive transfer of resources to "peripheral regions such as Ireland" and emphasized the need for extra aid to bring about economic convergence. As to the proposed European Council social charter, the *Irish Times* quotes Mr. Haughey as saying he was "on a different wave length" than Mrs. Thatcher.

Ireland's geographical location as an island on the far western reaches of Europe has always placed it at a trade disadvantage in terms of shipping costs. Ireland lacks the ease of access enjoyed by the closely

nested countries of the continent. The resultant dependency on the British, inevitable or contrived, has played a significant role in Irish history.

The broadening of the Common Market strategy enhances Ireland's opportunity to circumvent dependence on Britain with concomitant reliance on Europe for the resources to take its place as a sovereign nation and equal partner in the world community.

On the Northern Ireland scene, Britain's annual outlay of billions of dollars coupled with the monetary drain of Irish Government security, is bound to arouse increasingly circumspect scrutiny as the European nations search for the efficiency and harmony needed to propel their 1992 venture into the next century.

"Whence does this mysterious power of Ireland come? How is it that she has forced generation after generation to stop the whole traffic of the British Empire in order to debate her domestic affairs? Ireland is not a Daughter race. She is a Parent Nation."
Winston Churchill

Remarks of Robert Roche, Albany Attorney, At the New York State Convention Banquet — Auburn, NY, July 15, 1989

Mr. Roche was commissioned by the AOH National Board to observe the "Reading of the Appeal" of the Birmingham Six case in London, England.

Reverend Fathers, Honored Members of Dias, My Sisters and Brothers, Friends:

When I was called by the National Organization and requested to consider representing this ancient and venerable organization at the reading of the appeal of the Birmingham Six case in London, I was certain that I had been mistaken for my namesake, the Past President of the National AOH, but in my peculiar sense of justice the invitation had been extended and I would not let it be withdrawn.

Similarly, I am honored this evening to have been asked to speak to your State Convention at this Installation Dinner and I will overlook the fact that the first 38 choices on your list were in some way unavailable for this evening's festivities. I do not mind being chosen so lowly on the list but I am grateful for the unavailability of all those who preceded me on the list. What I am about to say to you is not going to be comfortable for a lot of people who will hear it and I am certain that the words that I am about to impart to you, if heard and understood by you, will offend some. I apologize for the offense, for no offense is intended, but I do not apologize for the truth of what I am about to say.

In Dublin there is graffiti on a wall which reads "British Justice — no Irish need apply". Indeed, what I saw in London that passed for the British common law would confirm that wall philosophy. When that assignment came to me there was a little doubt in my mind that I must go because it was something that I had always wanted to do and, like yourselves, always wondered where the opportunity would present itself for me to somehow become involved in what is both a holy and necessary cause. That is the freedom of the six Counties of the North and the unification of the Irish people. As an Irish-American, and one not nearly as close as I should be to the events in Ireland, Northern Ireland and England, I had to understand more fully who, what and why were the "Birmingham Six" and, as an American of Irish decent, to what extent the "Birmingham Six" affected or impacted my life and why would I leave family and home for the purpose of traveling there to attend and observe this appeal process?

I had determined that as your representative this must indeed be a just cause because I would not lend the name of my family, nor my father, nor of my profession, nor could I lend good names, individually or as this venerable and beloved organization, to an act of murder. Like many of yourselves, I was born, educated, and presently live and, in God's wisdom, will probably die in this Country and, hence, I am not Irish but I am American. I had to understand so I tried to read and research the transcripts of the original trial, contemporary newspaper articles that were given to me by members of the National AOH, commentaries in the press in the intervening years, the text and transcripts of the appeal which had been argued months before in London, and I read the book by Christopher Mullen entitled "An Error in Judgment". Having read, researched, attempting to study to the extent of my limited capabilities, and understand as God would allow me to, what was at issue in the "Birmingham Six" trial, I was convinced to a moral certainty that these six men, now spending life in prison in Her Majesty's prisons, are six innocent men. With that background, I undertook the assignment from the National Organization and I went to London.

I was sent to London merely as an observer but I returned from Lon-

don as a witness. I am a witness here this evening to injustice, and to the travesty and sham that is passed off upon the world, and especially upon the Irish, as British Common Law.

As a speaker invited here to your Installation Dinner, of your State Convention, I would love to say the magic words or speak the right formula to stir your hearts to action but, given the limitations of myself, I will be happy if, indeed, I can but tweak your conscience. Having put into a framework of what the "Birmingham Six" was, and is, and why I was there to observe this appeal as an Irish American, I can tell you that this case helps us all focus on several things.

It helps us focus on the hypocrisy of British Justice or more correctly "Injustice" where Irish are involved. There is no question having studied the case, nor is there in the minds of anyone who takes the time to do that, that four guilty men are walking about free while six innocent men who did not commit this bombing are spending the rest of their natural lives separated from their loved ones and families in Her Majesty's jails. A man named Christopher Mullen, who is now a Labor Member of Parliament, but at the time was trained simply as a journalist, has interviewed all four people who are, in fact, guilty of the crime and they have admitted the complicity to him.

There are two people who made the bombs and there were two people who planted the bombs. Mr. Mullen has interviewed them all. He has quoted them and referred to them in his book "Error in Judgment". British Intelligence, which would like us to believe they are the best the world possesses, claim they could not, did not, and were not able to find any other than the six imprisoned Irishmen, who are responsible for this heinous crime. What this case also helps us focus on is the bad luck that these men had to be Irish. They were unlucky enough to be Irish in the wrong place, at the wrong time and, of course, to be cursed with the wrong nationality.

The protocol and the outline on which the British case is premised is that these men, five of the six involved, were on a train which had left Birmingham at or about the time of the detonation of the bombs in question. They were on their way to the night ferry to Belfast, Northern Ireland. The train in which they were riding had departed Birmingham coincidentally close to the time of the explosions and they were admittedly going to Belfast, at least in part, to attend the funeral of Jamie McDade, a known and admitted IRA bomber who had died the week before. These men were stopped because of their accents and their place of origin. They were interrogated, they were beaten, and oh how they were beaten. They were charged. They were then falsely tried and unjustly convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. I suggest to you that if we change only one element in that equation and if we were to put on that train from Birmingham to the night ferry to Belfast, six Chinese or six Dutchmen or six Americans, those people would never have been stopped, would never have been interrogated or beaten, certainly would never have been charged, could never have stood trial and would not today be convicted. Hence, I suggest to you that the facts clearly indicate that these six men are guilty of one thing. That is the same thing of which each and every one of us in this room, to some degree or measure ourselves are guilty. That is, of being Irish.

Some of you may have heard and, indeed, it is true, that four of the six men gave confessions and the British prosecution relied very heavily on those confessions. Three of them were written or at least signed. These men signed their names to the bottoms of pages that their interrogators had prepared. Let me discuss with you, while I avoid all the titillating details that lawyers are wont to go on about for

hours in the evidence of cases that the sum total of these confessions that were beaten out of, discussed at some point later, claim to the place of the detonation may have used today at K-Mart or. The confessions further claim that these bombs were placed in rather d of a bar and the other in an area near a cigarette dispensing device.

These confessions, however, are forensic evidence produced by the clearly proved beyond any doubt, bombs had, in fact, been carried in valises or suitcases and that they places that would be best known to intimately familiar with the tavern place was in the storage room be stored and in the other in a caretaker's closet between the restrooms.

In summary, the confessions to the British Midlands Police, confessions happened. And yes, indeed, my beyond doubt that these men were tortured that these men show between Lodging photos indicate that they to which the British respond to prisoners. That they were not, in fact, that they were "saved" by their prisoners were so upset with them. The most deplorable and unappealing is that the British expect the worst. Their arrogance borne of ignorance.

As an American attorney I was inherited the British Common Law dependence we would at best have and be the poor step children of the see the "real" Common Law, the people, and what I saw was a disaster. What we have in this Country, as concerned, is light years ahead of the Common Law. The abuse of the law nothing more than the extension of flagrant abuse and is some indication of the Executive department of the British Crown for all things Irish been perverted to serve the needs Government and cannot be trusted in this country. The present is a prisoner in an American jail, in the British press and the Anglo-manipulated this Country in which the control is not simply at medium trols our government to a fault. T you see here, what your politicians hear in this Country. One must as fighters and all seven disparate patriots, why then is every reformer President, in a dishearteningly received his Knighthood from the earned it.

The "Birmingham Six" also help us to focus necessarily and pain-violence in Northern Ireland. Dan O'Connell, the great liberator, who is who is revered on an equal status ago that blood makes a poor mor- of liberty. No ocean can obscure the produced twenty dead, one hundred ty dead were not soldiers, were not And, basically, they were children of in an English City, to which their employment at home. They were only

somehow the war that is going on in and are thinking back to the War of and Thompson sub-machine guns, I know who are parents, that there is child.

This enormous crime were acts of people. These people are alone in Nor- they have been abandoned by a govern- and a government in this country its Anglo conspiracy. They look to and we have too oft in the past ing as they remain alone, desperate, of desperate, lonely, angry and the deaths of children and innocent e on them and allowing this to con- problem and have not provided any

unity today cannot stand alone and ow it, and especially the Irish in the d know it. We certainly should know an people and as Americans, to offer an army of occupation, a viable alter-

also clearly into focus the stereo- of all things Irish. Their press is at press, on the day of the murder of who had represented young men and unities in Northern Ireland, gunned essence of his wife and small children, piece of "IRA terrorists". This was

the same British press, so content and so smug in its entrenchment, that it referred to that sweet and gentle man, Sean McBride, the founder of International Amnesty, on the day of his funeral, as "an evil man". It is this press which announces, and is echoed here in the press which is controlled in this Country by the Anglo conspiracy, that the violence in the North is the result of a "sectarian" conflict which is, in fact, a misnomer. It is that assertion of a sectarian conflict that creates the atmosphere that has become sectarian. They have created their own terror and they produce and promote that terror. Not once in that British press will you see the three letters "IRA" without having those three letters followed by one of the four words of modification — Murderers, Thugs, Killers or Terrorists.

And we, as American-Irish, must understand that this conspiracy has reached into our Country. Because Joe Doherty, who presently is in the Federal House of Detention in New York City, is an Irishman who's a victim of British injustice using the American Justice Department as its accomplice. This man is the political victim of this Country's conspiracy with Ten Downing Street. Despite the many lawsuits he has won in the American Courts, he still remains in our prison for not violating a single American law. These people have perverted justice in your Country to show you how completely they disdain freedom for anyone who stands against them. Your Justice Department has been insidiously taken over and has become an extension of the Executive Department of Ten Downing Street. I submit to you, if Joe Doherty's last name were Solzenytsen he would not be in prison.

If you disbelieve the extent to which the Anglo conspiracy has frustrated and subverted American justice, consider what they did in promoting the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine. That Doctrine, which John Kennedy used to keep the missiles out of Cuba in 1962, was scrapped when President Reagan sided with a European power against an American Country in the dispute in the Malvenas. We no longer have any right to call upon the Monroe Doctrine. We no longer have any right to have it regarded or respected by European countries because we have abandoned it. Perhaps it would be well for all of us to remind our representatives in Washington that at Yorktown General Cornwallis surrendered his sword to an American General. That was a war we won. We are no longer a British Colony.

And yet my friends there is a solution that is not a new solution. We are a Christian people and members of this honorable and beloved organization must become a part of that solution. The solution was quoted by Eamon DeValera in 1921 in a letter to Lloyd George during the period of the negotiation of the cessation of hostilities during the Irish War of Independence. DeValera wrote to Lloyd George

"The Ulster question must remain for the Irish people themselves to settle. We cannot admit the right of the British government to mutilate our Country either in its own interest or at the call of any section of our population. We do not contemplate the use of force. If your Government stands aside we can effect a complete reconciliation."

That was written sixty-eight years ago and the solution, the touchstone of which remains valid today, is premised on "if your Government stands aside". We, all of us, you and I must help the British Government through the eyes of our Government see the wisdom of standing aside and thus become a part of the solution for Northern Ireland. We must awaken in the American people that genius they have for good, for the genius of the American people to do good is bottomless and beyond doubt. Cardinal O'Connor, upon his return from Northern Ireland last year, reminded us all that it was our duty as a Christian people to provide peace. But as the Cardinal very correctly pointed out, it is not enough simply to stand by and condemn the violence without providing a viable alternative in the form of a formula for the peace.

In this Country, I am told by politicians that statisticians report to them nearly one-fifth of all Americans of voting age, have or claim some Irish heritage. Yet the fact remains that one-fifth of all the native inhabitants of the island of Ireland remain in British bondage. We must, to fulfill our inheritance as Americans and sons and daughters of true Liberty, work pressure, politic and lobby tend the unholy alliance, the Anglo conspiracy with Ten Downing Street. We must put into the equation for Irish unity and freedom, American support for both of those causes. If we do not and if we simply allow these desperate, angry, frustrated and lonely people to continue to resort to acts of violence as their only expression of a desire to be free men, then we cannot escape the blood of the next child or children who will die in Northern Ireland, from being on our hands, yours and mine. If we are capable of aiding the solution and do not, we are a part of the problem. As such, we cannot escape the responsibility for whatever ensues.

The occupation of Northern Ireland by the army of the British Empire is un-American. It is un-Christian. Britain must be told by our government that the price of our continued support of them in the world marketplace and in the community of nations is a phased plan of withdrawal of their troops from Northern Ireland. I am convinced that if Northern Ireland were in the South Atlantic and were not as close as it is to Britain, it would be free today. If the British, in fact, can give up what Gladstone called the "Jewel of the Empire" in Hong Kong by a phased withdrawal, there is no legitimate reason why it cannot leave Northern Ireland. There is only an emotional, arrogant and myopic explanation. Such cannot pass muster when measured by the objective standards of fair men everywhere.

Indeed my good sisters and brothers, we as Americans have tried the great American answer for all things. Money. We have tried to buy peace in Northern Ireland and that has failed. We have been caused to support tens of millions of dollars to the International Fund and all we have done with that money is such mindless exercises as to build tennis courts for the army of occupation. We must, as Americans of Irish decent, stand for the same principles in Northern Ireland for which our sons, our brothers and ourselves have fought all over the globe. We must do this to be true to our inheritance as Americans. The catalyst for peace and unity in Ulster and Northern Ireland is not in Northern Ireland. It is not in Whitehall. It is not in Dublin. It is here in the Irish-American community which has too long been silent in speaking to its Government regarding the lack of peace and the

disunity which exists in Ireland today.

This evening at Mass, or tomorrow morning, you will undoubtedly exchange the peace of Christ, the simple sign at the sacrifice of the Mass. Let that sign of Christ's peace remind you that there is, in your Country of origin, no peace in the six counties under British domination. Let us pledge ourselves that the reunion of the six Counties to the Republic will be in His name for we are a Christian people. We may never abandon His law even when others do, and as Irish perhaps, especially when others do.

For those of you who assume that your voice is but one, and one person cannot make that much of an impact, I submit to you and I offer for your edification one small voice, one giant of a person who by her own beauty and simplicity is a Saint living and walking amongst us today. I offer you the simple commitment and complete dedication of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. With only a fraction of such commitment as here we can effect this reconciliation and we must effect this peace and reunification for Ireland not only for the Irish but for ourselves. We must do this to redeem, to ransom and to justify our principles as Americans of Irish decent, the same principles for which this Country has stood all over the world.

Yet, these six men, these known as the "Birmingham Six", suffer their incarceration with dignity and never once have called for one drop of revenge. It is not revenge they seek — it is simply justice.

You and I must let Lords and Commons know that we will, this ancient and venerable Order, will be the conscience of our Government, and we will persist until Britain does, if for no other reason but that they must, LET OUR PEOPLE GO. I beseech you, let our voices all rise from this small community in Upstate New York as one voice and repeat the chant to be taken up in the hearts and breasts of men of good conscience all over the world to LET OUR PEOPLE GO. Let it be heard in the Halls of Whitehall and Storemont, in Congress and Dail Eiran, to LET OUR PEOPLE GO. While any of us remains in chains, none of us are free. That call, those four simple words, while at the same time striking fear in the hearts of the oppressors, will swell hope in the hearts of the oppressed. That will be the cry of all right thinking men of whatever race, color or creed, for freedom knows no race. Freedom knows no color. Freedom has no creed.

Then in God's time, but soon, with the help of His Grace, that great desire and dream will be accomplished. By His cross and crucifixion he taught us to endure and suffer. But on Easter He also taught us the triumph of faith. We have faith in Him and faith in our people. In His time and in His name we undertake this cause, for we are a Christian people. The British will, if for no reason other than that they must,

LET OUR PEOPLE GO.

Thank you.

Remarkable Growth In Irish Studies Explored

GALWAY, IRELAND: "One of the most remarkable developments in educational circles on both sides of the Atlantic in recent years has been the growth in the number of Irish Studies courses being offered in hundreds of colleges and institutions of higher education. These courses — concerned with the Irish experience in its historical and contemporary settings — draw on many of the traditional disciplines, such as History, Geography, Literature, Politics and Sociology, together with Drama and Theatre, and Music. The desire to understand, in some way, what has been going on in Northern Ireland during the past twenty years was probably a significant factor in stimulating interest in Ireland as a focus for academic study. But the natural interest of the children of Irish immigrants in different parts of the world in the 'roots' has undoubtedly been a major factor also," said Director Seamus O'Grady of the University College Galway summer program.

In any event, the number of colleges in the U.S.A. which offer some form of Irish Studies program is now to be counted in hundreds, as the Directory of the American Conference for Irish Studies clearly shows. Canada has also experienced a growth in the number of colleges offering Irish Studies courses, while the British Association for Irish Studies (though late in following the American example) is now busy coordinating Irish Studies courses in British colleges, including a new degree course in Irish Studies at Liverpool University. Australia and New Zealand will, no doubt, be following the American example in due course.

"The Colleges at home in Ireland have been greatly encouraged by these developments," added O'Grady. "The links between the Irish Colleges and Colleges in the U.S.A. with an Irish Studies program are numerous, and have proved most fruitful over the years. Some formal bilateral links exist between institutions on both sides of the Atlantic, but much more remains to be done in this area. However, of invaluable assistance in the teaching of Irish Studies is the publication of the first comprehensive Irish Studies: A General Introduction text-book, developed by a team of academics from various disciplines in University College, Galway."

Based on their experience over several years of teaching the highly-regarded Galway Irish Studies Summer School the book is published in the U.S.A. by Barnes & Noble (in association with Gill & Macmillan in Ireland). It ought to stimulate further interest in what has been an extraordinary growth area of academic study.

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Celtic News Service Release

It Just Isn't Done, Old Boy

LONDON — The Church of England's proposals to allow the ordination of divorced men and of men married to divorced women were defeated in the House of Commons yesterday.

Lawmakers voted 51 to 45 to reject the proposals, which had been approved by the General Synod, the church's governing body, and by the House of Lords, the unelected upper chamber of Parliament.

The Associated Press



JOE DOHERTY An Urgent Appeal

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It is with very great urgency that I write to request your intercession with the National Council of the AFL-CIO with reference to the case of Irish political prisoner Joseph Doherty. The recent political decision of Attorney General Richard Thornburgh not to even have a hearing for Mr. Doherty's request for political asylum, issued it was to the Congress and the media, but not to Mr. Doherty's attorneys, on the eve of a long national day celebration, was sneaky andpicable in its cowardice and unethicity of the high government position held by Mr. Thornburgh.

His decision comes as a severe blow to a multitude of loyal and patriotic American citizens who hold deep and intense interest for the well-being of Joseph Doherty as well as a personal stake in the continuation of our American way of life. These people are active participants in American society in the public and private sectors as well as in the various communities of our nation. They represent a clear national consensus and are in fact the true essence of America. They include federal judges, senators, congressmen, elected officials at the state and local levels, church hierarchy, clergy, professors, journalists, union leaders, attorneys, doctors, police officers, human and civil rights workers, ethnic organization leaders, political parties, and thousands upon thousands of ordinary American citizens.

As you know, Mr. Doherty has prevailed with every aspect of his case at every level of the federal judiciary and in the immigration courts. As you also know, the federal judges have stated and affirmed that Joseph Doherty was not and is not "a terrorist", nor even a common criminal. It is this affirmation that caused a groundswell of grass-roots support across the country not only for Mr. Doherty personally but also to demand adherence to and respect for the American Constitution.

Despite the very impressive and continually growing support for this issue, Irish American organization leaders have been turned down by the Reagan and Bush Administrations in our requests for meetings although we notice that British officials have easy access to our elected officials and in fact parade carte-blanche through the halls of Congress and the White House to convey their points of view to our government officials who were elected by us to uphold, protect, and defend our Constitution. Considering all of this, we invite your further

consideration of certain events which have occurred over the past few years:

- U.S. support of Britain's war in the Malvinas/Falklands in violation of the U.S. alliance with Argentina;
- U.S. war planes leaving from England rather than from the more strategically convenient location of American ships stationed in the Mediterranean for a bombing mission in Libya;

- The presence of British intelligence agents in the basement of the White House as the Iran/Contra deal was being hatched;
- The refusal of the Executive branch to abide by the rulings of the Judiciary, a co-equal branch of government, in the Doherty case;

- Removal of the "political exception" clause from the US-UK Extradition Treaty, the only extradition treaty of its kind among our nation's one-hundred or so extradition treaties with foreign nations;
- The practice of censoring by visa denial certain democratically elected Irish officials who represent Irish reunification;

- The unprecedented British buying-up of American companies making the British the largest by-far foreign investor in the United States;
- The acceptance by Casper Weinberger and Ronald Reagan of "knighthoods" from the British monarchy.

While each of these events, when considered individually, might seem innocent in and of themselves, when viewed in their entirety, however, seem to present a pattern of planned American support of the British political agenda without regard for the consequences to the United States of America. This should be of very grave concern to every American citizen since we are now justified in asking if our government is still the free and independent United States of America or if we have been reduced once again to being a mere British colony. Is the government still a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, or have our leaders made us a colonial extension of the United Kingdom?

Although we do not wish to minimize the importance of the civil rights and liberties of the individual in this case, Joseph Doherty, the ramifications of the Doherty case go far beyond his illegal and immoral imprisonment. What is of equal importance here, as symbolized by the Doherty case, is the very fabric of American society: *The U.S. Constitution with its separation of powers, its recognition of the independence of the judiciary, and its respect for the rule of law.* All of this is being ignored and ridiculed in order to placate the political whims of the British government.

If the Administration is permitted to continue its political games of catering to the political agenda of a foreign government in contravention of the Constitution and defiance of the will of the American public, this will surely be the beginning of the end of American independence. To state that the Executive branch has been anti-Irish and anti-Catholic in its dealings with the government of Britain is one thing; to clearly demonstrate that the Administration has been acting in an

unconstitutional, illegal, immoral and un-American manner is something entirely different.

It is quite an amazing adventure to read through the Attorney General's recent decision not to allow an open hearing for political asylum for Joseph Doherty; to see in black and white how the facts of this case are twisted by the Attorney General by his own use of the very verbiage and "facts" which have all been repeatedly rejected by American courts at the trial and appellate levels.

Let me cite for you one such example of how the Attorney General employs political chicanery and disinformation in his recent decision. The Justice Department states that "Doherty is due to be deported to the United Kingdom to serve a life sentence imposed for the murder of Captain Herbert Westmacott nine years ago in an ambush of British soldiers in Ulster. Captain Westmacott left a wife and young child."

Not only does this statement contain gross lies, it also contains misleading and incomplete information as can be ascertained in the court records. In the first instance, it was four Irish Republican Army soldiers, including Joseph Doherty, who were ambushed and fired upon by eight members of the Special Air Services (SAS), an elite British undercover unit responsible for the assassinations of many Irish people "suspected" of operating militarily or politically against British rule in Ireland. Joseph Doherty's unit was forced to defend their lives in a gun battle wherein a British SAS leader died. Mr. Doherty's life sentence was ordered by a juryless British "Diplock" Court, whose sole Loyalist judge was appointed to his position by the British government to carry out British policy in Ireland.

In what country of the western world would a man be charged and convicted of the crime of "murder" under such circumstances? Yet the Justice Department arrogantly persists in misleading Congress and the media by rehashing British propaganda which holds no basis in fact. With reference to this situation, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor of the Archdiocese of New York has written: "... I sense there is something very wrong in this case in which so many positive decisions on Mr. Doherty's behalf have not had any substantive results."

To that statement, we say "Amen." It is obvious to us that a clear attempt is being made by the Administration to subvert and circumvent the duly rendered decisions of American courts and of the Justice Department's own immigration authorities. Thornburgh quotes the State Department as having "specifically determined that it is in the foreign policy interests of this country that (Joseph Doherty) be deported to the United Kingdom."

What American interests will be served by such a decision? Certainly not the interests of the multitude of passionate supporters of justice for Joseph Doherty; certainly not the integrity of the federal courts whose reasoned wisdom inspires the public confidence; certainly not the numerous governmental bodies and locally elected officials who have gone on record in support of justice for Joseph Doherty. The Executive branch should not sell out the true national interests to a foreign power which is obsessed with getting revenge on a man who dared to challenge its control over a small area of a small defenseless country, Ireland. The deportation of Joseph Doherty to the United Kingdom will

most definitely not be in the interests of the broad national consensus of the American public and will indeed serve only the selfish interests of the British government.

It is clear from Attorney General Richard Thornburgh's unconstitutional political decision in this case that he is a hand-picked appointee of the Reagan-Bush Administration whose tactics are similar to those of other hand-picked appointees in the National Labor Relations Board who have shown themselves to be anti-labor and unsympathetic to the problems of the working man and woman in America. While the nation's attention is being focused upon the issue of flag burning, it is obvious to us that President Bush is secretly burning the American flag on the Doherty issue to the hurrahs of the British government.

You can now understand the urgency with which we request the help of the AFL-CIO's National Council. Because the Justice Department has rendered a political decision in opposition to every legal victory obtained in this case, it is up to the American people to obtain a political decision from the Congress to overrule the Attorney General. If the Administration, acting on behalf of the Thatcher government, succeeds in returning Joseph Doherty to British jurisdiction, we can only imagine the torture which awaits him based upon the documentations and condemnations of British torture and of Irish political prisoners by Amnesty International and the European Court for Human Rights. If such an event should occur right under our noses and despite our efforts to the contrary, God help America!

We would very much appreciate your help, Mr. Gleason, in the following ways:

1. Would you please bring this case immediately to the attention of Lane Kirkland and the National Council of the AFL-CIO for their support? We desperately need a strong and vigorous endorsement from the National Council as well as its commitment to help us to diligently overturn the Attorney General's immoral political decision.
2. Would you please communicate to President George Bush that his Administration's abuse of the Constitution and disrespect of the American judicial system are not in keeping with his call for a kinder, gentler nation and will bring him no support from the American people.

Regardless of what future victories might be rendered from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, the Administration is intent upon returning Joseph Doherty to the British by hook or by crook. We must act quickly; time is of the essence and the final chapters of Joseph Doherty's case are now being written. His well-being and that of the American Constitution are at stake. We are not asking the Bush Administration to become pro-Irish or anti-British. We ask only that it become pro-American.

Thank you very much, Mr. Gleason, for your prompt attention to this very urgent request for help as well as for all of your past support of Irish American issues.

Kathleen Holmes, Chairwoman
American Irish Congress
CC: Council of Presidents of Major Irish American Organizations



JOE DOHERTY Major Principles at Stake

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Dear Brother Kirkland:

I am writing to enlist the support of the AFL-CIO by having the Executive Council take a stand on an urgent matter involving two principles that have always concerned the organized American labor movement. These have always spurred us on and eventually led to what we have accomplished: namely, that "right" is superior to "might"; and that the law of the land is above any petty individual and the government itself.

In a case I will refer to, these basic beliefs, to which you and I and the members of the AFL-CIO's Executive Council subscribe, have been subjected to the severest test and strain over the past six-plus years.

The preceding and present U.S. Administrations have pursued single-minded, unrelenting efforts to deliver an Irish fugitive, Mr. Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty, into the eager hands of a British government that has already decided his certain fate of lifetime imprisonment under conditions that have merited international notoriety and condemnation. The point, however, is that in 1984, a distinguished judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, after looking at all of the factors involved, concluded that the conduct in Northern Ireland for which Mr. Doherty was cited and all the "various and sundry charges" which were connected to his escape from prison and flight to our shores were political acts and therefore were not extraditable offenses under a Treaty of Extradition between the United States and Great Britain. Since that time, decisions of a succession of U.S. Courts and of an immigration judge and repeated rulings of the Board of Immigration Appeals have consistently dismissed the claims of the Executive branch and of the British government that Mr. Doherty must or should be deported to the United Kingdom. Notwithstanding these judgments and determinations as well as the mounting groundswell of support for Mr. Doherty in Congress and at State and City levels on an ever-broadening base, two attorneys-general have rejected them out-of-hand. Messrs. Meese and Thornburgh have twice refused to recognize Joe Doherty's legal right to reopen the deportation proceedings and to obtain a hearing on his claim for political asylum (or to withhold deportation).

It is not disputed that Joseph Doherty was found to have caused the death of a British army officer during an exchange of gunfire in May, 1980, between members of a special British army unit and the organized Provisional Irish Republican Army contingent of which Doherty was a member. Yet, the U.S. Judge, sitting as an "extradition magistrate", found that in the context in which that act was committed by him, his status at the time, the nature of the organization (PIRA) on whose behalf he committed it — including the instructions given him to escape and to flee — and the particularized circumstances of the location where the act took place "present the assertion of the political offense exception in its most classic form." *Matter of Doherty*, 599 F. Supp. 270, 278 (SDNY, 1984). The Court emphasized that the acts committed by Doherty were not

tainted by "purely personal reasons such as personal vengeance or vindictiveness"; and that they were neither indiscriminate nor were otherwise "beyond the parameters of what and should properly be regarded as encompassed by the political offense exception to the Treaty"; nor did they violate international law or run afoul of the international standards of civilized conduct. Rather "... it was in its inception an outgrowth of the notion that a person should not be persecuted for political beliefs".

I feel certain that your own reading of the enclosed court decisions and the summary of proceedings to the time of the most recent turnaround by Attorney General Thornburgh on the eve of our own Independence Day, as prepared by Mr. Doherty's counsel, will lead you, along with the labor leaders on the Executive Council, to agree with the sentiments of John Cardinal O'Connor. His Eminence thus summarized his impressions:

"... I sense there is something very wrong in this case in which so many positive decisions on Mr. Doherty's behalf have not had any substantive results."

The basic issue is not whether or not one agrees with Mr. Doherty's actions; or whether or not one is committed to his cause; or whether or not he properly entered this country as a regular immigrant. Rather, the issue is: whether a human being who has sought protection under our laws, including a treaty approved by the U.S. Senate which thereby became the supreme law of the land, for what has been held by a series of objective tribunals to have been political acts for which he is entitled to a hearing in order to obtain asylum (something which, in these times especially, has been permitted individuals in the hundreds and thousands from countries all over the globe), should be required to continue to languish through a seventh year in a federal prison in Manhattan or to be deported under circumstances which defy all precedent and the Treaty itself, simply because the past and present Administrations are having a "love-fest" with the Thatcher regime. Not only is the "political offense" in its "most classic form"; an abuse of power by our own governing regime, as it tramples on the legal rights of a powerless and defenseless individual, is present in its "most classic form", too.

This should all sound a very familiar ring in the memories of the veteran labor leaders on the Executive Council who will recall how power was misused and our laws were perverted to subdue their and their members' rights as persons and as workers. It is now their right, privilege — indeed obligation — to speak up whenever such incidents are brought to their attention, because in doing so they are not just safeguarding the principles of law that govern our society, but also are protecting their own members from arbitrary excesses of politically-based authorities. It is as true for them now as for all of us ever before that "eternal vigilance is the price of freedom".

I therefore urge you to include Joseph Doherty's desperate situation on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the AFL-CIO's Executive Council. I ask you to propose a resolution addressed to the President and to his Attorney-General, along the lines suggested by the enclosed Congressional draft of a resolution. It should specifically put them on notice that the House of Labor and its millions of law-abiding

workingmen and their families take vigorous exception to their refusal to give due and prompt process to Joseph Doherty, an individual who is entitled as of right to a hearing of his well-established claim for political asylum, which is in keeping with the Administration's own vision of a "kinder, gentler nation".

If the responsible heads of organized labor fail to add their strong and respected voices to all of the others who have protested and petitioned on Mr. Doherty's behalf, and if, as a result, he is denied his legal and moral due and is turned over to those who view and treat him as an uncommon criminal, then they will knowingly and silently suffer the Administration's outrage. Should this ever happen, we and the principles that we stand for will all be diminished.

I am not asking for an act of "courage" — only for an act of "commitment".

Thomas W. Gleason
President Emeritus
Longshoremens Internat'l Ass'n

GROWING AWARENESS

I enjoy reading (and writing) this newspaper, and the letters to the editor show an awareness growing in our people that I think will become a source of pride to the Hibernian Family.

The letter of Eileen M. Heaphy, acting director, office of Northern European Affairs, to brother Finucane is Classic Baloney and I thank John for sharing it with us. After reading it I say, "Let's face it, we must stand together, because we are ourselves alone."

Remember how Ian Paisley could come and go at will in this country? He would be on all the talk shows and received the red carpet treatment by our government. Remember how Irish Catholic and Nationalist representatives had trouble getting into the country from the occupied counties and how after a while they couldn't even get arrested? Because someone did not want them to have a forum to explain the other viewpoint.

Ian Paisley was denied a visa finally because some of our own stood up for a change. He was not stopped by any government agency interested in fair play. It was a case of sauce for the gander being sauce for the goose.

Let Paisley come in and let Gerry Adams come in and let the people decide in their own mind who the terrorists are.

As far as the International Fund for Ireland is concerned, there are already storm clouds on the horizon about the fund. Watch and listen.

The courts have decided in Joe Doherty's favor; but what is his fate. Will justice prevail? How about British influence?

Eileen M. Heaphy must think we fell off the back of a turnip truck. If so she is badly mistaken.

Vincent J. Scully

CONCERN OVER DUE PROCESS

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We are writing to express our interest in a matter currently under your consideration regarding the case of Mr. Joseph Doherty. At this time, you are reviewing briefs submitted by Mr. Doherty and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to decide if this case should be permitted to continue through the appropriate channels as provided by law.

As you know, this is an extremely complex case which has been litigated extensively both before the immigration authorities and the

courts. During this process, Mr. Doherty has consistently received favorable rulings in his various attempts to prevent extradition, withhold deportation and to pursue his claim to asylum in the United States.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you permit the process of adjudication of Mr. Doherty's claim for political asylum and withholding of deportation to continue. We view with concern the most recent effort of the INS to depart from the normal course of proceedings in this case by asking that you intervene to prevent consideration of Mr. Doherty's claim for relief from deportation.

We are particularly concerned that the principle of due process be upheld in this case. We firmly believe that this central tenet of the American legal system must be maintained. Our Constitutional process is respected throughout the world because it is viewed as one which allows for equitable administration of justice. We believe that a ruling which prohibits Mr. Doherty from having his claim for relief from deportation ruled upon will reflect poorly on our judicial system, especially given the underlying facts and circumstances unique to this case.

As the highest law enforcement officer in the United States we ask that you allow judicial proceedings in the Doherty case to continue without further delay. We urge you to allow for due process in this case by permitting Mr. Doherty to pursue his claims through the normal processes. This is nothing more than what the law requires, and it would be unfortunate to deprive Mr. Doherty of the due process which has been afforded to other asylum seekers in this country.

Norman F. Lent
Member of Congress

TRUE DEMOCRACY

Editor:

A contrast in two international elections, prompts this letter.

The recent election in (communist) Poland, which brought Solidarity into the government, permitting Polish citizens outside of the country to vote.

However, in the (democratic?) 26 county Ireland June election, absentee ballots from citizens away from "their" country were not permitted. Astonishing to say the least.

It would seem that Irish citizens become politically disenfranchised once they step out of their homeland! In no way is this democracy in Ireland. I am amazed that Irish American publications have not editorialized on this subject.

Let the members of I.I.R.M. (Irish citizens) who are advocating immigration reform in the United States, start advocating for voting reform (and democracy) in Ireland. DEMAND the right of Irish citizens to vote while away from Ireland. Put Ambassadors and Consuls, abroad, to work on this subject. Does not their job entail this service to Irish citizens?

With regard to Irish immigration, this problem starts in Ireland, not the United States. To me, it is a brain drain and leadership drain, which Ireland cannot afford in this day and age. Ireland needs those well educated young people. Without their future expertise, Ireland faces the bleakest of tomorrows.

The young people of Ireland should be encouraged to speak up for democratic rights, both at home and abroad (per the brave and patriotic Chinese students). If so, there would be no need for an I.I.R.M. in the United States. Their voice would be

in the forefront of a true democratic Irish government, which is needed so much today.

To the young Irish people I would advise — do not permit a governmental wall of silence to prevail in the form of censorship. Let the light of truth shine into those dark corners of government. Remember, it is the people who are primary, not politicians.

Timothy J. Scannell
A.O.H., Division 17
San Francisco, Calif.

DIVISION PRESIDENT BERATES BOSTON PAPER

Editor,
Boston Globe

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, June 20, 1989, you printed a feature article concerning the opening of a bar and restaurant in Fields Corner, Dorchester Section of Boston, by three new Irish Americans.

The questioning of the origin of their down payment for the bar and restaurant, and the printing in your newspaper of their immigration status was unusual, to say the least.

When was the last time you questioned in your paper where or how Jewish Americans or Vietnamese Americans borrowed or saved money to open a business in greater Boston? And why should you?

When did you ever print the immigration status of any new American that opened a business in greater Boston?

The *Globe's* attack on these three new Irishmen should be condemned by the greater Boston community for what it was, vulgar and offensive racism.

The *Globe's* attack on the new Irish, demonstrated by that feature article, was obviously calculated to discourage the hard-working new Irish, and to prejudice their success in business, and was un-American and beneath contempt.

Albert James Healy Madden
President, AOH Boston, Div. 1

TOAST TO AOH

The Editor

A.O.H. Digest

Dear Dave,

May I, through the medium of the *Digest*, try to express, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Irish physically handicapped team, our heartfelt thanks to the members of the AOH in New York for their great concern and generosity.

By their efforts we were able to bring over a team of physically handicapped young people to take part in the New York state games for the physically challenged. The Irish team came from North and South of our country, Belfast, Omagh, Enniskillen, Westmeath, Kilkenny, Carlow, Dublin and Wexford. They very successfully competed in the games, winning 53 Gold, 12 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals. They also enjoyed the great hospitality of the people of New York and New Jersey, which never ceases to amaze me.

We were taken on many trips and were guests at many functions. The result of the whole project was that twenty young physically handicapped people had the vacation of a lifetime; that, but for the goodness of the AOH, would seem to be only the impossible dream.

To be part of this project has given me immense pleasure. Next year we will return with twenty more magic children. We are extremely grateful to Jack Flatley and Jack Irwin for heading our fund-raising committee and to Bill Burke of the Bank of Ireland, treasurer of the fund, to Nick Murphy, past national

president, AOH Trustee, along with Ralph J. Lamberth, borough president, Staten Island.

I am extremely proud to be a member of Div. 14, AOH, Nassau County, who worked so hard on this labor of love.

In closing I say with deep sincerity — fellow Hibernians, take a bow, you are a living example of all that is good in the great United States and all that is great in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Ald. Dominic McKiernan, P.C.
Wexford, Ireland

RIGHT TO LIFE

Thomas Horkan, Exec. Dir.
Florida Catholic Conference
P.O. Box 1571
Tallahassee, FL 32302

Dear Tom:

It was a pleasure to talk to you on the phone last week. As I told you, the AOH stands ready to assist you in any way it can concerning the upcoming legislation and the right to life issue.

The AOH is proud of over 153 years of service to the church, and this is yet another example of our commitment to that history. As you know we have Divisions throughout Florida, as well as many friends.

We fully realize that this legislative battle will be as hard or even harder than our successful MacBride Bill campaign, but are willing to put forth the same great effort.

Please let me know what you need, what we can do and when you want anything done. I, along with the entire AOH membership in Florida, look forward to working again with you and your staff.

Thomas E. Gilligan
National Director and Organizer
cc: Nat'l Hibernian Digest
All Florida Bishops
State AOH Chaplain
State AOH President
State Chm. Catholic Action
State Chm. Right to Life

IRISH TRIVIA

1. Who was "The Hound of Ulster"?
2. Who was the first President of Ireland, and where was he born?
3. Who was the Ulsterman who led the fight against Home Rule in 1916?
4. During what era did the Irish add the prefixes "Mac" (son of) and "O'" (grandson of) to their last name?
5. When did the Celts arrive in Ireland?
6. Who did Polish leader Lech Walesa express solidarity with in 1981?
7. What is Aosdana?
8. What is Brian Boru's real name?
9. What was Brendan Behan's autobiography entitled?
10. Whose epitaph reads "Keep a cold eye on life, on death. Horsemen, pass by"?

(Answers on Page 18)



National
Pro LifeSEE HOW THEY
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

That was a phrase used to grudgingly describe the early Christian martyrs — those who suffered torture and death in the name of Jesus. Their love endured and their sacrifice helped spread the message in the gospel that we enjoy today!

The people in the Pro-Life movement live that love message daily. They pay a price to demonstrate, rescue, legislate, communicate and publicly pray for the end to an evil that has spread like a plague. They love the unborn children of God!

The Pro-Life movement is gearing up for the major battles yet to come. Please do not relax and think that abortion will end so easily. Abortion is a big money business and money does strange things to people. Some will even kill for it!

I proudly support our church in its opposition to the slaughter of the innocent. We must stand with all those in the Pro-Life movement as mem-

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to Questions on Page 17)

1. Setanta or Cuchulain. 2. Dr. Douglas Hyde, Co. Roscommon. 3. Edward Carson. 4. 10th Century, during the reign of Brian Boru. 5. 4th Century B.C. 6. Bobby Sands. 7. The Irish state-sponsored Association of Artists and Writers. 8. Brian MacCenneidigh (son of Kennedy). He took the name B'orime, from the town of the same name near Killaloe, Co. Clare. 9. "Borstal Boy". 10. William Butler Yeats.

Ref. *Irish Trivia*, Quinlan Press, 1985, Boston, MA.

James Gallagher
President, CT State Board

IN MEMORIAM
AR DAEIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAMJohn J. Bonner Dies
Unexpectedly at Age 52

John J. Bonner, 52, of 20 Balsam Road, Bear Creek, PA, died Saturday afternoon while visiting relatives in Greely, PA.

Born Dec. 3, 1936, in Wilkes Barre, son of Anna Cooney Bonner and the late Joseph Bonner, he was a graduate of St. Mary's High School.

A former resident of the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, he was a resident of the Bear Creek address since 1969.

Mr. Bonner was an Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was employed as a food service

manager at Nanticoke State Hospital.

A former Democratic supervisor of Bear Creek Township, he was a past member of the Luzerne County Democratic Committee. He was active with the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, serving as the first county president, national director, state organizer, and at the time of his death, was president of the AOH of St. John Neumann Division. Also, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 302, Alhambra, and American Legion Post 673, Ashley. He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are sisters, Elizabeth Janosov, Wilkes-Barre; Patricia Ann Hartman, Annville; brother, Neal, Greely; Jerry, Mountaintop; Frank, West Nanticoke; Thomas, Plains Township; nieces and nephews.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. AOH services were held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Scholarship Fund, c/o Thomas M. Hart, 21 Ross St., Ashley, PA, 18706

against us. So be it; but let them come against us all!

For our part we will show love and in so doing, we will help spread the message of the gospel in Jesus name!

To Life!

God bless you all!

Vincent J. Scully
National Catholic Action



Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Department of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Barrett

Q. Could you please inform me about the meaning of my family name. Kathleen Fee Barrett, Newton Square, PA

A. Related to Fee are O'Feighney, Feheny, Hunt, O'Feighrey, Feehery, Fey, and Feeney. These names originate from the Irish O Fiach, meaning 'descendant of the hunter.' The meaning accounts for Hunt being related to your name. When English became the predominant language, many translated their names directly into the English Hunt.

Certainly many of the English settlers with the name Hunt who lived within the English pale did not translate their name from Irish. But many of the numerous Hunts in the West of Ireland did. Today the name Hunt is most popular in Cos. Roscommon, Mayo, and Sligo. O Fiachna is still found in Co. Sligo while O Fiachra is found in Co. Tyrone. While in Co. Waterford Hunt usually replaces Fee or Fye coming from the original Irish O Fiacha or O Fiach. Even in Irish there is a tendency to abbreviate or shorten names of three syllables with an internal h to names of two or if possible, as is the case with Fee and Fye, to one syllable. Considering the low literacy rate of 16th-19th c. Ireland, it is not surprising that people shortened their names so that they knew how to write them.

McCormick — McCormack

Q. Both John G. McCormack, Somerset, New Jersey and Vincent D. McCormick, Binghamton, New York, asked about their surnames.

A. There is no real distinction between the two spellings. The name means 'son or Cormac', and has been in such long usage that it dates at least to the early third century B.C. when Cormac mac Art ruled as High King at Tara Hill. But the legend has it, and we all know about Irish legends!, that the name was first given to a Leinster prince who was born while his mother was journeying in a chariot. As a result she dubbed the boy 'son of the chariot.' Because of its antiquity, we can safely presume that the name appeared independently in many different places. Some argue that the name had a late appearance, but it is in County Cork records as one of the leading families from 1576 on. During that time, a McCormack of Muskerry raised an army to help the powerful Desmond clan in its rebellion against the forces of Queen Elizabeth. Such a move indicates its financial and political status.

McCormack and O' McCormack are variants and the latter was the surname of prominent Bishops of Killaloe in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The *Annals of the Four Masters* show the deaths of Fermagh Mac Cormacks who resided there until 1431. The next important mentionings of this family are physicians from County Armagh. One of their descendants was the Arctic navigator Robert Mac Cormack (1800-90). Perhaps the most noteworthy twentieth century Mac Cormack was John Count (1885-1945), the tenor honored on commemorative stamps issued jointly by Ireland and the United States in 1984. Currently the name seems most popular in counties Roscommon, Galway, Clare, Cork, Down, and Derry, where smaller families dwelt.

Murray

Q. Both Jack Murray, Portland, CT, and Ben Coyle, Akron, Ohio inquire about the surname Murray.

A. Most of the Murrys living in Ireland are of Scottish extraction, especially those residing in Ulster. The name derives from a Germanic tribe called the Moravi meaning 'warlike.' From Central Europe the tribe migrated to Scotland and eventually into Ulster, where they affixed their name to the region now called Shire of Moray, which has come to mean 'great water' (mor = great, and ar = water).

Related names are Murry, MacMurry, MacMorrow, and Gilmore. Gilmore has two sources: MacIlmurray and Mac Giolla Mhuire and are really different names but are Anglicized to resemble and seem akin to your own.

The ancient surname O Muireadhaigh pronounced like the name it eventually became, O Murry; but is now more often than not Murray. Many notable ancient septs existed but the most important seems to be the Ui Maine. Their seat was Ballymurry—town of Murry, in the barony of Athlone, county Roscommon. At about the same time that this sixteenth century family flourished an important Cork sept of Ballywiddan in the barony of Carber, Cork used the variant O'Murrihie. This appears to be a localized spelling.

Donogh O'Murry served as Archbishop of Tuam from 1458-84 and created the 'church-state' referred to as the Wardenship of Galway. A

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from
Freedom for All Ireland
Committee Chairman

I do hope that you and your families are enjoying the summer which, unfortunately, is slipping by too quickly. In a few short months from now, I will be calling on you to help me raise funds to help the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland. We have been helping them for the past 15 years and I can assure you that they are most grateful to us for our assistance.

Therefore, please give some thought to having your Division run a fund-raiser earmarked for the Freedom for All Ireland Committee. I will communicate with every Division in the very near future relative to this.

On July 23rd, a beautiful plaque was dedicated to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters who

gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom. This plaque was erected at the foot of a tree which was specifically planted for this purpose in the North Woodmere Park, North Woodmere, New York. The project was undertaken and successfully completed by Division 3, Nassau County, and the ceremony was very impressive and well attended by members and dignitaries. It was a touching and lovely ceremony befitting the memory of our deceased brothers and sisters who made the supreme sacrifice for Ireland.

I know I will get your fullest cooperation when I call on you for your support and am sure you will do your all to see — Ireland, United and Free!

MARTIN HIGGINS

The Truth About War

BY WILLIAM V. KENNEDY

One of the hallmarks of the Christian era has been an attempt to put some sort of limit, however marginal, on the barbarities of war. Translated in recent centuries into secular, humanitarian terms, that effort at least succeeded in defining a specific, protected status for prisoners of war and civilian non-combatants and an international moral condemnation of certain classes of weapons, notably chemical and biological agents.

The post-World War II war-crime trials powerfully reinforced this nascent form of international law by holding individual military officers responsible for their actions — even if those actions were approved or ordered by higher authority.

That structure of restraint, weak and sporadic in its effectiveness though it has been, is all that separates our civilization from that of Attila the Hun. Yet that precious structure is being steadily undermined by the concept of covert war.

In the trial of Oliver North, we are seeing reassertion of the Nuremberg defense: "I was only following orders." Supposedly that justified lying to Congress and the public,

destruction of incriminating documents, and evasion of the law on an international scale, all in the name of fighting a war opposed by a majority of the American public and its elected representatives in Congress.

Not only in Central America but in Angola and Afghanistan as well, the United States has armed and supported people whose methods and ultimate objectives we could not control, but for whose actions the US stands accountable. What accounting have we demanded from our clients of the prisoners of war known to be in their hands? Indeed, we have not even demanded that North Vietnam bring to trial the people who tortured our own prisoners of war, the humiliating end product of our refusal to submit the Vietnam war to a constitutional test.

In Britain, what amounts to a covert war against the Irish Republican Army is eating away at a system of civil liberties we are wont to consider as the fountainhead of our own. The British government has sought for 20 years to criminalize the IRA by denying what even British Army intelligence has long recognized, that the IRA is a well-organized, disciplined military force with clear nationalist credentials and which attempts to limit violence to military and police targets.

The denial of prisoner-of-war status to the hundreds of IRA men and women now in British, Irish, and indeed, American jails was challenged in the 1981 hunger strike in which eight IRA men and two Marxist Irish National Liberation Army men starved to death rather than accept criminal status.

Yet it is now clear from records being made public by the Spanish police and from investigative reporting by British commercial television that nothing less than a military-style ambush was carried out against three unarmed IRA operatives in Gibraltar — the clearest form of recognition a nation can give that it is fighting a war, not a police action.

From former Manchester police chief John Stalker's report of his aborted investigation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, it is apparent that the Gibraltar ambush was part

AOH to Launch
All Out Effort
On Immigration

In this, the 101st Congress a concerted effort will be made by the Irish American community to ensure the passage of a comprehensive, beneficial, immigration reform bill which will legalize all undocumented Irish immigrants and which will allow young Irish people to immigrate legally to the United States again.

As the oldest, largest and most respected Irish American organization the AOH will be expected by the Irish American community to take the lead in the immigration reform campaign.

The AOH Immigration Committee is presently organizing the fantastic national network of the Order into an effective lobbying force. The objective of this lobbying force will be to co-operate with other Irish American organizations like the I.I.R.M. and the P.E.C. in the campaign to secure vital immigration reform.

The AOH Immigration Committee needs you! Please ensure that your division appoints a chairman of immigration and that this officer then sends his name, address and telephone number to Patrick Hurley, AOH Immigration Committee, 3301 Greenpoint Ave., L.I.C., N.Y. 11101.

Nynex Opposes
MacBride Principles

BY ANN LOUGHMAN

Recently NYNEX share owners held their annual meeting at Radio City Music Hall, N.Y.C., where the MacBride Principles were discussed. N.Y.C. Comptroller, Harrison Goldin, introduced a share owners proposal on behalf of the N.Y.C. Employees' Retirement System, the N.Y.C. Teachers Retirement System, and the Pension Funds of the N.Y.C. Fire and Police Departments. Co-sponsorship of this proposal was shared with the State of Connecticut Retirement and Trust Funds, the N.Y.S. Common Retirement Fund and the Christian Brothers Investment Services.

Comptroller Goldin presented a forceful introduction in support of the MacBride Principles and the importance of NYNEX support for these principles as the corporation has a subsidiary in Northeast Ireland, BIS Beecom Ltd of Antrim. The NYNEX board of directors

of a pattern established years ago.

Thus, like the Reagan administration and now the Bush administration policy on Central America, the very structure of British democracy is being convulsed by an attempt to deny to itself and to the world that a war is a war, and, therefore, subject to the codes of constitutional and international behavior established so painfully over the centuries.

The covert-war idea was a direct transfer from the British Secret Service to the nascent US Central Intelligence Agency via the person of William (Wild Bill) Donovan of the World War II Office of Strategic Services, who, like Oliver North, thought it was a "neat idea."

