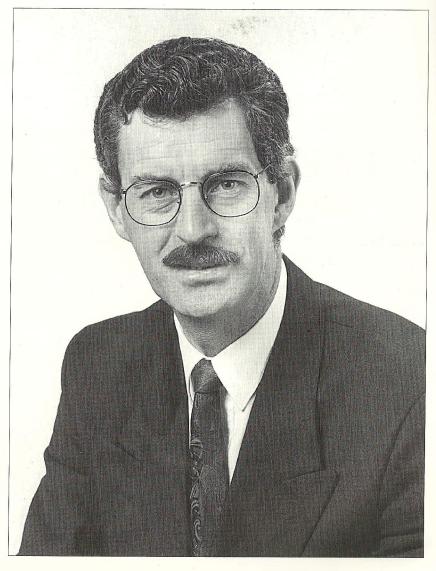
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Introduction

I present the Report of the Party's activities for the period between National Conferences April 1991 in Killarney and April 1993 in Waterford.

Ray Kavanagh General Secretary

The Administrative Council

Membership

The members of the Administrative Council (AC) elected by the 1991 National Conference held in Killarney, Co. Kerry, were:

Niamh Bhreathnach (Chairperson); Jim Kemmy TD (Vice-Chairperson); James Wrynn (Financial Secretary); Frank Buckley (Dublin South); Anne Byrne (Wexford); John Commane (Kerry North); Peter Connell (Kildare); Donie Doody (Kerry South); Pat Feeley (Dun Laoghaire); Nicholas Halley (Carlow/Kilkenny); Henry Haughton (Dublin North); Billy Healy (Tipperary South); Tony Lancaster (Cork South Central); Frank Leddin (Limerick East); Kathleen Lough (Galway West); Sean McCarthy (Kerry North); Paddy Murray (Dublin South Central); Sam Nolan (Dublin Central); John O'Brien (Wicklow); Ciaran O'Mara (Dublin South East).

Dick Spring TD, Party Leader, and Ruairi Quinn TD, Deputy Leader, are both ex-officio members of the AC.

Following the Party Conference the Parliamentary Party elected Michael Ferris TD, Brendan Howlin TD, Liam Kavanagh TD, Seamus Pattison TD, Brian O'Shea TD, Toddy O'Sullivan TD, as their six representatives on the AC.

Co-options

Under the Party Constitution, the AC has the power to co-opt two members from constituencies in the West of Ireland. At its meeting in February 1992 the AC co-opted Mary Kelly (Limerick West) and following the merger of the Independent Socialist Party (Sligo/Leitrim) with the Labour Party on 1st May 1992, the AC, at its meeting in May 1992 co-opted Declan Bree (Sligo/Leitrim).

Under the Party Constitution, the AC has the power to co-opt persons with special qualifications and at the May 1991 meeting, the AC co-opted Pat

Magner (Cork North Central) and at the March 1992 meeting, the AC coopted Yvonne Fitzsimons (Dublin South East).

At its meeting in May 1991 the AC elected Alice Somers, Dan Browne and Emmet Stagg as the Party Trustees with the right to attend and speak at AC Meetings. It was also agreed that they be the Trustees of Labour Youth.

The Labour Women's National Council (LWNC), in accordance with the Party Constitution, appoints two representatives to the AC. Alice Somers (Dublin Central) and Yvonne Fitzsimons (Dublin South East) remained on the AC until October 1991. Following the AGM of the LWNC, the AC, at its meeting in November 1991, co-opted Emer Malone (Dublin Central) and Breeda Moynihan-Cronin (Kerry South).

The group of affiliated trade unions, in accordance with the Party Constitution appoints two representatives to the AC. Michael O'Reilly (ATGWU) and Eamon Devoy (AEU) were appointed in May 1991.

Labour Youth, in accordance with the Party constitution, appoints two representatives to the AC. In the period May 1991 to October 1991 these were Gerry Curran (Dublin North East) and Philip Long (Cork North Central). Following the Labour Youth National Conference in November 1991, the representatives were Gerry Curran (Dublin North East) and Michael McLoughlin (Dun Laoghaire).

At its meeting in January 1992, the AC appointed Des Cullen (Cavan/Monaghan), Kieran Hoare (Cork North Central) and Colette Costello (Laois/Offaly) as the AC representatives on the National Youth Committee.

In accordance with custom and practice, the Chairperson of the LWNC and the Youth Education Officer (YEO) have the right to attend and speak at AC Meetings. During the period covered by this report these were Dermot Lacey (YEO), Paula Desmond (LWNC) from May to October 1991 and Mairead Hayes (LWNC) from November 1991.

Following the resignation from the Party of Peter Connell in March 1992, the AC co-opted John McGinley at its meeting in May 1992.

Following the resignation of Niamh Bhreathnach as Party Chairperson on her appointment as Minister for Education in January 1993, Jim Kemmy TD became Chairperson, and at its meeting in February 1993 the AC elected Roisin Shortall TD as Vice-Chairperson.

The AC met 16 times during the period covered by this report. The following is the record of attendance:

Niamh Bhreathnach (15/16), Jim Kemmy TD (15/16), James Wrynn (13/16), Dick Spring TD (15/16), Ruairi Quinn TD (14/16), Brian O'Shea TD (13/16), Michael Ferris TD (14/16), Brendan Howlin TD (11/16), Liam Kavanagh TD (10/16), Seamus Pattison TD (13/16), Toddy O'Sullivan TD (10/16), Dan Browne (9/16), Alice Somers (8/16), Emmet Stagg TD (11/16), Tony Brown (11/16), Pat Magner (12/16), Frank Buckley (9/16), Anne Byrne (14/16), John Commane (5/16), Peter Connell (7/8), Donie Doody (5/16), Pat Feeley (15/16), Nicholas Halley (13/16), Henry Haughton (15/16), Billy Healy (10/16), Tony Lancaster (12/16), Frank Leddin (11/16), Kathleen Lough (11/16), Sean McCarthy (10/16), Paddy Murray (10/16), Sam Nolan (15/16), John O'Brien (15/16), Ciaran O'Mara (16/16), Eamon Devoy (9/16), Michael O'Reilly (13/16), Paula Desmond (1/4), Yvonne Fitzsimons (8/11), Gerry Curran (13/16), Philip Long (4/4), Breeda Moynihan-Cronin (10/12), Emer Malone (12/12), Mairead Hayes (11/12), Michael McLoughlin (11/12), Mary Kelly (7/9), Declan Bree (6/7), John McGinley (6/6), Dermot Lacey (15/16), Marion Boushell (16/16), Ray Kavanagh (15/16).

Sub-Committees

The AC at its meeting in May 1991 appointed a number of committees to manage various areas of the Party's activities:

(a) Administrative Committee

Membership: Chairperson - Niamh Bhreathnach, Party Officers plus Marion Boushell (Deputy General Secretary), Tony Brown (International Secretary) and Pat Magner (National Organiser).

(b) Organisation Committee

Membership: Chairperson - Pat Magner, Party Officers (ex officio), Anne Byrne, Paddy Murray, Henry Haughton, John O'Brien, Peter Connell, Michael Ferris TD.

Co-options: Pat Fallon, John McGinley

(c) Finance Committee

Membership: Chairperson - James Wrynn, Party Officers (ex officio), Brendan Howlin TD, Anne Byrne, Pat Feeley, Frank Buckley, Paddy Murray, Henry Haughton.

Co-options: Eoin Kennelly, Martin McPadden

(d) Policy Committee

Membership: Chairperson - Pat Feeley, Party Officers (ex officio), John O'Brien, Yvonne Fitzsimons, Sam Nolan, Pat Feeley, Ciaran O'Mara, Brendan Howlin TD.

Co-options: Mairead Hayes, David Keane

(e) International Affairs Committee

Membership: Chairperson - Brendan Halligan, Party Officers (ex officio), Liam Kavanagh TD, Sam Nolan, Paula Desmond, Ciaran O'Mara, Kathleen Lough, Peter Connell.

Co-options: Brendan Halligan, Roger Cole, Justin Keating, Niall Greene, Helena Sheehan, Enda O'Doherty, Michael D. Higgins TD, Barry Desmond MEP, Odran Reid, Margaret Connolly.

International Secretary

The AC at its meeting in May 1991 re-appointed Tony Brown as the Party's International Secretary in an honorary capacity.

National Organiser

The AC at its meeting in May 1991 re-appointed Pat Magner as the Party's National Organiser in an honorary capacity.

National Conference

The 1991 National Conference was held in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry, on 5th/6th/7th April 1991 with 1,262 registered delegates. There were 125 motions and 3 emergency motions tabled. Conference adopted one policy document - "Labour's Environment Policy - All Things are Connected", and one policy discussion document - "Social Welfare - Beyond the Welfare State".

Special Delegate Conference

In line with an Administrative Council decision of 7th January, 1993 a Special Delegate Conference was summoned for 10th January and met in the National Concert Hall in Dublin. The Conference considered a document presented by our negotiators with the Fianna Fail Party entitled "Fianna Fail and Labour Programme for a Partnership Government 1993-1997". The document was overwhelmingly endorsed as a consequence of which the Party joined with Fianna Fail in a Partnership Government on 12th January, 1993.

