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## CONTEXT

### Biographical History

Patricia Coghlan (2 March 1914–2 July 1975) was born in Frankfort House, Upper Rathmines, Dublin. The family home was used as a safe house during the War of Independence and the Civil War and was frequented by prominent republican figures during this period. There were close ties between Frankfurt House and Roebuck House, the residence of Maud Gonne and her son, Sean MacBride. Patricia took up work at Roebuck House for a short period in the 1920s and remained a close personal friend to MacBride and his wife, Catalina 'Kid' Bulfin, until Patricia's death in 1975.

Sean MacBride founded Clann na Poblachta, an Irish republican political party, in 1946. The party was officially established on 6 July 1946 and held its first Ard Fheis in Balalaika, Dublin in November 1947. Clann na Poblachta was intended to become a rival republican party to Fianna Fáil but also held strong roots in social democratic policies. Patricia was employed at the party headquarters at 20 Herbert Place, Dublin, following its establishment and she continued to work there until the closure of the offices in the early 1960s.

The Clann experienced solid growth in the years immediately following its formation, aided by the fact that it was established during a period in Irish politics when the two primary parties, Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael, were relatively weak.

Fianna Fáil had experienced a lull in public support due to problems of emigration, unemployment and poverty and these issues came to occupy the core of Clann na Poblachta's election campaigns. In October 1947, the party experienced some success, winning two by-election seats in Dublin and Tipperary. Perhaps threatened by the potential success of the Clann na Poblachta party and fearful of allowing the party to build strong grassroots support, Éamon de Valera called a general election in 1948.

Clann na Poblachta experienced less success than MacBride had anticipated, securing only 10 seats. However, Fianna Fáil did not hold enough seats to form a majority Government and Clann na Poblachta formed part of the first Inter-Party Government with Fine Gael, the Labour Party, Clann na Talmhan and a number of Independents. MacBride was appointed Minister for External Affairs and occupied the position of president of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe in 1950. MacBride's fellow Clann TD, Dr Noel Browne occupied the position of Minister for Health. Patricia Coghlan's sister, Louie Coghlan-O'Brien, worked as MacBride's personal secretary during his Ministerial appointment.

Clann na Poblachta's success was short-lived as the coalition struggled to remain in power. Another general election was called in 1951 and Clann na Poblachta only managed to secure two seats. Following this election, a second Inter-Party Government was formed but, on this occasion, Clann na Poblachta chose not to join, with MacBride refusing to take a Ministerial position offered to him by John A. Costello. The party managed to secure three seats in the general election of 1954 but failed to gain any new momentum and their foothold was reduced to one seat

in Cavan in the general election of 1957, with Sean MacBride failing to be re-elected. After failing to secure his seat again in the 1961 general election, MacBride decided to withdraw from Irish politics.

Throughout his career, MacBride also carried out a significant amount of work relating to international human rights. He was involved in taking the cases of IRA members who had been imprisoned in Ireland without trial to the European Court of Human Rights. In one such case, he acted as Senior Council to Gerard R. Lawless in his action against the Government of Ireland for his internment without trial in the Curragh Military Barracks, Kildare in 1957.

Following his departure from Irish political life, MacBride became involved with a number of non-Governmental organisations. He was a founding member of Amnesty International; and served as the United Nations commissioner for Namibia, a role which carried the rank of UN assistant secretary general. MacBride received a number of awards for his work in international human rights receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974, the American Medal for Justice in 1975, the Lenin Peace Prize in 1975 and the UNESCO Silver Medal in 1980. MacBride died in Dublin at the age of 83 in January 1988.

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### **Archival History**

Deposited in UCD Archives by Patricia Coghlan's nephew, Noel Guilfoyle on 29 April 2014.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

#### **Clann na Poblachta**

Files of statements, reports and policy documents relating to the formation of Clann na Poblachta and the first Ard Fheis of 1947, 1946–8.

Speeches and statements made by Sean MacBride on behalf of Clann na Poblachta, primarily relating to their election campaigns in both general and by-elections, 1953–9.

Statements, pamphlets and correspondence pertaining to Clann na Poblachta's opposition campaign prior to the referendum on the proposed abolition of the Proportional Representation electoral system, 1958–9.

Correspondence, statements and articles concerning Clann na Poblachta; documents relating to the financial affairs of the party and newspaper cuttings of speeches made by Éamon de Valera, 1947–62.

