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Dublin Comhairle Ceanntar : Financial Report, 1974

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We started this year with four main objectives :

1. To increase the importance attached to the financial aspect of our work.
No revolutionary movement can survive without money.
2. To clarify the role of Cumann Treasurers, and draw them into discussion on the best means of organising our finances in Dublin.
3. To organise the provision of adequate finances for the year, in particular for the Local Government Elections.
4. To devise the best means of putting us on a sound financial basis permanently.

As the key figures in achieving these objectives were the Cumainn Treasurers, a number of Treasurers' meetings were held centrally. By and large these meetings were well attended and produced fruitful discussion on all aspects of these problems.

As a direct result of the first of these meetings, Cumainn Treasurers were made directly responsible to the Comhairle Ceanntar for carrying out all decisions relating to financial matters. All correspondence on financial matters would be sent directly to the Treasurers. In addition, Cumainn as a whole, were to be held responsible for the performance of their Treasurers. In order to achieve a uniform approach by all Treasurers, a set of basic guidelines was prepared, to be distributed.

FUND RAISING

The major job facing us at the start of the year was the provision of adequate funds for the Local Government Election Campaign. For this purpose, the following plan was drawn up :

1. All Cumainn were requested to carry out a series of monthly collections, leading up to June, the entire proceeds of which went into a central fund.
 2. A large number of Socials were organised by individual Cumainn in different areas of the city, a portion of the proceeds going into the central fund.
 3. The Comhairle Ceanntar agreed to place a 50% levy on all Cumainn funds.
- Due to the success of stages 1 & 2, a full 100% levy was not necessary.

The successful implementation of the above plan by the Dublin membership, enabled the election to be run without loss. For a complete breakdown of figures, see Appendix No. 3.

Second in importance to the Local Government campaign came the financing of the current anti E.E.C. campaign. Drawing from the experience gained in the Local Government campaign, it was decided that a major source of finance for this campaign would come from fortnightly Socials. A sub-committee was established at a Treasurers' meeting to run these socials. They proved to be

so successful, that it became possible to run them on a weekly basis, a sum of £ 182.00 being raised in the first two months.

The Easter Lily Collection received excellent support from all Cumainn this year. Cumainn Treasurers carried out a very efficient job, enabling the Commemoration Committee to account in full for all lilies received from the National Commemoration Committee.

Total lilies received	66,500
Paid for in full	46,500
Returned	13,500
Balance	6,500
Outstanding to Marcievicz Cumann	6,500

In addition to the above fund raising activities, a number of other jobs were carried out during the year for the Ard Comhairle and its sub-committees, i.e. Cabhair Collections at Croke Park, Buses to Commemorations, National Street Collections.

CUMANN PERFORMANCE

The surest criteria of judging the performance of the different cumainn this year, is by the checking through the amounts of money contributed to both the Local Government Election Fund, and Comhairle Ceanntar Dues. 70% of total Comhairle Ceanntar Dues have been collected. See Appendix No. 2. These tables are largely self-explanatory, and show that some Cumainn performed very well, some badly, and the majority fall in between.

Another method of judging Cumainn financial affairs which we adopted, was to inspect and issue a report of all cumainn finance books. The standard here was in keeping with the above pattern.

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

In the last quarter of the year, a sub-committee of Treasurers produced detailed proposals for organising Sinn Fein finances in Dublin. These proposals have been submitted to the Cumainn for consideration and amendment, and will be presented to the Comhairle Ceanntar within the next few weeks.

Signed	Dermot Nolan	Treasurer
	Jim Sherry	Finance Officer

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CUMANN	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED (Incl. collection programme 50% Funds/Socials). £ : p.
South-O'Hanlon	25:00
McDiarmada	2:00
McKay	18:92
Larkin	0:00
Connolly	13:50
Ceannt	11:94
Mellowes	46:86 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hope	48:70
Ryan	23:65
Devlin	10:06
Markiewicz	25:43
Curry-O'Hare	19:54
Mitchell	17:92
Russell	104:11
Emmett	51:81
McKee	36:30
Wolfe Tone	83:04
Millen	38:90
McCann	0:00
Pearse	5:77
O'Leary	25:60
Griffith	27:00
U.C.D.	6:00
T.C.D.	17:00
Lalor	46:10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Co. Dublin Area	13:00
Dublin Commemoration Committee	
Donation	305:86
Peigin Doyle's Area	35:00
Loan from T.C.D.	10:00
Saved Deposits	30:00
Total	1012:01
Normal Comhairle Ceanntair Funds	92:86
Total	1104:87

EXPENDITURE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

£ : p

Maps	0:90
Copies of Acts	1:97
Registers	15:00
Nomination Money	85:00
Expenses	4:00
Loudspeakers for Election Day	50:00
Repayment of T.C.D. Loan	<u>10:00</u>
	166:87

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POSTERS.

Art Work etc.	12:00
Printing	334:00
Dun Laoighaire Printing	<u>45:00</u>
	391:00

391:00

Leaflets, Stickers, Voting Cards.

Ard Comhairle Leaflets	50:00
Dun Laoighaire Leaflets	31:00
Clo Naesiunta Leaflets	208:00
" Stickers	75:00
" Vote Cards	60:00
" Plates	33:00
" Wrappers	3:00
" Labour	<u>87:00</u>
	547:00

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

1,104:87

As can be seen from the balance sheets, the Local Government Election Campaign in Dublin was run without loss of money, and also without either donation or loans from sources other than the Dublin organisation. This is something that Dublin Cumann Treasurers and all those involved in the fund raising process in Dublin can feel justifiably proud of.

Dermot Nolan Comhairle Ceanntar
Treasurer.

Jim Sherry Comhairle Ceanntar
Finance Officer.