SECTION ONE (b)

Labour Women's National Council Report

1. Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General meeting took place at the ATGWU Hall, Dublin on the 2nd November, 1991. The following were elected to the Council:

Chair: Mairead Hayes
Vice-Chair: Ann Tobin
Correspondence Secretary: Noelle Dason
Minutes Secretary: Joanna Tuffy
Treasurer: Deirdre Shortall

Executive: Betty Clifford

Eilis De Buitleir Cllr. Paula Desmond Yvonne Fitzsimons

Mary Flynn

Wendy O'Conghaile

A.C. Delegates: Emer Malone

Breeda Moynihan Cronin T.D.

2. Council Meetings:

Each constituency is entitled to send 5 delegates to Council meetings. Five Council meetings were held since the AGM.

Apart from Council and Executive meetings held during the year the LWNC was involved in the following activities.

3. Workshops:

The LWNC organised a workshop for Constituency Women's Officers in March 1992 to look at the role of Women's Officers.

Fifteen women including, some women candidates participated in a media techniques workshop facilitated by Fergus Finlay in May 1992. This included work on a closed circuit television. All who participated felt it was of great benefit and worth repeating. Our thanks to Fergus Finlay and all who participated.

4. Seminar:

A Seminar was held on Saturday 17th October, 1992. The subject was "Women in the 1990's en route to equality".

Participation in this seminar was sought from Women's groups, Trade Unions and other interest groups. There were working groups on Women and Development, Women and Health/Social Welfare, Women and the Labour Market, Women and the Law and Women and Decision Making.

The reports from this seminar will form the basis for a review of Labour Party policy on Equality. Our thanks to Barry Desmond, M.E.P. and the Socialist Group, European Parliament for their support.

5. Questionnaire:

The Council at its first meeting set itself the task of getting the views of its members through a questionnaire. It was circulated through the Women's Officers, and Council and Executive members. It was a worthwhile exercise and the Council would like to have the resources to do a further survey.

The questionnaire concentrated on six main areas

- 1. Profile of Women members.
- 2. Motivation and involvement of women.
- 3. Nature of involvement positions held within the party.
- 4. Women's perspectives on the party, ie. what areas the party should develop in terms of policy and its public profile. (30% of the respondents chose Economic issues and 30% chose womens issues as priority areas).
- 5. Women's needs within the party and the role of the LWNC.

6. Maastricht Treaty, X Case, Maastricht Protocol and Right to Life Referendum:

A lot of the Council's time and effort has been devoted to the issues raised by the X case in February 1992 and the Maastricht Protocol and its effect on women's rights. The LWNC supported the Labour Party's "Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution Bill" introduced to resolve the

issues. The council's position (adopted at its council meeting on the 19th September 1992) was conveyed to Dick Spring, Party Leader at a meeting in October 1992. The LWNC were unhappy with the amendment wording in the Right to Life Referendum and were happy with its rejection and look forward to legislation to deal with the issue. The Council wish to thank Party Leader, Chair and Brendan Howlin for their tremendous work on this subject.

7. International Contacts:

The LWNC were represented by Mairead Hayes, Chair and Marion Boushell, Deputy General Secretary, at the Socialist International's commemoration of its first Women's Conference in Stuttgart in September 1992. Mairead Hayes also attended the European Parliament Socialist Group's Women's Working Group in Strasbourg in February, 1993.

8. General Election:

The LWNC's efforts to raise the profile of women in the party were given a boost in the 1992 General Election when 5 Labour women candidates were elected to the Dail and 3 to the Senate. Three were appointed to Ministerial Rank. Niamh Breathnach and Eithne Fitzgerald are both former Chairs of the LWNC. Joan Burton is a former LWNC delegate to the A.C. and Breeda Moynihan-Cronin is currently on the A.C. from the L.W.N.C. We wrote to 150 womens organisations highlighting our women candidates for the election and made a total donation of £400 to their campaigns.

Finally, the LWNC wishes to thank the members who attended and supported it throughout the year. A special word of thanks to all Head Office staff for their work and to the many other persons who lent support.

SECTION ONE (c)

Labour Youth Report to National Conference 1993

Conference 1991:

Labour Youth's 1991 Conference was held from the 22nd to the 24th of November in Liberty Hall, Dublin.

Eighty two delegates attended from twenty two youth sections and trade unions. They were Dublin NC, NE, NW, S, C, SE, SW, DL, TCD and UCD, Cork SC, NC and UCC, Kerry South, Athy, Celbridge, Clane and New Ross.

The Conference was opened by Cllr. Sean Kenny, then Lord Mayor of Dublin. The Conference was also addressed by Ald. Ruairi Quinn TD and Ray Kavanagh, General Secretary of the Labour Party, who was the keynote speaker. Cllr. Mary Freehill, Tom Garry, General Secretary of SIPTU, Ray Kavanagh and Mairead Hayes, Chairperson of the LWNC took part in the Questions and Answers session on the Sunday morning.

The NYC elected was:

Chairperson	Edward Dawson
Vice-Chairperson	Tony Grace
Secretary	Aidan Culhane
Treasurer	Gillian Stagg
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	Aoife Breslin
	Oliver Doyle
	Kevin Fidgeon
	Pat Hickey
	Audrey Keenaghan
	David Leach
	Linda Monaghan

Seamus O'Brien

Cork South Central
Dublin Central
Dublin South
Kildare
SIPTU
UCD
Dublin North East
Dublin Central
Dublin Central
Cork South Central
Dublin South West
New Ross

	Killian Sheridan	Dublin South East
	Aimee Tallon	UCD
	Mark White	Cork South Centra
AC Members	Gerry Curran	Dublin North East
	Mick McLoughlin	Dun Laoghaire
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NYDO Dermot Lacey

At the recommendation of the NYC, the AC appointed the following people to the NYC.

Des Cullen	Cavan/Monaghar
Collette Costelloe	Kildare
Kieran Hoare	UCC

The 1991 Conference marked a departure for Labour Youth in that for the first time we moved away from the plenary format and began to use workshops as a means of achieving a greater consensus and a broader range of options from within the Organisation. This was a success and was continued at the 1993 Conference.

The National Youth Committee:

The NYC met in January, February, March, April May, June, September, October and November 1992, January and February 1993, a total of 11 times.

At the first meeting of the NYC, Audrey Keenahan was appointed Women's Officer and Mick McLoughlin was appointed to take care of Press duties. Paddy Glackin was appointed Honorary International Secretary.

Campaigns

It was agreed at the 1991 Conference that Labour Youth would conduct campaigns on the issues of unemployment, housing and abortion information.

Unemployment Campaign

This campaign was launched on the 30th March 1992 at a press conference in Dublin. Ruairi Quinn and Eithne Fitzgerald both contributed to the launch.

A document was published entitled "Exploding the Myth," the document was well received from outside and within the Party.

The central theme of the campaign "Exploding the Myth" was to heighten people's awareness of the problem, to put forward ideas towards a solution and above all, to illustrate to people that unemployment can be beaten.

The campaign had moderate success in having unemployment discussed and motions passed in several local authorities. Through work done in communities and colleges the unemployment problem was highlighted by Labour Youth.

Maastricht Campaign:

Due to a wide divergence of opinion within the Organisation, there was no concerted Labour Youth campaign on this issue. We did, however, call for a "Yes" vote with reservations. We issued a statement in conjunction with the youth sections of other Political Parties.

General Election:

Events overtook us on the "Right to information" issue and Labour Youth participated actively in the overall Labour Party General election campaign.

While Labour Youth shared the joy in the Party at the election of 33 Dail Deputies and 6 Senators, there was particular satisfaction at the election of former NYC member Pat Gallagher to the Dail and current Labour Youth member Ann Gallagher to Seanad Eireann.

The National Chairperson, Edward Dawson spoke in favour of the Labour Party participating in the partnership Government at the Special Conference in January.

International:

One of the great successes of the past eighteen months for Labour Youth was in the international arena. Audrey Keenaghan and Aimee Tallon represented Labour Youth at a seminar on Women and Health in Strasbourg in February.

Paddy Glackin, Labour Youth's Honorary International Secretary is currently a member of the control bureau of the International Union of Socialist Youth. Paddy has done a terrific job in Europe and has played a vital role in developing the high standing which Labour Youth enjoys in Europe at the moment.

Aidan Culhane represented Labour Youth at a series of events during the campaign for the Maastricht treaty as a guest of the Parti Socialiste.

The past year also saw the inception of two new international socialist youth organisations - the European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth (ECOSY) and European Socialist Youth (E.S.Y.) comprising I.U.S.Y. members in all European countries. Labour Youth is a founding member of both organisations. The document which we submitted to the ECOSY

constituent congress, on the subject of Unemployment and Social Policy was by and large adopted.

Due to a generous grant from the Swedish Social Democrats, Labour Youth hosted a conference in Dublin on the topic "Towards a Common Peace Policy" in January 1993. This marked a major departure for Labour Youth in that it is the first time we attempted such a project.

Another first for Labour Youth was the hosting of a visit from Die Falken, a German socialist youth group. The visit lasted over two weeks. Forty five Germans came and stayed at the campsite in Larch Hill.

The visit was partially funded by the Youth Exchange Bureau. Labour Youth has applied for funding for a return trip to Germany later this year. Initial contact with Die Falken would suggest that the trip would take place in August to Berlin and Kassel.

Summerfest:

1992 saw the return of Summerfest. It was held in mid-June in the adventure centre in Carlingford. About fifty five people participated over the weekend which was a success.

