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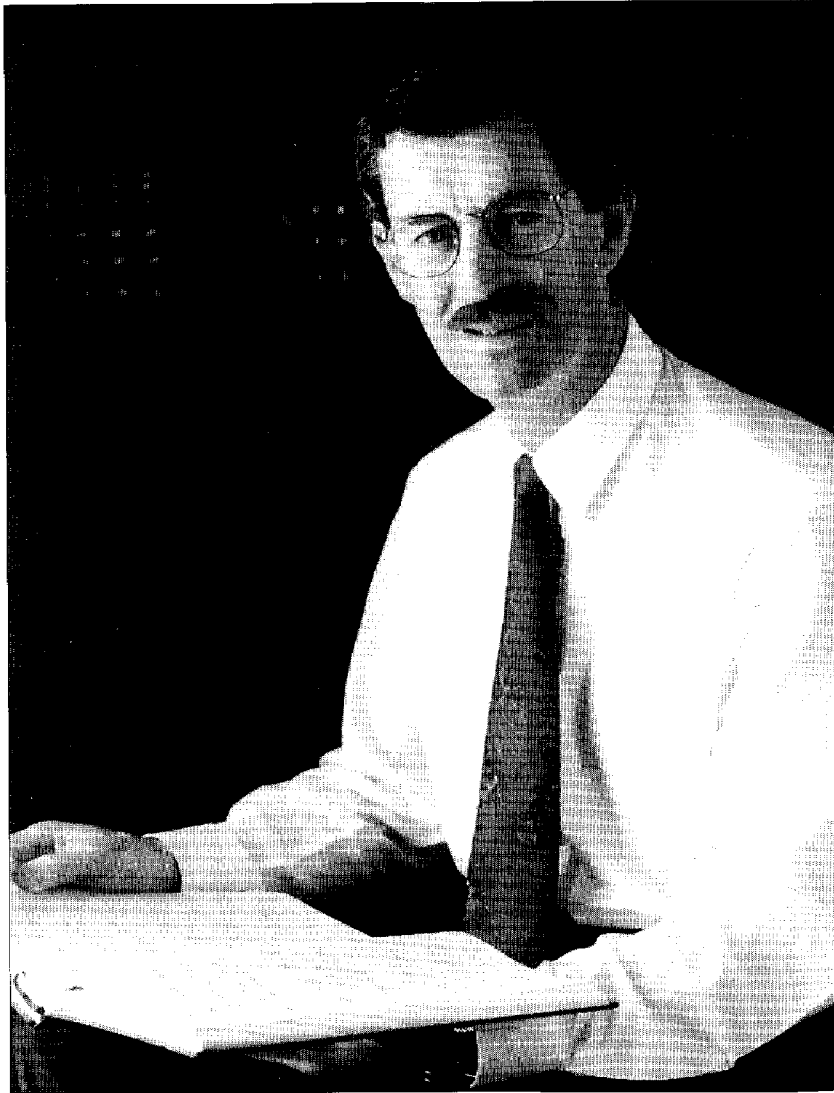
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## *Introduction*

I have great pleasure in introducing the Report on the Party's activities for the period between National Conference April 1993 in Waterford and National Conference April 1995 in Limerick.

**Ray Kavanagh**  
*General Secretary*



*The final meeting of the Administrative Council, 24th March, 1993.*  
*Back row – Ciarán O'Mara, Aoife Breslin, Feargal O'Boyle, Tony Brown (International Secretary), Michael Ferris, T.D., Dermot Lacey, Henry Haughton.*  
*Fourth row – Yvonne Galligan, John McGlinchey, Pat Feeley, Mairead Hayes (Chairperson of LWNC), Emer Malone, Billy Healy, James Wynn.*  
*Third row – John O'Brien, Senator Mary Kelly, Dan Browne, Declan Bree, T.D., Anne Byrne, Senator Pat Magner.*  
*Second row – Sam Nolan, Tony Lancaster, Paddy Murray, Marion Boushell (Deputy General Secretary), Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, T.D.*  
*Front row – Nicky Halley, Ruairí Quinn, T.D., Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Toddy O'Sullivan, T.D. (Chairperson of PLP), Dick Spring, T.D., Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ray Kavanagh (General Secretary), Brendan Howlin, T.D., Minister for Health, Roisin Shortall, T.D. (Vice Chairperson of the Party), Eamonn Devoy.*

## SECTION ONE (a)

# The General Council

At the National Conference of the Labour Party held in Killarney in April 1991 a new Constitution was adopted which came into effect at the National Conference held in Waterford in April 1993. Under the terms of the new Constitution the Administrative Council was abolished and replaced by a General Council (GC) and an Executive Committee (EC). The General Council, subject to the ultimate control exercised by the Party Conference, manages the organisation and administrative affairs of the Party and directs and co-ordinates its activities. The Executive Committee is the standing committee of the General Council and carries on the business of the Council between the its meetings.

### Membership

The members of the GC elected by National Conference in Waterford in April 1993, were:

Jim Kemmy TD (Chairperson), John O'Brien (Vice-Chairperson), Aidan McNamara (Financial Secretary), Frank Barry (Dublin North East), Cllr. Frank Buckley (Dublin South), Thomas Carr (Wexford), Margaret Clinec (Kildare), Ann Connolly (Dublin South East), Paddy Cummins (Tipperary South), Noelle Dason (Limerick East), Peter Donnellan (Westmeath), Vince Follin (Kerry South), Nicholas Halley (Carlow/Kilkenny), Dympna Harper (Dublin South East), John McAlinden (Dublin South Central), Cllr. Frank Nash (Cork North Central), Sam Nolan (Dublin Central), Cllr. Sean Roche (Waterford).

All members of the Executive Committee are members of the General Council.

The Parliamentary Party, in accordance with the Party Constitution, elects six delegates to the GC. These were Declan Bree TD, Tommy Broughan TD, Senator Michael Calnan, Sean Kenny TD, Seamus Pattison TD, and Roisin Shortall TD. Following the removal of the Party Whip from Tommy Broughan TD in July 1994, the PLP elected Brian Fitzgerald TD to replace him on the GC.

The Labour Women's National Council (LWNC), in accordance with the Party Constitution, elects two delegates to the GC. Emer Malone (Dublin Central) and Breeda Moynihan Cronin TD (Kerry South) were the representatives on the GC until December 1993. Following the AGM of the LWNC in December 1993, the delegates were Emer Malone (Dublin Central) and Joanna Tuffy (Dublin West).

The group of affiliated trade unions, in accordance with the Party Constitution, elects two delegates to the GC. These were Michael O'Reilly (ATGWU) and Eamon Devoy (A.E.E.U).

Labour Youth, in accordance with the Party constitution, elects two delegates to the GC. In the period May 1993 to October 1994 these were Aoife Breslin (Kildare) and Fearghal O'Boyle (Dublin South). Following the Labour Youth National Conference in November 1994, the delegates were Cllr Des Cullen (Cavan/Monaghan) and Aimee Tallon (Dublin South).

The Association of Labour Councillors, in accordance with the Constitution, elects two delegates to the GC. These were Cllr. Tom Kelleher (Dublin North) and Cllr. Frank Prendergast (Limerick East).

At its inaugural meeting in May 1993 the GC re-appointed Alice Somers, Dan Browne and Emmet Stagg TD as the Party Trustees with the right to attend and speak at GC Meetings. It was also agreed that they be the Party Trustees of Labour Youth.

In accordance with custom and practice, the Chairperson of the LWNC, the Youth Education Officer (YEO) and the Press Officer have the right to attend and speak at GC Meetings. During the period covered by this report these were Cllr. Dermot Lacey (YEO), Mairead Hayes (LWNC) and Tom Butler (Press Officer).

The GC met seven times during the period covered by this report and the following is the record of attendance:

Dick Spring TD (6/7), Ruairi Quinn TD (6/7), Jim Kemmy TD (7/7), John O'Brien (7/7) Aidan McNamara (5/7), Frank Barry (6/7), Cllr. Frank Buckley (2/7), Thomas Carr (5/7), Margaret Cline (5/7), Ann Connolly (7/7), Paddy Cummins (6/7), Noelle Dason (3/7), Peter Donnellan (6/7), Vince Follin (5/7), Nicholas Halley (4/7), Dympna Harper (7/7), John McAlinden (7/7), Cllr. Frank Nash (4/7), Sam Nolan (5/7), Cllr. Sean Roche (5/7), Anne Casey (6/7), Pat Feeley (7/7), Henry Haughton (7/7), Billy Healy (5/7), Martin

Kennedy (5/7), Cllr. John McGinley (3/7), Morgan Stack (6/7), Noeline Dunphy (7/7), Alice Somers (2/7), Declan Bree TD (6/7), Tommy Broughan TD (2/3), Senator Michael Calnan (5/7), Sean Kenny TD (7/7), Seamus Pattison TD (5/7), Roisin Shortall TD (4/7), Toddy O'Sullivan TD (4/6), Cllr. Tom Kelleher (5/7), Cllr. Frank Prendergast (5/7), Eamon Devoy (4/7), Michael O'Reilly (1/7), Emer Malone (6/7), Breeda Moynihan-Cronin TD (1/2), Aoife Breslin (2/4), Fearghal O'Boyle (4/4), Mairead Hayes (5/6), Cllr. Dermot Lacey (6/6), Tony Brown (4/7), Senator Pat Magner (4/7), Tom Butler (2/6), Dan Browne (4/6), Michael Bell TD (1/1), Emmet Stagg (2/6), Joanna Tuffy (5/5), Brian Fitzgerald TD (4/4), Cllr Des Cullen (3/3), Aimee Tallon (2/3), Marion Boushell (7/7), Ray Kavanagh (7/7).

### **Sub-Committees**

The GC at its meeting in May 1993 appointed a number of committees to manage various areas of the Party's activities:

#### **(a) Organisation Committee**

Membership: Senator Pat Magner (Organisation Secretary and Chairperson), Anne Byrne, Henry Haughton, Cllr. John McGinley, Pat Feeley, Anne Casey, Pat Fallon, Morgan Stack.

