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# AMERICAN IRISH NEWSLETTER

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## Media Draws Vacuum On Recent Irish Events

*The PEC's American Irish Newsletter is mailed to more than 300 members of mainstream US media.*

Three significant Irish incidents occurred in recent weeks that have gone virtually unreported in the US. The first was a thwarted British Loyalist bombing attempt in Dublin on Saturday, May 21. The Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) killed one man and seriously wounded another while endangering the lives of hundreds more. (See R&D, *Brutal Logic Of The Loyalist Death Squads.*)

The second event was reported in the *Irish Press* on June 3 under the headline, "British Intelligence Heads Wiped Out in Crash," excerpted as follows: "A man believed to be one of Britain's most senior intelligence officials was among the 29 British Crown Forces and intelligence personnel killed in the Chinook helicopter crash on the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland on Thursday, June 2. John Deverell (57) was one of six people named by the British as 'civilian security specialists attached to the Northern Ireland Office.' He was previously identified as a senior MI5 official in charge of counter intelligence and since some time in the 1980s in charge of operations against Irish Republicans.

"Amongst those killed was the outgoing head of RUC Special Branch Asst. Chief Constable Brian Fitzsimmons and his two deputies Desmond Conrey and Maurice Neilly. The military dead included Col. Chris Biles, the most senior British army officer to be killed while serving in the Six Counties. The British originally did not intend to publish the names of the MI5 members killed in the crash but this decision was later overturned. It is believed they were on their way to a conference at the British army base in Fort George near Inverness in Scotland. One newspaper reported that among the items on their agenda at the conference were lists of people to be interned without trial in the event of internment being introduced by the British."

The third incident was the report released in late June by a British government-appointed commission set up to determine why the Guildford Four spent 15 years in prison for an offense they did not commit. The 309-paged report of the Commission does not name those individuals who were responsible for the miscarriage of justice and only mildly criticizes the police force which obtained discredited confessions forming the sole basis for the convictions. The police officers responsible will never be held accountable for this most serious injustice.

Why have these happenings -- one in London, one in Dublin and one in Scotland -- gone unreported in the US? Frankly, we don't know! Perhaps our friends in the "fourth estate" can explain why these events were not found newsworthy by the gatekeepers of the news, in both the electronic and print media.

A reply from the media would be greatly appreciated. Phone: (914) 947-2726; Fax: (914) 947-2599. *Frank Morris, Pennsylvania -- PEC*

Congratulations to member **Al Saulnier** of New Jersey. For the past year stories have been appearing in New Jersey's *The Herald* relative to Northern Ireland thanks to Al. He has been giving copies of our newsletter to staff writer Bob Deerin who has been using our material for the stories.

## Newsbits by Kathy Regan

UVF gunmen laughed as they ran from the bar where they slaughtered six Catholics watching Ireland's World Cup Clash with Italy. Five were also injured in the attack (*Analysis*, 6/18/94).

A Catholic security guard from west Belfast who was shot and left for dead by loyalist gunmen on Saturday night was described as still in a critical condition last night (*Irish News*, 5/31/94).

Two workmen were injured on May 26 when the British terrorist group, the UDA (Ulster Defense Association), detonated a shrapnel bomb at the bridge they were working on (*PEC-AIEF*, 5/31/94).

A 23-year-old Catholic man escaped a loyalist murder attempt on the morning of Friday, May 27. He was confronted by masked men in a car while walking to work along Dunmurray Lane, Belfast. One of the attackers pointed a gun at the man but he ran off. No shots were fired (*IRIS*, 5/30/94).

A Sinn Fein advice center escaped serious damage during a loyalist firebomb attack yesterday (*Irish News*, 6/1/94).

Bombers attacked a bar in the docks area of Belfast late last night. Nobody was hurt but several customers inside Monaghan's pub at the corner of Dock Street and Corporation Street were treated for shock. Sinn Fein councilor Joe Austin said loyalists had fired a rocket at the bar. (*Irish News*, 6/8/94).

