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" The Irish working class as a class can only hope to rise with Ireland. Equally true is it that Ireland cannot rise to Freedom except upon the shoulders of a working class knowing its rights and daring to take them. " ~ James Connolly (The Hope of Ireland, 1914)

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We Serve Neither King Nor Kaiser But Ireland!

We have a history of division, of deliberate diversion, of false friends, of betrayal, of people claiming to be what they are not, of distortion of truth: by class, by creed and by politics. We continue to suffer the consequences…

The tens of thousands who marched on April 26th in Dublin were right to do so!

Our country is being sold out, the policy of *'open borders'* is wrong, it is an imposition at the behest of Globalism - in the EU and WEF.

The slogan above was hung from Liberty Hall in Dublin at a time when England wanted to force conscription on us, to drag us into World War 1.

The question of war is coming to the fore again today, are we to join NATO or an EU Army? Will the regime in Leinster House succeed in dropping our neutrality as they are trying to?

The slogan encompassed what James Connolly had been teaching, the need for Irish politics to stand up for Irish interests. The whole idea of the republic was so that Irish people would be masters of our own destiny.

The republic proclaimed in 1916, and even before that, had borders around its territory, it is the collective property of the whole nation.

Division is rife among those who have stepped forward to organise the working class. On April 26th the so-called '*left*' wing staged a counter-protest, shouting "*racist*", "*far-right*" and other abusive terms.

Labels have come to mean nothing. Anyone who questions the *'open borders'* policy, or expresses concern for availability of public services or housing in the context of open immigration is called a racist.

Those calling this abuse generally describe themselves as '*socialist*' or '*republican*', but these same people have refused time and again to stand up for the working class, or even for Ireland, they are anti-national.

People are hiding behind the labels; being a '*socialist*' must mean you have a social conscience, and for this you have to condemn what someone decided is *'far-right'*.

One leading '*socialist*' TD recently called on the Government to get tough with the '*far-right*'!?!

Have they stopped considering that FF/FG are the real far-right?

In truth, the people's movement is full of all sorts of people, and many of those supposedly leading the *'anti-immigration'* protests, and the '*left*', are sent among us to split and divide.

There is a place for socialism and republicanism, maybe it should be leading us? But these terms need modern definition to address modern times, and need to still hold true to our own experience as a people.

In the meantime, let's all oppose this insane Government policy?

Arrogance & Fake Concern About Housing

In fact, an increasing number of citizens believe that Government concerns are fake on any matters affecting the people, not just housing.

Discussion about the appointment of a Housing *'Tsar'*, at €430,000 per annum (plus expenses, ++) not only reveals their arrogant sense of self-importance, but also their belief in extreme wealth - for the *'right people'*.

Why do they think that payment of a vulgar high salary is required to get things done? Maybe that is the value set that they work to?

Whether this proposal was *'floated'* to create confusion or as a real proposal doesn't matter, in reality it reveals that they have no solution to the housing crisis, not by their terms anyway.

The suggested person, Brendan McDonagh, was appointed head of the National Asset Management Bureau (NAMA) in 2009, at the height of the financial crisis. His current salary is €430k and Government said they wanted him to keep that if he took the new housing job.

NAMA is the agency that paid the rogue developers who profited from the financial crisis, they then handed property worth € billions to the Vulture Funds at massive give-away discount.

McDonagh is a real sweetener for the rich, he is their man.

But tens of thousands of families throughout Ireland need housing.

Young couples simply cannot afford to get a home to start new families, they are emigrating again in huge numbers.

The privately owned Banks were rescued with our public money, the bond speculators (at home and abroad) were paid off – all with our cash.

We ask, have successive Governments, the state, served an elite, and not the citizens?

Demand the Release of the Strokestown 3

l-r Paul Byrne, Patrick Swiney & Martin O'Toole

In July 2023, the Strokestown 3 were sentenced to 15 years each, because they tried to save a defenceless family from what was an ILLEGAL eviction.

KBC Bank had acted without legitimate court order, they hired a gang of thugs who were not licensed as legitimate security personnel, and they forcibly removed the McGann family from their home.

The '*security*' personal arrived in unmarked, unlicensed vehicles and they were allowed to force their way into the house.

Among others, a former Garda who was supporting the family was beaten and badly injured by the so-called '*security*'.

While this happened, Gardaí stood by and watched, from within a meter's distance, they did nothing.

The local community were outraged at these events, the story went viral across social media.

Then, a few nights later, a group of up to 30 returned and forcably ran the '*security*' staff out of the area - in a reverse eviction.