Ex-officio members: Party Officers:- Dick Spring TD (Party Leader), Ruairi Quinn TD (Deputy Leader), Jim Kemmy TD (Party Chairperson), John O'Brien (Party Vice-Chairperson), Aidan McNamara (Financial Secretary), Tony Brown (International Secretary), Marion Boushell (Deputy General Secretary), Ray Kavanagh (General Secretary).

#### **(b) Finance Committee**

Membership: Aidan McNamara (Financial Secretary), Pat Feeley, James Wrynn, Alice Somers and Michael Higgins (Chairperson).

Ex-officio members: Party Officers.

#### **(c) International Affairs Committee**

Membership: Brendan Halligan (Chairperson), Tony Brown (International Secretary), Thomas Carr, Cllr Frank Nash, Seamus Pattison TD, Cllr. Sean Roche, Cllr. Frank Prendergast, Michael McLoughlin, Sam Nolan.

Co-options: Brendan Halligan, Niall Greene, Ciaran O'Mara, Helena Sheehan, Enda O'Doherty, Odran Reid, Andy Storey, Bernie Malone MEP.

Ex-officio members: Party Officers.

### **International Secretary**

The GC at its meeting in May 1993 appointed Tony Brown as the Party's International Secretary in an honorary capacity.

### **Organisation Secretary**

The GC at its meeting in May 1993 appointed Senator Pat Magner as the Party's Organisation Secretary in an honorary capacity.

### **National Conference**

The 1993 National Conference was held in Jury's Hotel, Waterford, on 2nd/3rd/4th April 1993 with 1,164 registered delegates. There were 149 motions tabled. Conference adopted two policy documents – "Security & Neutrality – Principles in Foreign Policy" and "An dTeanga – Our Story".

### **Meeting with Sinn Fein**

On 7th February 1995 the Labour Party met with the Sinn Fein Party in an historic development as part of the Peace Process. It was the first official meeting between our two Parties since the foundation of the state. The Labour Party delegation was led by the Party Leader Dick Spring TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs and included Ruairi Quinn TD, Minister for Finance, Brian Fitzgerald TD, Derek McDowell TD, Sean Kenny TD, Senator Sean Maloney, Senator Ann Gallagher and Ray Kavanagh, General Secretary. The Sinn Fein delegation was led by its Party Leader Gerry Adams and included Pat Doherty, Ann Speed, Cllr Christy Burke, Joe Reilly, Rita O'Hare and the General Secretary, Lucillita Bhreathnach.

## **SECTION ONE (b)**

# ***The Executive Committee***

### **Membership**

Dick Spring TD (Party Leader), Ruairi Quinn TD (Deputy Leader), Jim Kemmy TD (Party Chairperson), John O'Brien (Party Vice-Chairperson), Aidan McNamara (Financial Secretary), Toddy O'Sullivan TD (Chairperson of the PLP).

Non voting members: Ray Kavanagh (General Secretary), Marion Boushell (Deputy General Secretary), Senator Pat Magner (Organisation Secretary), Tony Brown (International Secretary).

The seven delegates elected by Conference in Waterford in April 1993 were: Ann Casey (Wexford), Pat Feeley (Dun Laoghaire), Henry Haughton (Dublin North), Billy Healy (Tipperary South), Cllr. Martin Kennedy (Tipperary North), Cllr John McGinley (Kildare), Morgan Stack (Kerry North).

Under the Constitution, Article 10.6 (d), provision is made for such number of women as shall, if and so often as may be necessary, to be co-opted by the EC to serve as members thereof for the purpose of ensuring that not less than three of the voting members of the EC are women. Only one woman was elected by Conference and therefore at its inaugural meeting in April 1993, the EC co-opted Alice Somers and Noeline Dunphy.

Under the terms of the Constitution of Labour Youth, the EC are required to nominate three delegates to the National Youth Committee and at the inaugural meeting in April 1993, the EC appointed Senator Ann Gallagher (Cavan/Monaghan), Aidan Culhane (Dublin South) and Jason Spratt (Sligo/Leitrim).

Following the appointment of Toddy O'Sullivan TD as Minister of State at the Department of Tourism and Trade, in January 1995, Michael Bell TD was elected Chairperson of the PLP, and replaced Toddy O'Sullivan TD on the EC.

The EC met thirteen times during the period covered by this report and the following is the record of attendance:

Dick Spring TD (8/13), Ruairi Quinn TD (9/13), Jim Kemmy TD (13/13), John O'Brien (13/13), Aidan McNamara (9/13), Anne Casey (12/13), Pat Feeley (13/13), Henry Haughton (12/13), Billy Healy (8/13), Cllr. Martin Kennedy (8/13), Cllr. John McGinley (8/13), Morgan Stack (12/13), Tony Brown (4/13), Senator Pat Magner (6/13), Toddy O'Sullivan TD (9/13), Noeline Dunphy (12/12), Alice Somers (4/12), Marion Boushell (12/13), Ray Kavanagh (13/13).

#### **Constitutional Review**

The Executive Committee decided at its last meeting on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1995 that a review of the Party Constitution would be undertaken in the period between the next two National Conferences.

## **SECTION ONE (c)**

# *National Youth Committee of Labour Youth*

#### **National Conference of Labour Youth**

Labour Youth has held two Conferences in the period covered by this report.

#### **Labour Youth Conference 1993**

The National Conference of Labour Youth took place in Cork from Friday 5th - Sunday 7th March 1993. There was a mixture of plenary sessions and workshops.

Among those who attended as guests were: The Party Leader and Tanaiste, Dick Spring TD, Ministers of State Joan Burton TD and Gerry O'Sullivan TD, Party Chairperson Jim Kemmy TD, Vice-Chairperson Roisin Shortall TD, PLP Chairperson Toddy O'Sullivan TD, Pat Gallagher TD, Derek McDowell TD, John Mulvihill TD, Senator Ann Gallagher and John O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson.

The Conference elected the following National Officers and National Youth Committee:

Chairperson:	Des Cullen,	Cavan/Monaghan.
Vice-Chairperson:	David Leach,	Cork South Central.
Secretary:	Conall Mc Devitt,	Dublin West.
Treasurer:	Gillian Stagg,	Kildare.

NYC: Kevin Fidgeon, Joe Gleeson, Pat Hickey, James Mahon, Chris Mooney, Ronan O'Brien, Vincent O'Dwyer, Aimee Tallon, Pdraig Barrett and Ciairin de Buis.

The Executive Committee nominated Senator Ann Gallagher (Cavan/Monaghan), Jason Spratt (Sligo/Leitrim) and Aidan Culhane (Dublin South).

AC/GC reps: Fearghal O'Boyle and Aoife Breslin.



The NYC met thirteen times. The October meeting took place in Cork and the February meeting in Sligo.

The NYC made the following appointments:

Press Officer:	Ronan O'Brien,	Dublin North Central
Students Officer:	David Leach,	Cork South Central.
Equality Officer:	Aimee Tallon,	Dublin South.
Editor Revue:	Aidan Culhane,	Dublin South.
International Officer:	Michael Mc Loughlin	Dun Laoghaire.
Training Officer:	Fearghal O'Boyle,	Dublin South.

### **National Conference 1994**

Labour Youth held its 1994 National Conference in November, in the Central Hotel, in Dublin. There was a very good attendance, the highest in four conferences.

Minister Joan Burton opened the conference. The following were elected members of the National Youth Committee:

Chairperson:	Fearghal O'Boyle	Dublin South
Vice-Chairperson:	Mark Garret	U.C.D.
Secretary:	Conall McDevitt	Dublin West
Treasurer:	Michelle Norris	Kerry North
GC Reps:	Aimee Tallon	Dublin South
	Cllr Des Cullen	Cavan/Monaghan

NYC: Geraldine Cullen, Liam O'Sullivan, Pdraig Costelloe, Cathal O'Donoghue, Paul O'Halloran, Vincent O'Dwyer, Sean Butler, Sorcha Ni Conchubhair, Mick McLoughlin, Aidan Culhane, Chris Mooney. The General Council nominated Senator Ann Gallagher, David Leach and Will Hanafin.

The NYC met in January, February and March 1995 and the following appointments were made:

Press Officer:	Cathal O'Donoghue	Dublin South East
Ed. REVUE:	Paul O'Halloran	Dublin North Central
Equality Officer:	Geraldine Cullen	Cavan/Monaghan
Student Officer:	Liam O'Sullivan	Dublin South East
International Officer:	Michael McLoughlin	Dun Laoghaire

### **Development Plan**

The NYC adopted a Labour Youth Development Plan which was subsequently endorsed at a consultative meeting of young members attending the Party Conference in Waterford.

The plan centred on building, identified new Youth Sections, establishing contact in each Dail Constituency, providing training opportunities for young members and seeking out educational, international and social opportunities for members of Labour Youth.

A key element of the plan has been implemented with the creation of a comprehensive mailing list which now has 1,000 entries.

Officers of Labour Youth attended meetings in Dun Laoghaire, Kerry South, Tipperary South, Cavan/Monaghan, Sligo/Leitrim and Carlow/Kilkenny as part of the development strategy.

### **Labour Youth Revue**

Of particular satisfaction to the National Youth Committee was the return of a regularly produced Labour Youth 'Revue'. Edited by Aidan Culhane 'Revue' has been published four times during this period and circulated widely within and outside the Party.

### **Training Seminars**

As agreed in the Development Plan, Training Seminars took place in Dublin on the 22nd May and in Cork on the 16th October 1994. The Programme for these included; Party Structures, Policy clarification and Communications skills. These Seminars, organised by Fearghal O'Boyle, proved very worthwhile and will be repeated. Labour Youth want to thank; John O'Brien (Party Vice-Chairperson), PLP Chairperson Toddy O'Sullivan, LWNC Chairperson Mairead Hayes, Ray Kavanagh General Secretary, Joe Costello TD, Grett O'Connor Assistant Press Officer, Tony Lancaster and David Grafton Research Officer for their assistance in facilitating these seminars.

Labour Youth plans to launch a new series of nationwide training days following this conference to explain the implications of the new Constitution and to encourage more participation at local level.