We cannot continue to live a lie

Especially For
MA, NJ, NY, OH, PA

Recently we have seen so many lists of which Congressmen have signed on to co-sponsor Joe Doherty H.R. 62. Here is a list of members of the House of Representatives from five key states who (as of this point) have NOT yet become co-sponsors:

MASSACHUSETTS: Silvio Conte, Joseph Early, Barney Frank, Edward Markey, Joe Moakley, Richard Neal, Gerry Studds

NEW JERSEY: Jim Courter, Bernard Dwyer, Donald Payne, Robert Roe, Jim Saxton, Christopher Smith

NEW YORK: Sherwood Boehlert, Robert Garcia, Amo Houghton, John LaFalce, David Martin, Matthew McHugh, Guy Molinaro, Henry Nowak, Bill Taxon, Louise Slaughter, Stephen Solarz, Gerald Solomon, James Walsh

PENNSYLVANIA: William Clinger, Lawrence Coughlin, William Coyne, Joseph Gaydos, George Gekas, William Goodling, William Gray, Paul Kanjorski, Peter Kostmayer, Joseph McDade, Austin Murphy, John Murtha, Thomas Ridge, Don Ritter, Richard Schulze, Bud Shuster, Doug Walgren, Robert Walker, Gus Yatron

OHIO: Douglas Applegate, Michael DeWine, Dennis Eckart, Edward Feighan, Paul Gillmor, Willis Gradison, Tony Hall, Marcy

Kaptur, John Kasich, Donald Lukens, Bob McFwen, Clarence Miller, Mary Rose Oakar, Michael Oxley, Donald Pease, Ralph Regula, Thomas Sawyer, Louis Stokes, James Traficant, Chalmers Wylie

State Boards, County Boards, and Divisions should make immediate contact with the above for their state urging co-sponsorship of H.R. 62.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland

Northern Ireland facility (American Brands).

Nine persons addressed the assembly of share owners and board of directors including Robert Loughman, chairman of the MacBride Chapter Irish Northern Aid. Loughman stated in part, "The voice of the NYNEX share owners was not a weak voice as indicated by Delbert Staley, but a voice of strength, as it was a grass roots voice of people who believe in human rights. It is not enough to say, as does NYNEX, you are for human rights. It does not matter if human rights are violated in Russia, South Africa, the Philippines, or the little six occupied counties of Ireland. We have an obligation to actively oppose these violations. Let the voice of NYNEX sound out loud and strong for human rights. That voice will be heard if today we vote to support the MacBride Principles."

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One hundred years away from the
island my fathers called home
Inexplicably innate qualities inside
call from across the sea
and seem to give me knowledge of
of the Island from
which they roamed...

The Island the sons of my fathers
called home
They tell me the way it used to be
Their blood and my blood mingled
back
down through time
The same organic being growing
forward in a line.
Erin o'Erin I hear you weep
The cries of your murdered children
and the sorrow that you've reaped
It tears at my soul the price you pay,
But 100 years I've been away.

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I proudly support our church in its opposition to the slaughter of the innocent. We must stand with all those in the Pro-Life movement as mem-

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to Questions on Page 17)

1. Setanta or Cuchulain. 2. Dr. Douglas Hyde, Co. Roscommon. 3. Edward Carson. 4. 10th Century, during the reign of Brian Boru. 5. 4th Century B.C. 6. Bobby Sands. 7. The Irish state-sponsored Association of Artists and Writers. 8. Brian MacCenaidigh (son of Kennedy). He took the name B'orine, from the town of the same name near Killoe, Co. Clare. 9. "Borstal Boy". 10. William Butler Yeats.

Ref. Irish Trivia, Quinlan Press, 1985, Boston, MA.

James Gallagher
President, CT State Board

IN MEMORIAM
AR DAEIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAMJohn J. Bonner Dies
Unexpectedly at Age 52

John J. Bonner, 52, of 20 Balsam Road, Bear Creek, PA, died Saturday afternoon while visiting relatives in Greely, PA.

Born Dec. 3, 1936, in Wilkes Barre, son of Anna Cooney Bonner and the late Joseph Bonner, he was a graduate of St. Mary's High School.

A former resident of the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, he was a resident of the Bear Creek address since 1969.

Mr. Bonner was an Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was employed as a food service

manager at Nanticoke State Hospital.

A former Democratic supervisor of Bear Creek Township, he was a past member of the Luzerne County Democratic Committee. He was active with the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, serving as the first county president, national director, state organizer, and at the time of his death, was president of the AOH of St. John Neumann Division. Also, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 302, Alhambra, and American Legion Post 673, Ashley. He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are sisters, Elizabeth Janosov, Wilkes-Barre; Patricia Ann Hartman, Annville; brother, Neal, Greely; Jerry, Mountaintop; Frank, West Nanticoke; Thomas, Plains Township; nieces and nephews.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. AOH services were held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Scholarship Fund, c/o Thomas M. Hart, 21 Ross St., Ashley, PA, 18706

against us. So be it; but let them come against us all!

For our part we will show love and in so doing, we will help spread the message of the gospel in Jesus name! To Life!

God bless you all!

Vincent J. Scully
National Catholic Action

us this is one more reason to come

James Gallagher
President, CT State Board



Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Department of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Barrett

Q. Could you please inform me about the meaning of my family name. Kathleen Fee Barrett, Newton Square, PA

A. Related to Fee are O'Feighney, Feheny, Hunt, O'Feighrey, Feehery, Fey, and Feeney. These names originate from the Irish O Fiach, meaning 'descendant of the hunter.' The meaning accounts for Hunt being related to your name. When English became the predominant language, many translated their names directly into the English Hunt.

Certainly many of the English settlers with the name Hunt who lived within the English pale did not translate their name from Irish. But many of the numerous Hunts in the West of Ireland did. Today the name Hunt is most popular in Cos. Roscommon, Mayo, and Sligo. O Fiachna is still found in Co. Sligo while O Fiachra is found in Co. Tyrone. While in Co. Waterford Hunt usually replaces Fee or Fye coming from the original Irish O Fiachra or O Fiach. Even in Irish there is a tendency to abbreviate or shorten names of three syllables with an internal h to names of two or if possible, as is the case with Fee and Fye, to one syllable. Considering the low literacy rate of 18th-19th c. Ireland, it is not surprising that people shortened their names so that they knew how to write them.

McCormick — McCormack

Q. Both John G. McCormack, Somerset, New Jersey and Vincent D. McCormick, Binghamton, New York, asked about their surnames.

A. There is no real distinction between the two spellings. The name means 'son or Cormac', and has been in such long usage that it dates at least to the early third century B.C. when Cormac mac Art ruled as High King at Tara Hill. But the legend has it, and we all know about Irish legends, that the name was first given to a Leinster prince who was born while his mother was journeying in a chariot. As a result she dubbed the boy 'son of the chariot.' Because of its antiquity, we can safely presume that the name appeared independently in many different places. Some argue that the name had a late appearance, but it is in County Cork records as one of the leading families from 1576 on. During that time, a McCormack of Muskerry raised an army to help the powerful Desmond clan in its rebellion against the forces of Queen Elizabeth. Such a move indicates its financial and political status.

McCormack and O' McCormack are variants and the latter was the surname of prominent Bishops of Killaloe in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The *Annals of the Four Masters* show the deaths of Fermagh McCormacks who resided there until 1431. The next important mentionings of this family are physicians from County Armagh. One of their descendants was the Arctic navigator Robert McCormack (1800-90). Perhaps the most noteworthy twentieth century McCormack was John Count (1885-1945), the tenor honored on commemorative stamps issued jointly by Ireland and the United States in 1984. Currently the name seems most popular in counties Roscommon, Galway, Clare, Cork, Down, and Derry, where smaller families dwell.

Murray

Q. Both Jack Murray, Portland, CT, and Ben Coyle, Akron, Ohio inquire about the surname Murray.

A. Most of the Murrys living in Ireland are of Scottish extraction, especially those residing in Ulster. The name derives from a Germanic tribe called the Moravi meaning 'warlike.' From Central Europe the tribe migrated to Scotland and eventually into Ulster, where they affixed their name to the region now called Shire of Moray, which has come to mean 'great water' mor=great, and shire=water.

Related names are Murry, MacMurry, MacMorrow, and Gilmore. Gilmore has two sources: MacIlmurray and Mac Giolla Mhuire and are really different names but are Anglicized to resemble and seem akin to your own.

The ancient surname O Muireadhaigh pronounced like the name it eventually became, O Murry; but is now more often than not Murray. Many notable ancient surnames existed but the most important seems to be the Ui Maine. Their seat was Ballymurry=town of Murry, in the barony of Athlone, county Roscommon. At about the same time that this sixteenth century family flourished an important Cork sept of Ballywiddan in the barony of Carber, Cork used the variant O'Murrihis. This appears to be a localized spelling.

Donogh O'Murry served as Archbishop of Tuam from 1458-84 and created the 'church-state' referred to as the Wardenship of Galway. A

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

Message from
Freedom for All Ireland
Committee Chairman

I do hope that you and your families are enjoying the summer which, unfortunately, is slipping by too quickly. In a few short months from now, I will be calling on you to help me raise funds to help the prisoners' families in Northern Ireland. We have been helping them for the past 15 years and I can assure you that they are most grateful to us for our assistance.

Therefore, please give some thought to having your Division run a fund-raiser earmarked for the Freedom for All Ireland Committee. I will communicate with every Division in the very near future relative to this.

On July 23rd, a beautiful plaque was dedicated to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters who

gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom. This plaque was erected at the foot of a tree which was specifically planted for this purpose in the North Woodmere Park, North Woodmere, New York. The project was undertaken and successfully completed by Division 3, Nassau County, and the ceremony was very impressive and well attended by members and dignitaries. It was a touching and lovely ceremony befitting the memory of our deceased brothers and sisters who made the supreme sacrifice for Ireland.

I know I will get your fullest cooperation when I call on you for your support and am sure you will do your all to see — Ireland, United and Free!

MARTIN HIGGINS

The Truth About War

BY WILLIAM V. KENNEDY

One of the hallmarks of the Christian era has been an attempt to put some sort of limit, however marginal, on the barbarities of war. Translated in recent centuries into secular, humanitarian terms, that effort at least succeeded in defining a specific, protected status for prisoners of war and civilian non-combatants and an international moral condemnation of certain classes of weapons, notably chemical and biological agents.

The post-World War II war-crime trials powerfully reinforced this nascent form of international law by holding individual military officers responsible for their actions — even if those actions were approved or ordered by higher authority.

That structure of restraint, weak and sporadic in its effectiveness though it has been, is all that separates our civilization from that of Attila the Hun. Yet that precious structure is being steadily undermined by the concept of covert war.

In the trial of Oliver North, we are seeing reassertion of the Nuremberg defense: "I was only following orders." Supposedly that justified lying to Congress and the public,

destruction of incriminating documents, and evasion of the law on an international scale, all in the name of fighting a war opposed by a majority of the American public and its elected representatives in Congress.

Not only in Central America but in Angola and Afghanistan as well, the United States has armed and supported people whose methods and ultimate objectives we could not control, but for whose actions the US stands accountable. What accounting have we demanded from our clients of the prisoners of war known to be in their hands? Indeed, we have not even demanded that North Vietnam bring to trial the people who tortured our own prisoners of war, the humiliating end product of our refusal to submit the Vietnam war to a constitutional test.

In Britain, what amounts to a covert war against the Irish Republican Army is eating away at a system of civil liberties we are wont to consider as the fountainhead of our own. The British government has sought for 20 years to criminalize the IRA by denying what even British Army intelligence has long recognized, that the IRA is a well-organized, disciplined military force with clear nationalist credentials and which attempts to limit violence to military and police targets.

The denial of prisoner-of-war status to the hundreds of IRA men and women now in British, Irish, and indeed, American jails was challenged in the 1981 hunger strike in which eight IRA men and two Marxist Irish National Liberation Army men starved to death rather than accept criminal status.

Yet it is now clear from records being made public by the Spanish police and from investigative reporting by British commercial television that nothing less than a military-style ambush was carried out against three unarmed IRA operatives in Gibraltar — the clearest form of recognition a nation can give that it is fighting a war, not a police action.

From former Manchester police chief John Stalker's report of his aborted investigation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, it is apparent that the Gibraltar ambush was part

AOH to Launch
All Out Effort
On Immigration

In this, the 101st Congress a concerted effort will be made by the Irish American community to ensure the passage of a comprehensive, beneficial, immigration reform bill which will legalize all undocumented Irish immigrants and which will allow young Irish people to immigrate legally to the United States again.

As the oldest, largest and most respected Irish American organization the AOH will be expected by the Irish American community to take the lead in the immigration reform campaign.

The AOH Immigration Committee is presently organizing the fantastic national network of the Order into an effective lobbying force. The objective of this lobbying force will be to co-operate with other Irish American organizations like the I.I.R.M. and the P.E.C. in the campaign to secure vital immigration reform.

The AOH Immigration Committee needs you! Please ensure that your division appoints a chairman of immigration and that this officer then sends his name, address and telephone number to Patrick Hurley, AOH Immigration Committee, 3301 Greenpoint Ave., L.I.C., N.Y. 11101.

Nynex Opposes
MacBride Principles

BY ANN LOUGHMAN

Recently NYNEX share owners held their annual meeting at Radio City Music Hall, N.Y.C., where the MacBride Principles were discussed. N.Y.C. Comptroller, Harrison Goldin, introduced a share owners proposal on behalf of the N.Y.C. Employees' Retirement System, the N.Y.C. Teachers Retirement System, and the Pension Funds of the N.Y.C. Fire and Police Departments. Co-sponsorship of this proposal was shared with the State of Connecticut Retirement and Trust Funds, the N.Y.S. Common Retirement Fund and the Christian Brothers Investment Services.

Comptroller Goldin presented a forceful introduction in support of the MacBride Principles and the importance of NYNEX support for these principles as the corporation has a subsidiary in Northeast Ireland, BIS Beecom Ltd of Antrim. The NYNEX board of directors

of a pattern established years ago.

Thus, like the Reagan administration and now the Bush administration policy on Central America, the very structure of British democracy is being convulsed by an attempt to deny to itself and to the world that a war is a war, and, therefore, subject to the codes of constitutional and international behavior established so painfully over the centuries.

The covert-war idea was a direct transfer from the British Secret Service to the nascent US Central Intelligence Agency via the person of William (Wild Bill) Donovan of the World War II Office of Strategic Services, who, like Oliver North, thought it was a "neat idea."

We cannot continue to live a lie

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Recently we have seen so many lists of which Congressmen have signed on to co-sponsor Joe Doherty H.R. 62. Here is a list of members of the House of Representatives from five key states who (as of this point) have NOT yet become co-sponsors:

MASSACHUSETTS: Silvio Conte, Joseph Early, Barney Frank, Edward Markey, Joe Moakley, Richard Neal, Gerry Studds

NEW JERSEY: Jim Courter, Bernard Dwyer, Donald Payne, Robert Roe, Jim Saxton, Christopher Smith

NEW YORK: Sherwood Boehlert, Robert Garcia, Amo Houghton, John LaFalce, David Martin, Matthew McHugh, Guy Molinaro, Henry Nowak, Bill Taxon, Louise Slaughter, Stephen Solarz, Gerald Solomon, James Walsh

PENNSYLVANIA: William Clinger, Lawrence Coughlin, William Coyne, Joseph Gaydos, George Gekas, William Goodling, William Gray, Paul Kanjorski, Peter Kostmayer, Joseph McDade, Austin Murphy, John Murtha, Thomas Ridge, Don Ritter, Richard Schulze, Bud Shuster, Doug Walgren, Robert Walker, Gus Yatron

OHIO: Douglas Applegate, Michael DeWine, Dennis Eckart, Edward Feighan, Paul Gillmor, Willis Gradison, Tony Hall, Marcy

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IIRM on Capitol Hill



LAOH Maryland State Board was represented among the organizations joining the Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) on Capitol Hill. State Vice President Sister Annela Martin, left, and President Nancy Perrin, center, had a chance to chat with Congressman Joseph Kennedy II (D), NY.

Ladies Missouri State News

The Missouri State Bi-annual Convention was held at the Hilton Plaza Hotel in Kansas City on May 5, 6, 7.

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1989. Delegates from Kansas City and St. Louis attended the ice-breaker held in the Kansas City Hospitality Room on Friday. After a delicious breakfast, President Eileen Canty opened the meetings. Before lunch break, Eileen called for Nomination of Officers for the 1989-1990 period.

Following lunch, the convention continued and the following officers were elected: President, Sandy

Ladies Virginia State News



VIRGINIA LAOH STATE BOARD elected new officers July 24. Pictured, left to right, are Eleonore Grimley, president; Joan Maiz, vice president; Pat Romano, secretary; *Grace Murray, treasurer (stand in for Joan O'Brien); Alice Moore, Irish historian; Marie Herlihy, Catholic Action; and *Kathleen Shaw, Missions (stand in for Mary Thayer).

Ladies Pennsylvania State News

Pennsylvania State: State officers met May 20 in Wilkes Barre, and later joined the state committee for convention planning. The next day they were in Philadelphia for Div. 39's 100 anniversary celebration.

Allegheny County: The county convention was held June 3rd in the beautiful Crogan-Schenley Room at the University of Pittsburgh. County President Mary Margaret Maurath presided with the help of Convention Secretary Karen Flynn. Officers elected for 1989-91 are President Kathleen Parker, Vice Pre-

sident Catherine Needham, Secretary Karen Flynn, Finan. Secretary Eileen Martini, Treasurer Sarah Mains, Historian Nancy Olivo, Missions, Margaret Visokey, Catholic Action, Mary Ellen Ponticel, Mistress at Arms Mary Rita Williams, and Sentinel Mary Anne Byrne. Executive Board members were honored at an appreciation luncheon given by the outgoing county president.

Berks County, Reading: State Vice President Claire McNelis installed the new division officers, who are

President Rita C. Mullen, Vice President Mary Ellen Dougherty, Rec. Secretary Margaret C. Powers, Finan. Secretary Patricia O'Reilly and Treasurer Joan McGee. A warm welcome to Division 1, St. Brendan of Reading!

Pittsburgh Division 8: President Anne Byrne related the division's sadness over the loss of their beloved chaplain, Fr. Robert Wallace, who died of cancer. Their chaplain since the reorganization of the division, he was also pastor of St. Bede Church in Point Breeze, Pittsburgh.



NEWLY ELECTED LAOH officers of Allegheny county were installed during the recent State Convention in Pittsburgh. Gathering in the Crogan-Schenley Room of the University of Pittsburgh, from left to right, are Nancy Olivo, Sarah Mains, Karen Flynn, President Kathleen Parker, Catherine Needham, Mary Ellen Ponticel, Mary Rita Williams, Mary Ann Byrne and Margaret Visokey.

Christman, Kansas City; Vice President Imogene Donahue, St. Louis; Secretary Dorothy Fowler, Kansas City; Treasurer Dolores Van Oedol, St. Louis; Historian Linda DeLaney, St. Louis; Chairman of Missions Catherine Goggins, St. Louis; and Chairman of Catholic Action Susan Martin, Kansas City. The publicity post went to Ann Conroy, St. Louis.

On Saturday evening, all delegates and friends attended the Mass celebrated by Rev. James O'Sullivan, State Chaplain. The Banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom. Guest speaker was Mr. Matt O'Neill, State Representative of the 68th District in St. Louis and newly elected AOH State Vice President, who gave an informative talk on the MacBride Principles. After the installation of officers, everyone enjoyed listening and dancing to the music of Freddie White, Dan Devary and Geraldine Glynn.



MISSOURI "IRISH HISTORIAN" Gr'ainne Murphy, center, is the 3rd place winner of the Irish Essay contest. Along with the Irish Certificate came a \$100.00 check. Gr'ainne is a 15 year old student at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. At left is National Irish Historian Dee Fowler. At right is Missouri State Irish Historian Imogene Donahue.

Ladies New York News

Westchester County
Westchester County, New York Ladies AOH held their County Board meeting, Sunday, May 21, at Yonkers, N.Y. The following officers were elected and installed: President Angela Collins, Yonkers; Vice President Kathleen Casey, Yonkers; Recording Secretary Beatrice McHugh, Yonkers; Treasurer Monica Dwyer, Dobbs Ferry; Historian Madeline Turrone, Peekskill; Chairlady of Missions Phyllis Duclos, Montrose; Chairlady of Catholic Action Kitty Geisler, Tarrytown; Mistress-at-Arms Betty Foster, White Plains; and Sentinel Helen Carroll, Peekskill.

Both the County Board and Division 11, Tarrytown, donated \$100 to the physically challenged Irish Youth Team. Division 16, Mt. Kisco, raised funds through a bake sale and donated \$200 to Rosary Hill cancer home. Also holding fund-raisers for charities were Division 6 Yonkers, Division 10 Peekskill and Division 17 White Plains. Division 11 is holding a Cultural Day August 13 at Kingsland Park, N. Tarrytown.

Suffolk County

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Suffolk County Board, held their Biennial Convention on Sunday, May 7, 1989, at Division 7 Hibernian Hall in East Islip, New York. Elected to office for the 1989-1991 term were: President, Aileen Mannix; Vice-President, Catherine Wisher; Secretary, Kathleen Conway; Treasurer, Mary Thornton; Irish Historian, Nellie O'Neill;

Chairlady of Missions, Mary Ellen McNulty; Chairlady of Catholic Action, Kathleen Nixon; Mistress-at-Arms, Elizabeth Allen; Sentinel, Theresa Frazier.

The Suffolk County Celtic Degree Team conferred the Degrees of our Order in Suffolk County on Sunday, April 30, 1989. Sixty-two candidates received their degrees on that day in the presence of 48 spectators assembled at Division 2 hall in Babylon, New York.

Nassau County

The Ladies AOH, Nassau County Board, installed their newly elected officers on Thursday, June 1, 1989, at the AOH Hall, Massapequa.

The Officers for 1989-1991 are as follows: Clare Deucher, president; Marie O'Neill, vice president; Fran Dlouhy, secretary; Sheila Hogan, treasurer; Mary D. Wanser, Irish historian; Jane O'Gara, financial secretary; Eileen Waters, chairman of Missions; Virginia O'Reilly, mistress at arms; Genevieve Courtney, sentinel.

Deepest sympathy was extended to Margaret Thornton's loving family and friends. Sister Margaret was the past president of LAOH Div. 14, Lynbrook, immediate past chairman of missions, Nassau County Board, and recipient of the LAOH 1988 "Woman of the Year Award."

Margaret had been elected to the County office of Chairman of Catholic Action for 1989-1991. A member of St. Raymond's Parish, East Rockaway, where she served as



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King presented a county flag to Dolores Cummings, left, and Mary Donegan Wanser to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Commodore John Barry Division No. 11 of the LAOH in Nassau County. Mrs. Cummings was the Division's first president and Mrs. Wanser is the current president. King commended the Barry Division for "preserving Irish culture and heritage" and for its efforts "to expose British injustice in Northern Ireland."



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SHEILA C. TWOMEY, past president, Queens County Board, LAOH, as Maria in the Sound of Music.

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IIRM on Capitol Hill



LAOH Maryland State Board was represented among the organizations joining the Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) on Capitol Hill. State Vice President Sister Annella Martin, left, and President Nancy Perrin, center, had a chance to chat with Congressman Joseph Kennedy II (D, NY).

Ladies Missouri State News

The Missouri State Bi-annual Convention was held at the Hilton Plaza Hotel in Kansas City on May 6, 6, 7.

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1989. Delegates from Kansas City and St. Louis attended the ice-breaker held in the Kansas City Hospitality Room on Friday. After a delicious breakfast, President Eileen Canty opened the meetings. Before lunch break, Eileen called for Nomination of Officers for the 1989-1990 period.

Following lunch, the convention continued and the following officers were elected: President Sandy

Ladies Virginia State News



VIRGINIA LAOH STATE BOARD elected new officers July 24. Pictured, left to right, are Eleonore Grimley, president; Joan Malz, vice president; Pat Romano, secretary; Grace Murray, treasurer (stand in for Joan O'Brien); Alice Moore, Irish historian; Marie Herlihy, Catholic Action; and Kathleen Shaw, Missions (stand in for Mary Thayer).

Ladies Pennsylvania State News

Pennsylvania State: State officers met May 20 in Wilkes Barre, and later joined the state committee for convention planning. The next day they were in Philadelphia for Div. 39's 100 anniversary celebration.

Allegheny County: The county convention was held June 3rd in the beautiful Crogan-Schenley Room at the University of Pittsburgh. County President Mary Margaret Maurath presided with the help of Convention Secretary Karen Flynn. Officers elected for 1989-91 are President Kathleen Parker, Vice Pre-

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Berks County, Reading: State Vice President Claire McNelis installed the new division officers, who are

President Rita C. Mullen, Vice President Mary Ellen Dougherty, Rec. Secretary Margaret C. Powers, Finan. Secretary Patricia O'Reilly and Treasurer Joan McGee. A warm welcome to Division 1, St. Brendan of Reading!

Pittsburgh Division 8: President Anne Byrne related the division's sadness over the loss of their beloved chaplain, Fr. Robert Wallace, who died of cancer. Their chaplain since the reorganization of the division, he was also pastor of St. Bede Church in Point Breeze, Pittsburgh.



NEWLY ELECTED LAOH officers of Allegheny county were installed during the recent State Convention in Pittsburgh. Gathering in the Crogan-Schenley Room of the University of Pittsburgh, from left to right, are Nancy Olivo, Sarah Mains, Karen Flynn, President Kathleen Parker, Catherine Needham, Mary Ellen Ponticel, Mary Rita Williams, Mary Ann Byrne and Margaret Viskokey.

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On Saturday evening, all delegates and friends attended the Mass celebrated by Rev. James O'Sullivan, State Chaplain. The Banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom. Guest speaker was Mr. Matt O'Neill, State Representative of the 66th District in St. Louis and newly elected AOH State Vice President, who gave an informative talk on the MacBride Principles. After the installation of officers, everyone enjoyed listening and dancing to the music of Freddie White, Dan Dervy and Geraldine Glynn.



MISSOURI "IRISH HISTORIAN" Gráinne Murphy, center, is the 3rd place winner of the Irish Essay contest. Along with the Irish Certificate came a \$100.00 check. Gráinne is a 15 year old student at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. At left is National Irish Historian Dee Fowler. At right is Missouri State Irish Historian Imogene Donahue.

Ladies New York News

Westchester County
Westchester County, New York Ladies AOH held their County Board meeting, Sunday, May 21, at Yonkers, N.Y. The following officers were elected and installed: President Angela Collins, Yonkers; Vice President Kathleen Casey, Yonkers; Recording Secretary Beatrice McHugh, Yonkers; Treasurer Monica Dwyer, Dobbs Ferry; Historian Madeline Turrone, Peekskill; Chairlady of Missions Phyllis Duclos, Montrose; Chairlady of Catholic Action Kitty Gelsler, Tarrytown; Mistress-at-Arms Betty Foster, White Plains; and Sentinel Helen Carroll, Peekskill.

Both the County Board and Division 11, Tarrytown, donated \$100 to the physically challenged Irish Youth Team. Division 16, Mt. Kisco, raised funds through a bake sale and donated \$200 to Rosary Hill cancer home. Also holding fund-raisers for charities were Division 6 Yonkers, Division 10 Peekskill and Division 17 White Plains. Division 11 is holding a Cultural Day August 13 at Kingsland Park, N. Tarrytown.

Suffolk County
The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Suffolk County Board, held their Biennial Convention on Sunday, May 7, 1989, at Division 7 Hibernian Hall in East Islip, New York. Elected to office for the 1989-1991 term were: President, Aileen Mannix; Vice-President, Catherine Wisher; Secretary, Kathleen Conway; Treasurer, Mary Thornton; Irish Historian, Nellie O'Neill;

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The Suffolk County Celtic Degree Team conferred the Degrees of our Order in Suffolk County on Sunday, April 30, 1989. Sixty-two candidates received their degrees on that day in the presence of 48 spectators assembled at Division 2 hall in Babylon, New York.

Nassau County

The Ladies AOH, Nassau County Board, installed their newly elected officers on Thursday, June 1, 1989, at the AOH Hall, Massapequa.

The Officers for 1989-1991 are as follows: Clare Deucher, president; Marie O'Neill, vice president; Fran Dlouhy, secretary; Sheila Hogan, treasurer; Mary D. Wanser, Irish historian; Jane O'Carra, financial secretary; Eileen Waters, chairman of Missions; Virginia O'Reilly, mistress at arms; Genevieve Courtney, sentinel.

Deepest sympathy was extended to Margaret Thornton's loving family and friends. Sister Margaret was the past president of LAOH Div. 14, Lynbrook, immediate past chairman of missions, Nassau County Board, and recipient of the LAOH 1988 "Woman of the Year Award."

Margaret had been elected to the County office of Chairman of Catholic Action for 1989-1991. A member of St. Raymond's Parish, East Rockaway, where she served as



NASSAU COUNTY Comptroller Peter T. King presented a county flag to Dolores Cummings, left, and Mary Donegan Wanser to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Commodore John Barry Division No. 11 of the LAOH in Nassau County. Mrs. Cummings was the Division's first president and Mrs. Wanser is the current president. King commended the Barry Division for "preserving Irish culture and heritage" and for its efforts "to expose British injustice in Northern Ireland."



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During the two days members of the Queens County Board LAOH distributed free Irish soda bread and tea to all who stopped by to enjoy the exhibits and entertainment. Mrs. Alice Jones, president of Division 13 was the chairman.



New York Essay Contest Winners Announced

The New York State Irish Historian, Miss Dorothy A. Voelker, announced the New York State winners of the 1988-1989 Annual Irish Essay Contest sponsored by the National Board of the LAOH. The subjects for this year's contest were: "Father Flanagan, Founder of Boy's Town" for grades 6, 7, and 8 and "Dublin: Its Place in History" for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Winners in the grade school category were Irma Ugalde of St. Patrick's School, Bayshore, Suffolk

County, and Christine Golden of St. Patrick's School, Bayshore, Suffolk County, first and second prize respectively. Jennifer Cailin Vogel of Islip High School, Islip, Suffolk County, and Bonnie Sklar, of Benjamin Cardozo High School, Bayside, Queens County, won first and second prize respectively on the high school level.

While the overall response to the contest was poor throughout the state, the outstanding effort and enthusiasm of the County and Division historians is to be commended.



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Ladies Ohio State News

Dayton was the site of the 67th state convention July 27-30. The Ohio Degree Team, overseen by Joan Cavanagh and Sheila Crawford, put in hours of practice to make the ceremony beautiful and unforgettable.

Cleveland Hibernians plan to take an active role in the Cleveland Irish Festival, August 4-6, where top name talent like Tommy Makem and Barley Bree will perform. Proceeds fund Project Children, allowing 15 children to come from Ireland.

The Akron Feis will be held at the

VFW Park on August 19. Of all the Feisanna throughout the country, the Akron Feis is the only AOH-sponsored Feis, states Kathie Linton. Akron recently sponsored a Day of Recollection at the Loyola of the Lakes Jesuit Retreat House, with Nan Dugan ably handling all the arrangements.

Youngstown and Columbus also have Feis dates ahead, where Betsy Spangel and her crew will be flipping burgers, and Kitty Thomas and Vivian Lermonde will be dancing a step or two.



SUMMIT COUNTY: The Mark Heffernan Div. here sponsored their seventh annual Songs of Ireland show at Akron Civic Theater to a near sellout crowd. The theme was a "Musical Tour through Ireland", featuring AOH members Irene Uhalley, Pat Flynn, the Hibernian Show Band and Irish step-dancers. The event was the feature story in the *Summit Metro Magazine*. Cast members, left to right, kneeling, Tara Linton, Shawna Weekley, Theresa Seeman, Danny O'Connell. Standing, Elaine Flanagan, Gordon Shaffer, Maureen O'Connell, Angela Weekley, John Ferguson, Irene Uhalley and Pat Flynn.

Ladies Massachusetts News

SPRINGFIELD, MA — The ladies of Division 8, here, were pleased to award four scholarships at their June meeting. Recipients were Paudraig Curran, Thomas O'Shea, Tara Reilly, and Stephanie Wynne.

Funds for the scholarships were raised through the efforts of St. Patricia James Sweeney, SSJ, who conducted raffles, and Mistress at Arms Kathy Joyal, who auctioned off donated gifts.

At the 85th Biennial Convention of The Massachusetts State board, AOH and LAOH, the following officers were installed: Massachusetts State President Jackie Lamprey; Vice President Beth Lynch; State Recording Secretary Mary Ryan; State Treasurer Dorothy Flury; State Irish Historian Mary Ellen Palletier; Chairman of Missions Catherine Duvarney and Chairman of Catholic Action Jackie Lee.



NEW YORK CITY: The AOH here offers annual scholarship awards for essays. This year Good Shepherd Parish submitted 87 essays. One scholarship winner at the county level was Harry Rivera. Maire McLaughlin, a parishioner of Good Shepherd and an officer of LAOH Division 3 in Washington Heights, was responsible for the large number of essays submitted. Next year she hopes to have more schools participate. For information call 212 923-0504. The Annual Fundraising Social will be held Sunday, September 17. Pictured are students from Good Shepherd and Bro. Christopher surrounding Dymna M. Kenney, Division 3 president and Harry Rivera receiving a \$50 check from Maire McLaughlin.

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STATE NEWS: Connecticut

(Continued from Page Thirteen) several U.S. Immigration judges over the past six years.

A "Joe Doherty Justice Committee" was formed to coordinate publicity supporting Joe Doherty's quest for justice and freedom. Tony Ryan, New Britain division, heads this statewide effort. The state board requested the K. of C. Supreme Council to support the MacBride Principles.

Daniel Ford, Trumbull, was the recipient of the state board Irish Way Scholarship.

Next board meeting will be October 1 in Derby; the 1991 state board convention will be held in Meriden.

AOH Notre Dame Grants to Assist Eleven Students

George J. Clough, Jr., has just announced that this year eleven young men and women will receive scholarship grants from the Notre Dame-Hibernian Fund. Clough, who is National Legal Counsel of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Chairman of the Fund, also reported that the annual Hibernian lecture will be held at the University of Notre Dame on Thursday, November 2nd. This year's lecturer will be Professor James Donnelly of the University of Wisconsin. His topic will be Irish Popular Religion.

The Fund, which now exceeds \$300,000, provides scholarships for sons and daughters of Hibernians and for the study of Irish contribution to America.

Anyone wanting more information on the Fund should contact Sally Murphy at 130 Stanmore Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

STATE NEWS: Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS — The 5th Annual Gene Peterson Irish Open Golf Tournament sponsored by the AOH in support of Houston's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Monday, October 2, at Walden on Lake Houston.

The format is a Florida scramble with teams arranged by a blind draw. The field is limited to 128 players. The \$100 entry fee includes lunch and dinner, and prizes will be awarded on each hole. The shotgun start is at 1 P.M.

Peterson is in his 15th season as the radio play-by-play voice of the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association.

Further information can be obtained from J.D. Murchison at Walden on Lake Houston, 862-3551 or by calling the Irish Information Line, 681-2044.

The blind draw party will be at 7

P.M. on Saturday, September 30, at Mama Hattie's in Humble.

Previous winners of the tournament include: 1985-12 Under — Kathryn Blissard, Jack Erwin, Charlie Mabry, Mike Slipko

1986-13 Under — Tim Gamble, Steve Johnson, Jean Jurischk

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1988-12 Under — John Leber, Steve Meade, Frank Nerrigan, Steve Summers

Checks for the \$100 entry fee should be made out to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and sent to: Michael Davitt, 19823 Bridgedale Lane, Humble, TX 77338.

In conjunction with the 18-hole tournament, the 4th annual Pub Owner's 9-hole tournament will be at 9:30 A.M. at Walden on Lake Houston on the day of the tournament. Previous winners of the Pub Owner tournament have been Dolph's Sportsmarket, the Westcrest Pub and Destin's.

St. Brendan's Ceili

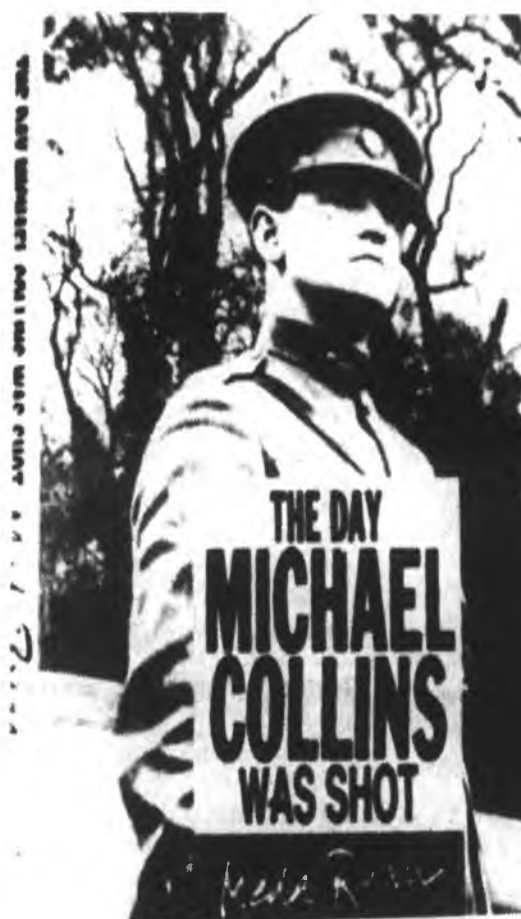
The Monroe Co., NY, Board of the AOH and the Tom Finucane chapter of the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will hold their third annual Ceili and Picnic to honor the discovery of America by St. Brendan.

This year's St. Brendan's Ceili will be held on Sunday, September 17 in Genesee Valley Park (Shelter 1) in Rochester from Noon until 6:00 P.M. This event features an afternoon of traditional Irish Music, Ceili dancing and songs.

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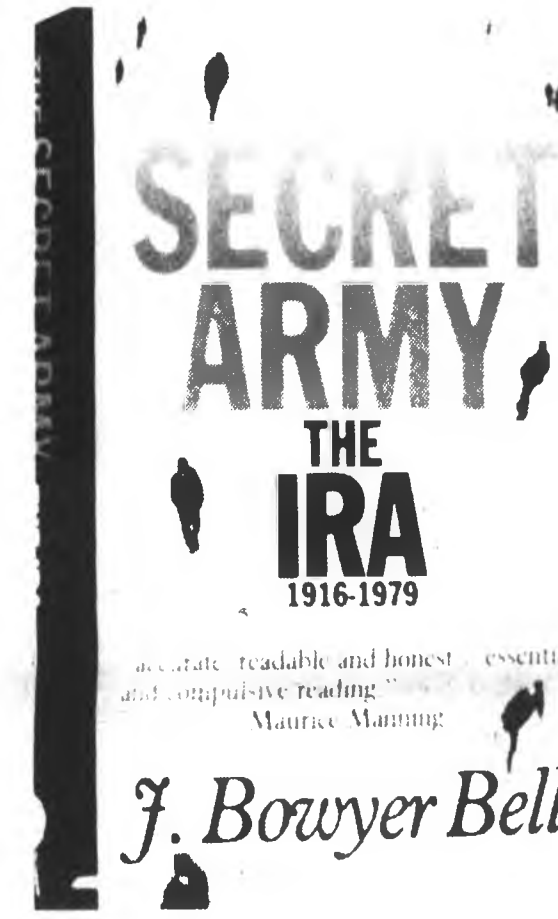
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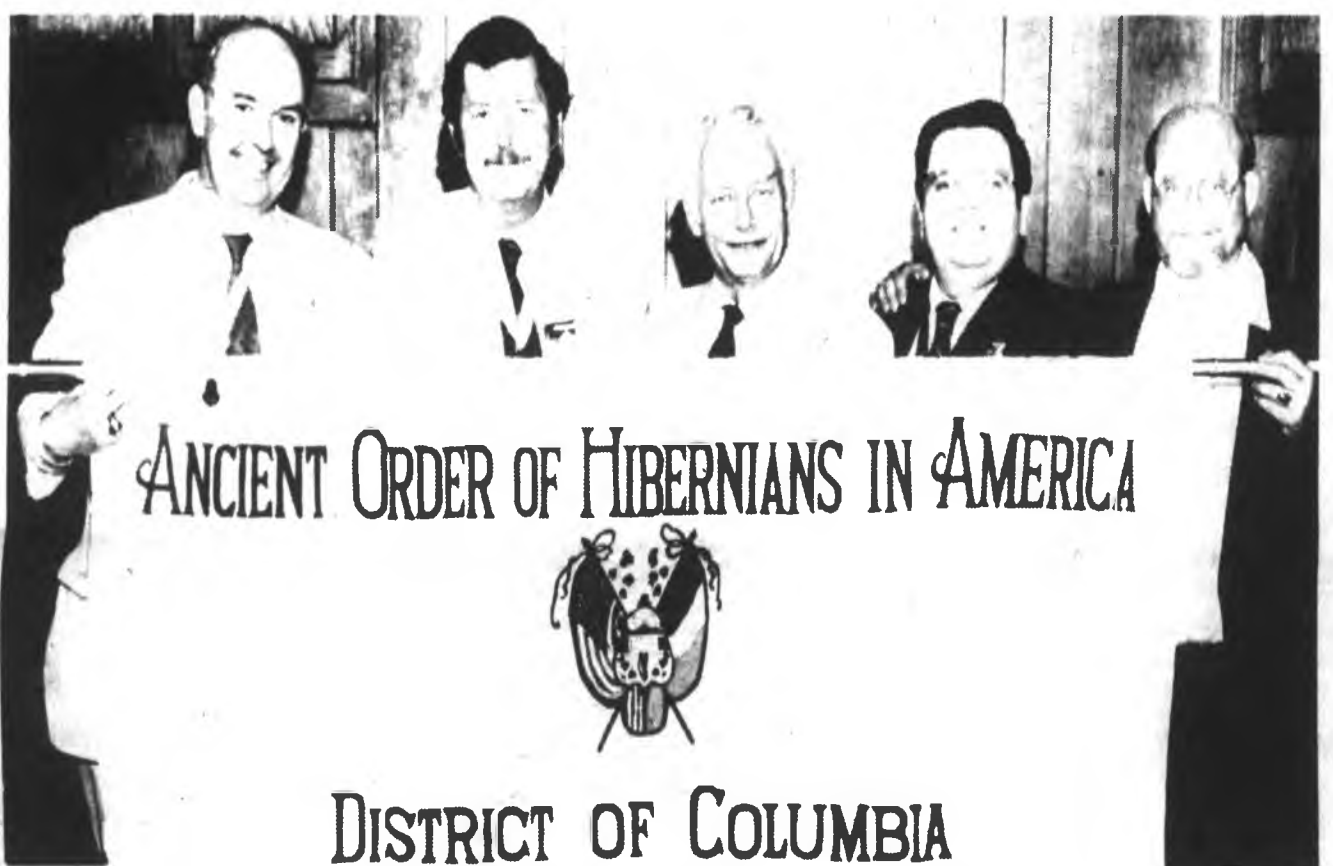
STATE NEWS: District of Columbia



DR. JOSEPH M. SENDRY, right, with James J. O'Connor, president, Emerald Isle Division, at the start of his presentation on "The Theatre in Dublin Today." Dr. Sendry made a recent on-site study of the Dublin Theatre, viewing a great many plays, talking with writers, producers, playwrights, stage technicians, actors and actresses. The site was Kenwood Golf club, Bethesda, MD.



EILEEN McCONNELL, a local teacher of Irish Genealogy, presented a talk entitled "New Developments in Irish Genealogy." She discussed several recently published Irish genealogy sources and how to use them. These included: General Research (books, records, etc.); Geographical Aids (topographical dictionary of Ireland); Genealogical Atlas of Ireland and Passenger Lists.



NEWLY ELECTED officers of the D.C. State Board, left to right, President Warren Sweeney, John Barry Div. 1, Washington DC; Vice President John Maher, James S. Dugan Div. 4, Silver Spring, MD; Installing Officer Matthew Hannon, past president DC State Board; Secretary Richard Callahan, Emerald Isle Div. 3, Bethesda, MD; and Treasurer Paul Collins, also Emerald Isle Div. 3.



CIARA MARY DURKAN, the 1989 Washington DC Rose of Tralee is surrounded by her judges and Rose Gala dignitaries. Left to right, front row, Pat Troy, Rose Gala Chairman, "Rose" Ciara Mary Durkan, and Mrs. Irene Lynch Grizzard, (Judge). Back row, Charlie Casserly, General Manager, Washington Redskins; John G. McAllorum, Lakewood Realty Company (Judge); Katie Ryan Brady, 1979 Washington DC Rose (Judge); Declan Kelleher, Embassy of Ireland, (Judge); Hon. Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty, County Judge (Judge); Ted Keane, Director, Festival of Kerry, Kerry, Ireland; and Mike Casey, O'Connor (Piper) Flynn/Casey Real Estate.

Auburn Hosts New York AOH, LAOH Convention

BY MIKE HESLIN

AUBURN, NY: The 85th Biennial New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies, Ancient Order of Hibernians Convention was held July 12-15, 1989 in Auburn, NY.

Alfred O'Hagan of Brooklyn and Kings County was the unanimous choice of the delegates gathered in session to succeed Ed Carley as State President.

O'Hagan, who is the liaison officer for the Brooklyn Union Gas Company with the various government agencies and bodies in Kings County, moved up from the vice-presidential slot. O'Hagan is active with many Irish events held in Brooklyn, among which are the Great Irish Fair held at Steeplechase Park, Coney Island. This event raises thousands of dollars for the charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He has served as a division and county officer and held many state positions before he commenced his career at the state level six years ago when he successfully ran for Treasurer. Al O'Hagan is also active in the Round Tower Degree Team of Kings County.

The vice-president office was filled by Kevin Coggins of Chemung Co. Coggins began his climb in Niagara Falls when he jumped into the race for secretary when a vacancy occurred.

Raymond Mehan of Suffolk County moved up to the secretary's position after serving as state treasurer for two years.

The office of treasurer was a contest between John Burns of Auburn and Cayuga County and Michael P. Heelin of Binghamton and Broome County. In what was called one of the cleanest campaigns in modern times, Burns won the position.

The Directors were elected without opposition except for District 4 where John Foody and Frank Feighery squared off against each other. Frank Feighery bested Foody in the very close race.

The Directors for the next two years are: District 1, John Hogan; District 2, Francis Gaughan; District 3, Timothy Comerford; District 4, Frank Feighery; District 5, Martin Kelly; District 6, James Hayes; and District 7, Thomas Corcoran.

The following appointments were announced by State President O'Hagan as his official act of office: State Organizer, Daniel Heald; State

Historian, Mike McCormack; Chair, Catholic Action, Harry Murphy; Chair, Pro-Life, Charles Welch; Public Relations, Tom Foley; Chair, Buy Irish, Hugh Ford; Chair, PEC, Jack Mulvey; Chair, Immigration, Pat Hurley; Chair, Austin Carew Scholarship, Mike O'Connor; Chair, Freedom For All Ireland, Brendan Moore; Chair, Charities & Missions, Randy Lynch; Chair, Commodore Barry, Ed Rice; Chair, Archives, George Foley; the Sports chair was empty at this time until Past President Ed Carley and State Treasurer Jack Burns have researched a qualified person for this auspicious position.

The site for the 1991 New York State AOH Convention was a three-way contest among Binghamton, Syracuse and Watervliet. In 1991, the delegates chose to travel to the Albany area and the Turf Inn on Wolfe Road, where Watervliet will be the host.

The newly-elected officers of the New York State Board of the Ladies, AOH are: President Ann S. Armao of Troy, NY; Vice-President Amelia T. Babcock; Secretary Mary Marrinan; Treasurer Dorothy A. Voelker; Historian Bernadette Harnett; Chair, Missions, Rosalie Rairden; Chair, Catholic Action, Joyce Hennessey.

Various resolutions were passed at this convention pertaining to Immigration, Joe Doherty, the Irish language and Church and Country.

Ann Armao, president, New York State Board, LAOH, made the following appointments following her installation at the banquet Saturday night. She appointed Maureen Dumas of Albany as Public Relations chair; Denise McNabb of Cayuga County, Chair, Freedom For All Ireland. She initiated a new chair for liaison with the various government bodies. This new position went to Pat Fox of Broome County.

The largest increase in membership awards for the NYS AOH and the NYS LAOH went to Division 2-Suffolk County.

Al O'Hagan appointed the Rev. Michael Driscoll, son of Past State President Timothy Driscoll, as State Chaplain.

The principal speaker at the installation banquet Saturday night was Robert Roche, an attorney in Albany, who served as an observer to the Birmingham Six "Reading of the Appeal" in London.



NATIONAL OFFICERS attending the New York State Convention in Auburn were, left to right, National Treasurer Ed Wallace, National President Mike Coogan, National Vice President Mike Carroll, and National Secretary and Convention Chair Tom McNabb.

Suffolk County Chaplain Hails His Golden Jubilee



JUBILARIAN FR. VIRGIL POWER, center, concelebrates Mass at the Babylon Hibernian Hall with Fathers Hourihane, Rooney, Cunningham and Fitzpatrick.

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY — Rev. Virgil P. Power, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of the Isle Parish, Shelter Island, NY has celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination. Up to his retirement four years ago, Fr. Power was chaplain to the AOH Suffolk County Board and also to St. Patrick Division Two, men and women, in Babylon.

The joyous occasion was marked by a special concelebrated Mass on Shelter Island, at which Bishop John McGann and his four auxiliary Bishops presided. The Suffolk Hibernian Choir sang at the Mass

and Div. 2's Saffron Kilt Pipe Band was present to add color to the occasion and to pipe the Bishops and clergy in and out of the Church.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop McGann presented the jubilarian with a special Papal Blessing and a gold medal of honor. Later in the day, Father was honored at a Golden Jubilee Dinner at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip.

The president and members of St. Patrick Division Two, wishing to honor Father Power for his thirty years of devoted service as their chaplain, also organized a special Mass followed by a dinner dance in the Hibernian Cultural Center in Babylon. Monsignor Thaddeus Rooney, associate chaplain to Division Two, homilist at the Mass, spoke in glowing terms of all Fr. Power had done to promote Irish culture and keep alive Irish traditions on Long Island, since he came to the United States some thirty three years ago.

Father Power retired from his parish on Shelter Island in 1955 and went to live in Beverly Hills, Florida. On the weekends, he helps in Our Lady of the Springs Parish, Ocala. The people of that parish also honored the Jubilarian with special celebrations. Father says that since his retirement he is kept very busy commuting between Florida, Long

As director of Pro-Life activities with the responsibility of being the representative of the AOH for the state of New York for 1988-1989 session, I wish to thank our past president, Edward Carley, and all our state membership for the confidence they have expressed in me that I would do all in my powers in our quest to support and expand our human life, human rights issues.

The past year has given evidence for all to see that the majority in the news media express a "qualified" love of the Irish — if we would just stop being "so Catholic". This same media proclaims that a Pro-Life position is a theological point of view almost unique to the Catholic Church. They do so knowing this angle will fan the flames of bigotry to help divide a people and allow for continuance of their political agenda.

The "Right to Choose" is expressed in such a manner as to express a very American, constitutional, proper response to "the problem." The problem as expressed is unwanted pregnancy. When a problem is expressed in such an emotional manner the media take on a pragmatic humanistic point of view and leave no room for another point of view. A "final solution" is expressed by this form of mind control type of journalism which lends support to organizations such as Planned Parenthood and its sex educational programs with tax-supported activities, all with a so-called good of society expression.

Planned Parenthood's lessons on sexual responsibility include the distribution of prophylactic devices such as condoms, pills and I.U.D.'s.

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Annual Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Held

AURIESVILLE, NY: The New York State Board recently held their Annual Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine here. This State Board-sponsored function is customarily held on the first Sunday in May, and it also signals the opening of the Shrine for the season.

The Mass was held at Noon, and the assembled National and State dignitaries and a large gathering of Brother and Sister Hibernians were

in attendance. The group paraded to the Rotunda, led by the Tara Hall Pipe Band from Division 8, Troy. Prior to the Mass, the Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers performed a brief concert and then sang the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At the conclusion of Mass, which was celebrated by our State Chaplain, Father Capistran Hanlon, the pipe band led the worshippers to the picnic area and pavilion.

Everyone enjoyed hamburgers,

hot dogs, salads, sandwiches and an assortment of hot and cold beverages. Some of the Choraliers stayed to eat, and everybody joined in a sing-along until late in the afternoon. The camaraderie that prevailed was a joy to behold.

The event is the State Board's first official get-together each Spring, and it certainly does help to shake the winter blahs.

Bud Considine



READY FOR the Annual Pilgrimage to Auriesville are, left to right, front row: State Board President Ed Carley; Past State Director Peter Durkee; Div. 8, Troy, Chaplain, Rev. Pat Lynch; Ladies State Board Vice President Anne Halpin Armao; Archivist and Past State President George Foley; State Catholic Action Chairman Bud Considine; Past President Albany AOH Brian Manley; Watervliet Division President Paul McClure; and State Newsletter Editor Tommy Ryan.

Island, Shelter Island and 'The Emerald Isle.' At the moment, Fr. Virgil is in Ireland for a family celebration of his Golden Jubilee. A special Mass will be celebrated in the parish church of Stradbally, Co. Waterford, where Virgil Patrick Power was baptised. His two brothers and three sisters will be present as well as his twenty-six nieces and nephews and his eighty-four grandnieces and nephews. It will surely be a "Power"-ful celebration.