#### **Gerard Lawless versus the Irish Government**

Files of correspondence, reports, documents and newspaper cuttings concerning the legal action taken by Gerard R. Lawless against the Irish Government for his internment without trial in the Curragh Internment Camp, Curragh Military Barracks, County Kildare, 13 July–11 December 1957. The case took place in the European Court of Human Rights following a referral by the European Commission of Human Rights and Sean MacBride served as Senior Council to Mr Lawless, 1957–9.

#### **The Cyprus Question**

File of correspondence between Sean MacBride and Greek political figures, reports, memoranda and newspaper cuttings relating to the Cyprus crisis of the 1950s, 1956–61.

#### **Sean MacBride Correspondence**

Small file of correspondence concerning Sean MacBride relating to issues with statements in the press; Irish politicians; Roger Casement; and MacBride's work with the Council of Europe, 1953–61.

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## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

### **Access**

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in digital format.

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### **Language**

English

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### **Finding Aid**

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## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

### **Archivist's Note**

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## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

### **Allied Collections in UCD Archives**

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## **1. Clann na Poblachta**

### **1.1 Formation of the Party**

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June–September 1946

15pp

#### **Foundation of Clann na Poblachta**

Documents pertaining to the formation of the political party Clann na Poblachta following a conference held in Barry's Hotel, Dublin on 6 June 1946.

Includes:

- Copy statement issued by the founding members of Clann na Poblachta declaring the formation of the party and the reasons behind its inception (6 June 1946, 2pp).
- Draft 'Outline of Provisional Policy' of the Clann na Poblachta party (1946, 3pp).
- Draft Provisional Scheme of Organisation for Clann na Poblachta (1946, 1p).
- Draft statement issued by the National Advisory Council of Sean-Oglaigh na h-Éireann calling for republicans to support Clann na Poblachta (4 August 1946, 1p).
- Copy letters issued by Clann na Poblachta seeking support and subscriptions for the party, signed by Sean MacBride and James Killeen (13–14 September 1946, 3pp).

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November 1947–January 1948

142pp

#### **First Ard Fheis, 1947**

File relates to the first Ard Fheis of Clann na Poblachta held at Balalaika on 30 November 1947, containing details of the programme of the Ard Fheis, delegates in attendance, resolutions passed, elections to the National Executive and transcripts of statements made throughout the Ard Fheis

Includes:

- Report on the Ard Fheis featuring a list of attendees and members, a detailed account of events throughout the day including a transcript of a speech given by Sean MacBride and resolutions made by the standing committee during the Ard Fheis (30 November 1947, 21pp).
- Handwritten and typed nominations for the National Executive, (November 1947, 7pp).
- Report detailing the six resolutions passed at the Ard Fheis (November 1947, 2pp).
- Brief document published following the first Ard Fheis detailing a number of Fundamental Guiding Principles for the development of its policy and the guidance of its members (not dated, 1p).

## **1.2 Speeches by Sean MacBride**

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January–October 1953

64pp

### **Sean MacBride speeches for Clann na Poblachta, 1953**

File of texts of speeches and statements made by Sean MacBride in 1953 pertaining to Clann na Poblachta's election campaigns. Contains speeches given at events relating to the Galway and Wicklow bye-elections endorsing local Clann na Poblachta candidates, statements made at Clann na Poblachta conventions, meetings, and at a number of commemorative events.

Speeches are:

- two copies of a statement made by Sean MacBride at Blackrock Debating Society, at which he occupied the position of Chair, concerning Clann na Poblachta banking policy, one copy features manuscript annotations, (31 January 1953, 6pp);
- statement made by MacBride at a Clann na Poblachta convention discussing the Wicklow bye-election (12 April 1953, 3pp);
- statement of MacBride at a Clann na Poblachta public meeting, Arklow, discussing the Wicklow bye-election (19 April 1953, 2pp).
- message from MacBride on behalf of Clann na Poblachta to the Annual Conference of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League held in Birmingham, 16–17 May 1953 (14 May 1953, 1p);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Greystones, Wicklow discussing unemployment and emigration, accompanied by a brief report on unemployment and emigration in Ireland and more specifically in Wicklow (17 May 1953, 5pp);
- address made at the sixth annual Ard Fheis of Clann na Poblachta, held in Dublin, discussing unemployment, the cost of living, partition, national defence and health, accompanied by a copy of the resolutions adopted by Clann na Poblachta at the Ard Fheis (24–25 May 1953, 10pp);
- addressing a public meeting Aughrim, County Wicklow in support of William Clarke, an election candidate for Clann na Poblachta in the Wicklow bye-election (6 June 1953, 2pp);
- statement made at Tinahealy, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (6 June 1953, 2pp);
- speaking at Bray, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (7 June 1953, 2pp);
- speaking at Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke, (June 1953, 1p);
- addressing a meeting of Clann na Poblachta election workers at Bray, County Wicklow, discusses a speech made by Éamon de Valera in Youghal relating to government spending of Marshall Aid funds (9 June 1953, 3pp);