### **Summer Festival**

For the 1993 Summer Festival Labour Youth returned to the Carlingford Adventure Centre, Co. Louth on the weekend of 2nd-4th of July. Among the Guest Speakers were; the Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach TD and Ministers of State Eithne Fitzgerald TD and Joan Burton TD. Once again there was a strong contingent from Northern Ireland with representatives from the SDLP Youth and the Young Unionists (UUP) as well as guests from the Scottish and Australian Labour Parties.

### **Tom Johnson Summer School**

Arising from discussions which took place at successive Summer Festivals the idea of hosting a new type of Summer School was adopted by the NYC as part of its work programme for 1993/94.

The principal aims of the Summer School were to honour the memory of Tom Johnson, the first Parliamentary Leader of the Labour Party and to foster a spirit of debate and discussion within the wider Labour movement.

The first Tom Johnson Summer School took place in Limerick University from the 15th –17th July 1994. Among the Speakers were; Noel Browne (former Minister for Health), Jerry Shanahan of MSF, Paddy O' Gorman (RTE), Niamh Breathnach TD, Minister for Education, Party Chairperson Jim Kemmy TD, Michael D Higgins TD, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaelteacht.

Feedback from the Summer School is very positive. This event will become a regular feature on the Labour Party calendar.

### **National Youth Council of Ireland**

Labour Youth has continued to strengthen its role within the National Youth Council of Ireland during the year.

At the NYCI 1993 Assembly in Waterford, Dermot Lacey was re-elected Vice-President of the Council. The 1994 NYCI Assembly was held in Cork. Dermot Lacey was elected a member of the Board.

Labour Youth secured a number of places at the National Youth Parliament which took place in Kilkenny from April 8th –10th 1994.

### **International**

Developing a strong international role has remained a priority for Labour Youth.

Labour Youth sent delegations to eight International Conferences during the period hosted by the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY), European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth (ECOSY) and other youth organisations. In November 1994, Conall McDevitt was elected to the Vice-Presidency of ECOSY and Mick McLoughlin to its Executive.

### **Dublin Political Youth Forum/Northern Ireland**

Together with colleagues from some of the other Political Party Youth wings, Labour Youth was instrumental in establishing this Forum with a view to

engaging in real dialogue on the issues facing Northern Ireland. Guest Speakers have included; Cllr. Alex Attwood of the SDLP, Cllr. Chris Mc Gimpsey of the UUP, Dr. Philip Mc Garry of the Alliance Party and representatives of the Peace Train Campaign and Families Against Intimidation and Terror.

The NYC met a delegation from the UUP at its February 1995 meeting. The Delegation was led by Cllr Richard Dallas from Derry City Council and a discussion took place on the Peace Process. This was historic as it was the first time the NYC had officially met with representatives from any of the Unionist Parties.

### **Freshers Days**

A new "10 Reasons to be a Labour Student" leaflet was prepared as well as a new Labour Student poster. These, along with a new poster detailing the effects of the new flatdwellers legislation which will be of particular benefit to Students were distributed to Third Level Colleges. Colleges contacted include: UCD, TCD, Dublin City University, UCC, Limerick University, Carlow RTC, Tallaght RTC and Sligo RTC.

NYC member, James Mahon was elected Education Officer of TCD Students Union in March 1994.

### **New Constitution for Labour Youth**

In line with the wishes of the 1993 Youth Conference a draft Constitution for Labour Youth was prepared and presented to the 1994 Labour Youth National Conference. It was ratified unanimously by the Conference. It is now before this Party Conference for formal adoption.

### **Other Organisations**

Labour Youth attended the Annual Congress of the Union of Students in Ireland, a Seminar on Equality hosted by the Council for the Status of Women, political education workshops organised by Macra Na Feirme in Mountmellick, Cork and Kilkenny, a meeting hosted by the Youth Against Racism in Europe Campaign and the Irish Travellers Movement, a meeting with the Irish Insurance Federation to discuss proposals towards reducing the cost of motor insurance for young drivers. Labour Youth also attended the final meeting of the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement (IAAM) and the inaugural meeting of the Ireland – South Africa Association.

Labour Youth has also participated in the consultative process for the White Paper on Foreign Policy, organised by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Contact with the SDLP Youth Commission was maintained during the period covered by this report.

### **Policy Development**

Policy development and discussion centred on a number of papers prepared by NYC members on the following topics: Justice, Education, Northern Ireland, Economic Affairs, European Integration, Car Insurance for young drivers and a Students Charter.

Labour Youth made a formal submission to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. A comprehensive policy document on Youth Unemployment is at an advanced stage.

### **Candidate Selection**

A particular highlight for Labour Youth during the year was the invitation from the General Secretary urging young members to seek nominations to contest the Local Elections to be held in June 1994. Congratulations are due to Des Cullen, National Chairperson who was selected to contest the elections for the Cavan UDC and General Council representative Aoife Breslin who received a nomination to contest for the Athy UDC.

Labour Youth actively supported the successful efforts of Aoife Breslin and Ferghal O'Boyle to seek a place on the substitute list in the Leinster and Dublin European Parliament constituencies respectively. Senator Ann Gallagher, member of the National Youth Committee was selected as the candidate for the Connacht/Ulster Constituency. In Munster Sorcha ni Conchubhair was selected as the sole Labour Party candidate for the elections to the Udaras na Gaelteachta in the Cork/Kerry/Waterford Constituency.

### **Finally**

The last two years has seen Labour Youth strengthen its role within The Labour Party. It is a process that must and will continue. The major objective for the remaining term of the current NYC is to see young people involved in every Dail Constituency and Labour in Government taking account of the needs, aspirations and hopes of young people throughout Ireland.

## **SECTION ONE (d)**

# ***Labour Women's National Council***

The Labour Women's National Council Conference took place on 4th December, 1993. It was well attended, and proved to be a very interesting day, which was enhanced by the participation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Party Leader, Dick Spring TD; the Minister for Enterprise and Employment and Deputy Leader, Ruairi Quinn TD; the Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach TD; Ministers of State Eithne Fitzgerald TD and Joan Burton TD and other elected representatives.

The following were elected to the Executive of the LWNC:

Chairperson	Mairead Hayes
Vice-Chairperson	Ann Tobin
Treasurer	Wendy O'Conghaile
Correspondence Sec	Noelle Dason
Minute Sec	Mary Flynn
Executive Members	Betty Clifford, Bridget Harte (since resigned), Louise McKeever, Jo Walsh, Siobhan Whitehead (since resigned).
General Council Reps	Emer Malone, Joanna Tuffy.

### **Activities**

To the end of February 1995 there have been 20 Executive meetings and 9 Council meetings. At the request of the Party Leader, Dick Spring and the Deputy Party Leader Ruairi Quinn, the LWNC compiled a talent bank of women members, to complement the general Party one, so as to enable the selection of nominees. Emer Malone and Louise McKeever who co-ordinated this, used the network of Women's Officers, as well as the Constituency Secretaries, to contact the membership.

Wendy O'Conghaile circulated a questionnaire to all Women's Officers as part of the LWNC Executive's programme of developing a role for this Constituency Officership. However, not all Constituencies have yet appointed a Women's Officer. On 7th March 1994, the Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Mervyn Taylor TD, celebrated International Womens' Day by holding a reception at Iveagh House.

Our contribution to the Euro Elections started with the LWNC Chairperson, Mairead Hayes attending a meeting of the Party of European Socialists to devise the policy document on women's rights. There were three women candidates in these elections; Councillor Bernie Malone and Orla Guerin in Dublin, and Senator Ann Gallagher in Connacht/Ulster. The LWNC funded two public meetings in co-operation with their campaign organisers. A meeting was held in the Shelbourne Hotel for the two Dublin candidates. The panel comprised of the Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach TD, Secretary of P.E.S. Rannveick Jacobson, Fionnuala Richardson, and the two candidates. The meeting in Connacht/Ulster was held in Cavan, on the topic of Women and the Constitution. The Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Mervyn Taylor and the candidate, Senator Ann Gallagher were the speakers. Mairead Hayes chaired both meetings. We congratulate Councillor Bernie Malone on her election, and the other candidates for their strong campaigns.

29 women stood in the Local Elections and the following were elected:-

Betty Bell (Drogheda), Maureen O'Donoghue (Cashel), Ita O'Suilleabhain (Newbridge) and Mary Whitty (Wicklow), Detta Cornally (Mullingar), Betty Doran (Mullingar), Maeve Spring (Tralce), Monica Harford (Balbriggan).

The Council meeting which it had been planned to hold outside Dublin in the Autumn coincided with the holding of the By-Elections, so our activity was directed into participating in the canvassing one weekend with the candidates in Cork instead. To help Council members to be better informed on Party policy and the activity of our representatives in Government, it was decided to invite speakers to the Council meetings. At several of our meetings detailed questions about Social Welfare matters had been raised, so on September 24th the Minister of State at the Department of Social Welfare, Joan Burton TD addressed us on the progress being made in that area, especially the policies to combat dependency. On 21st January the Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach TD outlined her proposals to introduce free 3rd level education, and the programme for sex education in schools.

Two members of the Executive represented the Party at meetings held at the Glencree Reconciliation Centre. On 25th February, members of the Executive went to Belfast for the first of what we hope will be many meetings with the Women's Group of the SDLP.

The Council lobbied Ministers on various issues of concern to us, including:

- Progress on the divorce referendum
- Legislation in the wake of the abortion referenda
- Child care policy
- Women's health policy
- UN Development and Population Meeting in Cairo
- UN 4th International Women's Congress at Beijing
- Nominations to boards and other bodies
- Community policing initiative and crimes against women.

As the Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Mervyn Taylor TD, has asked the LWNC to make a particular contribution to the Divorce Referendum Campaign, we have developed a plan of action.

## ***Labour Lawyer's Group***

The Group's objectives are to offer assistance and advice to the Party's public representatives at National, European and Local Level. Membership is open to all Party members and supporters working in the Law as Solicitors, Barristers, Law Teachers, Law Students and Business and Trade Union Lawyers.