Discussions were held on Christianity and Socialism with Niamh Bhreathnach, Chairperson of the Labour Party and the parish priest of Carlingford. The meeting on economics was addressed by Brendan O'Rourke of The Institute of Education and Tony Moriarty of MSF.

A delegation from the SDLP spent the weekend in Carlingford and an interesting discussion took place on the subject of Northern Ireland which was also attended by Gavin Adams of the Ulster Young Unionist Council.

Colm O'Briain, former director of the Arts Council and theatre and television director gave a talk on the Arts and Socialism. The fact that the festival took place is a positive development and with a little effort we can expect a bigger and better event this year.

REVUE:

Revue has been the title of the Labour Youth journal for some years. It has never really taken off and this year saw an attempt to produce a regular magazine/newsletter.

REVUE appeared three times between December 1992 and December 1993.

The third edition which appeared in September was very kindly sponsored by MSF.

NYCI:

This year saw Labour Youth continuing its involvement in the National Youth Council of Ireland.

Congratulations are due to Dermot Lacey NYDO who was elected vice-president of the organisation at a by-election and subsequently at NYCI assembly. The significance of this is that it is the first time a representative from a political party has been elected to such a position in the NYCI. Tony Grace, vice chair of Labour Youth was appointed to the Youth Work Services Standing Conference.

NYCI Assembly was held in Limerick from the 20th - 22nd of November. Two delegates were elected to go to the Assembly. Dermot Lacey attended as vice-president on behalf of Labour Youth.

Aidan Culhane spoke at an unemployment forum organised by the NYCI in the Mansion House in April. This formed part of Labour Youth's unemployment campaign. Aidan also attended a question and answer session at the National Youth parliament in October.

Thanks:

Labour Youth wishes to place on record our appreciation to the P.L.P. and the A.C. for their assistance and to everyone in Head Office for their help and hard work over the last two years.

$SECTION\ ONE\ (d)$

Labour Lawyer's Group

Introduction

The Group's objectives are to provide advice to the Parliamentary Labour Party in relation to legal issues and to assist in the drafting of measures of law reform. Membership is open to any legally qualified Party member.

The A.G.M. of the Group took place on the 1st March, 1993. David Keane was elected Chairman, Grainne Malone, Secretary, Finbar O'Malley, Treasurer and Gerry Kelly P.R.O. During the year the Group continued to offer advice, when requested, to individual members of the Parliamentary Party and Local Representatives with respect to legal queries arising from their spokespersonships and from constituency work.

1. The General Election

Members of the Group were very active in campaigning on behalf of Party candidates in their own constituencies. Naturally, the General Election provided the focus of member's attention to the exclusion of Lawyer's Group activities over the Winter months.

2. The Document on the Rights of the Citizen

The Lawyer's Group was requested to prepare submissions on potential law reform for inclusion in a document on "The Rights of the Citizen" to be presented at a Special Conference of the Labour Party originally scheduled to take place in early May of last year. With great diligence on the part of several members, reports were produced on Landlord and Tenant Law, Family Law, Criminal Justice and the Scheme of Civil Legal Aid. It is heartening to see that so many of the Groups' proposals were ultimately reflected in the Programme for Partnership Government.

3. The Sub-Committee on the 8th Amendment To the Constitution.

This sub-committee, consisting of Diarmaid McGuinness B.L., Finbar O'Malley B.L. and Iseult O'Malley B.L. reported to the Group on a couple of occasions concerning Party Policy on the substantive issue and

on the rights to travel and information. In the aftermath of the X Case, the Party produced draft interim legislation which was voted down in the Dail. The 11th Amendment to the Constitution has necessitated fresh consideration of the relevant issues.

4. Other Activities

The Group considered a number of other topics in the course of its regular meetings during the year. Among the issues discussed were Reform of the Judiciary, a Penal Reform Bill implementing the proposals contained in the Whittaker Report and reform of the Law relating to Freedom of Information which was the subject of an address to the Group by Paul Callan S.C.

5. Branch Secretaries

Branch Secretaries are invited to contact the Groups' Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Finbar O'Malley B.L., The Labour Party, 16 Gardiner Place, Dublin 1 regarding inquiries or contributions which any branch might wish to make to the Group's work.

SECTION ONE (e)

Trade Union Group

The stated aims and objectives of the Trade Union Group are:

- [1] The affiliated trade unions recognise that many objectives of the trade union movement can only be achieved through political and legislative action and therefore are committed to increasing the strength and influence of the Labour Party at local and national level.
- [2] The Labour Party Trade Union Group shall strive to create conditions where contact between themselves and non-affiliated Unions may lead to a greater and fruitful involvement of more Unions in the life of the Party.

The Group which normally meets on a monthly basis, consists of the Group Officers and two (2) representatives from each Union affiliated to the Party.

Group Activities

In the period under review, the Trade Union Group played a very active role in political and related matters. The following can best summarise these activities:-

P.L.P.

A number of meetings took place between the Parliamentary Party and the Group to discuss items of mutual concern. For example, at a meeting on the 24th June, 1992 structures/procedures were agreed to promote more effective liaison between the P.L.P. and the Trade Union Group. Similarly a joint statement on the unemployment crisis was agreed following a meeting on the 28th October, 1992. In the coming weeks, the Trade Union Group will be examining its role in view of the Party's Partnership in Government.

May Day

With the agreement of the Party, the Trade Union Group has assumed responsibility for organising the Annual May Day Ceremony. In the period under review, two successful ceremonies have been held in the Labour History Society Building.

Political Seminar

The Group organised a seminar entitled "Trade Unions and Politics" on 13th May, 1992 in the Mansion House, Dublin. The seminar was opened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Sean Kenny. It was addressed by the Party Leader, S.I.P.T.U. General Secretary Tom Garry and A.T.G.W.U. Secretary Charlie Douglas. It was chaired by the Mayor of Limerick Deputy Jim Kemmy

Labour Union Newsletter

The Group, as part of its development programme decided to publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis. The first edition was issued to coincide with the General Election campaign. Over eight thousand copies were distributed to union Officers/Officials, Local Representatives and shop stewards calling on trade unionists and their families to vote Labour.

Group Officers and A.C. Representatives

The officers of the Group are:

Chairperson

Jerry Shanahan (M.S.F.)

Vice-Chair

Sam Nolan (U.C.A.T.T.)

Secretary

John O'Brien (S.I.P.T.U.)

The A.C. representatives are: Michael O'Reilly (A.T.G.W.U.)

Eamon Devoy (A.E.U.)



John O'Brien, secretary of the Trade Union Group with President Robinson.

SECTION TWO

The Parliamentary Labour Party

1. At the time of our last Conference in April 1991 the following were the areas of responsibility allocated by the Party Leader:

Dick Spring TD (Leader)

Ruairi Quinn TD (Deputy Leader)

Mervyn Taylor TD

Liam Kavanagh TD Michael D. Higgins TD

Brendan Howlin TD

Seamus Pattison TD

Toddy O'Sullivan TD Emmet Stagg TD

Brian O'Shea TD Michael Ferris TD

Michael Moynihan TD

Michael Bell TD Gerry O'Sullivan TD

Sean Ryan TD

Jim Kemmy TD

Barry Desmond MEP

Northern Ireland

Finance & Economic Affairs

Industry & Commerce

Agriculture & European Affairs International Affairs & Gaeltacht

Chief Whip, Environment

Energy

Labour & Communications

Social Welfare Education Health **Tourism**

Justice Marine & Emigration Defence & Youth Affairs

Transport

1992

Cllr. Niamh Bhreathnach (Party Chairperson) Women's Affairs

Cllr. Eithne Fitzgerald - Urban Affairs.

2. At the Killarney Conference the Party Leader outlined his ambition that the Party would become the second largest in the state. Against this backdrop, the Parliamentary Party set itself the task of performing to a standard that would clearly indicate this in the Oireachtas, leading the opposition in a positive and coherent manner.

- 3. The Parliamentary Party played a key role in the Local Elections in 1991 and 17 of its members were returned. It wishes to congratulate the successful candidates and thank the Party Staff who assisted in this great victory.
- 4. The Beef Tribunal the Party supported its establishment and the Party Leader Dick Spring T.D., and the General Secretary Ray Kavanagh have given evidence.
- 5. Privitisation The Parliamentary Party fought vigorously against the privitisation of the Sugar Company and harried the Government in its successful attempt to sell off this taxpayer's asset.
- 6. Greencore and Telecom Controversies.

 The Parliamentary Party was active in the Dail and Senate in bringing to the attention of the general public matters relating to these companies.
- 7. P.E.S.P.

The Parliamentary Party supported the Trade Union movement in voting for this programme in the Oireachtas.

8. The Treaty on European Union.

The Parliamentary Party considered at length the implications of this Treaty for Ireland. It wishes to thank the International Affairs Committee in particular for its invaluable advice on this complex subject. The Parliamentary Party supported the Referendum on this subject and the Party Leader joined with the Leaders of the other major political parties in calling for a "Yes" vote. This was accepted by the Electorate.

9. National Worksharing Scheme.

Ruairi Quinn T.D. (Deputy Leader) acting as Spokesperson for Finance and Economic Affairs published important proposals in this area in January 1992.