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## OUR VIEW

*We don't think it was coincidence that after the PEC placed an Op-Ed page ad in the New York Times (November 1992), in which we made public President Clinton's promise to consider sending an envoy to Northern Ireland, the media has given the envoy promise considerable attention. Prior to our ad, the media ignored Clinton's peace envoy promise.*

*Every time we placed an ad in a major newspaper something positive happened.*

*Before the Fall of 1992, our media rarely mentioned an English withdrawal from Ireland as a solution. Since the PEC placed its **Why England Must Leave Ireland** advertisements, a full-page in the Houston Post during the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas, and an Op-Ed page ad in the New York Times, the idea of an English withdrawal has been more frequently noted by media people.*

*Thanks to the Albert Reynolds government, a serious effort to begin a peace process is underway today -- their first serious attempt to find a just solution in 25 years. This action occurred shortly after the PEC placed an Op-Ed page advertisement in the Philadelphia Inquirer blasting the Irish government for its failure to take any serious steps to find a genuine solution.*

*Obviously the PEC would be even more effective if it had the funding to more frequently place ads in major newspapers. We will certainly need to again place ads, as the peace process heats up, if just to keep all concerned honest.*

*Meanwhile we will continue to reach-out by direct mail to people throughout the US seeking their support for Irish freedom.*

## Offensive Situations

Colorado State Director, Terry Deem Reilly, and member, Valerie Gilmour, have advised us that at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival, (Estes Park, Colorado), the Irish National Anthem was not played. Yet other anthems were played, including the British National Anthem.

Local citizens are upset and are appealing to PEC members to write the following letter to: Estes Park Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 3050, Estes Park, CO 80517.

To whom it may concern:

As a member of the PEC-American Ireland Education Foundation, I am concerned that in the past the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival has discriminated against American Irish by not playing the Irish National Anthem. I am aware that other anthems are played. I have often heard the Irish National Anthem played at similar events by bagpipe bands.

Please direct Dr. Durward, Festival chairperson, to include the Irish National Anthem in all future festivals. Do not allow Estes Park to tolerate this kind of discrimination.

Sincerely,

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### PEC Director To Run For State Senate

Andy Kelly, Washington State Director, has announced that he will run for the State Senate representing the Spokane District. Andy has led the effort in Washington State to get the MacBride Principles adopted. Good luck, Andy.

### New Oklahoma State Director Appointed

We are happy to announce the appointment of Hal Cousins as PEC-American Ireland Education Foundation Oklahoma State Director. Hal replaces Linda Barker who moved to Virginia where she will work with Virginia State Director, Joseph Joyce. Good luck to both Hal and Linda.

Hal plans to commence MacBride Principles and Clinton Envoy Resolution campaigns in Oklahoma. Members in Oklahoma are urged to contact Hal, 905 Shalimar Dr., Del City, OK 73115, or call (405) 677-3623.

## From the North

by Rev. Des Wilson, *Director, Springhill Community, Belfast*

The formula for a "settlement" in the north of Ireland being worked on by the civil servants in Dublin, Belfast and London is, apparently, the following: British unionists will get the power, nationalists will get the promises.

Their plans for the future government of the north will probably involve an elected Assembly dominated by unionists, cross border institutions, which will probably be boycotted by unionists and finally abandoned by the British as unworkable, and a Forum consisting of people from north and south, which will be boycotted by unionists and sometimes by nationalists/republicans.

Why do civil servants waste taxpayers money working out such useless schemes? The answer seems to be the same as in South Africa in the mid-eighties when the government tried to end democratic opposition by promising better treatment, but no power to enforce it.

Sinn Fein cannot logically agree to such a plan. It would be the equivalent of returning to the same old system of a unionist-controlled government that caused today's conflict. Sinn Fein may have to accept it because they do not have the power to do anything else. If this happens, the war will go on. There might be a temporary halt, but nobody expects the Irish Republican Army to be satisfied with such a measure, **unless it is negotiable.**

The response of the IRA and Sinn Fein to the Declaration is still awaited. Sinn Fein is expected to treat the document in this way: accepting some points as reasonable, but rejecting others.

It is expected that the North-South Forum will be an ineffectual talking house. It will have no power and it will be boycotted by any party that wants to reinforce a political point. The Assembly will be what assemblies have always been in the north, places where the lowest form of politics in Europe is practiced.