Leo Murphy, Division Two, Babylon

Guest Speakers



NASSAU COUNTY, N.Y.: Nassau County Comptroller Peter T. King, right, and Long Beach Supervisor Bruce Nyman, left, the principal speakers at the recent meeting of the newly-formed St. Brendan the Navigator Division in Nassau County, were welcomed by Division President Tom Myles of Long Beach, Long Island. King called upon Hibernians and all Irish-Americans to denounce British human rights violations in occupied Ireland. Supervisor Nyman urged Irish-Americans to be more united.

In Appreciation



AOH NATIONAL DIRECTOR Jack Irwin, left, presents a plaque on behalf of National President Michael Coogan to James Farrell, Immigration liaison officer, for his fine work in the Irish American community in New York. Farrell returns to Ireland to the Dept. of Foreign Affairs.

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Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

Baseball — The saga of Pete Rose continues, and continues, and continues. Rose is not doing much to improve his case. His lawyers claim that Bart Giamotti is biased in this case. These counsellors claim that the Commissioner has prejudged their boy. Etc! Etc!! ETC!!! These guys have been in and out of more courts than Murder Inc. They traipse from County to State to Federal. YR's solution to all this is to have the Commissioner make his ruling. The die is then cast, to quote Julius Caesar. Rose's lawyers may then go to court and ask the court to rule on the Commissioner's ruling. The way it is now, it gives a bad smell to the game of baseball.

One comment heard is Pete Rose has a sickness about gambling. From what YR has heard, this is probably true. Gambling, like any other addiction, is hard to control. If you haven't noticed, there aren't many rich gamblers. Most are trying to break even. That is almost impossible. On a recent TV program, the stats were given on how many people gamble. This figure is in the millions. Out of all those people, only 2% make a living from gambling. This doesn't include bookies, casinos, loan sharks or anyone of that ilk. This was the actual percentage of people who place bets who make enough in return to call it a living.

Does Rose deserve to be suspended for life? The rules of baseball say "Yes". Many fans and others say "NO" most emphatically. They cite Rose's contributions to the game. They say Pete got the bug. He's sick. If all that has been shown on TV is the truth, Pete Rose is sick. He's looking for that one big pay-off to square accounts. This never happens. It's strictly "pie-in-the-sky". It never happens. Bookies only like these guys if they can pay. If they can't, then they employ other methods to extract their dough. Rose should get help immediately. The GA is a wonderful place to start. If Pete doesn't like the public to think he's sick, there must be a private clinic or a therapist in the area who would work with him. Pete, do it while fans remember you as "Charlie Hustle" not the guy who left baseball under a cloud about betting on games including his own teams.

Autographs

While speaking of things that do not endear the game to the fans any longer, have you heard that you may get a Pete Rose autograph at these baseball card shows for \$15.00? No, Pete Rose's autograph is not the most expensive but it seems a shame that players now sell their autographs. It takes very little math to figure out in Rose's case: 10 autographs equals \$150.00; 100 autographs equal \$1,500.00 and 1000

autographs equal \$15,000.00. Not a bad pay check for giving somebody your name on a piece of paper, a ball, a bat or a shirt or cap. Usually these shows run Saturday and Sunday in larger metro areas. This insures the largest turnout of fans possible. YR remembers growing up in a minor league city with a Yankee farm club. Whitey Ford pitched here. Other Yankee greats passed through. Some Yankee greats never stopped. Every few years, the Yankees would come to town for exhibition games at the old Johnson Field. They stayed across from the train station in the defunct Arlington Hotel. That year, they brought guys with them such as Yogi Berra, George "Stuffy" Sternweiss, Phil Rizzuto, Joe DiMaggio, Charlie Keller, Spud Chandler, and all those other great ball players that you read about in the papers. TV hadn't come to the old hometown yet. These guys would sign anything you put before them. I had them all on little scraps of paper, long since lost in growing up and moving out. Yet, not one of these players asked for a nickel or a dime. They signed often and willingly. These guys were not making the magnificent salaries that ballplayers of today make. These guys signed because they knew that these guys and kids were fans for tomorrow. It was an innocent time. Perhaps we should return to it.

NCAA Hurt

Football — It's almost time to put on the pads and start spring training for football. Excuse the use of the word, spring. It's just training. A few deals have been cut. SMU is under suspension. They are rebuilding their program. Will there be a major scandal around Miami U? Time will tell. Since they have lost their head coach and their quarterback, perhaps the NCAA feels they have lost enough.

Does Dallas need Vince Walsh? Did he get the money he asked? To the first question and the second question, the answer is "No". Dallas will dangle this guy like bait before a hungry fish. They will get much more in return than they give. Dallas has been making more news off the field than they did on the field last year. They dumped a guy who has been Dallas' only head coach in a manner more in keeping with corporate board rooms than sports. Now it seems they have a cheerleader revolt over the new uniforms proposed by the new owner. The cheerleaders claim the new uniforms are much too skimpy. As Linda Ellerbee says, "And so it goes." Football always did take funny bounces.

Chicago Bulls

BASKETBALL: The roundball took some funny bounces off the court after the playoffs. Doug Collins was fired by the Chicago Bulls. Dif-



IRISH TEAM, entered in the New York state games for the physically challenged, poses with the mayor of Wexford, Ireland, the Honorable Dominic Kiernan. (See story on page 12).

The Physically Challenged

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thousands of proud Irish people. They deserved every bit of the

praise. They are true champions. God Bless every one of them.

ferent philosophies was the reason given. The Bulls and the Knicks then named assistant coaches by the promotion of Jackson to the head coach position. Collins should have no problem finding a job, if the Bulls haven't got him on a list. Sports are no longer sports and fun things. Sports are now big business megabuck enterprises.

Irish Invented Golf

GOLF: This is a game where the money is. That is why the Scots claimed it as their own. YR feels the Irish rightfully invented it. The hills and fields of Ireland are more conducive to golf than Scotland. The Irish farmers piled the rocks from their fields in neat layers which became fences. Now everybody knows you cut across fields as shortcuts to places. Two Irishmen were doing this shortcutting many years ago. To pass the time, they turned their shillelachs around and began to see who could put a stone next to the opposite stone fence in the least number of hits or now strokes. This form continued for some time.

As the stones in these fences were not even, there was always some discussion about who was the closest. As many of these shortcuts were used everyday, the logical thing was to add a fixed target that would be the same for all. This brought the hole into play. The first holes were square because they were cut by the same tool used to cut the turf in the bog. There were no winter rules or summer rules. The Irish played the stone they hit where it laid.

Because of this, some of these Irishmen began to massage the head of their shillelagh to give more lift to the stone when they hit it. This innovation gave birth to the various woods and irons now called clubs. These same Irish also took to playing their stone. They would find a good stone and have the mason finish it off by rubbing and polishing it.

This brings up a conversation at the recent NYS AOH Convention. Noel Kingston of Irish music fame was talking to the Editor of this prestigious paper and his loyal assistant about golf. A delegate whom Noel knew walked by and told Noel, "I did 18 this morning". The assistant asked the unknown golfer, "So much for the first hole, what did you do on the second?" This is one of the reasons YR does not play golf. He once was 10 off the tee.

The 19th Hole — This brings this column to a close. Keep sending those bon mots to PO Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904. Until the next time on the sidelines, God bless!

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Thelma Henry, Westmeath.....	Discus	Gold
	Javelin	Silver
	Shot Put	Bronze
	Wheelchair Slalom	Bronze
Francis Hyslop, Co. Armagh.....	60 Meter Dash	Gold
	Shot Put	Gold
	Discus	Gold
	Breaststroke Swim	Gold
Dominic Kilduff, Wexford.....	Wheelchair Slalom	Gold
	Discus	Gold
	60 Meter Dash	Silver
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	Soft Shot	Silver
Helen Winters, Wexford.....	Breaststroke Swim	Gold
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Bartholomew Murray of the eighteenth had close connections with the ecclesiastical Irish College in Paris. The form MacMorrow derived from MacMurrays of County Leitrim mentioned in the Composition Book of Connacht.

Faloon

Q. Kindly inform me about the derivation of my family name. Thomas F. Faloon, Cresskill, New Jersey

A. The spelling of your form of the name is peculiar to County Armagh. But because your great grandfather came from County Tyrone we can now include this county among this small list. Faloon comes from a group of words whose root means 'ruler.' Fallan means 'beauty, hand-someness' and in the adjectival form means 'health, soundness.' Falla means 'dominion, sovereignty'. A ruler must be healthy, but whether or not all rulers were attractive is a matter for speculation. Fallamhain means 'I rule'; and as you noted your name means descendant of the ruler: O Fallamhain.

Ward

Q. Please provide me with information regarding our family name. Anthony Ward, Valley Stream, New York

A. The name Ward holds a special interest for me because of my literary interests. The Irish form is Mac an Bhaird and is pronounced similarly to the variants of your form Macanward, MacAward: the Bh is like a w/. The name means son of the bard. As such the name implies that early holders of the name belonged to that distinguished profession. Many noted poets of this sept lived in Donegal during the seventeenth century.

Early Ulster bards celebrated the important O'Kellys of Ui Maine and later the O'Donnells of Tírconnell. But is unknown if these hereditary bards are related to the Falway families who became prominent enough to have towns in Galway named after them: Ballymacward near Ballinasloe and Lettermacaward near Glenties. Still Counties Falway and Donegal are where this common name is today found most frequently.

Because it is an occupational name, it is no surprise that the name appeared independently throughout the country. Today it is one of the one-hundred most popular names. Even though Ward continues to be a common English name, most of the Irish families are native. Some of the most noteworthy Wards hailed from Ulster, but many came from other parts of the island. Maelisa MacAward was Bishop of Clonfert from 1171-73. Hugh Boy Macanward (1580-1635), of Lettermacaward served as first professor of Theology in the Irish College at Louvain. John Ward (1832-1912), of Belfast became a renowned artist.

Donahue

Q. Both Norbert F. Donahue, Kallispell, MT, and James J. O'Connor, Chevy Chase, MD, ask about the family name Donahue.

A. Donogh was an old personal name which gave rise to the modern variants which make your name one of the most popular in Ireland. Many distinct septs or clans existed. Three of the most significant were O'Donoghue of Desmond, O'Donoghue of Ui Maine, and O'Donoghue of Cavan. The latter two usually spell their modern forms Donhoe and continue to be the popular forms in Counties Cavan and Galway.

The Desmond O'Donoghues are still found mainly in Counties Kerry and Cork. This sept is related to the O'Mahonys who are both descended from Domhnall the son of the King of Munster who allied with Brian Boru in the crucial Battle of Clontarf (1014 A.D.). Eventually these were driven out of their West Cork holdings into Kerry by the powerful McCarthy's. In Kerry they settled in the region called Onaght O'Donoghue, but eventually divided in two branches. The Head one was called O'Donoghue Mor (O'Donoghue the Great), whose seat was Ross Castle on Lough Leine and remains a significant tourist attraction near Killarney. The other branch was called O'Donoghue of the Glen. Unlike the Mor, who were driven from their lands during the Elizabethan Wars, this clan held onto its seat at Glenflesk. Today it's Head rightfully calls himself 'The O'Donoghue' indicating his status as one of the few Chiefs of the Name officially recognized and eligible to use that designation.

As for the g disappearing before the h, this could easily happen because it would not be pronounced since it lost its sound before the aspirate.

Dunphy is also a variant of this name. In Ossory the peasants used the form like your own, but the landed class used Dunphy. Still, other Dunphies existed not related to these Ossory faction.

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"We cannot condone by silence the British Government's continued discrimination against Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland. Your immediate attention to this important matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and concern."

National catholic action

PHILADELPHIA, PA: I have written in previous columns about the unborn children, the school children and those who have passed through this life and into their eternal reward. The more I think about what I've written, the more my love grows for our Roman Catholic Church.

Our Church stands with us at every stage of our existence. We may at times take her for granted; because she is so available and so open to us. From the moment of conception through the reception of the Sacraments; from the first day of school to the graveside blessing, we have the church!

Our Church provides special facilities for our brothers and sisters who have special needs. Our Church provides an educational system to be proud of and medical facilities the equal of any in this world. That is something to be proud of!

No matter where you went to school or where you lived, the University of Notre Dame is special. I think, as Catholics, the basis for our love and admiration for this school of Our Lady is the sense of pride we have in a Catholic institution that is the pinnacle of excellence. A beacon of achievement that overcame bigotry and ignorance and succeeded with dignity and honor and did it for the Honor and Glory of God. Of course they play some pretty good football, too! (and the nickname isn't bad either). But again, the Catholic Faith is a part of our pride.

Baptism and the Eucharist, matrimony and the funeral are all a part of our inheritance as members of this universal body, and I am amazed at the many gifts we receive in our Church community. Please serve our Church well and stand up for her and all her ministers. They have done one Heaven of a job for us.

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year would seem an impossible task," said Br. Coogan, "but after spending three days with the Montana Hibernians, I don't believe anything is impossible. I was impressed with the country, I intend to go back as soon as possible just to visit, and I was impressed with how determined everyone I spoke with seemed to be to build a strong Hibernian organization in Montana."

Mike O'Connor



THE THOMAS F. MEAGHER Memorial Statue, which stands in front of Montana's State Capitol building, was one of the backdrops during President Coogan's tour of Helena. Squirling him around are Thomas F. Meagher Div. President Mike O'Connor, left, and Past State President Bill Harrington.

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Pennsylvania's Governor Endorses MacBride Bills

HARRISBURG, PA — In a statement to John Breheny, chairman of Pennsylvania's Irish National Caucus, Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey declared: "I support the MacBride Principles, and have written to the leaders of the House and Senate to urge prompt passage of Senate Bills 581-585 and House Bills 867-871."

"There are few Pennsylvanians who are not aware of the terrible problems in Northern Ireland, many of which can be traced directly to generations of unemployment and a history of employment discrimination in that country. The unemployment rate in England, Scotland and Wales is roughly 9%; the unemployment rate in Northern Ireland is over 18%. It is even worse in the predominately Catholic regions of Northern Ireland. In one section of Catholic West Belfast, in a community called Ballymurphy, one study indicated the unemployment rate was as high as 70%."

"It is very important to me as Governor that any steps that I can take to improve that situation be

both positive and effective. The MacBride Principles send a very strong message to the British government. That message is that we in America will not tolerate any form of discrimination — religious or economic — against the people of Northern Ireland, and that we are prepared to use our economic leverage to enforce both fair and full employment practices there."

"I believe that support for the MacBride Principles — from America and from Pennsylvania — sends a clear message to the British government and represents a real opportunity to bring an end to the discriminatory practices there."

Governor Casey is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

If the MacBride bills are passed, Pennsylvania would become the 14th state to recognize the blatant discrimination against minority Catholics in Northern Ireland, following closely on the heels of California, which like the other states, passed similar legislation by large legislative majorities.

MacBride Lobby Takes Harrisburg, PA by Storm

WASHINGTON, D.C. — September 20, 1989 — The Irish took Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by storm on September 19, 1989. Hundreds of supporters of the MacBride Principles poured into the Senate Finance Committee Hearing on the Principles. Extra chairs had to be brought and some could not even get inside — as the largest turn-out for any hearing took place.

The Chairman, Senator Gibson Armstrong (R-Lancaster), gavelled the Hearing to order with the stern admonition: "This is a very large turn-out; it is a very emotional issue. No clapping or emotional displays of any kind will be allowed." Senator Armstrong had bottled-up the MacBride Bill in Committee for a year and was believed to be very opposed to it.

The proponents, those for MacBride, opened up. A number of representatives of Irish organizations, the AOH; the Ladies AOH; Knights of Equity, etc., made a joint presentation. Then followed the British representative, Mr. Harry Call, from Belfast. Next was Mr. Oliver Kearny from Antrim, who has testified for the MacBride Principles at many hearings. A representative of the Pennsylvania Pension Funds then testified against the Principles.

Mr. John Breheny, Pennsylvania director of the Irish National

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Grizzled Cliffs that mock the Seas
Sheep and cattle graze the Leas
Fields and Village close embrace
Lakes that mirror Heaven's face
A glimpse of sun through veiling rain

Trackless bog and crooked lane
Curling smoke from cottage small
Garden fenced by cobbled wall

Joyful song and poetry
Praise her spirit vibrant free
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Unforgettable once seen

Patrick Gibbons

(After the hearing, Senator Armstrong, quite friendly now, came down to the audience, put his arm around Father McManus and said, "I'm glad I don't have to run against you in an election!")

Mr. Sean Neeson, former leader of the Alliance Party, made a rather dejected figure as he approached the witness stand to testify against the MacBride Principles immediately following Father McManus.

"The Hearing in Harrisburg was a case study in what the British Government is up against," said Father McManus. "There was a magnificent display of Irish unity with powerful and eloquent testimony from people like Oliver Kearney and John Breheny; and on the British side, feeble and dejected spokespersons parroting the same old discredited British line," he concluded.

The Bill will next be voted on by the Finance Committee at some date in the future, and then will go to the floor for a full Senate vote.

Irish Soldiers Reinterred at Antietam

SHARPSBURG, MD: The partial remains of four Civil War soldiers discovered on Antietam Battlefield were reinterred with full military honors on September 17, 1989, at noon.

Hastily buried in a shallow but temporary grave, the four members of the famed Irish Brigade finally rest in the Antietam National Cemetery 127 years after their sacrifice in a battle noted as the bloodiest day in American military history.

The handful of skeletal remains, along with artifacts such as uniform buttons, religious medals, bullets and buckshot, and bits of clothing were discovered in March of 1988 by three Civil War buffs. The three Ohio men notified historian Dennis Frye of the National Park Service shortly after they found the human remains. Frye, in turn, notified Dr. Stephen Potter, Park Service regional archaeologist, who then contacted anthropologists at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Dr. Douglas Owsley of the Smithsonian stated that this was a rare opportunity to use modern archaeology and physical anthropology for study; however, identification of the remains could not be absolutely determined.

The ceremony reflected military funeral customs of the Civil War era with the assistance of living history units representing the 28th Massachusetts and the 93rd Pennsylvania. The 69th New York National Guard, one of the original Irish Brigade regiments, also participated.

For further details, contact Antietam National Battlefield at (301) 432-5124.

Hard-Drinking Irish A Myth Reports E.C.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Ireland's reputation as a nation of hard drinkers is more myth than reality according to European Community figures. Not only do the Irish drink less wine, spirits and liquors than our European counterparts but they also drink less beer too.

Not that any of this is saving the Irish money — the average spending on beverages in Ireland accounts for 12.3 percent of income, more than double the amount spent by any other EC country.

The liquor industry is quick to point to the high rate of tax and duty on drink for the higher expenditure which may also account for the drop in national consumption.

Ireland's annual beer consumption is 100.1 litres per head of population, a figure that falls behind Germany (145.5 litres), Denmark (121.3 litres), Belgium (121.0) and Britain (108.9 litres).

Ireland only manages to win out in beer stakes over countries in which wine is a more popular tipple. When it comes to overall alcohol consumption, a survey compiled for the drinks industry put Ireland 25th out of a total of 48 countries surveyed.

Address Dublin Rally



DUBLIN, IRELAND — Three speakers at a rally here, on the anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland, faced a crowd of over 15,000 protesters of this continuing military presence. Left to right are Joseph Roche, national chairman, AOH Political Education Committee and AOH past national president; Neil Blaney, T.D., Irish Government EUR. Minister of Parliament; and Daniel Kennedy, Detroit Irish Unity Conference.

Twenty Years Later: North 'Normality' Non-Existent

DUBLIN, IRELAND: On August 14, 1969 British troops were deployed on the streets of Derry. Within 24 hours they had also been sent into Belfast.

For the previous 12 months the whole foundation of the Northern state had been shaken as a result of the civil rights movement. Over the 50 years since partition, and the establishment of the Northern state, the Unionist regime had blatantly discriminated against the Catholics in jobs, housing, voting rights and access to education, health and other services. The civil rights movement demanded an end to discrimination and enjoyed huge popular support.

But the basis on which the state was founded — "a Protestant state for a Protestant people" — meant that it relied on discrimination for its very existence. The response to the peaceful call for basic civil rights for Catholics was virtual pogroms against Catholics. Over the 48 hour

period, August 12-14, 1969, over 1,300 Catholic families in Derry and over 10,000 Catholics in Belfast were forced to flee their homes as a result of mob attacks which were backed up by the notorious B-Specials.

The British Army were sent in — as a temporary measure — to restore "normality". But "normality" was sectarian discrimination. Today, the British Army is concentrated solely in nationalist areas, to remind the people there that they have no rights in their own country. It practices harassment, intimidation, assault, surveillance and murder, just as it has in colonial situations throughout the world.

After nearly 3,000 deaths, it is clear the British Army is not part of the solution but at the root of the problem. Most people in Britain also want their troops withdrawn and a big "Time to Go" campaign is gathering strength there.

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Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Department of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Q. Please furnish me with information on my grandmother's family name CARROLL. Norbert F. Donahue, Kalspell, MT

A. The first thing to attempt to find out is whether your family once used the O or Mac prefix because the forms are from two distinct names. But most Carrolls are O'Carrolls. Before the time of the Anglo-Norman conquests six separate O'Carroll families flourished. Except for individual cases, four of these disappeared before the end of the thirteenth century. The two surviving played important roles in Irish history.

The O'Carroll of Oriel in Counties Louth and Monaghan lost his status as Chief of his sept during the Anglo-Norman invasions. Yet his clansmen continued to retain some of their holdings in this region to the present time. The well known tobacco business of the Carrolls of Dundalk process their product in this region. Curiously enough, the current head of the firm also traces his ancestry to the principal O'Carroll clan.

The O'Carroll of Ely O'Carroll in Counties Tipperary and Offaly enjoyed a well documented history until the end of the sixteenth century when the powerful Butlers confined them to the area around Birr, Co. Offaly. Today this name is most popular in Counties Kilkenny, Cork, Waterford, and Tipperary and is one of the most popular in Ireland. This sept derives its Irish name O Cearbhaill from Cearbhal the Lord of Ely who was one of the many victorious leaders of Brian Boru's allies at the Battle of Clontarf (1014 A.D.). His participation helped to secure his fame and to keep annalists interested in his descendants' subsequent activities.

A Maolsuthain O'Carroll (d.1031), of a County Kerry clan was the confessor to Brian Boru. Within the past two-hundred and some years, the most noteworthy Irish Carrolls distinguished themselves on this side of the Atlantic. Most Reverend John became the first American Catholic Bishop and later Archbishop of Baltimore (1735-1816). Charles Carroll (1737-1832) signed our Declaration of Independence. Carrollton, Maryland was founded by this family. At least two biographies are available of this noted name: *Pedigree of The Carroll Family* by E. O'Carroll, 1883; and "True Version of the Pedigree of the Carrolls of Carrollton, Maryland" found in the *Royal Society of Antiquaries Ireland* journal, volume 16 (1883), pages 187-94.

The MacCarrolls are an Ulster family who usually use the anglicized MacCarvil or Carvil instead of the Irish Mac Cearbhaill (The bh provides a /v/ sound as it does in the Irish form of your name; hence one of the reasons for the confusion when people changed to English spellings.)

Q. Could you provide me with information about the surname McLAUGHLIN. James J. O'Connor, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

A. Two different Irish septs use the modern anglicized forms MacLoughlin and MacLaughlin (also spelled without the first a). In English the names often became confused so that one would have to research early family records to determine which form was first used. But, for the most part, if your family has Ulster roots then it is probably a McLoughlin; on the other hand, if the roots began in County Meath or the midlands, then you are probably a MacLaughlin.

The MacLoughlins were a powerful Ulster family being the prominent northern branch of the Uí Neill clan. Their territories were in Innishowen in County Donegal, where the name is still popular. In Irish their name appeared Mac Lochlainn, meaning 'son of Lochlainn' a Norse first name, but this does not mean that the family had Norse roots, just that someone, in the early days of the clan had a Norse name. This family seemed to reach its climax just before losing power in the battle in 1241. Before their downfall, numerous noted personages are listed in various Annals of medieval history. The last significant MacLoughlins belonged to the branch which moved into County Leitrim and established itself as a strong ally of the O'Rourkes and were listed in the Composition Book of Connacht, written in 1586.

The MacLaughlins derived from one of the most powerful Irish clans, and lost their dominance when Brian Boru (d.1014), wrested the High Kingship from Malachy II (reign 980-1002). Malachy's surname in Irish was O'Maolseachlainn meaning 'son of the devotee of Saint Secundinus'. Thus the name was originally an O form. Malachy's name was usually anglicized O'Melaghlin, but numerous forms existed until the end of the seventeenth century. Malachy traced his roots to that famous race of Niall of the Nine Hostages; so, this name has always been associated with aristocratic status.

Even though they lost some of their influence during the Norman invasions, they were still prominent enough to be named to an Order for maintaining martial law in the midlands of the island in 1543. After 1691, the O'Melaghins completely lost their power and afterwards only the name MacLaughlin was used by those who still inhabited the

Survey Reveals Public Awareness of AOH

TROY, N.Y.: A recent marketing research survey conducted by the Siena College, Loudonville, NY, marketing class gave the following results: of the total respondents in a survey of people who have viewed a St. Patrick's Day Parade, 83% were aware of the AOH, 28% were interested in possibly joining the AOH, but 60% thought drinking was part of the Irish heritage, and 42% thought the parade promotes heavy drinking.

The survey was commissioned by past New York State President Ed Carley, who wanted to know how the public at large conceived the image of the Irish in their best promotional event: the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Many times the media tends to highlight the least desirable image that the Irish are attempting to project. The drinking aspect is often played over by the media so much that the public gets a much distorted view of the Irish.

Based upon their findings, it was clear to the researchers that the public views the Irish as a beer drinking culture to a large degree. One cause of this view is the fact that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is closely associated with alcohol consumption, and that people see this parade as an Irish cultural event. One step towards deleting this negative image would be to stress that the parade is a tribute towards the patron saint of Ireland. Although this negative image is more directed towards the Irish than Irish organizations, the Irish organiza-

tions are also viewed in this way. More needs to be done to disassociate the AOH from alcohol consumption.

Also, it was apparent that membership for the AOH should be made more available to the Irish public, or be projected more in the public eye. Clearly, 28% of the respondents claimed they would be interested in joining the organization.

This statistically-based survey was most economical since only postage and printing were billed to the AOH. (An estimate to perform this survey commercially would place the cost at between \$3,000 to \$10,000 depending on the depth of study). The college routinely services "clients" in the Capital District area via the marketing class projects performed by the students. The cost is nominal and the results confidential. Other AOH jurisdictions are encouraged to participate with the colleges and universities in their areas that perform similar services.

This particular study of the Irish image indicates a definite need for the establishment of an Anti-defamation Committee at State, County, and Division levels. We should work hard to dispel the drinking image that has been projected upon us by the media over the years.

Members interested in more information about this study should write to: Ed Carley, 57 Excelsior Avenue, Troy, New York 12180.

Ed Carley, Past President, N.Y. State Board

original territory in County Meath.

Q. The McINAW clan is having a family reunion on July 8, could you tell us something about our surname. Ernis McInaw, Richmond, Virginia

A. As you and a School Master realize there is some confusion concerning the spelling of your name. You probably know something about your name, but what I have to offer may surprise you as much as it did me.

Mac Conshnamha, pronounced like 'mack in shnaws', is anglicized to a variety of forms depending upon which Irish form of the word was thought to be the original. Although the clans are unrelated the forms of the names are related linguistically and phonetically: these are MacKinnawe, M'Conave, M'Enawe, MacAnawe, Kinnavy, Kineavy (often translated to Adams), Forde and Ford.

The most noteworthy Fords were plantationists from Devonshire, England who settled in County Meath in the fourteenth. Thus a couple hundred years before the official Elizabethan and Cromwellian plantations.

Ford was a mistranslation from a corruption of the name of a southern Connemara sept with the name Mac Giolla na Naomh meaning 'son of the devotee of the saints'. This name is pronounced like 'mack gilla naw neevh' and is easily rendered MacKinnawe, but incorrectly. When names were first transliterated into English, if the name holder was illiterate in either English or Irish then it was up to the official writing the name to use his own judgement as to how it should be spelled in English. If he did not know Irish, as was often the case, the problem is compounded. It may be that members of the same family received different spellings if they anglicized their names at different times, in different places, and with different officials. Imagine the problems that occurred if any family members who still used the Irish came to America! A problem is that mh is pronounced like /v/ or /w/ depending upon the dialect and time. The earliest recorded anglicized form is MacAnawe.

Sometimes Mac Giolla na Naomh appeared incorrectly as Macgiollarnath and the ending -ath is the word for ford: consider Baile Atha Cliath, the Irish for Dublin, here the Atha means 'ford'. Thus the name meant 'devotee of the ford' and that does not make sense; so one can see how it was easily anglicized as simply Ford. But Ford(e) is a post eighteenth usage, except when it was the name of a true English family.

Another Connacht sept is MacConshnamha meaning the 'son of the swimming hound': cu=hound and rhnama is a form of the word for swim, snamh in modern Irish, which is properly anglicized MacKinnawe. In the 1685 Composition Book of Connacht it appears as MacEnawe and in a 1659 census as MacEnaw — both obvious phonetic spellings. MacKinnawe holdings were situated between Lough Allen and the Arigna River. An early celebrity of this family was Cornelius MacCansnamha (d.1335), the Bishop of Kilmore.

Note Bene: With each question please include a self-addressed stamped business envelope and a check in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), payable to William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

The Faith Of the Irish

BY FR. JOHN J. O'CONNOR

March is noted for two things, St. Patrick's Day and the first day of spring, in that order. The Irish have always taken their faith seriously; from the springboard of faith they have a humor that only the Irish have, and only the Irish can understand it. Faith gives a wisdom that learning cannot give. In the lighter vein the Irish always answer questions by asking another, and sometimes that isn't such a bad idea. Pope Pius XI made the statement that the Irish, like God, are to be found everywhere.

It might surprise many a person to know that St. Patrick was the only canonized Saint of Ireland until Oliver Plunket, but it is reported that 152 Irish missionaries became Patron Saints in Germany, 70 in Scotland, 47 in France, 44 in England, 30 in Belgium, 13 in Italy and 9 in Iceland. America boasts of over 400 parishes named St. Patrick.

Irish hospitality has to be experienced; it can't be described. The Irish parish priest is the composite of every profession. He is the doctor, the lawyer, the judge, the financier, the leader of the community, and above all, he is the prophetic word of God. In Ireland the potatoes do have a taste superior to the taste of the staple food of any other country in the world. In Ireland you will never see a drunk.

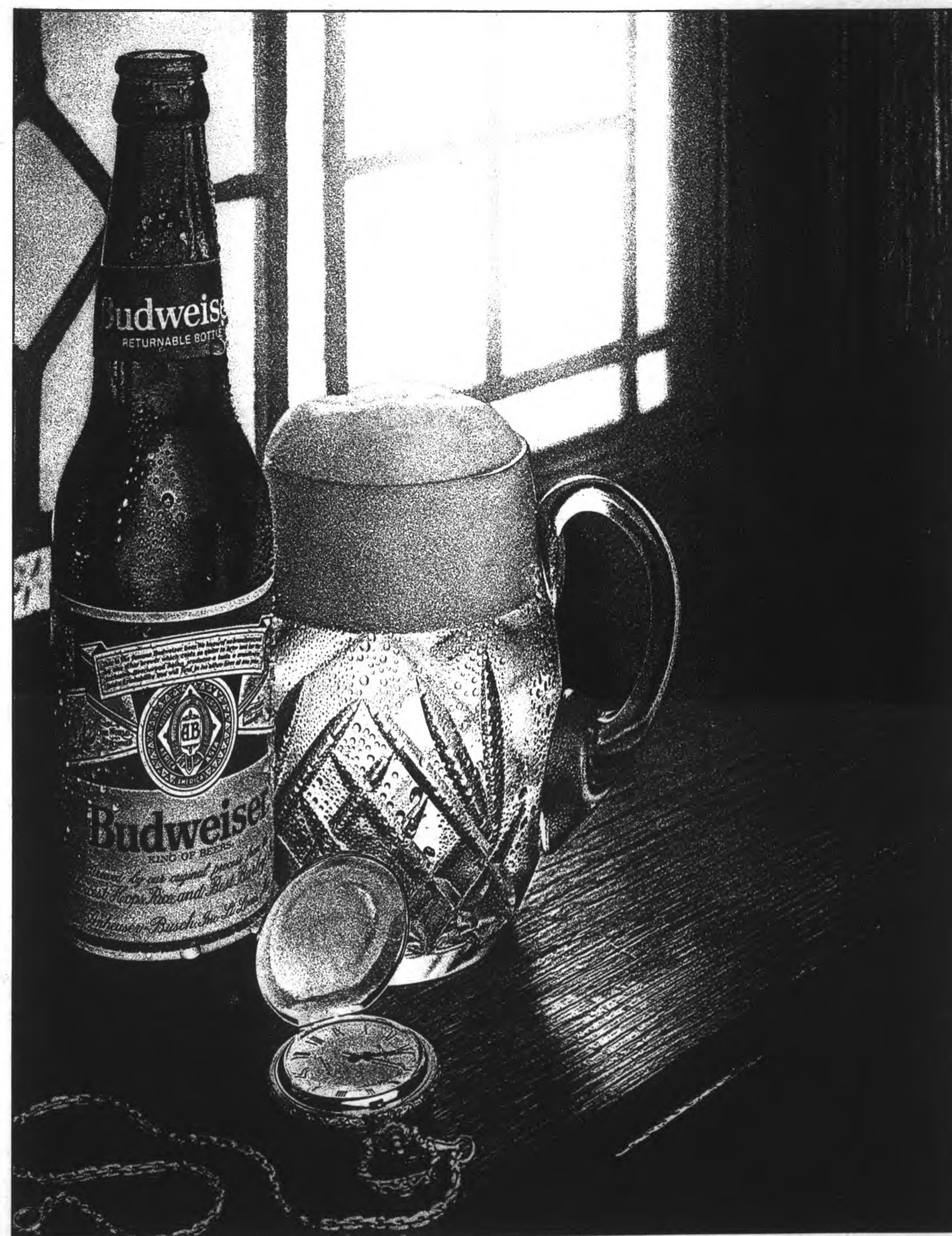
It is also interesting to note that while Ireland is in the British Isles and the shamrock is the flower of Ireland, it bears no relation to the symbols of Scotland or England. Unlike the thistle of Scotland, the shamrock never wounds; and unlike the rose of England, the shamrock never wears a thorn.

The sad history of Ireland is brushed away as if it never happened. In 1921 England partitioned Ireland. Since then in Northern Ireland, if you kept the faith, chances are you will never get a job while the Protestant population suffers only six percent unemployment. The government of Northern Ireland, which is controlled by England, employs only four percent of the Catholic population, which is thirty-five percent of the total population. The government owned shipyards employ one hundred Catholics in good paying union jobs, while it employs over seven thousand Protestants in the same kind of jobs.

In the past our country bragged of its help to oppressed nations. El Salvador knows where to get financial help; Israel gets support; Washington speaks out against Russian invasion of neighboring countries; but to Washington, Ireland's trouble is an "internal affair." Nowhere is Christ more human than He is in the garden of Gethsemane where He asks His Father to let the chalice pass from Him. Faith in His Father gave Him strength to bear the suffering. It is only their faith that gives the Irish strength to bear their oppressions.

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News from the States

NEWS: District of Columbia



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STATE NEWS: Missouri



AT A RECENT BENEFIT concert are, left to right, Phil Chaney, vice president/co-chairman, Celtic Children of War Fund, Kansas City AOH; Patricia O'Neill, soprano/Irish harpist; and George Christman, president, Missouri State AOH and Kansas City AOH.

KANSAS CITY: Patricia O'Neill, Soprano/Irish Harpist, recently appeared in concert in cooperation with the Kansas City AOH Celtic Children of War Committee. Miss O'Neill presented her concert, "The Quiet Land of Erin" at Rockhurst College, here on July 28, for the purpose of raising funds for this noteworthy cause.

The first two boys, one Protestant and one Catholic, arrived here the week following and stayed several weeks at the home of a local resident. They have enjoyed sharing with many, and especially each other, the joys of simple American living in a peace-filled environment.

The Kansas City AOH is planning several future fund raising events in hope of increasing the numbers of children invited during the coming years. To quote Fr. Matt Wallace of St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, Northern Ireland: "If we move one grain of sand at a time, then over a period we will remove the desert of hate and violence which so sadly bedevils our country."

Patricia O'Neill is willing to cooperate with efforts of similar purpose wherever possible. She is represented by Pan Artists, Sandra Hymel, Agent, (816) 737-3136.

Akron Brother Helped Rescue Lt. Geo. Bush

AKRON, OHIO: During World War II, Hibernian Brother, James Vincent Lavery, a member of the Mark Heffernan Division of Summit County, Akron, Ohio, was a crewman on the submarine, U.S.S. Finback.

On September 2, 1944, *The Finback* made a daring rescue of then Navy pilot George Bush. Of course, the crew of the *Finback* did not realize they were rescuing a future United States president. At that time it was Lt. George H.W. Bush, the pilot of a T.B.M. Avenger flying off of the aircraft carrier, *San Jacinto*. The men of the *Finback* were just routinely doing their duty when they saw Lt. Bush parachute from his plane, which had drawn heavy fire from the Japanese during a raid on Chichi Jima Island. According to captain's log, it was 11:56 a.m. and under Japanese gunfire when Lt. Bush was pulled aboard the *Finback* from his life raft.

The *Finback* had an extraordinary war record. The submarine sunk over 100,000 tons of enemy ships and craft, and made numerous rescues of downed fliers. It is no wonder crewman James Lavery had no special recollection of Bush's rescue. At least not until George Bush sent Jim and the other members of the *Finback* crew a letter expressing his thanks for their heroic service to their country and for rescuing him from enemy waters. Also, each member of the crew received a Certificate of Appreciation complete with Presidential Seal.

After the war, Brother Lavery joined the AOH and has been a member of the Mark Heffernan Division for over thirty years. He is currently Division Chairman of Catholic Action and is working to start an organization to gain tuition tax vouchers for the families of students in parochial schools.

Gary F. Smith

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STATE NEWS: Illinois

'BEST OF PARADE' A LABOR OF LOVE

BELLEVILLE, IL: Division One, St. Clair County, was overjoyed to have its entry float in the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade judged "Best of Parade" and awarded a huge inscribed Gaiety Crystal. We tried our very best to put forth an entry that is synonymous with the love of our heritage; so we designed it and put it together ourselves. Here's the story.

We purchased a 40 ft. flatbed trailer. Busch Transportation took the trailer, did the necessary plating, removed the tire carrier, and painted it "fleet white" with deep green wheels. We built a rail extending down both sides and painted the rail with the Republic of Ireland colors. We have a group of Shriners known as the Riverside Bugle Band. They played Irish music on the flatbed. Their attire consisted of green tuxedos with the exception being one slightly built gentleman dressed up as a leprechaun.

Our float consisted of a map of Ireland, 6 ft. 6 in. tall by 4 ft. 6 in. wide, having a thickness of 4 inches. On the opposite side of the map is a 6 ft. Bull's Eye with the AOH Coat of Arms hand-painted onto it. This combination map and Coat of Arms revolves by an AOH-built direct drive-slow speed motor. It is held together by a brace shaped like a goal post with 2 inch by 2 inch square tubing steel pipe. It is designed to be able to withstand stress of an automobile. It has a #50 chain and is geared down by two sprockets to achieve extremely low revolutions. It makes a 3/4 turn in one minute and is slower than one rpm.

We secured every County flag (all 32) and we feature the Irish and American flags in a prominent position. We secured astroturf and the various normal float materials through a charitable organization so that they benefit from our work. The total regarding the boxes that held the flags and the map, plus the Coat of Arms is more than 166 sq. feet of astroturf. Our flower bed had a range of 2,500 to 3,000 flowers on it that were done by hand. We had approximately 15,000-plus staples in our float, 26 lbs. of drywall screws, and 16 lbs. of lag bolts. We estimate that the total man-hours to construct was approximately 463 hours. To give you an idea of the time that it takes constructing a float of this type, we used 171 ft. of nylon rope to make the entire border for the map of Ireland and each of its counties.

Anthony W. Joynt

Deputy National Director

Editor's Note: The photo of the entry appeared on Page 15 of the May-June 1989 issue.

JOE DOHERTY RESOLUTION

The following resolution was presented by Alderman Michael F.H. Sheahan on May 10, 1989 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois.

WHEREAS, Chicago's Irish-American community is a large and vital component of this great city; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty is now being held in the New York Federal Corrections Center, a prisoner of the United

STATE NEWS: Florida

BY NICK SCHNEIDER

Due to the summer hiatus, there is not much to report in the area of Division activities. However, I do have some interesting items to pass on to the membership. According to Brevard County Division 1 President Bob Schneider, two new members will be sworn in at the October meeting.

During the September meeting, Manatee Co. Div. 1 President Paul

States despite the fact he has never been charged with or convicted of crime in this country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty has been jailed six years for an alleged crime in northeastern Ireland and is now the longest held prisoner in the history of the New York Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, Both United States Federal and U.S. Immigration judges have in every instance ruled in Mr. Doherty's favor regarding his ongoing effort to secure political asylum in the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor of Chicago, the Honorable Richard M. Daley, and the members of the City Council do hereby proclaim June 17th, 1989, Joseph Patrick Doherty Day in Chicago to draw attention to Mr. Doherty's plight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be printed and sent to President George Bush, Attorney General Thornburgh, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Senators Allen Dixon, and Paul Simon, as well as every member of the Illinois State Legislature.

Finnerty motivated the members to write legislators in support of the Florida "profile legislation" and HR 62 (U.S. House) granting Joe Doherty political asylum. During September 12 new members were sworn in, of whom six also received the Shamrock degree. The Irish music radio program still seeks sponsors — contact Martin McAndrew, 1701 N.W. 97th Ave., Plantation, FL 33321.

Brevard County Division 2 President Jerry Costlow reports that his division will host an Irish Night on November 4th, in conjunction with the Fall quarterly meeting of the State Board of Officers. The

meeting will be held at the Howard Johnson Motel on U.S. 1 in the city of Melbourne. Meetings are scheduled from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, with the rest of the weekend devoted to sightseeing. State President John Cullinan invites all Hibernians in the state to attend with their families to get acquainted with each other.

This reporter continues to urge all divisions to support the State president and Division presidents in their quest to make Florida the nation's outstanding Hibernian state, through increased membership and attendance at meetings and social functions.

Send your information to Nick Schneider, 240 Eyre Avenue, Merritt Island, FL 32958.



ENJOYING A Social following installation of officers of Florida's new Volusia County Division 1 at the home of its first president are, left to right, President John O'Neill, Financial Secretary Jim Quinlan, Recording Secretary Bob Butler, State President John Cullinan, and Vice President Bob Schneider.

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STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

JERRY SEXTON

Jerry Sexton, past president of the Massachusetts State Board, AOH, was recently sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts Bar. Attorney Sexton served as state president from 1981 to 1983. After graduating cum laude from Suffolk University Law School's evening division in February of this year, Brother Sexton took and passed the Massachusetts Bar exam. He was also formerly the state vice-president and served three terms as president of Div. 10 AOH in Lynn.

Attorney Sexton has been employed for the past 10 years as a Deputy Commissioner of Banks for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In September he will be leaving that position and relocating to Washington, D.C. to join the staff of the General Counsel in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Brother Sexton reports that he's looking forward to resuming an active role in Irish-American and AOH affairs.

OFFENSIVE SITUATIONS

Member Eileen Brunetto informs us of another offensive situation. A recent edition of "House Beautiful Magazine" had an ad from the 3M corporation. The ad started with a photo of a very elegant table, "The Design is English,"—then the second caption and photo displays a glass of whiskey stating, "The stain is Irish." The third photo and caption states the "Protection is Scotch." The Scotch refers to a stain removing product.

Course of Action: Write to Mr. Allan Jacobson, Chairman of the Board, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN

55144 or call (612) 733-1110.

All offensive situations should be sent to Kevin P. Murphy, P.O. Box 8895, J. F. Kennedy Station, Boston, MA. 02114.

Kevin P. Murphy

Editor's Note: This item was taken from the *Hibernian Life Newsletter*, Massachusetts.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL LOOKS AT MACBRIDE

ROXBURY, MA — Councillor Maura Hennigan Casey introduced a MacBride Bill in the Boston City Council that will restrict investment of city pension funds in companies that practice religious discrimination in Northern Ireland. Hearings are scheduled to take place soon.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was the first state in the Union to adopt the MacBride Principles which restrict the investment of Pension funds in companies that practice religious discrimination in Northern Ireland.

Although many states have now adopted MacBride legislation, only a relatively small number of municipalities have done so, New York and Worcester being two exceptions. We are sure you will agree that our city, Boston, with its long history of individual freedom and strong stands on human rights issues, must now take a stand on religious discrimination in Northern Ireland by adopting the MacBride Principles.

The British Government has spent millions of dollars trying to defeat the MacBride bill in the thirteen states that have passed them. The value of city-controlled pension funds is said to be in excess of 700 million dollars.

Dick O'Heigeartaigh



ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES were held for John Boyle O'Reilly at Brookline, MA, sponsored by the Massachusetts State Board. Plans are underway for the 100th anniversary of the multi-talented Irishman's untimely death at age 46.

Annual Memorial Held For John Boyle O'Reilly

BROOKLINE, MA — The Massachusetts State Board recently held their annual John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises at Holyhood Cemetery here. Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. James D. Champion, state chaplain, from Shrewsbury. The Memorial Oration was delivered by Mrs. Peggy O'Reilly, president of the Drogheda, County Louth, O'Reilly Memorial Society. A host of Hibernian officials and members were in attendance including State Presidents Joseph McHugh of Swampscott and Jacqueline Lamprey of North Andover, as well as Past National

President John Connolly of Watertown. Many other members of various Irish Societies in the Greater Boston Area were also present.

John Boyle O'Reilly was born near Drogheda, County Louth, in June, 1844. As a young cavalryman in the British army, he was convicted of being a Fenian (a fighter for Irish Independence) by a military court. He was sentenced to be hanged, but that sentence was later commuted to 20 years penal servitude in Western Australia. After a year as a prisoner in Australia, he escaped and later came to live in the Boston area.

John Boyle O'Reilly was the most

distinguished of the 19th Century editors of *The Pilot* before the newspaper was purchased by the Archdiocese of Boston. As an athlete, novelist, poet, public speaker and civil rights leader, he greatly bridged the gap between the newly arrived Irish-Catholic immigrants and the Boston populace. O'Reilly died at the age of 46 on August 10, 1890.

Albert James Healy Madden of Boston served as General Chairman of this year's Memorial Exercises. Mr. Madden and other AOH leaders from across the State are presently working on plans to observe the 100th Anniversary of O'Reilly's untimely death.



STATE NEWS: Connecticut

In July the New London Division changed its name to the John P. Holland Division. John Holland is the "Father of the U.S. Submarine Navy". The New London-Groton area of Connecticut is the home of the U.S. Navy Submarine base and, is known as the "Submarine Capitol of the World". The Nautilus Museum and Library is also located here, and it houses many of Holland's memorabilia and has a permanent Holland exhibit on display; the Division interacts with the Museum.

State AOH Immigration Chairman Jim Larkin is arranging meetings with Congressional Representatives to explain the Irish Immigration

problem. On September 8 and 9 he and his team met with CT Congressman Sam Gejdenson and Congressman Bruce Morrison.

The next State Board meeting will be held on October 1, at the Waterbury AOH Hall. A quarterly statewide Irish-American newsletter-social calendar will be reinstituted, with the first issue covering the period October-December 1989.

The 17th annual New London feis was held at Ocean Beach on August 20. Appropriately, the feis began with a Mass for Our Lady of Knock. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, of the Norwich Diocese, celebrated the Mass.

Jim Gallagher



THE NEW LONDON Feis was opened by Bishop Daniel P. O'Reilly of Norwich, assisted by Msgr. Thomas R. Bride, with a mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, in prayerful petition for peace and justice in northern Ireland and throughout the world. Photos by J.M. Coleman



BISHOP DANIEL O'REILLY of Norwich matches steps with some of his New London Feis competitors.

Our Lady Of Knock

By JIM GALLAGHER

The annual celebration of Our Lady of Knock, the Holy Queen of Ireland, is the Sunday closest to August 21.

It was on the evening of August 21, 1879 that a vision of the Holy Mother Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared before about 15 witnesses at the south gable of a small country church in Knock, County Mayo, Ireland. The vision remained about two feet above the ground for a period of two hours before disappearing. Mary was clad in white with a brilliant crown on her head. Over her forehead was a beautiful rose in full bloom. Behind and to the left was a simple altar on which were a cross and a lamb. The vision was bathed in a glowing light, and although it was raining the vision and the ground beneath it remained dry. Two inquiry commissions, in 1879 and 1886, found the evidence of the 15 witnesses to be "trustworthy and satisfactory".

Our Lady of Knock was given the title Queen of Ireland by Pope Pius XI, on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress of 1932, held in Ireland. Papal visits to the St. John the Baptist Church in Knock occurred in 1974 when Pope Paul VI blessed the foundation stone of the proposed Basilica, and during the Centenary celebration in 1979 when Pope John Paul II presented a golden rose to the shrine — it remains on display.

The Knock Shrine is one of the major Marian Shrines in the world. It is Ireland's National Marian Shrine, and it is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. In 1988, John Cardinal O'Connor, New York Diocese, led a pilgrimage to the Shrine for three days. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of the Norwich diocese, made a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in August 1988. The purpose of these pilgrimages was to pray for peace with justice in all of Ireland and throughout the world. The annual Our Lady of Knock celebration is one of the observed holidays of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.



TOP WINNERS IN the Girls' Junior Championship competition are all students at the Griffith Academy in Wethersfield, Ct. From right to left, 1st place, Jennifer Connor, Manchester; 2nd place, Amy Hankard, West Hartford; 3rd place, Brenda Coogan, Vernon; 4th place, Sheila McGrory of the McGrory School in Philadelphia.

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STATE NEWS: Texas

Abilene Division Recalls Its History of Ten Years

In January, 1979 Abilenian James E. Heaney decided to form an AOH Division in Abilene, Texas. There were already divisions in Houston and San Antonio.

Primarily made up of Irish American Catholics, the Order was founded in New York in 1836 and has divisions in most of these United States.

Heaney was looking for qualified men who were proud of their Irish heritage and interested in learning about this great heritage. By June 1, 1979, 18 men qualified to become Hibernians were signed up. These charter members were: Charlie Folger, Larry Duggan, Rev. Bob Kelly, James A. Heaney, Guy Mattingly, George Kelly, Jim Leonard, Joe McHale, Rev. Steve White, Tom Morse, Rev. Jerry Gallagher, Rev. C. O'Leary, George Stowbridge, Denis McGrath, Dan Hixson, William Sughru, Bill Terry and Jim Heaney.

On June 22, 1979, the Erin Go Bragh Division was chartered at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Abilene. State Vice President Bill Hines from the San Antonio Division swore in the 18 charter members and presented them with their signed charter. State Chaplain Rev. John Wallace gave the new division his blessing.

The first Division meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on July 30, 1979. Meetings were held on the third Mondays, moving to several locations. The first chaplain, Rev. White, was transferred and replaced by Rev. Bob Kelly.

Four Abilene members attended

the first state AOH Convention in 25 years, held October 26-27, 1979, in Houston, with four divisions represented.

The Div. held its first annual St. Patrick's Benefit Dance on March 15, 1980 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The dance later was moved to the Civic Center in 1982 and then to the Abilene Country Club in 1985, where it is still being held. Our first Annual Picnic was held at the Lytle Shores Auditorium on June 10, 1980 and is still an annual event, although a lot larger.

Rev. Tim Murphy became our third chaplain in October, 1982, owing to the transfer of Rev. Kelly, and is still our chaplain.

In July, 1980, six Texas Hibernians, two from Abilene, met at the AOH National Convention in Miami Beach and won the bid for Texas to have the 1982 National Convention in San Antonio. It would be the first time in American AOH history that a National Convention was to be held in Texas. And indeed it was a great success.

In 1980, the Green Blazer with the AOH patch on the left breast became the Division's dress code. Five of the Division members have received their 4th degree pins and card. This is the highest degree a Hibernian can receive.

The first St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Abilene was sponsored by the Irish-American Society, to which several AOH members belonged. When the Society disbanded after the 1983 and 1984 parades, the Abilene AOH took over the sponsor-



MEMBERS OF THE Erin Go Bragh Division, Abilene, Texas, attending the Division's tenth anniversary banquet, are left to right, front row: Pat Moran, Guy Mattingly, Tom Murphy, Joe Herbert, Dave Collins. Back row, Jack Belsky, Joe McHale, Bob Deegan, Lance Johnson, Dave O'Connor, President Bob Karhan, Past State President Jim Heaney, Rev. Tim Murphy, and Larry Connors.

ship. Dave O'Connor, the man behind the parade idea, became a member of the AOH and continued to be the parade chairman. The 7th successful St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in March, 1989 and will continue.

Annual picnics, children's Christmas parties, corporate communion masses and the annual chili cook-off in September are just a few of the ongoing functions. A pancake breakfast was served free of charge in the Sacred Heart Church Basement in

November, 1986. More than 200 people were served.

In September, 1983, Abilene's AOH Division sponsored their first Bi-Annual Texas AOH State Convention, at which Jim Heaney was elected State President for a two year term.

