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Anti Imperialist Festival : Clár

Sinn Féin
ANTI-IMPERIALIST FESTIVAL

THE STRUGGLE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE IS THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD
TRANSLATION:

Friends,

I welcome all our comrades in struggle to a land which has been steeped in a long and turbulent history of struggle against imperialism.

We hope, through this Festival, to give you a true picture of the factual situation in Ireland. The distorted picture presented by the British propaganda machine is one of a backward people full of hate senseless bombing and murdering each other while the heroic British Army stands between them to save them from each other.

You now have the opportunity to learn the truth for yourself. In the North of our country you can see Colonialism in its raw state with all its vicious, repressive apparatus of the British Army, UDR (native militia) and RUC (police). You will learn how Britain, throughout our history, deliberately created and fomented the sectarian divisions which today are still helping to keep us in subjection.

In the South of our country you will see a classic neo-colonial state. All the outward symbols of freedom exist - a constitution, a parliament, an army, a flag and an anthem. But there it ends. The real power lies in London.

You will see us as we are. You will learn of our problems and you will gain some knowledge of our methods of struggle. We are deeply indebted to you for your great help to us in the past. We are aware that without your help in the future we cannot win. This festival is mostly about the Brotherhood of man and the common struggle against imperialist exploitation. The struggle of the Irish people is the struggle of the peoples of the world. Our fight is your fight. Your fight is our fight.

Beir Bua,
Tomas Mac Giolla,
President, Sinn Fein.
WELCOME MESSAGE FROM TOMAS MACGIOLLA, PRESIDENT OF SINN FEIN.

A Chairde,

Cuirim céad míle fáilte romhaibh go hÉireann. Fáiltíom romhaibh a chomrádaith, go tír atá le fada ag troid chun an impiriúlaChain chas a bhri-seadh. Fáiltíom romhaibh go h-áirithe mar tá sibhse ag troid an troda chéanna.

Tá súil agaíonn go dtabharfai dh an Fleadh seo an áis do gach éinne a bheith i láthair tuiscint ceart d'fháil ar chúrsaí na tire seo. Mar tá lucht bolscaireachta na Breataine tar éis pictiúr a scaipeadh a fágann le tuiscint ag an domhan mhóir nach bhfuil in Éirinn ach pobal aineolach, fíochmhar, lán d'fhuaith, ag marú agus ag bumail a chéile. Agus tuigtear ó bolscaireacht an namhad go bhfuil Arm cróga na Breataine ag cosaint na Gaeil ó na chéile.

Tá seanachaibh an fírinne d'fhoghlaím anois. Is féidir líbh, i dTuaisceart na tire, barbaracht an Coláisteacha d'fhéiscint ag obair go h-oscaíte trí gunnáí Arm Shasana, an UDR agus an RUC. Chífídh sibh conas mar a munlaítear an seicteasach chu sháisiúin a choimead faoi smacht.

Chífídh sibh sa deisceart mar a oibríonn an neo-coláisteacha. Tá comharthaí na saoirse ann — Bunreacht, parlaimint, airm, brat agus amhrán náisiúnta. Ach sin bun agus barr na "saoirse". Tá an cumhacht dáirire i Londain.

Chífídh sibh muid mar atáimíd. Nuair a bhreathnaíonn sibh ar na fadhbanna ata againn geobhaíd sibh eolas ar ár modhanna troda.

Táimíd go mór i bhfiachaibh agaíbh as an cabhair a thug sibh dúim san am atá thart. Gan an chabhair sin ní féidir linn buachaint san fháistin.

Fáilitte romhaibh arís chuig an Fleadh seo. Beidh na béim ann ar Bhraithreasach daoine ata ag troid impiriúlaChain go forleathan. Is troid domhanda troid phobail na Éireann, is troid muinntir na hÉireann troid an phobail domhanda. Ár dtroid, bhúr dtroid. Bhúr dtroid, ár dtroid.

Beir Bua,
Tomas Mac Giolla,
Uachtaran Sinn Féin.
DUBLIN - Ath Cliath

MONDAY 22nd JULY:
Liberty Hall - 3pm.
Welcoming Address - Tony Heffernan. Joint General Secretary, Sinn Fein.

Liberty Hall - 4pm.
"Analysis of Irish History" - Dermott Nolan. Dublin Executive, Sinn Fein.

Liberty Hall - 8pm.

"The Political Effects of British Imperialism in Ireland." - Dessie O'Hagan. Director of Education, Sinn Fein, and Editor of the UNITED IRISHMAN.

Malachy McGurran. Vice President; Sinn Fein.

TUESDAY 23rd JULY:
Assemble at main gate, Trinity College. 11am.

Liberty Hall - 3pm

Michael Ryan. Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

Liberty Hall - 8pm.

Eoin O'Murchu. Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

WEDNESDAY 24th JULY:
Assemble at Christ Church Cathedral. 11am.

