

WORKERS AND FARMERS

SHOULD CONTROL THE WEALTH OF IRELAND

WHO should control the wealth of Ireland? Sinn Féin says that those who create the wealth should control it. Sinn Féin's social and economic policy can be described as one of economic democracy.

Under the present system economic power lies in the hands of a few individuals who exploit those who produce the wealth. A very good example of this is the wool marketing. Here is a primary product which is a basic raw material for the textile industry and is also the mainstay of thousands of small farmers. One would expect that a product on which the livelihood of so many farmers and workers depends would be controlled and developed either by the producers or by the national government.

This industry is completely tied up by a handful of wool merchants. The size of the trade they control can be seen from the export figures which regularly stand around £6 million. When the home and import trade are taken into consideration one can imagine the size of their profits. These are not disclosed however, since this small group of four or five people are answerable to no one. They have exploited the small producers for their own gain and have practically destroyed Irish wool on the world market by the manner in which it is handled and the condition in which it is presented.

The small farmers must be organised in co-operatives to pack, grade and market their own wool. Our candidate, Seamus Costello, can show them how to do it, and has already warned the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture of what to expect in forthcoming wool legislation. Farmers must be alert to ensure that the proposed Wool

Board is controlled by the producers and not by the merchants.

★ "I am asking the people of Wicklow to vote for Sinn Féin's policies. I would like you to understand that even though I do not intend to become a docile member of the Leinster House political club, as your representative I would have exactly the same rights and powers to work on your behalf as any other T.D. I would spare no effort in using my position to put Sinn Féin policies into effect. Power stems from the people and a victory for Sinn Féin would be a victory for the common people over an entrenched establishment."

—SÉAMUS COSTELLO on R.T.E.

★ I gcúrsaí polaitíochta, eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta tá treoir á tabhairt ag Sinn Féin do mhuintir na tíre seo. I gcúrsaí tithíochta, mar shampla, tá neart oibre déanta ag Cumann Sinn Féin i mBré. Déantar tuilleadh ar son na n-oibríthe agus or son na bhfeirmeoirí san am atá romhainn. Ba mhór an buille ar son cearta na ndaoine toghadh iarrthóra Sinn Féin i gCill Mhantáin. Tá an cumhacht agalbh é sin a dhéanamh. Tá polasaí cinnte ag Sinn Féin le córas nua a chur in áit an chórais a dhéanann sclábhaithe dár muintir in ár dtír féin. Tabhair lámh chúnta san obair—ar son Poblachta an Phlarsaigh agus an Chonghalligh.

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AND VOTE FOR COSTELLO—A MAN OF THE PEOPLE,
WHO WILL FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE.

YOUR FUTURE IS AT STAKE



Vote

1 | COSTELLO

"If you remove the English army to-morrow and hoist the green flag over Dublin Castle, unless you set about the organisation of the Socialist Republic your efforts would be in vain. England would still rule you. She would rule you through her capitalists, through her landlords, through her financiers, through the whole array of commercial and individualist institutions she has planted in this country."

More than half a century has passed since James Connolly made that statement. We got our "measure of freedom" in the 26 Counties in 1922 and we know what has happened since. In forty years we lost 1,000,000 of our youth through emigration.

Green flags, green uniforms and green pillar boxes do not make us free. As Connolly said, England still rules us. Our financial and economic policies are designed in London to suit British interests. Ireland, North and South, is a depressed country, with the status of an exploited colony.

The policies of successive Dublin governments have been such as to make us gradually more dependent on England. English financial institutions, insurance companies, branch factories, etc., have a free run and send the profits back to England. The Free Trade Agreement integrates us even more with England and some factories have already closed down. The farmers have not benefited from it at all. The Leinster House parties are NEO-UNIONISTS.

Sinn Féin aims to change this trend, to organise our people in a national movement which will put the common people in charge, through public and co-operative control of finance, trade and industry. Only then can we be masters in our own land. Will you give a hand in this task? It is your future and your children's future that are at stake.

