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Letter from the Tomb

A Letter from Ireland

a Chara,

I have travelled to Australia to catch up with my daughter, meet up with friends, and see some of the country.

Australia, Canada, and Britain are the countries of choice for the current wave of Irish emigrants. Unlike recent generations driven from Ireland by unemployment, there is effectively full employment in Ireland. This generation is leaving due to the housing crisis and because they have lost hope in making a home in Ireland.

Previously, when there was an uptick in the economy and jobs returned so did a large section of our emigrants. This feels different. The current government in Dublin has doubled down on its policies that created and sustained the crisis.

The choice is stark with no hope of owning a home: continue to pay over the odds to rent a room or move abroad where quality accommodation is affordable. Whole friend groups are choosing the latter.

Irish accents echo across Melbourne and Perth. All those I have met are glowing with hope and opportunity. All want to return to Ireland at some time, but not under the current conditions. They have been welcomed and supported in Australia. In my own case, I would like to thank John, Lucy, and Jimmy for their hospitality and generosity in making our visit to Perth and Fremantle so memorable

I travelled to Fremantle, in part a pilgrimage to visit the old convict prison in the town. This was the site at which Irish Revolutionary prisoners were transported from British and Irish jails. It was a sentence of no return,

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searing heat, with little food and water to await a passing whaling ship that would bring him to freedom.

He eventually made his way to the US, where he became a successful writer, editor, and owner of the Pilot newspaper in Boston. He got married, had a family, and became a leading figure in Irish America. He carried with him the Fenian ideals of equality, liberty, and fraternity and became a passionate anti slavery advocate.

He never forgot the comrades left behind in Fremantle Prison. He continued with John Devoy and Clan na Gael, to fundraise and plan for an escape. The urgency of which became clear when they received a letter from the remaining prisoners that began, "Dear friends, remember this is a voice from the tomb".

The two moved up their planning and undertook one of the most daring escapes in prison history. Eventually freeing the prisoners who all made their way to the US.

Having visited the prison on this trip, it was indeed a tomb with a hammock slung across a bare 7 foot by 4 foot cell. An oven in the summer and a fridge in the winter.

The dream of a better Ireland united those at home, in North America, and in the tomb of a prison on the other side of the world. That unity of purpose continues until we build a new and united Ireland. One that is a home to all our people.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

Celebrating and Championing Unity & Peace in 2025

By Trish Muir, Vice President, Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

The Irish diaspora in Tucson, Arizona, may be thousands of miles from Ireland, but our community carries the spirit of our ancestors with deep pride. From the early Irish immigrants who dedicated their talent to building our region and shaping Arizona's early labor movement (fun fact, James Connolly visited us in 1909) to the generations

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At the 2025 Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival, we embraced our heritage with the theme "Unity & Peace," reflecting not only on our commitment to the potential possible when we are unified in purpose here locally, but also our support for a unified Ireland and her people's right to self-determination. Just as Tucson is a city where diverse cultures come together in harmony, we stand with those advocating for a peaceful, democratic reunification of Ireland.

The parade featured tributes to Irish history, culture, and the ongoing movement for unity. We were honored to have voices from across our community—leaders, activists, artists, and families—join us in this message of hope.

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A Plan for Unity



Sinn Féin is a United Ireland party. Our core political objective is to achieve Irish Unity and the referendum on Unity contained in the Good Friday Agreement that is the means to secure this.

In a new publication Sinn Féin sets out our Plan for Unity: A United Ireland – A Plan for Reunification/Plean d'Aontacht na hÉireann. Our goal is to build a new Ireland – based on the 1916 Proclamation - that is home to all of our people and which is dedicated to equality, reconciliation, opportunity, and prosperity. A new Ireland which ends divisions, embraces those who define as British and unionist and which in the words of Wolfe Tone unites Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter. A United Ireland offers a new beginning. A new start which will provide a greater range of economic, employment and improved public services than ever before.

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Enact the Occupied Territories Bill and Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill.