I believe the British formula of an internal settlement -- power to the unionists and promises to the rest -- has been accepted by Irish government parties and the churches. The entry of the Vatican into the scene after the Loughinisland massacre, on the same day as Queen Elizabeth's similar message of sympathy, showed that there is a slight increase of interest in Irish affairs in Rome. It is expected the new British initiative will be supported by religious and political leaders. But, unfortunately, it will not work as it is based on **undemocratic** premises. Opponents will be marginalized, insulted and possibly jailed.

The one hope democrats have is that international public opinion -- **especially American public opinion** -- will at least be able to inhibit the British government's ability to create an indefinite series of Loughinislands and other emergency measures in order to stay in Ireland.

## *Member Help Needed!*

Keep the letters, Envoy Resolutions, phone calls and postcards going to President Clinton. The more he hears from us the more likely he will keep the pressure on the British and Irish governments to come up with a just solution.

**TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS!** Write the letter to President Clinton requested in the R&D *Help Bring Peace To Ireland* and make copies of the R&D and distribute them on an ongoing basis, as letters are always needed. When you distribute these R&Ds you will also be recruiting new PEC members.

**And Don't Forget!** Those of you who are active are urged to get the Clinton Envoy Resolution adopted by town/county governments, union locals, organizations, student bodies, etc. For a copy of the Clinton Resolution with instructions, call (800) 777-6807.

## **Volunteers Needed To Sell Raffle Tickets**

If you would like to help the PEC sell raffle tickets, please call 800 777-6807, or write to us.

**Please return your raffle tickets by  
September 20, 1994**

## *Clinton Hears From Ohio!*

On June 20, 1994, founder of the Black Caucus, Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, and a delegation from Ohio, the heartland of America, headed by Mr. Sean Gannon, met with members of the National Security Council, including Ms. Nancy Soderberg, Special Assistant to the President.

The group presented over 3,000 signed postcards calling upon President Clinton to be actively involved in finding a path for peace in Ireland. Ms. Soderberg stated that the Administration will continue to communicate with the Irish and British governments to encourage the peace process, and that the British government now expects discussions on the north as part of its relations with the Clinton Administration.

(See Action Request #2 on page six.)



## Newsbits *con't from page 1*

A Catholic Harland and Wolff shipyard worker was murdered in indiscriminate retaliation for failed IRA bomb attacks on a leading loyalist. The Loyalists claimed the shooting. The father of three, Maurice O'Kane (50) of Ligoniel, was shot once in the back (*Analysis*, 6/9/94).

A spate of bomb attacks in west Belfast and Lurgan yesterday was claimed by the UFF. A 10 lb bomb was defused in a brown Ford Cortina car abandoned opposite Connolly House, the Sinn Fein headquarters in Andersonstown, and on the Falls Road a 2 lb device was discovered in a hold-all, left beside an Irish language centre at Falls-water Street. Bomb experts also made safe a pipe bomb connected to a canister of petrol, found in a Saab car in a pub car-park (*Irish News*, 6/15/94).

Loyalist bombers targeted the Sinn Fein press centre - less than 200 yards from Clonard Monastery (*Analysis*, 6/15/94).

A self-confessed loyalist godfather who masterminded five brutal sectarian murders has been jailed for life five times over yesterday and given 480 years in concurrent terms for a catalogue of other offences (*Irish News*, 6/17/94).

The Catholic butcher shot and wounded in a west Belfast area ... was three weeks ago refused a licence to carry a gun for self-defense. Brendan McAuley, aged about 40, was... shot in the chest three times by a UFF gunman in his shop at the top of the Donegal Road, close to its junction with the Falls. The area has seen three businessmen die in Loyalist sectarian attacks over three years (*Irish News*, 6/17/94).

A Catholic taxi-driver was driven to his death by loyalist gunmen. Father-of-two Gerald Brady from Antrim picked up two men in the town centre around midnight who said they wanted to go to the Ballycraigy Estate. But they forced him to drive them, instead, to Carrickfergus where they shot him (*Analysis*, 6/17/94).

A coroner warned yesterday that the savage separate murders of two men were a deliberate attempt by loyalists terror groups to drive Catholic families out of mixed middle-class areas (*Irish News*, 6/23/94).

Loyalist death threats have forced a contractor to pull out of a 1 million pound refurbishment project on a Carrickfergus housing estate ... the second time in a week that building workers have had to withdraw (*IRIS*, 7/4/94).