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- speaking at a public meeting at Kilcoole, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (13 June 1953, 3pp);
- addressing a public meeting at Blessington, County Wicklow, in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (13 June 1953, 1p);
- speaking at a public meeting at Kilcoole, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (13 June 1953, 2pp);
- speaking at Rathdrum, County Wicklow in support of the Clann candidate William Clarke (14 June 1953, 1p);
- statement made at the final rally in Arklow in support of William Clarke (16 June 1953, 3pp);
- statement made at the final rally in Wicklow in support of William Clarke (17 June 1953, 1p);
- speaking at the unveiling of an IRA monument in Athlone (9 August 1953, 3pp);
- extract from a statement made at a Robert Emmet Commemoration, Fintona, County Tyrone, primarily relating to partition (15 August 1953, 3pp);
- documents detailing MacBride's public meeting schedule for August, 1953, in relation to the Galway bye-election; with documents presenting emigration and unemployment figures relating to the country and specifically to Galway (13 August 1953, 6pp);
- speaking at the Roger Casement commemoration at Dun Laoghaire, Dublin (12 September 1953, 3pp);
- statement made at a Thomas Russell Commemoration at Downpatrick, County Down, discussing partition (13 September 1953, 3pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Finglas, discussing economic policy (21 September 1953, 2pp);
- speaking at Claudy, County Derry, in support of the Republican candidate for mid-Derry Brendan Agnew in the Northern Ireland general election, with an address by Brendan Agnew supporting the end of partition (17 October 1953, 3pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting discussing emigration and depopulation in the countryside (24 October 1953, 3pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta dinner and social at the Ardhu Hotel, Limerick discussing the imprisonment of Liam Kelly, elected representative of Mid-Tyrone and member of Fianna Uladh (19 December 1953, 2pp).

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January–December 1954

97pp

**Sean MacBride speeches for Clann na Poblachta, 1954**

File of texts of speeches and statements made by Sean MacBride in 1954. Speeches largely pertain to the Clann na Poblachta campaign in the general election of 1954, supporting individual Clann na Poblachta candidates across the country and statements made following the disappointing results of the election for the Clann party. A number of the speech texts are accompanied by brief documents detailing speech schedules and Clann na Poblachta candidates for the general election.

Speeches are:

- statement made at conference of Clann na Poblachta public representatives for counties Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo, held at Ballinamore, Leitrim (17 January 1954, 2pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta convention Courthouse, Cavan discussing unemployment (21 February 1954, 3pp);
- statement made following a meeting of the Coiste Seasmhach (Standing Committee) of Clann na Poblachta at which arrangements were made to set up election machinery and to hold constituency conventions (6 March 1954, 1p);
- addressing the Clann na Poblachta convention for North Kerry, Thomas Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee (14 March 1954, 4pp);
- two copies of an address made at the Clann na Poblachta convention for Longford-Westmeath held at Mullingar, one copy features minor manuscript annotations (28 March 1954, 4pp);
- addressing a meeting of election workers in the Clann na Poblachta election rooms for Dublin North-East at 58 Fairview Strand in support of Michael A. Kelly (3 April 1954, 2pp);
- addressing a meeting of election workers on behalf of Councillor Joseph Barron, the Clann candidate in Dublin South Central, at the Election Rooms, 66 Aungier Street, (10 April 1954, 2pp);
- statement made at Clann na Poblachta conventions following the selection of Liam Skinner as the Clann na Poblachta candidate for Dublin North-West (16 April 1954, 3pp);
- two copies of a statement made at a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Sligo Town, one copy features minor annotations (17 April 1954, 2pp);
- address made at a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Manorhamilton, County Leitrim in support of Clann candidate Martin B. McGowan (18 April 1954, 1p);
- manuscript copy of an address at a meeting of Clann na Poblachta members in the Town Hall, Kilkenny (24 April 1954, 4pp);
- statement made at Clann na Poblachta public meeting for Dublin South-West at Saint Agnes Church, Crumlin and Black Lion Inchicore (25 April 1954, 1p);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting in support of Councillor Joseph Barron, Clann candidate for Dublin South