In the process the '*security*' staff were assaulted (with no major injuries), and one of them was made to eat their own dog's faeces – all acts carried out in anger. This anger was all that was left to the people, the state had failed to protect this vulnerable family, they had sided with the rogue lawless Bank.

The removal of the unregistered '*security*' staff (aka '*thugs*') was an organised action, participants knew they were facing down the Bank and the State itself which supported them.

After a show trial, in which the court officials, barristers and Gardaí covered up for each others illegality; three of the men were convicted. The judge displayed obvious bias against these good citizens, the prosecution was helped to push through its demand.

Sadly, even the legal defence teams failed their clients, not challenging the fundamental wrongs of the case and complaining more about their pay rates.

The men remain in jail…

[See Petition on back]

United Nations is Broken!

UNITED NATIONS

Since 1917, when the Balfour Declaration was handed to the Zionist Federation by the British Government, the people of Palestine have been under constant attack. In 1922 Churchill sent the hated *Black & Tans* from Ireland to enforce to their rule over Palestine, the same brutality continues to this day.

Even since the UN voted to establish a separate state for Israel in 1947 the attacks continued. Israel is in breach of more UN resolutions than any other state, and they attack UN aid workers, peace-keepers and infrastructure.

Since Oct 7 '23 Israel has stepped up what can only be called a GENOCIDE against the Palestinian people. What we see every day on video is the whole-scale massacre of defenceless people.

Israel could not act without the financial backing and military support of the USA, it acts as their proxy.

The actions of both Israel and the USA are a flagrant violation of the UN Charter, recognising the right to self-determination of the peoples, and for the peaceful resolution of international disputes. Their actions are an attack on civilisation and the rule of law internationally - so it is an attack on us.

As far as Palestinian children are concerned the UN is meaningless.

Is it time to EXPEL both Israel and the USA from the UN? And, is it time to send a military force to protect the Palestinian people, to drive back Israel?

Should the 1967 agreed borders be restored? And, shouldn't we help?

If not, what is the point of the UN?

VIDEO

Eagarfhocal

Ag deireadh Mí Aibreáin, bhí timpeall is 80,000 duine ar sráideanna Baile Átha Cliath ag léirsiú i gcoinne polasaí an rialtais – dírithe ar an inimirce is mó, ach ar na fadhbanna uile, i gcúrsaí tithíochta, sláinte, bochtanais srl.

Ní gá dúinn ach éist leis na daoine, tá imní ar 99.9% acu do thodhchaí na tíre, a chlanna agus cad atá rompu amach anseo.

Is léir nach bhfuil aon mhuinín i measc an phobail don Rialtas, ní ró minic a bhíonn a leithéid d'agóid ar na sráideanna. Ach, is léir freisin nach bhfuil deireadh leis an bhfeachtas, tá a thuileadh léirsithe le teacht, i gCorcaigh ar an 7 Meitheamh agus in áiteanna eile.

Beadh sé éasca seasamh siar uathu, tar éis don Rialtas agus an eite-'chlé' (mar dhea) iad a cháineadh agus a mhaslú, ag maíomh gur den eite-dheis iad agus baint acu le ciníochas.

Ach, beadh botún déanta, dár linn, mar níl ins na léirsitheoirí ach gnáth daoine ag iarraidh go n-éistfear leo.

Ach, tá fadhb ann ag an am céanna, mar níleamar eagraithe ar bhonn cheart. Dá bhrí sin, tá eilimintí ó lucht leanta an eite-dheis inár measc agus caithfimid bheith faireach.

Ní thabharfaimid aon aird don mhionlach ciníochais; seasfaimid lenár gcearta náisiúnta agus lenár gcearta mar shaoránaigh an stáit.

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Ode to Dwyer

In Wicklow's hallowed folds
where ancient shadows lie
And wizened winds bear whispers
long and low,
A fair rebel walks, with true
and ready eye
Through ash and oak and
drifting snow.

Not ennobled by jewel
nor kept by chain
But by liberty's cause that
burned like flame -
The cry of sacred land, 'neath the
weight of craven threat and cruel pain
The indomitable spirit and a nation's
pride that bore his noble name.

No thirst for personal fame
drove his tread
No dream of title nor throne
nor banners bright -
But the ancient songs that
the mountains bled
And hunger for freedom's
dawning light.

His were no soldier's hands,
but now forced to carry sword
His heart a valiant beacon
- alight in the glen,
He gathered men with silent word -
They vanished, they rose, and they
fought ever fierce again.