## *English Deceit In the American Revolution*

by Kevin Murphy, *Massachusetts*

Much is recorded about English debauchery in Ireland, but little has been written about England's conduct during the American Revolution and her trickery aimed at Washington's Irish troops.

After the English surrendered under General Burgoyne at Saratoga on February 6, 1778, France formally recognized the American colonies as a nation. A French loan was granted in which Washington's Army received a large shipment of arms and supplies from France. On February 17, 1778, the English government under Lord North sought to bring forth concessions to the Americans if they stayed under the British Crown. England appointed commissioners to embark to America. The English commissioners were Earl of Carlisle, Admiral Lord Howe, General Sir William Howe, Sir William Eden and George Johnstone.

In cooperation with Benjamin Franklin, the French at this time decided to send more troops to aid Washington. French General Arthur Dillon pleaded with the French War Office for he and his Irish Regiment of the French Army to "have the privilege to fight England in the American Colonies." His wish was granted and the American struggle for freedom soon achieved many victories from New York to the Carolinas as a result of the French Irish Regiments. These descendants of the Wild Geese soon caused the ancient enemy, England, to suffer defeats on American battlefields.

Upon arriving in America, the English commissioners soon used propaganda tactics aimed at Irish troops in American service designed to cause desertion in Washington's Army. Posters began appearing near Washington's garrisons stating that, "Great Britain and Ireland have fully settled affairs and the two lands are now joined by common affections." According to the records of Washington's Army and the Continental Congress, not one Irish trooper fell for the English propaganda.

Meanwhile, the English commissioners placed posters in American towns and churches stating that, "Washington's alliances to France is a Papist plot to conquer America." Later on in the Summer of 1778 the commissioners placed posters proclaiming if the "Rebels do not submit to surrender within 30 days that the 13 colonies will be laid desolate and extreme measures will be taken on the vanquished people."

England's bigotry and division then is very similar to that of today in the six counties of Northern Ireland and of Lloyd George's threats to Michael Collins during the treaty of the 1920's. The Commission failed in its mission in America. It even attempted to bribe Continental Congress member Joseph Reed who replied to the English that "the King of England is not rich enough to buy me." Lafayette challenged one commissioner, Earl Carlisle, to a duel in response to the English commission's strong anti-Catholic propaganda. The English commissioners sailed back to London defeated. **The Irish troops under George Washington continued to fight and play a huge role in England's defeat and the birth of the American Nation.**

It is interesting to note that as school children we read very little, if anything, about an Irish role in the American Revolution. However, England was so hurt in its efforts to secure America by American Irish troops that it concentrated its evil works on urging the Irish to stop fighting for America. No other ethnic group received such attention. American Irish roots are deep in America's fabric. They helped make America a reality. They have earned their keep and paid their dues. Certainly a good reason for the US President to appoint a Peace Envoy to Northern Ireland.

(Source of reference: Boston Public Library & Library of Edward Kelley, PEC member, Dorchester, Massachusetts.)

On Friday, in response to the British government's 'clarification' of the Downing Street Declaration for Sinn Fein, *The Irish Times* sought to blame the republican movement for the carnage in the North since the declaration last December. Thirty-one people have died. 17 murdered by loyalist gunmen, said *The Irish Times*. It went on: "It is hard to avoid the conclusion that Sinn Fein's prevarication over the past five months has been the engine driving this murderous campaign -- not just by the IRA but by the loyalists as well."

## Brutal Logic Of The Loyalist Death Squads

by Tom McGurk

Reprinted From *Sunday Business Post*, Dublin

This is worth quoting because it is uniquely important and uniquely wrong. The editorial writer has done us all a favor by highlighting the political establishment's total misunderstanding of the most dangerous and potentially most sinister element now beginning to dominate the bloody headlines coming out of the North.

In all the calculations about bringing the republicans into the political process, and all the months of arguing about where peace might begin, the potential and significance of the loyalist murder campaign against the civilian Catholic population in the North has been mostly ignored, underestimated and totally misunderstood. It may only be in the aftermath of an IRA cease-fire that the brutal logic of what the loyalist death squads are seeking will become apparent.

