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## Anti Imperialist Festival : Clár

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**CLÁR**

**ANTI-IMPERIALIST  
FESTIVAL**

**THE STRUGGLE OF THE  
IRISH PEOPLE  
IS THE STRUGGLE OF THE  
PEOPLES OF THE WORLD**





TRANSLATION:

Friends,

I welcome all our comrades in struggle to a land which has been steeped in a long and turbulent history of struggle against imperialism.

We hope, through this Festival, to give you a true picture of the factual situation in Ireland. The distorted picture presented by the British propaganda machine is one of a backward people full of hate senseless bombing and murdering each other while the heroic British Army stands between them to save them from each other.

You now have the opportunity to learn the truth for yourself. In the North of our country you can see Colonialism in its raw state with all its vicious, repressive apparatus of the British Army, UDR (native militia) and RUC (police). You will learn how Britain, throughout our history, deliberately created and fomented the sectarian divisions which today are still helping to keep us in subjection.

In the South of our country you will see a classic neo-colonial state. All the outward symbols of freedom exist - a constitution, a parliament, an army, a flag and an anthem. But there it ends. The real power lies in London.

You will see us as we are. You will learn of our problems and you will gain some knowledge of our methods of struggle. We are deeply indebted to you for your great help to us in the past. We are aware that without your help in the future we cannot win. This festival is mostly about the Brotherhood of man and the common struggle against imperialist exploitation. The struggle of the Irish people is the struggle of the peoples of the world. Our fight is your fight. Your fight is our fight.

Beir Bua,  
Tomas Mac Giolla,  
President, Sinn Féin.





WELCOME MESSAGE FROM TOMAS MACGIOLLA, PRESIDENT OF SINN FEIN.

A Chairde,

Cuirim céad míle fáilte romhaibh go hÉireann. Fáiltím romhaibh a chomrádaithe, go tír atá le fada ag troid chun an impiriúlachas a bhri-seadh. Fáiltím romhaibh go h-áirithe mar tá sibhse ag troid an troda chéanna.

Tá súil againn go dtabharfaidh an Fleadh seo an áis do gach éinne a bheidh i láthair tuiscint ceart d'fháil ar chúrsaí na tíre seo. Mar tá lucht bolscaireachta na Breataine tar éis pictiúr a scaipeadh a fágann le tuiscint ag an domhan mhór nach bhfuil in Éirinn ach pobal aineolach, fíochmhar, lán d'fuath, ag marú agus ag bumáil a chéile. Agus tuigtear ó bolscaireacht an namhad go bhfuil Arm cróga na Breat-aíne ag cosaint na Gaeil ó na chéile.

Tá seans agaibh an fírinne d'fhoghlaim anois. Is féidir libh, i dTuaisceart na tíre, barbaracht an Colíneacheas d'fheiscint ag obair go h-oscailte tré gunnaí Arm Shasana, an UDR agus an RUC. Chífidh sibh conas mar a munlaítear an seicteachas chun náisiún a choimeád faoi smacht.

Chífidh sibh sa deisceart mar a oibríonn an neo-colíneachas. Tá comharthaí na saoirse ann - Bunreacht, párlaimint, airm, brat agus amhrán náisiúnta. Ach sin bun agus barr na "saoirse". Tá an cumhacht dáiríre i Londain.

Cífidh sibh muid mar atáimid. Nuair a bhreathnaíonn sibh ar na fadhbanna ata againn geobhaidh sibh eolas ar ár modhanna troda.

Táimid go mór i bhfiachaibh agaibh as an cabhair a thug sibh dúinn san am atá thart. Gan an chabhair sin ní féidir linn buachaint san fhaistin.

Fáilte romhaibh arís chuig an Fleadh seo. Beidh na béim ann ar Bhráithreachas daoine ata ag troid impiriúlachas go forleathan. Is troid domhanda troid phobail na Éireann, is troid muinntir na hÉireann troid an phobail domhanda. Ár dtroid, bhúr dtroid. Bhúr dtroid, ár dtroid.

Beir Bua,  
Tomás Mac Giolla,  
Uachtaran Sinn Féin.

# Clár

## DUBLIN - Ath Cliath

### MONDAY 22nd JULY:

#### Liberty Hall - 3pm.

Welcoming Address -

*Tony Heffernan.*

Joint General Secretary,  
Sinn Fein.

*Dermott Nolan.*

Dublin Executive, Sinn  
Fein.

#### Liberty Hall - 4pm.

"Analysis of Irish  
History".

*John de Courcy-  
Ireland.*

Historian.

#### Liberty Hall - 8pm.

"Economic and Cultural  
Domination of British  
Imperialism in Ireland.

*Dessie O'Hagan.*

Director of Education,  
Sinn Fein, and Editor  
of the *UNITED IRISHMAN*.

"The Political Effects  
of British Imperialism  
in Ireland.

*Malachy McGurran.*

Vice President, Sinn  
Fein.

### TUESDAY 23rd JULY:

Assemble at main gate,  
Trinity College. 11am.

Tour of historical Trinity College. (*home  
of the BOOK OF KELLS-ancient manuscripts.*)

#### Liberty Hall - 3pm

"The role of the Irish  
Republican Movement:  
Its History and Future".

*Cathal Goulding.*

Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

*Michael Ryan.*

Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

#### Liberty Hall - 8pm.

"Culture and Revolution".

*Liam McMillan.*

Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

*Eoin O'Murchu.*

Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

### WEDNESDAY 24th JULY:

Assemble at Christ  
Church Cathedral. 11am.

Tour of Old Dublin.

