

# SCÉAL



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Breeda Moynihan-  
Cronin T.D.

## Keeping In Touch

Dear Constituent,

Since my election to Dail Eireann in November '92 I have worked tirelessly for the people of South Kerry. Unfortunately due to illness I was unable to attend my 30 clinics around South Kerry but I am happy to say that my recovery is near complete and the re-establishment of my clinics will take place in the near future. During my illness, the working of my office continued as normal and with the tremendous support of my Secretary Marie, the Labour Constituency Council and Labour Party members throughout the constituency a quality service was provided to the electorate of South Kerry without disruption. Indeed during this period the demands on my office, if anything, increased and many groups, communities or otherwise, and private individuals enjoyed very positive results during this period.

Labour can claim that it has actually delivered on it's stated political agenda, in a manner which is without precedent in recent times. Many people voted for me as a reaction to the cut-backs in Social Services implemented by a FF/PD Government. We have cut hospital waiting lists, built Local Authority houses and reinvested in education. Our prudent approach has allowed the economy and business profits to grow strongly without fear of renewed inflation or balance of payments problems and all the time the people of the country are enjoying the benefits of the lowest interest rates I can remember. Indeed out record on the economy is the envy of our European partners.

I as your South Kerry T.D. stand four square

behind the Labour Ministers who have helped me to deliver to the people of South Kerry an unprecedented level of services" for example in Education. In June 1991 in an interview in Kerry's Eye Paper prior to my election to Kerry County Council, I stated among other things and I quote "to end discrimination against children of low income families in second and third level education" this has been delivered with the introduction of free third level fees. I am also very proud that the very first school that I secured for the constituency namely Faha N.S. is now occupied and the official opening will shortly take place by our own Labour Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach. This Labour Party Minister has delivered time and time again to South Kerry, including further new primary schools at Farranfore and Tulloha Bonane soon to commence. The building of a new community school in Kenmare is presently underway and soon to be followed by Rathmore in June, while Cahersiveen and Dingle are on stream.

I also stated that adequate housing should be provided for people who are not in a position to provide a home for themselves and I was

proud to accompany Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for the Environment to the official opening of Arbutus grove Housing Scheme which won an award from the U.K. National Housing and town Planning Council for its contribution to the ethos and practice of partnership in housing and planning. Gone are the days when a couple of hundred houses will be thrown up for the individuals and families who will have to live in them.

There is a lot of work yet to be carried out including the provision of more jobs, it is a myth to think that South Kerry can survive on tourism alone, we also need industry to provide full time jobs to replace the ones recently lost. The crime and drug problems in the country will have to be addressed and prioritised because the safety and well being of society is very important, especially we have to protect our young people and children from the scourge of drug addiction.

If recent history has shown us anything it is that the vast majority of Irish people do not want to live in the quagmire of past jealousies and ancient rivalries. The electorate want Politicians who can initiate change and provide vision, the Labour Party has done this over the past four years. I will be proud to fly the Labour flag in South Kerry in the next General Election and I will be proud to canvas their votes, on the basis of my record of hard work with the help of a strong and proud Labour Organisation.

## Jobs Breakthrough

Delight has been expressed by the Labour Party representatives at the announcement of 250 new jobs in Killarney.

The most recent announcement is that Japanese Company Alps Electric, manufacturing automotive parts for some of Europe's top motor manufacturers are to invest £5m in a new operation in the town has been warmly welcomed by Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D., who has made the creation of industrial jobs in Killarney one of her priorities since being elected. "I am absolutely delighted with this news, which will lift the confidence of the town enormously. While our party has been tremendously successful in creating new jobs nationally. I have been concerned about the high role of unemployment in Killarney town, and with the help of Tanaiste Dick Spring T.D., I have been working hard to secure new jobs for the town. The creation of these new jobs will allow the

young people of Killarney and the surrounding areas a chance to work and live in their own area, and hopefully those who are out of work will have an opportunity to re-enter the workforce.

The news of the creation of the new jobs was also welcomed by Labour's Urban District Councillor, Sean Counihan, who had spearheaded a campaign for extra jobs in the town. Cllr. Counihan, who is also Co-ordinator of Killarney Centre for the Unemployed said that he has identified new jobs for Killarney as his top priority after joining the Council last year and that he was delighted with the news. "We have already met with one MEP and we had planned meetings with the others and I am pleased that action is finally being taken to sort out the unemployment problem. I now hope that the securing of a replacement for Pretty Polly Industries will be the next piece of good news for Killarney" he said.



