## MAKE H-BLOCK THE ISSUE!



# **DOHERTY Nº1**

I am standing in this constituency with the primary intention of making the crisis in the H Blocks the central issue in this election. As a member of the National H Block/Armagh Committee, I have campaigned consistently in support of the 5 demands of the prisoners.

#### HUNGER-STRIKERS: BRITAIN TO BLAME

Already four hunger strikers have died at the hands of a bloody and vindictive British Government led by Margaret Thatcher, a government which has shown nothing but contempt for the entire Irish people. By these deaths the British have tried to make lesser people of all of us.

#### THE NORTH HAS FAILED

At the last Fianna Fail Ard Fheis Mr. Haughey reiterated the fact that Northern Treland "has failed as a political entity." The partition of Ireland was a crime against the Irish people. The real victims of partition are those young men and women, who in their own way have fought against partition, oppression and discrimination and who now languish in the H Blocks and Armagh Jail. As a result they are in reality "the prisoners of partition."

#### STAND UP TO THATCHER

The four hunger-strikers need not have died. They would not have died if Irish political leaders in general and in particular Mr. Haughey had stood up to Mrs. Thatcher and said "Enough is enough. If one prisoner dies then that spells an end to the 'special relationship' wherby Irish troops patrol a border which the vast majority of the Irish people recognize as artificial."

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A vote for VINCENT DOHERTY No. 1 in this election will be a vote in recognition of the simple reality that the North has failed as a political entity and that the H Block prisoners are the victims of Britain's partition of Ireland. It will be a clear mandate to stand up to Thatcher and force her to implement the 5 simple demands of the prisoners.

### message from BERNADETTE McALISKEY

#### BERNADETTE MCALISKEY SAYS:

"A vote for Vincent Doherty No. 1 is a vote against the torture and humiliation of young Irishmen and women. It is a vote to stand up to Mrs. Thatcher and to force her to implement the 5 demands of the prisoners. Vincent Doherty as a fellow member of the NHBAC has been a tireless and consistent worker for the 5 demands of the prisoners. I support his candidature and would urge people in this constituency to vote Vincent Doherty No. 1 on June 11th."

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