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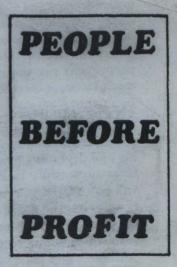
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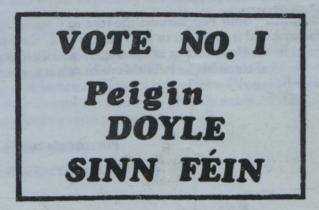
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Dublin South Central

Peigin Doyle is aged 21, will in all probability be the youngest candidate in the General Election. She was born and reared in Rathgar and was educated at St. Louis School Rathmines and University College Dublin. She is a former Chairman of the U.C.D. Republican Club and has been in Sinn Fein for 2½ years. She is now secretary of the Dublin Comhairle Ceanntair of Sinn Fein.



This is the first occasion for over 10 years, that Sinn Fein candidates have gone forward at a General Election in Dublin. Sinn Fein welcome this opportunity to put its radical socialist policies before the electorate. We ask you to judge us on the basis of the policies set out in this and other Sinn Fein electoral literature and not on the basis of what other political parties may say about us. It is important to understand that if our candidates are elected **they will take their seats in Leinster House**.

The workers, tenants and housewives of Dublin have been faced with mounting problems in recent years - the problems of unemployment, rising prices, rents and rates increases, grossly inadequate housing and an appaling and degrading health and social welfare system. If these problems are to be successfuly tackled, the people of Dublin need representatives who will put YOUR interests before the interests of the landlords, the big companies, the property tycoons, the banks and building societies. These people have been allowed to rob YOU far too long. Elect a representative who will stand up to them. Vote: SINN FEIN on February, 28th.

Sinn Fein T.D. s will fight for the implementation of the following programme of action.

HOUSING A housing emergency must be declared immediately in Dublin and a crash programme introduced to provide12,000decent homes within a year. The overall problem of housing can only be solved by ending speculation in urban building land. The Dublin Corporation must be empowered to compulsorly acquire all necessary building land in the city. A National Housing Fund must be established to finance housing programmes at nominal interest rates. Homes not office blocks must be the priority.

EMPLOYMENT Sinn Fein recognises the need for greatly increased employment in Dublin and supports the planned development of the Dublin Port Area. The needs of the Dublin People, however, must be catered for in terms of houses and community amenities in that area and through adequate protection from further pollution of the environment.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY Sinn Fein favours the idea of Community Councils elected by popular vote and is opposed to the concept of a "Greater Dublin Council" as outlined in the Government White Paper. Sinn Fein representatives will demand that the local elections he held this year. What is needed in Dublin is more democracy not less.

Put people before profit, Vote: ISSUED BY: SINN FEIN 20 GAF **GROUND RENTS** Sinn Fein has for many years advocated the complete abolition of ground rents which can have no justification on social or moral grounds. Sinn Fein T.D.'s will call for the complete abolition of ground rent without compensation.

RENT & RATES Sinn Fein will support an equitable rent system which is based solely on the flat earnings of the tenant. We are opposed to the present 'B' Scale Differential Rent system. The rates system of taxation is obviously unfair in that is places a heavy tax burden on householders irrespective of their capacity to pay. Sinn Fein advocates the abolition of the rates and valuation system and proposes that the revenue required for Local Government be raised by a more equitable system of taxation based on income. Sinn Fein believes that expenditure on the health services should be met from central funds and that insurance companies be made liable for malicious damage and injury claims.

FLATDWELLERS Flatdwellers in Dublin represent another side of the serious lack of accommodation and the effects of uncontrolled speculation. Sinn Fein will press for legislation to introduce a charter of rights for all Flatdwellers, which would establish a rent tribunal to fix minimum rents for accommodation and which would lay down certain minimum requirements for fire precautions, health and sanitary facilities and prevent discrimination against young married couples.

LEGAL SYSTEM Sinn Fein T.D. s will propose that free legal aid be made available to all who come before the Courts. Our representatives will press for the abolition of the Childrens Court and urge recognition of the fact that a deprived social background and lack of social amenities are the main reason for children appearing before these courts. Punative measures or prisions is no solution to this problem.

WOMENS RIGHTS Sinn Fein T.D. s will fight for full equality for women before law, and in education, employment and wages. Sinn Fein T.D.'s will idemand an end to the degrading treatment of deserted wives by the Department of Social Welfare and call for legislation to provide adequate benefits for them and their families.

Sinn Fein T.D. s will fight and expose graft, corruption and jobbery and will strive to the utmost of their ability , within the confines of the present system, to put Republican policies into effect. They shall have no hesitation in carrying their demands outside the Dail Chamber, if they are blocked by red tape from getting satisfaction or justice.

SINN FEIN on February, 28th.

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