## Editorial

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### SCÉAL

Fáilte go dtí an Chéad eagrán de 'SCÉAL', nuachtlitir Pháirtí an lucht Oibre i gCiarraí Theas. Welcome to Scéal, a new newsletter, the first of its type in Kerry South. For the first time a political party will bring you news of our work in this area, with occasional pieces on National issues. If you would like to contribute to future editions send your ideas to the Editor. Meanwhile, we hope that this paper will give you some idea of the work we in the Labour Party are doing on your behalf.

### A PROUD RECORD

Despite the opinions of some so-called journalists in the National Press, we are very proud of our record in recent years in Government. Our T.D. Breeda Moynihan-Cronin has performed terrifically despite a period of illness, and the signs of this work are to be seen in every parish in this constituency as outlined in this newsletter. On a national level, no party has ever delivered on its manifesto and programme for Government in the way in which Labour has since 1992. We have succeeded in creating more new jobs than any Government in the past 3 years and mortgage rates have dropped dramatically (remember they were 14% in 1992!) while Labour has continued to look after the weakest in our society by slashing hospital waiting lists and building more local authority houses in one year than were built from 1987 to 1992. Despite the cynics at a national level, we will ask a simple question between now and the next General Election. Do the people want to go back to policies which existed before we entered Government or do they want what we promised and have delivered on - "Putting People First".

### SÍOCHÁN ANOIS

One of the proudest achievements of the Labour Party in Government has been the winning of peace in Ireland after 25 years of senseless violence. The part played by our party leader, An Tánaiste Dick Spring T.D. has been the only constant throughout the process, and history will credit him as the crucial factor in ending violence.

The bomb at Canary Wharf threatened the destroy the advances of recent years, but the reaction of the ordinary people of this island was swift. Since then the Government has secured June 10th as the date for the historic beginning of all-party talks, though why this did

## Major Jobs Funding

More than £2m has been secured in funding for a major initiative in South Kerry. The announcement follows an application by the South Kerry Partnership which now covers most of the Kerry South Constituency, from Annascaul to Clonkeen to Caherdaniel. In addition, the West Kerry Gealtacht will also receive funding under the Area Development Management Scheme.

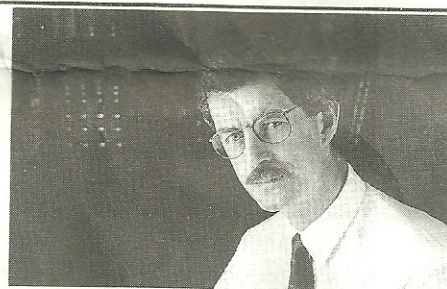
Welcoming the announcement Labour T.D. Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. said "The South Kerry Partnership will receive the funding over the next four years under this scheme. There is a strong spirit of enterprise and innovation that remains untapped in many communities in South Kerry, and the aim of this programme is not simply to throw money at this disadvantaged area, but to develop a real bottom-up strategy to tackling unemployment".

As well as providing assistance for those creating jobs in small busi-

nesses, the money will also be used for environmental improvements, training and education schemes and estate management for County Council housing tenants.

"Coupled with the £1.76m secured in funding under LEADER 2 this injection of funds will make a real difference to South Kerry", according to Deputy Moynihan-Cronin. "We have seen the tremendous strides made in recent years by the combination of community involvement and imaginative funding. It's no longer a case of the state pushing a jobs agenda on people, but now there is a chance for people to put their own ideas into action".

Deputy Moynihan-Cronin said she will continue to seek large-scale industrial jobs for the constituency, but that she would also strongly push for increased funding for smaller entrepreneurs who are the biggest growth area in an economy in which there has been a major increase in employment since Labour took office.



A Message from Dick Spring TD, Leader of the Labour Party.

I would like to congratulate all those who worked hard to produce the first edition of "Scéal".

Your newsletter will enable the Labour Party to tell people what we are achieving in Government and, more importantly, it will give the Party the opportunity to keep its ear to the ground.

I wish you every success in getting your message across to the people of South Kerry.

Go n-eirí go geal leis an tionscnamh nua seo agus go mba fada buan sibh.

Is mise,

Dick Spring TD,  
Leader of the Labour Party.