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- Central at York Street and Aungier Street (27 April 1954, 2pp);
- statement given at a Clann na Poblachta public meeting in support of Clann candidate Brian Magee at Clones, County Monaghan (1 May 1954, 3pp);
- speaking at a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Cootehill, County Cavan (2 May 1954, 2pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting at Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim (5 May 1954, 2pp);
- general election broadcast on behalf of Clann na Poblachta in the Radio Éireann 'Election Broadcast' series (10 May 1954, 7pp);
- statement made in support of Clann candidate John O'Connor at Tralee, County Kerry (11 May 1954, 3pp);
- addressing a meeting in support of John Joe O'Leary, Clann candidate for South Kerry at Caherciveen, (12 May 1954, 3pp);
- addressing a public meeting in support of Clann na Poblachta candidate Fursa Breathnach in Galway (13 May 1954, 2pp);
- three statements made in MacBride's own constituency following a tour of meetings across the country. The statements were made at Sundrive Road, Kimmage, Emmet Bridge, Harold's Cross and Leinster Square, Rathmines, Dublin (14 May 1954, 3pp);
- addressing the Clann na Poblachta Final Rally in Limerick City in support of Councillor Steve Coughlan (15 May 1954, 3pp), accompanied by a letter from Clann na Poblachta addressed to the News Editor of an unspecified newspaper detailing MacBride's speech schedule;
- statements made at meetings held on Mourne Road, Drimnagh and Ballyfermot, County Dublin (16 May 1954, 2pp);
- addressing the Clann na Poblachta Final Rally at the Parnell Monument, Dublin (17 May 1954, 3pp);
- statement on election results discussing the disappointing result for Clann na Poblachta (21 May 1954, 1p);
- proposal for the formation of a National Government, outlining three major arguments for the formation of a National Government, addressed to those who 'have a say in planning future political development in the Fifteenth Dail', (23 May 1954, 5pp);
- statement concerning MacBride's participation in the government declining the invitation extended to him by John A. Costello to join the new Interparty Government (1 June 1954, 2pp);
- statement by Deputies MacBride, John Tully, John Connor and Senator Frank Hugh O'Donnell nominating Liam Kelly, MP for Mid-Tyrone, for election to Seanad Éireann, accompanied by extracts from a speech made by Liam Kelly at his trial in Belfast (4 December 1953, 1p);
- address made at a Roger Casement Commemoration at Murlogh, County Antrim, the opening paragraphs of the speech are written in Irish (1 August 1954, 3pp);
- addressing the eighth Ard Fheis of Clann na Poblachta discussing the results of the general election, participation in government, partition and general Clann na Poblachta policy (30–31 October 1954, 8pp);

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- Clann na Poblachta lecture at the A.O.H. Hall, Sandymount, Dublin discussing partition (7 December 1954, 3pp);
- addressing an Irish National Teacher's Organisation (I.N.T.O.) meeting discussing the pay gaps between primary and secondary teachers and the requirement of a university degree (11 December 1954, 2pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta Dinner and Social held at the Ardhu Hotel, Limerick, The Mayor of Limerick, Alderman G.E. Russell presided (11 December 1954, 3pp);
- addressing a Social given in honour of the election officers and workers of Clann na Poblachta in Dublin South West held at the Country Shop, Saint Stephen's Green thanking the Clann organisation for their work during the election campaign (6 July 1954, 3pp).

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January–December 1959

58pp

**Sean MacBride speeches for Clann na Poblachta, 1959**

File of texts of speeches and statements made by Sean MacBride in 1959. Speeches largely take place at Clann na Poblachta events and pertain to the Dublin South-West bye-election and Clann na Poblachta's campaign for the retention of PR. Also present within the file are brief documents detailing MacBride's appearances at conferences and meetings, including the Congress of International Jurists, New Delhi and ceremonies in London for the Council of Europe.