Several members and wives attended the 1987 State Bi-Annual Convention in San Antonio, held in conjunction with Pope John Paul's visit to the city.

In the past 10 years, the Division has donated over \$15,000 in profits from their annual St. Patrick's Day Benefit dance to local charities and churches.

The "Friends of the Hibernians," a club of Hibernian wives and others,

are a constant help with most of the division functions and are greatly appreciated. Another great help has been the work of Joe McHale in his aggressive drive for ads for the dance programs. He recently received a pen set on being named "Super Salesman."

With 43 active members, Div. President Bob Karhan has set a membership drive in motion, already bringing in four of his goal of 12 for the year.

On June 24, the Division held a Tenth Anniversary Banquet at the Briarstone Manor, at which charter members, past and present presidents, the Irishman of the Year honorees, past chaplains and Friends of the Hibernians were all honored.

Jim Heaney

Two Irish Texans in Limelight

Burke O'Rourke of Houston was inducted into St. Edward's University's Athletic Hall of Fame during the school's alumni reunion in Austin recently. O'Rourke graduated from the school in 1951, having won two letters in basketball and one in baseball.

He is a founding charter member and past president of the Dick Dowling Division and chairman of the Houston St. Patrick's Day parade for 6 years.

Mike Griffin, the legendary Irish leader of Grif's Shillelagh Inn, saying he's "tired of people telling me there is no fun place to go around here after they roll up the sidewalks at 6 p.m.," recently announced ex-

pansion plans for the pub.

The "bigger and better Grif's" will be supported by The Charter Club, best customers and friends who have contributed dues. The expansion will address the sports crowd's need for a fun restaurant, piano bar and central meeting place. Charter members include Dan Pastorini, John Fitzgerald, Brian Hill, Larry O'Toole and astronauts Maj. Brian Duffy and Cmdr. Dave Walker.

Mike is a past president of the Dick Dowling Div., AOH, Houston, and past St. Patrick's Day Parade co-chairman for 8 years. A graduate of St. Thomas University, where he played varsity football, Dick is also a local sports celebrity.

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STATE NEWS: Rhode Island

LINCOLN, R.I.: The Irish from all parts of New England, Ireland, Florida and everywhere were well represented at the recent Irish Fall Festival held here in Lincoln Greyhound Park.

The fifth annual festival sponsored by Ireland's "32" Society drew a huge crowd to enjoy the full day of entertainment. The event opened with the celebration of Mass by the Rev. Joseph F. McCabe, Chaplain of Division One LAOH of Central Falls and Pastor Emeritus of Holy Trinity Church, whose homily traced the history of the Hibernians from the Isle of Hibernia to the present good works of the Order for the Church and its Clergy. Music for the Mass was provided by Dermot O'Brien of New York.

O'Brien and his band led the entertainment that filled the giant indoor

grandstand at the park. Joining him during the afternoon and evening, highlighting the Festival, was Dermot Henry and his Band from New York and Accordionist Fintan Stanley and his Band for continuous dancing to 9 p.m. The Derry Irish Step Dancers directed by Kathleen Hanley performed; a fashion show with fashions from the Irish Jaunting Cart Shoppe was conducted by Mary O'Hara; Irish vendors sold their wares of Irish gifts and imported items of all descriptions.

Business was brisk at the AOH and LAOH booth from start to finish. AOH members David J. O'Keefe and Leo F. Madden were Festival co-chairmen and Bill McEnery was in charge of Publicity. Another Hibernian, President Robert O.N. Ryan, announced that Erin Lyons was the winner of the trip to Ireland.



AOH AND LAOH OFFICERS staffing the booth at Irish Festival in Rhode Island, left to right, Past National President William J. McEnery, National Vice President Michael Carroll, Mrs. Mary Carroll, National Buy Irish Chairman David Burke and National LAOH President Mary E. Bradley.

STATE NEWS: Maryland



DAIRE O'CRUIDAIN and his wife Mary Quealy, far right, at the Irish Sausage Booth of the Commodore Barry Division of Annapolis, Maryland. Daire is the 3rd Secretary for Political and Cultural Affairs at the Irish Embassy in Washington, DC. Crew behind the counter, left to right, are Bill Quinlan, Jutta O'Keefe, Unknown, Jack Flanagan, and Dennis O'Keefe.

Irish Eye photo



CHAIRMAN of the Baltimore Irish Festival, Denny Doherty, his wife, Harriet, and son Steve, standing in front of the Towson, MD, AOH Division 3 booth. Denny is a member of the division.



LEO WELSH, left, past Maryland State Board president, is being shown a Waterford wood burning stove by Patrick Moynihan, U.S. Marketing Representative. The Waterford Stove Company was a new exhibitor at the Baltimore Irish Festival.



COME JOIN US was the theme of the AOH and LAOH booth at the Rhode Island Irish Festival. Left to right, State Organizer Joseph E. Fanning and State Secretary Patrick F. Murphy. In the background is the National AOH Organizer's Display.

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THE IRISH GIFT SHOP

The Irish export story did not start with shilleaghs. It originated 5000 years ago when Irish-made stone axes were traded to Britain. Bronze Age tools and artifacts were also shipped to Iberia, Crete, and parts of Northern Europe. At the time of Ptolemy, the Greek astronomer, circa 150 A.D., ancient maps and records show that Mediterranean traders visited Hibernia and that a market in hides, wools, and several agricultural products flourished. Medieval Literature refers to shipping shoes and linens from Galway to Lisbon and Genoa in the year Columbus sailed off to the New World. Candles were made in Dublin and exported in the 15th century by a company whose descendants are still doing business in Ireland.

The 17th century is generally regarded as the start of modern Ireland's trade activity that has continued to this day. The Irish shipped cattle, barreled beef, fish, tallow, corn, yarn, wool and provisions to North America in the holds of the old sailing vessels. A busy trade in Irish whiskey and crystal glass developed in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The gradual growth of the Irish Gift Shops started in the late 1800's. The need for warm woolen clothes in the rugged climate of America, especially during the push westward, which included many Irish, after the Civil War, encouraged many enterprising Irish merchants to open shops. In later years the interest in tourism, involving immigrants and their rapidly growing families heightened interest in the Irish gift line. The trips to Ireland acquainted many travelers with the high quality of easily shipped attractive Irish products.

Irish gift shops have popped out in the U.S. like heather blossoms. There are 279 Gift Shops of record in 33 states — as reported by Co'ras Trachta'la, the Irish Export Board. The shops range in number from one each in Arizona, Nevada, and Minnesota, to 39 in New York, 34 in New Jersey, and 30 in Massachusetts. There may be a few unaccounted for

and some may be operated out of people's homes, but the 279 total is an impressive number of shops selling Irish products.

The Irish Gift Shops stock top grade Irish designer garments: sweaters, jackets, coats, capes, scarves, caps and hats woven with the finest wool on earth. The cold damp air and the thick grass encourages the growth of the warm, rich wool on the sheep that graze the hills and mountains of west Ireland.

While Irish-made clothing is a top seller, the variety of Irish manufactured articles make the wares of the Gift Shops unique to the retail trade in the U.S. Along with the popular Aran woollens, Irish-made jewelry is most sought after by the customers. The popular Claddagh rings and pendants are always in demand. The Irish china such as Bealek, Tara, and Dresden is also popular. The World War 2 bombings totally destroyed Dresden and the family business was resettled in Adare, County Limrick, where the beautiful china products are made today. Glass crystal from Ireland is known worldwide. Some brands are household names and some are relatively new: Waterford, Cavin, Galway, Tipperary, Tyrone, and Dublin are the most famous. Also found in the Irish Gift Shops are: rugby shirts, tee shirts, Irish linens, wall plaques and pictures, musical audio and video tapes and records, books, food from Ireland, and even the picturesque Irish road signs.

The outstanding claim the Irish exporters make is that the Irish-made exported products are known for being top quality. Only genuine Irish products reach the Irish Gift Shops. While some bootleg imitations may be found in general market places, the Irish shop owners know well that top quality and well known labels reign supreme in the specialty shop milieu.

It always surprises many people that the North American market is only 9% of the total Irish exports. Europe and the U.K. make up 80% of Irish sales which reached 12.3 billion Irish pounds in 1988. Approximately



SHOPPERS browsing in Irish Treasures, a typical, modern Irish Gift Shop.

340 million dollars of Irish export came into the U.S. and Canada in that year. A good part of this business involved Irish Gift Shops. It is indeed big business.

Some of the Irish Gift Shops have catchy Irish names: "The McMac Shoppe", in Anchorage, Alaska (Mary Digney); "Wee Bit O' Wool", Yountville, California (Ray and Tina Yared); "Lucky Leprechaun", Plymouth, Massachusetts (Dan and Dottie Kelly); "The Life of Riley", Old Saybrook, Connecticut (Doraine Wall-Riley); "Tinkers Two", Atlanta, Georgia (John Sadler and Sean Nally); "Dublin Door", Des Moines, Iowa (Catherine Hutchins); "Paddy's On The Square", Long Grove, Illinois (Pat and Linda Barry); "Sheep's Clothing", Baltimore, Maryland (Charles and D'Arcy Nor-

ton); "The Feis", No. Hampton, New Hampshire (Joan O'Donnell); "Delta Irish Miner Gift Shop", Virginia City, Nevada (Eleanor Ryan); "Ha' Penny Bridge Imports", Dublin, Ohio (Maureen Murphy); "Boreen", Lynn, Massachusetts (Cathy and Madelyn Cashman); "St. Brendan's Crossing", Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Elaine Manning).

The true Irishman would not be seen in a Saint Patrick's Day Parade without his genuine woolen Irish cap. The hand knit Irish woolen sweater is all you need on a cold, snappy day at a football game. The ladies would never go to an Irish racket without the Claddagh ring or pendant. An Irish tee shirt is the uniform of the day at the Feis. It seems that you can't go Irish without the Irish Gift Shop.

Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL MCCORMACK, National Historian

It Finally Happened. There is someone out there. Since our last column, I've heard from several sources and gratefully accept all their recommendations and suggestions. Gerry Moran wrote that he is the Texas Historian, and couldn't get a copy of a form 9 to send me because they haven't seen a form 9 in years. That's why it's good to communicate, because they'll never have that problem again. Brother McNabb will send you all the Form 9s you want just for mailing a request to him at 31 Logan St., Auburn, NY, 13021.

Speaking of mail, our mailbox is not overflowing with reports from our historians on plaques, statues, or landmarks that may be located in their geographic area; but I did hear from a few. Thanks to brother Moran for doing some digging on the Dick Dowling monument. He is working on a book on the contributions of the Irish to Texas history, and we'll keep you posted on its progress. Thanks to Jim Gallagher over in Connecticut for an informative article on the Irishman for whom Hunter College was named. We will share that information in future columns. Welcome to Pat Martin of Allegheny Co., Pa., who has registered for the monthly profiles. Maybe Pat can dig up some good stories on the Pennsylvania Irish from Thompson's Irish Brigade to the Molly Maguires, and share it with us. The trickle of information has started and that's what we hoped to see; please don't let it stop. If there's a historic landmark of significance to the Irish in your community, get the details of that landmark and share it with us. I'll spread the word from there, and always acknowledge the source.

1. National Essay Competition. A proposal is being studied to link the AOH National Essay Competition to the National History Day competition which is sponsored by several leading corporations, trusts, and fraternal organizations. Black-American, Italian-American, Jewish-American, and other ethnic fraternal organizations sponsor prizes in this annual scholastic event which draws entries from schools all across the country, but there is no representation from the Irish. Why not?

2. Monthly Profiles. The bi-monthly Profiles in Patriotism will continue to be mailed to any historian who has sent me a copy of the form 9 or other information confirming his position as Division, County, or State Historian. That's all you have to do. Send it to Mike McCormack, 37 Harrison Ave., Centerreach, NY 11720.

3. Holland Project. Three cheers and thanks to the Massachusetts State Board. There is the first check received by the committee in our nationwide appeal for funds to save the Holland Papers and publish an index for prospective biographers. Joe Sullivan of New Jersey and Jim Gallagher of Connecticut are Deputy National Historians assisting on the project, and a project office has been established as a reception point for all inquiries and contributions. As a Hibernian, you can help. Publicize the project among the Irish media in your own area (radio, newspapers, etc). Press releases are available from this office; just drop us a line and we'll get them out to you. Seek the assistance of other Irish and Irish-Americans and their respective clubs and organizations. Please send all donations to: The Holland Project,

American Ireland Fund Helps Cause of Undocumented Irish

BOSTON, MA — \$50,000 in grants have been awarded by the American Ireland Fund to six organizations throughout the United States to assist in meeting the needs of undocumented Irish immigrants.

The six organizations are: The Irish Immigration Reform Movement, which was awarded \$20,000 to be allocated to its national office for distribution on the local level, particularly in Boston, Connecticut, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., as well as in New York; York;

New York Catholic Charities' "Project Irish Outreach," which was awarded \$12,000 to help further its outstanding record of assistance to Irish immigrants in the New York area;

Boston's Irish Pastoral Center, which was granted \$8,000 to continue its excellent program of assistance to Irish immigrants in need of housing, health care and immigration counseling;

The Irish Immigration Counseling and Training Program in Chicago, which was awarded a matching grant of \$6,000 to support the establishment of a special Chicago office for immigration services;

The Los Angeles County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), which was awarded \$3,000 towards the cost of producing radio and television public service announcements for its hotline and other immigrant services in the widely-dispersed Los Angeles area;

The Bronx Irish Women's Support Group, which received a grant of \$2,000 to assist in the work of aiding young Irish immigrant mothers, through providing child-care and self-help services, with an emphasis on the needs of women.

In announcing the awards on behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Ireland Fund, its Executive Director, William J. McNally, pointed out that they were one-time only grants and that the vast majority of American Ireland Fund grants have been and will continue to be in support of programs located in Ireland. Mr. McNally also emphasized that, because of the Fund's charter and purposes, the grants could not be used for lobbying or other political activity.

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4. New Projects. Our congratulations to Brian Phillips of Tom's River, New Jersey. Tom was on our mailing list as a historian and has now acceded to the office of State President. Any state that elects an Historian can't be all wrong; Jersey is starting to move already as our brothers there are planning a commemoration ceremony for the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising which will take place in 1991.

If you have any projects that you would like to share with us, please call and let us know what you're doing.

Likewise, if you have any historic story you would like to share, please feel free to contact this office. I'm still waiting for Jim Browne to send me the story he found on George Washington's son (or was it his grandson) and the tradition which requires shamrocks to be placed on his grave every March 17. Maybe one of the Washington, D.C. or Virginia members can find out and share it with us.

STATE NEWS: New Jersey Montclair Division Records Great Year



MONTCLAIR, N.J.: Montclair's AOH Division 9 ended their 1988-89 season with a renewed spirit of activism, according to the organization's president, Michael McGlynn. The group has tripled its membership to nearly 100 and plans to establish a scholarship fund and to begin a program of legal counseling for Irish immigrants in the fall. At this year's final meeting are, left to right, standing, Robert Largey, Patrick J. Vesey, Brendan Vesey, Michael McGlynn, William Mallow, Martin Barrett and William Keefe. Seated, John Farrell, John Malone, Joe Dahl and Harry Melody.

Book Project Dedicated on St. Patrick's Day

TOMS RIVER, N.J.: The feast of Ireland's apostle, St. Patrick, was observed in the town of Toms River. The day was blessed with fine weather and the festivities began with the eleventh annual raising of the Irish flag over the Ocean County Administration Building, sponsored by the James J. Howard AOH Div.

Mary Kelly sang the Soldier's Song and the Star Spangled Banner. The tricolor was raised by Division President Thomas J. McBride and Recording Secretary Ralph C. Hodges. Ocean County Freeholder Joseph Vicari presented President McBride with a proclamation which declared the week of March 19th through the 26th as Irish American

Heritage Week. The proclamation of the Board of Chosen Freeholders also declared that the flag of Ireland shall be flown over the County Building from March 17th until the morning of the 19th.

Later in the afternoon representatives of every Irish-American organization gathered at the Main Branch of the Ocean County Library for the formal dedication and presentation of 55 books about Irish history, culture and heritage. Brian Phillips, co-ordinator of the Irish Book Project, presented a check for \$1,100 which will be used by the library to purchase additional books. The books were received by County Library Director Elaine McConnell

and the Chairman of the Library Commission, James T. Mullins. Mr. Mullins informed those present that he was "proud to be Irish and extremely pleased at the success of the Irish Book Drive." Elaine McConnell also thanked the Irish-American community for their donation and promised that "If any books are lacking, I'll bring them back when I visit Galway in the summer."

The following Irish-American organizations supported the project: Amer Gael, American Irish Club of Whiting, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish American Unity Conference, Jersey Shore Irish American Club, and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.



AT BOOK PRESENTATION are, left to right, Brian Phillips, Irish Book Project Coordinator; James T. Mullins, Chairman of the Ocean County Library Commission; Elaine McDonnell, Library Director; Ralph C. Hodges, Project Treasurer and Thomas McBride, President of AOH Div. 1, Ocean County.

New Jersey State Convention Hosts Coogan

At the recent State Convention of the AOH the following brothers were elected to state office: President Brian J. Phillips; Vice President Michael J. Murnane; Secretary Thomas J. Corcoran; and Treasurer Martin P. Kelly.

Delegates were delighted to welcome the National President of the Order, Michael Coogan, who by his presence and words of encouragement, greatly enhanced the Convention's proceedings.

During the Convention's business meetings a strong resolution was passed concerning the plight of Joe Doherty. Other resolutions included

a condemnation of the Living Will legislation pending before the New Jersey legislature (if unamended it would permit the withholding of life-sustaining fluids and nutrition from terminally ill patients); a call for reduced sentences for pro-life demonstrators and an immediate review of their cases by Gov. Kean; a call for the reunification of Ireland and the withdrawal of British troops; the promotion of the Degree work of the Order within the state; the commencement of a state-wide recruitment drive and better communication among the national, state and division levels.

In other action the state by-laws were amended to make Easter Monday an official holiday of the Order, with the resolve to have the national constitution likewise amended. With the year 1991 marking the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising, the AOH is exhorted to lead the way in commemorating the occasion. It is the sincere hope of all Jersey Hibernians that Hibernians across the nation will promote educational, civil, social and religious events to observe the anniversary; and New Jersey will place a resolution to this effect before the 1990 national convention.

Must A Christian Be A Wimp?

Humility is one of those words that carry wimp overtones, words like "meek," "mild," "warm," "gentle," and "soft," all attributes scorned by our modern society.

The image of an humble person is one lacking in toughness, drive, and ambition; one not possessed of the competitive edge needed in today's world. These latter characteristics are held in high esteem, the "necessary qualities" for success.

But true humility is not a virtue of wimps or softies. In fact, all Christian virtues are for strong men and women. They are deeply ingrained habits of behavior that become instinctive ways of living and are, at the same time, intelligent, mature, and life-giving to both yourself, and others. They are the ways to become like Christ . . . and Christ was no wimp!

At its core, humility is truth, the no-holds barred truth about ourselves, who and what we are, and where we stand in relation to God and others. Humility is accepting the truth about our worth and dignity as persons made in the image and likeness of God.

It is recognizing the truth about our talents and abilities as well as our shortcomings and inadequacies

without exaggerating or white-washing either. To acknowledge all this with unflinching honesty and live accordingly takes courage. Hardly the stuff of wimps.

Jesus is the perfect example of true humility. Scripture reminds us that Christ, "though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God" something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross" (Phil 2:6-8).

Jesus willingly relinquished the glory that was naturally His as God to enter the humbler state of human being. Even as one of us, He could have commanded special treatment, honors, and privileges, yet He gave these up too.

He went so far as to identify personally with the poor, the lowly, and the obscure of society. Finally, He suffered and died because He remained true to Himself and to the kind of savior He was asked to be. Now here's a real challenge to all "tough" men and women out there. See if you can top that!!!

Joseph Morin, C.S.S.R.
Catholic Action
Nassau Co. Board

Trees for Ireland Now Has Toll-Free Number

ST. PAUL, MN.—The Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI) has marked the fifth anniversary of its Trees for Ireland reforestation project with the installation of a toll-free number. That number is 1 (800) 232-ERIN. The program, which was inaugurated by a joint agreement between the IACI and the Irish government in September, 1984, has planted over 26,000 trees since its inception.

"Planting trees in Ireland enables Americans to strengthen emotional and ancestral ties to that country," IACI Director James Rogers said, "We're excited to have the toll-free number to make it even more convenient for them to do so."

Through Trees for Ireland, a tax-

deductible contribution of \$10 enables one to have a tree planted in a State Forest in any county of the Republic. A contribution of \$60 will provide for the planting of a stand of six trees in one name and in the same county. A grove of trees can be planted for \$250. A gift of \$1000 entitles donors to a family field of trees.

Trees for Ireland is continued through the cooperation of Coillte Teo — the Irish Forestry Board, the semi-state body which assumed responsibility for Irish forestry earlier this year.

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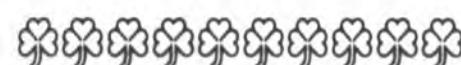
St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is the pinnacle of celebrations of Irish-America — witness the hundreds of St. Patrick's Day parades across the nation in March of each year. By fully dedicating ourselves to the perpetuation of these celebrations, through sacrifices of time, effort and funding, we Irish-Americans are continuously proclaiming the survival of our culture and heritage. Such celebrations are our greatest opportunity to affect the welfare of our children, especially in these troubled times of wholesale escape into drugs.

By pouring our energies into our "Feis" committees across the country, where we observe the dedication of parents and teachers, musicians and songwriters, singers, poets and piper bands, athletic trainers and managers and players, and the tremendous response from the Irish-American public, we are impressing our children with values that lead to fulfilled and wholesome futures.

Yet, while we are building up such values, there are forces focused on us which are tearing down and undoing our work. We speak of the Hallmark and Russ Berrie card and gift companies. Year after year, as the Irish National Holiday approaches, these two unscrupulous companies have continued to ignore our impassioned pleas to cease their insensitive portrayal of the Irish race.

We think it is time we took a firm stand by boycotting all their cards and gifts, Christmas, birthday, wedding, etc., until they show more respect for Irish-Americans and their ideals. We should not allow them to undo our valuable work; we should take the time to write or call and convey to them our serious displeasure.



Leaders Discuss International Irish Fund Status

Congressman Eliot L. Engel, who represents the 19th District, NY, and is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, recently held a reception for Irish-American leaders following his visit to Ireland. During the visit, an attempt was made to determine how funds of the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) were being handled.

Several attending the reception accompanied Rep. Engel on the trip, namely Dr. Robert Linnon, Irish-American Unity Conference; Judith McGowan, advisor to Rep. Engel on Irish affairs; and Robert Stauff, Yonkers Human Rights Commission.

Others attending were David Henshaw, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Kathleen Holmes, American Irish Congress; Ian McGowan, Bronx Irish Community; Pete Foley, American Irish Political Education Committee; Malcolm McDonald, PEC, NY Fire Department Emerald Society; Gerry Coleman, IAUC; Kathy Regan, PEC, Gaelic League; Gerald O'Hara, Irish Immigration Reform Movement; William J. Morris; Alice Tell, Irish Northern Aid, Long Green Line; Mary Lamasney, Irish Northern Aid; David Feltman, aide to Rep. Engel for Foreign Affairs; John Calvelli, Washington chief-of-staff for Rep. Engel; and Frank Pizzurro, press secretary for Rep. Engel.

During his introductory remarks, Rep. Engel made these two significant statements: "My trip convinced me that the only way peace is going to come to Ireland is if the British leave..." While in Belfast, the car was stopped five times and guns pointed at passengers. "If there has to be a police presence... I don't understand

why a gun has to be pointed directly at you." Sheer intimidation.

The International Fund for Ireland is intended to promote economic development and help most disadvantaged areas. The following report in note form relates to experiences, and impressions, and suggestions voiced during the discussion, primarily in regard to the IFI.

Engel party visited both approved and rejected sites. "No quarrel" with the five approved sites that were visited. However, it became apparent that approved projects often appeared connected to the "establishment" and did not appear to reach the most seriously depressed areas.

At visit to Conway Mill (cooperative run by Father Des Wilson), Charles Brett of IFI remarked to Rep. Engel that the site was rejected by the IFI Board because the British government said "no". Engel: "The acceptance of projects was clearly based on political thinking. That is what we would call McCarthyism in the United States."

North Belfast/Ashton Center development project — appeared to be quickly funded and furnished "because of our trip" to demonstrate an approved project in a deprived area ("confirmed" by local residents). Engel: "If you talk to the community leaders in those areas, you find that most are strongly in support of Sinn Féin. So if (IFI) continually reject them, you can't say you're reaching the disadvantaged areas."

Engel vows to raise these issues in the halls of Congress. "British can't have this kind of say. A vast majority of the American public knows nothing about this... If our government put pressure on the Thatcher government, it would have to respond."

IFI officials said they hired 4 "grass roots" staff members to assist groups with the application process. We must follow-up on this and make sure the staff members are doing their job.

Mr. Henshaw notes that the application process involves a CPA analysis of a group's finances — a costly step that is often beyond the means of grass roots organizations. Ways of simplifying the application process should be investigated.

Congressman Engel notes that Mr. Brett of IFI told him that 5 of every 6 projects are rejected and that he (Mr. Brett) had never heard of some of the rejected sites Mr. Engel mentioned to him. Dr. Linnon points out that the standard Northern Ireland bureaucracy is used to administer the IFI funds — they choose many of the approved sites and then pass them on to the Board for final review. And that is why it is possible that the Board never heard of some of the most worthwhile projects.

Mr. Henshaw sees the problem to be the "lower committees" that screen the projects and often weed out those run by minority groups. "We should have more American input (on that level)," Mr. Henshaw says. "Or else we are actually helping to discriminate."

Ian McGowan raises the point that the United States has little or no say over the appointment of the IFI Board of Directors. He suggests a screening process where biographical sketches of potential Board members are prepared so that recommendations from American officials can be made. The group agrees that Mr. William Fine, the American observer to the Fund (and the most likely person to raise such concerns), is an appointee from the Reagan era and will do little to "rock the boat."

Mr. McGowan also asks Congressman Engel to investigate the denial of visas to elected officials from Sinn Féin, particularly M.P. Gerry Adams. Engel says he will raise the issue to his colleagues in Washington and that he will press for "no censorship-by-visa denials, especially when this man (Adams) is part of a legitimate political party and obviously has a constituency."

Judith McGowan tells of a mushroom farm in County Monahan that received IFI funding, even though it appears to be in a well-off area. She asks the group to help her learn more about the farm and the area around it. Has the farm expanded as a result of the IFI funding? Has it created jobs, and were those jobs needed? Is County Monahan a truly needy area, especially when compared to inner-city areas?

Several group members suggest that County Monahan is a needy area, and the mushroom farm could well have been an effective way to

spend IFI money — but all agree to look into this project further as an example of how the Fund is being utilized.

Discussion on the farm turns to the fact that the mushrooms are sent to Denmark for processing and often don't have a "Grown in Ireland" stamp placed on the packaging. Pete Foley notes that many of the fish caught in the waters of Ireland are sent to Denmark for processing. The group agrees that such processing opportunities are not being taken advantage of, and that the absence of "Made in Ireland" shows a lack of pride in home-grown products that needs to be improved.

Next Steps? Kathy Regan notes that House Speaker Tom Foley appeared to be a threatening presence to Members of Congress and others who might want to speak out critically on Irish Affairs. Rep. Engel says that Mr. Foley "has never tried to restrict me." Engel suggests that Mr. Foley has an open mind and could be swayed if a number of Congressmen from a variety of states showed interest in Irish issues. Engel notes that people take notice of his stands more because he is not Irish.

Engel urges Irish leaders to "recruit" members of Congress from other states, and who practice a range of religions. He also says that he will encourage more hearings — similar to hearings on the IFI held earlier this year — to further inform Washington leaders on Irish issues.

The group agrees that the mass media has not done a good job on portraying the injustices taking place in Northern Ireland, and that the media must be encouraged to better inform the American public. To that end, Dr. Linnon said the IAUC is investigating the possibility of starting a news service that would FAX news releases to the media and Members of Congress.

The group notes that 72% of Britains believe their country should get out of Ireland. Dr. Linnon says that number is lower in America — a sure sign that Americans are "ignorant" of the issues.

The meeting is adjourned, with the group members agreeing to follow through on the points made about the IFI and on efforts to improve the public's knowledge of Irish issues.

New Laws Put Pressure On Northern Ireland U.S. Companies Are Told To Adopt MacBride Principles

By EDWARD WITT

It's a long way, Detroit to Derry, but Detroit's City Council closed the distance a bit last year. It directed the managers of its \$1.6 billion pension fund to urge U.S. companies in Northern Ireland to adopt the MacBride principles of fair employment, agreeing to hire and promote Catholics and Protestants alike.

Detroit no longer has a large Irish community — and this is not just an Irish issue, says Councilman Jack Kelley, sponsor of the MacBride ordinance. Many of Detroit's Irish American residents now live in the suburbs. "Corktown is more black than Irish now," says Kelley.

The City Council has four white and five black members. Two of the four whites are of Irish ancestry, one is Jewish and one is a German Lutheran minister. All nine voted for Kelley's measure.

"They're just as much interested in Ireland even if they're not Irish," he says. His way was smoothed by the City Council's 1985 action to divest the pension funds of investments in South Africa. "I supported the South Africa move, and I'm not black," says Kelley, who views the Northern Ireland problem as a question of human rights, not Irish politics.

Detroit is not the only place to act. To the discomfort of the British government and the Bush administration, a number of state and local pension fund managers are now turning the kind of scrutiny long directed at South Africa on the strife in Northern Ireland.

"MacBride Principles Legislation Mushrooms," declared a report by the investment firm of Prudential Bache in September 1987. "There is strong momentum in the United States for such legislation," the firm told its clients.

With hundreds of billions of dollars invested in U.S. companies, public pension funds have enormous potential influence on corporate decisions. Directors for dozens of those funds have insisted that U.S. corporations adhere to the Sullivan principles of equal opportunity in jobs, education and housing in their operations in South Africa. They have backed that insistence with an often-executed threat of divestiture. If a company has not complied, the fund has simply sold its shares in that company.

Northern Ireland is not South Africa. Unlike apartheid, discrimination against Catholics is not official government policy. Indeed, a fair-employment law is on the books, but its enforcement is in Protestant hands, weakening its protection for Catholic workers.

Thus, Irish-American leaders began in 1984 to press U.S. companies in Northern Ireland to adopt the set of principles that is named after the late Sean MacBride, the Irish statesman and international human rights advocate who, among other accomplishments, founded Amnesty International and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974. Employers who adhere to the principles agree to increase Catholic representation in jobs at all levels of their work force; to provide adequate security to protect minority employees at work and traveling to and from work; to ban provocative political or religious symbols from the work place; and to appoint a senior management official to oversee these efforts.

Most of the ordinances and laws urging adoption of the MacBride principles are not intended to force U.S. companies or U.S. pension dollars out of Northern Ireland. Only two of the 10 enacted so far, Philadelphia's ordinance and Connecticut's law, threaten divestiture — and some of them explicitly disavow any intention to require divestiture.

Their primary aim is to focus public and corporate attention on the political and religious struggle in Northern Ireland and to force the 24 U.S. corporations that operate there — and ultimately the British government — to address those issues. Although none of the 24 U.S. companies has yet officially subscribed to the principles, leaders of the campaign feel that they are accomplishing their goal. Patrick W. Doherty of the New York City comptroller's office says the campaign has "been very successful in putting the issue of religious discrimination on the political agenda in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain."

The economy of Northern Ireland is not strong and unemployment is high, particularly among Catholics, who outnumber Protestants in the ranks of the unemployed 2 to 1. Catholics who are employed face harassment and violence in the work place and on their way to and from work — as well as difficulty in obtaining promotions.

Eleven percent of those employed in Northern Ireland work for one of the 24 American companies, many of which are familiar names such as Ford and General Motors, American Home Products and Du Pont. Others are less well-known — Baker Hughes, Ball, Fruehauf, Onside and Interface, for example. New York City led the way in the MacBride campaign. Early in 1985, the boards of trustees of the city's Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System directed Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin to survey U.S. companies operating in Northern Ireland and encourage them to adopt the MacBride principles. "Where necessary and appropriate," the trustees directed Goldin to introduce or support shareholder initiatives requiring adoption. His office now serves as the unofficial information source for other state and local officials interested in the Northern Ireland issue.

This spring, MacBride resolutions will be voted on by the stockholders of 18 of the 24 U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland. In 1986, American Brands went to court with the New York City Employees' Retirement System, arguing that the company did not have to

submit a MacBride resolution to its stockholders because to carry out the principles would require it to break the law in Northern Ireland by discriminating in favor of Catholics. U.S. District Judge Robert Carter in New York ruled that the company's argument was groundless. Although the MacBride advocates hailed this as a victory, others think that until a British court rules on a similar argument, the debate will continue.

Massachusetts was the first state to pass MacBride legislation, acting late in 1985. Since that time Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island have acted, as have Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Philadelphia and Wilmington.

In 1988, the campaign moved out of areas where the Irish-American community has traditionally exerted telling political pressure to cities and states where they must win the support of other powerful groups: California, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rochester and San Francisco.

Detroit could be the model for the coalition building necessary. The leaders of the campaign are tailoring their arguments to reach non-Irish groups.

New York's Goldin, who is Jewish, recalls that "as a young lawyer for the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department, I fought racial discrimination in the South. For the same reasons, as investment officer and trustee of New York City's public-employee retirement systems, I am now committed to fighting religious discrimination in Northern Ireland."

This time the U.S. government is not on Goldin's side. Both the State Department and the British government have been active in their opposition to MacBride measures wherever they have been considered. The State Department warns that the principles "have the potential to exacerbate seriously the present economic difficulties in Northern Ireland, thereby making their adoption a hollow victory indeed."

British diplomats have worked actively in a number of places, and with at least temporary successes, to block action on MacBride legislation. They have flown in witnesses from Britain and Northern Ireland to argue that the legislation is unnecessary or counterproductive.

MacBride proponents have also brought witnesses from Northern Ireland — a move that cost one witness his job. Oliver Kearney, an experienced personnel manager with the Licensed Vintners Federation in Northern Ireland, came to Sacramento in 1986 to testify on MacBride legislation proposed by Democratic Assemblyman Tom Hayden. Kearney was fired as a result and now spends much of his time working on the MacBride campaign.

Leading the U.S. campaign, along with Goldin, is Sean MacManus of the Irish National Caucus, an Irish lobbying group in Washington, D.C. MacManus is optimistic. The MacBride campaign has been effective so far because it does appeal to all sorts of different constituencies, he says. "It's the perfect formula," he explains. "It's one thing to complain about discrimination 3,000 miles away, but what about your own dollars being used to support discrimination in Belfast? With this sort of measure, you get an immediate sense of being able to do something." Furthermore, he adds, "in American terms, it makes sense. There are good political reasons and good moral reasons to support these measures."

Doherty Case Tests Rule Of Law

By WILLIAM HUGHES

Many Americans are rightly outraged over the continued jailing of South African freedom fighter Nelson Mandela. No doubt, these same individuals would be shocked to learn that our country is guilty of the same kind of egregious conduct as that oppressive South African regime. For over six years, an Irishman who has committed no crime in this country has been held in a federal prison.

Joseph P. Doherty is being detained at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City on an immigration warrant. His very name now has a visceral effect on lovers of freedom. He has become Irish America's Byronic version of the immortal "Prisoner of Chillon."

His continued incarceration mocks our nation's stand on constitutional law, its dedication to human rights and the Helsinki Accord, and its reputation as a haven for political refugees.

DOHERTY, a Roman Catholic, was born on January 20, 1955 in a Belfast slum. When he was 17, he was interned for five months. After his release, he joined the Irish Republican Army, one of the oldest insurgency groups in the world, dedicated to driving the British colonial forces from Ireland and creating a united Ireland.

In 1980, Doherty's guerrilla unit engaged in a fierce gun battle in Belfast with plainclothes British soldiers attached to the Special Air Services (SAS). The SAS is an elite unit suspected by Amnesty International of having a shoot-to-kill policy against Irish Republicans. One British soldier died in the duel. Doherty and other members of his group were captured. But Doherty escaped before a sentence of 30 years imprisonment could be imposed on him for a purported "common murder." He was tried in the notorious "Diplock" court without a jury.

Doherty made his way to New York, where he lived peacefully until his arrest in June 1983. The British government then moved for his extradition to the British-occupied north of Ireland.

This action began a legal donnybrook. Its cast included the U.S. Justice Department, the British government, the federal court system, two U.S. attorneys general, officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and Doherty's able defense team of Somerstein & Pike of New York.

AFTER A FULL TRIAL IN 1984, a federal judge, John E. Sprizzo, held that Doherty couldn't be extradited to Northern Ireland.

Judge Sprizzo reviewed the standards of then-applicable treaty between the countries and also the long history of armed resistance by Irish rebels to British rule. He underscored the Derry massacre of 1972, "Bloody Sunday," where 13 marchers at a peaceful protest were killed by British security forces. He found Doherty's alleged wrongdoing was not a common crime but rather an offense of a "political" character. He also held that none of the alleged acts for which Doherty's extradition was sought violated international law or standards of civilized conduct.

But the Justice Department, under intense pressure from the British

As Pushovers for Pomp, We're Primed for a Takeover

By RANCE CRAIN

I am becoming increasingly convinced that our former landlord, Great Britain, is slowly edging closer to reacquiring us. What's more, if that should come to pass, we as a people and country won't be at all unhappy with such a turn of events.

It's the royalty thing that will finally get us. We are pushovers for pomp and circumstance, and we secretly delight when our leaders surround themselves with the plush and gaudy trappings of the throne.

President Reagan wasn't really a father figure; he was more like a king, a benevolent and kindly monarch presiding serenely over his unruly flock. And Nancy was born to be queen.

If someone had proposed that we allow them to stay on as king and queen, making us feel good about ourselves but out of harm's way and above the battle of petty politics, we would have embraced the idea to our bosoms and gladly pledged our allegiance.

And Great Britain is quietly greasing the skids. Not only are the British buying more and more of corporate America, way more than Japan or anybody else, but the government is also preparing us for the monarchy.

Why else did the British bestow an honorary knighthood on Mr. Reagan, and why do they let us borrow Prince Charles and Princess Diana anytime we want (although usually not at the same time)?

Because when Great Britain owns 51% of our assets and declares herself our new owner, she wants us to government and powerful Anglophile interest in this country, has refused to abide by the learned trial judge's ruling.

Despite adverse rulings by another federal judge, an appellate court and many administrative decisions, the Justice Department still is ignoring the rule of law. Richard Thornburgh, former Pennsylvania governor and now attorney general, forgetful that his ultimate authority comes from the American people and not any grasping foreign power, has ordered Doherty deported to the right-wing government of Margaret Thatcher.

Doherty remains in his 8 by 12-foot cell without an opportunity for bail, as his Kafkaesque case makes its tortuous way through the court system.

A BIPARTISAN House of Representatives resolution, with 77 co-sponsors, calls on the attorney general to reverse his decision and grant Doherty bail and, ultimately, political asylum. (Eight members of the New Jersey delegation endorsed the resolution: Democrats James J. Florio, Frank Guarini, William J. Hughes, Frank Pallone, Jr. and Robert G. Torricelli; and Republicans Dean A. Gallo, Matthew J. Rinaldo and Marge Roukema.)

America, since its glorious revolutionary days of Washington, Jefferson and Madison, has always been a beacon for the freedom fighters of the world. It also has an obligation to see to it that human rights are honored, not only in South Africa, Central America, the Middle East, behind the Iron Curtain, but in this country as well.

The writer, a Baltimore lawyer, is chairman of that city's Committee for Justice for Joseph P. Doherty.

feel quite at home. And we will, rest assured, we will.

Do you have any doubts? Is it coincidence that a surefire way to sell millions of magazines is to put a royal visage on the cover? Why did President Nixon dress the White House police in royal grandeur? And you shouldn't be surprised to learn that the current occupant of the White House is a 13th cousin, thrice removed, of Queen Elizabeth. What's more, don't you find it odd how little resentment there is to the blatant and unabashed indulgences of such men as Donald Trump and Malcolm Forbes? These are the courtiers at play, as we all vicariously thrill in sharing their exploits. Andy Warhol was the court jester.

In an age when every action can have calamitous results, we need the safety valve of watching and following the antics of men and women whose frivolities don't really affect anything.

In England the press gives due deference to the coming and goings of the queen and her royal entourage. "The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh gave a luncheon party for the Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter at which the Queen Mother, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Kent were present."

At the time of this gathering, the press was bashing Prime Minister Thatcher for botching the European parliamentary elections, allowing the Labour Party to gain 13 seats. Among other things that went wrong, the Conservatives ran negative ads that gave the impression they were down on Britain's European involvement.

One poster was criticized for being "extraordinarily negative, damaging and confusing." It warned the Tory faithful: "Stay at home on June 15, and you'll live on a diet of Brussels."

William Safire worries about "creeping royalism" among our elected officials. "The problem is not that our presidents want to be kings, but that we cheerfully indulge ourselves in allowing them to act like royalty — remote, almost worshiped for their office, and as capable as any monarch in dispensing 'honors,' Mr. Safire wrote in *The New York Times*.

My point is that whether our presidents want to be kings or not, we have a great yearning for them to be. That helps explain why we elevated Mr. Reagan to his Teflon status. We didn't want the political intrigues and infighting to stick to him, any more than the British would want Maggie Thatcher's problems with the European elections to stick to Queen Elizabeth.

(From *Crain's New York Business*.)



"Ireland unprepared at peace" — The lesson of history

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I request you to remove immediately these items from the Joywin store and any other store where these items are being sold.

The Irish people have contributed much to the history and culture of the United States. Your firm, which I personally know markets excellent gift items, should not be in the business of selling cheap, degrading items. It reflects poorly on the image of your company.

To acquaint yourself with the Irish culture, I invite you to attend the Seventeenth Annual Long Island Feis on September 17, 1989 at the Nassau County office complex in Plainview, New York. The Feis, sponsored by the Nassau County Board of the AOH, offers competitions in Traditional forms of Irish music and culture. More than 15,000 people attend this event each year.

I anticipate your full compliance with my request. If you need further clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Thomas A. Myles, President
Division 17, Nassau Co., N.Y.

RUSS BERRIE REPLIES

Mr. Thomas A. Myles
734 West Bay Drive
Long Beach, NY 11561

Dear Mr. Myles:

I received your letter of March 3, 1989, regarding some of the Russ Berrie St. Patrick's Day products.

Russ Berrie and Company has been marketing gift items appropriate for this Holiday for over fifteen years and it has never been our intention to in any way denigrate or defame the Irish Culture. In the many years that we have been marketing St. Patrick's Day products, we have received market research that such products are very much accepted and demanded by the Irish customer who buys them.

Aside from the very serious and traditional associations of St. Patrick, the holiday has evolved into an occasion for light hearted celebration and it is our intention to provide impulse products appropriate for this secular side of the Holiday.

We apologise for any unintended offense.

Jennifer R. Monson
Vice President
Product Development
Russ Berrie and Company Inc.
111 Bauer Drive
Oakland, NJ 07436

RESOLUTION 62

Mr. Thomas Gilligan
National Director
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I received your letter of Aug. 17, requesting that I support Resolution 62, which calls for political asylum of Joseph Patrick Doherty and for his release on bail while his hearing is being adjudicated.

This is a frustrating case. I am Irish, and I am Catholic and do not appreciate the ways Catholics have been treated in Northern Ireland. However, it is not the role of Congress to dictate the nation's judiciary policy. The executive branch has been handling this case under former president Ronald Reagan. The Bush Administration is continuing with the case.

Thank you for taking time to write.
E. Clay Shaw, Jr.
Member of Congress

GILLIGAN REPLIES

Congressman E. Clay Shaw
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
September 21, 1989

Dear Congressman Shaw:

Thank you for your answer to my letter concerning Joseph Patrick Doherty. Your letter falls far short of what I expected. The only part I agree with is when you say this is a frustrating case. I don't know why your letter referred to your religious affiliation and your ethnic background. This issue is far above that. Quite honestly we receive more cooperation from those who do not share our religious belief or ethnic heritage, and would call your attention to the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs. This issue is certainly above that type of reply.

My letter did not ask you, nor would I expect you, or any member of Congress to interfere in the judicial process of this nation. It is because the judiciary process is being tampered with that we look to Congress to examine this matter. It is a fact that six judicial hearings were disposed of favorable to Joseph Doherty, and now a foreign power is using the Executive Branch to defy the judiciary and to violate our Constitutional separation of powers.

You, as a member of Congress, are sworn to uphold the laws, judicial decisions and the Constitution of this great nation, and that's all your support of House Concurrent Resolution Number 62 will do. Six favorable decisions have been rendered and all we want is those decisions complied with, nothing more or nothing less. We cannot turn our back on this and hope it will go away; a foreign power should never be able to influence our Judicial Branch the way it is in this case.

Your letter indicates that you do not appreciate the way Catholics are treated in Northern Ireland, yet your actions would indicate something very different. Several years ago I met with you concerning the MacBride Principles, which at the time was being considered in the Florida Legislature. I will never forget your answer when we asked for your help: it was an emphatic NO! You gave every reason the British Government gave against these, which by the way, was also parroting the of-

ficial Republican line at the time. You would not listen to our explanations, and continued to call them sanctions and disinvestment even though those words never appeared in the bill.

We were successful in getting the bill passed in Florida in 1988, and I am thankful that the State Legislature listened to us with an open mind. And by the way, the bill on the House side was sponsored by a Republican, Robert Shelley. Most recently Joseph Roche, our Political Education Chairman, visited your office and asked for a few short minutes of your time, and was treated in a most unprofessional manner. Lastly, you are listed as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, and I have yet to see you support one thing from that committee. Do you really mean what you say, or was that simply the thoughts of one of your aides? Those words may endear you to those who do not know your background of support on Irish issues.

You and/or your staff have missed the reason and point of my letter. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter further and will be calling your office for an appointment.

Sincerely,
Thomas E. Gilligan
Nat'l Director and Organizer

"GET WITH IT" MESSAGE TIMELY

Dear Editor,

I would like to report on a couple of disturbing instances that came to my attention in July.

During a visit to Washington, D.C. on July 8 I visited the Robert Emmet Statue and mini-park. It was a disgrace. The grass was about nine inches tall and what I imagined were floral plantings were full of weeds and one of the three trees in the park was dead. I resolved that on my next trip to Washington to include a chain saw, lawnmower, grass clippers and rake. As I am not planning to visit real soon, I hope someone closer than myself will take care of it.

On July 12 I visited the Eckley Miners Village in Pennsylvania where scenes for the moving picture, "The Molly Maguires," were shot. This village is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and depicts the daily life of the anthracite miner and his family in the 1800's.

On a guided tour our very congenial guide, whose name escapes me now, made a comment on the potato famine in Ireland. As all Hibernians well know there was no real famine in Ireland, but only a contrived starvation; so I explained this to her, reciting some facts on the amount of food that was shipped out of the country at the time. She accepted this but stated it was the first time she had heard that version. Isn't there someone in Pennsylvania that could see that these guides are properly instructed in their subject matter rather than parroting British propaganda?

On sale at the location is the pamphlet, "Mollie Maguires", The True Illustrated Story Of The Terrorist Secret Organization. The author is Monroe Aurand, Jr. and the publisher is Aurand Press of Lancaster, Pa.

Chapter one is headed, "Organization of Outlaws Born in Ireland," and goes on to compare the Mollies to the Black Hand and the KKK. After reading in the Hibernian Digest that Pennsylvania had obtained some type of posthumous exoneration for the Mollies, I was quite surprised to see this one-sided

and biased account on sale at a state agency.

It is hoped that someone in Pennsylvania could get this one-sided account removed from the racks at Eckley or any other state-run location and have something more even-handed and educational substituted.

Paul F. Fish
Division 1, Glens Falls, N.Y.
518 642-2406

PRO-LIFE

Dear Editor:

Regarding *Newsday's* article entitled "Cuomo Reaffirms Abortion Funding," Page 15, Sept. 11, 1989, I feel compelled to reply.

How long will people of good will living in the State of New York put up with the rhetoric of men such as Gov. Mario Cuomo, who do no more than throw up red herrings rather than face the issue of just what an abortion actually is. To state with such elegance that he feels absurd in any decision making process of judging right from wrong on this issue and then extends that absurdity to how a woman feels about having an abortion has little to do with the facts. Feelings are important emotions but have little to do with actual right or wrong. To further imply that a male Judge cannot make a moral or ethical rendering regarding a woman's action is to say no man can judge facts.

As always Gov. Cuomo refers to his famous speech at Notre Dame and states in a most articulate manner, "Civil law takes precedence over personal religious beliefs". He is implying that if a matter is legal it therefore is moral. I wonder if David Dinkins would agree with him when reminded of the *Dred Scott* decision.

Every man (or woman) who states abortion is wrong is required by his very dignity as man to do all in their power to bring about change in the law to defend life in all its stages.

Gov. Cuomo states that he is a Roman Catholic. He implies therefore that he also knows abortion can never be moral. Now, what he really should feel absurd about is as a Man of a stated Faith, just how absurd that statement really is when he attends a Mass or receives the Sacraments while personally

There are many who do not understand us Irish-Americans for we are, in a sense, unfulfilled because the land of our ancestors is still suffering and struggling for its freedom and unity. To those who ask me who I am, I say:

I AM OF IRISH AMERICA

I am of Irish America.
I am a child of Immigrants.
I am of a people who for over eight hundred years
Have bent a knee to no king but the King of Heaven
And bowed a head to no queen but the Queen of Heaven.
I am of a dispersed people sent
In slavery to the Barbadoes,
In chains to Australia, and
In Famine to America.
I am of a people who tore themselves from
Their father's trembling arms,
Kissed their tearstained mother's face good-bye and
Travelled all over the world
To keep a roof over the beloved heads
And food on the hungry table.
I am of an empire upon which no sun can set, for
Wherever you go in this whole wide world,
Wherever a House of God has risen,
Wherever a house of learning founded,
Or a Tree of Liberty planted by loving hands
And watered by the tears of an Irish exile,
There you will find the Irish Empire.
I thank God for the Blood of my Fathers.
I thank God for the Land of my Birth.
I pray that God will save Ireland.
I pray that God will continue to Bless America.

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IN MEMORIAM

AR DAIS DE GO RAIBH A ANAM

William "Credentials" Burke An Appreciation

By JOHN J. CONCANNON

A great Hibernian of the "Old Breed"... one of the last of the "Old Guard" of the Order... has passed away at the age of 84 years.

WILLIAM BERNARD BURKE died quietly in his sleep on Friday evening August 11, 1989 at the Frances Shevriar Home and Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y. He had been a resident of the Home since May 1989.

"Bill" (or "Willie" but never "Will" or "Billey" and seldom "William") Burke was born in Abbeyknockmoy, County Galway, about 14 miles northeast of Galway City. He emigrated to the U.S. as a teenager, landing in Boston in 1923. In that same year, Bill joined Roxbury Division 4 of the AOH, making him a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for he past 66 years.

Burke spent two years in Boston before seeing the light and moving to the greener fields of New York City. In the Big Apple, he joined Division 4, New York County AOH, headquartered at the Central Opera House, and worked out of that Division until 1935. In that year, he organized Division 3, New York County AOH in his home neighborhood of Washington Heights/Inwood in upper Manhattan. He served as the Division's first President and as its Delegate to the N.Y. County Board for the past half century. Burke also served the AOH as President of the New York County Board; two-term State Secretary; State Treasurer and State Chairman of Public Relations. He was a former Deputy National Organizer for the AOH.

Bill Burke started attending AOH National Conventions in 1937 with Atlantic City. He has been a working officer at twenty of the past twenty National Conventions of the Order (St. Louis and Killarney conventions excepted). Bill worked on, or was chairman of, the vital Credentials Committee on just about all of the National and numerous state AOH conventions he attended. His prominent and dedicated work at conventions prompted Hibernians, who wished to distinguish Bill from other Hibernians with the surname Burke, to label the man from Galway as "Credentials" Burke.

Bill Burke has worked with the St. Patrick's Day Parade for sixty years, since 1928, serving under four AOH Parade Chairmen — Roderick Kennedy, John Sheahan, Harry Hynes and James J. Comerford. He headed up many of the Parade's sub-committees, labored for many years on the Parade's Formation Committee. From 1978 to 1984, Burke served as the Parade Committee's Executive Secretary.

In 1980, Willie Burke (who had numerous awards, plaques, scrolls and citations) received the "greatest honor of my life." He was elected Grand Marshal of that year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Burke proved to be the most-widely popular choice in many a year because he had deep roots in the three major groups that participate in and affiliate with the Parade — the Ancient Order of



WILLIAM B. BURKE

Hibernians, the Irish Counties, and the Emerald Societies.

As a Past President, senior active member and elder statesman of the Galway Men's Association of New York, Burke was a delegate to the United Irish Counties (UICA) for 54 years, served as its Vice President and Secretary, and chaired three of its annual fund-raising Galas. He was a prime organizer of the UICA's prestigious Feis in 1933, serving as its General Chairman. He worked on America's oldest and largest Irish cultural festival for half a century.

