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*Speeches on ...  
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Mc G I N L E Y. Joseph, Patrick (Dr).

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'FREEMAN'S'

9-1-'22.

THE REPUBLIC

A Letter which Mr. Lloyd George  
Sent to Mr. de Valera

Dr. McGinley (Donegal) said they were told they had a Republic established in this country and that the delegates who signed that Treaty with England could not sign away that Republic. If they had a Republic in this country in the sense in which some there meant to convey it, he, as one plain man, wanted to know why were delegates sent at all. Was it to arrange for the evacuation by the English forces of this country?

To his mind the Republic was let down since the letter of Lloyd George was sent to President de Valera on September 29, in which he said that in spite of their sincere desire for peace, and in spite of the tone of his (Mr. de Valera's) last communication, they could not enter a conference on the basis of that correspondence. Notwithstanding his (Mr. de Valera's) assurance to the contrary, which they appreciated, it might be argued that it involved them in a recognition to which no British Government would agree.

THE REPLY.

Mr. de Valera asked that the reply sent to that letter be read.

Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly tendered the reply to the Speaker, but he declined to read it.

Continuing, Dr. McGinley said the point for him was this: they had no real functioning Republic in this country. They had a paper Republic, and the people were sick of this paper Republic and the paper Republicans too.

Proceeding, Dr. McGinley said they had got no international recognition from any country in the world.

It might be said that their plenipotentiaries might have got better terms in London. But the people of the country had made up their minds that the plenipotentiaries had done the best for Ireland that they could.

He for one would not take the responsibility of plunging the country into a war of extermination, which he thought would result if the Treaty was rejected. He had no qualms in giving his support to the Treaty. He was sent into the Dail to get absolute separation if he could; but the people that sent him there sent him to use his own free will, and if he could not get absolute separation at the present time he would take something by which they could work out their independence in the long run. In voting for the Treaty he was voting according to the mandate he got from his constituents (applause).

CORK MEMBER'S OPPOSITION.

Mr. Thomas Hunter (Cork) followed, and in a brief speech opposing the Treaty said as a Republican he could never recognise King George V. of England either in internal or external association (applause).

"NO OTHER WAY."

Commandant Sean Hales (Cork) speaking in support of ratification, said he had travelled down the stormy road since 1916, and he felt very keenly on the matter. He knew that his friends and soldiers on the other side felt the same. He did not want to make a speech, and all he wished to say was that he saw no other road but that of the Treaty. He saw no other way out at the present moment (applause).

McGINLEY. Joseph. Patrick. (Dr) High Road, Letterkenny,  
Co. Donegal.

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Age 27. (1921).

Occupation. Doctor.

Elected Sinn Fein M.P. for Donegal, May 1921.

Member of Local Government Board Committee, Dail Eireann.

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Adjutant, No.1. (Letterkenny) Batt. East Donegal Brigade.

Other than various seditious speeches made by this man his activities, if any, appear to be very little known.

A Prosecution was ordered for a seditious speech made at Rosnakill 26-10-19, and according to the "Irish Bulletin" Vol.5. No. 20 29-6-21 he was imprisoned in 1919.

Apparently during the greater portion of 1921 he was ill, and in consequence has shown no outward activity.

Seditious speeches were made:-

At Strabane, 11-1-18.

At Letterkenny, 8-2-18. 21-4-18. 26-10-18. 23-3-19.

At Raphoe, 13-2-18.

At Kilmacreeena, 31-3-18.

At Gartan, Letterkenny, 23-6-18.

At Creeslough, 29-5-19. 13-7-19.

At Rosnakill, 26-10-19.

S.F. President for Letterkenny. Stated to be an out and out Sinn Feiner.

Since the Truce acted as Judge at a Sinn Fein Court held near Letterkenny 24-9-21. (15 I.B. W.I.S. 30-9-21).

*Voted for Treaty on Sat 7-1-22*

Nominated Treaty Candidate for Donegal. (Ext. "Irish Times" 2-6-22).

*Returned Unopposed for alone constituency*