Speeches are:

- addressing the Clann na Poblachta annual convention at Courthouse, County Cavan, discusses unemployment and proportional representation, features minor manuscript corrections (22 March 1959, 3pp);
- addressing a Clann na Poblachta public meeting in Westport, County Mayo (30 May 1959, 2pp);
- speaking at a meeting of Dublin election workers at Clann Headquarters, 20 Herbert Place discussing the intentions of Fianna Fáil to abolish PR in order to capitalise on first preference votes (6 June 1959, 2pp);
- addressing a Clann public meeting in the campaign for the retention of PR (7 June 1959, 1p);
- addressing three Clann na Poblachta public meetings at Mohill, Fenagh and Ballinamore, County Leitrim relating to the PR campaign (7 June 1959, 2pp);
- statement made at a Clann meeting held in the T.C.L.S. Hall, Tralee, County Kerry (11 June 1959, 3pp);
- statement at Clann na Poblachta's Final Rally in their campaign for the retention of the PR electoral system at Cavan Town (13 June 1959, 2pp);
- statement on the results of referendum on the electoral system and the decision by the Irish people to retain the PR system (19 June 1959, 1p);

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- two copies of a statement made following MacBride's unanimous selection as the Clann candidate for the upcoming bye-election in Dublin South-West, one copy features minor manuscript corrections (1 July 1959, 2pp);
- addressing a meeting of Clann election workers at the Clann headquarters, 20 Herbert Place following the finalisation of arrangements for the Dublin South-West bye-election (July 1959, 2pp);
- statement at the Clann Social in Jury's Hotel, discussing the Dublin South Central bye-election (5 July 1959, 2pp);
- two copies of an address at a public meeting held at Inchicore, County Dublin criticising the Government's inaction in terms of unemployment and emigration and for wasting time on the referendum to change the electoral system, one copy features minor manuscript annotations (11 July 1959, 3pp);
- statement at a Clann meeting at Terenure junction, Dublin relating to the upcoming election and criticising the current government (18 July 1959, 3pp);
- address pertaining to the Dublin South-West bye-election at a Clann public meeting at Kehoe Square (21 July 1959, 2pp);
- talk to Tuairim (Cork Branch) delivered at Cork City on 'Ireland's Foreign Policy' (18 September 1959, 7pp);
- speaking at a meeting of the Literary and Scientific Debating Society at Queen's University, Belfast to the Motion 'That this House takes leave of its censors' (20 October 1959, 4pp);
- paper read to the Medico-Legal Society of Ireland at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin entitled 'Diminished Responsibility' discussing the concept of diminished responsibility, usually resulting from insanity, as a defence in criminal cases (29 October 1959, 10pp).

### 1.3 Proportional Representation

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August 1958–May 1959

66pp

#### **Proportional Representation**

File pertains to Clann na Poblachta's campaign prior to the 1959 referendum, against the government's proposal to abolish the Proportional Representation (PR) electoral system in favour of the single transferable vote system.

Includes:

- Statement issued by the Ard Comhairle of Clann na Poblachta at a meeting held at Head Office, 20 Herbert Place, Dublin on the government proposal to abolish PR (30 August 1958, 3pp).
- Lecture on PR by Sean MacBride at the Bohemian Rooms, Jury's Hotel, [Dublin] (5 October 1958, 5pp).
- Statement from Ard Comhairle of Clann na Poblachta meeting at Limerick relating to the referendum on PR (1 February 1959, 2pp).
- Points from a lecture on PR by Sean MacBride at The Devlin Hall, Letterkenny, County Donegal (7 February 1959, 2pp).
- Points from a lecture on PR by Sean MacBride at the Queen's Hotel Ballroom, Ennis, County Clare (14 March 1959, 3pp).
- Pamphlet produced by the Tuairim Research Group entitled *P.R. For or Against* (April 1959, 23pp).
- Brief reports for publication of public meetings held by Clann na Poblachta as part of their campaign for the retention of PR. (15 March–25 May 1959, 7pp).
- Letter from Enid Lakeman of The Proportional Representation Society, 86 Ecclestone Square, London addressed to the editor of an unspecified newspaper arguing the dangers of abolishing PR in Ireland (6 June 1959, 1p).
- Paper written by Enid Lakeman entitled 'False Statements made in the Dáil', pertaining to perceived false statements made in the Dáil, namely by Éamon de Valera, Seán Lemass, Jack Lynch and Erskine Childers, in relation to PR (not dated, 4pp).
- Pamphlet published by Fianna Fáil promoting the benefits of replacing PR with the straight vote electoral system (not dated, 4pp).
- Information leaflet issued by Fine Gael promoting the preservation of the PR electoral system (not dated, 1p).
- Leaflet published by Clann na Poblachta arguing for the retention of PR (not dated, 2pp).

## 1.4 General

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December 1947–June 1959

29pp

### **Statements and Articles Issued by Clann na Poblachta**

File contains copies of documents to be issued for publication by Clann na Poblachta pertaining to the aims, events, policies and members of the party, official statements, Ard Fheis resolutions and topics of interest to the party and their political campaigns, such as unemployment figures and the cost of living.