Burke was a charter member of the Transit Emerald Society. When his job situation would not permit him to accept an offer to be the Society's first President, he was given Transit Emerald Society Dues Card No. 1.

In 1967, Burke retired from the Payroll Division of the New York City Transit Authority after 35 years of service with the City. In August 1977, after residing in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan for 38 years, Burke moved several blocks north to Riverdale Avenue in Yonkers.

William Burke was the last of the family of seven boys and one girl. A bachelor, he was survived by forty one nieces and nephews. The funeral arrangements were handled by his nephew, Alphonsus Burke, (Past President of Div. 3), and wife, Peggy Feerick Burke. Among the Hibernian mourners at the funeral mass and graveside were: John Duffy, Past National Secretary; New York County Chaplain, Monsignor John Barry, Timothy Hartnett, Richard Cunningham, Frank Belrine, Edward Hyland, James Ferguson, Timothy Daly, John Clarke, Thomas Rogers, Brother David Concannon and John Concannon.

It is customary, almost a tradition, when a devoted and highly-respected member passes away, for an organization to say, "We will miss

National Pro Life

FANATICS WITH A PURPOSE

You have often heard about the "fanatic pro-lifers" but let me remind you of another fanatic, the crusading newspaperman and abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison. He horrified many when he went to Framingham, MA, to burn the U.S. Constitution in public because it wrote slavery into the basic law of the land.

People don't like to talk about it, but the writers of our Constitution betrayed the earlier Declaration of Independence, which said we are all "created equal" and entitled to the "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." There was no Bill of Rights for blacks. Our nation paid for that "compromise with reality" with the terrible carnage of the Civil War and a legacy of bigotry, a psychic scar yet to heal in 200 years.

The *Roe vs. Wade* decision was a tragic attempt by seven men to create a "right-to-life compromise," allowing the states to use a trimester system to protect life at viability. Once again an "inalienable right" in the declaration was betrayed by compromise.

Since 1973 we have generated a legacy of "The Silent Scream" and a holocaust of millions of babies in the womb. There has been an explosion of child abuse.

Some of our friends argue for a cruel compromise when they say "women will have abortions now and for the rest of time." It is also probably true that some women will continue to steal, perjure themselves, sell their bodies in prostitution, murder their neighbors, abuse their children, abandon their elderly parents, become drug addicts and lethal drunken drivers. Does that mean society should let them have "pro-choice" in those areas, too?

If we can make an effort to teach our young people (men and women) to say "no" to drugs and drunken driving, we can make the effort to teach them to get their bodies and sexuality under control. If they can't, there are many pro-life couples waiting to adopt.

To paraphrase abolitionist Garrison, when it comes to the inalienable right-to-life enshrined in our declaration, "We are in earnest. We will not retreat. We will not equivocate and we will win." The alternative is babies in buckets.

Bill Farrell
AOH Pro-Life Director

him. His likes will not soon come our way again."

If ever a Hibernian deserved (and many have) this encomium from our Order, William Bernard Burke does. The scope and duration of his service to and work for the Ancient Order, by itself, earn Bill Burke this accolade. But there's more to it. His was a unique service record with the AOH.

Bill Burke was not of the heroic mold, not larger than life. But he worked with and for, and supported Hibernians who were. Burke was a valuable aide, a strong right arm, eyes and ears to worthy leaders who held the meeting gavel or stood at the helm of the organization. He knew, as few others did, the rules and regulations, constitution and bylaws, traditional procedures of the numerous organizations to which he

Chaplain's Message

Teachtameac an Seipinacra

Rev. Donal O'Carroll, Deputy National Chaplain

OUR LADY OF KNOCK — QUEEN OF PEACE

Yes, Our Lady of Knock is called the Queen of Peace, and it is for that reason particularly, for peace in their own lives that millions of pilgrims come to Knock each year.

A visit or pilgrimage to Knock, especially for the Irish should, I think, be the fulfillment of an age old devotion to Mary, or as the Irish call her, Mhuire, for it has come down to us from the advent of Christianity to Ireland.

Even some Feast Days of Mary may have, like feast days of our Divine Lord, replaced some pagan feasts. On July 1 this year, a number of Hibernians, among them some members of the National Board like Father Healy, and Father Neal Carlin and myself concelebrated Holy Mass at the actual site of the Shrine and so was history made on the first Annual Hibernian Day at Knock.

We just pray and hope that the good work so begun may be perpetuated down through the years to come. As I mentioned, Knock is a place of peace for the individual; one of the greatest instruments of peace is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). At a given day at Knock some thirty priests hear confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation. When Cardinal O'Connor visited Knock earlier this year, the number of pilgrims making the sacrament of Reconciliation really impressed him! Another source of peace and a solution for the northern six counties, that lasting peace can come to these six counties, will be found at Knock. It is the National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace. She too desires peace in Northern Ireland's six counties so that her Divine Son be glorified and the Lamb be praised and adored. Should there be an Annual Hibernian Day at Knock? Definitely, yes!! Every Diocese in Ireland has its special day there. Why not the Hibernians?

In order to prepare for such a visit to Ireland's shrine of May (Knock) here are the words of "Our Lady of Knock, as sung by "Dana", an international singer:

VERSE I

"There were people of all ages, gathered round the gable wall.
Poor and humble men and women, little children that you call.

We are gathered here before you, and a heart just the same,
filled with such a vision, as we praise your Name!

CHORUS:

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, all my cares and troubles see,
As I kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock, My Queen of Peace.

VERSE II

O, your message was unspoken, but the truth in silence lies.
Though I gaze upon your vision, and the truth I try to find.

Here I stand with both the teacher and with Joseph, at your side,
And I see the Lamb of God on the altar glorified.

CHORUS:

And the Lamb will conquer, and the women clothed in the sun,
Will shine her light on everyone, will shine her light on everyone.

belonged. From long experience, Burke knew what had succeeded in the past and failed in the past, which members were part of the problem and which members could be counted on to help with a solution to the problem.

Because he was of the old school, comfortable with the old way, his service was more behind the scene and in the back office rather than up front and out front. Bill Burke was on the quiet side, retiring, unobtrusive, low key, shunning the spotlight and the flashbulb, soft spoken and seldom spoken. He was good at one-on-one talk and chatting with a small crowd; poor at public speaking and addressing a large audience.

Bill was a peace maker extraordinary, a trouble shooter, a talented negotiator, a healer of wounded egos, a builder of bridges, a pourer of oil on

troubled waters, a wise molder of compromises, a reconciler of dissensions, a settler of grievances, one who soothed down rather than stirred up, brought together rather than pushed apart. He had the knack of defusing explosive situations, dissipating ill will and creating good will in its place.

Getting the work done, quietly and efficiently, caring little that others might get the credit, was Burke's style. When problems arose and there were loud cries for quick action of some kind, Burke would counsel considered, calm action, maintaining that saying or doing the wrong thing would be more harmful than saying or doing nothing.

Bill Burke was a Hibernian who marched to a different drummer, hearing and keeping in step with a beat that was soft and sure and steady.

Doherty, Dougherty, Daugherty,
Dority, Dority, Daugharty or
any other spelling, ATTENTION:

There is a gathering of the
CLAN in Donegal, Ireland,
June-July 1990. Write R.A. Doherty,
P O Box 617, Pinckney, MI 48169

William Sherwin to Attend President's Dinner in Ohio

MARLBORO, MA: Bill Sherwin, Executive Secretary of the International Right to Life Federation, is making a personal visit to the Coogan Testimonial Dinner in Dayton, Ohio, on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21, 1989. His purpose in this special visit is to assist Bill Farrell, Pro-Life Director, to obtain the 100 AOH memberships in the International Right to Life. Bill will speak to the members at meetings on Friday and will be introduced at the banquet on Saturday evening.

A native of Delvin, Bill Sherwin, since 1983, has been working in Rome, where he administers the affairs of the Federation, which has affiliated member groups in thirty countries.

Two other full-time staff in the office are both Irish; one is from Westmeath-Siobhan Hall, of Athlone. A third staffer is a Leitrim doctor, David Logan. The office itself is quite close to the Vatican.

Bill was recently in America to get first hand information on the scene here where, at the moment, efforts are being made to have the Supreme Court reverse the legislation which allows abortion.

Bill left Delvin in the late seventies



BILL SHERMAN

to go to Maynooth College, where he spent four years studying theology. In 1982/83, he became involved in the Irish pro-life movement at the time when the referendum campaign was beginning to get off the ground. When it was passed in September of 1983, he left soon afterwards for Rome, where he did all the ground-

Ronald Bryan Reelected

WILKES BARRE, PA—The Pennsylvania Hibernians held their 85th biennial state convention here on July 19-22. Re-elected state president was Ronald "Bo" Bryan, who hails from Pittsburgh. Bryan has stated that both he and the Pennsylvania State Board will work vigorously for the passage of the MacBride Principles and to help establish funding for the parochial school systems in the state of Pennsylvania.

Elected along with Bryan were Vice-President Edward "Ned" McGinley, Wilkes-Barre; Secretary Daniel V. Deasy, Pittsburgh; Treasurer David W. Fleming, Philadelphia. Scranton was chosen without opposition as the state convention site for 1991.

work for getting the Federation established and launched in 1984.

"After the Irish referendum in 1983, a number of people of like mind got together, had a meeting, and decided we should spell out the message of the Irish referendum to other countries, and give them encouragement in fighting for the right to life," Bill said in an interview with the *Westmeath Examiner* recently.

About half Bill's time is spent travelling and his only regret is that he is so busy he is finding it difficult to get the time to learn Italian.

A Celtic Peter, Paul & Mary!



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Message from Freedom for All Ireland Committee Chairman

Once again I ask for your help! Just about this time each year we commence our Christmas Relief Fund campaign, and I ask your cooperation in sending in your contributions so that we can substantially help the prisoners' families at the holidays. I can personally attest to the fact that they are more than grateful to our AOH for the assistance we give to them.

Please make a special effort to send in as generous a contribution as possible. Make your checks payable to the FFAIC Committee and mail to

me at the address listed below. You, the members, are the only ones that can make this campaign a success. Let's make it a banner year so that we can make it a happy Christmas for the families of the prisoners.

Do not put this off; time is of the essence if our contributions are to reach the families in time for Christmas. Please act now! I hope and pray that I can count on your 100% cooperation.

MARTIN HIGGINS

1115 Ward Place
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Thatcher vs. Noriega

Panama's General Noriega has been variously described as a "bully", "gangster", and "thug". After 10 years in office Prime Minister Thatcher has never been described in those terms, despite the fact that she has orchestrated the bloodiest period of modern Irish history.

Three years before Noriega's ascent to power Ms. Thatcher had already had the blood of ten helpless hunger strikers on her hands and had begun the "shoot to kill" death squads exposed by Stalker, Amnesty International, and the International Lawyers Inquiry. The General's Defense Forces are presumed to have killed former Minister Dr. Hugo Spadafora in 1985 but the Irish Information Partnership leaves no doubt that British and Loyalist forces have killed 788 civilians since 1969 — more than 1/2 on Thatcher's watch.

General Noriega's loyalists showed their regard for democracy by beating opposition candidates Endora and Ford while at the same time across the Atlantic Thatcher's Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) were beating and detaining Sinn Fein election workers Patsy McCann and Dan McBride. In Gortin, in the Mid-Ulster Parliamentary constituency, the RUC was interrogating and screening voters who had submitted supposedly sealed postal ballot requests.

What need to void the Panamanian elections! Noriega should follow the

British example. England simply ignored the results of the last General Election in Ireland in 1918 and has successfully occupied six counties for 60 years through violence and vote fraud. General Noriega could take some comfort knowing that never once after that election and to this day has an American president or columnist asked for England to "honor the results of the election" or "to support the freely chosen leaders" of the Irish people.

In the past ten years Panama has struggled with constitutional democracy while constitution-less England under Thatcher gives new meaning to oppression in Ireland. By keeping the Ulster Defense Association legal she gives "a wink and nod" approval to their successful assassination of Attorney Patrick Finucane, John Davey, a Sinn Fein Councillor from So. Derry and others and the attempted murder last week of Sinn Fein candidate for Co. Down, Sean Fitzpatrick. The Iron Lady's media and election censorship and demonstration banning are extreme by Panamanian standards. Her use of the International Fund for Ireland — U.S. money — to bribe and divide the Nationalist vote has become scandalous even by British standards.

MICHAEL J. CUMMINGS
Public Relations Director

term prisoners in each jurisdiction. I have also stated in Radio and TV interviews that in my view anyone who spends twelve to fifteen years of his life in prison should be released and helped to rebuild his life as a valuable member of society. I believe that respect for the human dignity of every individual demands this.

"I cannot promise you that my voice will be any more effective than your own, but in matters of this kind I believe that the more people who show a personal interest in the case, the better will be the chance of success."

An Opinion: Equal Treatment Under the Law, British Style

BY JOHN P. GAVIN

Alf Lomas, a British member of the European Parliament, stated in a press interview in London recently that Irish defendants who are accused of political crimes do not get a fair trial if they are republican sympathizers. And not only that, once they become prisoners they never have the same chance of parole given to other prisoners.

Lomas said that if an IRA member is sentenced to life he has little chance of getting out of jail. However, if a non-republican prisoner or a Protestant activist from the North gets a life sentence, they have a good chance of getting out within a reasonable time.

Lomas used the case of British Army Private Ian Thain as an example of this contrast in treatment. He pointed out that Thain served only two and a half years of a life sentence for killing an Ulster Catholic, while Catholics had remained in jail for 20 years for killing British soldiers.

The MEP is not arguing that Irish defendants get off lightly if accused and convicted of a crime. What he is demanding is that the Irish get equal treatment in the courts, not stiffer

sentences and the denial of parole when other defendants are set free.

Lomas argues that there should be no political bias in the parole system and that objective criteria should be in place that would apply to all prisoners.

Britain is not the only place where there appears to be a double standard when it comes to dealing with Irish political prisoners. Here in the United States, Joe Doherty case is a glaring example of a double standard — one of those whose actions involve a "friendly" country like Britain; another standard prevails when it comes to an "unfriendly" country like Nicaragua.

In an interview with Maria Shriver on NBC on March 12, Doherty complained bitterly about the politics that has kept him in an American jail for five years, while Contras, who are also accused of murder, come and go as they please.

Maria Shriver, while by no means sympathetic to Doherty and the IRA, conceded that there was a double standard being employed here and that Doherty was the victim of it.

Collins: Work for Reconciliation

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monizing memories and reconciling aspirations. A minimum first step, however, is to seek to identify those elements which are essential to an enduring solution.

The fundamental prerequisite for progress is equality. Its presence may not guarantee a resolution of the problem but its absence will surely mean that a settlement will continue to evade us. Only on the basis of equality can we conduct an open-minded dialogue leading to reconciliation.

Confidence in the essential fairness and equality of the system is fundamental to any healthy society: it was the total, and well-founded, absence of that confidence on the part of the nationalist minority in Northern Ireland which formed the background to the fateful events of Autumn 1969. Many of the basic civil rights demands articulated then have received a response in the twenty intervening years. More have been answered since the signature of the 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement which has as one of its basic objectives the achievement of equality of treatment for all.

In the past year, for example, new fair employment legislation for Northern Ireland has gone on the statute

books, and we now look to the effective implementation of that legislation. Action on the economic front has, however, to be sustained and equality in the distribution of economic resources has to be developed. Although a legacy of economic discrimination is not easily shaken off, with determination on the part of all involved, it must and will be.

As fundamental as economic equality must be a confidence on the part of the community generally in the essential evenhandedness of all the instruments of government, including the administration of justice and the operation of the security forces. If that confidence is absent, there will inevitably be an erosion of moral and political authority.

My Government have consistently pointed to the need for the security forces in Northern Ireland to win the trust of the nationalist community. In particular, we have focused over the years on the urgent need to address the problems of harassment of the nationalist community by elements within the security forces. We have had to register our deep concern at the involvement of members of the security forces in the most serious of crimes, including

immediately. This bill does not merely demand bail and political asylum for Joe Doherty, but in addition provides each House member with an opportunity to address an enduring American injustice.

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MARYLAND: Beverly Byron, Benjamin Cardin, Roy Dyson, Steny Hoyer, Thomas McMillan, Constance Morella. VIRGINIA: Thomas Bliley, Rick Boucher, Jim Olin, Stan Parris, Lewis Payne, Owen Pickett, Norman Sisisky, French Slaughter, Frank Wolf.

State Boards, County Boards, and Divisions should make every effort to contact the above.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland Com.

murder, and at the growing evidence in recent weeks of collusion between members of the security forces and loyalist paramilitaries. We have also had to protest at decisions within the past year to allow soldiers to resume service after they had been found guilty of most serious crimes in Northern Ireland. We have raised these concerns with the British Government in the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference. We are convinced that only the most effective and urgent response can repair the damage done by these recent developments.

Despite such setbacks, we must continue to work for political progress. I believe that the Anglo-Irish Agreement — recently fortified by the Review of its workings — plays a crucial role in this regard. But the effectiveness of the Agreement as a framework for reform, cooperation and political progress must be continually developed by both Governments. Likewise, the differences which inevitably will arise from time to time between London and Dublin in the operation of the Agreement must be resolutely tackled and overcome.

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Uncovering My Irish Roots

BY JEANNIE O'NEILL
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Imagine journeying far across the sea in search of your ancestral homeland only to find that as far as you can surmise, the town so vividly captured in your imagination doesn't exist.

"It what?"
"It's not on the map, ma'am. In fact, it's not on any of the maps we have here."

Armed with only the name of the town in County Galway, Ireland, in which my grandmother was born, I had set out to find my roots. I was, twenty years old and very adventurous. I fancied myself an Irish Catholic Alex Haley.

My confidence faltered, however, upon learning that no one in the County Galway tourist office had ever heard of Ballynahoun, the town I had grown up envisioning all my life.

"Perhaps I'm not pronouncing it correctly. Or maybe this is an English translation?"

Tenacity paid off and when every person in the tourist office was questioned, one young lady had indeed heard of Ballynahoun.

"Oh, it's not a town you see. It's a small village located between these two towns here," she said, while pointing to settlements substantial enough to warrant the distinction of being charted on a map.

Happy in the knowledge that my destination did, in fact exist, I was on my way, secure in the thought that I would somehow be welcomed with open arms by relatives who didn't know of my existence, but surely would demonstrate the warmth and strong familial bonds

so characteristic of the Irish. Little did I know what lay ahead.

After a lengthy bus ride, an even longer walk, and some pertinent inquiries at the local post office, I found myself on the doorstep of one of my oldest living relatives. He was not at home. His wife, the most backwoods person I had ever met, didn't speak English and certainly didn't comprehend who I was. Her door was closed to me. It was late in the afternoon and if I were going to seek shelter at the nearest hostel, which wasn't near, I'd better get on with it.

But like all who hail from the Emerald Isles, I am possessed of a stubbornness indicative of my genes. I wasn't going to have come all this way without at least seeing the house in which my grandmother was born. Climbing over stone walls, avoiding cow dung and the occasional rambunctious sheep dog, I went knocking on doors in the hopes of finding one elderly Irish person who would perhaps know which was the house I sought.

"Nora Folan was me mother's sister!" cried a portly little grayhaired lady when I told her my grandmother's name.

I had stumbled upon an unknown cousin who did welcome me with open arms! Excited by the visit from an American relative, she busily set about making tea, cutting the coarse Irish bread, laying out every jam and jelly in the house and opening all the store-bought short breads that she undoubtedly reserved for special

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Nun Receives 1st Anna Ruddy Award



SISTER MARIA VERONICA, I.H.M. IS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF Pennsylvania LAOH's Anna C. Mallia Ruddy Award. She holds the Kildare Pewter plate, at left, and accepts a birthday cake honoring her 80th birthday, at right. With her is Rose McGonigal, who took the presentation party to Philadelphia since Sister could not travel to the state convention at Wilkes Barre.

Sister Maria Veronica, I.H.M., the first recipient of the Anna C. Mallia Ruddy Biennial Award, was presented with a Kildare Pewter Plate by the Pennsylvania Ladies AOH at the 1989 State Convention in Wilkes Barre. Established to recognize a woman for her outstanding contribution to Hibernianism, the award is in honor of the LAOH First National President, Anna C. Mallia Ruddy, who hails from Pennsylvania and was the organizer of the first Division in Scranton.

Sister Maria Veronica entered the sisterhood in 1926 at the age of

eighteen. For 25 years she taught in the Grade Schools and for 23 years at the High School level. In June 1970 she began her work as archivist for the Congressional Medal of Honor. During the next 17 years she wrote books on the hero recipients and assembled files on 3394 honorees. It was during this time that she discovered 66 honorees of Irish birth who were not recognized by any State. Through her efforts the AOH and LAOH established an Obelisk in their honor and the Ladies provided benches to sit and meditate. Rose McGonigal, state chairman of

Missions and past president of Philadelphia Division 39, accepted the award as Sister was physically unable to travel to Wilkes Barre. In turn, Division 39, of which Sister is a member, took the presentation party to Camilla Hall. They planned a special congratulatory party with a decorated cake in green, white and gold. The party became a birthday party, too, her eightieth. Also, Division 39 presented Sister with an afghan in the Irish tricolors made by a member. Climaxing the occasion was Sister Maria Veronica's stories of her years at Valley Forge.

Ann Irwin Enriched the Lives of Others

While the delegates to the New York State Convention were meeting in Auburn, N.Y., a much beloved member of the Ladies AOH quietly left us. Anne M. Irwin was called to her eternal reward on July 14. With everyone away, her friends had no chance to pay final respects to an individual who was greatly loved and admired.

Ninety-three years ago, on May 4, Anne M. Kenny first saw the light of day, but it was to be many, many years before the LAOH would come to know and love her as Anne M. Irwin.

Like most fledgling Hibernians who joined our Noble Order in the 40s, Anne was an active member of the Democratic Club. She became dedicated to the aims and aspirations of the LAOH and was elected President of the Queens County Board in 1949. She later served as State Secretary and then State President in 1952 and 1954.

Her genuine dedication to the LAOH made her a natural to be a member of the Queens County Degree Team, an honor she shared with her only daughter, Dorothy Huber, also a member. Later, when the Degree Team was reorganized, it was Anne M. Irwin on whom the members relied to give proper instructions with regard to floor work, and she was a veritable martinet, insisting on perfection, making members practice repeatedly until they were thoroughly familiar with all the nuances that make any Degree Team

effective and worthy of our Noble Order.

Subsequently, Anne was elected to national office, serving as Irish Historian but after one term, had to withdraw from the National Board. Nevertheless, she attended all State and National Conventions and all functions in Queens County. Everybody loved Anne, who had a delightful sense of humor and was a joy to behold on the dance floor. In 1975, at the request of the Queens County and New York State Boards, she was awarded Honorary Life Membership by the National Board, LAOH.

Anne M. Irwin is survived by her daughter Dorothy Huber, grandchildren John, Thomas, Patricia, and William and seven great-grandchildren. Anne will be dearly missed by all Hibernians whose lives were enriched for having known her.

Minnesota LAOH Mourns Death of Catherine Novack

Catherine F. Novack, a long-time LAOH member, died on September 10, 1989. She was 64.

For almost 40 years, "Kitty," as she was affectionately known, served her LAOH sisters in a first-class fashion as she held every office on the Division, County & State levels, starting at the bottom and working her way up.

Kitty's mother, Catherine Harrigan, another long-time Hibernian, lead the way and opened the door to Hibernianism for Kitty as so many mothers do. Kitty did the same for her daughter Eileen, who is

currently an active LAOH member.

Kitty will be long remembered by all her LAOH sisters for her fine leadership, hard work and dedication. Her final climb to the top found her serving all of us in her leadership roll as National Historian and National Treasurer.

Kitty Novack is survived by her husband, one daughter and three sons. One of Kitty's sons, John, 33, preceded her in death by exactly one week.

IRISH TRIVIA

1. Who was called the "Father of the Irish Language Movement in America?"
2. What are the 5 states with the most residents of Irish ancestry?
3. Who was the first Irish Mayor of Boston, MA?
4. How did John L. Sullivan round out his career?
5. What percent of corporate America is presently controlled by Irish-Americans?
6. In what country is Brian Boru buried?
7. When was the Diplock Court system instituted in Northern Ireland?
8. Gypo Nolan is the main character in what famous novel/movie?
9. What is the oldest Irish written document?
10. A United Ireland (32 counties) is specified in which section of the Irish Constitution?

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Ladies Ohio State News

CUYAHOGA COUNTY — At the Ohio State Convention in July, Division 5 member Elizabeth McGinn was awarded a lifetime membership presented by State President Marie Cooke, at a small ceremony. Mary O'Leary, Mary Reynolds, and Eileen Wallenhorst, all past state presidents of Div. 5 proudly stood by Elizabeth's side.

On the weekend of August 18-20, many Cleveland Hibernians got

together to attend the fabulous Irish Festival in Milwaukee. Every bit of Irish entertainment you could possibly imagine was there and plans have already been made for a trip back to Milwaukee next year. Also during that weekend, the LAOH gathered together to celebrate a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock, followed by refreshments.

The LAOH and AOH had their first annual Halfway to St. Patrick's

Day Party on Sept. 16 at Paddy's Pub. In also serving as a membership social to introduce friends to Hibernianism, entertainment was provided by Pat O'Shea and the Shaffers.

On Sept. 22, a Benefit was held for the Oireachtas (a competition between Irish Dancing Champions) to raise funds to bring judges from Ireland for the competition to be held in Cleveland in November.



ELECTED TO SERVE as the Ohio State Board, 1989-91, from left to right, top row, are Eileen McNeil, missions; Joan O'Donnell, Catholic Action; Colleen Wootten, historian. Bottom row, Judy Leddy, secretary; Patricia Egan, vice president; Kathie Linton, president and John Cavanaugh, treasurer. Appointments to the State Board were Colleen O'Conner, secretary; Ann Jeffers, state organizer; Dorothy Purdy, Scrap Book, all from Summit Co.; Dorothy Dugan, Notre Dame Chair, Jefferson Co.; Theresa Botkin, membership, Montgomery Co.; and Vivian Lermonde, fund raiser, Franklin Co.

National Historian Promotes Irish History Essay Contest

Dorothy Fowler, national LAOH historian, has announced the topics and guidelines for the 1989-90 National Annual Irish History Essay Contest. Only four essays can be entered from each state or Canadian province; these will consist of two entries on the level of grades 6 to 8; and two entries on the level of grades 9 to 12.

SUBJECTS: Grades 6, 7, 8 — U.S. Presidents of Irish Descent; Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 — Irish Monks in Europe.

TIME: Contest open. October 1, 1989 and closes February 1, 1990.

LENGTH: Not less than 500 nor more than 1000 words — Grades 6, 7, 8. Not less than 750 nor more than 1,500 words — Grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

ELIGIBLE: All children attending public, private and parochial schools.

PRIZES: Prizes on each level: \$250.00, \$150.00, \$100.00. Two Honorable Mentions: \$25.00 each.

IMPORTANT: Each essay must have on a separate cover sheet: 1. Contestant's name. 2. Age. 3. Complete home address. 4. Complete school address. 5. Number of words

in each essay — exclusive of Foreword, Introduction, Footnotes and Bibliography.

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 two best essays from each subject and forward same to the National Chairman NOT later than March 1, 1990. Winners will be announced as soon as possible.

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The Flowering of Ireland, Katherine Scherman
The Monks of the West, Chas. Forbes Montalembert
The Quest of Solitude, Peter E. Anson
The World's Debt to the Irish, James J. Walsh
The History of Ireland, Haverty

(Essays should be returned to your respective State Historian: (a) Division return essay to County, (b) County return the two winning essays to the State Historian.)

LADIES Michigan News

The Michigan State Convention was held May 19 and 20 at the Georgian Inn in Roseville and hosted by the Macomb County AOH and LAOH Divisions. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Russ Kohler, State AOH Chaplain. The AOH installation was directed by National Director John McInerney. Congratulations went out to James O'Kelly, the new State President, and his board.

The LAOH officers were installed by Past National Treasurer Margaret Murphy; the Michigan St. Brigid Degree Team presented the colors and assisted in the ceremony.

The new officers are: Sue Lauster, president; Mary Ochab, vice president; Alice Foley, secretary; Marie Seaser, treasurer; Mary Underhill, historian; Nancy Caird, missions; and Anne Lesotte, Catholic Action.

The State Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock was held on Sunday, August 27 at the AOH Hall.

The State LAOH will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Sept. 23. Watch the newsletter for details.

The 4th Detroit Concert of the St. James Choir from Dublin, Ireland, was performed on Sunday, July 23, at the Michigan State Fair Auditorium. Sponsored by the State AOH and LAOH, the concert was a huge success.

The Ladies of the Ethel Kennedy Division were co-hosts of the recent Michigan State Convention. It was a huge success, from the Friday Ice Breaker, Hospitality Night, down to the Dinner Dance. The ladies meeting was very productive under outgoing State President Rosemary Hoffman.

LADIES CALIFORNIA NEWS

New State officers elected to the board for 1989-91 at California's 77th Biennial State Convention in June are Peggy McDonald, president, San Francisco; Peggy Cahill, vice president, San Diego; Marilyn Schorr, secretary, San Diego; Peggy Kenny, treasurer, San Francisco. Chairpersons elected are Marie Doherty, History, Katy O'Shea, Missions, and Margaret McAuliffe, Catholic Action, all from San Francisco.

The members of the new board were honored to have as installing officer National President Mary E. Bradley, who was assisted by National Secretary Terry Kelleher and Past National President Zoe J. Foley.

AOH National Deputy Chaplain Fr. Michael Healy will also serve as State Chaplain for the LAOH.

The highlight of the convention were the honors bestowed on four San Francisco members when National President Bradley awarded certificates of National Life Membership to Alice Curtin, Mary Doherty, Ella Hoerner and Margaret Mad-

den. The women were recognized for their years of dedicated service to both the LAOH and the community.

The convention was held at the Reno Hilton Hotel in Nevada on June 22-23. Social events included an Ice-Breaker, a dinner honoring the National President and an occasional visit to the hotel's casino.

County Board Presidents

Presidents recently elected at County Board Conventions are Catherine Healy, Alameda, Monica Keogh, Huntington Beach, Peggy Cahill, San Diego, Peggy Kenny, San Francisco, and Mary Ryan, Santa Clara.

Irish History Essay Awards

Two California students received first place awards from the National Board this year for their Irish History essays. Marty Doyle of Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose won the award for his paper on "Dublin, It's Place in History." Sean Elsbernd of St. Cecilia's Elementary School received his award for his paper on "Fr. Flanagan, Boys' Town."



CALIFORNIA State Officers installed at the June convention were, left to right, President Peggy MacDonald; Missions, Katie O'Shea; Vice President Peggy Cahill; Secretary Marilyn Schorr; Catholic Action, Margaret McAuliffe; and Historian Marie Doherty (to rear). At far right are National Secretary Terry Kelleher and Past National President Zoe Foley, who acted as Mistress-at-Arms and Marshal respectively.



Mary E. Bradley
National President

Ladies Maryland State News



SALLY MURPHY, past national president of the Ladies AOH was handing out information on the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade, and other events. With her is Karen O'Connor-Williams from LAOH Division 14. *Irish Eye photo*

Mary Heckner and Rita Jordan, both of Div. 14, were recently awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Catholic War Veterans for outstanding patriotism by taking part in Christmas mail call '88 for the U.S. Armed Forces.

In May, Div. 2 sponsored its annual liturgy of the Mass followed by a pleasant social. A successful fashion show was held for the benefit of the Columban Mission Fund.

In June, members of the AOH and LAOH attended a show-of-support Lusu for Ann Marie Doory, who introduced MacBride Principles legislation in the Maryland legislature.

In July, many members were happy and privileged to attend services that brought long-time friend and supporter of the LAOH, William Monks, into the Catholic church. Rita McDonough past national president, was his sponsor.

Maryland Convention

The 43rd biennial convention of the Maryland LAOH was held on June 10, 1989 at the Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, MD. Nancy Perrin, state president, presided. Reports of officers and committees were warmly received and approved. The assembly was addressed by AOH State President Michael LeHane, who outlined the AOH goals and Sally Murphy, past national president, who gave the history of the LAOH. New officers installed by Sally Murphy are: President Nancy Perrin; Vice President Sr. Annella Martin; Secretary Margaret Hamilton; Treasurer Agnes Tighe; Irish Historian Mary Heckner; Chair of Missions Dolores Balassone; and Chair of Catholic Action Bernadette Keenan.

A mass of thanksgiving was of-

fered by State Chaplain Fr. Francis Duffy, S.J., whose inspiring homily exhorted members to use their talents and share their blessings for the good of others. The day's activities concluded with a banquet at which Michael Covington, Maryland Irish Essay contest winner, was presented with a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Michael also placed second nationally for which he was presented \$150.00 on behalf of the National Board.

On August 12, Div. 4 sponsored Maryland's fourth annual liturgy of the mass to honor Our Lady of Knock with Fr. F. Duffy, state chaplain, as celebrant.

Divisions 4 and 14 will be having their annual joint brunch in October. Div. 4's Fall trip to the Catskills is sold out and fliers for Div. 14's Christmas season trip to Williamsburg, VA, are in the mail. In August, many members were numbered among a huge crowd that enjoyed an outdoor concert of Irish entertainment featuring Mary McGonigle.

Tommy Maken in concert on September 8, accompanied by Danny Quinn of Nyack, N.Y., opened Baltimore's Irish Festival weekend. Maken was a real crowd-pleaser, not only with his music and songs but also with poem recitations and Irish wit.

The LAOH has been invited to participate in the Columbus Day Parade on October 8 and on November 1. The Divisions are participating in a fund-raising effort sponsored by a brunch from a major department store chain.

At a recent State Board meeting, President Perrin announced that increasing LAOH membership is a top priority goal. Three State Life Memberships were awarded to Clare Cusack, Mary Healy and Jean Finnegan of Division 4.

Ladies Pennsylvania State News

The 1989 Biennial Convention was held July 19-22 in Wilkes Barre. The newly elected State Officers are Claire McNelis, president; Alice Henry, vice president; Sarah Mains, secretary; Shirley Murphy, treasurer; Mary Margaret Maurath, Irish historian; Rose McGonigal, missions; and Dorothy Weldon, Catholic Action. The two-day session of meetings were conducted by State President Margaret Cooney. Guest speaker was AOH Past President Joseph Roche on MacBride Principles.

The Host Division, LAOH Wilkes Barre Division 1, St. John Neumann, with Monica Mullin, president and Luzerne County Board with Jeanette Wydo, president, graciously entertained the lady delegates with a Wine and Cheese Reception, a Luncheon/Fashion Show, and a Champagne Reception. The Convention established the Anna C. Malia Ruddy award in honor of the first Ladies national president, to be awarded bi-annually to a woman for her outstanding work in promoting Hibernianism. President Cooney presented the first award to Sister Maria Veronica I.H.M. for her outstanding work as Archivist at Valley Forge to honor the 66 Irish Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. A plaque

was presented to Rev. Ronan Deegan, TOR, our State Chaplain, for his eight years of service.

The Claddagh Degree Team of Allegheny County exemplified Major Degrees to 33 candidates in a beautiful and impressive ceremony. The closing Mass of the Convention was the St. Brigid's Mass with Fr. Deegan as celebrant. The procession was led by the Piper followed by the State Officers of the AOH and LAOH. The gifts of St. Brigid were presented by county presidents. Sarah Mains, past state chairman of Missions, was the coordinator.

Washington County

Dorothy Weldon, president, Charleoi LAOH Division 4 has been very active in projects. An afghan, made by Mary Ellen O'Neill, was raffled at the August picnic. The members manned an Irish Booth at St. Jerome's Church Ethnic Bazaar. To Transfiguration Church was donated an altar cloth and Communion napkins. A set of vestments is now being made by member Garnet DiBuona, as a gift for Thomas Dehmler on his ordination in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Again they joined with AOH Division 1 in the annual picnic. Father Cook, C.S.S.P., a native of Ireland and missionary in Africa for 25 years, was their special guest at the picnic and meeting.



PENNSYLVANIA LAOH Officers for 1989-1991 are, left to right, Rose McGonigal, missions; Dorothy Weldon, Catholic Action; Mary Margaret Maurath, Irish historian; Claire McNelis, president; Alice Henry, vice president; Sarah Mains, secretary; and Shirley Murphy, treasurer.

Whitestone Juniors Win



JUDGING SCRAPBOOKS submitted by the nine Junior Divisions, LAOH, in New York state was high on the agenda of the LAOH 47th biennial convention recently held in Auburn. Winner of the competition was Junior Division of Our Lady of Knock Division 15, organized only one and a half years ago. Pictured at left is New York State Vice President Anne Halpin Armao presenting the Junior Coordinator Mrs. Marianne Fiescher, with a first place prize check in the amount of \$50. Last year the fledgling Whitestone Juniors won second prize in the Banner Contest.

Irish Roots

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guests. Here at last I had found the warmth and hospitality as characteristic of the Irish people as the damp cold chill is characteristic of the land.

I stayed with Meg, my elderly cousin and now a dear friend, for the next few days and experienced a lifestyle as beautiful as it was foreign to me; for the jewel of Ireland is its countryside.

A city girl born and bred, I have lived only in San Francisco and Los Angeles. I drew parallels between those cities and the Irish ones I visited and found the Irish cities lackluster by comparison.

But the countryside is unlike anything I'd ever experienced. The land is so natural and unspoiled, revelling in its craginess and gnarly pastures. And it truly is a greener green. It's not simply that there's more of it due to the incessant rain. It's actually a different quality of green than you will see anywhere else.

And if one is to travel to the countryside, I would suggest foregoing a hostel or B&B and seeking shelter with one of the locals who rent rooms in the summer. A stay in a rustic country farmhouse is something you won't soon forget.

With no electric heating, I went to bed with the weight of heavy wool blankets covering me, and the pungent scent of a turf fire. In the morning I awoke to a breakfast of brown shelled eggs fresh from the hen out back, and Irish porridge, the remainder of which is fed to the calves if you don't finish it. All meals are cooked in big, black iron pots, the kind which inspire fairy tales about witches. And all is washed down with hearty Irish tea. Absolutely everything my senses absorbed had strong Irish flavor.

I had never experienced such a basic lifestyle before. I don't think I'd ever been in a home without carpeting before! And as I sat in the kitchen with my tea the last night of my stay, some neighbors stopped by to watch Dynasty on television, the first American thing I had noticed since leaving home. And I couldn't help but marvel at the cross-cultural hybrid of extravagance and simplicity brought together that night in a small farmhouse in the country side of Ireland.

Rosalie Hebron Honored As Woman of Year

Mrs. Rosalie Hebron, past president of the Queens County Board, LAOH, was honored recently as "The Woman of The Year" by the National Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Jackson Heights, N.Y.

For almost thirty years the Hibernians in Queens County have benefited from Rosalie Hebron's interest in Hibernianism. She was five times president of Division 10, Jackson Heights; served in most offices on the County Board and was president from 1977 to 1979, as well as chairman of various County functions through the years.

Rosalie was named "Woman of The Year" in recognition of her devotion to the parish. During the years she has been treasurer of the Rosary Society; president of the Senior Citizens Society for the past six years; was active in the Legion of Mary and a lector at Sunday Mass.

HIBERNIAN READERS' GUILD A.O.H.

MONTHLY BOOK SELECTION

Especially for Christmas

SEPTEMBER

Christmas in Ireland introduced by Colin Morrison

"Christmas for us small lads growing up in the 20's was a pool of light in the inky darkness of winter," writes Eamon Kelly in this feast of stories and poems by Ireland's best known writers, including John B. Keane, Seamus Heaney, Hugh Leonard, and Clare Boylan.

In this book we join with them in remembering Christmases of long ago when the world was young and we were sitting by our own firesides. Casting our minds back to Bethlehem, we experience once again "all the little lights winking and blinking through the dark, until, as the man said, the earth below seemed like a reflection of the starry heavens above."

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STATE NEWS: New York Taking in the Great Fair



AT THE GREAT "Irish Fair" in Brooklyn, left to right, are AOH notables, Kings County President Tom Rogers; National Secretary Tom McNabb; National Director Jack Irwin; National Awards Chairman Richard Rogers; and Kings County Vice President Paul Morrissey.

New York Pro Life

To all my dear brothers and sisters in Hibernianism,

I write to each of you as leaders of the AOH with a fervent thanksgiving for past favors as well as a reverent appeal for financial aid to assist mothers-to-be, for counseling aid as well as care for the unborn child.

First I must thank you all and most especially our past N.Y. State President, Ed Carley, for all the support he gave me as a State Pro-Life chairman of the AOH. We were fortunate in extending our efforts to

many other States as well. I am grateful for the outstanding tribute paid to me at our convention on July 15, 1989; by the applause as well as the letters read by Ed Carley from extraordinary people like John Cardinal O'Connor; Fr. Virgil C. Blum, S.J., Pres., Catholic League; our own Denis Dillon, D.A.; the K. of C.; the U.S. Senate; The N.Y. Senate and the Assembly members and the final touch, President George Bush.

Ever since President Ed Carley threw me the ball as Pro Life Chairman, we have been running with it as fast as we can, and have actually come within ten yards of the goal line in reestablishing legal protection for the unborn. But we need funds for the final play. Please go the extra yardage in fulfilling President Michael Coogan's appeal for \$100 or

more from each division, remembering Pope John Paul II's statement that Charity was not the excess of our tables, but the very essence of ourselves. Do what you can, but time is important.

Make checks payable to: New York State AOH Pro Life Fund, c/o Charles W. Welch, Chairman, 84 South Washington Ave., Centereach, NY 11720. (Telephone is 516-467-8058). All checks will be turned over to the NY State treasurer.

The committee is establishing a pro-life plaque award, one of which will go to each of the five top divisions in our pro-life campaign; more about this later. We also ask the support of the Ladies AOH without whose help we cannot reach our goal.

Charles W. Welch
N.Y.S. Pro-Life Chairman

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Queens County Officers



BAYSIDE, N.Y. — Queens County Officers were recently installed here in St. Roberts. Left to right, front row, are Patrick Moynihan, vice-president; Dennis Waters, past president; Patrick Butler, president. Back row, Monsignor Kieran Martin, chaplain; John Mahoney, treasurer; Patrick Curran, marshal; Patrick Rooney, financial secretary; and Robert Lynch, sentinel. Missing from picture is Thomas Byrnes, recording secretary.

'A Bit of Ireland' on Sundays

New York's southern tier has an Irish radio program. Cattaraugus County Board President, Bill Connelly, is host of "A Bit of Ireland," an Irish music and information program on WMNS 1360 in Olean.

The program began on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1989, and was received so well in the Olean area that sponsors for the show are on a waiting list.



BILL CONNELLY hosts popular Irish radio show.

Visiting Irish



DR. SEAMUS HEGARTY, Bishop of Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland, visits with New York Hibernians Willie Joe Cunningham and his wife Ellen.

Man of the Year Honored at Nassau County Feis

DATELINE: Binghamton, NY

Dear Chief:

YR apologizes for this article being late. The boys from Nassau County were holding their 17th Annual Feis, Sunday, September 17, 1989 at Plainview, NY. The boys and some of the ladies asked YR if he could make it. Perhaps YR should mention who the boys and ladies were, so you won't be angry with him. There was the guy with the great shock of white hair, Jack Irwin and his lovely wife, Mary Ann; Dick Rogers, John Ryan, who always plays the cop on the door, Tommy Farrell, who beats the big bass drum in the Tara Pipe and Drums of Division 15. There were a few others, Tom Myles, John Boyle, George Waters, Rosalie Rairden, Clare Deucher, Noel Kingston and Jim Cummings.

These people said that they were going to honor a Hibernian for what he has done and what he has failed to do. I said that sounded more like the Confiteor. So being a good reporter, YR went to see and hear about this special Hibernian.

Chief, it was a strange sight. Up on this stage were 20 or 30 people all vying to pay their respects to their honored guest. There were AOH and LAOH members. There were politicians, from the state level right down to council members from the various towns in Nassau County, not to mention the Nassau County Executive, Tom Gulotta, the County Comptroller, Peter King and the District Attorney, Denis Dillon.

Joining Jack Irwin, the MC for the day, as Hibernians first and foremost, were Hugh Ford, Noel Kingston, that singer of renown, Mike Carroll, the National AOH Vice-Pres., Frank Kearney, National Director from Conn. There was Tom Myles up there along with George Waters, Rosalie Rairden, Charlie Welsh, John Hennessy, Tommy Farrell, John Kiernan, Francis X. Ryan, Bill Burke, Tom Clarke, Frank Beirne, Kathy Holmes, Steve Grogan, Pat Thompson, Mary Holt Moore, and a few others.



DAVID HENSHAW, editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*, at center holding plaque, was recently honored as "Man of the Year" at the Nassau County AOH 17th Annual Feis. Joining in bestowing this honor were, left to right, Peter King, county comptroller; Denis Dillon, county district attorney; Gregory Peterson, Hempstead town supervisor; Rosalain Reardon, state Catholic Action chairman; Thomas Gulotta, Nassau Co. executive; Dave Henshaw; Clare Deucher, president, Nassau Co. AOH; Joseph Mondello,

The Nassau County AOH and LAOH dedicated this year's Feis to Claire Stubbs. Claire has been associated with this Feis since its inception. She was the Mistress of Ceremonies in the early 80's. She received the Nassau County LAOH "Woman Of The Year" Award in 1987. She is a member of Division 2, Westbury, LAOH. Interested in things Irish, Claire is also a member of the North Shore Irish Cultural Society, American Irish Congress, New York History Roundtable and the Comhlathas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Mulligan-Quinn Branch. She's a lovely lady, who cried when presented with a plaque.

Chief, the gentleman who was honored was introduced by John Ryan, who was wearing many hats

on this day. This was the official introduction. All during these proceedings, accolades were rained down upon this soft-spoken person. Everyone claimed him as a friend. All proclaimed his work for the Irish and the AOH, from the division level, to the county, to the state, to the national. All said he did, was doing, is doing and will continue to do the best job possible.

To give some background on this esteemed citizen of Nassau County, one must cross the sea to Ireland. He was born in Dublin as were his parents, Arthur and Mary, nee Rice. He was schooled by the Christian Brothers at Narino and St. Joseph's. He is a graduate of the Dublin Technical Institute.

In 1962, he and his lovely wife,

Hempstead town supervisor; John Ryan, Nassau Co. AOH president and Feis chairman; Kerry Dawn Gullick, winner, Miss Irish American Society; Joseph Kearney, Hempstead town councilman; Fred Parola, state assemblyman; Thomas Farrell, Nassau Co. AOH vice president and Feis co-chair; and Dan Fisher, Hempstead town clerk. Missing from the picture are National Vice President Michael Carroll, National Director Frank Kearney, and National Director and Feis M.C. Jack Irwin.

Carmel, immigrated to the U.S. where he joined the Carpenters and Joiners Union, Local 608. He resides in Lynbrook. He and his wife have five children, all married. They enjoy their six grandchildren.

He is a charter member of Division 5, Nassau County, on Nassau's South Shore. He has held every Division office. He was a County President. He served with distinction as Nassau County Feis Chairman, Feis Journal Chairman and as "Feis M.C." He has served on the NYS AOH Board. At the National level, he has served as Public Relations Director. He is a delegate to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade from Nassau County for the past 14 years. He has also served as an aide to the Grand Marshal. In addition to

all this, he has been cited by many organizations, Irish and non-Irish, and politicians from his hometown up to the Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo.

In his remarks, he took issue with the manufacturers of greeting cards which continue to vilify the Irish. He urged all there to boycott the products of these companies.

Chief, YR packed up his pad and pencil, folded his tent, and retreated to the rolling hills which surround his home to ruminate on the events of this great day for this grand gentleman whom YR also considers a friend. Oh! His name? It's David Henshaw, Editor of the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Your Reporter,
Mike Heslin

Irish Queen Crowned at Wantagh



KERRY DAWN GILLICK, the newly crowned Queen at the Irish-American Center for Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Long Island, is surrounded by her proud family. From left are her father, Lawrence T. Gillick, member of Division 7, the Honorable Tom Gulotta, Nassau County Executive and associate member of Division 7; her mother, Patricia A. Gillick, Heather B. Gillick and Lawrence T. Gillick, Jr. Also at her table were Thomas Gillick and his wife Mary, Kerry's godmother, Betty Hanna, Bob Beardon and Cathy, and Harold L. Crane, CRB, past president of Division 7, Wantagh.

Hibernians All



GETTING TOGETHER for a reunion at Eamon Doran's Restaurant in New York are past students of Rockwell College, Tipperary. From left, Noel Kingston, Kiernan Keown, Leo Murphy and Eamon Doran.

IRISH TRIVIA

(Answers to questions on Page 20)

1. Michael Logan, born in Co. Galway, in 1836.
2. California, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio.
3. Hugh O'Brien, of Co. Fermanagh.
4. He became an actor and a lecturer on temperance.
5. 36%.
6. Armagh.
7. 1973.
8. Liam O'Flaherty's "The Informer".
9. The Peatler of St. Columba.
10. Article II.

Reference: *Irish Trivia*, Mary McCaffery, H. Quinlan and M. Quinlan, Quinlan Press, Boston, MA, 1985.

Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

The Last Rose of Summer. It's over! Pete Rose is gone from baseball. The Commissioner stuck to his guns. Pete Rose did not go into the dark of night silently. He still denies he has a problem. He says he will apply for re-instatement in one year, as the rule allows.

To take his last statement first: Of all those who have been barred, banned or otherwise suspended from baseball prior to Rose, none have been reinstated. To his first statement "He doesn't have a problem": Denial is one of the symptoms. It goes like this. If you deny there is a problem, then there isn't a problem. Pete, you do have a problem. This is not a "holier-than-thou" statement. This is said with the hope he gets the help he needs.

The next question that arises, "Should Pete Rose be allowed in the Hall of Fame"? Some say yes. Others say NO! During his career, Rose was known as Charlie Hustle on the field. He has done some remarkable things. He surpassed Ty Cobb. Off the field, Rose is acting like a spoiled brat and more like a hustler. He still sells his name for \$15.00 even after the Commissioner's actions. YR says Rose's feats should be in the Hall of Fame. Rose, the person, should not. As the last rose of summer, he still smells.

Bart Giamatti, R.I.P. — The man who had to deal with the question of Rose is dead. He died as a result of a massive heart attack. This was a tragic loss, for his family, for baseball, for the academic world, for the fans.

Here was a man, 51 years old, a man known as an academic, a man who had taught at Yale, a man who went on to become president of Yale, a baseball fan. He was more than

just a fan. He was a Red Sox fan. He gave up being president of Yale to take a job in baseball. It probably paid more money, but it didn't carry the prestige that being president of Yale did.

Why would a person do this? Why would anybody in their right mind leave the hallowed halls of ivy for the loud-mouth, uncouth likes of some fans, to take the verbal and written abuse of some fans who get incensed over a ruling by the commissioner. Bart Giamatti was a consummate fan. He was a Red Sox fan. Living in Yankeland, YR does not know many Red Sox fans, only two, Bernie Buckley and his brother, Red Heslin. Buckley was such a die-hard Red Sox fan, he refused to drink Ballantine Beer, smoke White Owl cigars or put Atlantic gas in his car. These were the advertisers of the Yankees. From what YR has read about Bart Giamatti, he would have been right at home with these two gentlemen.

Giamatti went from NL president to Commissioner. He faced the toughest challenge of his career, the Pete Rose caper. Rose and his lawyers denied all the accusations about gambling. Rose and his lawyers took Giamatti and baseball from court to court. Giamatti never wavered, never changed, never varied from what it says in the rules. You gamble on baseball, especially your own team, you're gone!

Did Giamatti relish this? Did he savor the taste of victory? He did not! When he made his statement, Giamatti said it was a sad day for baseball. This was not something he wanted to do. This was something he had to do!

Consider this day and age; when all the bleeding hearts and do-gooders are running around telling all who

New York Golf Tourney Results

The Annual AOH New York State Golf Tournament was held at the Winding Brook Golf Club on Saturday, August 19. The 47 participating golfers, 42 men and 5 women, were from Auburn, Camillus, Hudson, Troy, Schenectady, Syracuse and the host division, Albany.

The tournament was followed by a full course steak dinner at Albany's Hibernian hall, prepared by chef Desi Gilroy and his wife Tisha. After dinner, Sports Chairman Ken Aldrich awarded trophies to the following winners:

Low Gross, John Becker, Troy. Low Net, 71, Terry Burke, Troy.

Longest Drive, 2nd hole, M. Emanation, Troy. Longest Drive, 17th hole, Pat Flanagan, Albany.

Closest to Pin, 3rd hole, Mike McGann, Schenectady. Closest to Pin, 11th hole, Joe Costisic, Troy. Most Honest Golfer, Mike McCue, Albany.

Low Gross, Ladies, Joyce Lynch, Albany. Low Net, Ladies, Sue Meest, Albany.

A special thanks to Joe Fitzpatrick and Norm Shea, members of Div. 5, Albany, who supplied the prizes for the golfers who did not win trophies. Norm Shea did a great job of chairing this event under trying conditions; also thanks to the official starter, Michael Hession, and to Joe Breslin who did an outstanding job of keeping track of the finances and the scores. A full day's work!

A vote taken after the festivities unanimously gave Div. 5, Albany the hosting of next year's tournament.