Youth ! Honesty ! Action !

PEOPLE COME FIRST

Your Candidates for
BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Are :

BYRNE, Albert	SINN FEIN
CAHILL, Bernard	SINN FEIN
Councillor COSTELLO, Seamus Independent	SINN FEIN
Councillor DOYLE, Joe	SINN FEIN
DOYLE, Michael ,	SINN FEIN
LOWE, John	SINN FEIN
McCORMACK, John	SINN FEIN

VOTE 1 to 7 IN THE ORDER OF
YOUR CHOICE

Your Candidates for
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Are :

CAHILL, Bernard	SINN FEIN
Councillor COSTELLO, Seamus Independent	SINN FEIN
DOYLE, Seamus	SINN FEIN
KELLEHER, Diarmuid	SINN FEIN
McCORMACK, John	SINN FEIN

VOTE 1 to 5 IN THE ORDER OF
YOUR CHOICE

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SINN FEIN CANDIDATE



SEAMUS
COSTELLO

PEOPLE

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POLLING DAY — TUES. 18th JUNE

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SEAMUS COSTELLO, M.C.C.

of Roseville House, Dublin Road, Bray.

Seamus Costello is a life long Republican and Socialist and has actively promoted the welfare of working class people at national and local level since his entry into public affairs.

He has regularly exposed and fought against the corruption and patronage which is so much a feature of public life at all levels.

He seeks your support in this Election as a man who has already proved his worth as a public representative and will continue to do so when re-elected.

He is a member of Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council since 1967, and is at present Chairman of the Urban District Council.

He was a founder member and first Chairman of the Bray Housing Action Association.

He has been an active member of the Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture since 1967 and in this capacity has vigorously defended the interests of the small farmers of County Wicklow.

He is an active trade unionist, and represents the I.T.G.W.U. as a delegate on Bray and District Trades Union Council.

**Personal Message From
SEAMUS COSTELLO**

"Following my recent suspension from membership of Sinn Fein for a period of six months, I have

many parts of Ireland regarding the local elections. I have also heard the views of people involved in the work of local organisations in the Co. Wicklow area. In almost all cases the viewpoint put to me was that I should stand as a candidate in these elections, and continue to press for the demands of the people through the two Local Authorities.

In accordance with the wishes of the people I have therefore decided to contest the elections for Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow Co. Council as an Independent Sinn Fein candidate. I am standing for the election on the basis of exactly the same policies as the Sinn Fein candidates, and I appeal to the people of Co. Wicklow to give their fullest support to the Sinn Fein candidates in their areas. It is my intention to resume my Sinn Fein activities at the end of my suspension, and I hope that in the meantime, the organisation at local level will continue to have the support of the people, and that this support will result in the election of Sinn Fein representatives in all areas of the County.

During the course of the last 7 years myself and Councillor Joe Doyle who is also seeking re-election have represented the Sinn Fein interest on Bray Urban District Council. We have found during this period that progressive policies at local level have been regularly defeated through the activities of Councillors who have little or no interest in the welfare of working class people.

It is for these reasons that I ask for your support for the Sinn Fein candidates. All of the Sinn Fein candidates are known to me personally over a long period of time and I am confident that when elected they can be relied upon to defend the interests of the people with courage and determination".

It is not our intention to produce a separate policy document on behalf of *Seamus Costello*, as he is standing for election on the basis of the Sinn Fein election manifesto which has already been circulated to all voters in the area. He fully supports the Sinn Fein policy document for local government, and will implement it to the best of his ability when re-elected.

LAND AND FISHERIES

We propose:—

- The creation of a 200 mile fishing limit around our coasts and the nationalisation of our inland fishing resources.*
- The expansion of our fishing fleet through a programme of direct state involvement.*
- The creation of a state owned fish processing, canning and fish meal industry.*
- That a maximum limit should be set for the ownership of arable land by any individual.*
- That large estates which exceed this maximum legal limit should be acquired by the state and established as pilot co-operatives for the benefit of local small farmers and agricultural workers.*
- This policy should immediately be applied in the case of the Fitzwilliam estate at Coolattin, Shillelagh. The estate comprises 3,300 acres and is currently advertised for sale.*

CULTURE

The struggle for cultural independence is an essential and integral part of the struggle against imperialism in Ireland.