Includes:

- Copy of the magazine *The Clann: Issued by Clann na Poblachta* (28 December 1947, 8pp), features articles on agriculture, the cost of living, the Irish Government, Fianna Fáil and the aims and principles of the Clann na Poblachta party.
- Paper entitled 'Summary of Memorandum to the Government on Proposal for Establishment of a Land Development Authority' which was submitted during MacBride's term as Minister for External Affairs (16 February 1959, 8pp).
- Statements issued by the standing committee and the Ard Comhairle (National Executive) of Clann na Poblachta, statements relate to increased bus fares, unemployment levels, the Government's attitude towards arbitration, partition and public works (16 January 1953–June 1959, 17pp).
- 'New Year's Wishes' written by Sean MacBride for publication in the *Sunday Independent*, hopes for a representative government and the end of partition (December 1952, 1p).
- Statement pertaining to resolutions adopted by the Ard Comhairle (National Executive) of Clann na Poblachta at a meeting held in Dublin (27 February 1954, 1p).
- List of candidates due to stand for election in the 1954 general elections, ratified by the Coiste Seasmhach (Standing Committee) of Clann na Poblachta (27 March 1954, 1p).
- Statement issued for publication entitled 'Fianna Fáil Cumann Joins Clann na Poblachta', regarding the resignation of the Roger Casement Cumann, Dublin South-West from Fianna Fáil to support Clann na Poblachta and Sean MacBride (May 1954, 2pp).
- Newspaper cutting featuring an article from the *Dublin Evening Mail* which contains the full text of proposals made by MacBride for the formation of a National Government which were submitted to Éamon de Valera, John A. Costello, Richard Mulcahy, William Norton and Joseph Blowick (24 May 1954, 4pp).
- List of newly elected members to the National Executive and the Standing Committee of Clann na Poblachta (not dated, 1p).
- Report from the Clann na Poblachta Dublin South West Convention, details the events and outcomes of the convention (not dated, 2pp).
- Draft manuscript document, likely written by MacBride,

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discussing the degree of cooperation between the Irish authorities and the British military authorities during his time in Government in 1948 (not dated, 1p).

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February 1951–December 1959

33pp

**Clann na Poblachta Correspondence**

File of correspondence of the Clann na Poblachta party, features notification letters sent to subscribers of the party to alert them to upcoming events or meetings, letters to newspapers, correspondence with members of the party and letters to voters urging them to ensure that they are registered and arrive in time to cast their ballots, any attachments of documents relevant to the content of the letters remain within the file.

Includes:

- Correspondence between Clann na Poblachta and Dermot Corcoran, Dublin, relating to his resignation from the Coiste Seasmhach (Standing Committee) of Clann na Poblachta (26 January 1951–9 February 1951, 3pp).
- Unsigned copy letters addressed to the Taoiseach, the editor of *The Irish Press* and an unspecified recipient discussing the exclusion of the press from a debate in Queen's University Belfast, at which Sean MacBride was the principal speaker, and also referring to the perceived exclusion of Sean MacBride from the columns of *The Irish Press*, attached is a copy of an account of the debate in Queen's University Belfast (3 December 1953, 5pp).
- Letter sent to members of Clann na Poblachta pertaining to a meeting of the party at which recordings made of Senator Hartnett attacking Fianna Fáil are to be played. Letter is accompanied by transcripts of extracts of the recording made by Senator Hartnett in June 1948 (20 November 1953, 5pp).
- Copy letter from Clann na Poblachta for publication in *The Evening Herald* urging voters to reach the polling stations in sufficient time to secure their ballot papers.
- Draft letter to the Editor of *The Irish Press* relating to the perceived 'systematic suppression and distortion' of news in *The Irish Press* and the accusation that the newspaper had falsified election returns from the general election (21 May 1954, 1pp).

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107pp

**Financial Affairs of Clann na Poblachta**

File pertains to the financial transactions of Clann na Poblachta. The file primarily relates to business transactions between Clann na Poblachta and the James J. Ardiffe printing company, Kilmainham, Dublin for the years 1950–62 and contains correspondence between Clann na Poblachta and the company, details of orders placed for membership cards, election posters and slips, accounts, invoices and receipts. Also present is a receipt (10 February 1948, 1p) and two cheque stubs (24 June 1948–8 August 1949, 2pp) from lodgements made to the Clann na Poblachta account with National City Bank.

