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'However it may be for others, for us of the Citizen Army there is but one ideal – an Ireland ruled, and owned, by Irish men and women, sovereign and independent from the centre to the sea, and flying its own flag outward over all the oceans.' ~ James Connolly (1915)

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Warmongers, Criminals & their Lackies Rule the World!

A world full of poverty, famine, homelessness, displaced people, mass migration, war & the weapons industry, genocide, mass-murder, coup-d'état, conspiracy, media & propaganda, lies, manipulation, corruption, devastation, greed, profiteering, oppression, enslavement, ill-health, hopelessness and indifference – it should not be!

How mad is this?

The World Food Program says that €40bn per annum is needed to end world hunger by 2030, imagine? Consider then that the USA spends over $820bn per annum on its military, and over the last year billionaires in the USA increased their wealth by €1 trillion!

We have no doubt but that similar truths apply to the billionaires of Europe, China and Russia, and even to '*our own*' super-rich.

Are we helpless, is this simply the way of the world, the rich get richer, and the rest get walked all over?

We are told that this is human nature, the rich tell us this, they have lots of '*experts*' who can prove it.

If we want the crumbs from the table we must accept this system.

That is where we are at.

And so the *'Punch & Judy*' show goes, including at Leinster House.

The Political Parties wouldn't elect a Taoiseach until they had their back-room talks and worked out the best deals, for themselves.

They could have elected a Taoiseach, in the same manner as they elected the Ceann Comhairle, by open PR voting, but they didn't.

There in no mention of *'Political Party'* in our Constitution, yet these private clubs rule over us as if by divine right – they operate corrupt electoral laws and effectively exclude the citizens from having any real say in deciding the policy of our state.

In truth, *'our'* rulers are but lackies to their foreign masters.

Meanwhile *'Genocide Joe'* got his marching orders, and huge numbers hold out hope that Trump will be different, that he will *'drain the swamp'* – referring to the corrupt elite. Trump also claims that he is anti-war and will focus domestically, saying he will back American workers all the way, *"Making America Great Again"*.

The reality is stark – there is no difference between the politics of Biden or Trump, they are both representatives of US Imperialism.

They both serve the Bankers and Corporate interests to the end.

In the last month, the US has collaborated with Turkey, Israel and the head-choppers of ISIS / Islamic State to divide up Syria.

Israeli Tanks Join Carve-up of Syria

They did so with Putin's quiet blessing, Trump promising that Ukraine's future is not with NATO.

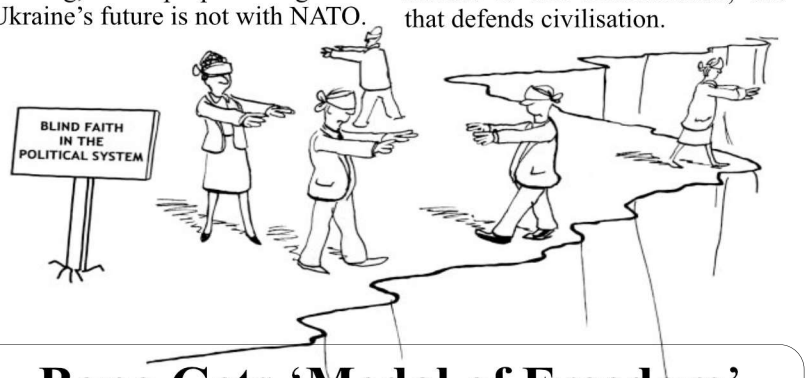
Globalist Big Power politics has us on the brink of world war, but plenty of money is being made.

Trump is a champion of Israeli Zionism, 100% supporting them, because their strategic interests are the same, they are one.

For us, the crisis deepens.

Now that Ukraine has cut the last Russian Gas pipeline to Europe, we may expect further fuel price increases - conveniently the US is offering to sell us higher priced Gas.

We need a new internationalism, one of mutual benefit to the peoples, one that respects the rights of nations to self-determination, one that defends civilisation.



