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'FREEMAN'S' 18-3-22.

TYRRANOUS TACTICS

Leitrim's Protest Against the Kidnapping of T.D.

There was a large attendance at the pro-Treaty meeting in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. A band headed contingents from the Drumlish district of Co. Roscommon, and a large party of men from the South Leitrim Brigade, I.R.A., were paraded prior to the meeting, to which they later marched, joining the general public.

Mr. A. Lavin, T.D., who had been kidnapped the previous night, made a powerful speech, in which he explained what such conduct led to. His listeners loudly applauded in approval.

Very Rev. Canon O'Reilly, P.P., V.F., in moving Mr. Thos. Carter, T.D., to the chair, said that ground gained should be maintained, and when the country recovered they could make further advances. They should maintain unity now and during the election.

Mr. Carter said it was for the people to decide whether they would accept what they had got or drive the country into chaos, war, and ruination.

Rev. Malachy Brennan, C.C., Mantua, said North Roscommon was unanimous and altogether whole-hearted for the Treaty. If the Treaty were smashed they would have to travel another forty years in the desert without ever seeing the promised land of freedom.

BY WAY OF REMINDER.

Mr. Lavin said some people told him he had subverted the Republic by voting for the Treaty; but some of them would have to live another few generations before they would be able to say they did as much for the Republic as he did for the Republic.

They would be better able to fight for a Republic when they had their own army than when a few men on the run around the hillsides, with an old shotgun between five, were trying to get a crack at an odd old peeler (cheers).

He said the tactics of their opponents was one of intimidation, and an effort to prevent the right of free speech. He referred to his kidnapping, and said some young men who now stood on the rock of a Republic arrested him the previous night.

He pointed out to them that the action they were taking would do more good than if he spoke at six public meetings.

Referring to the men who arrested him, Mr. Lavin added emphatically, "When the row rises again I'll see they will be in the fight as well as me."

AGAINST TYRANNY.

Mr. James N. Dolan said the British Empire was driven bag and baggage out of the country and they won a tremendous victory.

If it were not for the men behind the guns they would not be enjoying the freedom they had. He protested against the arrest of Mr. Lavin and against tyranny, no matter from whom it came.

LAVIN. Andrew. Creevagh, Creevagh S. District, Co. Sligo.
Ballyfarnon, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.

File. 1322/67.

Age, 30. (1921).

Occupation, An Irish Teacher.

ELECTED SINN FEIN M.P. FOR LEITRIM AND NORTH ROSCOMMON, MAY 1921.

Black List No. 18362.

Police Commandant, North Roscommon Brigade Area. (B.L.)

Brigade Adjutant, North Roscommon Brigade. (O.of B.)

Has for the past three or four years taken a very active part in the Sinn Fein Movement.

Arrested 21-8-18 by the Police when a number of seditious documents relating to the Irish Volunteer Movement were found in his possession. Discharged by order of Government 26-8-18. (R.I.C. Crime Special).

Attended I.R.A. Convention, January 1920. (Mulcahy's documents).

Member of a Sinn Fein Arbitration Court held at Croghan 10-7-20.

A man of extreme views and was "on the run" until the Truce. (July 1921).

Was Chairman of the Roscommon County Council until a few months ago. (September 1921). (5th Div).

Ext. "Irish Bulletin" Vol.5. No.20. dated 29-6-21. "S.F. M.P. Leitrim and North Roscommon. Wanted".

Believed to have been involved in the Keadue ambush of the R.I.C. (R.I.C. Crime Special).

Attended Meeting at Keadue 4-9-21. (W.I.S. 5th Div. 10-9-21).

President of Sinn Fein Court at Cootihall (Cootehill) 11-10-21).

Present at the opening of Roscommon County Home 1-11-21. (5th Div. I.S. 12-11-21).

Voted in favour of ratification of Treaty, 7th January 1922.

Attended conference at Carrick on Shannon on 4. 4. 22 in connection with forthcoming elections and reorganization of Army commands in the western divisions. (Irish Times "7. 4. 22).

Elected one of the Pro-Treaty Candidates for the joint Constituency of Leitrim & North Roscommon. (Ext. "Freeman's Journal" 1-6-22).

Returned unopposed for above constituency.

LAVIE. Andrew. (Continued.)

Said to be a paid member of the Provisional Government. (Ex. from
Republican War News No. 58. dated 15.9.22.)