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**Election Results**

Copybook of manuscript notes on the election results of the general election and Senate election in 1951, the East Limerick, North Mayo, Waterford and Dublin North-West bye-elections of 1952 and the Wicklow and Cork East bye-elections of 1953. Contains tables detailing the constituency, the quota, individual vote counts for each of the candidates and the results of the election. Booklet also features newspaper cuttings of election coverage, polls and results.

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22pp

**Press coverage of Éamon de Valera**

File contains a summary of press reports from a visit of Éamon de Valera to Europe, visiting France, Portugal, Spain and England, from 2–18 December 1953. Summaries of press coverage include the title of the newspaper which published the piece, the page number and column number and a brief summary of the article's content. Also contains a variety of newspaper cuttings, primarily from *The Irish Times* and *The Irish Press*, featuring articles relating to speeches, which were flagged as important, given by Éamon de Valera discussing the issue of partition, the twenty-first anniversary of the Fianna Fáil political party, emigration and government policy.

## 2. Gerard R. Lawless *v* the Irish Government

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July 1957–June 1959

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### **Correspondence for the case of Gerard R. Lawless *v* the Government of Ireland**

File of correspondence pertaining to the case of Gerard R. Lawless versus the Government of the Republic of Ireland, correspondence is primarily between Sean MacBride, acting as Senior Counsel to G.R. Lawless, and other legal professionals discussing the particulars and events of the case. Where present, attachments have been maintained within the file, including draft letters and copy legal documents relating to the case.

Includes:

- Correspondence with Ciaran McAnally, solicitor, 35 South George's Street, Dublin. Letter dated 5 November 1957 features a copy of the Statement of Complaint for the case (14 October–5 November 1957, 18pp).
- Correspondence between MacBride and Polys Modinos, Director of Human Rights, A.B. McNulty for the Director of Human Rights and Paul M.G. Levy, Director of Information, Secretary General, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.
- Copy *curriculum vitae* for the Counsel of Gerard R. Lawless, features brief professional histories for Sean MacBride, Thomas J. Connolly, Séamas Sorahan, Patrick C. Moore and Ciaran McAnally.
- Unsigned copies of two letters, the first from Patrick McCartan and the author of the second is not stated but is possibly MacBride, to the editors of *The People*, *The Wicklow People*, *The Enniscorthy Guardian* and *The New Ross Standard* regarding an article covering the events of the Lawless case which was perceived to be misleading, a newspaper cutting of the article is present (29–30 September 1958, 7pp).

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February 1953–November 1958

194pp

### **Lawless versus the Government of Ireland Papers**

File contains notes, articles and recommendations relating to the case of G.R. Lawless and documents relating to the European Commission, European Court and the Convention of Human Rights and the relationship between European law and Irish domestic law.

Includes:

- Copy declaration of the then Minister for External Affairs, Proinsias Mac Aogain's, acceptance of the Convention for the

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- Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom signed at Rome on 4 November 1950 on behalf of the Government of Ireland (18 February 1953, 2pp).
- Annotated copy of a statement made by MacBride at the Inaugural Meeting of the Law Students' Debating Society pertaining to the Convention of Human Rights of the Council of Europe and European International Law (7 December 1956, 4pp).
  - Document detailing the discussion of the Lawless case and the validity of the powers of internment without charge or trial contained in the Irish Offences against the State Act, by the Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg. (1958, 4pp).
  - Document advising the Opposition Deputies, those representing Gerard R. Lawless, on arguments to make during the trial to refute the claim of the Irish Government that there was an existence of 'a public emergency threatening the life of the nation' when Lawless was interned without trial (not dated, 3pp).
  - Extract from a description of another court case, referred to as the Simmons case, in the United States. Extract is accompanied by a manuscript note from the desk of Paul O'Dwyer suggesting that the citations might be beneficial to MacBride (not dated, 4pp).
  - Document 'The Court of Human Rights: An Important New Development' discussing recent developments affecting the Convention of Human Rights and Ireland's relations with the Council of Europe, contains minor manuscript corrections (not dated, 3pp).
  - Typed notes entitled 'Notes as to the Convention of Human Rights' discussing the development of and Ireland's acceptance of the Convention (not dated, 5pp).
  - Council of Europe Directorate of Information publication pertaining to the near completion of the European Social Charter (17 November 1958, 4pp).
  - Council of Europe Directorate of Information publication relating to the Sub-Commission established in January 1958 to examine the second Greek Application against the United Kingdom Government (22 November 1958, 2pp).
  - Copy press release from the Directorate of Information, Council of Europe entitled 'Brief History of the European Convention on Human Rights' (not dated, 6pp).
  - Document entitled 'Human Rights' relates to Ireland's decision to join the Council of Europe in 1949 and the impact of the Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (not dated 3pp).
  - Two draft copies of article entitled 'The Court of Human Rights' discussing the development and actions of the Court of Human Rights and its impact on domestic law in Ireland, one of the copies features minor annotations and corrections (not dated, 48pp).
  - Paper entitled 'Human Rights and International Law' discussing the relationship of human rights to international law, sections have been underlined and marked with red pen (not dated, 10pp).