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Cuireadh tríocha ceathair baill d'Óglaigh na hÉireann, príosúnaigh phoblachtacha, chun báis i Mí Eanáir 1923, ar ordú fórsaí frith-poblachtacha an Saorstát ('*Free*' State). Níor mharaigh na Sasanaigh an mhéid sin tar éis Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916… sin an nimh a bhí ag lucht an tSaorstáit iontu.

Is ar fhoréigean i gcoinne iad siúd a throid ar son na poblachta, ar son neamhspleáchas na tíre, a bhunaíodh rialtas Teach Laighean. Is trí fheall agus caimiléireacht a bhunaíodh an stát, agus, nach mar sin atá siad ag rialú os ár gcoinn ó shin?

Ach, mar a dúirt an Piarsach…

"The defenders of the realm have worked well in secret and in the open. They think they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other…" agus, is léir, gur éirigh leo, isteach is amach, go dtí seo.

Ach níl deireadh tagtha fós, fad is atá Éireannach amháin beo atá sásta an fód a sheasamh tá seans ann.

Mar a dheireann sé i bhForógra na Poblachta: *"ní féidir é a chealú go deo, ach amháin trí dhíothú mhuintir na hÉireann."*

Ní tharlóidh san.

Paddy Hill, Rest in Peace

Paddy Joe Hill died at the end of December at age of 80. Paddy was wrongly imprisoned in 1974 along with five others who became known as the **Birmingham Six.**

l-r Paddy Hill and Gerry Conlon

Countless other Irish people, singled out just because they were Irish and easy targets, have suffered under *British* '*Justice*'.

Paddy spent 16 years in an English jail for a crime he didn't do.

On his release from jail, Paddy spoke outside the Crown Court:

"Justice… I don't think them people in there have got the intelligence or the honesty to spell out the word, never mind dispense it.

They are rotten!"

Here is his voice for justice:

VIDEO

Pictured above with Paddy is Gerry Conlon, of what became known as the **Guildford Four**, wrongly convicted and imprisoned for similar crimes that they had nothing at all to do with.

The **Maguire Seven** (an entire young family) were also wrongly imprisoned, falsely accused of involvement in the same offences.

The police knew, the judges knew that they were all innocent, but they imprisoned them anyway.

The British state and courts operate as one, politically.

We might like to take a breath with Paddy's passing, and thank God that we live in safer times, that justice prevails.

If so, we would be making a sad mistake - nothing has changed.

The courts and the state in the UK are as corrupt as ever. They continue to be used politically against Irish people, and against anti-genocide campaigners (pro-Palestine) and against those who simply report the truth.

Remember the horror inflicted on Julian Assange of WikiLeaks?

Courts through Ireland are little better, the judges are politically appointed and they serve their master well, against any opposition.

In the occupied six counties the courts are even worse, the secret MI5 may as well be the judges.

In 2001 Paddy Hill formed the *The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation* to help the countless other victims of injustice.

One of the campaigns both Paddy and Gerry Conlon supported was **Justice for the Craigavon Two**, another stitch-up by MI5. They were convicted of shooting a British soldier, but according to Paddy, it would never stand in a fair court.

Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton are innocent, but they are still in jail. Their case is an ongoing scandal that both Paddy Hill and Gerry Conlon spoke about.

We urge people to support the campaign using the hashtag #JFTC2 on social media, and to sign the online petition for their release.

Paddy Hill did.

PETITION

Bono Gets 'Medal of Freedom'

Just as Joe Biden approved an additional $8bn arms to Israel, he hosted another event at the White House – the Medal for Freedom Awards ('*Freedom*', USA style).

Bono with 'Genocide Joe' Biden

Biden said the awards were for those who *"shape the culture and the cause of America"* and who *"defend the values of America"*.

But what are American values?

They say you can judge a man by his friends, well *'Genocide Joe'* included some good friends in this year's awards, they included the warmonger Hillary Clinton and globalist supremo George Soros.

Are these the *"values of America"*?

Yes, they are the values of their state, the USA is an imperialist warmonger, it supports fascism.