- 10. Emmet Stagg T.D. resigned the Whip of the Labour Parliamentary Party on 19th February, 1992 stating his reasons as being the behaviour of the Party in ignoring the Report of the Commission on Electoral Strategy's recommendation regarding Coalition. The Parliamentary Party categorically denied this charge. Deputy Stagg applied for re-admission at the meeting of 1st April, 1992 and he was accepted.
- 11. The Jobs Forum:-

The Parliamentary Labour Party took an active role in the Jobs Forum working constructively to contribute to a solution.

12. Jimmy Tully -

At its meeting on 20th May,1992 the Parliamentary Party learned with shock of the death of its former Deputy Leader that morning. Warm tributes were paid to this outstanding Parliamentarian, Government Minister and Trade Unionist by all present. The meeting adjourned as a mark of respect.

- 13. At a Special Press Conference on 26th March,1992 the Party Leader announced a number of major initiatives:
- (a) An extensive re-assignment of the responsibilities of Parliamentary Party members and the appointment as Assistant Spokespersons of five councillors and our four senators:-

		Constituency
Dick Spring TD (Leader)	Anglo-Irish Affairs	Kerry North
Ruairi Quinn TD		
(Deputy Leader)	Economic Affairs	Dublin South East
Brendan Howlin TD		
(Chief Whip)	Social Policy	Wexford
Mervyn Taylor TD	Employment,	
Ta	Equality and	Dublin Sth. West
	Law Reform	
Michael Bell TD	Social Welfare,	
	Poverty	Louth
Michael Moynihan TD	Tourism	Kerry South
Michael Ferris TD	Agriculture	Tipperary South
Gerry O'Sullivan TD	Defence, Marine,	
	Emigration	Cork North Central
Sean Ryan TD	Youth, Labour, Sport,	Dublin North
	Community	
	Development	
Liam Kavanagh TD	The Environment	Wicklow
Michael D. Higgins TD	Gaelteacht, European	
	&International Affairs	Galway West
Brian O'Shea TD	Education	Waterford
Jim Kemmy TD	Communications,	
	Transport	Limerick East
Seamus Pattison TD	Justice	Carlow/Kilkenny
Toddy O'Sullivan TD	Energy and	~ . ~ . ~ .
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Barry Desmond MEP	European Parliament	Dublin Euro

ASSISTANT SPOKESPERSONS:

Sen. Pat Upton	Consumer Affairs	Dublin Sth. Central
Sen. John Ryan	Rural Development	
	Policy	Tipperary North
Sen. Joe Costello	Inner City Policy	Dublin Central
Senator Jack Harte	Parliamentary	
	Committee Rapporteur	Dublin Sth. Central
Cllr. Niamh Bhreathnach	Equality, Citizens'	
	Rights	Dun Laoghaire
Cllr. Eithne Fitzgerald	Urban Affairs, Housing	Dublin South
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Unemployment Rights	Meath
Cllr. Derek McDowell	Arts, Culture	Dublin Nth. Central
Cllr. Sean Kenny	Disability	Dublin Nth. East

- (b) The establishment of the Tom Johnson Foundation which would be an independent research and policy development unit. Deputy Michael D. Higgins was announced as its first President.
- 14. The Equal Status Bill was the highlight of the Parliamentary Party's contribution to Private Members Motions. A major piece of legislation drafted with the assistance of the L.W.N.C. and the Labour Lawyers Group. It sought to outlaw all forms of discrimination on grounds of sex, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, religion, age, handicap, race, colour, nationality or national or ethnic origins, including membership of the travelling community. It was voted down by the Government parties.

15. Sean McBride Peace Prize

The Parliamentary Party extended its warmest congratulations to Deputy Michael D. Higgins on his receipt of the Sean McBride Peace Award. In a tribute the Party Leader said that this well deserved award was given for many years of solidarity with and work on behalf of the oppressed peoples of the third world.

16. Michael Moynihan T.D.- this outstanding member of the Parliamentary Party who had been a Dail candidate since 1954 announced his intention not to contest the 1992 General Election. His comrades in the Parliamentary Party expressed their thanks and admiration for Michael's long and loyal service to the Party as a T.D., Senator and Minister and the Party Leader made a presentation to him on behalf of its members. It was however the greatest tribute of all to

Michael that his South Kerry Constituents returned a Labour T.D. Breeda Moynihan - Cronin, on a substantially increased vote in the General Election.

17. The November Referenda

Parliamentary Party endorsed the Party position on the Referenda on the Right to Travel, The Right to Information and the so-called Right to Life. Having first sought to amend the third proposal in the Dail which was defeated by the Government, it went on to see the electorate accept its advice and defeat it at the Referenda which were held on the same day as the General Election, while accepting the Rights of Travel and Information.

18. General Election 1992

The Parliamentary Party enthuastically contested this Campaign which was to be the Partys electoral highpoint in its 80 years of existence. The historic result which returned 33 T.D.s brought Labour into a Partnership Government with the Fianna Fail Party for the first time ever. This decision was reached at a Special Delegate Conference in the National Concert Hall on Sunday 10th January, 1993.

19. Partnership Government

On the 12th January Dail Eireann assembled and the following Labour Deputies were appointed as Government Ministers:-

Dick Spring T.D.	Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ruairi Quinn T.D.	Minister for Enterprise and Employment
Mervyn Taylor T.D.	Minister for Equality and Law Reform
Brendan Howlin T.D.	Minister for Health
Niamh Bhreathnach T.D.	Minister for Education
Michael D. Higgins T.D.	Minister for Arts, Culture
	and the Gaeltacht

20. Labour Party Ministers of State are:-

Brian O'Shea T.D.	Department of Agriculture
Gerry O'Sullivan T.D.	Department of the Marine
Emmet Stagg T.D.	Department of the Enviornment
Eithne Fitzgerald T.D.	Office of the Tanaiste and
	Department of Finance
Joan Burton T.D.	Department of Social Welfare

21. Senate

The following appointments were advised to the Taoiseach by the Party Leader:-

Bill Cashin Pat Magner

Cork North West National Orgainser

Jim Townsend

Carlow Kilkenny

Jack Wall

Kildare

22. The largest Parliamentary Party in our history with 43 members is comprised of 33 Deputies, 9 Senators and 1 Member of the European Parliament. It is Chaired by Toddy O'Sullivan T.D. and the Whip is Michael Ferris T.D.

The other members of the Parliamentary Labour Party are:-

Mr. Jim Kemmy, T.D. (Party Chair) Limerick East

Mr. Michael Bell, T.D.

Louth

Dr. Moosajee Bhamjee, T.D.

Clare

Mr. Declan Bree, T.D.

Sligo-Leitrim

Mr. Tommy Broughan, T.D.

Dublin North East

Mr. Joe Costello, T.D.

Dublin Central

Mr. Brain Fitzgerald, T.D.

Meath

Mr. Pat Gallagher, T.D.

Laois Offaly

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D.

Wicklow **Dublin North East**

Mr. Sean Kenny, T.D. Mr. Derek Mc Dowell, T.D.

Dublin North Central

Ms. Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, T.D. Mr. John Mulvihill, T.D.

Kerry South Cork East

Mr. Seamus Pattison, T.D.

Carlow Kilkenny

Mr. Willie Penrose, T.D.

Westmeath **Dublin North**

Mr. Sean Ryan, T.D. Mr. John Ryan, T.D.

Tipperary North

Ms. Roisin Shortall, T.D. Mr. Pat Upton, T.D.

Dublin North West Dublin South Central

Mr. Eamonn Walsh, T.D.

Dublin South West

Sen. Michael Calnan. Sen. Ann Gallagher,

Cork South West Cavan Monaghan

Sen. Mary Kelly, Sen. Sean Maloney, Limerick West Donegal North East

Sen. Jan O'Sullivan,

Limerick East

Mr. Barry Desmond, M.E.P.

Dublin

23. Press Officer

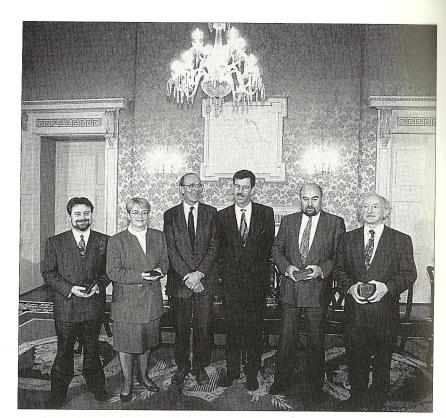
The Parliamentary Party has appointed Tom Butler to the position of Press Officer. It wishes to thank Fergus Finlay for his work in that office from 1987 - 1991 and also Sineaid Bruton who acted as Assistant Press Officer since 1991.

24. Thanks

The Parliamentary Party wishes to extend its sincerest gratitude to all who assisted it in its work over the last two years including its Secretarial, Research and Press Staff, the General Secretary and Staff at Head Office and finally all the Party Members throughout the country whose tireless and loyal work have brought our Party to its highest level of support since its foundation in Clonmel by James Connolly and Jim Larkin.



The Staff at Head Office L-R: Dermot Lacey, Jackie Byrne, Marian Boushell, Ray Kavanagh, Pamela Foley and Angie Mulbroy.