The AGM of the Group took place on the 24th March 1994. Gerry Kelly B.L. was elected Chairman, Martin Dully B.L., Secretary, John McGuiggan B.L., Treasurer, Carmel Stuart B.L., P.R.O. and Finbarr O'Malley B.L., Parliamentary Liaison Officer. During the year the Group continued to offer advice, when requested, to the Parliamentary Party and to Labour Ministers in Government with respect to legal queries arising from the Spokespersonships or Ministerial briefs.

### **European Elections**

Members of the Group were very active in campaigning on behalf of Party Candidates in their own Constituencies. The Group assisted in the drafting of Policy Statements and Press Releases on diverse legal topics such as Environmental Law, Crime and European Legislation in the course of the campaign on behalf of the Party's Candidates.

### **Divorce Referendum Campaign**

The Group intends to devote most of its energies this year to assisting the Party's campaign in the forthcoming Divorce Referendum. The Group believes that the legal and financial consequences of the introduction of Divorce must be clearly explained to the electorate during the course of the campaign. To this end, members of the Group are in the process of drafting a "canvassers guide" for the information and assistance of Party members participating in the campaign.

### **Other Activities**

The Group has considered a large number of topics in the course of its well

attended monthly meetings including reform of the Law relating to Juveniles, the Child Care Act, the Family Law Bill, the Court Officers Bill, the Refugee Bill, reform of the office of Attorney General and suggested restrictions of the right of plaintiffs to recover compensation for personal injury. The Group proposes to host a conference on Juvenile Care and Punishment later in the year and would particularly appreciate suggestions, proposals or comments from either individual Party members or from branches.

### **How to contact the Group**

Individual Party members and Branch Secretaries are invited to contact the Group's Secretary, Martin Dully B.L., or its Chairperson, Gerry Kelly B.L., at the Law Library, Four Courts, Dublin 7 regarding enquiries or contributions which any branch or member may wish to make to the Group's work.

## **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 Groups 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.

### **Party and Union Liaison**

During the Autumn of 1993 the Trade Union Group met An Tanaiste and the Labour Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State for the purpose of reviewing the progress being achieved regarding the implementation of various provisions of the "Programme for a Partnership Government". It was mutually agreed that this was a constructive and useful exercise and it was decided to establish a joint mechanism to further continue this liaison.

### **May Day**

With the agreement of the Party, the Trade Union Group continued to assume responsibility for organising the annual May Day Ceremony. In the period under review, two successful functions have been held in the Labour History Society building at Beggars Bush.

The 1993 Ceremony was particularly historic in as much as the Deputy Leader Ruairi Quinn TD, then Minister for Enterprise and Employment presented the Group with the Ministerial Order declaring May Day as a Public Holiday to coincide with the I.C.T.U. centenary celebrations in 1994. This unique Ministerial Order was donated to the Labour History Society by the Trade Union Group so as to be preserved with other Labour historic documents.

### **European Elections**

The Group established a special edition of its newsletter 'Labour Union' to coincide with the 1994 Euro Elections. Over nine thousand copies were distributed to Union Officers/Officials, local Representatives and Shop Stewards and called on all Trade Unionists and their families to vote Labour on Election Day.

In addition, individual Trade Unions assisted the campaign with financial and other support.

### **Social Democratic Party (Sweden)**

The Secretary of the Group met representatives of the Swedish Party during their visit to Dublin in June 1994. The discussions covered a wide range of topics such as national wage agreements, trends in industrial relations practices and Party/Union relationships.

### **Group Officers and General Council 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 General Council Representatives are:-

Michael O'Reilly (A.T.G.W.U.)  
Eamon Devoy (A.E.E.U.)

## SECTION TWO

# *The Parliamentary Labour Party*

### **PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT January 1993 – November 1994**

1. At the time of the last Conference in April 1993 the Labour Party was in a Partnership Government with the Fianna Fail Party.

Our Cabinet Ministers were:

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

Our Ministers of State were:-

Brian O'Shea TD,	Minister for Food & Horticulture (Dept of Agriculture & Food)
Gerry O'Sullivan TD,	Minister for Port Development, Safety and Inland Waterways (Dept of Defence and the Marine)
Emmet Stagg TD,	Minister for Housing & Urban Renewal (Dept of the Environment)
Eithne Fitzgerald TD,	Minister at the Office of the Tánaiste and the National Development Plan (Dept of the Taoiseach)
Joan Burton TD,	Minister for Poverty and the Integration of the Tax and Social Welfare Codes (Dept of Social Welfare)



*The Deputy Leader of the Party, Ruairi Quinn, TD, Minister for Finance addresses the Institute of European Affairs.*

## 2. **The Parliamentary Party (1992–1994)**

The Labour Parliamentary Party was the biggest in our history. It was chaired by Toddy O'Sullivan TD and its Vice-Chair was Brian O'Shea TD.

Its non-office holding members were:-

Jim Kemmy TD (Chairperson of the Party)	Limerick East
Toddy O'Sullivan TD (PLP Chairperson)	Cork South Central
Michael Ferris TD (Chief Whip)	Tipperary South
Seamus Pattison TD	Carlow/Kilkenny
Michael Bell TD	Louth
Dr. Moosajee Bhamjee TD	Clare
Declan Bree TD	Sligo/Leitrim
Tommy Broughan TD	Dublin North East
Joe Costello TD	Dublin Central
Brian Fitzgerald TD	Meath
Pat Gallagher TD	Laois/Offaly
Liam Kavanagh TD	Wicklow
Sean Kenny TD	Dublin North East
Derek McDowell TD	Dublin North Central
Breeda Moynihan-Cronin TD	Kerry South
John Mulvihill TD	Cork East
Willie Penrose TD	Westmeath
Sean Ryan TD	Dublin North
John Ryan TD	Tipperary North
Roisin Shortall TD	Dublin North West
Pat Upton TD	Dublin South Central
Eamonn Walsh TD	Dublin South West
Senator Michael Calnan	Cork South West
Senator Bill Cashin	Cork North West
Senator Ann Gallagher	Cavan/Monaghan
Senator Mary Kelly	Limerick West
Senator Pat Magner	Cork North Central
Senator Sean Maloney	Donegal North East
Senator Jan O'Sullivan	Limerick East
Senator Jim Townsend	Carlow/Kilkenny
Senator Jack Wall	Kildare
Barry Desmond M.E.P.	Dublin

## 3. **Seanad Eireann**

Senator Jan O'Sullivan is the Leader of the Party in the Senate and Senator Pat Magner is the Senate Whip. The following Senators were chosen as spokespersons in these areas:-

Senator Jan O'Sullivan	Employment, Enterprise, Equality and Northern Ireland
Senator Pat Magner	Defence, The Marine, Foreign Affairs and Communications
Senator Jack Wall	Social Welfare, Youth, Sport and Energy
Senator Ann Gallagher	Environment, Justice, Law Reform and The Gaeltacht
Senator Bill Cashin	Transport, Forestry and Rural Affairs
Senator Michael Calnan	Finance, Tourism, Food and Horticulture
Senator Sean Maloney	Health, Labour Affairs and Fisheries
Senator Mary Kelly	Education, Arts, Culture and the European Union
Senator Jim Townsend	Agriculture, Social Welfare and Poverty

## 4. **Oireachtas Committees:**

In line with a provision in the Programme for Government, the Social Affairs and the Enterprise and Economic Development Committees were established. On 3rd May 1993 the following appointments were made:-

Joint State Sponsored Bodies Committee	Chair: Liam Kavanagh TD
Social Affairs Committee	Chair: Seamus Pattison TD Convenor: Michael Bell TD
Enterprise and Economic Development Committee	Chair: Toddy O'Sullivan TD
Joint Services Committee	Chair: Senator Pat Magner

## 5. **The Forum for Peace and Reconciliation:**

In October 1994 the following Labour appointees were announced:

Dick Spring TD	Tánaiste & Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ruairi Quinn TD	Minister for Enterprise & Employment
Brian Fitzgerald TD	
Senator Ann Gallagher	
Senator Jan O'Sullivan	
Alternate Members	Sean Kenny TD, Senator Sean Maloney
Advisor	Derek McDowell TD

## 6. **PLP Officers:**

At the time of the 1993 Conference the Officers were:-

Toddy O'Sullivan (Chair), Brian O'Shea TD (Vice-Chair), Michael Ferris TD (Chief Whip) and Derek McDowell TD (Deputy Whip).



Toddy O'Sullivan and Brian O'Shea resigned from their positions on 25th January 1995 as both were appointed Ministers of State in the Government of Renewal. On 1st February 1995 Michael Bell TD (Louth) was elected to the position of Chairperson of the Parliamentary Labour Party, a position he previously held in 1986-'89. Joe Costello TD (Dublin Central) was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

7. **The National Development Plan:**

The launch of the National Development Plan at Dublin Castle on 11th October 1993 was widely welcomed by the P.L.P. The Plan, which will invest up to £20billion in the Irish Economy intends to create about 200,000 jobs in industry, services, natural resources and construction.

8. **Budget 1994:**

The Parliamentary Party warmly welcomed the Budget especially in its targeting of low income groups in society. In particular, the extra allocations to Health, Education, Social Welfare and the Arts and its pro-jobs, pro-growth nature gained the support of the P.L.P.

9. **New M.E.P.:**

The P.L.P. congratulated Barry Desmond on his appointment to the European Court of Auditors as a consequence of which he resigned his seat in the European Parliament. The first replacement candidate Joan Burton TD, Minister of State at the Dept of Social Welfare declined the seat. Cllr Bernie Malone, as second substitute became our Dublin M.E.P. in February 1994. She was warmly welcomed by the P.L.P.

10. **A Special P.L.P. Meeting** was held on 3rd May 1994 in Killiney and a paper on Economic Policy was presented by William Scally. The Party Leader presented a document on Future Strategies for Labour. John Horgan was the facilitator.

11. **The European Parliament, Local Authority, Udaras and By Elections:** The P.L.P. played a major role in these campaigns which are reported in detail in Sections 3, 4 and 5.

12. **Irish Steel:**

The P.L.P. involved itself on an ongoing basis with the difficulties in Irish Steel in Cork. The two local Deputies, Toddy O'Sullivan TD and John Mulvihill TD worked with the Minister for Enterprise & Employment Ruairi Quinn TD to bring about a solution which saved this important industry for Cork.