Over the last 50 years the USA is responsible for continuous wars all across Asia, the Middle-East, Europe, Africa, and in Central and South America.

They maintain about 800 military bases outside their own territory.

The peoples of the world are shocked at the genocide sponsored by the US against Palestine, but the international community of nations is doing nothing effective to stop it, they are dictated to by the US.

Included in the awards, which represent anything but the values of '*Freedom*', was our own shameless, tax avoiding, stooge of globalism.

'Sir Bono' (of U2 pop band) is and has always been anti-Irish.

Along with his fellow stooge 'Sir Bob Geldof' they were knighted by the English royalty for services rendered to the empire.

Sir Bono & Sir Bob have built their vast wealth through support of globalism, but typically, they have done this dressed up as if concerned for world peace and global poverty and disease. They have become very wealthy and *hob-nob* with royalty, and the richest of the rich.

Isn't that the cloak behind which all warmongers hide, pretending they are for peace and democracy?

The US Medal for Freedom might be properly renamed the *"Best Stooges of Fascism Awards"*, at least it would describe it better.

Community and housing activist in Dublin, Peter Dooley published a short video report on the awards, it is worth viewing:

VIDEO

George Soros & Hillary Clinton join Bono in 'Freedom' Awards

Billionaire sails in on his Super-Yacht & buys a third €5m home in Kinsale, Cork

Reported on Christmas Eve, a US Billionaire, James Berwind, has just added a €5 million dormer bungalow at Sandycove (with 40 acres) to his collection, he already has two other properties in the area worth about €16 million.

Berwind made his money in the mining industry, not as a mine worker, but as an member of the owner dynasty, he creates no wealth.

We report this only because it highlights the true aristocratic nature of our society, that this is even allowed.

Ireland is in the depths of the worse housing crisis ever, and it is deepening. It has just been confirmed that the average price of a home has increased by another 10% over the last year.

Such price increases are beyond inflation and beyond what any working family can hope to save.

Even if prices were fixed with no inflation they are still beyond the possibility of the vast majority of those in need of homes.

Why do we allow this to happen?

Of course, we citizens are never asked, those who rule over us allow these self-entitled billionaires to do what they like.

Should we just raise our hat, saying *"yes m'lord"* and *"anything else we can do for ya, sur?"*

Young families have nowhere to setup home, this is a crime against the nation itself, it continues unchallenged. How much longer?

'*Green*' Agenda? Electric Buses Failing and 'Ghost' flights continue …

Electric Buses are failing, despite huge investment made with public money. At the moment buses, worth over €30 million, are sitting ideal in a yard, never used even once.

National Transport Agency (NTA) purchased 211 buses over the last two years, 55 went to Bus Éireann and 111 to Dublin Bus – but 45 were not even collected from the manufacturer's yard in County Antrim.

The double-deckers cost an average of €675,000 each.

The NTA also purchased 55 single-decker buses from China, at a cost of €615,000 each, 21 went to Bus Éireann and the remaining 34 to Dublin bus.

Thomas O'Connor, a former bus driver who is assistant general secretary of the National Bus and Rail Union, said only 11 of these buses are currently on the road, with the rest sitting idle in a yard in Ardee, Co. Louth.

According to drivers the buses are '*plagued with issues'* and *'not fit for purpose'*, from lack of charging facilities, inadequate heating and faulty rear view cameras, one said:

> *'The battery is not capable of powering the bus to do what it's supposed to do. If you're trying to power and heat up a saloon, with lights and WiFi charging ports and whatever else, it's just a constant drain on the battery.'*

And then the '*Ghost*' flights…

Last year it was reported that Brussels Airlines had operated 3,000 flights without any passengers or any cargo at all.

They did it just to maintain landing slots are various airports.

Their parent company, Lufthansa Group, operated and additional 15,000 such flights.

In Europe, this practice continues because the EU imposes a *"use it or lose it"* policy on runway slots.