## Men of Peace

The position of Peace Commissioner is one that holds some important responsibilities in a community. Three East Kerry men have just been appointed to this position in their own communities. Denis O'Sullivan of Rathmore, Dermot Kelliher, Barraduff and Denis O'Brien, Glenflesk are the three people honoured. Their appointment was announced by Breda Moynihan-Cronin T.D., and she wished them well in their duties.

not happen sooner is a mystery to all of us.

In the meantime, it is now time for cool heads and careful negotiation. Speeches from the opposition benches like that at Arbour Hill recently should be careful and measured, as the process needs the co-operation of all. The crucial factor now is that the talks will indeed be all party, as empty chairs will help nobody.

Go n-eirí go geal le gach éinne atá ag obair ar son na síochána. Tá todhchaí na tire ag braith oraibh.



## Labour Boosts Housing

When Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for the Environment recently opened the award-winning Arbutus grove housing development in Killarney, he was marking yet another phase of the extraordinary boom in the building of local authority houses in Kerry since Labour came to power. The allocations for housing prior to 1993 show the result of Labour's influence. Just 50 houses were built in Kerry in 1992, and this figure has now trebled to 152.

Welcoming this commitment to public housing, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. said "Labour in Government has slashed waiting lists in this county and provided housing as we have always done in Government. Those parties who opposed such housing development while we were in opposition should take note, and those who waited for so long before receiving their basic right to a home will realise that only when Labour are in Government will the disadvantaged of our county be looked after.



Minister Brendan Howlin and Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. with Bernie O'Shea and daughters Lauren and Chloe and friend Carmel O'Sullivan at the opening of Arbutus Grove, Killarney

New Houses built in Kerry	
1992	50
1993	164
1994	160
1995	160

## Ferry Me Over To The Isle

Residents of Valentia Island were delighted recently when Junior Minister for Tourism, Toddy O'Sullivan T.D. announced a grant of £130,000 to help begin a roll-on, roll-off ferry service between Knightstown, on the island and Renard Point near Cahersiveen. The announcement was made within a fortnight of a meeting between the Island's Development Association and the Minister in Killarney, which had been organised by Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D.

The ferry, which is now expected to begin service in June, will save some island residents a round-trip of up to 30 miles and will also provide a major boost for the island's tourism industry. Deputy Moynihan-Cronin warmly welcomed the announcement, saying that it would be "of immense benefit to the economy of the island".

"I have for some time been concerned about the decline in the population of Valentia Island. The commitment of those involved in this project deserved Government support and I am delighted that we have made this a reality".

Work has recently started on the Knightstown slipway to make it suitable for landing, and Deputy Moynihan-Cronin has also welcomed the announcement that Kerry County Council are to train a local person to

operate the bridge connection at Portmagee.

"The volume of complaints I have been receiving about problems with Valentia Bridge has been increasing steadily, and I hope it will now finally be addressed. With access now at both ends of the island, the way is open I believe, for considerable investment in the areas" said Deputy Moynihan-Cronin.

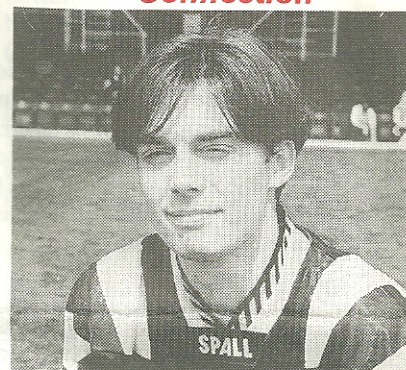
## Blackwater Booms

The announcement of a grant of £168,244 recently for further development of the Blackwater fishing near Kenmare has been warmly welcomed by Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. She said the announcement is a major step forward for the area's tourism development, and will considerably increase the number of anglers using one of Ireland's most famous fisheries.

Deputy Moynihan-Cronin said "The Labour Party is extremely proud of the development of this fishing as it must be remembered that but for the intervention of the late Minister Gerry O'Sullivan T.D., this magnificent asset to South Kerry would now be in private hands.

Minister O'Sullivan intervened in July 1993 to provide funding for the Central Fisheries Board to purchase the fishing on the Dromore castle estate following a campaign on the issue by the local communities and following representation from Deputy Moynihan-Cronin, who now says she would continue to seek further funding for this fishery.

## Labour's Million Pound Connection



Gary Breen, new Birmingham F.C. star

This is Gary Breen, the latest in a long line of Irish million pound soccer players. He recently transferred from Petersborough United to Birmingham City F.C., a club with great Irish connections for a cool £1m!. On top of all that, he has also just been called into the Irish Senior squad for the coming international.