13. **TEAM Aer Lingus:**

The future of this important state industry was a matter of gravest concern for the P.L.P. during this period. In particular, the 6 Dublin Northside TDs worked long and hard to find a solution to its problems. The P.L.P. was anxious at all times to support viable state industry while protecting the maximum number of jobs.

14. **The removal of the Party Whip:**

The Acting Whip, Brian Fitzgerald TD reported to the P.L.P. meeting of 6th July 1994 that Deputies Tommy Broughan, Sean Ryan, Derek McDowell and Joe Costello had forfeited the Party Whip due to their failure to support the Government in a vote on Wednesday, 29th June on a matter related to the TEAM Aer Lingus dispute. They were re-admitted on 19th October 1994.

15. **The death of Gerry O'Sullivan TD:**

It was with great sadness that the P.L.P. learned of the death of Gerry O'Sullivan TD for Cork North Central 1989-1994 and Minister of State at the Department of the Marine. He was one of the most popular members of the Parliamentary Party and a tireless worker on behalf of Labour and his Cork Constituents.

16. **Policy Committee:**

The General Council in conjunction with the PLP established a Committee to review Local Government Financing. It was chaired by Cllr John McGinley and sought submission from all Labour public representatives.

17. **The ending of the Partnership Government:**

The crisis which ended this Government erupted on 11th November 1994. The Labour Ministers walked out of a Cabinet meeting in protest at the Taoiseach's insistence on the immediate nomination of the Attorney General to the post of President of the High Court - in spite of his failure to explain to the satisfaction of the Labour Ministers why there was such a delay in the extradition proceedings against Fr Brendan Smyth. In the absence of the Labour Ministers, the appointment was made by the remaining Ministers, all members of Fianna Fail, thereby breaking their partnership with our Party. On Sunday 13th November, the P.L.P. met in special session in Jury's Hotel in Dublin and gave unanimous backing to the Party Leader. He was given a mandate to exercise his judgement on the events of the following week. On Wednesday, 16th November the Party Leader announced his intention of leading the Labour Ministers out of Government. He received the unanimous support of the P.L.P. who

decided to call special Constituency Meetings to consult with the Party Membership. The first of these meetings was held in the Riverside Centre in Dublin on Monday, 21st November at which the Party Leader and Deputy Leader attended to hear the views of the Dublin membership.

**18. The Government of Renewal:**

On Wednesday, 14th December the Party Leader addressed a joint meeting of the General Council and the Parliamentary Party in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin to which he presented a Programme for Government which he had negotiated with Fine Gael and the Democratic Left Party. The General Council unanimously endorsed this programme as the basis for "A Government of Renewal". The new Government was appointed on the following day (Thursday, 15th December 1994).

**19. Labour Ministers in the Government of Renewal:**

Dick Spring TD	Tánaiste & Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ruairi Quinn TD	Minister for Finance
Brendan Howlin TD	Minister for the Environment
Niamh Bhreathnach TD	Minister for Education
Michael D. Higgins TD	Minister for Arts, Culture & The Gaeltacht
Mervyn Taylor TD	Minister for Equality and Law Reform

**Ministers of State:**

Emmet Stagg TD	Dept of Transport, Energy & Communications
Joan Burton TD	Dept of Foreign Affairs and Justice
Eithne Fitzgerald TD	Office of the Tánaiste and Dept of Enterprise & Employment
Brian O'Shea TD	Dept of Health
Toddy O'Sullivan TD	Dept of Trade and Tourism.

**20. Legislative Programme 1993 and 1994:**

The Government enacted a significant amount of legislation during this period:-

**1993 - 40 pieces of legislation**  
**1994 - 34 pieces of legislation**

Many of these measures enacted long established Labour Policy, including:-

Criminal Law (Suicide) Act  
 Health (Family Planning) (Amendment) Act  
 Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act  
 Irish Film Board (Amendment) Act

Stillbirth Registration Act  
 Irish Shipping Limited (payment to former employees) Act  
 Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act  
 An Bord Bia Act  
 Maternity Protection Act

**21. Peace in Ireland:**

The greatest achievement of the Party in Government since the last Conference was the central role we have played, in the person of the Party Leader, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Dick Spring TD in the Peace Process. Now firmly established, this process which ended 25 years of bloodshed in Northern Ireland, The Republic, Britain and even on Continental Europe will go down as the major historical achievement of the period.

Some important dates in the process:-

December 15th 1993	The Downing Street Declaration is signed
January 19th 1994	Government removes Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act
August 31st 1994	I.R.A. calls a ceasefire
October 13th 1994	Loyalist Paramilitaries call a ceasefire
December 9th 1994	Sinn Fein meets British Officials at Stormont.
December 22nd 1994	Government grants early release to nine I.R.A. prisoners.
February 22nd 1995	Publication of "A new framework for agreement" (a shared understanding between British and Irish Governments to assist discussion and negotiation involving the N.I. Parties).

**22. Thanks**

The Parliamentary Party expresses its sincerest gratitude to all who assisted it in its work during this period including its Secretariat, Press and Research Staff, the General Secretary and the staff at Head Office. During this period, Grett O'Connor was appointed as Research Officer to replace David Grafton who had resigned and to whom the PLP extend its thanks for his service and its best wishes for the future. Finally, the P.L.P. thanks all the Party members throughout the country for their loyalty, support and hard work that has put Labour at its highest level of authority and influence since its foundation by Connolly and Larkin in 1912.



Pauline Green, M.E.P., Leader of the Party of European Socialists and Bernie Malone, M.E.P. (Dublin).

## SECTION THREE

# European Parliament Elections 1994

The fourth direct elections to the European Parliament took place in June 1994. Polling Day was on Thursday, 9th June. The Labour Party, as a member of the Party of European Socialists, contested all four Constituencies in the State. All units of the Party took an active role in the campaign. It entailed significant expenditure by the Party nationally, all election literature and posters were supplied by Head Office and for the first time ever we sent an election address to each elector in the State.

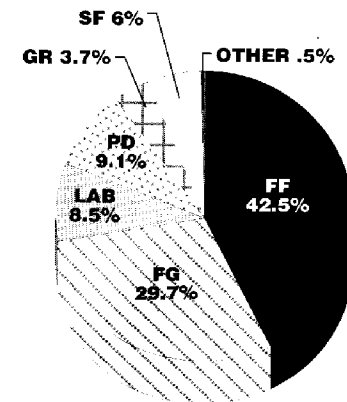
### Connacht-Ulster

Candidate  
Senator Ann Gallagher

Director of Elections  
Michael D. Higgins,  
Minister for Arts, Culture & Gaeltacht

Campaign Secretary  
Colm O'Briain

Press Secretary  
Grett O'Connor



### Result:-

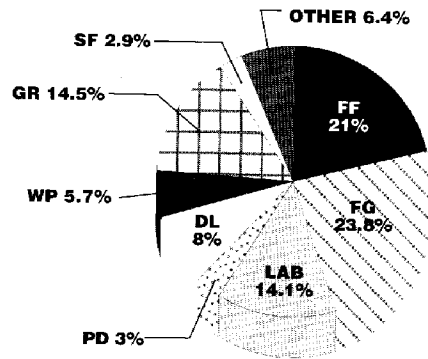
In this three seat Constituency stretching from Inishowen to Kinvara and Erris to Cootehill where Labour support is traditionally low, the Party added 6.9% to its vote to win 8.5% of the first preferences. It was a considerable achievement for Senator Ann Gallagher and her team.

## Dublin

Candidates: Orla Guerin  
Bernie Malone M.E.P.  
Director of Elections: Ruairi Quinn TD, Minister for Enterprise & Employment

### Result:

This Constituency where the Party had gained its only seat in the previous elections had been the cockpit of Labour's General Election triumph in 1992. Based on this, the Party felt that it was justified in aspiring to double its European Parliament representation from one to two. Our failure to run a unified campaign inhibited this ambition from the start. Nevertheless, we maintained our European Parliament seat with an increase of 1.3% in our first preference vote and warmly congratulate Bernie Malone M.E.P. on her victory and also her running mate Orla Guerin.

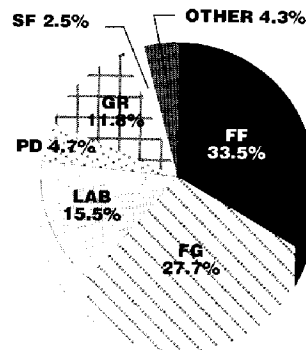


## Leinster

Candidates: Michael Bell TD  
Seamus Pattison TD  
Director of Elections: Brendan Howlin TD, Minister for Health

### Results:

In this Constituency Labour was deprived of a seat by the narrowest of margins in 1989 and we hoped for a gain especially considering the increase in seats from 3 to 4. This was not to be, though the Party share of first preferences increased by 2.3% the candidates were not in a position to receive significant transfers and were eliminated successively after the fifth and sixth counts.

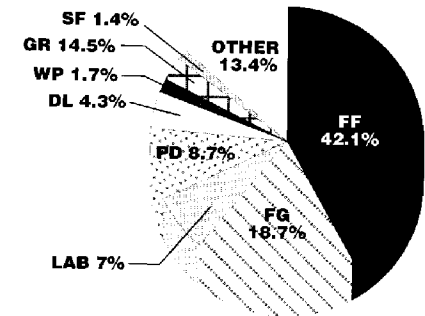


## Munster

Candidate: Alderman Jim Kemmy TD  
Director of Elections: Brian O'Shea TD, Minister of State, Dept of Food & Horticulture.