Colaiste Mhuire Theatre, Parnell Square. 8pm.

FONNTRAI - A colourful stage show of Irish Traditional music, song and dance. Sponsored by Comhaltais Ceolteoirí Eireann.

THURSDAY 25th JULY:
Assemble at Kilmainham Jail. 11am.

Tour of Kilmainham Jail, Historical museum with remnants of the 1798 Rising and subsequent struggles against British rule.

Liberty Hall - 3pm.
"The Role and Importance of the Trade Unions in the National Liberation Struggle." - Eamonn Smullen. Director of Industrial Affairs, Sinn Fein.

Matty Merrigan. District Secretary, Amalgamated Transport & General Workers Union.
THURSDAY 25th JULY:cont.

Liberty Hall - 4.30pm  
"The Tenants Movement - Its Role in the Peoples' Struggle."  
Matt Larkin.  Secretary NATO (National Association of Tenants' Organisations).

Junior Common Room,  
Trinity College.  8pm.  
"Strategies and Tactics of the Republican Movement."  
Tomas MacGilla.  President, Sinn Fein.

"Organisational Forms of the Republican Movement: Past and Future.  
(Sponsored by TCD Republican Club).  

FRIDAY 26th JULY:  
Liberty Hall - 11am.  
Liberty Hall - 3pm.  
"The Role of Youth in the National Liberation Struggle."  
Brendan Glynn.  Deputy President, Union of Students in Ireland Executive Universities Republican Clubs.  
Peigin Doyle.  Sinn Fein, Dublin.

Liberty Hall - 8pm.  
SATURDAY, 27th July.  
- 2pm-6pm.  
Abbey Theatre - 8pm.  
National Theatre.  

SUNDAY 28th JULY:  
Assemble at Glasnevin Cemetery,  2.30pm.  
Address and Commemoration to those who died in Ireland's anti-imperialist struggle. 1916 Plot.  
Tomas MacGilla.  President, Sinn Fein.

Conducted tour of patriot graves in Glasnevin -  

Fairview Park - 8pm.  
Open-Air Ceilidhe, (Traditional Irish Dancing.)  
(sponsored by Connradh na Gaeilge).
Monday 29th July.  

8pm.  
"In the James Connolly Tradition."  
Eamonn Smullen. - Director of Industrial Affairs, Sinn Fein.

Tuesday 30th July.  

3pm.  
"Women and the Irish Struggle."  
Mairin de Burca. - Joint General Secretary, Sinn Fein.
Kitty O‘Kane. - Ard Comhairle, Sinn Fein.

8pm.  
"The Struggle for Civil Rights: The Importance of Reform in a Revolutionary Struggle."  
Kevin McCorry. - National Organiser NICRA (Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association).

WEDNESDAY 31st July.  

3pm.  
"An Overall Analysis of the Struggle in Northern Ireland."  
Dessie O‘Hagan. - Director of Education, Sinn Fein and Editor of THE UNITED IRISHMAN.

8pm.  
Social Evening - Traditional Music and Song.

THURSDAY 1st August:  

3pm.  
"Repressive Laws - North and South in Ireland."  
Con Lehane. - Lawyer, Chairman, Citizens for Civil Liberties.
Kevin Boyle. - Barrister.

8pm.  
"British Terror in Northern Ireland."  
Malachy McGurran. - Vice President, Sinn Fein.

FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST:  

11am.  
"Successes and Failures of the Campaigns of Irish Political Prisoners in British Jails, 1867 - 1974".  
Eamonn Smullen. - Director of Industrial Affairs, Sinn Fein.
Seamus Lynch. - Co. Antrim Executive, Republican Clubs.

3pm.  
"The British working Class and the Struggle of the Irish People."  
Social Evening - Traditional Music & Song.

SATURDAY 3rd August.  

11am.  
"Chile Since the Coup"- An eye-witness account.  

3pm.  
"The Struggles of the Irish People is the Struggle of the Peoples of the World."  
Tomas MacGiolla. - President, Sinn Fein.
Greetings to you, comrades, from behind the barbed wire of Britain's concentration camp at Long Kesh and Belfast, Armagh, Mountjoy, Portlaoise and English prisons.

We who are deprived of our freedom by British Imperialism are encouraged by your visit. You will see the naked force of Imperialism in action. Let it not deter you from fighting it.

We who are in cages because of our opposition to British Imperialism are conscious of the fact that Imperialism fills many prisons throughout the world.

Our sense of brotherhood cuts through the barbed wire of the concentration camps, breaches the prison walls and joins us in spirit with you who are struggling to defeat imperialism throughout the world.

Thank you for the support you have given to highlight the injustices being perpetrated upon us, on our wives and on our children. Keep up the fight. Victory will be ours.
TO VICTORY.
OUR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT - YOUR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT.

- Beu Buai -
Bwir dhiro, Ar dhiro.
Ar dhiro, Bwir dhiro.