And his reason for appearing in SCÉAL, well he is the son of Des and Noreen Breen, Kentish Town, London. Hails originally from Glencar and Beaufort and is himself a son of the legendary Sheila Breen, long-standing secretary of the Beaufort Labour Party branch. Sheila is delighted with her grandson's achievement and her home where she lives in Coolmagart is decorated with photographs of the new star. So remember the name - GARY BREEN - and remember you read it first in SCÉAL.



## Roads Bonzana

A whopping total of £11,055,00 has been allocated to Kerry's roads in recent weeks in announcements from Minister Brendan Howlin T.D., and the National Roads Authority. This total compares with £4,117,00 allocated in 1991, showing that the Labour Party in Government has trebled spending on our roads in just five years.

The funding of over £6m for our County roads is part of Minister Howlin's strategy for seriously tackling the problems of county roads, throughout the country, which he says account for almost 90% of the country's road mileage, and carry half of total road traffic. The allocation was the fifth highest for any county in the country. As well as money for maintenance and repairs, a number of specific allocations were made.

In South Kerry, a grant of £160,000 was provided for the Sleah Head Road in West Kerry, while £334,000 was announced for the road from Kenmare to Loo Bridge. A total of £608,000 has been allocated to the Sleah Head Road over the past three years, while the Kenmare road has got a total of £797,000.

Also receiving money since Labour came to power have been the Killarney Killorglin road which received £182,000, the Farranfore - Castlemaine road which got £251,520, the Spa-Tiernaboul road, which got £75,000, and the Caherdaniel-Derrynane road which received £210,000 last year. An allocation of £60,000 was also made this year to Killarney Urban District Council.

Referring to this year's County Roads allocations Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. said "In a region such as Kerry where tourism is so important it is imperative that problems with non-national roads are dealt with for once and for all", and she welcomed the specific allocations for roads which she said 'are of national importance in tourism terms'. She also said she would fight to ensure a fair distribution of the money available for repair and restoration work, throughout the county.

When it came to main roads, the story was also good for 1996. Under the package announced by the National Roads Authority, for National primary and secondary road for the year, work on the road from Killarney to the County Bounds will be boosted by £3,400,000 bringing the total spent on this road since Labour entered Government to £12,950,000. This will substantially improve access into and out of South Kerry according to deputy Moynihan-Cronin.

As well as this, the Ring of Kerry Road receives a total of £560,000. £400,000 is being provided for the N70 itself, £60,000 for the Killarney - Killorglin road near Beaufort bridge and £100,000 to complete the resurfacing of Cahersiveen town's main street following the sewage works carried out also while Labour were in Government. Deputy Moynihan-Cronin believes that this funding will make a major impact on tourism in both South and West Kerry. "With tourism now the biggest industry in our area, we must ensure that we have an infrastructure capable of dealing with the demands it will place on us. While I know that much more needs to be done, I am satisfied that Minister Howlin has made a start on upgrading our main tourist routes, and I will do everything in my power to ensure that further monies are forthcoming in the future", she said.

### Labour Makes a Difference To Our Roads

#### National Primary Roads Spending in Kerry

£ 898,000	1991
£1,208,000	1992
£4,038,000	1993
£4,568,000	1994
£5,322,000	1995

#### County Roads Spending in Kerry

£3,219,000	1991
£3,203,000	1992
£3,240,000	1993
£4,720,000	1994
£5,347,440	1995
£6,148,000	1996

\* Source - Kerry County Council.

## Unblocking the Pipelines

The last three years has seen an unprecedented amount of investment in sewage and water systems. Major sewage systems have been put in place in Killarney, Kenmare, Killorglin, Cahersiveen and Dingle, with the focus now due to switch to the villages of South Kerry. On the water front many of our villages have benefited. In particular, some of the group water schemes announced in recent weeks are bringing modern water systems to areas which have been demanding this basic facility for more than 20 years.

