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The End of the Union

A letter from Ireland

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Where to start on the week gone by. I had attended events in Washington and got back to New York with a raging cold, feeling very sorry for myself, when my phone rang at 6:30 on Saturday morning. The number was from a good friend from New York who would not normally call at that hour, so I took the call. The first thing he said was the words I dreaded: "Have you heard the news?" No one calls at that hour with good news. My first thought was, "Who's dead?"

Then he said that President Trump had called for a United Ireland. I responded, "Wait, what?"

He told me he was in Ireland and that the President had called for a United Ireland while sitting beside the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, at a press conference in Dublin. I did laugh, more out of relief that no one was dead.

While I was surprised at the nature and timing of the statement, I was not surprised by its content. Over the past number of years, I have crisscrossed the United States and Canada, speaking at Irish Unity People's Assemblies and engaging with our diaspora. All support Irish Unity and are eager to seize the opportunity before us to make it happen.

The President was echoing what I had heard in Irish Centres and across tables throughout the US. Support for the Good Friday Agreement was predicated on its delivering peace and a democratic pathway to Unity.

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parties over all nationalist parties.

The reaction from the British, the Taoiseach, and commentators was predictable and dismissive, even when the President doubled down on his support.

As the President left Ireland, Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald and Vice President and First Minister in the North Michelle O'Neill were travelling to Cardiff.

The following day, they signed a memorandum of understanding with the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru (the Welsh Nationalist party). The memorandum committed the parties to working together for the mutual benefit of their people and to secure the right to national self-determination.

This was significant because the SNP, Plaid Cymru, and Sinn Féin head the governments and are the largest parties in the North of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, respectively. Irish Unity was not only on the Americans' agenda but also on the agenda of three of the four components that make up the so-called "United Kingdom."

Again, the British response was dismissive, with Downing Street giving a knee-jerk response about supporting "the Union." This seems a misnomer, as a union is an alliance from which any party can leave. Yet the British refuse to acknowledge the rights of the people of Scotland and Wales.

The North of Ireland is in a different situation, as we have the right to vote and leave under the Good Friday Agreement.

The Taoiseach, rather bizarrely, and on brand, said that this alliance of Celtic nations would "set back" the cause of Irish Unity.

It is too early to tell the impact of this week's events, but what is clear is that the Taoiseach is becoming more and more isolated in his opposition to Unity, and the British Government is in denial about the changes all around them.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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Leaders of Sinn Féin, Plaid Cymru and the SNP strengthen co-operation and build towards constitutional change

The leaders of Plaid Cymru, the SNP and Sinn Féin met in Cardiff on Monday to strengthen the co-operation of Wales, Scotland and Ireland and build towards constitutional change.

Leader of Plaid Cymru Rhun ap Iorwerth, Leader of the Scottish National Party John Swinney, Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald and Sinn Féin Vice-President and First Minister for the North of Ireland Michelle O'Neill came together to look at how the parties can work constructively with one another in the shared interests of the people they represent.

Discussions focused on identifying practical areas of partnership around the economy, energy and European and international co-operation.

The leaders called on the British government to prepare, plan and facilitate constitutional change in Wales, Scotland and the north of Ireland.

Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald said, "The debate on unity is already underway. A referendum on Irish unity is not something to fear. It is something to prepare for.

"That means doing the serious work now on our economy, public services, rights and institutions, and ensuring that people from every community and tradition have a real voice in shaping the future.

"Irish unity is no longer a distant aspiration. It is a serious contemporary political project, and the work of preparing for the new Ireland must happen now."

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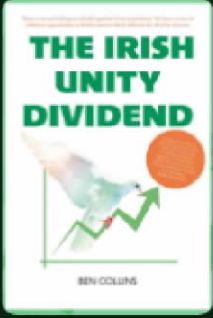
Join us on Saturday, September 19th for a special call with author Ben Collins. Dozens of Irish Unity activists and supporters have spent the last three months reading and discussing his book 'The Irish Unity Dividend.' He'll join us for a conversation about what's next for Irish Unity as well as the details and ins and outs of his book. It's a free call and ALL are welcome to join. Space is limited - registration link in comments. [REGISTER HERE](#)

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Irish American Organizations Respond to President Trump's Support for Irish Unity

On his recent visit to Ireland, United States President Donald Trump told reporters that he “would love to see (Ireland) unified,” and added, “it may as well happen now.” He continued, “...it just seems to me that you have Northern Ireland and you have Ireland and it would seem to me that one of the naturals all time is put them together.”

The following day he added, “...it just seems to me that you have Northern Ireland and you have Ireland and it would seem to me that one of the naturals all time is put them together.”