In bog dark and deep, through forest
veil and in ambush - they trained
Where tree and standing stone
gave freedom shield,
The Redcoat searched, the hills - high
and low, but Dwyer remained -
The valiant hearts of his chosen men,
ever first to take to the rebel's field.

They hunted him with blade and flame
Even through betrayal's cruel craven
and quiet snare,
But they never graced the man they
knew only by name
For the flame of freedom
can hide best in mountain air.

Was he defeated? "Yes" Empire says
But whisht and listen close,
to the hills reply:
He lives on truest in the heart of every
man and woman that dares and stays
When tyrants come and just men die.

Now a gentle whisper in
the mossy and oaken wood
A footstep long gone
in heather's breath,
He offered his life,
he fought where he stood
His story is now revered
long after his death.

Now though the sword
may seem to fail to rise
And though the tyrant won that day,
The fire that sleeps behind
our gallant eyes
Is Dwyer's indomitable gift
- the rebel's way.

Conchobhar Ó Súilleabháin

POEMS

Michael Dwyer was a leader in 1798 Rising, with the United Irishmen. Dwyer continued the fight through 1803 until forced to agree terms, he was transported to Australia and is remembered there as a hero.

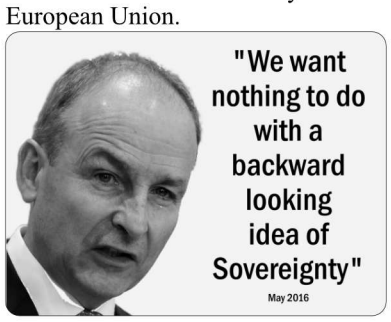
The poet here is a direct living relative of Ó Súilleabháin Béarra, one of the great Gaelic Chieftains, famous in west County Cork.

This article is a worthy contributioin to a debate we must have about our future, sooner rather than later. We are happy to accept article submissions and/or letters, please enclose your name, however, we are happy to publish annomously - it is the message that counts, more than the messenger.

Why Ireland Must Chart Her Own Course:

A Call for Sovereignty Beyond Brussels

Ireland stands at a crossroads. The road we walk has, for decades, wound ever deeper into the thickets of Brussels, tangled in directives, levies, fines, and diminishing autonomy. Yet now, as the winds shift across Europe and the world re-evaluates the meaning of sovereignty, trade, and security, it is time for Ireland to rise—not in rebellion, but in renewal. It is time for Ireland to take back her helm and steer her own course beyond the European Union.



This is not a rejection of cooperation. It is not a denial of Europe's cultural kinship or a retreat into isolation. Rather, it is the assertion of an ancient truth: that Ireland is a nation with her own soul, her own laws, her own destiny—and that destiny can no longer be determined by bureaucrats disconnected from the soil, the sea, and the spirit of this land.

Preserving Economic Freedom Through True Free Trade

The core argument for remaining in the EU has long rested on economics. But the economic model of today's Union is not the one that first welcomed Ireland in 1973. What once promised shared prosperity and fair cooperation now increasingly resembles a mechanism of control—funnelling decisions, profits, and industrial direction through a centralized command far removed from Ireland's needs.

Yet trade is not synonymous with political union. The EU's leaders now advocate free trade with global powers such as the United States, Japan, and Australia. They seek comprehensive trade deals without shared law-making or tax burdens. If this principle can apply across continents, then surely it can apply to a neighbour like Ireland, nestled within Europe's geography yet free to craft its own future.

To remain economically secure while regaining legislative control, Ireland should leave the EU but immediately negotiate a comprehensive free trade agreement. Such a deal, in line with the EU's own public commitment to free trade, would preserve the flow of goods, services, and capital—without subjecting the Irish people to EU directives, European Court rulings, or financial penalties.

It would be hypocritical for Brussels to deny Ireland such an agreement when it seeks the same with other global partners. The very logic of trade—reciprocal, beneficial, rules-based—requires that Ireland be granted what the EU already offers to many outside its political union.

Restoring National Sovereignty and Legal Autonomy

The principle of democracy is undermined when laws are written by those we cannot remove. EU regulations touch every sector of Irish life—from farming to education, finance to fisheries—yet no ordinary Irish citizen can vote out the authors of those rules.

This is not accountability. It is administration without consent.

Ireland must reclaim its legislative independence. No more directives, no more automatic alignment with policies shaped by states with vastly different economies, geographies, or priorities.

Let the Irish parliament once again be sovereign, in fact, not merely in ceremony.

With sovereignty restored, Ireland can reintroduce policies that reflect our unique character, needs, and future ambitions. We can rebuild industries once sacrificed to EU quotas and market manipulation—our sugar factories, steelworks, fertilizer plants, and textile mills. We can once again nourish Irish hands with Irish soil, not surrender local industry to global supply chains whose carbon footprint belies any commitment to sustainability.