Tom Ryan

will listen that this rule or that law should be changed; when the criminal is the victim and the victim is the criminal; when people who commit crimes are sentenced to doing community service work, a la Oliver North and Rob Lowe; when

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Benefit Golf Tourney All Around Success

BROOKSIDE, MA: The first Brookside Hospital-Sally Quinlan Pro-Am drew an estimated 4,000 plus Cape Cod followers to the beautiful Blue Rock Golf course on a gorgeous sunny day. The very well behaved throng was treated to a fine day of golf played by the best women golfers in the world, joined by the amateur playing partners.

The field assembled was probably the best Pro-Am Field in LPGA history. In the pro group were Pat Bradley of Westford and nearby Osterville, the leading all-time money winner in the history of women's golf. Pat is on a great comeback year, after being disabled for two years by Graves Disease. She won the Centinella tournament in California, and later had three strong consecutive finishes in the Lady Keystone, McDonald's, and DuMaurier tournaments. Pat has been an original and continuous sup-



PAT BRADLEY, LPGA, all-time leading winner in women's golf and a regular supporter of AOH Div. 14, Watertown's Tara Hall Sportsnights, entering the Brookside Hospital-Sally Quinlan Pro-Am competition.



SALLY QUINLAN, center, with four amateur tournament participants, left to right, Dick Stimets, Bill Casey, Joe Hughes, Jr. and Mary Hobbs.

porter of Division 14 AOH, Watertown's Tara Hall Sportsnights, the proceeds of which are donated to the Tara Hall Home for Boys, Georgetown, S.C.

Joining Bradley at Blue Rock were leading money winner Betsy King; number four money winner Beth Daniel; Sally Little, a fourteen LPGA title winner, who made a special trip up from Florida to make her 12:10 tee time; Caroline Keggi, a strong rookie of the year candidate; Laura Hurlbut, consistent money winner and sister of Mike Hurlbut, PGA; Sue Ertle, Muffin Spencer-Devlin, and a host of other pros.

This charity field was a stronger array of talent than the previous

week's Boston Five Tenth Anniversary \$350,000 Classic. This is a tribute to the esteem and respect that her sister pros have for the great local player, Sally Quinlan.

Betsy King topped the pro competition with an even par which was one better than four runners-up Bradley, Ertle, Muffin Spencer-Devlin and Donna White. Sally Little's team won the team competition, with Pat Bradley's team finishing second. This first year charity event was very well run, well attended and a financial success. Cape Cod Golf followers are hoping that this will become an annual event.

Bob Coveney
Division #14, Watertown

Golfing In Ireland



ON HIS RECENT visit to Ireland, National Editor David Henshaw, center, was welcomed at the Rosslare Golf and Country Club in County Wexford. With him are Austin Skerritt, left, club pro, and Liam Brennan, steward of the course.

Hibernian Sports

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companies can trash loyal, long-term employees under the guise of bettering the company or they get more out of it this way. The mentality of the 80's leaves YR cold. Gilbert and Sullivan once wrote a song for one of their operettas, "Let The Punishment Fit The Crime." YR is not fond of things English but in this case, he will make an exception. That song is quite apropos for Mr. Rose. He knew what he was doing. He chose to ignore the warnings. As the nuns were always telling YR in school, "The more talents God gives you, the more you have to answer for when you reach the final judgment." Rose seems intent on squandering his talents.

Some writers and sportscasters have Giamatti a renaissance man. YR looked up Renaissance Man in his FunkWagnalls. It states "a person who has wide interests and is expert in several areas." Giamatti was a Renaissance Man.

Bart Giamatti was more than that. Bart Giamatti was the type of man all of us can relate to. He was the type of person our father was, our mother was, our uncles and aunts were, what their friends were. What some of our friends are. He was an old-fashion man, a man of principle. Bart Giamatti was a man of his word. May he rest in peace.

Football. Yes, it's that time of year again. Baseball isn't done. Football's started and hockey players are in training camps. First to the college ranks.

ND looked awesome in its opener. The next Saturday ND took on Michigan. It was #1 vs #2. The first half started slow. At the final gun, ND with its "Rocket" had outshone Michigan. In the East, Syracuse had a tough time with Army. This doesn't speak too well for Syracuse or their many fans. Can ND do this week after week? Only God knows! He doesn't tell YR, even if it's the gospel according to the Hibernian Digest.

The Pros are off and running. Who will go to the Super Bowl in January? Why, the two teams who finish at the top in their respective divisions at the end of the playoffs, of course. Yes, YR is being smart. Just keeping you on your toes for the season.

For those of you who like trivial in-

formation, here are some facts and figures on making it to the pros. First to quote from an interview done by the Federation of State High Schools Associations. They asked a group of youngsters what they thought the odds were in getting to play for the pros. These kids answered, 50-50. This is a far cry from reality. Here are the stats: 1,000,000 high school boys play football. The NFL employs fewer than 1,300 players. Of these 1,300 only 160 or so are rookies. This is a far, far, lower percentage than the 50% the kids gave.

What about the NBA? The NBA employs 300 players per year. At most, 40 to 50 new players make these teams. At the high school level, there are 500,000 kids playing roundball. Baseball's better, you say. 400,000 kids play baseball at the high school level. The major league retains only 750 players on their rosters. Throw in the minor leagues, that's another 4,100 players.

Hockey? The NHL has about 500 players on team rosters. Motor Sports? The International Motor Sports Association estimates that 2,000 drivers compete in professional racing of which only 1 in every 5 makes a living at it. Bowling? There are millions of bowlers out there. You know some of them. You see them at the bowling alleys when you go bowling on your league night. Only 150 bowlers manage to make it as touring pros. You want to be a touring pro bowler? A few of the qualifications are: 18 years of age, a high school diploma and 190 average for two consecutive years in league play. Golf? There are thousands of golfers out here. Some have very decent handicaps. Others, like YR, have handicaps that look like an astronomical number. Out of all these, there are only 350 men and 270 women who compete on the professional tour.

That's what it looks like. In case you do make it or have an offspring that does, remember that even the greatest athletes reach their careers' end in their 30's or 40's. This is the prime of life for the rest of us.

Game Over. That's it for this time along the sidelines. Send your cards and letters to P.O. Box 156 ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904. God bless!

Sean McGuinness

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and the two Governments must together demonstrate their firm commitment at all times to moving the Agreement forward.

Never has there been such a vital need for innovative and creative thinking within and about Northern Ireland; never has there been a greater urgency about translating such thinking into practical steps forward. Both the British and Irish Governments have responsibilities in this regard, as well as both sectors of the community in Northern Ireland. For our part, we must — as we do — strive to understand that mix of emotions, interests and loyalties from which Unionism draws its character and strength. We have continually to remind ourselves of their fears. We have to ensure that our friendship is not mistaken for threat, and our genuine concerns dismissed as one-sided complaints.

The Irish Prime Minister, the Taoiseach Charles Haughey, has repeatedly made clear that the Irish Government wants to enter a new dialogue with Unionists. Our door is open, and we stand ready to advance to meet our Unionist colleagues in

mutual respect and friendship. We say directly to Unionist leaders: there is nothing to be lost — neither self-respect nor political advantage nor integrity of position — by meeting with us to discuss together how we can share this island; the gain will be for all the people of Northern Ireland who long for leadership out of the present political impasse.

We will address the period ahead with the same unwavering commitment to a resolution of the problems of Northern Ireland which informed our approach to this Organisation twenty years ago. On that occasion, the then Irish Foreign Minister emphasized that "Differences in political outlook or religious belief need not set people apart . . . the real barriers are those created by fear, suspicion and intolerance." Today, I again evoke that sentiment, applicable not just in Northern Ireland, but in so many situations worldwide. If our discourses at this annual debate of the General Assembly do anything to enlarge understanding or to help lower those barriers, then they will indeed have proved worthwhile.

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Nat'l Awards Recipients from East and West

DAYTON, OHIO — October 21: The National Awards program of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held today in conjunction with the National Board's meeting and their Testimonial Dinner honoring the National President.

The Board is pleased to announce the following awards:

\$1500, Janet L. Adam, 1584 Plank Road, Webster, New York
\$700, James P. Hagerty, 242 W. Third Street, South Boston, Mass.
\$300, Rev. Patrick G. Branigan, 168 Hill St., Southampton, New York
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The entire National Board offers its grateful appreciation to all who participated in the 1989 National Awards program.

Richard Rogers
National Awards Chairman

President's Message

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By Michael J. Coogan, National President

We have just completed two days of National Board meetings in Dayton, Ohio, which were climaxed by the National President's Testimonial Dinner and the presentation of the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award. I would like to thank the committee, composed of members of the Dayton Division and chaired by Robert Butler, for making this one of the finest and smoothest run meetings ever. This is not my opinion only; it is also shared by many others who attended.

In addition, I wish to thank the members of the National Board and the Ladies' National Board for the beautiful gifts of Galway and Waterford crystal. Kay and I will cherish them for the rest of our lives.

Oliver Kearney, the recipient of the first Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award, was very worthy of the honor. His acceptance speech held everyone spellbound. A special thanks goes to Mike Carroll, who chaired this committee, and to Past National President Joe Roche, who first had the idea of the award and saw to the creation of the bust of Sean MacBride.

The Board meeting was, I feel, very successful. I wish to thank the members of the Board for their dedication and hard work in carrying out both their elected and appointed offices. I urge all State, County, and Division officers to implement the

policies of the National Board at their particular levels. Feel free to write or call any National Officer if help is needed. Only by continuing to work together as we have in the past will be accomplish our goals.

Attention all Division Presidents: With the election of new officers which must take place before January 1st, be sure to send to the National Secretary a Form 9 listing your elected and appointed division officers for 1990.

There has been some misunderstanding about a press release issued by our National Public Relations Director, Michael Cummings, to the *Catholic New York*. Due to an editing error by the paper, Cardinal O'Connor's name was left out, which caused some concern among our members.

Cardinal O'Connor has proven to be a good friend to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish. The press release acknowledged his concern for the undocumented Irish, and the conflict in Ireland. The point of the article was that more leadership like that of Cardinal O'Connor, and Cardinal Law of Boston, is needed from all of the U.S. Catholic bishops. I have written Archbishop Pilarczyk, the newly elected president of the Catholic Bishops Conference, to begin a dialogue with the hope of encouraging such leadership.



A SMILING National President Mike Coogan, center, enjoying the presence of left to right, Oliver Kearney, Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award recipient; Ladies AOH National President Mrs. Mary McEnery; Mrs. Bridget Kearney, and National Chaplain Fr. Donal O'Carroll.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Michael Coogan and his wife Kay are surrounded by their family on the occasion of Mike's Testimonial Dinner in Dayton, Ohio.

Over 300 Come to Honor Coogan



DAYTON, OHIO: National Vice President Michael Carroll, Chairman of the Award Committee, reads the inscription on the Sean MacBride bust presented to Oliver Kearney, who listens with his wife Brigid. Intently reading along is National President Michael Coogan, at whose Testimonial Dinner the first presentation of the Bi-Annual Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award took place.

DAYTON, OHIO: The National Board of the AOH held a testimonial dinner in honor of National President Michael Coogan on Friday and Saturday October 20 and 21. Joined by the National Ladies Board, the very successful affair was attended by over 300 people.

In conjunction with the testimonial to President Coogan, the first Sean MacBride Bi-Annual Humanitarian Award was presented to Oliver Kearney of County Antrim, Ireland. Kearney is professionally qualified as a fellow of the British Institute of Personnel Management and author of the book, *A Long Road to March — The Battle Against Discrimination*. Oliver was joined by his beautiful wife Brigid and beautiful daughter Dymphna.

Oliver spoke eloquently of the current conditions in Northern Ireland and how important it is to bring to the legislatures across the United States the true story of conditions there. The story is beginning

to get told as Irish Americans pursue passage of the MacBride Principles, explaining and illustrating how their adoption will help end workplace discrimination by American companies in Northern Ireland.

The Sean MacBride award presented to Kearney is a life-size bust of the Nobel Laureate, forged in Co. Kerry, Ireland, by Irish sculptress Paula O'Sullivan.

Also a guest on the dais was William Sherwin, executive secretary of the International Right to Life Federation, who spoke at the meetings on Friday. He is a native of Delvin, Co. Cork, Ireland, and works out of Rome, Italy, as administrator of the Federation.

Three resolutions were adopted by the National Board in the business sessions: the release of the Birmingham Six; British army band protests; and a new national holiday in the Order — the feast of the Holy Innocents celebrated on December 28 — a Day of Commemoration for

the Order to conduct anti-abortion activities. National President Coogan called for Hibernians "To heed the call of the Holy Father and stand up and speak out against abortion. The Feast of the Holy Innocents is a most appropriate time to especially remember those who have been slaughtered with the aid of our tax funds, which like the swords of Herod's soldiers, abet this intrinsic evil." And "Irish-Americans," concluded Coogan, "must show the way to alternatives, compassionate understanding, and to a government guided by moral principles, not the path of least resistance."

On the Birmingham Six resolution President Coogan stated, "The Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six cases have been symbols of anti-Irish bias that permeates English Society. . . . The continued imprisonment of the Irishmen, without anything remotely resembling American due process," noted Coogan, "is proof positive of the

Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference Issues Statement

DUBLIN, IRELAND: A meeting of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference was held in Belfast on 18 October 1989. The British Government was represented by the Joint Chairman, Mr. Peter Brooke, MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, accompanied by Mr. John Cope, MP, Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office. The Irish Government was represented by the Joint Chairman, Mr. Gerard Collins, TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and by Mr. Ray Burke, TD, Minister for Justice and Communications. The Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) and the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána (Irish Police Force) were also present at the meeting.

The Conference continued the intensive discussions which have now taken place over three meetings on a range of issues relating to confidence in the security forces and the system of justice. Both sides considered

these discussions had been constructive and worthwhile and had enabled each side to set out clearly its views and concerns.

In discussing specific difficulties in this field both sides start from the common ground of their joint commitment to the Agreement in all its aspects and their determination to make the fullest possible use of the process of dialogue it affords them.

They agree that confidence in the impartiality and integrity of the security forces is critically important for their common objectives as set out in the Agreement and Review document. Any collusion between members of the security forces and paramilitaries is an issue of the utmost gravity in this respect and requires urgent action to allay public concern and to demonstrate that no departure from the rule of law by any member of the security forces will be tolerated. It was confirmed that the disciplinary aspects of all such cases

would be dealt with on the principle that there could be no place in the security forces for those who betrayed their trust.

Against that background, the British side set out at the Conference certain actions that had been set in train following recent events.

The investigation which the Chief Constable of the RUC has requested the Deputy Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire to undertake is, as evidenced by the charges already brought, being conducted both rigorously and promptly, with a view to the earliest comprehensive report. Thereafter the British Government will address expeditiously any implications of the report which are for them and will consider whether any further measures are needed. A full public statement will be made on the issue at that stage.

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Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Open Letter to Congress

Dear Members of Congress:

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the largest and oldest Irish American organization in America is calling on members of Congress to support House Concurrent Resolution 62.

This resolution calls on the Attorney General of this great nation to carry out the rulings of the courts as they apply to Joseph Patrick Doherty. Doherty is presently in his seventh year of incarceration at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, although he has never been charged with any crime in this country. In 1984 Judge John Sprizzo's original ruling rejected Britain's request for extradition, and his decision has withstood six direct and indirect challenges from both the Reagan and Bush administrations. Every court, from the U.S. Court of Appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, has rejected arguments that Doherty be extradited to Northern Ireland. What is happening here is a flagrant disregard for the rulings of the courts by those in highest authority.

The facts of the case are not in dispute; what is in dispute is the denial by the Bush administration to carry out the rulings of the court. The actions of the Reagan and Bush administrations make a mockery of our sacred judicial system and read like something that would happen in Stalin's Russia or a Belfast Diplock court.

The resolution we ask you to support calls for the rulings of the Court to be upheld; we are asking for nothing more or nothing less. We are seeking the justice that Joseph Doherty deserves. Support of this issue can only be viewed as opting to uphold the laws and court decisions of this great nation. The oath of your office calls for this very support.

Thomas E. Gilligan
National Director and
National Organizer

John P. Cullinan
President
Florida AOH State Board

English government's determination to punish without proof in its transparent attempt to intimidate all Irish.

People came from across the country to honor Mike, including five past national presidents. Mike, who has dedicated thirty-five years of his life to the Noble Order, has held every National office and chaired many National Committees. He was joined by his whole family. Hibernians attending from around the area included Judy Leddy, the Countess

of Markievicz Division; Gerry Curran, Bill Powers, Jerry Preest, Bill Leddy, John O'Connor and Kevin Talty, representing the Padraic Pearse Division; along with Ron Crow, Pat Flanagan, Larry O'Callan, Paul Krumm, and Ann Daley, and the Gaelic League members, who with Fr. Donal O'Carroll and Fr. Healy, celebrated the Irish Mass.

The entire event was capably directed by chairman Bob Butler and his fine committee.

New NYC Parade Officials Elected

NEW YORK, NY: Some 400 delegates to New York City's Ancient Order of Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Parade participated in the nomination and election of the ten officers who will lead the Parade Committee for the next two years.

The new board of officers: Chairman, Francis Beirne; Vice Chairman, John Dunleavy; Recording Secretary, Margaret O'Rourke; Treasurer, Rosemary Lombard; Financial Secretary, Emmet Rogers; Corresponding Secretary, Peter Cassels, Sergeant-at-Arms, Patrick Reynolds; and Directors, Donald Sullivan, Martin Kearns and James B. Ferguson.

Four Parade Committee offices—Chairman, Vice Chairman, Financial Secretary and Directors—were contested, with eleven Hibernians competing for six positions. Five former New York County Board Presidents were after the top two posts, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The incumbent, Francis P. Beirne, won a third term as Chairman, beating back challenges by Martin Dunne and James Mulvihill. Incumbent Vice Chairman, Richard Cunningham, was ousted by John Dunleavy, who had been serving as Treasurer.

Division 1's Emmet Rogers was elected to the office of Financial Secretary, succeeding his uncle, Thomas Rogers. He won out over Timothy O'Regan, a Past President

of New York County's Div. 3 and the Parade's Chairman of Bands and Music. Three of young Emmet's uncles (Bernard and Paul, deceased, and Thomas), his father (Vincent Pat, deceased) and his grandfather, (Thomas Rogers Sr., deceased) were Parade Committee workers and Past Presidents of Division 1. Grandfather Tom Rogers, Sr. was an AOH Past New York State President and Past National Secretary.

Incumbent Directors Martin Kearns and Judge Donald Sullivan retained their offices, while James Barney Ferguson, former Parade Grand Marshal, edged out John Clarke of Div. 7 for the third Director post. Both Recording Secretary Margaret O'Rourke, immediate past president of the N.Y. County Ladies AOH, and Sergeant-at-Arms Patrick Reynolds were uncontested for their offices. Peter Cassels gave up the office of Director to run, unopposed, for Corresponding Secretary, the position vacated by Chairman-challenging Martin Dunne. Rosemary Lombard of NY County's Ladies AOH Div. 3 moved unchallenged into the Treasurer position, vacated by successful Vice-Chairman challenger, John Dunleavy.

The nominations and elections, held at New York's Sheraton Centre on successive evenings, were chaired by New York County Board President, Timothy Hartnett.

John J. Concannon



Questions and Answers

By Mr. William T. Malone

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Department of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

O'Shea

Q. Could you give me some background about my family name — O'Shea?

A. The name O'Shea includes a long and renowned line of influential descendants. From the Irish O Seaghdha the anglicized 'descendant of the Shea' means 'hawk-like, fearless'. Modern variants appear as O'Shea, Shea, O'Shee, and Shee. Together these names constitute one of the most numerous in Ireland, with a population over 12,000.

Shee, sounding like sea, is the anglicized pronunciation of Shea. This form of your name is rare outside of County Kilkenny. Of the Ten Tribes of Kilkenny, many say only the Shees can trace their roots to the Milesians, the last invaders of pre-Christian Ireland. Thus yours is a quality name.

A plurality of O'Sheas still live within the Kerry area where the family first asserted its influence. Until the 12th century, the O'Sheas were Lords of Iveragh. During the subsequent Norman invasion their power declined even though they retained the title Iveragh for several generations. Many members migrated into Counties Tipperary and Kilkenny. Odoneus O'Shea is recorded as the Lord of Sheelsland in Tipperary in 1381. Robert Shee became the chief burgess, the Sovereign of Kilkenny in 1499.

Sir William Shee (d.1869), served as the first Catholic judge in Ireland since the 1690 Revolution. He was also a member of Parliament. Captain Robert O'Shea served under Prince Charles at the Battle of Culloden in 1745. He continued his military career in France where at least five other O'Shees served as officers in the French army, usually leading noted Irish brigades.

Some noteworthy modern O'Sheas include: Sir Martin Archer (d.1850), twenty times President of the Royal Academy of London; Daniel Shee (d.1836) expelled from a professorship in Trinity after refusing to testify against some friend's involvements with the United Irishmen. In 1851, when the landlord murdered twelve year old Denis Shea, the Irish purported the story as the most shocking example of landlord atrocity. Parnell knew best the most notorious of all O'Sheas: Kitty, who lends her name to the pub where CU undergrads chunder after the subway closes.

Roohan

Q. Could you provide background on my family name; my grandfather emigrated from the Waterford region? Raymond J. Roohan, Jr., Delmar, NY.

A. The name Roohan finds itself with an extra o; Irish speakers in An Cheathru Rua, County Galway, says Connemara people are generous with letters. Related to your name are so many forms in English and Irish because each dialect observes its own spelling conventions. Pronunciation to a lesser degree and spelling greatly differ from region to region. Imagine what happens when an illiterate couple stands before an immigrant officer and tells him that their name is O Ruadhachain. Compound this with the gentleman from County Clare who earlier told the officer O Robhachain is his surname. And the one from Donegal claiming everyone calls him Mr. O Ruadhain! To the officer these all sound alike not only because this name does in Irish, but also his ear is not trained to distinguish between Irish sounds not usually found in English. If neither the Rohans, nor Misterns Rowan and Ruane know how to spell and write, then the officer uses the nearest equivalent he hears in his neighborhood or from someone else, and he spells it according to what he has seen.

The form Rohan although found mainly in County Kerry, appeared in eastern Cork as early as 1642 when Rohans from Thomond attacked Ballyalla Castle. The most prominent name holders derive from the Ui Maine or Hy Maine and live in East Galway where they use Rowan and Roughan. Ruane live in Mayo. Rowans lived throughout the four provinces and a distinct sept lived in southeastern Leinster since the 16th century. In the 17th century in Cork, O'Rohan and O'Roughane appear and Roghan in Cashel. Rowan creates a problem because it occurs indigenously from the earliest time as both an English and Norman name. The Norman form most common is (de) Rohan.

O'Leary

Q. Please tell me about the family name O'Leary. Ben Coyle, Akron, Ohio

A. Even though Dunlaoghaire was named after a fifth century Irish King his family has no connection to the Cork clan. The name O'Leary has always been closely associated with County Cork. Originally the family lived in the southwestern Cork area of Corca Laoithe. But, during the Norman invasions, they were displaced and moved into remote Inchigeela in western Cork where the Lee River and Lough Allua meet.

Once displaced, they lost their prominence, but continued to exert influence as ruling chiefs under the most powerful Muskerry McCarthys.

Pat Roper's Latest Record His Best Yet

NEW YORK, N.Y.: Pat Roper's growing legion of followers are heralding the release of his long awaited fifth record, "Ireland and America The Beautiful."

America's concern with cultural roots has been made more visible by the reawakening of interest in Irish and Irish American music in recent years. One of the first-rate artists to capture this Irish and American 'hands across the sea' sentiment on his recordings is Pat Roper.

According to Paddy Noonan of Rego Records who released the record, this is Pat Roper's best ever and it's backed up by the news that it is his fastest selling recording to date. Both Noonan, president of Rego Records and Dermot O'Brien, who produced and arranged the record, agree that the recording success is due to Roper's rendition of "My Son," which must be labeled his new signature song.

You'll cherish his handling of such new "standards" as My Son, Flight of Earls, Grace, After All These Years, and When New York Was Irish.

These new standards are



PAT ROOPER

juxtaposed to the vital, emotion-charged Irish rebel songs that came into being during the War for Irish Independence. Pat Roper's inspiring renditions of the Wild Colonial Boy, On the One Road, Green On the Green and Irish Soldier Boy will stir the patriotic feelings in us all.

As star-spangled as the flag itself

As an example of how numerous and influential they were, the Civil Survey of 1654 records ten O'Herlihs, forty-one McCarthys, and thirty-four O'Learys living in Muskerry barony.

Today about eighty-one percent of all O'Learys were born in this region of Cork. Even more amazing when you consider that approximately 10,100 O'Learys live in Ireland. The name itself gives further evidence of O'Leary prominence: County Cork has two Ballylearys.

During the Elizabethan and Plantation Wars, the O'Learys distinguished themselves against the invading English. They lost much of their holdings during the Desmond uprising and after Kinsale (1601) the noteworthy Mahon O'Leary was one of the first aristocrats to leave Ireland with d'Aquila. He continued a good career in the Spanish army. Many O'Learys fought with France. More recently, Ellen (d.1889) and Joseph (d.1855) were noted authors; Father Peter (Peadar O Laoghaire) was called the living master of Irish prose. John (d.1907) was the famous Fenian.

Conlon

Q. My family lived on Eddy Isle off the Kenmare coast. Could you please tell me the origin of my family name? James P. Conlon, Long Island, NY.

A. Your name has several variants in Irish: O Conallain, O Coinghiollain popular in Connacht; O Caoidealbhain the more popular elsewhere. With broad long vowels in the first and third syllables, the middle syllable would be given only the slightest pronunciation and it would be quick. Thus all of the Irish forms sound very similar; even the -ighiol- of Caoighiollain represent a barely audible /hul/: the second i requires an unpronounced i between it and the previous pronounced vowel (here o) it is simply a spelling rule.

Even in modern Hiberno-English the anglicized versions are sounded similarly. Conlon, Conlan, and Connellan, -nel- captures the slight unpronounced middle syllable of Irish, while the other two ignore it.

The principal O Conallain septs hail from Counties Roscommon and Galway and the O Coinghiollain from Sligo. Today the name's variants are still most popular in Counties Mayo and Sligo. In the seventeenth century, at least seven variants appeared in Petty's census of 1659 throughout Counties Roscommon, Clare, Sligo, Longford, Westmeath, Offaly, Kildare, and Louth.

Within the Westmeath and Meath region, the Irish spelling O Coindealbhain (again an unheard medial syllable), the bh sounds like w or v depending upon the dialect, and Coin, with emphasis on the i and little stress on o said quickly between c and n gives a Qu sound. In Hiberno-English the spelling Quinlan occurs. This branch dates to the King Laoghaire (the ferry port in South Dublin County), of St. Patrick's era. So the name has wily roots in several parts of the country.

In Munster, O Caoidealbhain is anglicized Quinlevan and Conlon. In Armagh, Connellan popular several generations appears more frequently as Conlon and Conlan.

The more notable individual name holders (about whom we know), come from Ulster. But Owen Connellan (1800-96), of Connacht, was a noted Gaelic Scholar. Tircconnell genealogies are focused upon in the medieval "Book of the O'Connells." Abraham O'Connell Bishop of Schorny (1492-1508), Thomas and Laurence, two brothers, acquired musical renown — Thomas in Ulster and Laurence in Scotland. Joseph of this century, became a leading northern activist in Ulster's GAA and Sinn Fein.

NOTE: Please forward questions to Mr. William T. Malone, Dept. of English, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064; include a self-addressed stamped business envelope and a check in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), payable to William T. Malone. Mr. Malone is a doctoral candidate in Irish Studies at CUA.

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Originally presented at the Irish Arts Center, "Plunkitt of Tammany Hall" draws upon the rich heritage of early New York City politics and politicians. Plunkitt was born in New York circa 1842, and died here in 1924. The material for this show is culled from "A Series of Very Plain Talks on Very Practical Politics." In Malachy's words, "It's hard to say whether he was a charming rogue, a corrupt politician, an honest scoundrel, a garrulous bore or a visionary."

Malachy McCourt, adapter of Plunkitt's stories, is an internationally renowned film, television and radio star. He has been seen in such vehicles as "Mass Appeal" on Broadway, "Ryan's Hope" and "Search for Tomorrow," on television, and feature films such as "Two for the Seesaw," "Brewster's Millions," "The Molly Maguires" and "The January Man."

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With floured hands, place dough on a lightly floured board or table and flatten into a circle about 1 1/4 inches thick. Place on a greased baking sheet and make a large cross in the dough with a floured knife.

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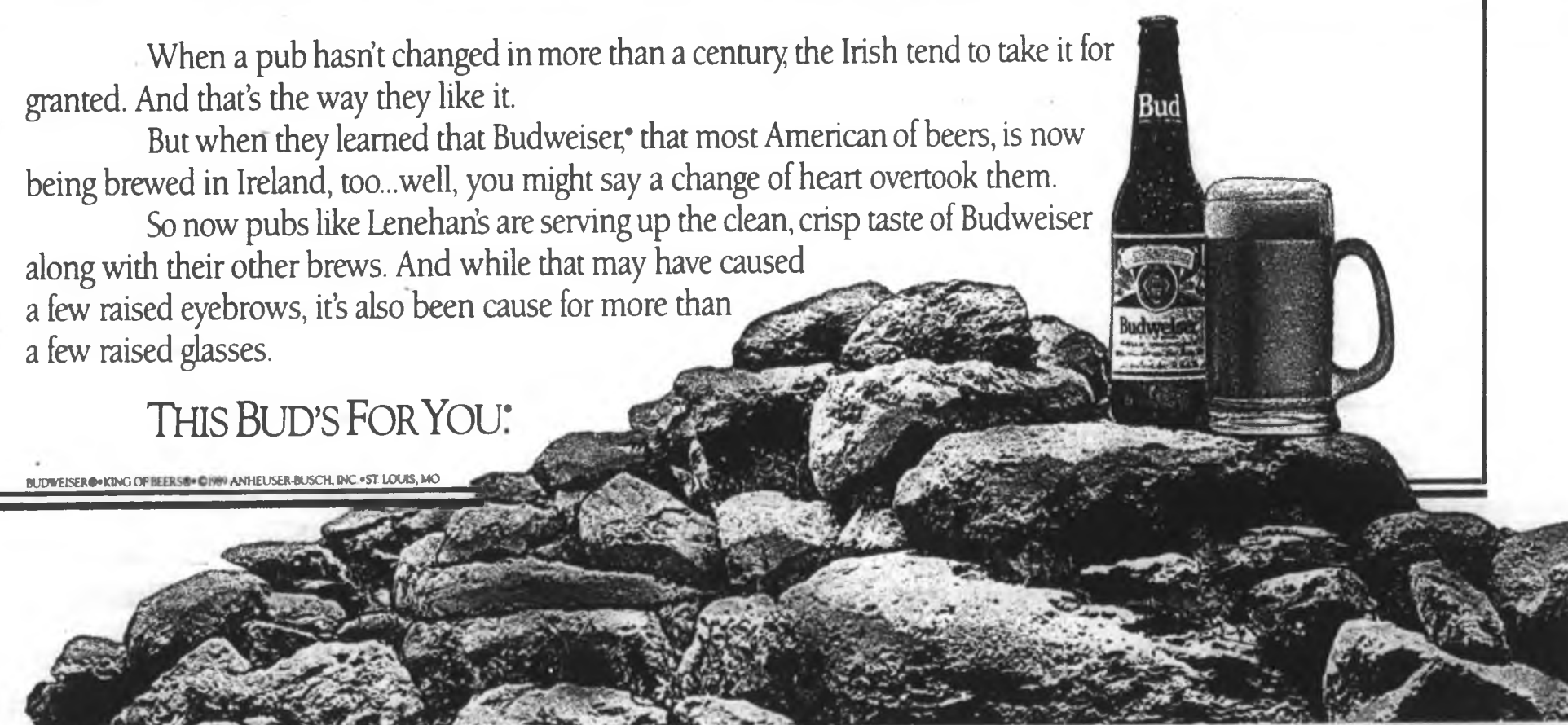
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BIRMINGHAM SIX INJUSTICE

Whereas, for nearly 16 years six Irishmen from Birmingham have been imprisoned in England for a crime they did not commit; and

Whereas, the evidence of their innocence has been amply demonstrated in a 15 month review of their case and in *Error of Judgement* authored by Chris Mullen, a Member of Parliament; and

Whereas, support for a retrial, release and/or amnesty of Walker, Hill, Hunter, McKenny, Callaghan and Power has been publicly and repeatedly called for by religious leaders like Anglican Bishop of Woolwich, Peter Hall, Tomas Cardinal O'Fiach, John Cardinal O'Connor and Bishop Edward Daly; and

Whereas, appeals for justice for these individuals have been publicly adopted by the European Parliament, (12/86) the Irish Dail (6/15/88) and by over 200 Members of the English Parliament (6/23/88), the NYC Common Council (6/89), the State Legislature of Massachusetts (10/87); and

Whereas, Amnesty International's "grave doubts about the official denials of ill treatment" by the police (Aug.88) have now been reinforced by the Aug.89 results of the Police Complaints Authority which confirm fabrication of evidence and confessions by some of the same officers involved in the Birmingham Six confessions; Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the National Board of Ancient Order of Hibernians call for the immediate release of the Birmingham Six and for full compensation for the British Government's conspiracy to imprison them unlawfully and unjustly; and Be It Further

Resolved, that this request be conveyed to the President and Secretary of State and to appropriate Members of Congress and the media.

BRITISH ARMY/AMERICAN TOUR

Whereas, the Black Watch and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders are

active regiments of the British Army; and

Whereas, these same regiments have seen substantial active service in six counties of Ireland known as Northern Ireland; and

Whereas, these same regiments were stationed in areas where occurred disputed deaths of innocent men, women and children by British soldiers; and

Whereas, since 1972 these and other British Army regiments as documented in *Shoot To Kill* by the International Lawyer's Inquiry have caused the deaths of 157 innocent men, women and children all under disputed circumstances suggesting an illegal and excessive use of force; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these deaths involved men, women and children of Catholic religious faith; and

Whereas, from that time until 1985 only one British soldier has ever been charged and served time in prison for this carnage; Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians petitions Columbia Artists and those sponsoring, organizing or otherwise responsible for the booking and payment of the Black Watch and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders regimental bands or their agents to cease and desist from promoting these performances as entertainment; Now Therefore Be It Further

Resolved, that the National Board request that these performances be canceled as a matter of human and moral decency and as a matter of concern for persecution for an oppressed minority; and Therefore Be It Further

Resolved, that until such time as the British soldiers responsible for these deaths appear before an impartial tribunal to account for these deaths we ask that no further tour arrangements be secured or sponsored by agents of the British Army or by American organizations; theatres, arenas or municipalities.

Greeting Card Campaign Nets Hallmark Co.

Hallmark Cards, Inc., St. Patrick's Day, and the Irish are all getting entangled.

The 1989 crop of St. Patrick's cards — probably the worse ever — brought out the best in the Irish throughout the country. Hallmark officials will meet with representatives of the American Irish Political Education Committee, reports Phil Chaney of Kansas City, MO — the home base for Hallmark.

The Irish community will be watching closely for improvements, noting that, of course, there is only one way to go since the company hit rock bottom in 1989.

'Irish Way' 1990 Dates Announced

ST. PAUL, MN: The Irish American Institute (IAI) announced that the 1990 Irish Way program for high school students will run from July 2-August 7.

The Irish Way provides American high school students with a comprehensive introduction to Ireland. Students are based on the Gormansan College campus outside of Dublin, and attend specially developed classes in Irish history, literature, language and dance. They take field trips and tours and experience a variety of cultural activities which includes attending plays, concerts and sporting events.

The highlight of The Irish Way for many students is the Home Stay, when each teenager spends a week with an Irish family.

For additional information, contact the IAI, 2115 Summit Ave., College of St. Thomas (5026), St. Paul, MN 55105, (612) 647-5678.

Rhonda Paisley Quits Her Father's Church

BELFAST—Rhonda Paisley, the DUP Belfast councillor, has resigned as a communicant member of the Free Presbyterian Church, led by her father, the Rev. Ian Paisley. It emerged last week that Ms. Paisley was, since last August, no longer a communicant member.

Ms. Paisley said that it was a personal matter which she did not want to discuss. Paisley, the Free Presbyterian Church moderator, said her resignation had been received "with great regret."

Birmingham Six Case Revisited

DUBLIN, IRELAND: A Detective Constable who arrested five of the Birmingham Six now says that he believes that they are innocent. Both the *Irish Times* and the *Irish Independent* give details of a British TV programme which claimed that Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist Squad had 13 years ago identified a link between the Guildford and Birmingham pub bombings.

The programme went on to name three men it understood had been responsible for the bombings. The three are said to be living in Ireland and serving various sentences, including one for murder in Ireland.

Irish Northern Aid Testimonial Dinner Set for January 19

Irish Northern Aid will hold their 18th annual Testimonial Dinner on Friday evening, January 19, 1990, at the Astorian Manor, Queens, N.Y. Tickets are \$50 each. A souvenir journal will be published and any assistance shall be greatly appreciated by Irish Northern Aid and by the families of Irish Political Prisoners.

Selected as honourees are Attor-

neys Mary Pike and Steven Somerstein; Kathleen O'Brien, I.N.A.; Boston; Martin Forde, Local 608 Carpenter's Union; Robert Linnon, National Chairman I.A.U.C.; and Celestine Donaghy of Sweeney & Harkin Corporation. A guest speaker from Ireland will be announced. Chairman is Robert Loughman, AOH Division 1, Rockland County, N.Y. Telephone (914) 354-2473.

200th Anniversary of Catholicism in U.S.

By BRIAN K. LONERGAN

Barry, FitzGerald, FitzSimmons, Moylan, O'Brien and Carroll are some of the Irish Catholic names associated with the successful conclusion of the American Revolution. However, since this is the 200th anniversary of the first Catholic see in the United States, Baltimore, we should note the great contributions of the Carrolls of Maryland.

In 1634, two Jesuits came over to Maryland with Lord Leonard Calvert to establish a church for the 200 Catholic immigrants who had come to colonize a haven of tolerance. Later, Lord Charles Calvert (third Lord Baltimore) brought Charles Carroll of Ireland over as his attorney general. From Charles Carroll the elder came Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Another Carroll family gave us two famous cousins, John and Daniel.

Daniel Carroll (1730-1796) was a gentleman farmer by profession until 1780 when he served Maryland in the Continental Congress. Daniel, a fervent patriot, signed the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. He was also a delegate at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and a senator from Maryland from 1789-1791. Daniel was the brother of John Carroll, bishop of Baltimore.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton managed Carrollton Manor's 10,000 acres in Fredna County after completing his education. He had gone to school in France because Catholic education had been disallowed in the colonies. However, in spite of this bigotry from without, and his own personal wealth, Carroll proved to be a true champion of the common man. He argued eloquently against the constant drift of arbitrary taxation. He joined the Annapolis Committee and the Maryland Convention, early revolutionary sounding boards. Charles helped draw up the Maryland Constitution and his sound business mind helped organize logistics for troops and supplies. He was the first patriot to sign the

Declaration of Independence and was nicknamed "Charles the Signer." Carroll and Ben Franklin went to Canada to negotiate with Catholic French Canadians concerning the American Revolution. He was a senator from Maryland from 1789 to 1792. Charles Carroll died at 95 years of age, the last survivor of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. He lived long enough to help place the golden spike on the Transcontinental Railroad in 1831. Charles almost became "President Carroll" when the Federalists chose him to replace President Washington in case illness were to negate George's faculties.

John Carroll (1735-1817) was the brother of Daniel Carroll and the cousin of Charles. After attending an "underground" Catholic school (Jesuit), he went to St. Omer's School in France, a haven for Catholics from America. After his ordination, John established a "mission" church in his mother's house in Rock Creek, D.C. He was an ardent patriot and encouraged the fight for freedom. John even went to Canada with Charles and Ben Franklin on that early diplomatic mission. He was appointed vicar apostolic in 1784 over his far-flung flock of 25,000. In 1790 his fellow priests noted him as their choice for bishop. Carroll established sees in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardonia. He also founded Georgetown in 1789 and brought over French priests fleeing from the Revolution to staff schools in Baltimore and other sees. A tireless worker, John Carroll saw his sees soar from 35,000 faithful in 1790 to almost 195,000 in 1815, at his death. His aspirations shine forth in his words: "In these United States our religious system has undergone a revolution; if possible, more extraordinary than our political one. The United States has banished intolerance . . . all are on the same footing of citizenship . . . with equal rights . . . in national privilege."

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News from the States

STATE NEWS: Illinois

Illinois, a long time seat of mid-west Hibernianism is on the growth path once again. Anthony "Tony" Joynt, a mover and shaker from Belleville Division 1, Scott County, vowed at his election as State President to bring the AOH in Illinois back to what it once was — the leader in the midwest. Chicago is teaming with Irish and the AOH has fallen to a back seat. The State President means to reverse that trend!

To date a lot of work with John Maguire, president Div. 59, Cook

County (Chicago) and Robert Sloan, president, Div. 1 Peoria County, have produced a massive reorganization in Chicago. Division 59 and Div. 63 are, once again, moving towards a greater role for the AOH in Chicago. Along the same lines an Illinois State Constitution Convention was convened in Chicago the weekend of November 11. Hosted by State President Tony Joynt, the one day working meeting coincided with a Div. 59, 30th Anniversary Party held that night at the Gaelic Park on Chicago's south side. With a State

Constitution updated, plans are in the making to expand the activities of the AOH across the state on issues related to Irish immigration and right-to-life.

Peoria Co. Div. 1 under President Robert Sloan continues to bring in new members at the rate of 10 a month since its founding. This Division, named after Richard H. Parsons, who has been active in the Peoria Irish community for many years, now boasts a membership of over sixty.

Look to Illinois to be involved in all things AOH in the future and especially to be present in increasing numbers at our national convention.

John McInerney

NH Division Reorganized



MANCHESTER, N.H.: The newly reorganized Manchester, New Hampshire, Division 1, AOH, held its first Annual Communion Breakfast here at Notre Dame College on October 22. Division Chaplain Father William Shanahan, above, officiated at the Mass and delivered a well researched talk on the history of Irish Catholicism in America. Pictured to Father Shanahan's right is Division President Brian Kelly, and to his left Bill Biser, treasurer and sponsor of the event.

documented and undocumented. Anyone interested in obtaining the brochure "What You Need To Know About the I.I.R.M.", can write to Rev. Fr. Matt Fitzgerald, St. Ignatius Loyola Cathedral, 9999 No. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

National Director Tom Gilligan reported on the recent National Board meeting highlighting updates on the Joe Doherty issue and the 1992 National Convention.

The next State Board meeting will be the weekend of 26, 27 and 28 January 1990, with Pasco County in New Port Richey the host division.

From the Divisions

Brevard County Division 1 Bob Schneider reports the results of the election for 1990: President, Nick Schneider; Vice President, Ernie Kees; Recording Secretary, Dick Girard; Financial Secretary, Frank Harrington; Treasurer, Sal Vitale; Chairman of Standing Committee, Bob Schneider; Marshal, Bill Rothamel; Sentinel, Don Bell, and Historian, Jerry O'Shea. The officers will be installed by State President John Cullinan, who will also confer the Shamrock Degree on members throughout the state who have not received this honor. The ceremonies will take place at the Division's annual Christmas Social on 13 December at J.D. Bombers Restaurant, Indian Harbour Beach.

Manatee County Division 1 President Paul Finnerty reports that membership continues to grow at a rapid pace.

Past President Tom Condon of Pasco County Division 1 reports that in conjunction with the January meeting of the State Board of Of-

ficers, a dinner dance on Saturday night at the local Elks Lodge will be included in the weekend activities. Broward County Division 2 President Mike Mahon reports that his new division had a successful inaugural dance and anticipates a great future for the division.

Broward County Division 1 President Martin McAndrew's radio program is still going strong but can use more sponsors. To be a sponsor, contact Martin McAndrew at 1701 N.W. 97th Ave., Plantation, FL 33321 or call (305) 474-4737. The new division officers for 1990 are: President, Don Hartnett; Vice President, Broughan Gorey; Recording Secretary, Eamon Quinn; Treasurer, Ed McCready; Financial Secretary, Bill Maroney; Chairman of Standing Committee, Tom Howley; Sentinel, Ed Nagle and Marshall, Greg Devrey.

Volusia County Division 1 President John O'Neill is encouraged by progress in the area of membership, which is very good for a new division.

In view of a second division in Broward County, a County Board of Officers was formed with the following officers: President, Martin McAndrew of Division 1; Vice President, Michael Mahon of Division 2; Recording Secretary, Bill McCarthy of Division 2; Treasurer, Ed McCready of Division 1 and Financial Secretary, Bill Maroney of Division 1.

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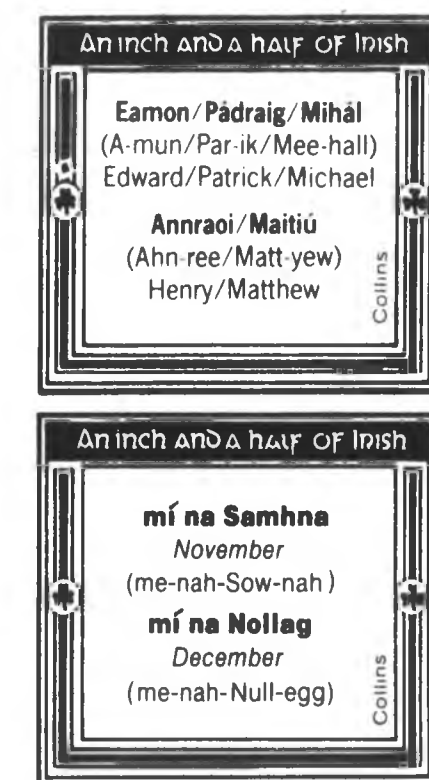
STATE NEWS: New Jersey

Revive - Rebuild - Recruit
The New Jersey AOH State Board is drawing up plans for a statewide membership recruitment effort which will begin in January 1990. Under the direction of Brother Jim Walsh, state organizer, plans are being made to have Hibernian literature tables at every Irish Festival. The State Board is also attempting to establish at least one Division in each of the state's counties. These organizational meetings will be sponsored by the State Board; the counties of Monmouth and Bergen are first on the list. If anyone reading this is a member of an inactive Division and is willing to try to reorganize, please call State President Brian Phillips, evenings, at 201-240-4277. The State Board will help you with hall rental and publicity. The theme of the 1990 drive is REVIVE, REBUILD and

RECRUIT. Every Division is urged to engage in outreach efforts throughout the year.

Joe Doherty

New Jersey is proud to boast that 13 of its Congressmen have endorsed C.R.62, which addresses the long plight of Joe Doherty. Hibernians in the state can be proud of the role the Order played in this effort. Only one Congressman is refusing to become a sponsor, Rep. Chris Smith. One of the largest Divisions in the nation is within this district, Mercer County Division 1. The Brothers of Mercer have conducted an intense letter-writing effort and confronted Congressman Smith in a private meeting. The Congressman was provided with extensive information concerning the case of Joe Doherty and strongly urged to become a sponsor of the resolution. The local Division in Mercer has encouraged the formation of a Joe Doherty Committee for Justice which has successfully united the various Irish American groups within Congressman Smith's district in a common and coordinated campaign. Meanwhile, the state's Senators, Bradley and Lautenberg, still need to be persuaded and readers are urged to write to these gentlemen immediately. In a related development AOH State President Brian Phillips has called a meeting of all Irish organizations in New Jersey to discuss the possibility of forming a New Jersey Council of Irish Organizations, to improve communication, cooperation and joint action in areas of mutual concern. If these efforts are successful the Irish community in New Jersey would be given a powerful and effective voice which no politician could ignore.



STATE NEWS: Texas



TEXAS STATE AOH officers stand behind State convention guests, National President Michael Coogan, left, and National Director Bill Hines.

HUMBLE, TEXAS: The Fifth Texas Biennial State Convention of the AOH was held here on October 28. The proceedings were graced by the presence of National President Michael Coogan and National Director Bill Hines of San Antonio.

State Chaplain, Rev. James Harman, M.S.C., keynoted the convention with a stirring call to examine our mission as an organization — as we examine our relevance in modern times we should keep in mind that the AOH is a part of the Church and we must find our place in the Church. The shortage of clergy was cited as a particular concern, especially in the Southwest.

The convention heard about the research being conducted by State Historian Gerry Moran into the history of the Irish in Texas. The

State Board is undertaking publication of the finished work. The convention also heard from National Director Bill Hines on his work on the National Board's anti-defamation campaign.

State President Pat Patton of Houston was reelected for a second term; Dennis Martinez of Dallas was elected vice president; Jim Davin of Houston, secretary and Tim O'Connor of San Antonio, treasurer.

The convention set as the top priority for the next biennium the passage of MacBride legislation. Plans were discussed to introduce legislation in various Texas cities and the next session of the state legislature. The convention also passed a resolution demanding the release and freedom of Joe Doherty, to be forwarded to the Attorney General.

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Many well known Irish writers were also well known for their rebellious, political views. The British government leaders were a bit perplexed with the close bond of rebel/intelligentsia. The brains behind most of the Irish uprisings were the teachers, poets, writers, clergy, publishers, professors, and lecturers.

In the pre-television, pre-radio days the glib Irish orators spread the word to the gatherings of students, peasants, town folk, church goers, and anyone who would listen. Getting a sympathetic crowd to listen was easy in the days of widespread oppression. This was the way it was done in the old days. The newspaper and the pamphlet were the only media, aside from books and talk. The pamphleteers wrote and sold their short political essays and incited the smoldering anger in many an Irish breast.

Translations of many of the old Irish language ballads were the sources of early Irish history. The Irish

language did much to preserve the inborn talent. The old literary compositions were written with an intensity of language beauty only the Irish could write—with their perception and expression of life's beauty, love, violence, religious faith, and people passions.

The early Gaelic and the later Anglo-Irish writings combined a poetic tradition unmatched in the world. Legends, myths, themes, rhythms, and literary ideas are similar in some ways to political and social endeavors. The two schools enriched each other in their aims and in their scholarly, learned way of spreading their message.

Many of the ancient Irish language writings have been brought to publication by scholarly translators. Ireland's Frank O'Connor (1903-1966), a well known short story writer, novelist, biographer and translator, was one of the best. O'Connor was imprisoned during the Civil War, 1922-1923, and his experiences with prison and the violence of the times inspired his book, *Guest Of The Nation*. He was director of the Abbey Theater until 1939 when he began to devote his days to writing and translating. O'Connor is typical of the great Irish literateurs who have brought into our times the historical, legendary records of the ancient Irish, and of the later writings of the Gaelic-Irish of more recent times.

The living Irish poets are known for their liberal-rebellious literature with their more sedate, oblique, socially acceptable way with the

words. We read now of the troubles in Derry and Belfast in the verse of the Irish in the North. In not too many years these Celtic bards will have their names in the niches of nationalism—like so many of their forebearers.

The Irish poet reaches way, deep inside of himself for the strong patriotic feelings of the proud Celt. His inner being is one of centuries of hardy life, tyranny, and that immense longing for the Irishmen's cause that has kept the words flowing for countless generations.

Irish poets and writers perpetuate a powerful heritage. They stimulate the Irishman's imagination. Then the Irish do great things. What could be more Irish: a legendary genesis to history; a Celtic emotion to the birth of great things to come.

The path from ancient Irish glory to modern day Derry and Belfast has been hewed through the stones of Erin by the bards, the poets, and the rebel with his powerful pen.

A few of the great ones:

Thomas Davis (1814-1845) Founder of *The Nation*, a nationalist newspaper, and leader of the Young Ireland political party. His poems and literary works were published in 1846. A great Irish patriot.

Thomas D'Arcy McGee (1825-1868) A well known Irish activist. Forced to flee Ireland. Assassinated in Canada. His collected poems were published in 1869.

John Boyle O'Reilly (1844-1890) An active Fenian. Sentenced to penal servitude in Australia, but escaped to America. He was well published and became editor of *The Pilot*, a Boston newspaper.

John Keegan Casey (1846-1870) An imprisoned Fenian. He died as a result of brutal treatment. One of the best known Fenian poets.

Fanny Parnell (1854-1882) Sister of Charles Stewart Parnell. Very active in Irish politics. Her poetry inspired

Irish freedom lovers.

Thomas McDonagh (1878-1916) Executed in Dublin, Easter Week, 1916. Great Irish writer and poet. Well known for his literary work.

Padraic Pearse (1879-1916) Executed in Dublin, Easter Week, 1916. Wrote in both Irish and English. Teacher, poet, orator, dramatist. Founded St. Enda's School. Well published and well known Irish martyr.

Joseph Plunkett (1887-1916) Executed in Dublin, Easter Week,

1916. A well published poet and Irish martyr.

All things must come to pass as one

So hope should never die, There is no height or bloody might That a freeman can't defy. There is no source or foreign force Can break a man who knows, That his free will no thing can kill

And from that, freedom grows. Bobby Sands (1954-1981)

Phases of Irish History

By MICHAEL McCORMACK, National Historian

We're Finally Underway. It took a while, but we can finally report contacts throughout the country. We've got State, County, and Division Historians on our monthly mailing list; we're getting news of historical projects across the Hibernian Nation; we're receiving stories and anecdotes of a historical nature; and even information on historical sites is coming in. Thank you brothers, thank you. Now let's share what we've got.