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British government challenge to Clonoe inquest ruling deeply concerning – Mallaghan

Sinn Féin MP Cathal Mallaghan has said it is deeply concerning that the British government is set to challenge an inquest ruling that the SAS murders of four men in Clonoe in 1992 were not justified.

The Mid Ulster MP was speaking after the British Ministry of Defence has issued a pre-action protocol letter to the coroner.

Cathal Mallaghan said, “It is deeply concerning and disgraceful to learn that the British government is set to challenge the Clonoe inquest ruling that the SAS murders of Kevin Barry O’Donnell, Sean O’Farrell, Peter Clancy and Patrick Vincent in February 1992 were not justified.

“This is yet another cynical attempt by the British government to deny families truth and justice.

“The coroner came to his findings in this case based on the facts. He rightly sent a file to the Public Prosecution Service to take the matter forward.

“This case highlights why families have a preference to have Inquests and Inquiries in their pursuit of justice, as opposed to the ICRIR process, where the British Secretary of State, retains a power of veto, on what may go into a victim’s family report.

“It is essential that our judicial processes are free to carry out their duties independently, free from state interference.

“The British government must proceed expeditiously to fully ‘repeal and replace’ the Legacy Act, as it committed to do, including the full reinstatement of all inquests, and all the legacy mechanisms agreed in the Stormont House negotiations, in a human rights compliant manner.”

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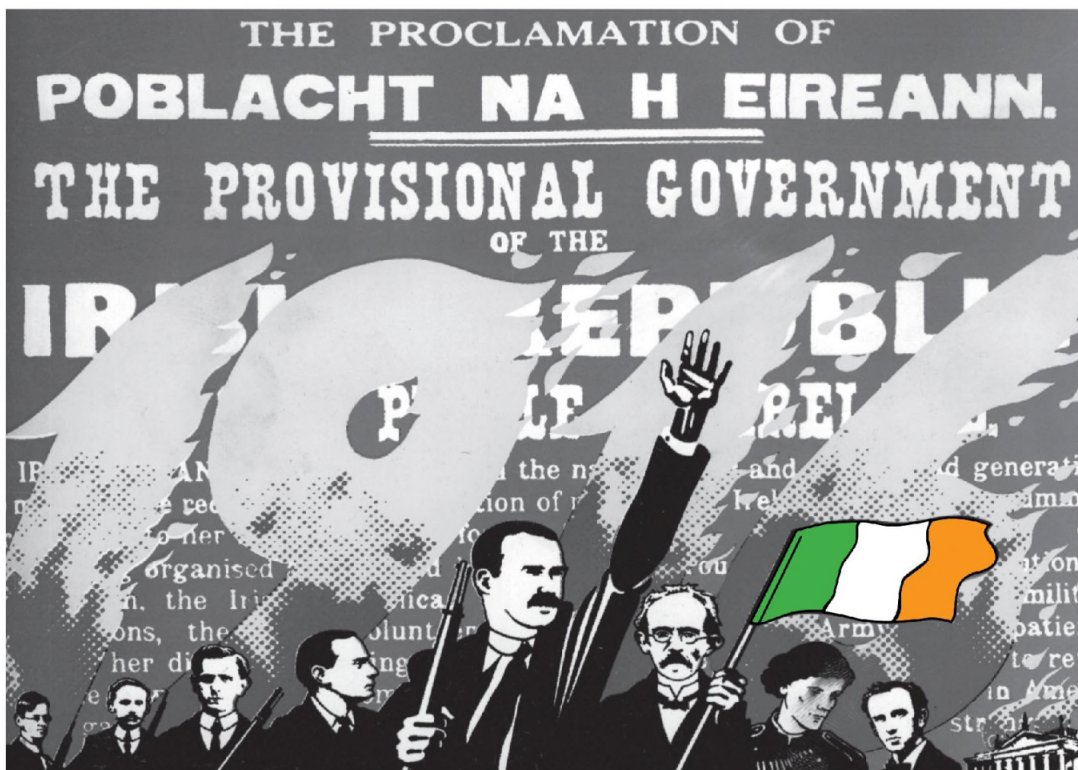
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