Labour ministers receive their Seals of Office at Arus an Uachtaráin. Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for Health, Niamh Bhreathnach T.D., Minister for Education, Mervyn Taylor T.D., Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Dick Spring T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ruairí Quinn T.D., Minister for Employment and Enterprise, Michael D. Higgins T.D., Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. (John Carlos Sunday Tribune)

SECTION THREE

The Local Elections 1991

- 1. Elections to County Councils and County Borough Councils were held on 19th June, 1991. These elections had been deferred from the previous year and elections to UDC and Town Commissions were again postponed.
- 2. The Party was in a great state of readiness for these elections, many of the candidates having been selected up to a year beforehand and our National Conference in Killarney in April was used effectively to promote our aspiring candidates.
- 3. A local Government Election Committee was formed comprising of Brendan Howlin T.D. (Chairperson), Ruairi Quinn T.D., Cllr. Eithne Fitzgerald, Seamus Pattison T.D., Michael Ferris T.D., Emmet Stagg T.D., Ray Kavanagh and James Wrynn. The Committee was assisted in its work by Denise Rogers, Sineaid Bruton, Fergus Finlay, Mary Farrell and Ita McAuliffe.
- 4. 12,000 canvassing leaflets, 5,000 polling day leaflets, lapel badges, car stickers, issue posters in six themes, artwork for badges and leaflets, photographs of candidates, Party Leader posters and an Irish Language leaflet were all supplied free to each electoral area.
- 5. The Party contested in 134 of the 177 Electoral Areas (76%) and we fielded 201 candidates of whom 29 were women (14.4%).
- 6. The Campaign was characterised by high morale, Party unity, cooperation and cohesion. The Election Results showed an increase of 2.9% in the Party Vote up to 10.63% and we won 32 extra seats an increase of 55%.
- 7. Results:-
- A.- Areas where 2 seats were won.

Mullingar Urban Limerick No. 3 Swords Des Coleman and Michael Dollard Jim Kemmy and Frank Leddin Tom Kelleher and Sean Ryan Muinebheag John McNally and Jim Townsend
Wicklow Frank Hynes (RIP) and Liam Kavanagh
Celbridge Colm Purcell and Emmet Stagg
Fethard Edmond Brennan and Denis Landy
Terenure Eamonn Walsh and Pat Upton
Dungarvan Lar Hart and Billy Kyne
Artane Paddy Bourke and Tommy Broughan

B. Areas where a seat was won in a 3 seater
Baltinglass Tommy Cullen
Mulhuddart Joan Burton

C. Areas (excluding 3 seaters) where a seat was won:-

Tralee Dick Spring **Tipperary** Michael Ferris Greenhills Mervyn Taylor Borris Michael Meaney Drogheda (Urban) Michael Bell Betty Bell Drogheda (Rural) Waterford No. 3 Brian O'Shea Kilkenny Seamus Pattison Mullingar (Lough Owel) Willie Penrose Balbriggan Ken Farrell Thomastown Michael O'Brien Stillorgan Eithne Fitzgerald Cork North West Gerry O'Sullivan John O'Halloran Lucan Cork Sth. Central John Murray Waterford No. 1 Pat Hayes

Limerick No. 4 Sean Griffin Galway No. 2 Michael D. Higgins Donaghmede Sean Kenny Ballyfermot Michael Conaghan Tullamore Pat Gallagher Arklow Kevin Rvan Ennistymon Martin Lafferty Limerick No. 1 Frank Prendergast Drumcondra Roisin Shortall

Killarney Breeda Moynihan-Cronin

Dunshaughlin Brian Fitzgerald
Limerick No. 2 Jan O'Sullivan
Kilbeggan Mark Nugent
Blackrock Niamh Bhreathnach

Wexford Brendan Howlin Liam Curham Waterford No. 1 John Ryan Nenagh Pat Leahy Listowel Des Hurley Carlow Jimmy Cudden Slane Sean Lyons Clonmel Jim Keane Kildare Dick Brennan Ballyragget Joe Connolly Crumlin Tramore Brian O'Shea Malahide Bernie Malone John Byrne Bray Dundrum Frank Buckley Cork North East Frank Nash Joe O'Callaghan Cork North Central Maeve Spring Mid-Kerry Cork South West Toddy O'Sullivan Paula Desmond Cork South Brendan Clusker Navan Ruairi Quinn South Inner City Trim Pa Lowe Rathmines Mary Freehill Castlebar Johnny Mee Jane Dillon-Byrne Dun Laoghaire Frank Smyth Ballybrack Sheila O'Sullivan Cork North Sean Maloney Letterkenny Seosamh Breathnach Pilltown Michael Calnan Skibbereen Borris-in-Ossory Larry Kavanagh Joe Costello North Inner City Galway No. 1 Tom Costello Newcastlewest Mary Kelly Cork South East Joe O'Flynn Thurles Martin Kennedy Derek McDowell Clontarf Midleton John Mulvihill

8. The results of the election increased morale and infused an optimism into the Party for the oncoming General Election in which all our successful candidates (excepting Dr. Bhamjee) were to be councillors elected in 1991.



Merger of the Labour Party and the Independent Socialist Party (Sligo/Leitrim)

- 1. Negotiations between the Labour Party and the Independent Socialist Party (Sligo-Leitrim) were opened in December 1990 when the Party Leader Dick Spring T.D. and the General Secretary Ray Kavanagh attended a meeting with representatives of the Ard-Comhairle of the I.S.P. in Sligo.
- 2. Talks between the Parties continued through 1991 and in January 1992 a meeting in Sligo was attended by Ruairi Quinn T.D. Deputy Leader, Cllr. Joe Costello and General Secretary Ray Kavanagh on behalf of the Labour Party and Alderman Declan Bree, Pat Fallon, General Secretary I.S.P., Dr. Frank Dobbs and Dr. Margaret Connolly on behalf of the I.S.P. This meeting brought together the discussions of the previous year and draft merger proposals were agreed.
- 3. The Agreement was unanimously adopted by the Administrative Council and when put to the I.S.P. membership was overwhelmingly endorsed.
- 4. On May Day 1992 the agreement was formally signed at a Press Conference in Buswells Hotel, Dublin by Alderman Declan Bree and Pat Fallon on behalf of the I.S.P. and by the Party Officers of the Labour Party. This was the second anniversary of our merger with the Democratic Socialist Party.
- 5. In the General Election of November of that year Alderman Declan Bree was elected to Dail Eireann - our first T.D. in Sligo Leitrim since the foundation of the State. Party organisation in Sligo Leitrim now consists of six branches and we are represented on Sligo County Council and Sligo Corporation.



The Merger of the Labour Party and The Independent Socialist Party (Sligo-Leitrim).

Photographed at the merger of the two parties of May Day 1992 L-R: Pat Fallon, General
Secretary I.S.P, Alderman Declan Bree, Niamh Bhreathnach, Chairperson Labour Party, Dick
Spring T.D., Leader Labour Party, Mary McPadden, the late Packie Gralton, President I.S.P.
and Martin McPadden

SECTION FIVE

Referenda

a) Referendum on the Treaty on European Union

- 1. The Treaty on European Union, commonly called The Treaty of Maastricht relating to European Political and Monetary Union was put to referendum on 18th June, 1992.
- 2. At its meeting on 27th May,1992 the Administrative Council decided to support ratification of the Treaty on the basis of a recommendation presented to it by the International Affairs Committee. This decision was taken in spite of reservations on the Governments handling of the affair, including its failure to produce adequate information to the public on this very important matter and the infamous abortion protocol inserted by the previous Government.
- 3. The Party supplied leaflets, posters, briefing documents, car stickers and T-shirts to the Campaign.
- 4. Polling Day on the 18th June, 1992 resulted in the following: Turnout 57%
 For 1,001,076 votes (69%)
 Against 448,655 votes (31%)

The Referendum had been carried in every constituency in the country.

b) Referendum on the Right to Life, Travel and Information

- 1. Arising mainly from a Supreme Court judgement on the so-called "X" Case allowing abortion in very limited cases the Government decided to propose a constitutional change restricting this further. It also included a right to travel and a right to information.
- 2. The Referenda were scheduled for the 3rd December, 1992 but due to

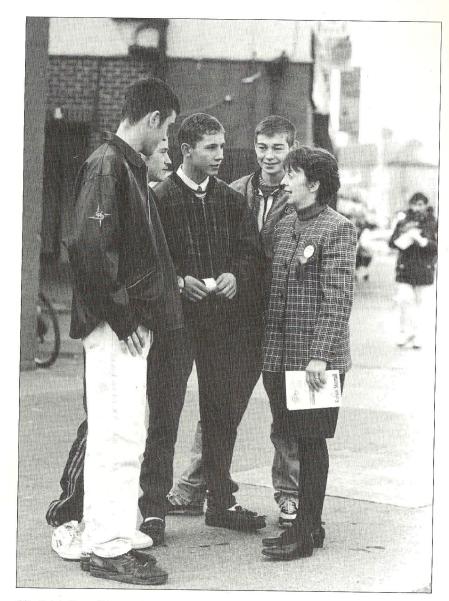
- the collapse of the F.F./P.D. Coalition the date was brought forward to coincide with the General Election Poll on November 25th, 1992.
- 3. The Labour Party strongly opposed the Government proposal on the abortion issue and supported the right to travel and information. 100,000 leaflets were issued on the Referenda and distributed in conjunction with the General Election literature.
- 4. The results showed a massive rejection for the Abortion wording and support for the Rights of Travel and Information.

