Whose Policy is this? We are Robbed, Lied to and Sold-out!

If you read it in a book twenty years ago you would have laughed.

Throughout the world people look at Ireland in disbelief, how can a country with such resources, with such education and with such history allow itself to be treated as we allow it.

The problem of course is that we, the people, do not decide how our country is run. Someone else does that — but we allow them.

Consider the NAMA scandal and the bags of cash in car parks — we have seen it before in brown envelopes, in Council chambers, in contracts awarded, in ‘consultancy’ fees, in favours given and received — that is corruption.

Consider the BILLIONS of Euro in debt and in scams that we and our future generations have been made to pay. Consider that they have taken our fishing, our gas and oil, and they want our water too — that is robbery.

Consider the denial of meaningful employment, get a home and start a family — is this our policy?

Consider the vulgar salaries, expenses and pensions taken by public representatives and senior civil servants, which run side-by-side these scandals.

Consider the continuous push to globalization, the protection of Banks and EU vulture funds.

Look at emigration, the housing crisis, evictions, rack-rents, zero-hour contracts, suicide — it all amounts to our being sold-out!

And, what do we get for all this imposition — crumbs from the table?

Our children are denied a future among their own. It is near impossible to find secure employment, get a home and start a family — is this our policy?

Our senior citizens live in fear of getting ill, uncertainty is everywhere — this is not right!

Where is the voice of the people? This paper will voice the concerns of the people — without fear or favour — we are independent.

The Solution is in our own hands

Each individual has to take responsibility. We have a duty to investigate and to break through the double-speak of politics. We have accepted the arguments of powerful vested interests, the same ones that led us into crisis many times before — and made us pay the bill.

Silence, or looking away, will not do; too many are in serious trouble.

Our responsibility includes how we vote.

Why do we keep voting for TDs that accept a ‘Party’ whip?

Someone at Party head office tells them how to vote — they may as well be puppets. The consequence of Party rule is that the people are not represented, vested interests are.

The constant sham springing from Party politics makes a joke of Dáil Éireann, the ‘People’s House’... — is this real?

We don’t need politicians of either ‘left’ or ‘right’. We don’t need people pretending to be either ‘republican’, ‘socialist’ or ‘green’.

What do we need are TDs who will act according to what our Burrenacht says, and ‘represent Constituencies’ that should be democratic and would be a major step forward, it is our entitlement.

Poll shows that Public Wants Referendum on TTIP and CETA

In July UPLIFT, the social justice group, commissioned a Red C poll on the new trade agreements being discussed by the EU. The poll, which asked, the people gave a resounding answer:

• 74% want a referendum on TTIP & CETA.

• 62% think that we should not reduce standards to meet standards in the EU and Canada (food additives, GM, safety, chemicals etc.)

• 80% do not want to allow US or Canadian corporations to sue us whenever our laws affect their profit, e.g. minimum wage, health and safety, environmental protection.

You may not know what TTIP, CETA and their fellow travelers, ISDS and TISA, stand for — more likely that is because, in typical EU manner, these things are shrouded in secrecy, deliberately hidden.

In summary, the EU wishes to open its ‘free’ market to US and Canadian corporations. Monopoly interests will be served, domestic business will suffer, wages and standards will race to the bottom.

These agreements allow the privatisation of services - in health, education, post office, energy, transport and security.

If democracy means anything then citizens are entitled to be debate and decide these matters.

CETA is due to be approved by the EU Commission in October, TTIP is expected next year.

Ar d’Triail

Le seo, an chuid eagrán clótheachtáil den iris, tá céim mhinic chun tasóigh tóghtha again.

Tá maid ag dul amhacht i measc an phoblach chun mór ceisticeann an lár a plé a phóg agus chun dlú i mbun gnó.

An gnóthi atá i gceist againn ná chumfhilltú go ceart freisin go ghrá dhíuine, agus muid ag tabhairt faoi fháthanna móra na tair.

O bhuná an stáit, cuideadh tarlill do na daoine a n-áthas oga griubhálaí smúite, triad na Páirteáilte, greim docht dhaingean ar choráil escamachúil agus pholaíochta.

Is mar sin atá sé o shin, agus mar a bhíodh, go dtí go seansann cos sinn nuair a dtéilear féin.

Cuifidh faoi réimh aon féin a feidhmiú an fód linn sa ghlinneoidhcháin seo.

Bí i dtéigíobh mála... Mar a deirstear, is ar scáth a chéile a mhairimh.

Do Not Leave Your Home!

With continuously increasing rents and no affordable housing more and more families are finding themselves out on the streets; over 6,600 are registered homeless, incl. 2,400 children.

We have seen the scandal of mothers with children living in cars, and individuals being found dead in doorways... we have seen the cars dragged from rivers.

