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Bipartisan support for Good Friday Agreement: a constant in a changing world

A Letter from Ireland

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Hello from a very wet New York after a couple of days in Washington D.C. By the time you get this, I'll have landed back in a very wet Ireland. I was once given great advice to invest in a good raincoat, advice that has kept my right and dry for years.

This has been a short and intense trip following the elections in Ireland and the US. Both Washington and Dublin are in a period of transition, however, the transition in Dublin to a new government looks like more of the same old, same old.

This week Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael formally started government formation talks. They have also opened up talks with the Irish Labour Party to make up the numbers needed to form a government and in order to secure a majority.

It is expected that government formation talks will continue into the new year and be concluded by the middle to late January. For two parties with very similar policy platforms that have just finished a term in government together, it is strange that these talks will stretch on for over six weeks. The negotiation appears to be more for the optics as the parties divvy up ministerial positions.

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process of selecting committee chairs and members, with the Republicans enjoying slim majorities in the House and Senate.

In our engagements with supporters, labor leaders, and in Congress, bipartisan support for our peace agreements and progress remained a constant in a changing world.

In a divided Congress, political progress and the Good Friday Agreement have always been a unifying platform. Both Democrats and Republican administrations and Congresses have acted to secure, protect, and promote the Good Friday Agreement. It was and remains an American foreign policy success story, a story co-authored by both parties.

While the process of government formation continues in Dublin and Washington, the opportunity continues to progress the discussion on Irish Unity. There is an opportunity to raise with the incoming Irish Government how they intend to promote Irish Unity and prepare and plan for the unity referendums promised in the Good Friday Agreement. A programme for government in Dublin absent solid commitments on unity referendums is a denial of the right of people to have a democratic process to determine their future and of the constitutional imperative for Irish unity.

Have a great weekend, and stay dry.

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Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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As our way of saying thanks, and to encourage new support, we have many new items available as thank you gifts for your donations. *Rita: A Memoir*, the new edition of *Cage Eleven*, signed by Gerry Adams, a new edition of *Bobby Sands' Prison Poems* collection, and much more.

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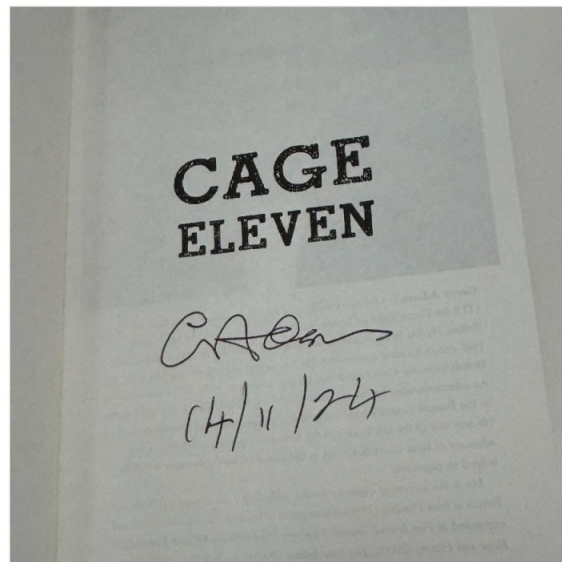
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Rita: A Memoir

Veteran republican, IRA Volunteer 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.



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'Irish Unity and the All Island Economy'

'Irish Unity and the All Island Economy' was the theme of Sinn Féin's latest commission on the future of Ireland events to be held. Many organizations and groups were represented at the event which was held before the recent Dáil election, in Canavan's Co. Tyrone. Taking part in the debate and discussion were Sinn Féin ministers Conor Murphy, Caoimhe Archibald, and John O'Dowd, also present was Sinn Féin TD Pearse Doherty. The event was independently chaired by economist Dr. Anne Devlin. Watch it below:



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the role of the Irish Diaspora.

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Monday, January 27th, 2025
Washington, DC
Laborers' International Union of North America
905 Black Lives Matter Plz

Featuring John Finucane, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



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**THE COMMISSION
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Thursday, January 30th, 2025
Rockland County, NY
Rockland GAA

Featuring John Finucane, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



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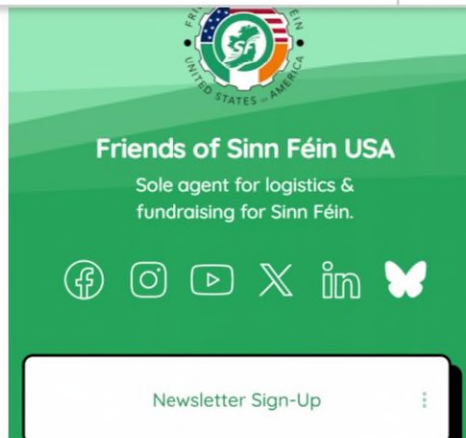
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