	Travel	Information	Abortion Wording
For	62.3%	59.6%	34.6%
Against	37.7%	40.1%	65.4%

Dail and Senate General Elections 1992/93

a) THE GENERAL ELECTION 1992

- The results of the Presidential Election in 1990 and the Local Elections in 1991 boosted party morale and together with Opinion Polls results over the period produced an atmosphere of optimism in the Party about significant Labour gains in the oncoming General Election.
- 2. In October 1991 the General Secretary produced a report on the Dail Constituencies outlining twelve target constituencies for Labour gains. On the merger with the Independent Socialist Party (Sligo-Leitrim) this became thirteen. All turned out to be Labour gains in the General Election with the extra four seats coming from Dublin South West (Eamonn Walsh), Dublin North East (Tommy Broughan), Cork East (John Mulvihill) and Clare (Dr. Moosajee Bhamjee) where the Party had magnificent victories.
- 3. During 1991 and 1992 the painstaking process of candidate selection was completed under the direction of the Organisation Committee. Candidate strategy proved particularly successful, so much so that it was attacked by the Taoiseach and taken up by the Media. In the event the Party with 19.3% of the votes gained 19.9% of the seats an almost perfect ratio.
- 4. All through 1992 preparations for the Election continued, including a Media Relations Seminar, Photographic Sessions and in particular the decision to use the innovative black and white large-size election poster borrowed from Derek McDowell"s successful local election campaign which dominated the Poster War nationally. Remaining candidates were selected, posters purchased, literature prepared and Directors of Election appointed.



Cllr. Roisín Shortall canvassing in Whitehall. She went on to head the Poll in Dublin North West.

- 5. When the Government collapsed on 5th November the Party was ready to campaign in a state of unity, high morale and preparation that had rarely been achieved in our history. A General Election Committee was established comprising of:-
 - Barry Desmond M.E.P. Campaign Director of Election, Ray Kavanagh Director of Organisation, Pat Magner Leaders' Tour, Fergus Finlay, Sinead Bruton Media/Information , James Wyrnn Budget, Marion Boushell, Sally Clarke, Aidan McNamara, Dermot Lacey, Ita McAuliffe, Gregg Sparks and Marie McHale. The campaign slogan was "Lets make Ireland work".
- 6. From the very start the Party campaign met with a success that delighted and inspired our candidates and workers. The MRBI opinion poll in August gave us 12% this rose to 17% on 12th November and to 22% on 22nd. The IMS Poll showed us at 15% on 12th November and was 19% a week later while Lansdowne gave us 22% at the end of the campaign.
- 7. The Party Leaders Tour was a great success. Everywhere he was greeted with enthuasism. Almost all constituencies in the country were covered in the tour and the reception given by members and electors alike was a prelude to the triumph of the Party in the election.
- 8. Polling Day was on Wednesday 25th November and by 11 p.m. the next day it was clear that the Party had won its greatest number of seats and its highest percentage since its foundation in 1912.

The Party fielded 42 candidates in 38 Constituencies. This included 8 women, 5 of whom were elected.

Results:-		
Dublin North	* Sean Ryan	34.0%
Dublin South West	* Mervyn Taylor	33.9%
	* Eamonn Walsh	10
Kerry North	* Dick Spring	33.9%
Dublin North East	* Tommy Broughan	30.1%
	* Sean Kenny	
Dublin South Central	* Pat Upton	29.6%
Dublin South	* Eithne Fitzgerald	28.9%
Kildare	* Emmet Stagg	26.8%
	Jack Wall	
Waterford	* Brian O'Shea	26.1%

Dublin South East	*	Ruairi Quinn	25.8%
Carlow Kilkenny	*	Seamus Pattison	24.6%
Kerry South	*	Breeda Moynihan-Cronin	24.1%
Limerick East	*	Jim Kemmy	23.5%
		Jan O'Sullivan	
Dublin North West	*	Roisin Shortall	23.1%
Dublin North Central	*	Derek McDowell	23.1%
Wicklow	*	Liam Kavanagh	22.8%
Tipperary North	*	John Ryan	22.8%
Dublin West	*	Joan Burton	22.6%
Cork North Central	*	Gerry O'Sullivan	22.3%
Louth	*	Michael Bell	22.1%
Tipperary South	*	Michael Ferris	20.9%
Westmeath	*	Willie Penrose	20.1%
Dublin Central	*	Joe Costello	20.1%
Wexford	*	Brendan Howlin	19.8%
Cork South Central	*	Toddy O'Sullivan	18.0%
Galway West	*	Michael D. Higgins	17.7%
Meath	*	Brian Fitzgerald	17.6%
Sligo Leitrim	*	Declan Bree	17.2%
Dun Laoghaire	*	Niamh Bhreathnach	17.0%
Cork North West		Bill Cashin	14.2%
Cork East	*	John Mulvihill	13.8%
Laois Offaly	*	Pat Gallagher	13.0%
Clare	*	Moosajee Bhamjee	11.5%
Donegal North East		Sean Maloney	11.3%
Cork South West		Michael Calnan	11.3%
Limerick West		Mary Kelly	10.8%
Cavan - Monaghan		Ann Gallagher	8.3%
Galway East		Pat Hynes	5.5%
Longford Roscommon		Jim Nolan	1.3%

* Indicates a successful candidate

b) THE SENATE GENERAL ELECTION 1993

- 1. The Administrative Council decided to contest all five panels in the Senate Election and adopted a strategy of fielding candidates who had performed notably in the Dail Election.
- 2. Absent from the list was veteran Labour Senator and constant poll topper Jack Harte whose retirement was accepted with regret by the

Administrative Council. Tributes were paid to his dedication and loyalty to the Party over many years both as Senator and National Organiser.

- 3. The Administrative Council also endorsed the candidacies of Mary Henry (Dublin University Constituency) and Anthony Clare (National University of Ireland Constituency)
- Results:-4. Cultural and Education Panel * Mary Kelly 95 Ouota 160 Agricultural Panel * Michael Calnan 45 Ouota 79 Bill Cashin 43 Labour Panel * Sean Maloney 46 Ouota 79.9% Jack Wall 38 Industrial and Commercial Panel * Ann Gallagher 102 Ouota 95 Administrative Panel * Jan O'Sullivan 96 Quota 120 **Dublin University Constituency** * Mary Henry 1980 Quota 2,869 National University of Ireland Constituency Anthony Clare * 2517 Ouota 8,711
 - * Indicates a successful candidate.
- 5. The Party had 4 outgoing senators and gained one seat. (Mary Henry sits as an Independent Senator). Of our 5 elected senators 3 are women. The increase in our senate representation accords with the increase in our Senate vote from the Local Elections.

SECTION SEVEN

Finance and Accounts

Annual Accounts 1991, 1992

The Annual Accounts for 1991 and 1992 have been audited by the Party's Official Auditor and are printed as an integral part of this Report.

Accounts 1991

Income for 1991 amounted to £255,000. This was an increase of £40,000 on 1990 and was accounted for by an increase of £20,000 in the Party Leader's Allowance and £20,000 by the affiliation of S.I.P.T.U. who were not affiliated in 1990.

Local Elections represented a very substantial item of expenditure and the success of that year in the Local Elections is proof of money well spent. Of the figure of £104,000 just over £20,00 is represented by residual debts from the Presidential and Euro Elections.

Accounts 1992

This was a most successful year and the success of the Party was financially reflected in contributions to our Election Campaign. It can be seen that National Collection has fluctuated between 1991 and 1992 and this is largely due to late payments of 1991 National Collection in 1992.

Other Comments

It can be seen that at the end of 1992 our original £100,000 bank loan dating from the 1987 Election is now reduced to £13,000 and this will be cleared by June of 1993.

Outlook

The Party Leader's Allowance will be greatly reduced during 1993 because we are in Government, although this reduction will be partly offset by contributions of a greatly increased P.L.P. and by very substantial levies from Government Ministers.

In early 1993 income flows have been very good and the outcome at the end

of 1993 should leave the Party in a very solid position. In the coming period, if there is relative political stability, an opportunity is provided for the Party to address the major issue of it's Head Office location.

Conclusion

May I take this opportunity of thanking every member, branch and constituency for their support and involvement in our financial activities over the last eight years.

THE LABOUR PARTY

REVENUE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December	1991	1990
Income	IR£	IR£
Affiliation Fees - Corporate Members	29,946	8,316
Branches and Councils	6,128	6,355
Membership Registration with Head Office	21,478	21,818
National Collection	21,576	24,504
Party Leader's Allowance	109,202	90,188
Parliamentary Party - Contributions	25,393	32,565
Members' Standing Orders	7,285	6,185
May Day	1,000	800
Annual Conference - Delegates' Fees	12,526	_
Subscriptions and Grants including Election Income	39,529	33,017
Sales of Publications and Literature	45	889
Lottery	40,209	44,366
Less: Expenses	(26,216)	(33,355)
Youth Officer Employment Grant	7,000	7,000
* *	295,101	242,648
Total Expenditure (See page 2 for details)	309,000	183,614
Surplus (Loss) for year	(13,899)	59,034

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EXPENDITURE

for the year ended 31 December	1991	1990
	IR£	IR£
Staff Salaries and Pensions Conference Expenses Other Conferences Printing, Stationery and Newspapers Leasing Office Equipment Postage and Telephone Party Leader's Office Expenses Organising Expenses Research Expenses P.R. and Publicity Cost of Elections Travelling Expenses	78,740 23,151 3,393 1,082 5,593 5,597 36,951 1,364 320 4,277 104,083	75,260
Rents, Rates and Tax	14,029 4,332	18,361 4,185
Repairs and Renewals Heating, Lighting and Cleaning Professional Fees Insurances Bank Interest, Charges and Cheque Books Affiliation Fees - International and Other Miscellaneous Depreciation of Office Equipment	3,491 3,313 1,800 604 9,439 5,085 892 1,464 309,000	446 3,168 2,972 883 9,473 4,237 - 1,396 183,614

THE LABOUR PARTY

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December	1991	1990
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FIXED ASSETS		
Premises at Cost	47,610	47,601
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	2,792	2,792
Office Equipment	13,172	12,565
	63,565	62,958
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	6,330	500
Debtors and Prepayments	8,160	3,041
Cash at Bank	(5,714)	7,576
	8,776	11,117
Less: Current Liabilities		
Bridging Loan	20,422	-
Creditors	33,585	18,866
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	_54,007	18,866
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Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	(45,231)	(7,749)
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Net Assets	18,334	55,209
Financed by:		
Surplus (Deficiency) as at 1 January	(3,167)	(62,201)
Surplus (Loss) for year	(13,899)	59,034
Term Loan	35,400	54,950
Other Loans		3,426
	18,334	55,209

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of The Labour Party

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts from the books and vouchers of The Labour Party, and from information supplied and we confirm that they are correctly drawn up in accordance therewith.