Most airlines have objected to the requirement, knowing that it causes environmental pollution and is costly – but it continues…

Brussels Airlines runs 3,000 empty flights to maintain take-off and landing slots
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Many airports continue to see about 80 such flights every month, but much more so in the larger ones.

Europe-wide, there are about 100,000 *'ghost flights'* every year.

This has been happening while the same EU globalists have been pushing their '*green*' agenda on us, imposing carbon taxes on everything and blaming cattle for emissions that are supposedly damaging the environment.

The '*green*' agenda places a huge cost on families and on small business enterprises, especially transport, is it all madness?

Imports Make Domestic Restrictions a Farce

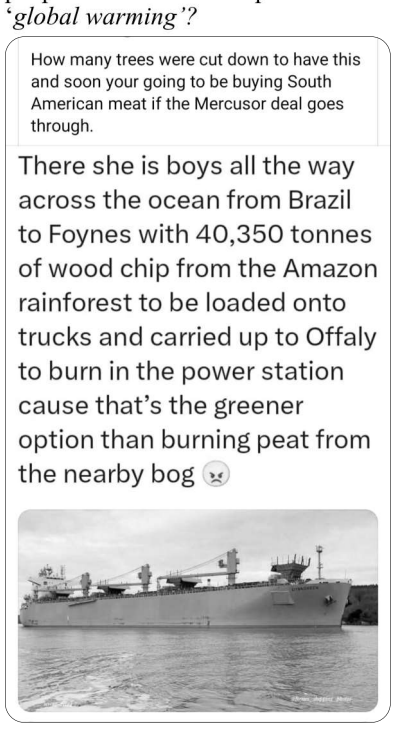
The cold spell reminds us of the need for heating, hot water and energy for both home and industry.

The cold spell left thousands of families without power for extended periods, this should underline the need for proper planning of supply, and the costs.

We are told there is a *'climate crisis'* and *'global warming'*.

To address this crisis the family home is targeted, working people have had carbon taxes and levies imposed, its a real burden.

One would think that ordinary people have been responsible for '*global warming'?*



The '*green*' lobby might answer: *'well you must not use carbon based fuels, that will help regardless of anything else'* – maybe so, but how much will it help in the broader context of what is happening?

There is climate change, but this is nothing new, climate has been changing for hundreds of millions of years, warming up and cooling down, ice ages come and they go.

This month '*experts*' claim that world temperature has increased 1.5° C since the industrial revolution, but there is no real scientific research to prove this.

And even if it was true, there is no evidence that carbon fuel has been the cause – especially not through families heating their homes.

Of course, the *'green agenda'* standards do not apply to all, witness world '*leaders*' attending the Climate Summit and other international meetings on their private jets.

Look at the waste in the airline industry with their *'ghost flights'*, look at the big powers of China, USA and Russia using carbon fuels without restriction, look at their double standards - what does it tell us?

The *'green agenda'* seems a farce when applied to mere working families trying to heat their homes.

Last year we reported on the power plant at Edenderry *'going green'*, having switched to Biomass and Woodchip fuel… now they are importing regular shipments of Woodchip from Brazil, who are cutting down trees to create it – and heavy diesel burning trucks ship it to Offaly to generate '*green*' electricity.

Look at the ongoing use of coal at Moneypoint, which often provides up to 25% of our state's electricity.

Moneypoint burns up to 2,000,000 tonnes of coal annually – that equates to over 80% of what we consumed before the ban on coal.

In 2022 they switched from buying Russian to Colombian coal (where local communities are being enslaved) and coal from South Africa.

Last year ESB got permission to switch to HFO oil, saying it will be cleaner. This is untrue, HFO (aka bunker oil) is cheaper, but it releases more emissions than coal does.

The entire agenda is a lie.

The US has backed what has been called a 'Judicial Coup' in Romania

Presidential elections were held on November 24 but no candidate got an absolute majority.

Calin Georgescu got most votes at 23%, in second place was Elena Lasconi with 19% of the vote, they were due to face a second round of voting on December 8th to decide who would be President.