Maybe ‘sofa-surfing’ is a more common experience, or families returning to live with parents?

Year after year, our state refuses to declare an housing emergency, yet this has been demanded by all agencies in the country.

Cork is reported to have the highest suicide rate, 70% above the national average!

A big factor in people’s depression is the uncertainty that has taken over in every aspect of life. Banks and Vulture Funds (enabled by our own NAMA) are seeking mass evictions, landlords are capitalising on laws and a market deliberately stacked in their favour.

People are the victims... Faced with these crisis situations it is clear that people are not aware of their right, and lose out. People are handing over keys far too easily and are capitalising on the streets or often emigrating.

Anyone facing re-possession (eviction) proceedings in court is advised to turn up and defend themselves; too many are giving the Banks a free run. The same applies to private tenants in receipt of a ‘Notice of Termination’, you have rights and should seek advice.

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 TENANTS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Editorial Policy

This paper is provided to a voice both to defend the people’s rights and address our responsibility to find solutions for a better future.

It is published by The People’s Convention, http://www.CPPCe.ie

The editorial policy is to advance democracy itself, i.e.

To Exercise and

To Defend the people’s (our) democracy.

To secure our democracy means to establish people’s mandate by the claque of Political Parties - which are actually private enterprises.

To do this we must give effect to the Constitutional provision which says that TD’s “represent constituencies”, not any Party or themselves individually.

To exercise our democracy means taking individual and collective responsibility. We must organise the election of our own People’s Candidates, elect them, mandate them and also assert the right to re-call our representatives.

Our democratic right must not be restricted to voting once every few years, we must assert it on a continuing basis and build the organisation required, in every constituency, to give effect to this.

To defend our democracy means that we must insist that our elected representatives do their job and represent the people, rather than representing any Party, themselves individually, or other vested interest.

Defending our democracy means to reject policy impositions and standing up for people’s rights.

We are a sovereign people, no interest group and no Party has a right to rule over us, to impose policy or to step our democratic process for their own gain.

THE PEOPLE’S PAPER will support those who advocate for the people, we hope you will join in.

Let’s have the Discussion...

All articles appearing here, plus others, are also published on the Facebook page:

facebook.com/IrisAnPhobail/

We encourage comments, suggestions and criticism; they are all part learning and help both readers and writers.

Note - article submissions, photos, research and news reports etc.

Any signed articles represent the view of the author only and are included in order to encourage debate.

We don’t promote any Political Party, ideology or pre-decided policy - to us, the issue is what decides the policy – who is in power?

Our aim is the Empowerment of the People, that starts with taking responsibility.

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Decision on Controversial Third Attempt at Incinerator Due at End of October

A decision is due on 26 October from An Bord Pleanála on Indaver Ireland’s third effort to plans to build a 240,000 tonne hazardous and non-hazardous waste incinerator at Ringskiddy, Co Cork.

The application was lodged in January 2016 and a 17 day Oral Hearing, at the Corrine Court last April. A decision deadline was originally set for 12 July to meet statutory Strategic Infrastructure Application requirements, but was extended by An Bord Pleanála to grant themselves extra time to consider the application.

Invaders previous applications both met with the thumbs down from An Bord Pleanála, who received thousands of submissions from the public.

In the High Court by CHASE, and planning expired while a second application for a larger facility was being lodged. This second application was refused in June 2011.

CHASE, the umbrella group campaigning against the repeated applications estimates that over €500,000 has been spent by the community fighting the applications.

Contact CHASE online at: http://chasecorkharbour.com/

Right to Water...

Revolution is the Best Theatre

by Christabel Parkhurst.

"Do you hear the people sing? Singing the song of angry men? It is the music of the people Who will not be slaves again!"

In ‘Les Misérables’, revolution is made by photogenic actors singing harmonies. Eating rats and corpses doesn’t figure in the film or theatrical versions. In reality, the French Revolution was far from bloodless; beheading your aristocracy was the way to achieve democracy in those bad old days.

For years, Irish people have kept calm and carried on. We have paid our bills and taxes to prop up a rotten system and to keep our oppressors in the lavish lifestyles they think they are entitled to.

That gallant man, James Connolly, if he were alive, where would he be today? At another banquet in Leinster House? Complacently accepting another bonus, another pension? Driving past our banners in his official car (paid for with our money, of course)?

No! He would be with us, calling for justice - not in the narrow legal sense which our political masters hide behind, but for the social, national and humane justice we are demanding.

The anti-Water Charges demo in Dublin on Sept 17th showed the Dáil that our values have not changed. We, the people, have reached the point of no return. In a world where water is a marketable commodity, but spending on ‘funds are needed for salaries and to maintain existing services. Commercial rates are also increased, but spending on ‘funds are needed for salaries and to maintain existing services. Commercial rates are also increased, but spending on...'

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