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Ancient Order of Hibernians

“...The Ancient Order of Hibernians therefore calls for President Trump’s welcome remarks to be followed by renewed American engagement, including the appointment of a U.S. Special Envoy for Northern Ireland. We further call upon the British Government to establish and publish a clear and transparent process for assessing when the statutory conditions for a border poll have been met.

“President Trump has expressed his view. British Prime Minister Burnham and the Northern Ireland Secretary have expressed theirs.

“The final decision does not belong to any of them.

“It belongs to the Irish people, it is time to give them the mechanism to express it.”

Irish American Unity Conference

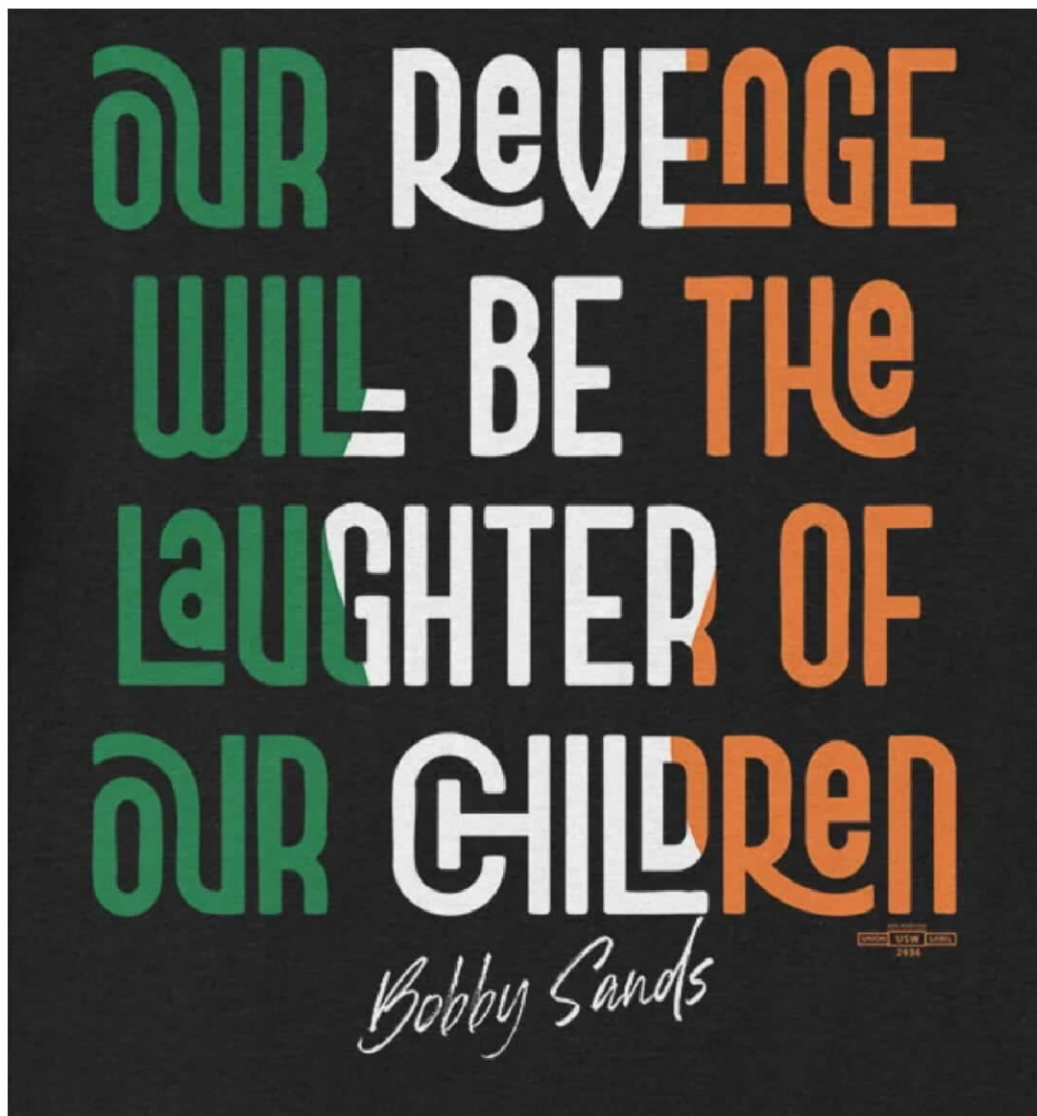
“The Irish American Unity Conference applauds President Trump’s endorsement of Irish Unification. At today’s joint press conference with Irish Taoiseach Michael Martin, the President said that he would love to see Ireland united. We agree with the President’s statement that unification would be “fantastic.”