Colaiste Mhuire Theatre,  
Parnell Square. 8pm.

FONNTRAI - A colourful stage show of Irish  
Traditional music, song and dance.  
*Sponsored by Comhaltas Ceolteoiri  
Eireann.*

### THURSDAY 25th JULY:

Assemble at Kilmainham  
Jail. 11am.

Tour of Kilmainham Jail, Historical museum with  
remnants of the 1798 Rising and subsequent  
struggles against British rule.

#### Liberty Hall - 3pm.

"The Role and Importance  
of the Trade Unions in the  
National Liberation Struggle.  
*Matty Merrigan.*

*Eamonn Smullen.*

Director of Industrial  
Affairs, Sinn Fein.  
District Secretary, Amalgam-  
ated Transport & General  
Workers Union.

THURSDAY 25th JULY:cont.

Liberty Hall - 4.30pm

"The Tenants Movement -  
Its Role in the Peoples'  
Struggle."

*Matt Larkin.*

Secretary NATO (National  
Association of Tenants'  
Organisations).

Junior Common Room,  
Trinity College. 8pm.

"Strategies and Tactics of  
the Republican Movement."

*Tomas MacGiolla.*

President, Sinn Fein.

"Organisational Forms of  
the Republican Movement:  
Past and Future.  
(Sponsored by TCD Repub-  
lican Club).

*Sean Garland.*

National Organiser, Sinn  
Fein.

FRIDAY 26th JULY:

Liberty Hall - 11am.

Exhibitions.

Liberty Hall - 3pm.

"The Role of Youth in  
the National Liberation  
Struggle."

*Brendan Glynn.*

Deputy President, Union of  
Students in Ireland, Exec-  
utive Universities Repub-  
lican Clubs.

*Peigin Doyle.*

Sinn Fein, Dublin.

Liberty Hall - 8pm.

Workers' Concert.

SATURDAY, 27th July.

- 2pm-6pm.

Showing of Irish Revolutionary films.

*ULYSSES IN NIGHTTOWN.*

Abbey Theatre - 8pm.

National Theatre.

SUNDAY 28th JULY:

Assemble at Glasnevin  
Cemetery, 2.30pm.

Address and Commemoration  
to those who died in Ire-  
land's anti-imperialist  
struggle. 1916 Plot.

*Tomas MacGiolla.*

President, Sinn Fein.

Conducted tour of patriot  
graves in Glasnevin -

*Padraig O Snodaigh.*

President, Connradh na  
Gaeilge. (Irish Language  
Movement).

Fairview Park - 8pm.

Open-Air Ceilidhe, (Traditional Irish Dancing.)  
(sponsored by Connradh na Gaeilge).



Monday 29th July.

BELFAST - BEAL FEIRSTE

8pm.

"In the James Connolly Tradition."

*Eamonn Smullen.*

- Director of Industrial Affairs, Sinn Fein.

Tuesday 30th July.

3pm.

"Women and the Irish Struggle."

*Mairin de Burca.*

- Joint General Secretary, Sinn Fein.

*Kitty O'Kane.*

- Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

8pm.

"The Struggle for Civil Rights: The Importance of Reform in a Revolutionary Struggle."

*Kevin McCorry.*

- National Organiser NICRA (Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association).

WEDNESDAY 31st July.

3pm.

"An Overall Analysis of the Struggle in Northern Ireland."

*Dessie O'Hagan.*

- Director of Education, Sinn Fein and Editor of *THE UNITED IRISHMAN.*

8pm.

Social Evening - Traditional Music and Song.

THURSDAY 1st August:

3pm.

"Repressive Laws - North and South in Ireland."

*Con Lehane.*

- Lawyer. Chairman Citizens for Civil Liberties.

*Kevin Boyle.*

- Barrister.

8pm.

"British Terror in Northern Ireland."

*Malachy McGurran.*

- Vice President, Sinn Fein.

FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST:

11am.

"Successes and Failures of the Campaigns of Irish Political Prisoners in British Jails, 1867 - 1974".

Speaker from Prisoners Aid Committee, London.

3pm.

"The British working Class and the Struggle of the Irish People."

*Eamonn Smullen.*

- Director of Industrial Affairs, Sinn Fein.

*Seamus Lynch.*

- Co. Antrim Executive, Republican Clubs.

8pm.

SATURDAY 3rd August.

Social Evening - *Traditional Music & Song.*

11am.

"Chile Since the Coup"- An eye-witness account.

*Chris Proctor.*

- Executive National Union of Students, England.

3pm.

"The Struggles of the Irish People is the Struggle of the Peoples of the World."

*Tomas MacGiolla.*

- President, Sinn Fein.

# MESSAGE FROM... IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS



Greetings to you, comrades, from behind the barbed wire of Britain's concentration camp at Long Kesh and Belfast, Armagh, Mountjoy, Portlaoise and English prisons.

We who are deprived of our freedom by British Imperialism are encouraged by your visit. You will see the naked force of Imperialism in action. Let it not deter you from fighting it.

We who are in cages because of our opposition to British Imperialism are conscious of the fact that Imperialism fills many prisons throughout the world.

Our sense of brotherhood cuts through the barbed wire of the concentration camps, breaches the prison walls and joins us in spirit with you who are struggling to defeat imperialism throughout the world.

Thank you for the support you have given to highlight the injustices being perpetrated upon us, on our wives and on our children. Keep up the fight. Victory will be ours.



ÁR dTR0ID, Bhúir dTR0ID.  
Bhúir dTR0ID, AR dTR0ID.

—Bear Bua!\*

\*OUR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT - YOUR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT,  
TO VICTORY.