1. Landmarks & Legends. Did you know that all who died with Gen. Custer are not buried at Little Big Horn, Montana? The final resting place of Brevet Col. Myles Keogh is in Auburn, N.Y. Keogh was an Irish immigrant from Co. Carlow who served in the Irish Brigade during the American Civil War. He earned battlefield commissions to the rank of Major for conspicuous bravery at Gettysburg and Lt. Col. for the same reason at the battle of Dallas, Georgia. He later served on the American frontier, and was a Company Commander with the predominantly Irish 7th Cavalry when they met their fate at Little Big Horn.

Prior to his death, Keogh had spent much leave time with the Martin family of Auburn, N.Y., whose daughter Cornelia was especially fond of the daring young cavalry officer. Two years after his death, Miss Martin had Keogh's remains removed from Montana and reinterred in her family's plot in Auburn's Fort Hill cemetery. It is said that Miss Martin placed flowers on the grave every day until she too passed away in 1927. That was over 60 years ago, yet fresh flowers are still placed on the grave daily, and no one knows by whom. I thought of that as I stood looking at the fresh blue flowers—blue as a Union Army uniform—laid before the stone which was engraved:

Sleep Soldier! Still in honored rest your truth and valor wearing; the bravest are the tenderest, the loving are the daring
National Secretary Tom McNabb was kind enough to show us the memorial during the recent New York State Convention, and a postscript was provided by Jean Rademacher. She noted that the sole survivor of Custer's Last Stand was a horse named *Comanche*, which has often been mistakenly identified as belonging to General Custer. The truth of the matter is that *Comanche* was Myles Keogh's horse, and after Little Big Horn it was made an honorary Colonel, and never ridden again. When the horse died in 1890, it was stuffed and is now on display at the University of Kansas. And in Auburn, the citizens still stage an annual Pentathlon called *The Great Myles Keogh Race*.

New Historians. While some of us old warhorses have retained the office of historian over the course of several terms and at several levels,

we must not lose sight of the fact that occasionally new men are selected to join our ranks. At this time of the year many Divisions are selecting their Historians for the upcoming year, and in more than a few, he will be a first timer. To the men who will be selecting, I urge careful consideration. Our founding fathers made the Office of Historian the highest appointed office in the Order since they knew its importance. A Historian can be a valuable asset to a Division: good Historians can inspire membership and reduce dropouts; they provide background information on cultural activities, commemorative events, monument dedications and holiday observances; and, when MacBride Legislation was being sought in many State assemblies, it was our Historians who researched the contributions of the Irish to that particular State and made that information available to those in deliberation.

Therefore, I urge you to select a good Historian—one who is knowledgeable or, at least, trainable; and most of all, one who is sincere in his desire to spread the glorious history of our forefathers to any and all who will listen.

To those who aspire to the office of Historian at any level, I welcome your interest and offer the full resources of this office. If you need help, contact the Historian at the next level (County or State), and if they can't help, please write to me. Whether for monthly readings or special projects, I invite you to join a nationwide network of Irish Historians who draw upon one another, and whose combined efforts publicize the great history of our people.

2. Monthly Profiles. The monthly "Profiles in Patriotism" are mailed to any Historian requesting them. To keep costs down, in February, 1990, the mailing list will be purged and names will be automatically dropped unless a form 9 is received confirming reappointment or indicating a new Historian. Those Historians wishing to be added to the list need only to send a Form 9 confirming his or her position as Historian to Mike McCormack, 37 Harrison Ave., Centereach, NY 11720. Thanks to Gerry Moran the Profiles are now going to the Hibernians in LaPorte, Texas; also thanks to Gerry Curran for bringing them to the AOH in Columbus, Ohio; William Harrington to the AOH in Helena, Montana; John Garrah to the AOH in Honesville, Pa.; and Marie McLaughlin to the LAOH in New York City. Are you getting yours?

3. Holland Project. Sincere thanks to the New Jersey State Board who joined the Massachusetts and New York Boards in contributing to the Holland project at their State Convention. Thanks also to Pat Bergin of San Diego for his particular help in the project. John P. Holland of Co.

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Pennsylvania News

PA Update on MacBride Bills

A hearing was held on September 19, 1989 by the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. Gibson E. Armstrong, R-Lancaster County, on S.B.'s 581 through 585, sponsored by Sen. Mike Fisher, R-Upper St. Clair, Sen. Mike Dawida, D-Pittsburgh (member Ct. 9) Sen. Joe Rocks, R-Philadelphia, and attended by various Irish organizations throughout the state. Also present were Hibernians Joe Roche, Bernie Bailey, Jim Caldwell, Leo Sweeney, and Bill Coggin, to present our side of this important issue.

We won our case against the British lobbyists paid by the British Government to present their lies to the effect that there is no discrimination in the work place in Northern Ireland. Every instrument of the Northern Ireland government has been used for 65 years to impoverish the Catholic/Nationalist community and to force them to migrate.

The Senate Finance Committee will evaluate each side's testimony and hopefully a full senate hearing will be held. We think we have the necessary votes for passage. Sen. Eugene Scanlon, D-Northside, has signed on, and Gov. Casey stated he will sign the legislation when it reaches his desk.

Remember, our goal is not divestiture; on the contrary, we will be overjoyed if Americans invest in any part of Ireland—if, and only if, employers treat all employees equitably. If economic development in Northern Ireland must be made at the expense of fairness on the job, we want no part of it.

Jack Gavin

STATE NEWS: Rhode Island

NEWPORT, R.I.: Division One, here, again exceeded \$1000 in donations in their annual drive to fight Muscular Dystrophy. Brothers Charles Burns and Harry Westley, co-chairmen of the committee, atten-



PAUL GAGNE

ded numerous Hibernian functions at which they collected contributions from members and friends.

Brother Paul Gagne, Fire Chief of the city of Newport for 9 years, with 33 years on the force, retired on September 2. He is a very active member of AOH Div. One.

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STATE NEWS: Michigan

The Michigan State Board acted as host for a two city visit of the Ohio Degree Team, in mid October. State President James O'Kelly initiated the program after noting that it had been six years since the Major Degrees of the Order has been offered to the Brothers in Michigan. A Saturday evening ceremony in Flint, under the direction of Thomas O'Sullivan, drew members from Traverse City and Grand Rapids along with Flint.

The next day, a Sunday morning, a gathering at Detroit's Hibernian Hall drew Brothers from the tri-counties and was overseen by Wayne

Co. President Richard Louster and Past State President Kevin Murphy. In all, 42 members took part in the program. National President Michael Coogan, Degree Team leader, spoke after both ceremonies on the future of the Order, in light of the lessons learned, and urged the newly Degreed members to work to insure that more Brothers in Michigan follow their example and receive the Major Degrees.

Patrick Ryan Division member, Jack Derrig, was once again behind the counter as he has the largest Irish restaurant at the 1989 Milwaukee Irish Festival. Jack,



"IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE," states National President Michael Coogan as he slaves over a hot grill under the able eye of Chef Jack Derrig at the Milwaukee Irish Festival.

STATE NEWS: Massachusetts

Pro Life March On Washington

SUNBURY, MA: Plans are announced for the forthcoming Pro-Life March on Washington on January 22, 1990. All will gather for the Hibernian Mass at 9:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Church on Monday morning January 22nd, following which we will proceed to the Senate and House Office Building to lobby our elected representatives.

Lunch will be held at Irish Times from 11:30 to 12:30.

We will meet Jim Herlihy (703-536-8628) at the Southeast Corner of the ellipse. Jim will hold high the Tri Color and at 1:00 P.M. we will march down Pennsylvania Avenue. The march will be led by National President Michael Coogan and Vice President Mike Carroll.

A reception will be held at The

Embassy Suite Hotel in Crystal City on Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M. for President Michael Coogan. We request a good turnout for the reception and the march. After the march, all Hibernians are urged to return to their respective states to continue this never ending battle for The Right to Life.

20,000 Walk For Life in Boston

BOSTON, MA: On October 1, 1989, Pro-Life Sunday, a Walk for Life was held here, led by Archbishop Bernard Cardinal Law. There were over 20,000 participants.

Hibernian presence was led by National Vice-President Mike Carroll and State Presidents Joe McHugh and Tricia Lamprey. Over fifty Hibernians from Lynn, Lawrence, Marlboro and Watertown AOH Divisions participated.

along with fellow Ryan Division members Charles French, Jim Haggerty, Thomas Moriarty and National Director John McInerney, served up his "Derrig's Deli Delights" to the thousands who attended this premier midwest Irish event, over August 18-20. Visitors to the back room included Division President Roger Weist, Cleveland, and National President Michael Coogan, Dayton, who proved he could definitely "stand the heat in the kitchen!"

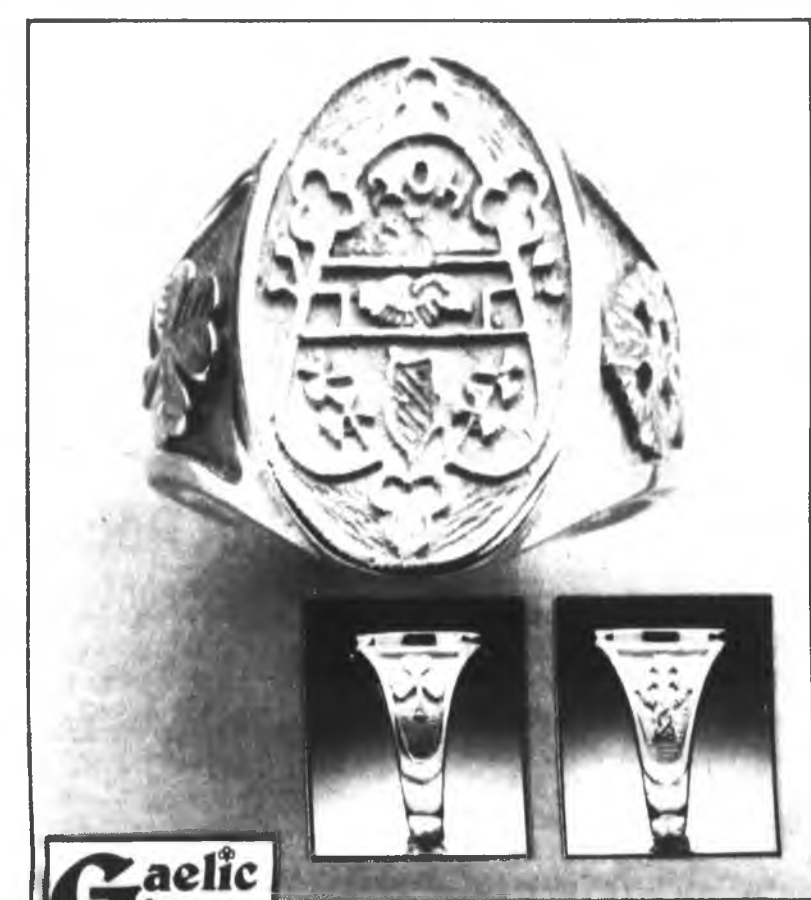
Both the Art Walton Division 1, Livingston County, under President Jack Murphy and the Genesee County Division, under President Patrick Murphy, reported complete success with their late summer charity golf outings. The Stephen Walsh annual picnic found AOH/LAOH members and friends from across the tri-counties gathering for a long day's fun and

games to benefit Detroit's Hibernian Hall.

President John Cahill acted, not only as host, but also part of the entertainment for the day. John also chaired the Charity Ball which this year honored both the late Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh and Father Duffy/Sister Mary of Saint Patrick's Social Center. Long time member Clifford Sullivan received his AOH life membership that night and all in attendance agreed that the Charity Ball was the best in recent years.

Finally, State President James O'Kelly and the Michigan State Board co-hosted, with the State LAOH, a Mass for deceased members. Held on November 5, over one hundred Brothers and Sisters were in attendance at the Hibernian Hall AOH/LAOH members and friends for the event, which was co-celebrated by both State chaplains.

John McInerney



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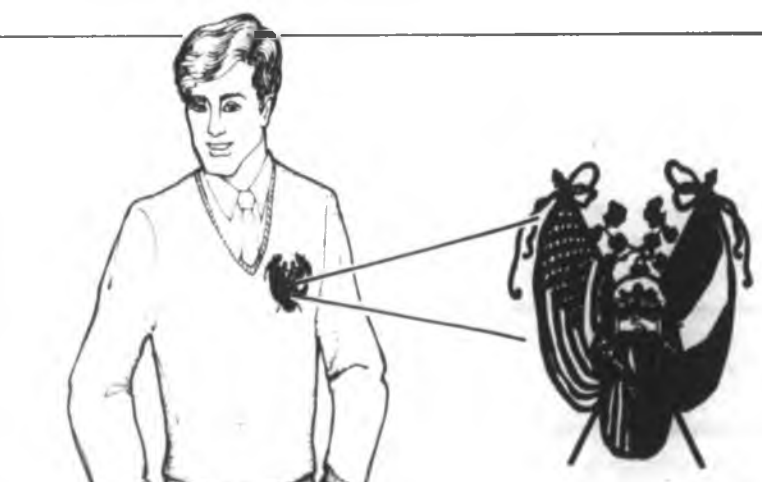
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Voices Ring Out

From a Boston Hibernian, to the Prime Minister of Ireland, to a member of the British House of Commons, voices are supporting the validity of the MacBride Principles in solving the omnipresent problem of discrimination against the Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Joseph A. McHugh, President Massachusetts AOH State Board Addressing Boston City Council

The British Government, by its Government of Ireland Act of 1920, violently and undemocratically partitioned Ireland — thus violating its essential and inalienable right to be One Nation.

The new, artificial area carved out by the British and now known as Northern Ireland, was created for a two-fold reason: (1) to ensure the continuation of British rule in that part of Ireland; and (2) to establish their loyalists friends (the one million Protestants) in a permanent position of supremacy.

Northern Ireland was created to be a sectarian state. That's its purpose. That's the very reason for its existence. Since the 1920's, the Catholics of Northern Ireland have been systematically discriminated against in every area of life — especially in employment.

What compounded the tragedy is that the plight of the Catholics was ignored by London, Dublin, and Washington. Since 1920 Catholics have been treated as second class citizens in their own country, and the world ignored them. The problem in Northern Ireland could have been solved years ago — peacefully and non-violently — if people with power and influence had not turned their backs.

America, which was supposed to be standing up for all sorts of just causes around the world, was silent about the oppression of Catholics in Northern Ireland, so as not to offend its ally, England. Moreover, U.S. investment dollars have been directly subsidizing anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland. As such, it is the single largest subsidizer of anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

There are 25 U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland and many of them are automatically caught up in the systematic pattern of anti-Catholic discrimination in employment. Isn't it sad that American companies do not stand out from the rest, and take a principled stand against anti-Catholic discrimination? The reason U.S. companies have not done so, is because there is no corporate code of conduct.

Well, now there is, in the form of the MacBride Principles. The MacBride Principles represent a perfect way for Americans to stop U.S. dollars subsidizing anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland.

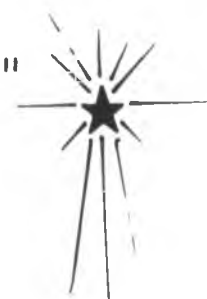
The reaction of the British Government is exactly the same as all other Governments when confronted with discrimination — they first deny it; then they suggest remedies will only further harm the victims of discrimination. That is the classic mind-set of discriminators the world over.

There is another well known device discriminators use the world over. That is to produce members of

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EDITORIALS

David Henshaw, National Editor



Peace on Earth

As the holy days of Christmas draw near, we in America thank God that our nation is at peace; and owing to the crumbling of the Russian empire, our men in the services can look forward with hope to a period of lasting serenity and peace.

It is amazing how fast the Russian block is being dismantled just as it is shocking to behold how a handful of individuals with a disciplined army and police force can virtually imprison millions of people within their country's borders.

These despots, who live daily in fear themselves, were blind to the erosion mounting from within, an erosion akin to termites eating out the core of a tree, a slow but steady process.

We Americans are protected from such erosion by the safeguards built into our republic, namely the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and our three

separate branches of government — Executive, Legislative and Judicial. These institutions assure that we will remain a land of laws, highly resistant to corrosion by power-hungry men or foreign governments.

Yet our congressional branch has removed the political exception clause from our extradition laws as they apply to Ireland — at the behest of the British. Concomitantly, our judicial arm holds Joe Doherty seven years now, against the rulings of our courts — at England's behest. And the executive branch treats Ireland unequally as a nation compared to England.

Let us hope that the east Europeans, free at last, will find peace on earth, and through their reopened churches and synagogues, will not only give thanks to God, but petition Him that the oppressed Catholics of Northern Ireland may some day also find peace on earth.

Remarks of Mr. Oliver Kearney of Co. Antrim, Ireland First Recipient of the AOH Sean MacBride Bi-Annual Award

Presented at the National President Michael J. Coogan, Sr.'s Testimonial Dinner
Dayton, Ohio — October 21, 1989

Honourable National President, Reverend Fathers and Members of the National Order of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America; Honoured Guests and Members of the Dais; Brothers and Sisters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Friends.

It is an immeasurable privilege for anyone of Irish blood to be honoured by this noble and historic Order which, for over 150 years, has remained dedicated to the cause of Irish Freedom. Your Order has held that faith through the Great Famine, the Irish Land Wars, the Young Ireland and the Fenian insurrections; through the Easter Rising, the War of Independence and the bitter tragedy of the Irish Civil War.

Truly you are a Faithful People, and I salute your courage and your steadfast faithfulness, on behalf of the Silent People of Ireland who have no voice — and whose Mighty Voice you have become.

I can conceive of no greater honour for any Irish man or woman, than to stand before you, Citizens of the great American Republic, Children of the Greater Irish Family, to be bestowed with this award in the name of a man whose entire life was a model of service to the Irish Nation and Human Race — Dr. Sean MacBride.

In accepting this award, I want to pay a special tribute to that great and courageous lady, my wife Brigid, and our five children, who have devoted so much of their own lives to supporting and encouraging me in my endeavours. For it is from within the families of Ireland that the courage and strength has sprung to continue to resist that legacy of colonial servitude which has been inherited by each generation of Irish children for almost a thousand years.

It was that legacy which was inherited by the young Sean MacBride when, as a child of fourteen, he ran helplessly behind the prison van which was transporting to gaol his widowed mother, because of her resistance to the colonial ruler. As she was taken away, she watched through the bars a lonely child standing in a Dublin street, orphaned by the imprisonment of his mother, who was denied the right even to sign a cheque for the child's upkeep; and by the death of his father, executed two years earlier for his part in the Easter Rising.

That was Sean MacBride's childhood inheritance — the legacy of the prison van and the firing squad; the legacy of colonial oppression, of economic exploitation, of discrimination and of emigration. It has been the inheritance of Irish children in every generation; of many of your own parents and grandparents; even of some of you here present tonight.

It is the inheritance of Irish children today.

It is time that this agony ended in Ireland. It is time for the children of future generations in Ireland to be offered a new and more noble inheritance of Justice, Peace and Freedom in their own homeland.

The creation of that new and more noble inheritance was Sean MacBride's life-goal — first as a young revolutionary soldier, making war

against a colonial army on his Nation's soil; later as a world-renowned constitutional lawyer, international statesman, and champion of Human Rights.

Yet he, who risked liberty and life as a revolutionary soldier, understood that the courage and self-sacrifice of a pitifully few brave men and women, however dedicated, could not ultimately prevail over the ruthless power of England's grim colonial infestation of Ireland; or the cowardice, treachery and malice of native Quislings, whose slave mentality bound them in past generations, and binds them today, to the servitude of Ireland's bullying neighbour.

And he recognised that the division, the exploitation and the servitude of his people is deeply rooted in the preservation of the power and privilege of any class or creed or party who secure their self-interest through the maintenance of the Status Quo of Irish Partition and England's mastery of Ireland.

Therefore, in the closing years of his life, he forged a powerful instrument for justice and peace, which is his Personal Legacy to all future generations of the children of Ireland; which is his Personal Legacy to the children of the Greater Irish Family in the United States of America.

His Personal Legacy — the Legacy of Sean MacBride — is the MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland. For the MacBride Principles challenge the very basis of English rule in Ireland — a rule founded in sectarianism, inequality and division.

England can certainly create new classes of privilege and self-interest; she cannot create universal equality and social justice in any part of Ireland, least of all in that statelet which she governs through the rifles of her modern-day Black & Tans; she created that statelet as a permanent guarantee of division, anti-Catholic discrimination, and the domination of one section of the Irish Race over another.

Therefore, if England were ever to commit herself to promoting full equality in the miserable little statelet through which, today, she exercises her colonial control of the Irish Nation, she would already have decided that Partition could no longer be sustained. She would already have decided that her corrupting influence must finally, after a thousand years, be withdrawn from Ireland — that it was Time to Go, and permit the inhabitants of the Irish Homeland to build a new nation for future generations.

That analysis will, of course, be labelled harsh and imbalanced by the smooth-faced, smooth-tongued Englishmen, who traverse every corner of the United States, proclaiming in glossy propaganda brochures the good things which they will do tomorrow to promote equality in North-East Ireland. It will also be dismissed by Redmondite politicians and their confidantes in the Irish Foreign Service, who proclaim England's Honest Brokerage in the Irish War. Let them then consider the judgement of a very honourable, and noble English gentleman: —

On 1 December 1980, Dr. John Austin Baker, Anglican Theologian and

Chaplain to the British House of Commons, declared in Westminster Abbey "... England seized Ireland for its own military benefit. It planned Protestant settlers there to make it strategically secure. It penalized the native Irish and their Catholic religion; and then when it could no longer hold onto the whole island, it kept back part of it to be a home for the settlers' descendants, a non-viable solution from which Protestants have suffered as much as anyone. Our injustice created the situation; and by constantly repeating that we will maintain it so long as the majority wish it, we actively inhibit Protestant and Catholic from working out a new future together. This is the root of the violence. ..."

It was from that historic injustice, perpetrated through generation after generation that the young Sean MacBride inherited the legacy of terrorism and violence of a mother in a prison van and a father in a prison grave. It is from that historic injustice that the children of Ireland today inherit the same legacy of terrorism and violence.

And I believe, as Sean MacBride believed, that it is the inescapable moral duty of each one of us to oppose with all the means at our command, the exercise of such terrorism and violence for political ends in Ireland today.

For Irish children of this generation inherit the terrorism of random death by plastic baton rounds fired from armoured cars in the name of law and order. They inherit the terrorism of the dawn raid, the prison van, the shattered home, the weeping wife or mother. They inherit the terrorism of the Death Squad, in uniform and out of uniform. (When I hear Senator Edward Kennedy today announce his discovery that Crown Forces in Ireland are comparable to the Death Squads of El Salvador, I question from whom the man has obtained his information belatedly for the last 20 years).

Our children in this generation inherit the terrorism of systematic torture in the interrogation cells; the bullet in the back for the Sunday Afternoon Gaelic footballer, and the bullet in the back of the neck for the wounded prisoner; the terrorism of British Intelligence-directed assassination of the Civil Rights lawyer before the eyes of his wife and children — after authority for that foul deed has been proclaimed in the English Parliament.

Irish children today inherit the violence of structured and endemic discrimination and economic inequality; the violence of a slave economy and the enforced emigration of whole generations of Irish youth; the violence of subservient politicians and churchmen fulsomely pleading for innocent Irishmen and women in the Dead Cells of English prisons, convicted under torture by a racist judicial system — while simultaneously extraditing young Irish people into the jaws of that same ruthless and racist system of English lawmaking for the Irish.

The seeds of violent revolution have been sown in Ireland in every generation, because peaceful revolution has been made impossible through the exercise of colonial terrorism and violence in defence of that historic injustice so precisely identified by John Austin Baker in Westminster Abbey.

And now it is time to invoke the Legacy of Sean MacBride to make peaceful revolution in Ireland possible, and to render violent revolution redundant. It is time to recognise the democratic rights and freedoms of the Irish Nation which have been denied by England for 25 generations of brutal colonial strife and suffering. There will no peace in Ireland until those democratic rights are given full recognition by the nations of the world, and most particularly, by Ireland's bullying neighbour.

That generous and dedicated American Friend of Irish Freedom, Judge Daniel Cohalan, addressing a meeting in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, 70 years ago on 23 March 1919, to further the cause of Irish Independence, issued this most prophetic declaration "... There will be neither a just nor a durable nor a permanent peace unless the people of Ireland who have set up (an) Independent Irish Republic receive from all the nations of the earth the recognition to which they are entitled, and unless, with the making of (world) peace we have an opportunity of saluting this latest and newest of Republics as a sister republic of this great nation of America."

You proud Americans, who for 150 years have been the Honour Guard of Irish Freedom in the United States, have the right, you have the duty, and you have the means to make that noble dream of saluting a sister Republic within the commonwealth of nations, become a reality in this generation.

You have the right because you are sprung from that ancient ethnic root as Sean MacBride and are justly proud to be called Irish; sprung from the same constitutional root as George Washington and Jonathan Dayton, and are justly proud to be called American — offspring of that honourable tradition of American constitutional liberty and historic commitment to Irish Freedom. Heirs to that tradition, you are called upon from Ireland almost daily, by social, cultural, political and religious organisations to contribute your wealth to the homeland. You are asked to invest in Ireland; to financially support political parties and social development in Ireland; to contribute your taxation in Foreign Aid to Ireland.

You have the duty as people who love America, because the continued colonial exploitation and abuse of Human Rights in Ireland is eating away at those very Constitutional Rights which you treasure. When a young man who has never committed a crime in this country, and who has been safeguarded by every level of your judicial system, languishes

in prison without charge or trial for seven years — do you suppose that your own children are forever immune from such a perversion of justice?

When your sacred American Right of Freedom of Speech is eroded through denial to you of the opportunity to hear elected politicians from Ireland address you — do you suppose that your own political system is secure from such arbitrary censorship by faceless public servants?

When your State Legislatures, your City Councils and your media are infested daily by British Intelligence agencies, pouring out millions of dollars to subvert your political process and your public communications; when your friends and neighbours are intimidated and victimised in their homes and workplaces by the Federal Bureau of Intelligence because they are exercising their constitutional freedoms as American citizens; when your State Department has become, like the Foreign Service of the Irish Republic, an echo chamber for British Information Services — do you suppose that the voice which proclaimed "WE THE PEOPLE" cannot be silenced?

England's dirty little war in Ireland, with all the corruption of Human Rights and political freedoms which it involves, is being fought at this very moment on your doorstep in Main-street America; and if you stand aside and ignore it, you do so at your peril.

You have the means to bring the Longest War of almost a thousand years to a just and peaceful conclusion in this generation, for you have been endowed by one of Ireland's greatest sons with a Legacy of peaceful, non-violent, moral action to engage your political and economic power as citizens of the American Republic in promoting equality and social justice in Ireland.

Under the wise and selfless leadership of one of your former National Presidents, Joe Roche, and his National Board, your historic organisation has spear-headed the building of generous and dedicated unity of purpose within the Irish American Family and kindred ethnic groups all across the United States. That same selflessness, and generosity of leadership, embracing in one common bond of American idealism, Fenian and Celtic societies, Brehon Lawyers, Political Education committees, Protestant Action groups, Unity Conference, Irish Northern Aid chapters, American Irish Congress and cultural and religious organisations, has been renewed and strengthened by successive National Leaderships under Nick Murphy and your current National President, Mike Coogan. So that, today, this Ancient Order of Hibernians in America stands at the centre of a powerful coalition of unity of political action in the cause of Irish Freedom.

In the forefront of this non-violent, moral struggle for social justice, have been the women in America, from Maine to Florida and Minnesota to Illinois; from New Jersey to Pennsylvania and California to this State of Ohio where we meet tonight. From East Coast to West Coast, American women have felt empowered by the Legacy of Sean MacBride to lead the struggle for Justice, Peace and Freedom in Ireland. (Daughters of the American Republic, your compassion and commitment to justice has renewed Hope in the hearts of a people who had almost abandoned hope.)

Already the achievements have been remarkable. Twelve states and as many cities have enshrined the MacBride Principles into law, and are now commencing to implement the sanctions available to them (while Democracy was cruelly violated in California to serve the interests of England).

Through the single-minded dedication of one man, Gerry Coleman, the International Fund for Ireland was catapulted into critical scrutiny and control at the highest levels of Congress. Many Presidential Candidates have felt compelled to respect the pre-election Forum called by the National Leadership of Irish America; and politicians at City, State and Congressional levels have begun to recognise the Mighty Voice being raised across this Republic by a united and organised Irish American Family.

Anglo-Irish Conference

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of security material such as photographs have been introduced, and it will in future be an offense to retain such documents without authority, and all serving personnel are required to surrender any such material. These rules apply to personnel of the armed forces, including reservists, who are serving or have served for an appreciable period in Northern Ireland.

— Improvements have been made to the process of screening new recruits to the UDR and transferees from other army units, and for follow-up action such as re-vetting. Among the new measures is the establishment of a special unit for screening in the UDR (Ulster Defence Regiment), manned by the regular army. Any form of association between members of illegal paramilitary

organizations, of whatever persuasion, or other association incompatible with membership of the security forces, is totally unacceptable to the British Government.

— Very strict controls have been introduced governing both the issue of plastic baton rounds to the UDR and their use. Specific and personal authorization by the Battalion Commanding Officer is required for their issue to individual patrols. In addition, the British side are considering a possible role for the RUC in this process.

It is the Royal Ulster Constabulary which has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of law and order in Northern Ireland: the armed forces, including the regular army and UDR, operate in support of the police and only for so

long as the threat from terrorism makes that support necessary. In this regard it was agreed that a working group of officials should make early recommendations, in accordance with the Review, on further effective development of the policy of ensuring as rapidly as possible that, save in the most exceptional circumstances, there should be a police presence in all operations which involve direct contact between the armed forces and the community.

The British side emphasized that in their operations the security forces would at all times take account of their relationship with the community. There will be further exchanges at future Conferences on the way in which this objective is being achieved.

The Irish side stressed that the events under discussion had raised general issues going beyond individual cases. The widespread concern raised by these issues could best be met by a comprehensive enquiry into all issues affecting relations between the security forces (in particular the UDR) and the community. It was their intention to return to this proposal at a later Conference, after the Stevens enquiry had been completed. The British for their part disagreed with the Irish analysis of the problem.

The Irish side made clear that they objected to and remained firmly opposed to the issue of plastic baton rounds to members of the UDR under any circumstances.

The British side expressed their disappointment that it had not proved possible to prosecute Patrick Ryan. The Irish side stated that the DPP (Director of Public Prosecutions), who is completely independent in the performance of his functions, has stated his clear conclusion that the material made available to him was not sufficient to justify the initiation of a prosecution in this case.

Irish Ministers raised the case of the Guilford Four, welcomed the terms of the statement of the British DPP (Director of Public Prosecutions) and set out their views on the implications for other cases. In particular the Maguire family and the Birmingham Six.

In the course of the Conference, Ministers discussed the current security situation in Northern Ireland. They affirmed their determination to continue their close cooperation under the Agreement to combat terrorism from whichever side of the community it may come.

The Conference welcomed the appointment of the new Board of the International Fund for Ireland and expressed its gratitude to the outgoing Chairman and members. Ministers looked forward to further efforts directed in particular at the most disadvantaged areas, and the development of cross-border projects.

Ministers also had a discussion on current issues of cross-border economic cooperation and of the implementation of the conclusions of the Review of the Working of the Conference. They agreed to resume fuller discussion of these and a number of other issues at the next meeting of the Conference, which will be held next month.





Testimonial dinner.



Irish Night.



Part of the dais.



Patrick Pearse Division 1 and Gaelic League Members, Columbus, Ohio.



Friends of National President Mike Coogan gather with award recipient Oliver Kearney and wife Brigid.



Scenes from the National Testimonial Dinner and Business Sessions Dayton, Ohio — October 20-21, 1989



National LAOH President Mary Bradley McEnery with National AOH President Mike Coogan, right, and William Sherwin, International Right to Life Federation, Rome.



Leaders all.



International Pro Life Chairman Sherwin addresses gathering.



Gaelic Mass.



Irish Night.



Dancing after dinner.



Joint meeting.

Photos by IRISH EYE



CONGRESSMAN REVERSES POSITION ON DOHERTY

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I hope you will be pleased to hear that I have decided to support and cosponsor H.R. 62, which urges the U.S. Attorney General to release Joe Doherty on bail, and to rehear his case. The letters and briefing materials that you sent to my aide Nancy Roman were helpful in making this difficult decision.

Thank you for your interest.

E. Clay Shaw, Jr.
Member of Congress

SHAW SIGNS ON TO HCR 82

Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr.
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

November 14, 1989

Dear Congressman Shaw:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for becoming a co-sponsor of HCR 82. I know that you had many reservations about supporting this resolution; however, your support for this resolution can only be viewed as support for the sacred judicial system of our country.

Recent events in Britain such as the release of the Guildford 4 and hopefully the soon-to-be release of the Birmingham 6 indicate a decayed judicial system that depends on paid informants and perjury to dispense justice. Our justice system must never decay to that level, nor should it be influenced by foreign powers.

Let me assure you that this organization will continue to speak out against the injustices in Northern Ireland, and we will continue to look for peace with justice in a united Ireland. The British government has the ability to mount and sustain a propaganda campaign in the United States and has been able to keep the American public unaware of the extent of the ongoing tragedies which are perpetuated upon the Irish Catholic people by the British government.

Again, many thanks for your support and I look forward to our meeting in Fort Lauderdale.

Thomas E. Gilligan
National Director and
National Organizer

BRITISH SECURITY LEAKS ADDRESSED

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

I am writing to let you know that I have introduced legislation in the Congress concerning the collusion between British security forces in Northern Ireland and illegal paramilitary groups.

I have been disturbed by the disclosures over the past few months

which indicate that British security has leaked information to illegal paramilitary groups which undertake acts of violence against the Catholic minority. Moreover, I am appalled that the United States government has failed to speak publicly on this issue.

Therefore, on Tuesday, October 31, I introduced H.R. 3546 in the House of Representatives which does the following:

1) Makes a policy statement by the Congress deploring all violence in Northern Ireland.

2) Urges the President to call upon the British government to halt cooperation with paramilitary groups and to establish a judicial inquiry into the killings of civilians by security forces.

3) Imposes a statutory ban on sales of defense articles and crime control equipment by the United States government or corporations to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) and the Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR). There is currently a policy banning sales to the RUC, but it can be reversed anytime on an administrative decision. The proposed legislation would put the ban on sales to both the RUC and the UDR in law.

4) Requires the Department of State to report to the Foreign Affairs Committee in a classified and unclassified form on cooperation between United Kingdom security forces and militias and paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

It is important that the U.S. government be forced to address this issue which it has failed to adequately do so far. Equally important, the legislation sends a strong signal to the United Kingdom that the American Congress is carefully watching its activities in the North and deplores the collusion with the illegal paramilitaries.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I will work hard to get hearings on this measure. I will be working to gather additional cosponsors for the bill and would welcome any assistance that you or your organizations might lend in securing additional cosponsors. You will be pleased to know that Representatives Ackerman, Fish, Gilman, Manton and Morrison joined me as original sponsors of the legislation.

I look forward to working for the adoption of H.R. 3546 and welcome any assistance you might offer to move this legislation forward. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or further concerns on this or other issues of mutual interest.

Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress

EMOTIONAL HATE

Dear Editor:

Speaking of creative approaches to the human rights abuses in Ulster, I believe Collins is thinking in such a manner, proposing the process of dialogue to eventually enable the Irish nation to heal and reconcile herself. That process will only be successful if the United States government takes acts of violence against the Catholic minority. Moreover, I am appalled that the United States government has failed to speak publicly on this issue.

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DEAD-ENDED U.S. POLICY CONTINUES

Mr. Daniel P. Dougherty
Elmhurst, New York

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

I am replying to your letter to Secretary Baker regarding U.S. policy toward Ireland.

The United States advocates peaceful solutions to the political, economic, and social issues facing Northern Ireland. We believe such solutions are possible today and support the Anglo-Irish Agreement which states, "any change in the status of Northern Ireland would only come about with the consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland." As tangible evidence of our commitment to peaceful and just solutions, the United States has pledged \$130 million to the International Fund for Ireland which seeks to promote economic development and reconciliation between Unionists and Nationalists.

We strongly support efforts to promote equal opportunity and to protect human rights in Northern Ireland. We oppose terrorism in all forms and from all quarters. Individuals convicted of murder or other serious offenses, such as Joseph Doherty, should be returned to the jurisdiction where they were convicted. As in the case of Gerry Adams, we oppose admitting to the United States those who support terrorism.

The U.S. Government can play a supportive role in the search for solutions to Northern Ireland's problems. However, the people of Ireland and the United Kingdom must determine Ireland's future.

Margaret DeB. Tutwiler
Ass't Sec'y for Public Affairs
and Department Spokesman

We can influence and speed the healing and reconciliation process in Ireland. Rather than calling ourselves "Boston Irish" or "Cleveland Irish," we must become stronger in our unity and become the "Irish-in-America."

Doesn't it strike you as odd that while the "Iron Curtain" appears to be falling we seem to be no closer to Irish unity? While my intent is not to be self-critical I think I recognize that one factor escaped us when Crown forces divided Ireland and her people. That same factor escapes us today. We did not, nor do we today, recognize our power. We are only now beginning to recognize it.

It's true that we are divided by distance but those borders are non-existent when we do get together as the Irish-in-America. Charles Stewart Parnell believed that we would never unite until we reverted to our old traditional color, blue.

I envision a day in Ireland when all her people who support the process of dialogue wear blue as a sign of solidarity against human rights violations and the resultant violence. This Day of Reconciliation would be a sign for all Irish who support the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This vision also includes the Irish-in-America wearing blue — a day when we, too, pledge to reconcile any of our differences, or at least attempt to. A day when the Irish families of

Ireland would realize a life that promises safety, health and prosperity... a life free of human rights violations, hate and violence. It begins with us.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN
Boland-Berry Division
Cleveland, Ohio

THORNBURGH IMPORTUNED REGARDING DOHERTY

Dear Attorney General Thornburgh:

On behalf of the 1.3 million residents of Suffolk County, I write to urge you to reconsider your decision regarding Joseph Patrick Doherty's case.

Mr. Doherty has been incarcerated longer than any other prisoner in the history of New York's Metropolitan Correctional Center. He has been neither charged nor convicted of any crime here. Yet the government wants to return him to the United Kingdom, where he is sure to face political reprisals, possibly even death.

In 1984, the Honorable Judge John E. Sprizzo of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York denied a request by the United Kingdom's government for extradition. Judge Sprizzo wrote that the facts in the case "present the political exception in its most classic form."

During the past six years, other federal and immigration judges have consistently ruled in Mr. Doherty's favor, yet your office continues to deny him a hearing on his request for political asylum in spite of the fact that the federal Board of Immigration Appeals has ordered you to do so.

We call America "the land of the free." But by imprisoning a man for six years without so much as a formal hearing practically invalidates this claim. Such a denial of elemental due process of law is personally repugnant to me, an elected official who is sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

At the bare minimum, Mr. Doherty should be released on bail pending a hearing on his request for political asylum. To deny him this Constitutional guarantee makes a mockery of the provisions of our most fundamental legal document.

I trust that you will promptly remedy this situation and grant Mr. Doherty the hearing our laws entitle him to.

Patrick G. Halpin
Suffolk County Executive

"BRIGAND"

It was they who killed our ancestors
It was they who stole our land
It was they who tried to starve us out
Then they called us "Brigand".
It was they who said we couldn't pray
In our own and ancient voice
They forbade us Mass and The Eucharist too!
Death and torture was our choice.
And for Blessed Mary's name

we died
They didn't like our Queen
And our priests were hunted like the wolf
For bounty, if they be seen.
But they never turned our hearts
From Rome
Nor dashed our dreams of a Gaelic land
And 'til our ancestors sleep in peace
They can call us all
"Brigand".

Vincent J. Scully

ERIN GO BRAGH

What shall I say about the Irish...?
The utterly impractical, never predictable,
Sometimes irascible, quite inexplicable Irish?
Strange blend of shyness, pride and conceit.
And stubborn refusal to bow in defeat.
He's spoiling and ready to argue, and fight.
Yet the smile of a child fills his soul with delight.
His eyes are the quickest to well up with tears.
Yet his strength is the strongest to banish your fears
His hate is as fierce as his devotion is grand.
And there's no middle ground on which he will stand.
He's wild and he's gentle, he's good and he's bad.
He's proud and he's humble, he's happy and sad.
He's in love with the ocean, the Earth and the skies.
He's enamored with beauty, wherever it lies.
He's victor and victim, a star and a clod.
But mostly he's Irish... in love with his God?

Anonymous



Tom Egan, Irish Activist, Dies at Home in Vermont

By MICHAEL P. QUINLIN

Tom Egan, who adopted Vermont as his home state in 1963 and who became its leading voice on Irish issues, died quietly at his home in Rutland on Thursday, October 12, 1989 at age 75.

Born in Greenwich Village in New York City, the son of immigrant parents, Egan was a colorful committed man with a flair for entertainment and a feel for the art of politics. He wore many hats during his lifetime: artist, composer, singer, photographer, activist, organizer, candidate, and raconteur, as well as being an insurance salesman and later executive for the John Hancock Insurance Company.

Foremost, Egan cherished his Irish heritage and managed to combine the best characteristics of being Irish and American during his life. He was the spokesman for several Irish organizations in Vermont, including the Michael Davitt division of the AOH, which he revived, the American Irish Political Education Committee, the Irish Cultural Institute, Irish National Caucus and the Irish American Unity Conference.

Egan befriended many Irish politicians and activists during his career. One of Egan's greatest victories was the enactment of the Vermont MacBride Bill last spring — after coming out of retirement last December to lead the lobbying effort in the legislature and the governor's office.

Longtime friend Bill Nevins noted that Egan travelled to New Hampshire earlier in the year to testify for MacBride but also to observe the



TOM EGAN

British opposition. He returned to Vermont prepared to refute the British strategy, which tried to tie MacBride backers with terrorism.

Egan's final victory came when Senator Patrick Leahy signed onto the Joe Doherty petition, which Egan and others had worked on vigorously through the summer and fall.

In addition to his Irish connections, Egan had a fierce love for America and for Vermont. He served on General MacArthur's staff in the Philippines, helping to liberate the country in 1945. Years later he returned with his wife to renew friendships with people he met during the war.

In Vermont, Egan designed the state's license plate as part of the bicentennial celebration, and was active in the Rutland Historical Society. He wrote a radio play about the surrender of Cornwallis to George Washington, stressing the role that the Irish and French troops played in the War of Independence.

In true form, Tom Egan helped to orchestrate his own funeral,

producing a green-colored program with a Celtic cross, black rose, and Egan clan crest on the cover. Titled 'A Celebration of the Passage to Paradise,' the booklet was a joyous and reflective recap of his life that affirmed his deep faith in God, and his love for his family and friends.

The program also included specific instructions for the mass, which included Tom's favorite biblical passages, and music ranging from Mozart to the Coolin, an old Irish air, on the uilleann pipes." As always, Tom got the last word," said his close friend, Kyran McGrath.

Tom Egan is survived by his wife Peg, his six children, many grandchildren, and hundreds of friends throughout the world. His legacy as a formidable advocate for peace and justice in Northern Ireland is undiminished by his death, and his uncompromising dedication to the betterment of his fellow man will long be remembered by those who knew him. In a tribute, Father Sean McManus of the Irish National Caucus said he was saddened by the death of Tom Egan.

"He was devoted to the cause of Ireland — in a profound, authentic and compassionate way. But what touched me most about Tom, was his extraordinary faith in God. I've never known anyone who more calmly and with such resignation accepted his death. Tom had the heart of a lion, the soul of a saint, and the talent of a remarkably gifted Irishman. May he rest in God's eternal peace," he said.

Voices Ring Out

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victimized class or category to speak for them and to help cover up discrimination. In the United States such persons are called "Uncle Tom's". In Ireland we call them "token taigs". (The word "taig" is a derogatory name for Catholics).

And sure enough the British Government has produced a number of "token taigs" and has dispatched them to the U.S. to oppose the MacBride Principles. These "token taigs" have appeared wherever there is pending legislation on the MacBride Principles.

The problem in Ireland could have been solved long ago if people with power and influence had not turned their backs on the plight of Catholics in Northern Ireland. This Council has power and influence. I ask you, please, not to turn your backs. Please support the MacBride Principles legislation and stop Boston dollars from subsidizing anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland. Thank you.

The Hon. Charles J. Haughey
Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland
Addressing Irish Parliament

"I want to avail myself of this opportunity to state that I fully endorse the MacBride Principles. I welcome the efforts and initiative of concerned Americans who wish to see something done about the chronic discriminatory patterns in employment in Northern Ireland.

The regrettable position is that fourteen years after the imposition of direct rule in Northern Ireland, the situation in most sectors of employment is as bad as it ever was. The purpose of the MacBride Principles is to ensure that if there is to be American investment, if there are to be American orders, the firms con-

National Pro Life

New A.O.H. National Holiday

DAYTON, OHIO: At a recent meeting of the National Board, an important resolution was adopted that requires your utmost attention. The Board adopted the Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28) as a Hibernian Day of Commemoration so that special attention may be given to the slaughter of innocents through abortion.

I ask that in November and December meetings plans be made to participate in anti-abortion activities, promote anti-abortion discussions/seminars, promote and distribute pro-life literature and organizations. You are encouraged to join in prayer services or sponsor liturgies that give special emphasis to the need for all citizens to stand up and speak out against abortion — the ultimate child abuse.

Our National Pro-Life Chairman will answer any questions you may have and will be glad to work with a local Pro-Life Committee to develop an appropriate response for your area. He can be reached by calling:

William S. Farrell
191 Pratt Mill Road
Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776
Tel.: (508) 443-2878

Following is the resolution in full.

Special Day of Commemoration — Feast of the Holy Innocents*

Whereas, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish Catholic organization in America; and

Whereas, Ireland is one of the few nations to constitutionally protect the unborn against the intrinsic evil of abortion;

Whereas, in 1979 in Washington Pope John Paul II asked all the American faithful to "stand up" and "speak out" against the slaughter of innocents by abortion; and

Whereas, the Board has designated certain days for Hibernian activities celebrating our Irish and Catholic heritage including Commodore Barry Day, St. Patrick's Day, Our Lady of Knock Day; and Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians adopt and designate the Feast of Holy Innocents (1989-Dec. 28) as a Hibernian Special Day of Commemoration and promote its use by all State, County and Division Presidents as a day of action and prayer for the victims of abortion including the unborn child, the father, the mother, and Be It Further

Resolved, that this Feast Day be set aside for Hibernian support for educational forums, fundraising and protest action.

*Feast of Holy Innocents in Catholic Calendar commemorates Herod's slaughter of first-born males in his attempt to kill the newborn king, Jesus.



WILLIAM SHERWIN, center, executive director, International Right to Life Federation, Rome, Italy, was a speaker at meetings during the National AOH President's Dinner. At left is William S. Farrell, National Pro-Life chairman, and at right, Robert Butler, chairman of the dinner event.

cerned will have to act fairly and in a non-discriminatory fashion in regard to employment."

—Address to Irish Parliament, 7/4/86

The Rt. Hon. Peter Archer, Q.C., M.P.
Remarks in the
House of Commons, London

Unemployment among Catholics in Northern Ireland is still twice the rate for Protestants. There is general agreement that much remains to be done, including implementing affirmative action measures, to make existing equal-opportunity legislation effective. The Government has published a green paper proposing further measures, which we, along with many others, regard as inadequate. The Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights has published an interim report on Equality of Opportunity in Employment, making proposals which go significantly further than those of the Government.

We take the view, contrary to suggestions in some quarters, that the principles cannot reasonably be construed as entailing reverse discrimination or a quota system. The findings of a New York court have supported our view, and I have checked personally with Sean MacBride that he did not so intend. No U.K. court has yet tested the issue.

The MacBride Principles simply bring together proposals which are widely accepted as necessary if inequalities are to be redressed. We welcome the contribution they have made to putting equality of opportunity on the political agenda.

Copy deadline January 15

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DID YOU KNOW ...?



THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES

was designed by Charles Thomson, a native of County Derry, and Secretary of the Continental Congress during its entire existence, from 1774 to 1789. His design of the Great Seal was accepted by the Congress. Of special historical significance is his name on the Declaration of Independence attesting to its authenticity. His last official act, upon instruction of the Congress, was to notify General Washington at Mount Vernon of his election as the first President of the United States, and to accompany him to New York for his inauguration. He resigned from the Congress on July 23, 1789.

His service was such that John Adams described him as "the life of the cause of liberty." After delivering all of the official records of the Congress to his successor in the new Congress, he refused to write his account of the American Revolution, regarding his knowledge as a sacred trust.



THE WHITE HOUSE

was designed by James Hoban who emigrated from County Kilkenny in 1785, after completing studies in Dublin as an architect. His design won a competition for the President's House, later the White House. He supervised its completion and following its destruction by the British in 1814, he directed its reconstruction.

Thereafter, the State and War offices, begun in 1818, were designed by him and he assisted in the building of the U.S. Capitol. He also served as a member of the Washington City Council from its incorporation in 1802 until his death in 1831.



THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

was completed under the direction of Thomas Lincoln Casey, Colonel, U.S. Army Engineers. He devised in 1878 a plan for finishing the construction of the monument which had been started on too shallow a foundation, causing its abandonment for 23 years. He was a member of a Rhode Island Irish family.

Continuing his building career, Casey, now a General, was permitted to remain on duty after retirement age, through an Act of Congress, to direct the completion of the Library of Congress.

The above material about historical events and personalities was provided by James Brennan, Washington, D.C., a member of the American Foundation for Irish Heritage, 2010 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045. (301-585-2048).

THE NATION'S CULTURE

has been enriched and enhanced by the millions of Irish in America where their creative, artistic and intellectual talents were given every opportunity to flourish, unlettered by regard for their social, economic, political or religious condition.



ANDREW JACKSON
(1767-1845)
U.S. President 1824-1837



EUGENE O'NEIL
(1888-1953)
Playwright—NOBEL, 1936



ELIZABETH CADY STANTON
(1814-1869)
Feminist—Social Reformer



JOHN P. HOLLAND
(1840-1914)
Inventor—Submarine Pioneer



GEORGE M. COHAN
(1873-1940)
Songwriter—Playwright



GEORGE MEANY
(1894-1980)
Labor Leader

Thatcher Denounced For Suppressing Freedom of Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — The International Federation of Journalists, in a report published in Glasgow last week accused Prime Minister Thatcher, of a "systematic and extensive" attempt to control press freedom in Britain. It said Britain's standing had suffered because of government moves against the media, particularly broadcasters.

The IFJ, which represents 150,000 journalists, said the broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein had the "alarming" consequences of allowing authoritarian countries to justify their own "repressive" actions against the media.

It also ridiculed the government's attempts to ban "spycatcher" and denounce as "shocking" plans for a new Official Secrets Act under which, it said, journalists could be jailed without any proof that they had harmed the public interest.

The report said, "Although many factors play a role, the Thatcher government lays itself open to the charge that it is much less concerned with press freedom than protecting itself."

The IFJ urged that: •Britain should recognize the public's "right to know," rather than

just the freedom to express opinions; •Journalists should take action to "stop the rot" and the tabloid press should stop giving ammunition to arguments that the press was

irresponsible; •Press freedom in Britain should be guaranteed either by a written constitution, a Freedom of Information Act, or a Bill of Rights.

A Day at the Races



AOH DAY AT THE RACES — Kathryn Back, president, District Board LAOH, welcoming Brendan Schannell, Counsellor, the newest addition to the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, DC. They were at the Annual AOH Day At The Races in Laurel, Maryland. Past District Board President Matt Hannon, center, appears to be peeking at Brendan's race program — maybe looking for a hot tip. Irish Eye photo

Order of Golden Rose



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Brother Pat Troy, founder and first president of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Div. V of the District Board, was recently presented the Order of the Golden Rose from the Festival of Tralee Committee for his outstanding contribution to the International Rose of Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. This year, the 17th Annual Rose of Tralee Festival of Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. was again held at Chairman Pat Troy's Irelands Own restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia, before a sold out reservations-only audience. Irish Eye photo

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

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Message from
Freedom for All Ireland
Committee Chairman

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Approximately four weeks ago I wrote to all Division Presidents and Chairmen of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee asking for donations towards the Christmas Relief Fund project. As you know, each and every Christmas we send checks to the Green Cross and An Cumana Cabrac for distribution to the families of the prisoners in Northeast Ireland.

Please do your part to make this worthy cause a huge success. I am sure you can think of ways to raise money for donations — from your Division, from Division members, cocktail party, etc.

Make your checks payable to the

FFAIC Committee and mail to me at the address below. An Honor Roll of donors to this noble cause will be published in the *Hibernian Digest*, so please include your Division number when responding.

Thanks to all who have already responded. Your promptness and generosity is deeply appreciated. To those who have not, please remember it is only through the efforts of everybody that this worthy cause will be successful. PLEASE, Act now! I look forward to your cooperation and early reply.

