New Government Proposals

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**Offensive Situations**

by Kevin P. Murphy

Hey! Irish America, can you top this? In a high school in Rockland County, New York, a program was developed in which students not to drink and drive during the St. Paddy's Day weekend. It is a good idea. Unfortunately, the poster developer decided to promote the campaign was as follows: the "Don't Drink And Drive" on a green Day sweet shirt. The shirt depicts a silly and exci-ting leprechaun, holding a mug of beer, obviously happy to be drinking it. The words of the Party Academy appear on the front of the shirt. We are said to that this disgraceful product is being sold in the American marketplaces. Various compa-nies are still producing anti-Irish products. Among them, we should mention these cards that show the Irish to be drunken or inferior misfits. One card has even been spoted a St. Patrick's Day card for people whose birthday falls on March 17th. The McArthur card states "Don't let the Shillelagh and Shamrocks get the best of your birth-day!" On the front of the card dressed as a leprechaun clutching a glass of green beer. We as proud Americans should not tolerate this insulating act of our culture. It appears the Hallmark has recently removed offensive advertising cards through its Shoe Box line. Be safe, buy American, it's good for you.

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able to say that one has saved the country from economic collapse. Further, Paddy Hillery will at that time have had two years and three months (Irish Poker, 1988) to become President. So there would be a vacancy up in the Park — and who better to fill it than the man who had saved the country from economic collapse?" (Irish Poker, 1988)

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On that day 7,000 Gardai (police) and regular troops of the Irish Republic commenced the largest military operation ever mounted in the history of the state. During the first ten days of the operation, 50,000 homes were entered and searched, many through search warrants, and 4,000 Gardai without search warrant. Simultaneously, British troops entered Irish Border and dug in to observe its entire length. They were supported in depth by permanent police bases in the U.R.C. and Ulster Defense Regiment.

According to the Republic's Justice Minister, Mr. Gerry Collins, the object of the exercise, which he promised would turn public opinion against the IRA, was to seize boat-loads or arms allegedly smuggled into Eire in 1985 and 1986. Gardaio who had received "information" about arms shipments from French police, were reported by all sections of the Irish media to have totally discounted the validity of this "information", until the British press began to hype the story. At that stage, a meeting between Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary and Collins led to an agreement to stage the military operation.

In the Dail on December 10th, the Fine Gael spokesman on Justice, Mr. Sean Barrett attacked Collins for appearing on national radio and TV to imply that the search warrants were for border area searches. There was absolutely no evidence to support the suggestion, he claimed, and added by implication that the border searches operation in cooperation with the R.I.A. was purely for border area searches. Collins denied this was the intention, and in subsequent media broadcasts was even reported to have waked up some morning to "1,000 automatic rifles being paraded down O'Connell Street, or through our public buildings."

The truth about Collins' fantasies was pretty clear from his own comment in the Irish press. "On the other hand," declared Phoenix, "they (the Gardai) are under pressure to find the four boat loads of arms...on the other they know that they are going to exist, but they are prevented from taking this to the media because it will upset Collins to be made out a fool." The story was written in this manner, according to Phoenix, "Why should the British hype the threat of the I.R.A. to law and order in the entire island of Ireland? Why, even considering the unfortunate Haughey under pressure about extradition."

The press worked the emotional hype of the British and Irish media that followed the tragedy at Enniskillen, TV coverage of British regulars dug in along the Border, the large-scale troop presence needed to maintain sufficient silence to all opposition to the Extradition Bill, which became law December 1st, 1987. Once again the objectives of the British government were achieved.

The cost to the Irish Nation of this repetitive British process of influencing Irish politicians was incalculable. In the words of "The Benn, British Labor M.P. "...both of the Irish states have militarized to sustain a border which divided the Nation. The bitter irony of this situation is found in the Anglo-Irish Accord of November 1985."

According to Dr. Consort O'Brien, who has long been engaged in the R.U.C. in Northern Ireland and the bushees operation in cooperation with the R.I.A., "The line is being maintained for the maintenance of the border area as a framework within which he and his party will be able to operate in the context of the Anglo-Irish Agreement."

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