The most recent announcement has seen Caherdaniel receive £75,000 for a long-overdue water scheme. A massive boom, particularly in the building of holiday houses, means that the pressure on the existing system during the summer months has been causing massive problems in recent years. The same is true of the Kells area, which has received a grant of £84,000, following a long-standing campaign, and Inch, on the Dingle Peninsula has received funding of £141,600. East Kerry's Gneeveguilla area has seen the Scrahanagullane group water scheme receive £42,000. Meanwhile work has recently finished on the first phase of the upgrading of the Waterville public water system, with £100,000 spent over the winter months. Minister Brendan Howlin, T.D. recently met a deputation from the area and has pledged his support for a continuation of the work. In neighbouring Cahersiveen, work has recently commenced on water improvements also, and Dingle has seen a major £3m water scheme approved, while other areas to benefit in recent years include Camp and Annascaul, Coolick and Anablaha/Gneeveguilla and Ballahantourig area of Scartaglan, who have benefited from new or improved water schemes and Furies and Knightstown, who have new sewage schemes.

Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. has described these advances as enormous "the commitment of Brendan Howlin as Minister for the Environment to upgrading the basic facilities in our communities in South Kerry has been remarkable. I have received his full backing in putting in place systems which have been promised by other political representatives for years. These basic facilities are a right for people, and the development of tourism as well as the attracting of industry into this constituency will depend totally on this type of basic infrastructure. I will continue to represent those who are seeking improvements in their communities in the future.



Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D., Tánaiste Dick Spring, former County Engineer Colm Kennelly and Engineer Brendan Fehily at the opening of Kenmare Sewage plant



## Labour Funding in Your Community

### Aghatubrid

Provision of additional classroom, staffroom and pre-fabricated classroom.

### Ballydesmond

Shared remedial for Ballydesmond N.S.

### Ballinskelligs

Fermoyle road repaired £10,000

### Beaufort

General purpose room Cullina N.S. Roads Funding - £60,000 in 1996 adjacent to Beaufort Bridge.

Funding caretaker / secretary St. Francis Special School, St. Mary of the Angels Child care assistant - St. Francis Extra funding special class.

St. Mary's of the Angels £150,000 towards the cost of upgrading of facilities / respite care

### Brandon

Guidance teacher funding - Mean Scoil an Leith Triuigh

### Cahersiveen

New post primary school plans approved. Funding for caretaker/ secretary Cahersiveen. Presentation convent. Eoin Bosco. Sewerage scheme £100,000 road resurfacing. Water system improvement begun recently

### Caherdaniel

Funding for Group Water Scheme £75,000 Caherdaniel - Derrynane road £250,000

### Camp

Replacing the pipes for the water scheme.

### Castlegregory / Maharees

Shared remedial teacher Castlegregory N.S., Cloghane N.S. Aughasla N.S. Maharees community association £3,000. Coastal erosion protection £100,000 invested.

### Castlemaine

Scoil Mhuire N.S. designated as disadvantaged Cullina - School extension.

### Currow

Shared remedial teacher upgrading of public lighting St. Bridgets Basketball Club £1,000

### Dingle

Funding for Caretaker / Secretary Dingle C.B.S. and Presentation Convent. Provision of £1500 to purchase new computer and printer for the Dingle Teacher Centre. Guidance teacher funding - Coilaiste Ide Presentation Convent and C.B.S. Sewerage Scheme Water Scheme £3m Aquarium - Recently opened by Tánaiste Dick Spring.

### Firies

Sewage scheme Road resurfacing Shared remedial teacher with Knockaderry and Killecpierna

### Foilmore

Foilmore G.A.A. club - £10,000 dressing rooms.

### Fossa

New school at Faha.

### Glenbeigh

Glenbeigh G.A.A. club £5,000.

### Gneeveguilla

Shared remedial teacher Toureencahill N.S. and Gneeveguilla Upgrading public lighting in Gneeveguilla village. Scrahanagullane Group Water scheme £42,400

### Keel

Keel Community Council £5,000

### Kilcummin

Shared remedial teacher - Coolick N.S. Anablaha N.S. and Kilcummin N.S. Coolick Group water Scheme Anablaha/Kilcummin water scheme Gneeveguilla Group Water Scheme. Provision of Public lighting outside Coolick N.S. - refuse collection in Knocklebe / Buddihans area Kilcummin G.A.A. Club £8,000

### Killarney

Caretaker / secretary (funding for) presentation Convent Killarney/ St. Brendan's St. Brendan's - provision of equipment for woodwork room Language disorder unit - St. Olivers N.S. Ballycasheen Cheshire home - S.H.B. - £125,000 St. Columbanus - £75,000 provision for a residential unit, £20,000 for ungrading of kitchen facilities Kerry Parents and Friends of the mentally handicapped £50,000 Urban renewal New applied Leaving Certificate - Presentation convent. Killarney sewage scheme £11,000,000 Gaelscoil Fathleann - new school approved Killarney athletic F.C. - £5,000 Ballycasheen, St. Oliver's N.S. extra funding for special class. Convent of Mercy and St. Oliver's - extra funding for travelers classes.

