

## **Celtic League AGM 2006**

### **Resolutions Passed, Breizh**

#### **Éire**

1) This AGM deplores the Fine Gael decision to downgrade the status of Irish in second level education by eliminating Irish as a necessary subject for study and examination for the Leaving Certificate and supports the Conradh na Gaeilge campaign against this. (See also Celtic News No. 1992 FINE GAEL LANGUAGE MOVE CONDEMNED)

2) On the occasion of this first CL AGM in Breizh since his death this AGM acknowledges the contribution of Alan Heusaff (its first General Secretary) to the work of Celtic League, interceltic cooperation and for the language, culture and freedom of Breizh.

#### **Kernow**

The International Celtic League calls upon the Westminster government of the United Kingdom to legislate to permit the people of the Celtic Nation of Kernow/Cornwall to fly the flag of St. Piran in perpetuity without fear of prosecution or persecution. (See also Celtic News No. 1976 CORNISH FURY OVER FLAG BAN)

#### **Mannin**

1) In light of the fact that the first group of children to be taken through their primary education in the Manx language at the Bunscoil Ghaelgagh will be leaving the school in July 2007, this AGM seeks assurances from the Isle of Man's Department of Education that their linguistic rights and needs will be met in the secondary school environment.

2) This AGM calls upon the UK television and radio companies to ensure that Cornwall is not erroneously referred to as an English county, but rather recognise its distinct status and Celtic identity.

3) This AGM concerned at proposals which may lead to the construction of a new generation of nuclear plants reiterates its opposition to the French and British civil and military nuclear programmes. (See also Celtic News No. 1989 NUCLEAR FINE A 'WAKE UP CALL')

#### **Secretary General**

This AGM, recalling the deaths over many years of 47 members of the Irish contingent of the United Nations Force in Lebanon, unreservedly condemns the Israeli government and Defence Forces for the most recent deaths of UNIFIL personnel manning the UNIFIL post at Khiyam in South Lebanon.

(Note: Ireland contributed peacekeepers to the UNIFIL force for twenty three (1978-2001) in that time 257 of the overall contingent were killed the vast majority due to the actions of the Israeli Defence Force of their proxy South Lebanon Army - on July 25th four U.N. observers from Austria, Finland, Canada and China were killed when their post was targeted by an Israeli aircraft) (See also Celtic News No. 1977 SYMPATHY FOR UN OBSERVERS KILLED BY ISRAEL)

## 2) This AGM

a) Condemns the use by United States and Israeli civil and military aircraft of Prestwick airport as a transit point for arms shipments to the Israeli Defence Forces

b) Calls for an enquiry to establish if the actions of those in the United Kingdom who authorise or facilitate the shipments are guilty of crimes under International law.

(See also Celtic News No. 1995 SCOTTISH ANGER AT GOVERNMENT POLICY ON LEBANON)

3) This AGM expresses its concern that despite the United Kingdoms "heightened state of alert of terrorism" a journalist was recently able to gain access to a Cumbria-bound train carrying nuclear waste.

4) This AGM, recalling the campaign by the Celtic League to clarify the circumstances surrounding the loss of several motor fishing vessels in inexplicable circumstances whilst sailing in or near military submarine exercise areas expresses its concern that the cause of the loss of the Breton trawler Bugaled Breizh is still unresolved.

Note: The Celtic League campaign to investigate these unexplained losses covered a twenty year period during the Cold War. The loss of and damage to scores of vessels was assessed. The League determined that in 15-20 instances there was strong cause for concern about possible military submarine involvement. The loss of several vessels from Brittany was examined. The single greatest loss of life also involved a Breton vessel, the Cite D'Aleth, which sank suddenly with all 10 crew members off Wexford, Ireland in January 1983." (See also Celtic News No. 1986 BUGALED BREIZH - RELEASE SUBMARINE LOGBOOKS CALL)

## **Convenor**

1) This AGM agrees a rate of US \$35 membership/subscription for outside Europe

2) This AGM confirms the continuance of the subcommittee to examine the direction of the League, its organisation, finances, Carn and publications and viability for the future and calls on it to submit a final report by the end of February 2007. All branches should consult their members and send the responses to the Committee. For 2007, 3 issues of Carn will be produced and a desk-top publishing production method will be introduced as soon as possible for layout.

## **AGM**

1) This AGM calls for the all political prisoners in and from the Celtic countries to be repatriated and put in prisons close to their homes.

2) This AGM calls for the immediate release of Kristian Geogault given the fact that he has been on trial twice for the crime (on March 26th., 2004 and June 26th, 2005) and taking into consideration the time already served.

(See also Celtic News No. 1987 TREATMENT OF BRETON PRISONER IS UNFAIR SAYS LEAGUE)