We therefore propose:—

- That Gaeltacht areas must be protected and strengthened by the establishment of a democratic Udaras Gaeltacht, with sufficient powers and finance to develop the Gaeltacht, culturally, socially and economically.*
- That the civil rights of Irish speakers should be protected against Government attack by giving them the right to conduct their business in Irish with all state employees.*
- Education through Irish should be encouraged and facilitated at all levels, and people wishing to learn Irish should be given all possible help in doing so.*
- A full range of programmes should be provided by R.T.E. for Irish speakers and learners.*

WOMENS' RIGHTS

Women are doubly oppressed by Capitalist society, as workers and women. Employers claim they cannot afford to grant them their right to equal pay. Women are discriminated against in family law, social welfare benefits, tax etc. Women working in the home are unpaid. No attempt is made to provide the essential facilities for a working mother, e.g. day nurseries. Other areas of legislation affecting women are the ban on divorce and on the advertisement and sale of contraceptives. Under the present system, women should have at least the same rights as men, but only under Socialism can the full political, economic, social, cultural and sexual emancipation of women take place.

THE BRITISH PRESENCE

The real reason for the presence of British troops in Ireland, is to protect British economic interests in both parts of Ireland through the imposition of political "solutions" with the active support of middle class native politicians.

The only solution to the present conflict which will result in peace, prosperity, and an end to sectarian divisions, is one which is based on the right of the Irish people to self-determination and Independence.

We therefore propose:—

- That Britain must renounce all claims to sovereignty over any part of Ireland or its coastal waters.*
- Britain must immediately disarm and disband the U.D.R., R.U.C., and R.U.C. reserve, and withdraw her regular troops from Ireland.*
- That the British and Dublin Governments release all political prisoners, and grant a general amnesty for all offences arising from the civil disobedience campaign, and the campaign of resistance against British occupation forces.*
- The immediate repeal of all repressive laws North and South, and an immediate inquiry into prison conditions in Portlaoise Prison, and allegations of torture in Garda Stations.*
- In support of this programme the I.R.S.P. advocates the creation of a broad front of all Republican and Socialist organisations.*

**VOTE
NO 1.**



COSTELLO

In the course of this election we need your assistance with finance, canvassers and transport. All inquiries should be made to our election office at "Roseville" Dublin Road, Bray. Tel. 860337 or the I.R.S.P. Office, at 34 Upper Gardiner St., Dublin 1. Tel. 721175.

Issued on behalf of the Candidate by his election agent, Michael Flunkett.

GENERAL ELECTION

Thursday 16th. June 1977

WICKLOW CONSTITUENCY

IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY



VOTE FOR

**NATIONAL LIBERATION
AND A
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC**

VOTE

SEAMUS

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YOUR CANDIDATE

SEAMUS COSTELLO, M.C.C., U.D.C. is a native of Bray. He is 38 years of age, and married with 4 children. He is a member of the following bodies:—

*Wicklow County Council.
Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
The General Council of Committees of Agriculture
The Eastern Regional Development Organisation
The National Museum Development Committee
Bray Urban District Council. (Chairman 1973/74)
Bray Branch I.T.G.W.U.
Bray and District Trades Union Council (President
for 1976/77)*

*The Cualinn Historical Society.
He is also a founder member and current Chairman
of the Ard Comhairle of the Irish Republican
Socialist Party.*

Seamus Costello was first elected to Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council in 1967 and headed the poll for re-election to both bodies in 1974. He was also a candidate in the Wicklow By Election in 1968 and the general election of 1973. He played a leading role in the Campaign of opposition to E.E.C. membership in 1972.

Seamus Costello has wide practical knowledge and experience of the problems of the people of Co. Wicklow, and during the past 10 years has made a major contribution on all of the political, economic, and social issues confronting the people.