If IRA violence ends and Sinn Fein enters the political process, I believe it will be seen as the signal by the loyalist paramilitaries to begin a final putsch. In their eyes, a conference table with London, Dublin and Gerry Adams sitting down to talk will represent the beginning of the end and will be seen as the ultimate reward for years of IRA violence.

Perhaps only then, in the isolation of a period without IRA violence, will the loyalist murder campaign against Catholic civilians get the recognition it should have commanded years ago. By then it will be too late.

Then, as political unionism joins in the 'peace process' to work out a way forward for the North, paramilitary unionism will be at work raising the political ante, at night-time

back windows, inside taxi offices and at lunchtime building sites. At that moment they will be in the business of inflicting such carnage on the nationalist population that even though they are not at the conference table, they will dominate the agenda.

There is, of course, a brutal and historic logic to all of this. However politically incorrect it may be to state, it nevertheless must be stated. The Northern state was set up as a result of the effect of and the threat of pogroms against what became the minority, and was stabilized only after many of the elements in the original UVF murder gangs became the forces of law and order.

As then, and as today, there is a fundamental instinct in unionism which has always believed that the maintenance of the state can only be achieved by a ruthless campaign of genocide against the minority.

It was the response to this reflex in the aftermath of the civil rights campaign that gave birth to the Provisional IRA. Wherever that movement has gone since, it is to defy history to attempt to deny that the conditions for its re-emergence were created by the re-emergence itself of the traditional and violent unionist response to whatever the onset of the civil rights movement signalled.

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Twenty-five years on, as British policy has come full circle and is now attempting to reshape the partition experiment by involving republicans, so a frightened fundamental unionism is reaching for the revolver.

While, down the years, constitutional nationalism has been involved in a fervent attempt to oppose and contain paramilitary nationalism, political unionism has had no such crisis of conscience with its killers.

By its response, a mix of blaming the IRA for provoking this violence and issuing predictable condemnations, political unionism is in fact riding the tiger. Behind the arrogance of the most bigoted unionist political leaders is the implied threat that if they don't get their political way, then don't come crying to them if increasing numbers of Catholics get it in the neck.

The fundamental problem in the North has been lost sight of, particularly within the Southern political establishment, through the long years of IRA-dominated headlines. It is not about how the state can come to terms with nationalist aspirations, it is in fact about how unionism can come to terms with the rest of the people on this island, whom they have chosen to isolate themselves politically from.

The engine that has driven that political isolation has been intellectualized in the Republic by people like Conor Cruise O'Brien, who choose to ignore unionism's unacceptable face, the elemental and naked power of sectarianism.

The man who strolled into the AB taxi firm in Armagh last Tuesday, without a mask and within 300 yards of a RUC [police] checkpoint, to blow away two 17-year-old Catholic students, killed them not for their politics but for their religion.

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He had no idea who they were. But as the little ditty in the Loyalist Song Book says, *You have never seen a better Taig / than with a bullet in his back.* He believed that if you shoot enough 'Taigs' they will get back into their political boxes again.

Now that we are on the verge of reopening the most fundamental political re-examination of the Northern state since its inception, what historian of unionism could deny that his talents might now be more needed than ever?

Just as racism fuelled the economically advantageous system -- for one part of the population -- that apartheid was in South Africa, in the 1920s sectarianism was the engine that fuelled the economically advantageous system that unionism was for one part of the populations in the Six Counties.

In the EU of the Single European Act, the economic advantages of this political domination might be more difficult to detect, but the reflex of sectarianism continues.

But now that we are about to reorder the historic Irish problem, how much longer will the political establishments in these islands continue to ignore the fundamental equation that the loyalist death squads serve up daily, namely that the further they stray from the parameters of traditional unionism, the more dead Catholics will strew the way?

In a crisis -- and the loyalist paramilitaries see this whole process as the crisis they have been anticipating for over 25 years -- loyalists are ready to respond in the way they always have. Leaders of opinion in the south like John Bruton and Mary Harney, who have redrawn the Northern problem as almost entirely the result of the IRA campaign, and have spread the pernicious notion that the nationalists are responsible for their own victimization, are about to learn a terrible historical lesson.