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Joseph Patrick Doherty
A Modern Irish Patriot

By MIKE McCORMACK

Patriots are not always past tense. There are patriots today as dedicated to Irish freedom as were Emmet, Tone, or Pearse. The only thing that has changed is our perception of them and their struggle, but before we judge them, we must walk a mile in their shoes. It is also well to remember that Pearse was called a terrorist in his day as was George Washington — until history proved the justice of their struggle.

The state of Northern Ireland was created in 1923 against the vote of the Irish people for a free 32-county Ireland. A portion of Ulster, where descendants of English settlers formed a Loyalist majority, was partitioned from the rest of the nation, and gerrymandered to insure that Loyalist majority. In addition, systematic discrimination was practiced against those who did not subscribe to the Loyalist philosophy to keep them politically and economically powerless so that they would never threaten Loyalist supremacy. Those who didn't subscribe to the Loyalist dogma were termed Nationalists. Mostly Roman Catholic, they were the true Irish who felt that the nation their an-

cestors had struggled for and that they themselves had fought and voted for should have been created. They became victims of a discrimination aimed at forcing large numbers to emigrate, thereby insuring the Loyalists' majority. And until the 1960s that is exactly what happened.

Joseph Doherty was born in that turbulent state on January 20, 1955. A boy from Belfast, he had no childhood as we know it in America, and clearly had no future. He heard the hateful dialogue of Paisley-like preachers who swore in the name of Christ Crucified that Catholics were traitors and devils; he saw the Royal Ulster Constabulary turn a blind eye as Loyalist mobs burned his friends out of their homes simply because they were Catholic; and he felt the pain of the crying mothers and wives whose husbands and sons were shot dead for no other reason than to intimidate the 'croppys' to lie down. As a boy grows to a man, the influence of his environment shapes his destiny, and while Joe's religious background kept him from violence, there was resentment building in his young heart against the injustices visited upon his people. The innocence of youth and the pride that is such an inherent part of the Irish character would not let him kneel; damned if he would bow to strangers in his land, Joe became another candidate for emigration.

Safety Valve Closed

In the 1960s, the safety valve of emigration was closed. No more would America hold her door open for the race that had contributed so much to her growth. Likewise, restrictions were placed on immigration to Australia, New Zealand, and England itself. The traditional escape routes were closed, and Joe was trapped in a situation he neither understood nor could tolerate. The youth of Northern Ireland were now forced to remain at home, and with the energy of youth they protested their second-class citizenship. It began in the schools and universities, and then it came to the streets. The protest took

Tribute To
Joe Doherty
Nat'l Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Hon. Eliot L. Engle of New York, in the House of Representatives, on Monday, September 15, 1989, paid the following tribute on the floor of the house, which is entered in the Congressional Record.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the National Committee to Free Joe Doherty and to Joe's attorneys, Mary Pike and Steve Somerstein. On the occasion of this tribute, I am proud to raise my voice in the U.S. House of Representatives on this important issue.

I would especially like to express my admiration and respect to my good friend Mary Pike, who I have come to know well from my involvement in promoting justice for Joe Doherty. Mary's tenacious pursuit of this case, through virtually every possible legal channel available, evokes a feeling of warmth and gratitude from all of us in this country who believe that due process and the integrity of the U.S. Constitution have been breached in Joe's case.

As the National Committee to Free Joe Doherty and its supporters well know, Joe has faced an unprecedented level of opposition from the highest places within the U.S. Government. Yet, there is no hint among the national committee, from Mary Pike or Steve Somerstein, that they will permit an unjust U.S. Government policy to prevail.

The tribute for Mary Pike and Steve Somerstein on September 29 demonstrates that despite the long duration of this case, the supporters of justice for Joe Doherty will not permit a hostile U.S. Government to defeat us without a vigorous battle for what we know is right. Just as Joe Doherty has demonstrated his personal strength by continuing to fight for asylum in the United States, his supporters have been unyielding in their struggle.

The National Committee to Free Joe Doherty can be proud that House Concurrent Resolution 62, of which I am an original co-sponsor, has nearly 80 co-sponsors with new support for the resolution growing each day. This is a tribute to Joe and to the thousands of his advocates who believe that he deserves a fair shake in the United States. Building support for this resolution demonstrates the importance of each individual getting involved and doing whatever possible to advance this cause.

the form of non-violent marches demanding such basic civil rights in their own land as the ability to vote and an end to discrimination in jobs and public housing.

Brutality had always been the tactic of the Loyalist mentality, and the peaceful marches were met with violent opposition. Marchers were beaten senseless and arrested, and anyone under 25 was suspected of complicity in the Civil Rights movement. Young Joe Doherty was not actively involved in any organization when he was first picked up and interrogated; but he was under 25. It happened again and again, and the interrogation was physical. On his 17th birthday, this

In Praise of the UDR

The commander of the Ulster Defense Regiment, Brigadier Charles Ritchie, has recently stated that his soldiers have worked "under circumstances unique in the history of the British Army." And judging from their record, we would have to agree that they are a "unique" group, indeed!

Formed in 1970 for the defense of Northern Ireland, the UDR is the largest regiment in the British Army, is recruited only in Northern Ireland, and serves only in Northern Ireland. Given its short existence, it can only be described as outstanding.

•Over 100 members of the UDR have been convicted of criminal offenses.

•23 members have been convicted or murdered.

•The UDR is currently at the center of the inquiry by the Cambridge-shire Deputy Chief Constable, John Stevens, into leaks by security forces.

•Over 700 members of the UDR have "lost their weapons."

•Two UDR members were convicted of the Miami Showband murders of 1975.

•A UDR member was one of the "kill Butchers" who tortured and dismembered Catholics.

•A former UDR soldier is serving a five-year sentence for illegal possession of a machine gun.

•A UDR sergeant is serving a five-year sentence for robbing his armory and selling guns to the Ulster Defense Association, a loyalist paramilitary organization.

•A UDR member is serving a nine-year sentence, and another has received a suspended sentence, having admitted that they assisted the Ulster Defense Association in stealing weapons from the UDR's armory.

It appears that the UDR is doing the job of the UDA. In fact, Irish nationalists in the Six Counties are convinced that the UDA is really the UDR when not in uniform.

Brendan Moore
Deputy National Chairman,
Freedom For All Ireland

proud young Irishman was picked up and interned at the convenience of the government for 5 months — without trial. Put yourself in Joe's place and imagine his frustration at hearing that his two sisters had also been interned — one of whom was strip-searched 82 times before being acquitted at her trial. If he was not a violent man when interned, he certainly understood violence when he was released. One would have to be a saint to resist hatred after such an ordeal — which of us could?

Convinced that force was the only answer for his people's degradation, Joe joined the IRA upon his release from internment. Membership in the IRA is a crime in British eyes, and the final piece was in place — Joe could be legally condemned for becoming what the British had molded him into with their own injustice. In 1980, his IRA unit was ambushed by the Special Air Service, a counterinsurgency unit of the British Military. In the gun battle, one British soldier was killed. Doherty and the other IRA men were captured and sentenced to life imprisonment before a juryless court. Under Orders from his unit, Joe and several other members escaped from jail. He was ordered to resign from the IRA and escape to the United States because he was as good as dead in Northern Ireland.

Joe arrived in the United States and lived in New York in the peace and quiet that he had been denied all his life. He was a changed man; the bitterness was still there, but the rage was beginning to fade. He was forced to live undercover, for America's doors were still closed. But for Joe Doherty it was a matter of survival — life as an undocumented alien in America was preferable to death in Northern Ireland. It was not to last. On June 18, 1983 Joe was arrested by federal officials for entering America illegally. In short order the British filed an extradition request, and Joe's hardest ordeal had begun.

The American State Department's wishes to comply with Britain's extradition order was foiled by the decision of the American Courts. On December 12, 1984 the Honorable

John Sprizzo denied the request for extradition citing that the facts of this case present the assertion of the political offense exception in its most classic form. Joe was safe; or was he? The State Department appealed the decision, but the decision was upheld. Again the decision was appealed and again Joe was declared free from extradition. But the State Department would not be swayed from bending their knee to British wishes, and Joe was kept interned during the long period of appeal.

Taking another approach, the Government in 1985 revised the extradition treaty with Great Britain eliminating the political offense exception. Still in jail in a country in which he lived as a model citizen, committed no crime, nor was ever accused of one, Joe saw his situation as hopeless. There was only one hope. Under U.S. law a person agreeing to be deported may choose the country of destination so Joe applied for extradition to the Republic of Ireland — not Northern Ireland or Britain. In spite of Ireland's willingness to accept him, and a U.S. Immigration Judge's order to deport him, the Department of Justice claimed it was prejudicial to our nation's interest to deport Joe to Ireland. In June, 1988, a frustrated Attorney General Edwin Meese, ignoring all propriety in the case, ordered Joe's deportation to the United Kingdom anyway. An appeal was immediately filed on Joe's behalf and will soon be heard.

Thousands of Irish-Americans, objecting to the treatment of this Irish patriot, are appealing to their Senators to support HR 62 which asks for bail and political asylum for Joe Doherty. Thousands of Americans, infuriated by the betrayal of our Constitution at the behest of England, are joining them. As Joe nears his 7th consecutive year in an American jail with neither indictment nor trial to justify such internment, what are your elected representatives doing?

Patriots are not always past tense. Here is your chance to help a modern Irish patriot. Call your elected representative today.

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Ladies New Jersey State News

Elizabeth Division No. 4

The Elizabeth Division of the LAOH attended the New Jersey State Convention held June 2-4 at the Warren Hotel, Spring Lake. The turnout was fabulous. We are honored to have Anna Cosgrove as new state president; Rose Langan, vice-president; Mary Moran, secretary. (Mary is also our Division 4 secretary) which is a great honor to our Division; Mary Weston, treasurer; Ruth Gibbs, historian; Kathleen Brew, missions; and Marion Watchon, Catholic Action.

Church. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Richard Arnholz, administrator of St. Patrick's, and was followed by a small buffet. This Mass is held each year in conjunction with National observance.

Our Margaret Donelan is busy in her role as Catholic Action Chair, getting donations for St. Joseph Social Services (for those in need of household items, clothing, etc.), encouraging our members to support local nursing homes, and not to forget daily prayer for peace in Northern Ireland.

State Secretary and Division Secretary Mary Moran continues as Chairlady of the Spaghetti Dinner



LADIES NATIONAL BOARD wearing their newly conferred sashes at the AOH President's testimonial in Dayton, Ohio. Left to right, standing, Historian Dorothy Fowler; Past National President Margaret Rust; Ch. Catholic Action Mary Paglione; Ch. Missions Margaret Cooney; Past National President, 1970-1972; Past National President Sarah Murphy; and Past National President Zoe Foley. Seated, Vice President Dolores Voelker; Deputy Chaplain George McCarthy; President Mary Bradley McEnery; Secretary Terry Kelleher; and Treasurer Kathleen Linton.

for the Priesthood Fund. Proceeds are added to a statewide fund which enables many priests to complete their seminary training.

Our Division attended the State luncheon held at the Quality Inn, Bordentown, sponsored by the Burlington Division. Delightful entertainment was furnished by Mary Paglione's two nieces.

The Ladies will join with AOH Daniel O'Connell Division 2 at a dance on January 13, to be held at the Portuguese Social Club, Rte. 1, South, Elizabeth. Music by the very popular Noel Henry's Irish Showband is scheduled.

On December 14 Division 4 Ladies will install New Officers for the year 1990 at a holiday season gathering of all the members. Division meetings are every Fourth Thursday of the month at Hibernian Club, 630 First Avenue, Elizabeth. If you're Irish, come into our Division; there's a Welcome there for you!

Our division wishes all our Sister and Brother Hibernians, near and far, a very Holy, Happy and Healthy Merry Christmas and New Year.

Ruth W. Murnane
State Publicity Chairlady

Ladies Pennsylvania State News

State Board

Claire McNelis, president. Very Rev. E. Francis Kelly, pastor of St. Ann's in Freeland, has been appointed as LAOH State Chaplain. Members of the State Board have been active politically and socially. Members headed by Claire McNelis, State President, and Margaret Cooney, National Chairman Catholic Action, attended and testified before the Pennsylvania Senate Finance Committee Hearing on the MacBride Principles, endeavoring to have the Bill passed by the Senate. Margaret Cooney, Sally Mains, Shirley Murphy and Dorothy Weldon attended the Interim National Board Meeting and Testimonial dinner for AOH President Michael Coogan in Dayton, Ohio.

Allegheny County

Kathleen Parker, president. Fall County Meeting was held at Sacred Heart Social Hall in Pittsburgh, hosted by Division One, Catherine Needham, president. The County Ladies participated in the Memorial Mass and Ceremony for Commodore John Barry at which Father Cheetham of St. Anslem Church delivered the homily. Commander Michael Ryan, United States Naval Reserve, placed the wreath at the

war memorial. Brunch was served following the impressive ceremony, arranged by AOH State President Ronald Bryan and County President David O'Connor.

Co-sponsoring the 85th Irish Day Reunion, the AOH and LAOH held a dinner dance at the Blarney Stone in Pittsburgh. Proceeds will benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Columban Mission Fathers. Mary Margaret Maurath, past county president, was recognized for her work and devotion with LAOH Life Membership and Past President's Pin.

Division Eleven

Eileen Martini, president. This Division sponsored a Luncheon Fashion Show on October 14 at the Blarney Stone Restaurant. Proceeds went to the Columban Missions and S.O.A.R. Members, acting as model, wore many beautiful Irish imports.

Washington County

Dorothy Weldon, president. Division Four, Charleoi, held a Day of Recollection at St. Joseph's Mother house in Baden, Pa. The Division financially supports Life Line of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The members are also actively involved in the Local Food Pantry for the indigent.



AT THE COMMODORE John Barry Memorial Ceremony were LAOH Allegheny County board members, left to right, Annabelle Johnson, Kathleen Durkin, Sally Mains, Mary Ellen Ponticel, Catherine Needham, and Karen Flynn.

LAOH National President Mary Bradley Submits A "New Bill"

By PATRICIA OBERRATH

NEWPORT, R.I. — Mary Bradley McEnery, LAOH National President, was married, here, to William J. McEnery on October 14, 1989. The wedding took place here at St. Mary's Church, with pastor Fr. George B. McCarthy, LAOH national chaplain, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth Bradley of Central Falls and the late Albert E. Bradley. Mary is a graduate of Rhode Island College and will continue teaching in the Cumberland school system.

The bridegroom, past national president of the AOH and current State president, is the son of the late James and Nora McEnery of County Kerry, Ireland and Providence. A graduate of LaSalle Academy, he attended the extension divisions of

Providence College, the University of Rhode Island and Brown University. Bill is the retired personnel administrator of the Providence Journal Company and currently writes the veterans column in the Sunday Journal and is staff member in the office of Rhode Island General Treasurer, Anthony J. Solomon.

Patricia McGuire was matron of honor for her sister, and Dr. Kevin W. McEnery was best man for his father.

A reception was held at The Pier, Newport. For a wedding trip, the couple went to the Irish Village, Cape Cod, MA and visited in Ohio. The couple will reside at 201 Wyndham Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908.

Congratulations to Mary and Bill McEnery from the entire LAOH.



HIBERNIANS cut their wedding cake at the reception held at The Pier in Newport, R.I., following their marriage. Looking on while William J. McEnery, past national AOH president, and Mary Bradley McEnery, current national LAOH president, perform the honors, are Hibernians, the Rev. George B. McCarthy and Dr. Kevin W. McEnery.

LAOH Michigan State News

The State Memorial Mass for all deceased members of the LAOH and AOH was held November 5, celebrated by AOH State Chaplain, Fr. Russell Kohler and LAOH State Chaplain, Fr. Robert McGrath. The priest celebrants were piped at the Processional and Recessional by John McGlinchey. During the reading of the names of our deceased brothers and sisters, a gong was struck, creating an impressive ceremony. A buffet was held immediately following along with a Waterford Biscuit Barrel raffle.

The State Board Mass honoring St. Brigid will be held in February; please watch your newsletter for details.

Rose Kennedy Div., Wayne Co.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the AOH Hall, December 9 from 2-5 pm. The Ladies sponsored an enjoyable Halloween Party, thanks to the work of Patricia Glynn and Maureen Martin and their committee.

Daughters of Erin, Kent Co.

The ladies of Kent County recently hosted a "Half Way to St. Patrick's Day" fund raiser for the division's Scholarship Fund. The Wakes and Wedding Band from Detroit entertained and we were delighted to have National Board Officer John McInerney and State President James O'Kelly and wife Shirley. It was a great party.

The Michigan Ladies would like to extend to all our Brother and Sister Hibernians our very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Della Murphy

President's Testimonial April 7

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — National Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians President Mary Bradley McEnery will be honored at a testimonial dinner-dance Saturday, April 7, 1990, held in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Downtown, here, beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m.

The evening's activities will open with a Mass at 5 p.m. in the hotel, celebrated by National LAOH Chaplain the Rev. George B. McCarthy, with LAOH and AOH Chaplains as co-celebrants.

Sponsored by the State Boards of the LAOH and AOH, the affair will be chaired by State Presidents Esther Roderick of Newport and William J. McEnery of Providence. Margaret C. Quinn of Lincoln, treasurer of Division One LAOH of Central Falls, the national president's home division, is in charge of tickets. At \$30 each, the tickets will be available after January 1 by sending reservations to the LAOH National President's Testimonial, P.O. Box 28800, Providence, R.I. 02908.

Ladies

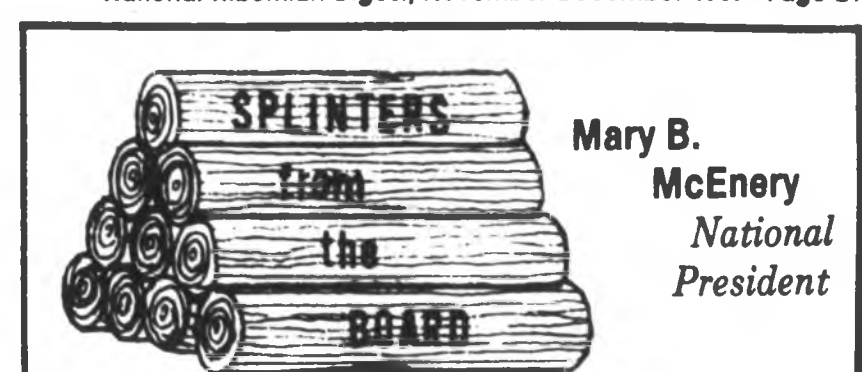
Ohio State News

CLEVELAND: Friday, November 3, 1989 the AOH/LOAH held their annual Reverse Raffle with the grand prize being \$1,500. Out of the final five winners, three were LAOH winners. Now that's what we call fair. Sunday, November 12, 1989 brought the AOH/LOAH together again for the Deceased Member's Mass. Hibernian Chaplain Fr. Brendon McNulty celebrated the 10:00 Mass followed by a brief ceremony and prayer meeting remembering all our deceased members in a very special way. A light breakfast was served.

On that same day, some LAOH members attended a brunch, the proceeds of which go to the St. Joseph Sisters to help fund a home devoted to care of children with Downs Syndrome. The breakfast was well attended.

On December 13, Divisions 5 and 10 will celebrate our annual joint Christmas meeting with a dinner at Brennan's Party Center. A donation will be taken up for the battered children of Providence House.

SUMMIT COUNTY: Our Lady of



Mary B. McEnery
National President

Time passes quickly but it seems impossible that the holidays are once more upon us and only seven months until the National Convention in Virginia.

The Interim Board meeting held the weekend of October 20, 1989 was a very important time for the Ladies. Board members reported on progress made and their plans for the remaining period. It was most productive.

At a special ceremony, the officers of the LAOH were presented green, white and gold sashes of their respective offices and each past National President received as a gift the sash marking the years of her service. Sashes will be worn when members of the Board take part in parades or functions that warrant it.

Charity was an outstanding part of the meeting. The Board, in an attempt to select a national cause, realized that there are many — too many in our case, to consider all, but it did attempt to participate where possible.

ALL HALLOWS SEMINARY: \$1,500 was presented to Fr. Michael Healy, Deputy National Chaplain, for the All Hallows restoration fund and for the education of Irish missionary priests who travel all over the world. We, the Hibernians, are the recipients of some of these missionaries. No priest ordained at All Hallows can remain in Ireland; he must enter the missionary field. One of the first graduates of All Hallows became the Bishop of the Sacramento Valley, prior to the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco.

These charitable donations made in Dayton, Ohio, by the Ladies AOH National Board, epitomize the dedication of our Order to the ideals of our organization which are devotion to God and Country.

As we approach the 1990s, the Ladies AOH is ready to accept the challenge of a new decade. May each member and friend have a Happy and Holy holiday season.

Mary Bradley McEnery
National President

Knock's feast day was observed on August 13 with a joint corporate communion at Immaculate Conception Church. Fr. Thomas McCann officiated; Nan Dugan, Catholic Action chairperson, organized the event.

Summit County Juniors have had a busy summer. Their activities included a father-daughter miniature golf outing, a visit to Dover Lake water slide park and a swimming party at President Jennifer Lase's home. They planned the games for the Annual Family picnic and sold

pop as a fund raiser at the Akron Hibernians Feis.

The Juniors who are now making plans for Fall and Winter projects, participated in a Haunted Halloween Hayride and will be forming a Junior Choir to entertain at a local senior citizens home and the Annual Hibernian Children's Christmas Party. For Christmas, the girls will be donating clothing and toiletries to the home for unwed mothers.

Ohio wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.



ON OCTOBER 20, 1989, at the Holiday Inn, Dayton Mall in Dayton, Ohio, the LAOH National Board posed with their new attire, the new sashes which President Mary Bradley McEnery presented. Left to right, top row, are National Historian Dee Fowler; Past National President Sheila Clifford; Past National President Margaret Rust; National Ch. of Catholic Action Mary Paglione; Ch. of Missions Peggy Cooney; Past National President Rita McDonough; Past National President Sally Murphy and Past National President Zoe Foley. Seated, are National Vice President Dolores Voelker; LAOH National Chaplain, Fr. George B. McCarthy; National President Mary Bradley McEnery; National Secretary Terry Kelleher; and National Treasurer Kathie Linton.

ON OCTOBER 21, 1989, at the Testimonial Dinner for AOH President Michael Coogan, LAOH President Mary Bradley McEnery presented two checks of \$1,500 each, to Fr. Michael Healy, Father gratefully accepted the checks, one for the San Francisco earthquake victims and the other for All Hallows Seminary restoration fund.

Deadline for
next issue
January 15

Ladies Massachusetts News

Would just like to let you know that all is alive and well in Massachusetts. The Ladies throughout the state are in high gear for the coming season, planning installations, fund raisers and good neighbor projects.

The Mass. State Board will hold their quarterly meeting in Marlboro on December 3, followed by awarding a basket of cheer.

The Watertown division recently held its annual scholarship dance and presented the Kay McNamara scholarship to David Piselli, grandson of Bernice Murphy, a member of that division.

The Mass. State Board joined with thousands of other concerned citizens in the Respect Life Walk in October in downtown Boston. State Pro-Life Co-ordinator Mary Leah held a flea market in Watertown and raised \$1000 for this cause.

A party was held in Clinton in September for Past State President Mary Dolan; many members gathered for this gala event.

The Essex County Board held its first meeting in September, chaired by County President Geraldine Rheume. Many plans are being

formulated for the coming year. The Ladies of the Newburyport division are holding a dance for the "Make a Wish" foundation, a very worthy charity. They also held a spaghetti supper.

The Peabody Ladies were involved in the Annual International Festival attended by over 50,000 people.

The Lawrence Hibernians held their annual Festival in September.

The Lynn Ladies along with the Men's division hosted their second annual Clergy Dinner. Over 70 priests and sisters were entertained and served a wonderful supper by the catering crew of Div. 10 Lynn. The division also held a dance for the IIRM movement chaplains and will be holding a prize-a-rama to help build up their treasury.

The Salem Ladies held their annual election of officers, preceded by a pot luck supper, which was very enjoyable. Congratulations to Beth Lynch on becoming the new division president from Salem.

The North Andover ladies held their regular meeting and presented a scholarship to Nathan Welch, grandson of Eileen Welch.

Sheila M. Lynch



HIGHLIGHT of Watertown's annual scholarship dance was the presentation to this year's recipient. Pictured, standing, is Al Murphy. From left are Ronald Piselli, father of David; David Piselli, scholarship recipient; Denise Thomas, mother; and Bernice Murphy, grandmother.



RESPECT LIFE WALK participants were, left to right, M. Jacquelyn Lamprey, president State Board, LAOH; Mary B. Dolan, past state president, State Board, LAOH; and Mary Leah, pro-life coordinator, State Board, LAOH.



CELEBRANTS at Clinton's Party to honor Past State President Mary Dolan (center). From left are the Rev. James D. Champion, State Boards chaplain; Mary E. Bradley, national president LAOH; Mary Dolan; Catherine M. Durvey, State Chairman of Missions; and Sheila M. Clifford, past national president, LAOH.

Ladies Florida State News



OFFICERS OF PASCOE COUNTY LAOH for 1989 are, left to right, top row: Marge O'Keep, Mistress at Arms; Kathryn Connolly, Ch. of Missions; Annemarie O'Brien, president; Jeanmarie Whitmore, vice president; Helen Creighton, recording secretary. Bottom row: Mary Gorgan, Catholic Action; Frances Duane, treasurer; Doris Daly, financial secretary; Elsie McFadden, historian; Thresa Benn, sentinel, is not pictured.

St. Brigid Division 1, Pasco County, has started off their Fall season with increased membership; an annual Card Party and Fashion Show was held November 2, and on November 11 members participated in the Gulfview Square Mall's Christmas Bazaar for which they have been busy over the summer making items; a picnic with the men is planned for the future. Proceeds from these events will go to their many charities.

St. Dymphna Division 1, Manatee County, recently participated in the annual Flea Market of Sacred Heart Church, Bradenton, where their monthly meetings are held. Proceeds from this are earmarked for the expenses, and for hurricane Hugo and

earthquake victims.

Our Lady of Knock Division 1, Pinellas County, held their Halloween Dance on October 28. They remind all Floridians of the upcoming Barley Bree Irish Concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater.

Brevard County Division 1, Palm Bay, recently hosted in Melbourne the November 4 State Board meeting and dance. President Mary Herbert reminded the ladies that the Irish Festival in Ft. Lauderdale will be held March 16, 17 and 18.

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by St. Brigid Division 1, Pasco County, on January 27 at the Sheraton Inn, New Port Richey.

State Board Irish Night
It was indeed a party to be remem-

bered. The Palm Bay Division 1 AOH joint divisions hosted an Irish Night on November 4th. The Shades of Green played traditional Irish music, snacks were provided by the ladies, and half-time tea and soda bread for the watchers. Two well-stocked baskets of cheer were awarded by the Murphy Clan. President Jerry Costlow and President Kathleen Cullinan and their members outdid themselves with this affair.

The State Board meeting was held in conjunction with the dance, a day-long meeting. Presidents Mary Herbert and John Cullinan took much care in the planning.

The Men's Division will host a St. Patrick's Dance on March 17.

KILIAN, The Missioner

BY BRIAN K. LONERGAN

Gunifort, Arbogast, Siloa, Ursus, Rumald, Frigor, Fiacre and Fridolin do not appear to be the names of Irishmen from our everyday experience. In a sense they are not, for they are the names of heroes of bygone days, i.e., the missionaries who helped Christianize Europe. These intrepid souls labored (and often died) in such strange sounding places as Amiens, Soissons, Mainz, Reichenou, St. Gall, Bobbio and Lucra in the countries of England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy. The aforementioned itinerants established about 40 foundations, even as far as Russia.

One of the most famous of all the Irish missionaries, Kilian, labored in the area of Franconia, near the city of Wurzburg in Southern Germany. The people of that section are holding special ceremonies in his honor, for it is the 1,300th anniversary of the death of this heroic churchman. Germany plans to issue a commemorative stamp in his honor.

Kilian's birthplace in Ireland is not exactly recorded although Kerry and Cavan in particular celebrate his memory. Mary Ryan D'arcy, however, notes: "Kilian was born about 640 in Mullagh in County Cavan." He left Ireland with companion monks Coloman and Totnan to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Kilian impressed Pope Conan with his wisdom and intelligence and was nominated by the Holy See to evangelize Franconia. He converted Duke Gosbert and many of his subjects, but failed to convert an important "figure" in his life, Geilana. It seems that Gosbert had married his brother's widow, Geilana, against

the regulations of the Church. Kilian, like other Irish missionaries, balked at the free-wheeling lives of the aristocracy and pressed Gosbert to put away his forbidden love. Gosbert, with much chagrin, obeyed the Church in this matter, but not so Geilana. Like Herod's wife with John the Baptist, she waited her chance for revenge. During Gosbert's next military campaign she engaged an assassin to murder Kilian, Coloman and Totnan. When Gosbert returned from the battlefield he was told that the saints "had left town." Local traditions say that Gosbert eventually developed insanity and Gosbert fell victim to one of his own

servants. The remains of the saint are now enshrined in the Neumunster Basilica in the beautiful city of Wurzburg. An imposing statue of Kilian greets the visitor on the main approach to the area. The city also houses a rare collection of Irish manuscripts, including Kilian's bible.

Ireland honors the saint with numerous churches and an Aer Lingus 747; an Irish ferry ship also carries his name.

Like St. Patrick and the Irish, Kilian is believed by Franciscans to become their chief advocate on their behalf at the last judgment when everyone will appreciate a kind word.

A Prayer for the Missions at Christmas

Dear Father,

You loved the world so much that You gave us Your own Son as our Redeemer.

Remembering the innkeeper who closed the door to Christ, I pray for all who stand rejected and unloved, who do not know God as their Father.

Remembering the shepherds who were the first to come to Christ, I pray for missionaries who call others to Him by their words and deeds and lives.

Remembering the kings who brought Him gifts, I pray that I may be generous in sharing the greatest of all gifts—my faith—with all who long to know God our Father.

I ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world.

Amen.

The Columban Fathers are grateful and feel privileged to work with you.

May yours be a Holy Christmas indeed!

SUBMITTED BY MARGARET COONEY,
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS

STATE NEWS: Washington D.C.



COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DAY — Annual Birthday Celebration of Commodore John Barry, Father of the American Navy, was held on the Navy Ship Barry in the Washington DC, Navy Yard. Some of the participants were, left to right, Paul X. Kelly, Former Commandant U.S. Marine Corps; Hon. Lawrence Garrett, Secretary of the Navy; Terry Radigan, president, Commodore John Barry Div. 1, Washington, DC; Ed Kelly, Commodore Barry Div. 1; and Col. Pat Collins, Lt. Col. John A. Dowd, USMC, Div. 1, Woodbridge, VA. Navy Photo by PH3 Michael Barnes

STATE NEWS: Maryland



THE FLAG OF WEXFORD, Ireland, birthplace of Commodore John Barry (1745-1803), a naval hero of the Revolutionary War, is raised at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The ceremony took place on September 13, the anniversary date of John Barry, known as "The Father of the U.S. Navy." From left are: Rear Adm. Ralph F. Murphy, USN (Ret.), Capt. J.W. Prueher, commandant of midshipmen, and Wm. J. Toomey, president of the Commodore John Barry Division of the AOH in Annapolis. The flag was presented by the Hon. Dominic Kiernan, Mayor of Wexford, on an earlier visit.

STATE NEWS: Virginia



HISTORIC SCENE PAINTING — John S. A'Hearn, president, Thomas F. Meagher Division 1, Fredericksburg, Virginia and James Carmody, president, Virginia State Board, viewing the painting, "General Washington and Charles Thomson at Mount Vernon." The painting shows Irish-born, First Secretary of the Continental Congress Charles Thomson notifying General George Washington of his election as President of the United States. The painting was presented to the National Archives by a newly formed Washington, DC organization, American Foundation for Irish Heritage. Irish Eye photo



HALLOWEEN — Willie Henderson, center, attending the Washington Gaels Football Team Halloween Party found himself being torn between the "Devil" Michelle Donnelly and her adversary, "Sister" Mary Healy. The Washington Gaels are the 1989 Champions of the Philadelphia Junior American League. Irish Eye photo



NEW BLOOD — Over 40 Charlie Quinn, left, congratulating the newest, youngest, and under 20 member of his Division, Shane O'Brien. Charlie is past president of the John F. Kennedy Division 5 in Prince George's County Maryland. Shane is vice president of the O'Brien Travel Service and manager of their Limousine Department. Irish Eye photo

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Profiles in Patriotism

By MICHAEL McCORMACK, National Historian

Joseph Mary Plunkett

Joseph Mary Plunkett, son of George Noble, Count Plunkett, was born in Dublin in 1887. His family name had been prominent in Irish history for over 600 years; in fact, St. Oliver Plunkett, who had been martyred by the British in 1681, was an ancestor. The family took great pride in their loyalty to Ireland and the faith, as is evidenced by Joseph's middle name in honor of the Mother of God.

Sickly since childhood, Joseph grew into a youth of frail health. He was educated at Belvedere College in Dublin, Stonyhurst in England, and then at University College, Dublin. After his graduation he spent some years recuperating in the drier climates of Italy, Egypt, and Algeria. In 1911, he returned to Dublin, and renewed his friendship with Thomas MacDonagh, another UCD graduate. Always creative and bright, he and MacDonagh launched the *Irish Review* and helped Edward Martyn to found the *Irish Theatre* in Hardwicke Street. The sincere nationalism that Joseph inherited from his family soon emerged in inspired nationalist poetry in which he

damned the conquerors of his land and praised the glories of his heritage.

His patriotism was not only oral and written — young Plunkett worked for his beliefs. He was one of the founders of the Irish Volunteers and a member of its first Executive in 1913. He joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), and was sent on several secret and dangerous missions. He was sent to America as a liaison to the AOH and Clan na Gael organizations, which were actively raising funds for an insurrection, and he was sent to Berlin in 1915 to assist Roger Casement's efforts in securing that country's aid for Irish independence. Upon his return to Ireland he was made a member of the Military Council of the IRB, and became its Director of Military Operations. When a rising was decided upon for Easter, 1916, it was Plunkett who drew up the original strategy and plans for the occupation of Dublin. He was a tireless worker, and his efforts in spite of his ill health, were an inspiration to all.

Then, early in 1916 as plans were reaching fruition, young Joseph fell seriously ill. The many exertions on his frail frame in the cause of Ireland's freedom had taken their toll, and he was taken to hospital to undergo throat surgery. While recuperating from that surgery, he learned of Casement's capture on Banna Strand on Good Friday. He knew the game was up; the blow must be struck now or the opportunity would be gone forever. He also knew that he had to be a part of it. So he left the nursing home in which he was convalescing to join his comrades-in-arms.

Though concerned for the young man's health, Tom Clarke was nevertheless delighted to have Plunkett back at so critical a time, and Pearse, Connolly, and the other leaders drew considerable confidence from Plunkett's heroic and unselfish dedication to the cause. In this noble company, Joseph Plunkett and his good friend Tom MacDonagh proudly affixed their signatures to

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STATE NEWS: New York



Congressman Ray McGrath (R-Valley Stream), center, met recently with Sean Mulgrew (far right, holding flag) of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Sean was visiting the United States on a six week program sponsored by Project Children. This year Sean is staying with the Mullins family of Washington, D.C., and has been visiting the various sights around the nation's capital. Project Children offers over 700 Catholic and Protestant Irish youngsters each year a respite from the daily violence they face every day in Northern Ireland. The Mullins family, left to right, are James, John, William (behind McGrath), Mary and Jim.



NASSAU COUNTY, N.Y.: Nassau County Firefighters Emerald Society vice-president and co-founder Steve Grogan of the Lynbrook, Long Island Fire Department, second from right, joins other dignitaries at the Nassau County AOH Fels in honoring the AOH Man of the Year, Dave Henshaw of Lynbrook, third from left. Joining them, from left to right, are Nassau County Comptroller Peter King (honorary Emerald Society member); Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon; Henshaw; Town of North Hempstead Supervisor John Kiernan (Honorary Emerald Society member); Grogan; and Jack Irwin of East Rockaway, National AOH Director.

Congressman Honored



BROOKLYN, NY: Congressman Charles E. Schumer of Brooklyn (center) was recently honored at the Al O'Hagan Testimonial Dinner for his work on immigration legislation. With him, from left, are Dinner Chairman and Kings County Vice President Paul Morrissey; National Chairman of Immigration Jack Irwin, who made the presentation; NY State AOH President Al O'Hagan; and NY State Director Martin Kelly.

Long Island Colleen Wins Scholarship



TRICIA ELLEN RATTIGAN

NEW YORK: The New York State AOH Board recently announced that Tricia Ellen Rattigan has been selected as the 1989 recipient of the Austin V. Carew Scholarship. Ms. Rattigan, who resides at 59 Linden Street, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757, is a recent graduate of Lindenhurst High School.

Tricia intends to study Political Science and the Russian language at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Eventually she intends to study law and practice international or corporate law. She is the daughter of John and Patricia Rattigan, who are active members of Babylon's St. Patrick's Division 2, AOH and LAOH.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 per year for four years of college study and is awarded each year to a member, son or daughter of a member of the AOH on the basis of S.A.T. scores and an examination on Irish and Irish-American history, culture and geography, administered by the New York State Board.

Michael J. O'Connor

Downey Urges Fair Treatment of Doherty

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Thomas J. Downey (D-Amityville) announced recently that he has joined with other Members of Congress in filing a "friend of the court" brief in support of Joseph Doherty.

Downey, who is a member of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, said, "I believe that Joe Doherty must be treated fairly and he must be accorded the due process of law. His request for political asylum deserves to be considered expeditiously and according to the procedures established by law."

Doherty faces deportation for having entered the United States illegally after fleeing a British jail where he was held for killing a British soldier in Ulster. For the past six years, Doherty has been held in U.S. jails without bail and without conviction. Although the Board of Immigration Appeals voted to reconsider Doherty's request for

political asylum, the Attorney General ordered his deportation and Doherty is now challenging this ruling in the courts.

Congressman Downey, who visited Doherty in jail last year, noted that "the Attorney General is ignoring both the judicial process and congressional intent to provide a mechanism for protecting those seeking political asylum in the United States. Joe Doherty's incarceration is a travesty of justice. He deserves the opportunity to be heard and to present his case before the appeals board."

"I will continue to work hard to assist Joe Doherty in his effort to secure asylum," Downey concluded, "and I will fight any attempt to take that right away from him."

Guest Speaker



NASSAU COUNTY, NY — Nassau County Comptroller Peter T. King, left, was the guest speaker at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Monsignor Michael J. McLaughlin Hibernian Division in Wantagh. King was welcomed to the Breakfast by, left to right, Presiding Supervisor Joseph Mondello; Division President Tom O'Grady; and Nassau County Board President Jack Ryan.

Wins Membership Drive



SUFFOLK, NY: St. Patrick's Division 2, Babylon, N.Y., won the coveted Membership Trophy for New York State. The trophy is awarded to the Division with the largest increase in membership in both the men's and ladies' divisions. This is the second consecutive victory for Division 2. Admiring the trophy are, Noreen Murphy, president Division 2, Ladies Division; Eileen Mannix, president Suffolk County Ladies; John Dooley, vice president, division 2; Jack Gerrity, organizer, Division 2; John Hennessy, president, Suffolk County men; and Tom Maher, president, Division 2.

John Barry Commemoration Held

BUFFALO, N.Y.: The AOH Buffalo Division 1, Queen City of the Lakes' 10th Annual Commodore John Barry Observance was held Saturday, September 9, 1989. An enthusiastic group enjoyed the gathering at the Buffalo Naval and

Servicemens Park in downtown Buffalo.

Guest speaker was Division Member Thomas Higgins, Sheriff of Erie County, and President John Brady, who welcomed the group.

Division 1 Kiltie Saffron Color Guard and piper displayed the colors. After the ceremony, a brunch on the fantail of the USS Little Rock was enjoyed as a fitting finale in tribute to a great patriot, Commodore John Barry.



GATHERED FOR Buffalo Div. 1's annual tribute to Commodore John Barry are, left to right, front row, John Kavanaugh, vice president; Capt. USNR Ret. Lockerbee; John Brady; President Nancy Kelly, Queen Mave LAOH; Chaplain Rev. Richard Coveny; Tom Carroll; Capt. USNR Ret. Dan Gorman. Back row, Bart Stack; Jim Osborne; Tim Leary; Jim Sinclair; Tom Higgins; and Fran Gaughan.

Irish Beauty



THE 1989 "MARY OF DUNGLOE" poses with Willie Joe Cunningham at the contest held earlier in the year in Dungloe, Co. Donegal, Ireland. She is Carmel Kelly, who hails from Letterkenny in Donegal. Derek Davis of RTE conducted the show and Gay Byrne was one of the judges.

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Hibernian Sports

Mike Heslin

BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings and Salutations, Hibernian Sports Fans!

The Last Rose of Summer. Pete Rose just won't fade away. Now, he says he knows he has a problem and will begin working on it. But first, he has a few commercial things to do. He has to plug his book. He had to appear on ABC's 20/20 with Barbara Walters and a few other things from which he can make a buck. YR is glad that he has admitted that he does have a problem. YR just has a problem with his sincerity. Oh well, the *Hibernian Digest* has spent enough space on Pete Rose. Shall we move on?

Football. In the college ranks, Notre Dame is doing well. This weekend ND played their weakest opponent, Forrest Gregg's SMU. Yes, children, ND won. Yes, they won by a large margin. Did they beat the point spread? On some sheets, yes. On others, no. See your favorite bookie for an explanation. ND should go to a bowl. They will probably go where they can play the best opponent. Yeah! YR is quite cynical these days.

Speaking of bowls, YR did hear some disheartening news about bowls and how they select teams. It seems some teams, no matter how good their records are, will never get a major bowl bid. Why? Economics, my dear Watson, Economics. It seems teams such as Pitt and Arizona do not draw the crowds on TV like other teams. Therefore, dear Hibernian Sports Fans, if either of these is your favorite team, do not look for them on New Year's Day. So who says TV doesn't rule sports.

TV put much pressure on a certain college in the East to push the starting time of their game back so the network could show another game earlier. For the fans, it was a

good deal, they got a "twofer".

In High School Football in NYS, the state allows what they call "Bowl Games." The other night, Elmira Notre Dame played in a bowl game against Chenango Valley. Chenango Valley won but Elmira ND put up a good fight.

There must be some proud father, mother or grandparents of a kid who has done well this year in high school football or soccer. YR would love to hear about his exploits. What about the girls? They also play soccer.

Speaking of soccer, the local schools, Vestal and Chenango Forks, did not fare well against intersectional opponents in their respective bowl games.

Pro Football. The NFL is into the second half. The Giants were doing well until they played the Rams. The Giants got sidetracked. Maybe it was all that sunlight out in Arizona. They're not used to sunshine and fresh air. Giants Stadium is near the NJ Turnpike. They are more used to breathing carbon monoxide than air that has less than a pound of carbon per square foot. Then again, maybe they miss Jimmy Hoffa.

There is a rumor that Jimmy Hoffa is buried in the end zone. This led Sean LaDetta, the Giants punter, to muse that this gave an entirely new meaning to the term, coffin corner.

The Chicago Bears are struggling. Their coach, Mike Ditka, seems to be sputtering and blistering but can't seem to turn the team around. Keep trying, Mike!

San Francisco 49ers is the team to watch. They appear to have their act together. Joe Montana and their wide receiver, Jerry Rice, seem to be

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ALL OF THE BARRY DIVISION were betting on No. 13 "Wexford" but it was No. 6 "Island Performer" that won the AOH race at Laurel, Maryland. Sponsored by the District of Columbia State Board, a Day At The Races brought together brothers and sisters of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia for lunch and long shots. At the presentation of the trophy in the winners circle are, left to right, front row: Ann Marie Carmody, John Fitzgerald Div. 1 LAOH, Arlington, VA; Joan Vidsens, JFK Div. 5 LAOH, Prince George's County, MD; Kathryn Back, president, District of Columbia Board, LAOH; Allen T. Stacey, Jockey; Russell B. Jones Jr., Owner; Warren Sweeney, president, District of Columbia Board; Matt Hannon, past president, District of Columbia Board. Back row, James Carmody, president, Virginia State Board; Jack Keefe, Michael Dowd Div. 6, Rockville, MD; and John Maher, vice president, District of Columbia Board and Race Day Chairman.

Irish Eye photo

Crown City Is Inter-Club Champion

By SEAN MC GUINNESS

HAVERSTRAW, N.Y.: The Second Inter-Club Championships were held at Haverstraw Golf Course here on Sunday, October 8, 1989.

Finalists in the team championships were Crown City and Gaelic. At the turn it appeared that Gaelic had a slight edge; however, at the end Crown City, led by Capt. John Neenan, prevailed. The final score was Crown City 10 — Gaelic 7, and there were 2 ties.

Eighty-four golfers teed up in quest of the individual championships. All prizes were Irish Crystal, donated by Aer Lingus. Brendan McMenamin from the Aer Lingus executive office here in New York, was on hand to make the presentations.

LOW NET CHAMPIONSHIP			
Champion	C. Kretkowski	Gaelic	66
2	E. Donaghy	Crown	66
3	J. Dunleavy	Gaelic	66
4	B. McCarthy	Crown	67
5	P. Donaghy	Celtic	67
LOW GROSS CHAMPIONSHIP			
Champion	Bill O'Brien	Gaelic	77
2	P. Costigan	Woodlawn	81
3	J. Fleming	Crown	81
4	J. Neenan	Crown	81
5	D. Keenan	Celtic	82
Long Drive	J. McNamara	Crown	
Nearest Pin	C. McCarthy	Crown	

Newport Holds Annual Golf Tournament

Tournament Dinner (James Nolan, Chef) are as follows:

Closest to the pin — Gary Loftus
Closest to the pin, second shot (par 4) — David Behan
Longest Drive — David Behan

NEWPORT, R.I.: The Annual Hibernian Golf Tournament was held at Jamestown Country Club on Saturday, October 14. In a scramble format, 1st place honors went to the team of David Behan, Christopher Behan, James "Bud" Behan and Michael Moriarty with a low net of 7 under par.

Other awards presented at the

A special award was presented to the team of Jack Maloney, Sean O'Hanley, Joe O'Hanley, and Jerry Schwartz. This award will remain nameless; but if you were the last jockey to cross the finish line in the Kentucky Derby and happened to see what was in front of your horse, what you saw was the award presented.



HARRY WINTHROP, chairman of the Annual Hibernian Golf Tournament, Newport, at right, presents trophy to winner David Behan.

Hibernian Sports

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an unbeatable combination.

What is "Neon" Dion "Prime Time" Sanders up to with all those face mask penalties. That's not nice!

Baseball. This is old news. The Oakland A's won the World Series in four straight, albeit, a delayed four straight. YR was hoping the San Francisco Giants could do something.

YR has a confession to make. He has been a Giant or a "Jint" fan since the days of John Mize when they played at the Polo Grounds on Coogan's Bluff. He never saw a game there. His heart and soul were there. Then they went west, with the "Bums of Flatbush."

Walter O'Malley had made a deal to move the Dodgers from Brooklyn to Los Angeles. But there was a fly in the ointment. Whose ointment? YR doesn't know. But they thought it would be more economical if there were two National League teams on the West Coast. So O'Malley sweet-talked his good friend, Horace S., into moving his Giants to San Francisco. Baseball has never been the same since!

A side bar to this occurred in the recent New Jersey campaign for Governor. The Republican candidate hired what is left of the "Brooklyn

Profiles in Patriotism

(Continued from Page Twenty-Four) the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. The die was cast; Plunkett and the other leaders assembled their men, and marched to the General Post Office in Dublin and into the pages of Irish history. In one short but glorious week it was over.

After the Rising, Plunkett and the other leaders were convicted by Court Martial, sentenced to death, and remitted to Kilmainham Jail to await execution. Broken in health, but not in spirit, Plunkett busied himself by scratching his most memorable poem on the wall of his cell; it stands today as mute testimony to the virtue and caliber of these men.

I see His blood upon the rose
and in the stars, the glory of
His eyes,

His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see His face in every flower;
the thunder and the singing of
the birds

are but His voice — and carved
by His power

rocks are His written words.

All pathways as His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever
beating sea,

His crown of thorns is twined
with every thorn,

His cross is every tree.

On the night of May 3, as the prisoners tensely awaited the coming fateful morning, the prison Chaplain arrived with Joseph's childhood sweetheart, Grace Gifford. In fulfillment of their wishes, they were married in the prison chapel. Six hours later 29 year-old Joseph Mary Plunkett added his name to the glorious list of Martyrs who have sacrificed all to free Roisin Dubh*.

*Roisin Dubh (RO-sheen DOO-v) - literally translated the Little Dark Rose or Darl Rosaleen; it is a metaphor for Ireland used by her Bards when it was forbidden to sing praises to the name of Ireland.

Syn-Phony" to play at a fund raiser. As Mel Allen would say, "A blast from the past!"

Speaking of the Series, YR would like to add his thanks to Al Michaels for doing an excellent job of reporting the events of the San Francisco earthquake. Not only did he provide thought-provoking insight, but being a Californian, he recognized many of the areas from the pictures as they appeared on TV. Thanks should also go to Ted Koppel for running with Al the way he did.

Trivia Time. Thanks to Jim Howard, the editor of Division I-Ulster County of NYS for this bit of trivia. What was the most prolific brother act to play in the major leagues? The three DiMaggios & The Alou's & The Boyer's? None of the former! The Delahanty Brothers, five Irishmen from Cleveland. There's one for you, Terry McGuirk. Ed Delahanty played the outfield for the Phillies and old Washington Senators. Tommy Delahanty played the infield for Cleveland. Joe Delahanty was an outfielder for the Cardinals. Frank Delahanty played 1st base with the New York Highlanders, later to become the Yankees, and Cleveland. Last but not least, Jimmy Delahanty, who played for five teams including the NY Giants. Of all the Delahantys, Ed was the most famous — a Hall of Famer who batted .346 lifetime, which just happens to be 5th highest of all time.

Another Irish family that made its mark on or in baseball were the O'Neils. Steve O'Neil, catcher and manager with Cleveland. Mike O'Neil was with the Cardinals. Bill was with Washington. Jack O'Neil played with the Cubs.

Time Out. That's all for now until the next time on the sidelines. In the meantime, if anyone has use for a writer, please let YR know. After 24 years, 10 months and some days, with the same company, he was let go. So much for loyalty and dedication. Have word processor. Will travel. Send those bon mots to P.O. Box 156ESS, Binghamton, NY 13904.

Fifth Annual Irish Golf Open in Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS: The team of Jack Preston, Fr. Gene Francis, Guy Hayes and Marty Hammer scored 10 under par to win the 5th Annual Gene Peterson Irish Open Golf Tournament at Walden-on-Lake Houston Country Club. That team won a scorecard playoff over Jim Hoey, Bill Worrell, Chappell Dixon and Sam Class, who also recorded 10 under par. Third place at nine under went to the quartet of Ed Okruhlik, Don Underwood, Jim Foley and Ray Byrne.

The event was sponsored by the Harris County AOH with proceeds benefitting Houston's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Seventy-two players participated in the tournament according to chairman Mike Davitt.

A nine-hole Pub Tournament preceded the Irish Open and ended in a three-way tie at four under par. Winning a scorecard playoff for the pub title was the team from Buddro's, headed by owner Bud Friedman along with Royce Gilliland, Ken Looney and Jim Foley. Tying for second place were teams representing the Westcrest Pub and Grif's.

Phases of Irish History

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Clare invented the submarine and was the father of the American Sub fleet — can we raise enough money to support the museum display of his memorabilia and insure his place in American memory? How about it County Historians, can we get some help from your County Board? What about you State Historians, can you seek support at your next State Board meeting? Publicize the project among the Irish media in your own area (radio, newspapers, etc). Press releases are available from this office; just drop us a line and we'll get them out to you. Seek the assistance of other Irish and Irish-Americans and their respective clubs and organizations. Please send all donations to our new address:

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Congratulations to the AOH in Savannah, Ga. for reprinting the journal of their 1905 St. Patrick's Day celebration, and thanks to E. Graham Harold for the copy. It is not only a memorable souvenir and a

welcome addition to the historical annals, but a deserving tribute to the men and ladies whose names and photos are contained therein. It was they who labored to build the Order at the turn of the century in an area not known for its tolerance of Irish Catholics. May their memory remain green.

Congratulations to the New Jersey State Board on their activities planned for 1990 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising.

Looking for more historical data on sites around the Virginia area that would be of interest to our Order. We'd like to make up a guide to sites within travelling distance of our next National Convention. How about Irish Civil War memorials, famous Irish men at Arlington, the story of George Washington's son or grandson, whose grave is decorated with shamrocks each March 17; even interesting Irish items on display in the Smithsonian or other museums. How about it, Virginia, can we ask a local museum to arrange an Irish exhibit in conjunction with our convention?

NEW YORK: Join Nick Murphy on his annual jaunt to the famous golf courses of Ireland's glorious southwest, for a week in June 1990.

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The group will be confined to 4 foursomes, and will be staying at grade A hotels, bed and breakfast basis, at Lahinch, Dingle and Killybeg's. Transportation by luxury coach. Green fees, cocktail reception at Ballybunnion and a farewell dinner is included also.

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