Ending the Plunder of Irish Waters

The exploitation of Ireland's waters is perhaps the most galling symbol of EU injustice.

Irish fishermen are left with a fraction of their own catch while foreign fleets sweep our seas with near impunity.

Decades of EU fisheries policy have hollowed out coastal communities, destroyed local economies, and robbed the Irish people of a birth right gifted by nature.

Supertrawler Margiris, her net's could hold 13 Jumbo Jets, she is ploughing up our seas, unchecked

Outside the EU, Ireland would take back full control of its marine resources. We could establish a sustainable, Irish-first fishing policy that protects biodiversity while revitalizing coastal towns from Donegal to Dingle. Let us be custodians of our waters - not tenants in the house of a distant landlord.

Upholding our Neutrality in a World of Rising Militarism

The EU speaks increasingly of "*strategic autonomy*," of building a European army, navy, and coordinated defence structures.

Already, Irish troops are embedded in EU battle groups. Pressures mount for increased defence integration. This direction is incompatible with our proud tradition of peace-keeping and neutrality, respected worldwide, and vital to our identity.

By stepping away from the EU, Ireland can end the slow erosion of this neutrality. No Irish soldier should ever be forced to fight for an empire. No foreign policy should be determined by states with colonial ambitions or military entanglements far beyond our shores.

Let Ireland be a voice for peace, not power projection. Let us stand as a sovereign, independent, neutral republic—free to chart our own moral and diplomatic path.

Building a Resilient, Self-Sufficient Island Nation

The fragility of global supply chains was laid bare during the COVID pandemic. Food shortages, fertilizer disruption, and energy insecurity revealed a stark truth: a country that cannot feed or fuel itself is vulnerable.

Ireland, blessed with fertile soil, vast seas, and abundant rainfall, has the potential to be almost entirely self-sufficient. But EU regulations and global trade dependencies have eroded our domestic capabilities. It's time to reverse this trend.

We must rebuild food production systems that prioritize local growers. We must develop our own fertilizer plants—not just for independence, but for environmental logic. Why import tonnes of food and inputs across oceans when they can be produced here with fewer emissions, greater control, and local jobs?

Self-sufficiency is not a romantic ideal. It is practical policy. It is environmental stewardship. It is national resilience. It is the foundation of long-term stability.

Controlling Our Borders, Our Economy, Our Future

Every nation must have the right to determine who enters and under what conditions. While compassion and openness are vital, so too is the ability to ensure sustainable services, housing, and integration.

Outside the EU, Ireland can establish a balanced, humane immigration policy tailored to our needs—not shaped by Brussels directives. We can protect housing for Irish families. We can ensure our infrastructure grows in line with population changes—not as an afterthought, but as a plan.

We can also design economic policies without fear of EU reprimand—no more fines for supporting domestic industry, no more tax changes imposed by external consensus. Let us nurture our small businesses, protect our farmers, and build new trade partnerships that reflect Irish strengths and Irish values.

Conclusion: Sovereignty as the Path to Renewal

Ireland's place in Europe should be one of friendship—not obedience. Of trade—not servitude. Of co-operation—not control.

The European Union has grown into something beyond what Ireland signed up for.

It is no longer simply a trading bloc, but an ever-deepening political union that demands too much and gives too little in return.

The time has come for Ireland to stand again as a fully sovereign nation—trading freely, governing justly, and living sustainably.

Let us walk away not in anger, but in clarity.

Let us show the world that small nations can still dream large. That independence is not isolation. That sovereignty is not selfishness—but the soil in which self-reliance, fairness, and dignity grow.

Ireland has never feared standing apart when principle calls.

And now, it calls again.

"Target Israel, and we will target you!

That is what the US told the Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Believe it or not, in a US Executive Order signed on Feb 6th it says that both the USA and Israel are *"thriving democracies with militaries that strictly adhere to the laws of war."*

The latest escalation of attacks by Israel, funded and egged on by the USA, for the complete annexation of Gaza and the expulsion of its native population violates every principle ever conceived by democracy, and everything that the United Nations ever aspired to.

It is clear that the big powers have brought unchecked lawlessness and fascism back to our world, the rule of law exists now only in words.

The arrogance and bullying of the United States is clearly shown in this short CNN video extract from last year:

VIDEO

Is it possible to save the United Nations as an organisation? If so, do we need to EXPELL both the USA and Israel from membership?

Vol Larry White
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