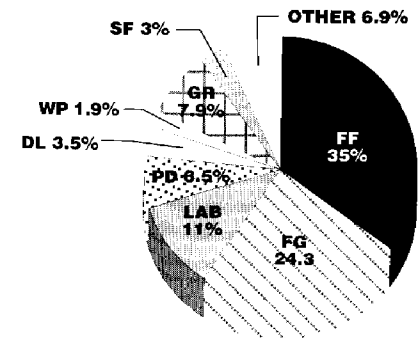
### Result:

In Munster the Party had not won a seat since 1979 but with the massive increase in Oireachtas representation here (each Munster Constituency has a Labour Oireachtas member) and the high profile of our candidate Jim Kemmy TD as Party Chairperson we reasonably expected a gain. In a highly competitive contest our vote diminished significantly everywhere except in the Candidates' own Constituency (Limerick East), in Tipperary South and in Waterford. The Party sustained a loss of 1.9% on the first preferences received in 1989.



### The National Result:

The Party achieved an increase of 1.5% over its 1989 vote. However, many expected the vote to relate more to our 1992 General Election results, but as usual, European Election results are based on different factors. On the positive side, the Party strengthened its hold on the Dublin seat and performed remarkably in Connacht/Ulster.



## SECTION FOUR

# Elections to Borough Councils, Urban District Councils, Town Commissions and Udarás na Gaeltachta

These elections took place on Thursday, 9th June 1994. The results showed a gain of 7 Borough and Urban District Council seats and a gain of 3 Town Commissioners. Our peak performance was in Mullingar Town Commissions where Michael Dollard polled a remarkable 35% of the first preference votes and was elected along with his three running mates. Our national share of the vote was 12.7%

### THE TOP TEN WERE:

Rank	Area	Candidate	FP Vote	FP%	Total
1.	Mullingar TC	*Michael Dollard	1607	35.0%	
		*Detta Cornally	232	5.1%	
		*Pat Collins	188	4.1%	
		*Betty Doran	121	2.6%	
2.	Muinebeag TC	*John McNally	266	19.9%	
		*John Clarke	115	12.9%	
		*Liam Kavanagh	615	21.3%	
3.	Wicklow U.D.C.	*George Newsome	111	3.8%	
		*John O'Brien	75	2.6%	
		Tom O'Brien	61	2.1%	
				29.8%	
4.	Athy U.D.C.	*Jack Wall	435	18.5%	
		*Adrian Kane	169	7.2%	
		Aoife Breslin	76	3.2%	
5.	Tralee U.D.C.	*Maeve Spring	1,265	15.5%	
		*Michael O'Regan	658	8.1%	
		*Donal Tobin	198	2.4%	
		Miriam McGillicuddy	187	2.4%	28.3%

Rank	Area	Candidate	FP Vote	FP%	Total
6.	Dungarvan U.D.C.	*Billy Kyne	476	13.5%	
		*Lar Hart	229	4.5%	
		*Paddy Power	206	5.8%	
7.	Tipperary U.D.C.	*Michael Ferris	390	16.0%	25.8%
		*Billy Bourke	140	5.7%	
		Billy Bradshaw	52	2.1%	
		Richie Price	34	1.4%	
8.	Tullamore U.D.C.	*Pat Gallagher	480	13.1%	25.3%
		*Lar Byrne	183	5.0%	
		*Ernie Maguire	117	3.2%	
		Sean O'Brien	97	2.6%	
		Mary O'Connor	45	1.2%	
9.	Drogheda Borough (3 wards)	*Betty Bell	768	18.1%	25.1%
		*Michael Bell	502	22.2%	
		*Patsy Kirwan	428	9.7%	
		*Finian Brannigan	281	9.5%	
		Pat McQuaile	129	4.4%	
		Tom O hEochaidh	56	2.5%	
10.	Wexford Borough	*Ted Howlin	532	8.4%	22.7%
		*Eddie O'Connor	294	4.6%	
		*Peter Roche	249	3.9%	
		Fonzo Mahon	166	2.6%	
		Phyllis Gordon	129	2.0%	

(\* indicates a successful candidate)

### Toghcan Udaras na Gaeltachta 1994

B'e seo an chead uair riamh go raibh iarrthoiri ag Pairti an Lucht Oibre sna toghchain seo. Ce nar eirigh linn suiochan a bhaint amach an turas seo, molaimid go h-ard ar mbeirt iarrthoir, Sorcha Ni Chonchuir agus Micheal O Cinneide, don sar-iarracht a chuir siad isteach.

#### Torthai:

Dun na nGall (2 shuiochan) (gan iarrthoir)  
Ciarrai/Corcaigh/Port Lairge (2 shuiochan) Pairti an Lucht Oibre 11.6%  
(Sorcha Ni Chonchuir san iomaiocht do dti an 4u chomhaireamh, an ceann deireanach).

Gaillimh/Maigh Eo/an Mhi (3 suiochain) Pairti an Lucht Oibre 3.9%  
(Micheal O Cinneide amuigh ar an triu chomhaireamh).



15th December, 1994. The Labour Ministers in the Government of Renewal receive their seals of office (left to right) Brendan Howling, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Niamh Bhreathnach, T.D., Minister for Education, Mervyn Taylor, T.D., Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Dick Spring, T.D., Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Finance, Michael D. Higgins, T.D., Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

## SECTION FIVE

# By-Elections to Dáil Eireann 1994

- Four By-Elections were held in 1994:-
  - Mayo West due to the resignation of Padraig Flynn TD (FF) on his nomination as Commissioner of the European Union.
  - Dublin South Central due to the resignation of Dr. John O'Connell TD (FF) for health reasons.
  - Cork South Central due to the resignation of Pat Cox TD M.E.P. (Ind. former PD) on his re-election to the European Parliament.
  - Cork North Central due to the death of Gerry O'Sullivan TD (Labour).
- The By-Elections in Mayo West and in Dublin South Central took place on June 9th 1994 to coincide with the European Parliament, Local Authority and Udaras na Gaeltachta Elections.

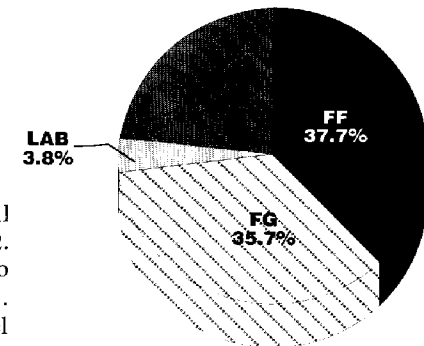
### Mayo West

Candidate  
Cllr Johnny Mee

Director of Elections  
Michael Kilcoyne

#### Result:

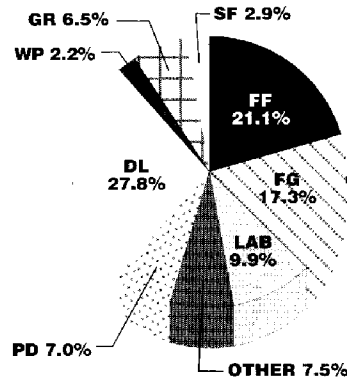
We had not contested Dail Elections here since 1982. Johnny Mee had been elected to the County Council in 1991. The seat was won by Michael Ring (Fine Gael).



**Dublin South Central**  
Candidate  
Cllr Joe Connolly

Director of Elections  
Dr. Pat Upton TD

Result:  
The seat was won by Eric  
Byrne (Democratic Left).

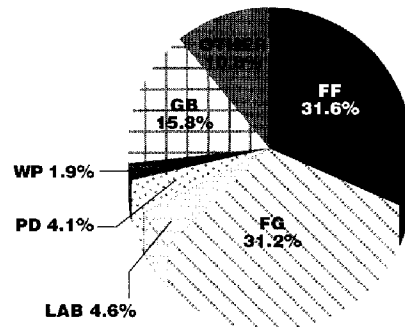


3. Polling Day for the Cork By-Elections was Thursday, 10th November 1994.

**Cork South Central**  
Candidate  
Cllr Joe O'Flynn

Director of Elections  
Toddy O'Sullivan TD

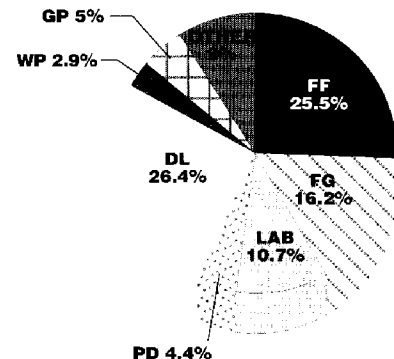
Result:  
The seat was won by Hugh  
Coveney (Fine Gael).



**Cork North Central**  
Candidate  
Lisa O'Sullivan

Director of Elections  
Senator Pat Magner

Result:  
The seat was won by Kathleen  
Lynch (Democratic Left).



#### 4. Overview

The 1994 By-Election results were in all cases disappointing for the Party though a tremendous effort was put into them by the Candidates, Directors of Elections and Party members nationally as well as locally. While By-Elections do tend to go against Government Parties, there is clearly a case for the Party to reconsider all matters in relation to our planning and strategy for future By-Elections.

## SECTION SIX

# Finance and Accounts

### Annual Accounts 1993, 1994

The Annual Accounts for 1993 and 1994 have been audited by D.O'Connor and Co, Chartered Accountants. The Accounts and the Auditor's signed report are printed as an integral part of this Report to National Conference.

### Accounts 1993

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £24,819 for 1993. As compared with 1992, income for 1993 was down by £109,000 whereas expenditure was down by £77,000. The differences between the two years were principally (i) the income and expenditure of the 1992 General Election whereas there was no election in 1993 (ii) the reduction in the Party Leader's allowance because of our being in Government during 1993 and (iii) the welcome increase in the aggregate subscriptions from the Parliamentary Labour Party following the 1992 General Election. The National Conference in April 1993 enhanced the return of National Collection in that year.

### Accounts 1994

There was a sizeable operating deficit of £145,797 in 1994 which was partly offset from an accounting standpoint by a £42,399 surplus (versus book value) on the disposal of 16 Gardiner Place, giving a net deficit of £103,398. With the European Elections taking place in 1994 as well as four By-Elections, much of the deficit for the year is attributable to the excess expenditure over income associated with these elections. Additional contributory factors were a drop in some categories of income in a year in which there was no National Conference; and additional expenditure (some of which is non recurring) resulting from the move of Head Office to Ely Place.