I have argued for some time that any fundamental change in the status quo of violence, in other words

any IRA cessation of violence, will be the signal for a loyalist onslaught on the civilian nationalist population.

Nothing that has happened changed my mind. It's a scenario I will now sketch again, so that those involved in forward planning in these matters in London and Dublin have no illusions about what is looming.

It's a tableau that sees the nationalist population sandwiched between increasing loyalist mass murder attacks and a post-cease-fire republican movement locked in an endless log jam, with political unionism demanding their total disarming before they will join in any talks.

Next will come loyalist attacks in the Republic to test Dublin's nerve, and we will have John Bruton and Mary Harney leading the chorus that the south is not prepared to pay the price required to reset the northern nationalist political agenda.

As once before in this century, the center will not hold, and eventually London and Dublin, will once again

take the shortest cut and rein in nationalist aspirations.

However, unlike in 1922, nationalist para-militarism will not be so easily persuaded to wait for another three generations, and we could then all face the greatest peril we have ever faced.

Irrespective of whether they are in secret complicity or a subtle tandem that sees the loyalist murder squads as squeezing the Catholic ghettos that support the IRA, the British authorities must be compelled to face up to this threat.

Urgent consideration must now be given to dealing with this threat and creating or importing (perhaps from the UN) a law and order force that will be trusted by and will protect the nationalist population.

If that is not done, an IRA cessation of violence and the beginning of a political re-examination of the North will simply create the platform that paramilitary unionism has been waiting 25 years to seize and dominate.

## *Suggested Reading*

### **BALLYMURPHY AND THE IRISH WAR** by Ciaran deBaroid

In Easter 1970, war came to this small Belfast community. Since then, Ballymurphy has been at the center of the Irish conflict, playing a pivotal role in the developments of the past 25 years. This book tells the history of Ballymurphy through the words of ordinary human beings who experience the war every day. Paperback, 319 pages.....\$9.95

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### Action Requests

Write the letters below in your own words, or as is. Be courteous. Have family, friends, etc., write. It would be helpful if you mention the PEC (spell out) in your letters.

1. Be sure to write the letter to President Clinton as requested in the R&D, *Help Bring Peace To Ireland*.

2. Hon. Anthony Lake  
National Security Advisor  
To The President  
White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Request: I urge President Clinton to support Ireland's reunification and to appoint a peace envoy. Thank you for supporting the visa for Sinn Fein President, Mr. Adams, which enabled him to present his party's views to the American people.

3. Larry King Show  
CNN  
820 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Request: Thank you for bringing up President Clinton's promise to send an envoy to Ireland and asking if a British withdrawal was the solution to that conflict during your recent interview with Paul Hill.

Please continue to focus on the Irish peace initiative.

## Great Hunger Memorial Fund

In 1995 the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society, (which has been associated with the PEC since 1977, under the leadership of its president, Bill Whalen, and Public Relations Officer, Tom Fawcett), plans to erect a monument in Battery Park in New York City, a sight visited by millions of people from all over the world. The monument will be a national tribute to the millions of Irish men, women and children who perished or emigrated during Ireland's Great Hunger (1845-50). 1995 is the 150th anniversary of that great tragedy. The City of New York has granted the property for the monument.

The larger than life monument, depicting a typical Irish family of that time, will be cast in bronze by internationally renowned artist Peter Donohue.

The Memorial Fund has the support of many prominent citizens: Cardinal John J. O'Connor; New York State Attorney General, Oliver Koppell; and Bill Burke, member of the banking community and recent Grand Marshall of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Your financial support for this long overdue memorial is requested. To send a donation, or for further information, write: The Great Hunger Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 290-690, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0013 or call days (718) 388-4696, Ex 311/(914) 947-2726.

## Three Cheers For Larry King

In June Larry King had as guests on CNN Paul Hill of the Guildford Four and his wife, Courtney Kennedy. Larry King did all the right things. King reminded his viewers of President Clinton's promise to send an envoy to Ireland. He also suggested that Britain has to withdraw from Ireland if there is to be peace. Larry King reaches millions of people with his message.

Give yourselves a pat on the back for this public relations success! With your help, the PEC played a major role in this success. In our March 1994 postcard campaign and recent Action Request to the Larry King Show, we asked that he focus on Northern Ireland as it would benefit the peace process.

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