1 Gardiner Row Dublin 1 16 March 1993

D. O'CONNOR & CO Chartered Accounts

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REVENUE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December	1992	1991
Income	IR£	IR£
Affiliation Fees - Corportate Members	30,056	29,946
Branches and Councils	4,871	6,128
Membership Registration with Head Office	14,476	21,478
National Collection	27,683	21,576
Party Leader's Allowance	106,596	109,202
Parliamentary Party Contributions	23,637	25,393
Members' Standing Orders	8,998	7,285
May Day	84	1,000
Annual Conference - Delegates' Fees	610	12,526
Subscriptions and Grants including Election Income	142,021	39,529
Sales of Publications and Literature	100	45
Lottery	48,786	40,209
Less: Expenses	(39,333)	(26,216)
Youth Officer Employment Grant	7,000	7,000
Other Income	10,000	-
	385,685	295,101
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Total Expenditure (see page 2 for details)	329,229	309,000
Surplus (Loss) for year	56,456	(13,899)

THE LABOUR PARTY

EXPENDITURE

for the year ended 31 December	1992	1991
	IR£	IR£
Staff Salaries and Pensions	112,446	78,740
Conference Expenses	-	23,151
Other Conferences	_ <	3,393
Printing, Stationery and Newspapers	4,850	1,082
Leasing Office Equipment	9,809	5,593
Postage and Telephone	4,263	5,597
Party Leader's Office Expenses	31,589	36,951
Organising Expenses	2,650	1,364
Research Expenses	30	320
P.R. and Publicity	6,800	4,277
Cost of Elections	114,598	104,083
Travelling Expenses	12,847	14,029
Rent, Rates and Tax	4,542	4,332
Repairs and Renewals	4,436	3,491
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	3,715	3,491
Professional Fees	1,800	1,800
Insurances	648	604
Bank Interest, Charges and Cheque Books	5,128	9,439
Affiliation Fees - International and Other	4,856	5,085
Miscellaneous	2,614	892
Depreciation of Office Equipment	1,608	1,464
	329,229	309,000

THE LABOUR PARTY

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December	1992 IR£	1991 IR£
Fixed Assets		
Premises at Cost Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings Office Equipment	47,601 2,792 14,467	47,601 2,792 13,172
	64,860	63,565
Current Assets		
Stock Debtors and Prepayments Cash at Bank	6,270 35,568 (4,603)	6,330 8,160 (5,714)
	37,235	8,776
Less: Current Liabilities Bridging Loan Creditors	49,647 49,647	20,422 33,585 54,007
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	(12,412)	(45,231)
Net Assets	52,448 ======	18,334
Financed by: Surplus (Deficiency) as at 1 January Surplus (Loss) for year Term Loan	(17,066) 56,456 13,058	(3,167) (13,899) <u>35,400</u>
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of The Labour Party

We have prepared the foregoing Accounts from the books and vouchers of The Labour Party, and from information supplied and we confirm that they are correctly drawn up in accordance therewith.

1 Gardiner Row Dublin 1 16 March 1993

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Labour councillors visit Brussels in association with Barry Desmond M.E.P. to present a submission "Light Rail Transport System for Dublin" on 7th November 1991. L-R: Michael Conaghan, Derek McDowell, Paddy Bourke, Eamonn Walsh, Bernie Malone, Lord Mayor Sean Kenny, Mary Freehill, Joe Connolly, Niamh Bhreathnach, Frank Smyth, Ruairí Quinn and Sean Ryan.

SECTION EIGHT

International Affairs

International Affairs Committee

The Committee was re-appointed by the Administrative Council at its first meeting. The initial meeting was held on 23rd September 1991. Brendan Halligan was elected Chairman. The Committee met on eleven occasions.

Ita McAuliffe once again agreed to provide secretarial services in addition to her other duties and contributed substantially to the work of the Committee and of the International Secretary. The Committee has enjoyed the full support of Head Office Staff and of the Office of the Party Leader.

Party Spokespersons

During the period under review the following Deputies acted as Party Spokespersons:

Foreign Affairs / Development Cooperation European Affairs

Michael D. Higgins Ruairi Quinn Liam Kavanagh

Policy Development

The Administrative Council, at its meeting on 29th May 1992, decided to publish two documents prepared by the International Affairs Committee as the Labour Party's contribution to the national debate on the Maastricht Treaty:

Conclusions, Summary and Analysis of the Treaty

Labour Party Statement:

Security and Neutrality -

Principle in Foreign Policy

National Conference 1991

Conference adopted Resolutions on South Africa; Overseas Development Assistance; Socialist Group in the European Parliament; Baltic States; Eastern Europe; United Nations and the European Community.

Conference received Fraternal Delegates from PvdA (Netherlands); Labour Party (UK); SDLP; Socialist Group in the European Parliament: Confederation of Socialist Parties in the EC and Socialist International Women. The Embassies of Switzerland, Australia, India, Federal Republic of Germany, Turkey, People's Republic of China, France, Japan, USA, UK and USSR were represented.

Socialist International

The Party attempted to maintain close relations with the Socialist International despite the severe constraints imposed by financial resources. The International Secretary held a number of informal meetings with the General Secretary of the S.I., Luis Ayala.

The International Secretary represented the Party at the XIX Congress of the International in Berlin in September 1992 which was attended by representatives of as many as 150 parties and organisations from over 100 countries. Pierre Mauroy was elected as President in succession to Willy Brandt, whose message to delegates was received with great emotion. The Italian Party of the Democratic Left was accepted as a Full Member Party while Observer Party status was given, among others, to the Hungarian Socialist Party and the FSLN of Nicaragua - the Sandinistas.

The International Secretary attended a meeting of the Council of the SI in Berlin in September 1992.

The Labour Party was represented by Mairead Hayes and Marion Boushell at the Congress of Socialist International Women in Berlin, September 1992.

The International Secretary attended a meeting of the Council of the SI Middle East Committee in Strasbourg on 11th October 1991 at which representatives of Jordan, Syria and the PLO were present.

Death of Willie Brandt

Willy Brandt died on October 8th 1992. His death was mourned by the socialist movement worldwide, and by all committed to democracy, peace and justice. The Party Leader in a statement highlighted Willie Brandt's contribution to detente, disarmament and North/South relationships and his leadership of the SI over 16 years. The Labour Party was represented by the International Secretary at the State Funeral in the Berlin Reichstag on October 17th, 1992.

Confederation of Socialist Parties in the European Community

The Party continued to work closely with the parties of the Confederation in

the development of a socialist response to the rapid changes in European political circumstances and to the wide-ranging programme of the European Community. Guy Spitaels of the Party Socialiste Belge who had been elected President of the Confederation at the Berlin Congress in February 1990 resigned during 1992 on his election as President of the Wallonia Regional Executive. The Confederation Bureau meeting in Bordeaux on 10th July, 1992 elected Willy Claes, Foreign Minister of Belgium as President of the Confederation.

Party of European Socialists /PES

The parties of the Confederation, together with the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, decided to transform its organisation into a new structure, the Party of European Socialists with the goal of generating a fresh dynamism in policies and campaigning. The new Party will be in a position to benefit from the provisions of the Maastricht Treaty dealing with European Political Parties.

The founding Congress of the Party of European Socialists took place in Den Haag, Netherlands, on 9-10 November. The Labour Party was represented by the International Secretary and Barry Desmond MEP. The Congress adopted the Statutes of the Party. The Officers of the Party of European Socialists are:

President Vice Presidents	Willy Claes Jack Cunningham	BSP/Belgium LP/UK
Vice i residents	Mario Dido	PSI/Italy
	Heinz Fischer	PSO/Austria
	Elena Flores	PSOE/Spain
	Gerard Fuchs	PS/France
	Thijs Woltgens	PvdA/Netherlands
General Secretary	Axel Hanisch	SPD/Germany
Treasurer	Raymond Becker	POSL/Luxembourg

The International Secretary was appointed as Auditor of the PES.

The PES has nineteen Full Member Parties from fifteen countries: the twelve EC members. Member States (including Northern Ireland), Austria, Finland and Sweden. Associate Parties are in Cyprus, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland and Observer Parties in Israel, Malta, San Marino and Turkey.