### Kells

Funding for Group Water Scheme

### Kenmare

New community school Funding for caretaker / secretary. Kenmare

Holy Cross College also funding of guidance teaching Sewerage scheme Kenmare.

### Killorglin

Caretaker/secretary funding for Scoil Mhuire B.N.S. Sewerage scheme Sports & leisure club - £5,000

### Knockaderry

New National school approved.

### Milltown

Guidance teacher funding - Presentation secondary school. Callinafercy rowing club £2,000. Caretaker/secretary Presentation secondary school.

### Portmagee

Grants for painting and rewiring community centre and for the purchase of office equipment for community tourist office.

### Rathmore

New community school Convent N.S. designated as disadvantaged.

### Scartaglen

Scartaglen N.S. resource teacher. Remedial shared - Scartaglen / Kilmurry. Ballahantourig Group Water Scheme £67,783

### Waterville

Applied Leaving Certificate - Waterville Vocational School. Repairs to Waterville Vocational School. Water scheme - £100,000 invested Additional Public lighting - Spunkane Coastal erosion - £100,000 invested.

### Farranfore

New School - shared remedial.

### Valentia

Shared remedial teacher for Valentia. Portmagee, Filemore, Coars and Ballinskelligs N.S. £150,000 - Knightstown / Renard Car Ferry.

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Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, T.D. launching the South West Kerry Women's Assoc. report, along with Máiréad Lynch, Chairperson SWKWA

The development of groupings of women in South Kerry in recent years has been a new feature of community life. In particular the introduction of activities including personal development courses, further educational opportunities and even supply places for both unemployed women and women working in the home to meet and discuss issues has provided a new movement, which had been untapped until now. As a result of this, almost every community organisation has benefited with women becoming involved who had previously not taken part in these activities.

Much of the impetus for this came from CRESP, now known as the South Kerry Partnership, who facilitated the setting up of many of the groups initially, but they quickly stepped aside as the women themselves took control of their organisation. Thus, the South West Kerry Womens Association was formed in 1993. One of its first tasks was the compilation of a report on the needs of women in South West Kerry which was launched by Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. in 1994. Much of this excellent report formed the basis for the groups application for the new European fund known as Now, New Opportunities for Women. With considerable support from Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D., the South West Kerry group were one of 36 projects which succeeded out of a total of 204 applicants nationwide.

With the funding secured, the women moved into a premises in Waterville which had been donated by Haulie O'Shea of the Bayview Hotel, rent free. The programme is providing training for fifteen women, from the communities involved, leading to a UCC Diploma and who will then give further training to women in their own local areas. The final aim is to establish co-operatives in which women will get up and run viable and sustain-

## Mná Chiarraí Theas - Southern Women Unite

able businesses. Meanwhile NOW programme Co-ordinator Barbara Hild believes that women in South West Kerry are benefitting from the training received so far. "In every community organisation in the area, women who have received training through their local women's groups are becoming involved. This is bringing a fund of new ideas which were previously untapped because these women didn't have the skills or confidence to become involved". Ms. Hild paid tribute to Deputy Moynihan-Cronin, saying, "she has been working closely with us from the start, with major funding secured for local womens groups through Junior Minister Joan Burton, and her encouragement and support has been vital towards improving the lot of women in South West Kerry". Ms. Hild also thanked Tanaiste Dick Spring T.D. for his support, and she particularly noted the £2,000 secured under the grant for womens group in October last to assist in the setting up of the centre in Waterville.

### Grants for Women's Groups Sept. 1994

Beaufort ICA Guild Killarney	£200
CRESP Cahersiveen	£2,000
Cromane ICA Guild	£300
Cumann Mna Dairbhre (Valentia ICA)	£500
Filemore Womens Group Cahersiveen	£500
Glencar Womens Group	£150
Glenflesk Ladies Club	£500
Kilgarvan Ladies Club	£200
Mna an Caladh Portmagee	£500
Mna Aontaithe an Choireain Waterville	£500
Mna Maistir Gaoithe Killarney	£200
Mna na Gleanna Emlaghmore	£500
Mna Saibhin Cahersiveen	£1,000
Mna na Sceilge Killarney	£200
Sneem Womens Resource Group	£800
Soroptimists Killarney & District	£1,000
Templenoe Ladies club Killarney	£200