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- Issue of *For the Rule of Law: Bulletin of the International Commission of Jurists*, Number 28, (December 1966, 76pp).
- Published booklet, 'Offences against the State (Amendment) Act, 1940, (Detention) Regulations, 1957' (1957, 14pp).
- Booklet, 'Conclusions of the Plenary Session held at Strasbourg from 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 1958' (25 July 1958, 7pp).

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September 1957–June 1958

59pp

**Newspaper Cuttings for *Lawless v the Government of Ireland***

File contains newspaper cuttings featuring press coverage in *The Irish Times*, *The Irish Independent*, *The Kerryman*, *The Cork Examiner*, *Dublin Evening Mail* and *The Wicklow People* of the developments of the *Lawless* case taken against the Government of Ireland.

### 3. The Cyprus Question

**P277/15** March 1956–March 1961

117pp

#### **Sean MacBride and the Cyprus Question**

File pertains to the political and civil unrest in Cyprus in the late 1950s and early 1960s and the questions surrounding Cypriot independence. Contains correspondence, reports, memoranda and newspaper cuttings relating to the Cyprus question.

Includes:

- Correspondence between Sean MacBride and prominent Cypriot and Grecian political figures relating to the Cyprus Question, namely Tassi Droulia, Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe, E. Averoff-Tossizza, Minister for Foreign Affairs, John S. Pasmazoglu, Minister of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (O.E.E.C.), and Archbishop Makarios III of Cyprus.
- Copy address delivered by Tassi Droulia before the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe (8 January 1957, 9pp).
- Memorandum on the Cyprus Question by Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi (5 June 1957, 4pp).
- Copy 'Statement by the Archbishop of Cyprus on the 'Tortures Practiced in Cyprus by British Security Forces' (19 June 1957, 10pp).
- Copy 'Brief Memorandum on the Immediate Preparations for the Economic Development of Cyprus' prepared by Sean MacBride (February 1959, 5pp).
- Two issues of the information bulletin *Balmedo*, bulletin number 39 and 41, featuring reports on current events in Greece, Cyprus, the Balkans, and the Middle East (15 June–31 July 1958, 15pp).

#### 4. Sean MacBride Correspondence

**P277/16** June 1953–August 1961

21pp

##### **Sean MacBride Correspondence**

File contains general correspondence involving Sean MacBride, featuring letters relating to alleged misrepresentations in the press and in statements made by Irish politicians; the European Economic Community; and Roger Casement.

Includes:

- Letter addressed to an unspecified newspaper refuting claims made by [Seán] McEntee that Fianna Fáil were opposed to Ireland's participation in the Marshall Plan and that the Inter-Party Government had squandered the proceeds of Marshall Aid (16 July 1953, 1p).
- Copy telegram sent to W.J. Kelly, father of Irish Republican and elected representative for Mid-Tyrone, Liam Kelly, relating to his son's imprisonment and expressing his solidarity (1953, 1p).
- Manuscript letter from Captain Michael J. Kehoe, Rathmines, Dublin, Honorary Secretary of the Casement and Plunkett Comrades-at-Arms Survivors Committee, with a newspaper cutting from the *Irish Catholic* containing an article by Kehoe on 'Roger Casement and Catholicism' (15 June 1954, 7pp).
- Copy letter from MacBride to the editors of the *Westmeath Independent*, the *Leitrim Observer*, the *Roscommon Herald* and the *Longford Leader* concerning misrepresentations in a speech made by Senator [Frank] Carter alleging moves to have the navigation on the Shannon and inland canals closed permanently (12 August 1959, 4pp).
- Letter from the Department of the Taoiseach to MacBride pertaining to Ireland's application for membership of the European Economic Community (EEC) (31 August 1961, 1p).