“Equally important, the President strongly urged the Irish Government to advance unification now. Gesturing toward the Taoiseach, Trump said that Martin was “the right man over here to get it moving.” The IAUC has long advocated that the Irish Government must plan for unification by holding forums to provide information and encourage discussion. So far, Taoiseach Martin has rejected all such suggestions, going so far last month to say that he “goes bananas” when his own party members talk of unity. We encourage the Taoiseach to reflect on that statement in light of the President’s direct comments.”

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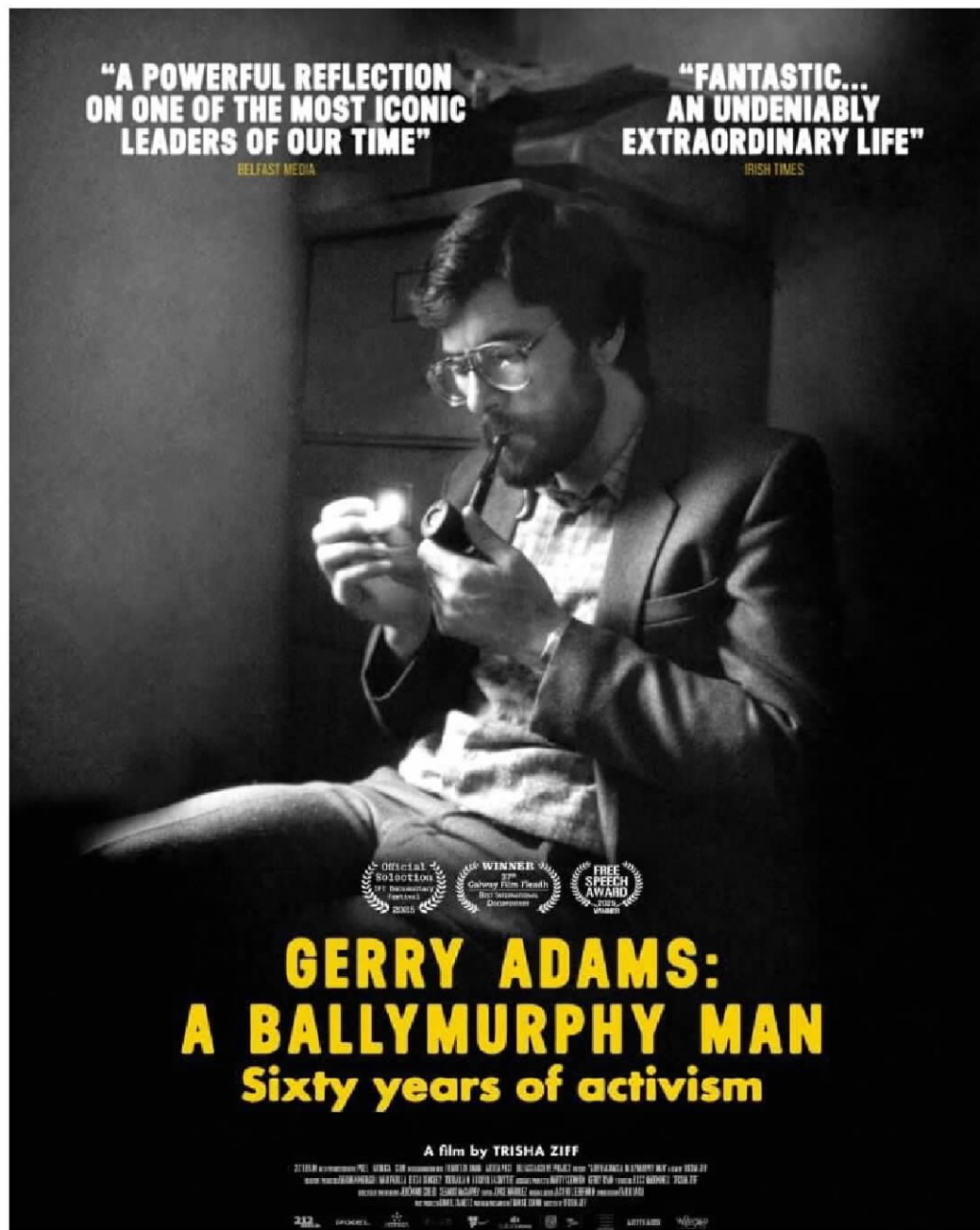
New York Screenings of 'Gerry Adams – A Ballymurphy Man' in New York and Philadelphia

'Gerry Adams – A Ballymurphy Man' will be shown at the New York Irish Center on [Thursday, September 24th](#) and [Friday, September 25th](#).

It is being screened at the Mullen Center at Villanova University in Philadelphia on [Saturday, September 26th](#).

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