Georgescu is described as *'right-wing'* nationalist, as pro-Trump and pro-Putin. Lasconi is described as pro-European a '*centrist*', pro further EU integration and pro-USA.

Georgescu was for ending support for the war in Ukraine, he was for national sovereignty and neutrality, for *'traditional Christian values'*, but without leaving either the EU or NATO.

Even though described as '*fascist*' in some reports, Georgescu was seen as absolute favourite to win the second round of voting.

But the *powers-that-be,* the *deep-state,* moved against him:

On December 2nd the current serving President, Iohannis, accused Georgescu of being backed by Russia.

Allegations of vote-rigging were made to the Constitutional Court and a re-count ordered, but the election result was upheld.

We have seen no reports or any evidence of the allegations.

Now comes the *'Coup d'État'*:

On December 4th President Iohannis released declassified intelligence stating that Russia had run a coordinated online campaign to promote Georgescu – using various social media.

On the same day, as if coordinated, the US State Department condemned Russian interference in the Romanian elections, releasing a statement.

Calin Georgescu Denied Election

On December 6th, the matter was brought back to the Constitutional Court for the second time, they reversed their earlier decision.

The court declared that there would be no round #2 vote on December 8th (even though voting had started), and that the election was void, as if it never happened, their decision is final.

On December 1st, before the '*coup*' was triggered, there was parliamentary elections in Romania.

The so-called *'far-right'* won about 33% of the seats, not enough for government, but huge gains none-the-less.

But it seems that the Russians never bothered to interfere in that, just focusing on the Presidential vote - this seems odd?

Georgescu has called the ruling an "*official coup*". *"They will not be able to stop me. And they cannot stop the Romanian people from what they want to change,"* he said.

Lasconi, who came 2nd in the vote, said: "*The constitutional court's decision is illegal, amoral and crushes the very essence of democracy, voting*"

However, the serving Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu (who was himself eliminated in the vote), has welcomed the court's decision, saying it was *"the only correct solution after the declassification of the documents ... which show that the result of the Romanians' vote was blatantly distorted as a result of Russia's intervention"*.

So, Romania's State Security made allegations when it was obvious that the *'wrong candidate'* was winning; the USA backed them and all of the 'great' European democracies have allowed it.

Ursula Von der Leyen and the EU Commission said they will be looking into regulating Tik-Toc, implying their support for the non-proven, no-evidence allegations.

Russia, needless to say, have denied any involvement.

This is not the first time we have seen an EU member state have its voting interfered with – remember our Nice and Lisbon Treaty re-runs?

Similar experiences happened in Portugal when an anti-EU collation won elections, likewise in Italy and Greece, and probably others that we don't know of.

Watch this story unfold...

UK is doing well under Brexit

A report published this month by *Facts4EU.org* tells us that the UK now operates a total of 99 separate Free Trade Agreements, 36% more than the EU's claimed 79.

We recall when the popular vote in the UK decided to leave the EU, '*experts*' everywhere said their economy would crash.

Well, the '*paid experts*' were wrong, as is often the case when money dictates the policy.

Allowing that both the UK and the EU may be exaggerating their economic performance, what is clear is that disaster has not hit following Brexit.

Ireland cannot make separate trade deals abroad, we are subjected to whatever the EU decides - but does that serve us?

Last year's approval by the EU to import 99,000 tonnes of beef from South America will affect us significantly, it is equivalent to about 15% of Ireland's total beef production.

The agreement also allows the EU to import, duty free, 30,000 tonne of Cheese, 10,000 tonne of Milk Powder and 50,000 tonne of Infant Formula – all of this competes with our native producers.

EU policy is also dictating the re-wetting of previously reclaimed land, removing it from agriculture.

Earlier EU Agreements allowed the importation of vegetables, from countries with *'economies of scale'* that Irish growers simply cannot compete with.

Surely, if we could make our own trade agreements, to serve Ireland's interests and build our domestic economy, it would be a benefit?

Ireland has strategic economic interests, we need to look after them, is it time for #Irexit?

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