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A Letter From Ireland

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By the time this hits your inbox, I will be in New York. Today, however, I am back in my home city of Belfast.

This week I have been meeting and traveling with a delegation of Labor Leaders from eight Unions representing one and a half million workers across the US and Canada. The link between the labor movement and the movement for Irish independence and unity is historic. James Connolly, the military commander of the Easter Rising, was a union organizer in the US and Ireland. Injured in the Rising, the British strapped him to a chair and executed him by firing squad.

As a union organizer in the US, he completed his famous work, *Labour in Irish History*. He explained, "The cause of labor is the cause of Ireland, and the cause of Ireland is the cause of labor."

The US and Canadian labor movements have been central to peace and progress in Ireland. They have always challenged injustice, standing with Bobby Sands and the hunger strikers, refusing to unload British ships.

They were part of an influential group that advocated for the US to obtain a visa for Gerry Adams and for the appointment of a special envoy in 1994. The rest, they say, is history.

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The delegation met with Irish Unionists, Sinn Féin leaders, the President of Ireland, and the American Ambassador to Ireland. They had the opportunity to tour historic Dublin to witness the changes that are manifest on the streets of Belfast.

The focus of the trip has been the future and the potential of Irish Unity. The Good Friday Agreement has at its heart a pathway to unity. The future is in the hands of the people, as it provides for unity referendums North and South. The changes in Ireland offer the opportunity to win those referendums.

Irish unity is not solely about removing the border and ending British government interference in Ireland. It is the opportunity to build a new Ireland. An Ireland that supports workers, that tackles inequality, and provides for those in need with access to health, housing and education.

Connolly predicted that partition would divide worker from worker and provoke a “carnival of reaction.” How right he was.

Now is the time to redress this historic injustice, to unite the country and its people, and to build an Ireland that is true to the vision of Connolly.

Once again, the cause of Ireland is the cause of labor and the cause of labor will be realized in a new and united Ireland.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you somewhere along the road.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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Mary Lou McDonald welcomes commitment to establish public inquiry into murder of Pat Finucane

Sinn Féin Leader Mary Lou McDonald TD has welcomed Wednesday's announcement that an independent statutory public inquiry will finally be established into the murder of solicitor Pat Finucane.

Teachta McDonald said, "I welcome the announcement today that an independent statutory public inquiry will finally be established into the murder of solicitor Pat Finucane.

"For 35 years, Mrs. Geraldine Finucane and her family have led a dignified and determined campaign for truth and justice, seeking a public inquiry into Pat's murder, efforts Sinn Féin have strongly supported throughout this time.

"I raised the case with the British Prime Minister when we met in July, and I also wrote to An Taoiseach urging him to do the same when he met Keir Starmer...

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Statement from Geraldine Finucane on the announcement of a Public Inquiry into the 1989 murder of her husband Pat Finucane

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today, that an independent statutory public inquiry will be established into the murder of my husband, Patrick Finucane.

After 35 years of campaigning for such an inquiry, I believe this announcement represents a significant step forward for my family in our fight to uncover all of the circumstances behind Pat's murder.

It has been a long journey to get to the point where the establishment of an independent public inquiry has finally become a reality.

I look forward to having the opportunity to participate in a statutory inquiry and expose publicly the whole truth behind the murder of my husband.

This has always been the objective of the campaign that my family and I have pursued for 35 years. We have only ever been concerned with uncovering the truth. It is this that has kept us going. It is the thing that has been missing, all these years. We did not believe that his murder was simply the work of gunmen who killed him. We had no confidence that police investigations would ever bring those truly responsible to justice. We were not satisfied with private, limited reviews from which we were excluded.

We could not and did not accept the assurances of previous British governments that they were anxious to set the record straight, because they were never prepared to do so in public.

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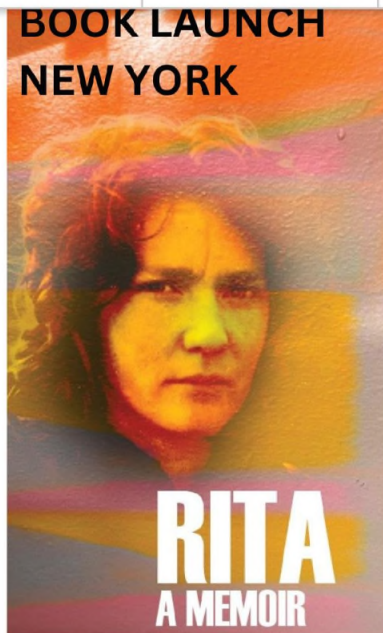
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***Rita: A Memoir* - US Book Launch**

Join us in New York and Washington, DC for the United States launch of the newly published *Rita: A Memoir*.

Rita O'Hare was the Sinn Féin representative to the USA for over twenty years. She started writing a memoir when she took ill. When unable to continue, she dictated chapters. Her good friend Danny Morrison has done an excellent job in editing the book for publication.

It was launched on August 3rd in Belfast. We will be releasing the book in New York on Friday, September 13 and in Washington, DC on Thursday, September 19. More information in the graphics below.

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Rita O'Hare led an astonishing life. She was imprisoned three times—in Armagh Jail (twice) and Limerick Prison; survived being shot and gravely injured by the British Army; became a writer, editor, Director of Publicity, and Sinn Féin's representative in Washington. Nelson Mandela referred to her as his 'little warrior'. Of all republicans she was the longest 'on the run'.

But above all she was devoted to her beloved partner Brendan, to her four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rita is the memoir she was writing at the time of her death in March 2023.

Friday, Sept. 13, 2024
Bobby Van's
 135 W 50th St, NY, NY
 5:00pm

Books will be available, guest speakers & more.



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 809 15th St NW, WDC
 6:00pm

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Join us for a conversation with Dáire Hughes, Sinn Féin MP for Newry and Armagh. He will provide a briefing on the effort, progress, and next steps.

A Q&A and discussion will follow.

Tickets are free and limited, and registration is required.

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2024 Chieftain's Walk NYC

Have you made plans to join us in NY for the Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation Chieftain's Walk? Join us at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 15th at the Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park City.

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The Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation 2024 Chieftain's Walk NYC

Walk for Reunification

Date: September 15, 2024

Location: Irish Hunger Memorial,
Battery Park City

Address: 290 Vesey Street, New
York, NY 10281

Get ready for an unforgettable day as we come together to honor the beloved Martin McGuinness and raise awareness for his Peace Foundation. This year, we're walking for the reunification of Ireland, and we want YOU to be part of this incredible journey!

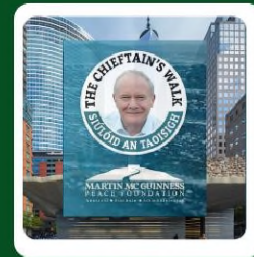
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