With a consistent record of involvement in community affairs, he is most noted for his involvement in issues such as unemployment, housing, natural resources, ground rents, trade union affairs, and the campaign for the taking over of the large estates of County Wicklow and their utilisation for the benefit of the small farmers.

The I.R.S.P

The Irish Republican Socialist Party which was founded in 1974 by a group of active Republicans, Socialists, and Trade Unionists, is a legally registered party with a 32 County membership. We are the only party contesting this election which advocates an end to Imperialist interference in Irish affairs and actively supports a successful conclusion to the struggle for Democracy, National Liberation, and Socialism. Our policy is aimed at replacing the existing 6 and 26 County States by a Democratic 32 County Socialist Republic where the working class people can utilise the wealth and resources of the nation for their own benefit.

THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

The living standards of working class people are under constant attack by both State and private Companies. Health and Education have been seriously affected by the present cut-backs, and local Authorities have been compelled to cut back on house building and repair programmes. Road building, sewage, and water schemes, have also been curtailed.

In the private sector, thousands of workers have been made redundant while the profits of multi-national companies, banks, insurance companies, and major industries have reached the highest level ever achieved.

Workers have been compelled to accept wage agreements which have failed to keep pace with rising prices. The major share of responsibility for the problems of working class people must be accepted by the Labour Party, who were elected in the belief that they would protect the interests of workers, and have instead supported the policies of Cosgrave and the exploiting class which he represents.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND RISING PRICES

According to official figures unemployment now stands at 116,000 people, with independent experts claiming that the real figure is closer to 150,000.

In towns like Bray, Wicklow, and Arklow, unemployment has become a daily feature of community life with no prospects of employment for the thousands who are now unemployed or the hundreds of young people who will complete their education in the summer months.

We therefore propose:—

- A. A campaign of withdrawal from the E.E.C. and the rejection of all trade agreements which serve the interests of the Capitalist class to the detriment of the workers and small farmers.
- B. An immediate price freeze on all essential commodities such as housing, health services, education, food, clothing and public transport.
- C. The nationalisation of all banks and financial institutions, and a massive injection of capital into the state sector.
- D. The Irish Congress of Trade Union plan for the investment of £200 million in a programme of public works should be implemented immediately.
- E. Every worker should be guaranteed a weeks work or a weeks pay, and all firms threatening redundancy should be nationalised without compensation.
- F. That Wicklow County Council should carry out all public works in its area through a direct labour system under its own control.

HOUSING

Thousands of people in County Wicklow live in grossly overcrowded conditions and in houses which have never received adequate repairs.

Housing is an essential social service in the same way as health or education, and appropriate steps must be taken to ensure that exploitation at the expense of homeless people is ended.

We therefore demand:—

- a. The immediate declaration of a housing emergency.
- b. The creation of a National Construction Authority which would be responsible for the building of homes, schools, community centres etc., on a non-profit basis.
- c. A crash programme of repairs to all local authority houses in the area.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Our mineral resources, and gas and oil deposits are worth thousands of millions of pounds. The multi-national oil and mining companies are allowed to exploit these resources and export the profits. Nearly all of these resources are exported in their unrefined form and thousands of jobs are lost as a result.

We therefore demand:—

- a. The immediate nationalisation without compensation of all our natural resources.
- b. The immediate creation of a state controlled smelter, so that our mineral wealth can be processed here, thereby creating thousands of jobs in spin-off industries.
- c. The creation of a State company which would be responsible for the construction and operation of factories provided with raw materials from our mining, oil, and gas resources.

EDUCATION

We propose:

- a. That comprehensive schools should be established in all areas where they are needed.
- b. That education up to University level should be provided and financed for all students who wish to avail of it.
- c. All educational institutions should be operated by Management Committees composed of representatives of Parents, Teachers, Students and Community interests.
- d. The size of classes should be reduced so that pupils can receive the necessary attention from teachers. This could be done by a major increase in the recruitment and training of teachers.