### Outlook for the future

The Party's bank borrowings have increased during 1993/1994 but the move of Head Office and the elections of 1994 largely explain the increase of indebtedness. This indebtedness will have to be tackled by the incoming

Financial Secretary, Executive and General Council but with support from Branches and Constituencies the problem is marginal.

State funding of political parties will undoubtedly have a significant effect on the finances of all parties including the Labour Party but the legislation to implement this has not as yet been enacted and there would seem to be little point in speculating on the matter in advance of that legislation being passed.

## **THE LABOUR PARTY**

**Financial Statement**

**for the year ended**

**31st December 1993**



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REVENUE ACCOUNT

	1993	1992
Income	IR£	IR£
Affiliation Fees – Corporate Members	36,925	30,056
Branches and Councils	6,611	4,871
Membership Registration with Head Office	21,114	14,576
National Collection	49,113	27,683
Party Leader's Allowance	50,024	106,596
Parliamentary Party – Contributions	41,380	13,731
M.E.P.'s Contribution	25,100	9,906
Members' Standing Orders	8,603	8,998
May Day	84	
Annual Conference – Delegates Fees	9,608	610
Subscriptions and Grants including		
Election Income	9,422	142,021
Sales of Publication and Literature	524	100
Lottery	41,138	48,786
Less: Expenses	(29,844)	(39,333)
Grant	7,000	7,000
Other Income	–	10,000
	<u>276,718</u>	<u>385,685</u>
Total Expenditure (see page 47 for details)	<u>251,899</u>	<u>329,229</u>
Surplus (Loss) for year	<u>24,819</u>	<u>56,456</u>

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EXPENDITURE

	1993	1992
	IR£	IR£
Staff Salaries and Pensions	138,727	112,446
Conference Expenses	29,518	–
Other Conferences	3,249	–
Printing, Stationery and Newspapers	9,638	4,850
Leasing Office Equipment	8,524	9,809
Postage and Telephone	4,716	4,263
Party Leaders Office Expenses	6,524	31,589
Organising Expenses	6,706	2,650
Research Expenses	–	30
P.R. and Publicity	6,050	6,800
Cost of Elections	4,436	114,598
Travelling Expenses	6,049	12,847
Rent, Rates and Tax	4,848	4,542
Repairs and Renewals	2,245	4,436
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	3,616	3,715
Professional Fees	2,026	1,800
Insurances	668	648
Bank Interest, Charges and Cheque Books	3,115	5,128
Affiliation Fees – International and Other	6,347	4,856
Miscellaneous	2,004	2,614
Depreciation of Office Equipment	2,893	1,608
	<u>251,899</u>	<u>329,229</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	1993 IR£	1992 IR£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Premises at cost	47,601	47,601
Furniture and Fittings	2,792	2,792
Office Equipment	<u>11,574</u>	<u>14,467</u>
	<u>61,967</u>	<u>64,860</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stock	6,270	6,270
Debtors and Prepayments	17,480	35,568
Cash at Bank	<u>20,070</u>	<u>(4,603)</u>
	<u>43,820</u>	<u>37,235</u>
<b>Less:</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	<u>22,922</u>	<u>49,647</u>
	<u>22,922</u>	<u>49,647</u>
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>20,898</u>	<u>(12,412)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>82,865</u>	<u>52,448</u>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
Surplus (Deficiency) as at 1st January	39,394	(17,066)
Surplus (Loss) for year	24,819	56,456
Term Loan	<u>18,652</u>	<u>13,058</u>
	<u>82,865</u>	<u>52,448</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the financial statements on pages (45-48) which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Party and Auditors**

The Party is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of significant estimates and judgements made by the Party in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Party's affairs as at 31st December 1993 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

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**Financial Statement**

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**THE LABOUR PARTY**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

<b>Income</b>	<b>1994 IR£</b>	<b>1993 IR£</b>
Affiliation Fees – Corporate Members	32,843	36,925
Branches and Councils	3,293	6,611
Membership Registration with Head Office	11,863	21,115
National Collection	41,292	49,113
Party Leader's Allowance	54,016	50,024
Parliamentary Party – Contributions	45,250	41,380
M.E.P.'s Contribution	4,183	25,100
Members' Standing Orders	8,551	8,603
May Day	850	–
Annual Conference – Delegates Fees	295	9,608
Subscriptions and Grants including Election Income	136,259	9,422
Sales of Publications and Literature	20	524
Lottery	29,864	41,138
Less: Expenses	(22,898)	(29,844)
Grant	7,000	7,000
	<u>352,681</u>	<u>276,719</u>
Total Expenditure (see page 52 for details)	<u>498,478</u>	<u>251,900</u>
Surplus (Loss for year before Disposal of Premises	(145,797)	24,819
Surplus on Disposal of Gardiner Place	42,399	–
Surplus (Loss) for year	<u>(103,398)</u>	<u>24,819</u>

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EXPENDITURE

	1994	1993
	IR£	IR£
Staff Salaries and Pensions	154,938	138,727
Conference Expenses	–	29,518
Other Conferences	–	3,249
Printing, Stationery and Newspapers	6,432	9,638
Leasing Office Equipment	6,655	8,524
Postage and Telephone	5,867	4,716
Party Leader's Office Expenses	–	6,524
Organising Expenses	3,573	6,706
P.R. and Publicity	10,472	6,050
Cost of Elections	251,033	4,436
Travelling Expenses	12,946	6,049
Rates	5,779	4,848
Repairs and Renewals	2,336	2,245
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	4,933	3,616
Professional Fees	4,316	2,026
Insurances	968	668
Bank and Mortgage Interest	12,933	3,115
Affiliation Fees – International and Other	5,426	6,347
Miscellaneous	809	2,005
Depreciation and writing off of Office Equipment	9,062	2,893
	<u>498,478</u>	<u>251,900</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	1994	1993
	IR£	IR£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Premises at Cost	253,400	47,601
Office Equipment and Furniture	32,985	14,366
	<u>286,385</u>	<u>61,967</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock	–	6,270
Debtors and Prepayments	25,739	17,480
Cash at Banks	(2,951)	20,070
	<u>22,788</u>	<u>43,820</u>
<b>Less:</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	84,688	22,922
	<u>84,688</u>	<u>22,922</u>
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>(61,900)</u>	<u>20,898</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>224,485</u>	<u>82,865</u>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
Surplus (Deficiency) as at 1st January	64,213	39,394
Surplus (Loss) for year	(103,398)	24,819
Mortgage Loan	168,754	–
Other Loans	94,916	18,652
	<u>224,485</u>	<u>82,865</u>

### **Auditors' Report**

We have audited the financial statements on pages (50-53) which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Party and Auditors**

The Party is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

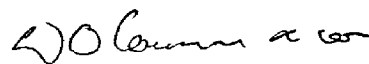
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### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Party's affairs as at 31st December 1994 and of its loss for the year then ended.



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## **SECTION SEVEN**

# **International Affairs**

### **International Affairs Committee**

The Committee was re-appointed by the General Council at its first meeting. The initial meeting was held on 28th July 1993. Brendan Halligan was elected Chairman. The Committee met on four occasions.

Ita McAuliffe once again agreed to provide secretarial services and contributed substantially to the work of the Committee and of the International Secretary.

### **National Conference 1993**

Conference adopted Resolutions on Overseas Development Aid; the EC After Maastricht: Economic and Monetary Union; Party of the European Socialists; War Crimes in Former Yugoslavia; United Nations; World Hunger/Somalia; Enlargement of the EC; Human Rights in the World; South Africa; Disarmament and the Arms Trade; European Town Twinning and the European Year of Older People.

Conference unanimously adopted a Policy Statement on Security and Neutrality.

Conference received Fraternal Delegates from Parti Socialiste (France); Swedish Social Democratic Party; British Labour Party; Socialist Group in the European Parliament; Party of European Socialists; Hungarian Socialist Party; SPD (Germany); PDS (Italy); PASOK (Greece). Guests were welcomed from the PLO, and the Brussels Support Group. Twenty-three Embassies were represented, with seventeen Ambassadors in attendance.

### **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 meetings of the SI Security Committee in London in April 1993 and of the SI Economic Development Council in London in July 1993 (at his own expense)

### Party of European Socialists (PES)

The Party continued to work closely with the PES developing a socialist response to the rapid changes on the European political scene.

Willy Claes, the first President of the PES resigned in 1994 on his appointment as Secretary General of NATO. The PES Congress in Barcelona elected Rudolf Scharping, Chairman of the SPD, as President of the PES and Jean-Francois Vallin of the Parti Socialiste, France, as Secretary General. Tributes were paid to the outstanding work of Axel Hanisch during his period as Secretary General. The International Secretary continued as an Auditor of the PES.

The PES has twenty full member Parties from the fifteen Member States of the EU and Norway.

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

Bureau	May 1993	Brussels	Int. Sec.
Bureau	June 1993	Copenhagen	Int. Secretary
Leaders	June 1993	Copenhagen	Party Leader; Int. Sec.
Bureau	September 1993	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Bureau	October 1993	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Bureau	November 1993	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Bureau	December 1993	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Leaders	December 1993	Brussels	Party Leader; Int. Sec
Bureau	February 1994	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Bureau	April 1994	Brussels	Int. Secretary
Bureau	June 1994	Corfu	B.Malone M.E.P.
Leaders	June 1994	Corfu	Party Leader; B.Malone M.E.P.
Bureau	September 1994	Brussels	Int. Secretary; B.Malone M.E.P.
Bureau	November 1994	Brussels	Int. Secretary; B.Malone M.E.P
Bureau	December 1994	Essen	Int. Secretary
Leaders	December 1994	Essen	Int. Secretary
Bureau	February 1995	Brussels	Int. Secretary; B.Malone M.E.P.
Bureau	March 1995	Barcelona	Int. Secretary

The Labour Party has been represented on a number of PES Working Groups during the past two years:

Campaign Committee	General Secretary; Int. Sec
Future of Europe	Int. Secretary
International Affairs	Int. Secretary
1996 IGC	P.Gallagher TD; Int. Sec
Environment	D. McDowell TD
Congress Preparation	Int. Secretary
Special Employment Committee	G.Sparks
Womens' Committee	M.Hayes.