The Labour Party was represented at Confederation and PES meetings as follows:

Bureau	May 1991	Corfu	B. Desmond MEP;	I. Secretary
Leaders	June 1991	Luxembourg	Deputy Leader;	I.Secretary
Bureau	October 1991	Strasbourg	Enda McKay	3
Leaders	December 1991	Brussels	Party Leader;	I. Secretary
Bureau	February 1992	Brussels	I. Secretary	•
Bureau	May 1992	Strasbourg	I. Secretary	
Leaders	June 1992	Lisbon	S. Pattison TD;	I. Secretary
Bureau	July 1992	Bordeaux	I. Secretary	•
Leaders	October 1992	Brussels	Party Leader;	I.Secretary
Bureau	October 1992	Brussels	I.Secretary	•
Bureau	November 1992	Den Haag	I.Secretary	
Bureau	December 1992	Edinburgh	I.Secretary	
Leaders	December 1992	Edinburgh	I.Secretary	
Bureau	January 1993	Brussels	I.Secretary	
Bureau	March 1993	Brussels	I.Secretary	

The Labour Party has been fully represented on a number of Confederation/ PES Working Groups during the past two years.

Socialist Group in the European Parliament

Full involvement in the Group, through the activity of Barry Desmond MEP who is Vice-President of the Group and Vice-Chairman of the influential Economic and Monetary Committee, has provided the Party with an increasing range of opportunities for policy discussion, education and exchange of experience.

Among the activities arising from the Party's involvement in the European Parliament may be listed: Seminar on Industrial Policy (M.Taylor TD); Conference on the Environment (B.Howlin TD); Conference on the Inter-Governmental Conferences (R. Quinn TD); Conference on Agriculture (S. Pattison TD); Seminar on Maastricht (R. Shortall TD, T. Broughan TD, D. McDowell TD).

Barry Desmond invited a series of groups of Party activists to Study Visits to Strasbourg and Brussels on 7-10 November, 1991.

Enda McKay, the Group Administrator dealing with the Regional Affairs Committee, has provided a most important link between the Group and the Party and has greatly assisted the work of the International Affairs Committee.

Friedrich Ebert Foundation / FES

An initial joint Seminar, on Neutrality and Security was held in Dublin on

24-25 May, 1991. The Seminar was attended by a number of Labour Party representatives and invited Irish experts together with politicians and academics from Germany, UK, Sweden, Finland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary. An introductory paper was presented by Prof. Patrick Keating of TCD and a wide-ranging discussion took place.

A second joint Seminar on 'EMU after Maastricht' was held on 24-25 January, 1992 in the Mont Clare Hotel. Labour Party representatives were joined by Peter Schulze (FES); German MPs Norbert Wieczorek, Dietrich Sperling an Nils Diederich; Richard Coburn MP, British Labour Party; Prof. Dermot McAleese, Prof. David Coombes and Dr. Rory O'Donnell.

Brussels Support Group

The Brussels Support Group is being developed steadily and has the backing of a growing circle of Irish staff-members in the various Community Institutions. Arthur Kerrigan has been elected Chairman of the Group. Meetings have been addressed by the International Secretary, Brendan Halligan and Barry Desmond MEP.

Representation

The Party was represented as follows:

British Labour Party, Brighton, October 1991: Int. Secretary, P. Magner, A. Byrne, H. Haughton.

SDLP, Enniskillen, November 1991. Sen. J. Costello.

British Labour Party, Blackpool, October 1992: Party Leader; H. Haughton.

Swedish Party Seminar on Womens' Europe, Stockholm, January 1992: Niamh Bhreathnach.

Confederation/NDI Seminar on Social Democracy in the New Europe, Prague, January 1992: R. Quinn TD.

NDI delegation to elections in Niger, September 1992: R. Quinn TD.

A Party Group, led by the Financial Secretary, visited the Swedish election campaign in September 1991.

French Socialist Party Congress, Bordeaux, July, 1992: International Secretary.

Conference on Migration Policy, Vienna, March 1992: I. Secretary.

Somalia

Michael D. Higgins T.D. visited Kenya and Somalia with a Trocaire delegation and his report graphically described the scale of the crisis stressing its political and humanitarian aspects. It was agreed that, in conjunction with other Parties in the EC and SI, all efforts should be made to bring about stronger United Nations resolutions and action. The Party Leader persuaded the Confederation Party Leaders to adopt a strong policy position on Somalia and argued for closer attention to the longterm issues, such as the implications of the arms sales policies of European states.

Visitors

Among the visitors received by the Party were:

Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersen - April 1991.

Neil Kinnock MP, Leader of the Labour Party, U.K. - October 1991.

SPD MPs Christoph Zopel and Marion Caspers-Merk - August 1992. Icelandic Social Democratic Party Group - October 1992.

International Politics

The period under review saw many major and challenging developments in European and World politics, not least those connected with the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. The Labour Party has attempted, within its financial and organisational limits, to play a constructive part in the worldwide socialist movement in facing up to this dramatic rate of change.

With the creation of the Party of European Socialists and with the expansion of its membership to include the Austrian, Swedish and Finnish parties the movement is now well placed to work internationally for the attainment of its declared goals of peace, development and human rights. The period ahead will see the enlargement of the Community and the commencement of very significant debates on issues such as security and defence in Europe.

As the Labour Party for the first time takes ministerial responsibility for Irish Foreign Policy, the Party itself will have to accord a higher priority and appropriate resources to this area of policy and activity. International politics provide the framework for all aspects of our national politics today and this fact will intensify in the years ahead - in the Single Market framework and beyond, and in a Europe which must develop a new and effective security and peace order. Labour's long-standing policy commitments and insights will provide a sound basis for Ireland's contribution to this historic process.

Obituaries

Paddy Bergin - Born in Carlow in 1913 he became a Sugar Cook in the Sugar Factory and from the beginning was involved in the Trade Union and Republican Movement. He was elected to Carlow UDC and County Council and unsuccessfully contested the General Election in 1948. He was full time Organiser for the Party 1951 - 1954 and was appointed to the Senate 1954 - 1957. Founding member of the Irish Labour History Society in 1973 and later its Honorary President. His warm personality, good humour and lifelong committment to the Party made his death in April 1991 a great loss to us all.

Tom Byrne - a great loss to his Wicklow constituency following so closely on the death of his friend and colleague Frank Hynes. Tom was a member of the Labour Party for 56 years and was co-opted onto Wicklow UDC to replace the late Jim Everett in 1967 and re-elected on each subsequent occasion.

Jack Coughlan - A veteran of the War of Independence and a railway employee he founded the Tuam Branch of the Labour Party in 1922. He was elected onto the Board of Commissioners in 1934 and re-elected on each occasion until 1967 having twice been Chairman. He initiated a tenant purchase scheme in Tuam in the thirties which was the first in the country. He was responsible for the building of 400 houses in the town between 1934 and 1937.

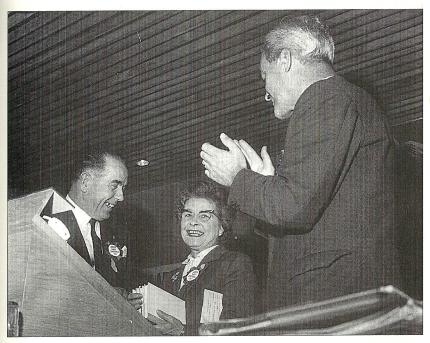
Packie Gralton - He was a farmer on a smallholding in Drumsna, Co. Leitrim. He was of the tradition of rural radicalism in Ireland. He was President of the Independent Socialist Party (Sligo - Leitrim) until its merger with Labour on 1st May, 1992.

Frank Hynes - a longstanding and stalwart member of the Wicklow Labour Party. He was a County Councillor for 25 years where he represented Wicklow Electoral Area and was twice Chairman of the Eastern Health Board - a position he occupied at the time of his death in January 1993.

Paddy Murphy - a founder member of the Federation of Rural Workers and holder of all senior positions in that union. An executive member of the I.T.U.C. and later of the I.C.T.U. . A loyal Party activist who served as a councillor on Dublin County Council for 20 years. As Chairperson of its Housing Committee he presided over the biggest expansion of low cost housing in the history of the state. He was a man whose life and career embodied the link between the Party and the Trade Union Movement.

Cissie Roughan - a woman of immense courage and compassion in her private and public life. Her dedication to her family, her town of Kilrush and the Labour Party made her a symbol of all that is best in the Labour movement. The first woman Chair of Kilrush UDC of which she was completing her second term at the time of her death.

Jimmy Tully - organiser and General Secretary of the Federation of Rural Workers (1954 - 1973). T.D. for Meath 1954 - 1957 and 1961 - 1981. Deputy Leader of the Party from 1972 - 1977 and 1981 - 1982. He was Minister for Local Government 1973 - 1977 when he was responsible for the building of the remarkable number of over 100,000 local authority houses. He established An Bord Pleanala and was the first to propose Inner City Renewal in Dublin. In the 1981 - 1982 Government he was Minister for Defence. His immense contribution to the Party and the nation was reflected in the attendance at his funeral in Laytown on 29 May, 1992 when Party members from all over Ireland joined with his former constituents to bid him farewell.



The late Jimmy Tully T.D. pictured at the 1967 Conference with the Party Secretary Senator Mary Davidson and Party Leader Brendan Corish T.D.

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