### Grants for Women's Groups Sept. 1995

Killroglin Womens Resource Centre	£2,500
Castelmaine Womens Group	£1,000
Cumann Mna Darbhnaire, Valentia	£500
Feral Women, Glencar	£300
Filemore women's Group, Cahersiveen	£250
ICA, Cahersiveen Guild	£300
ICA, Cromane Guild, Killorglin	£600
ICA, Kilcummin Guild, Kilcummin	£250
ICA, Killarney	£300
ICA, Lixnaw	£400
ICA, Miltown	£200
ICA, Tousist Guild, Killarney	£300
Mna na Gleanna, Killarney	£500
Mna Saibhin, Cahersiveen	£500
Mna Rinn, Portmagee	£250
Sneem Womens Resource Group	£800
Tousist Womens Group, Kenmare	£300
Filemore N.S. Parents Council	£750
Mna Maistir Gaoithe	£500
South West Kerry Womens Assoc.	£2,000

## Minister helps Missionary Priest



This is Fr. Seán Myres pictured with his brother Daniel, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D., and Joan Burton T.D., Minister responsible for overseas Aid. Minister Burton presented Fr. Myers, a native of Barleymount, Killarney with a tractor to help in his work in a 4,000 square mile parish in North East Brazil



# Labour Moves on Sellafield

Following much agitation in Ireland in recent years, Minister of State for Transport, Energy and Communications, Emmet Stagg T.D. has become the first Irish Government Minister to be represented at a Public Inquiry in Britain into proposed developments at Sellafield. He has also strongly protested to the British Ambassador about the latest nuclear incident at the plant.

**"Any degree of radioactive contamination of the Irish sea simply is not acceptable to the Irish people".**

Speaking at the Public Enquiry into the building of an underground nuclear dump by NIREX,

the UK Nuclear Waste Company, Minister Stagg, said his presence at the inquiry "emphasizes the Government's grave concern at the possibility of an underground nuclear dump being built virtually on the edge of the Irish Sea", and he stressed that "Any degree of radioactive contamination of the Irish sea simply is not acceptable to the Irish people". He also challenged the legality of the proposed development, citing a number of EU directives on Nuclear safety including Directive 80/836 of the Euratom treaty which makes it obligatory "not to store or dispose of radioactive waste near the marine environment".

With Professor Elihn Lauterpacht Q.L., the lawyer who represented Australia and New Zealand in their court challenge to French

nuclear testing, presenting the Government's case, Minister Stagg, claimed that the effects of NIREX's proposal "would represent a totally unacceptable intrusion into the health, environment and economic well-being of the Irish people".

Meanwhile on Feb. 6th, Minister Stagg met with British Ambassador, Veronica Sutherland, to state Ireland's concern at the recent nuclear accident in Sellafield. Speaking after the meeting, Minister Stagg said this was the third incident at a British nuclear plant so far this year, and said "it serves to highlight once more the ongoing and unacceptable nuclear risk that Ireland faces. I can assure the Irish people that the British authorities are fully aware of our dissatisfaction and deep misgivings concerning the British nuclear industry.

Kerry South Labour Party Deputy Breeda Moynihan-cronin welcomed Minister Stagg's intervention saying:- "while many believe that Sellafield is only one issue which affected the East Coast. The accident at Chernobyl 10 years ago shows how far the effects of such an accident can travel. All Irish people deserve to live in safety, and the protection of our agriculture and tourism interests make this a vital issue for us all.

## Mike Steps Out, Sean Steps In

1995 saw the close of a chapter in the history of South Kerry's Labour Party representation and Cllr. Michael Moynihan retired from active elected office, after four decades of outstanding service to the people of the south Kerry area. "Big Mike" as the former T.D. and Minister of State was affectionately known was first elected to Killarney Urban District Council in 1955 and was re-elected at every subsequent election, including the last such outing in 1994. In Dail politics, Michael Moynihan showed his determination to serve the public in contesting one bye-election, and general elections, before finally making it to the Dail in 1981. He had been a member of Seanad Eireann from 1973 to 1981, and was to go on to even better things when he was appointed Minister of State for tourism in 1985. Having lost out in the 1987 General election, however, Mike made a comeback two years later, and was delighted to hand on the baton to his daughter Breeda Moynihan-Cronin T.D. in 1992, with the highest ever share of the vote recorded in Kerry South for the Labour Party.