The Labour Party has participated in the work of the PES youth organisation ECOSY through representatives of Labour Youth.

### Special PES Congress

A Special Congress of the PES took place at the European Parliament, Brussels, on 6-7 November 1993 to adopt the Manifesto of the PES for the European Parliament Elections to be held in 1994. The Labour Party was represented by the Party Leader, the International Secretary, Barry Desmond MEP and Bernie Malone.

### 2nd Congress of the PES

The Second Congress of the PES took place in Barcelona on 6-8th March 1995. The Labour Party was represented by Minister of State Joan Burton TD. Conall McDevitt, Secretary of Labour Youth and Mick McLoughlin (Labour Youth).

### Group of the PES in the European Parliament

Full involvement in the Group, through the activity of Barry Desmond MEP, as Vice-President of the Group and Vice-Chairman of the Economic and Monetary Committee and by Bernie Malone MEP, as Vice-President of the Group and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy, 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 Environmental Tax (Int. Secretary); Conference on the Inter-Governmental Conferences (Joan Burton TD); Conference on Agriculture (Seamus Pattison TD). Barry Desmond M.E.P. and Bernie Malone M.E.P. have invited groups of Party activists on Study Visits to Strasbourg or Brussels.

Enda McKay, the Senior Group Administrator within the office of Secretary General Joan Cornet Prat, has provided a most important link between the Group and the Party and has greatly assisted the work of the International Secretary.

#### **Brussels Support Group**

The Brussels Support Group which has the backing of a growing circle of Irish staff-members in the various Community Institutions suffered the loss, through staff transfer, of its active Chairman, Arthur Kerrigan. Steps are being taken to revive the Group's activities.

#### **John Smith**

The sudden death of John Smith, Leader of the UK Labour Party, in May 1994 was a tragic loss not alone to his family, party and nation but to the Socialist and Labour Movement worldwide. He was mourned by his friends in Ireland who recalled his successful visit to Dublin in June 1993. Tributes were paid by Party Leaders in Dail Eireann and by Party spokespersons in Seanad Eireann. The Party Leader, Dick Spring, attended John Smith's funeral in Edinburgh on 20th May 1994. The International Secretary attended the Memorial Service for John Smith at Westminster Abbey on 14th July 1994.

#### **Representation**

The Party was represented as follows:

British Labour Party, Brighton October 1993 – International Secretary, Henry Haughton, Grett O'Connor, Declan Walsh.

SDLP Conference, Cookstown, November 1993 – Ruairi Quinn TD, Int. Secretary

Parti Socialiste Congress, Le Bourget, October 1993 – Int. Secretary

Wilton Park Enlargement Seminar. Helsinki, October 1993 – Int. Secretary

British Labour Party, Blackpool, October 1994 – The General Secretary and Henry Haughton.

Swedish Party Congress, Stockholm, September 1993 – James Wrynn.

#### **International Politics**

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 further enlargement of the Community and the very significant Intergovernmental Conference of 1996. With the Labour Party holding Ministerial responsibility for Irish Foreign Policy and providing clear leadership in areas such as Human Rights and Development Aid the prospects for implementation of the Party's longstanding policies are positive. The White Paper on Foreign Policy will provide a framework for such progress.



*The official opening of Head Office, Wednesday, 27th July, 1994. Ray Kavanagh, General Secretary, Dick Spring, T.D., Party Leader, Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Marion Boushell, Deputy General Secretary and Alderman Jim Kemmy, T.D., Chairperson of the Labour Party.*

## SECTION EIGHT

# *Development Plan for the Labour Party 1993-1995*

At the inaugural meeting of the Executive Committee on 28th April 1993, the General Secretary presented "A Development Plan for the Labour Party 1993-1995". It was adopted by the Executive Committee and subsequently by the General Council.

The Plan contained 11 items:-

- 1) Consolidating our Dail and Senate gains
- 2) Fighting the By-Elections in Mayo West and Dublin South Central.
- 3) Fighting the European Parliament Elections nationally.
- 4) Fighting the Urban District Council and Town Commission/ Sub County Tier Elections in the optimum number of areas.
- 5) Supporting the Referendum to permit Divorce.
- 6) Re-location of Head Office to a more central venue.
- 7) Setting in place the new constitutional structures of the Party including the Executive Committee and the General Council.
- 8) Extending the Party Organisation to Constituencies where we are at present unrepresented by Oireachtas members.
- 9) Revising the Dail Constituency structures to accommodate the new Dail Constituencies which will be formed during this period.
- 10) The formation of the Tom Johnson Foundation.
- 11) The establishment of an internal newsletter.

### **Item 1**

Consolidating our Dail and Senate gains:-

Six Constituencies were outlined for special attention:

**Clare** The Party increased its representation here in the Local Elections winning seats in Ennis U.D.C., regaining its seat on Kilrush U.D.C. and holding onto its Shannon T.C. seat.



**Laois/Offaly** The Party gained an extra seat on Tullamore U.D.C. but lost its Birr U.D.C. seat. There were no gains in Co.Laois.

**Cork East** 4 new branches have been formed here since the last Conference in Fermoy, Midleton, Shanagarry/Ballycotton and Youghal and a seat was won on Cobh U.D.C.

**Cork Nth West** The number of branches has increased to 14 and we won a seat on Macroom U.D.C.

**Cavan/Monaghan** The number of branches has increased from 2 to 5 and we won a seat on Cavan U.D.C.

**Limerick West** The expansion of our organisation is progressing here.

#### **Items 2&3**

Euro Elections and By-Elections (see Sections 3&5 of this Report).

#### **Item 4**

The Referendum to permit Divorce. This is still pending.

#### **Item 5**

The re-location of Head Office – this long standing ambition of the Party was finally accomplished on 12th May 1994 when Head Office moved to 17 Ely Place. It is a finely appointed building in a central location, within minutes walk from the Houses of the Oireachtas providing a focal point for the Party's membership and improved working conditions for the Party's staff. In line with the Party's commitment to the Country's architectural heritage it is one of the Capital's earliest Georgian buildings in the "Dutch Billy" style.

It was officially opened by the Party Leader, Dick Spring TD, Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs on 27th July 1994.

#### **Item 6**

The Constitutional Structures of the Party – the period between this and the previous Conference was the first period to see the full implementation of the new Party Constitution. Important changes in this area are proposed by the General Council in the Party Affairs section of the Agenda. – (See also Section one (a) and (b)).

#### **Item 7**

Party Organisation in Constituencies unrepresented by Oireachtas members (5).

**Donegal Sth West** This Constituency has already selected its candidate for the next General Election (Manus Brennan) and appointed a Constituency Organiser (Seamus Carbin).

**Galway East** Moves are afoot here to select a Dail Candidate and establish new branches.

**Longford/Roscommon, Mayo West and Mayo East** Re-organisation here awaits the Report of the Dail Constituency Commission which may substantially change these Constituencies.

#### **Item 8**

Revising the Dail Constituency Structures – this relates to our expectation that the Dail Constituency Commission would report in 1994. However, it was not established until November in that year and at the time of writing, it has not as yet made its report.

#### **Item 9**

The formation of the Tom Johnson Foundation – this body is intended to be an independent policy formation, development and research group, electing its own board and operating on a basis that will encompass and articulate left wing political thought in Ireland. The first steps in its formation have taken place.

#### **Item 10**

The establishment of an internal newsletter – for many years the Party has sought for the production of a members newsletter. Its first edition was published in September 1993 and since then there have been six other editions going to every Party member. Many thanks are due to Tom Butler and Grett O'Connor who edited the Newsletter and to Ita McAuliffe and the Secretarial staff in Leinster House who organised for its distribution.



*Senator Pat Magner and the late Gerry O'Sullivan, T.D. (Cork North Central), Minister of State at the Department of the Marine.*

## SECTION NINE

### Obituaries

**Bambi Cotter** – A business woman from Bantry where she was President of the Chamber of Commerce. She was also a member of the National Executive of the Chambers of Commerce in Ireland. She contested the 1992 Cork South West Dail nomination and was selected to contest the 1994 Bantry Town Commission Election. A woman of enormous vitality and commitment, she was involved in a scheme to bring child victims of the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster to Bantry at the time of her tragic death in a car accident in July 1994.

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**Stevie Coughlan** – A native of Limerick and a bookmaker by profession. He was a member of Limerick Corporation from 1950 and was Mayor in 1951–52 and 1970–71. Labour T.D. from 1961–1977. He died in December 1994

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**Paddy Crowley** – An Insurance official from Cork and a Trade Union activist. Paddy was a member of the Senate on the Labour Panel from 1957–1969.

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**Mick Kearney** – From the Liberties of Dublin, Mick was a member of the Party for over 50 years. A sheet metal worker by profession he was a member of the Union Executive. A friend of Jim Larkin and a close collaborator with the late Sean Dunne TD in the organisation of the Federation of Rural Workers. He was an active member of the Party in Dublin South Central and in Dublin South East up to the time of his death in 1994.

**Patrick (Pa) Lowe** – Pa Lowe was a member of Meath County Council at the time of his death (1994) having re-taken the seat which he previously held in 1979–85. He was a warmhearted and courteous figure whose love for his family and county was matched with his loyalty to the Labour Party and his great passion for horse-racing. A constant attender at National Conference and a great story teller and wit, he is a loss not only to his Meath Constituency but to the entire Labour Party.

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**Gerry O’Sullivan** – One of the best loved members of the Parliamentary Party. Gerry was first elected to Cork Corporation in 1979. In 1986–’87 he was Lord Mayor of Cork. He had worked in Dunlop’s Factory in Cork and later as a Security Officer. He was a lifelong member of the ITGWU (now SIPTU). He contested the 1987 General Election unsuccessfully but went on to head the poll at the 1989 and 1992 Elections. He was appointed Minister of State at the Department of the Marine with special responsibility for Port Development, Safety at Sea and Inland Fisheries in 1993. His term was tragically cut short when he died in August of the following year.

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**Al Phillips** – A longstanding member of the Terenure Branch in Dublin South Central. Al was one of that small group of entrepreneurs and business people whose commitment to socialism complemented their keen business sense. He died in 1993.

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