In typically unselfish fashion, Michael has now decided to stand aside and let youth have its head. His replacement on Killarney U.D.C. is committed trade unionist Sean Counihan. A figure well-known in community and sporting circles in his native town, Sean will carry on the traditions of his predecessor, providing a clear, articulate voice for his townspeople. He is also of course constituency chairperson of the Labour Party.

Meanwhile, those who have been lucky enough to know Michael Moynihan know that we will continue to provide invaluable support for those continuing to carry the Labour banner in South Kerry, and that an active retirement is sure to be the sort he plans.

At the recent Constituency A.G.M., tribute was also paid to former Councillor Christy Horgan, who sadly lost his seat in the last Killarney UDC elections. A trojan member of the party, and a diligent councillor for many years, Christy's defeat was a major loss for our party and for the people of Killarney.



Cllr. Seán Counihan chats with Labour Leader, Dick Spring T.D., while his predecessor on Killarney U.D.C. Michael Moynihan talks to Mossie Gleeson, a native of Killarney at last years Labour Party Conference.



## Killorglin Labour Branch - A Proud Tradition by Bartley Moriarty.

### Some Reminiscences of Killorglin Branch Labour Party

After the fall of the Cumann na nGael government in the early 1930's, and the accession of Fianna Fail led by Eamonn de Valera, a number of individuals in Killorglin informally discussed their dissatisfaction with the way in which they saw politics unfold locally and nationally. The deduction of 6 pence (now two-and-a-half pence) from the old age pension by the then Minister for Finance, Ernest Blythe, sowed the seeds of this dissatisfaction.

However, it took this group some considerable time to form what eventually became the Killorglin branch of the Labour Party. The Cumann na nGael Party did not, at this time, contest local elections but, a Killorglin man Stephen Coffey, NT, contested local elections under the Labour ticket and won a seat, supported in large measure by a Cumann na nGael vote and also by a small number of Labour Party sympathisers. However, this seat was lost because of a lack of an organised Labour Party in Killorglin District Electoral Division.

In 1938/39 the late Willie Curtayne of Killorglin together with Kevin Sheehan of the Bridge, Killorglin - also deceased - and Michael Moriarty of Iveragh Road, Killorglin formed a Labour Club but did not, for many years, become affiliated to Labour National Headquarters. There were many reasons for not affiliating which could not be examined in this short article. These three men also had a common interest in another area, Killorglin Fire Brigade which, in its early days, was a voluntary unpaid undertaking.

The above mentioned, together with Seamus O'Reilly of Farrantoreen, Killorglin campaigned with a former Kerry footballer, the later Billy Myers of Tralee who was Labour Candidate in Kerry. For their open air meeting he borrowed a lime lorry from Batt O'Connor of Milltown and some of them complained afterwards of being burnt by the lime! Billy Myers missed a seat by about 500 votes.

In subsequent years, Killorglin men lent their support in North Kerry where the late Dan Spring, TD took a seat which he held until his retirement and was succeeded by his son Dick, now leader of the Labour Party. Michael Moynihan of Killarney contested elections for Dail Eirean

throughout the 1950's and at this time involvement by other individuals became more intense.

Kevin Sheehan was also active as a union organiser and brought more members into the branch. Estie Corkery was always to the forefront in fund-raising activities. Dermot Murphy, Patsy Cronin and Tommy Riordan gave many years of service to the party. Other activists were the late Christy Purcell and Timmy Cronin - likewise were the late Dan Naughton and Paddy (The Baker) Foley.

Over the more recent years, Francis Griffin, Tom Purcell, John P. O'Sullivan and Fionnuala Sarsfield have been active in all the areas of Labour Party endeavours. In more recent times, Sean Moriarty, NT and Michael Doyle contested local elections but, at this level, success still eludes us.

Nonetheless, the success of Michael Moynihan and subsequently his daughter Breeda, at the last general election have been the high points in the pursuit of Oireachtas representation by Killorglin Branch.

#### The Officers of the Killorglin at the moment are:

Chairperson: Fionnuala Sarsfield,  
Sunhill (Baker).

Vice-Chairperson: Patsy Cronin,  
Melrose  
(SIPTU official).

Secretary: Siobhan Gallagher,  
Castleconway,  
(Public Health Nurse).

Treasurer: John P. O'Sullivan,  
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