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May 5, 1994

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Ireland

Dick Spring, T.D.

Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs



Member of the Dáil
(House of Representatives)

Born: 29 August 1950, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland

Parents: Dan Spring and Anne Spring

Partner: Kristi Hutcheson (born Virginia, USA)

Children: Three — Aaron, Laura Lee & Adam

Education: Trinity College, Dublin; Kings Inns, Dublin

Party: Labour Party

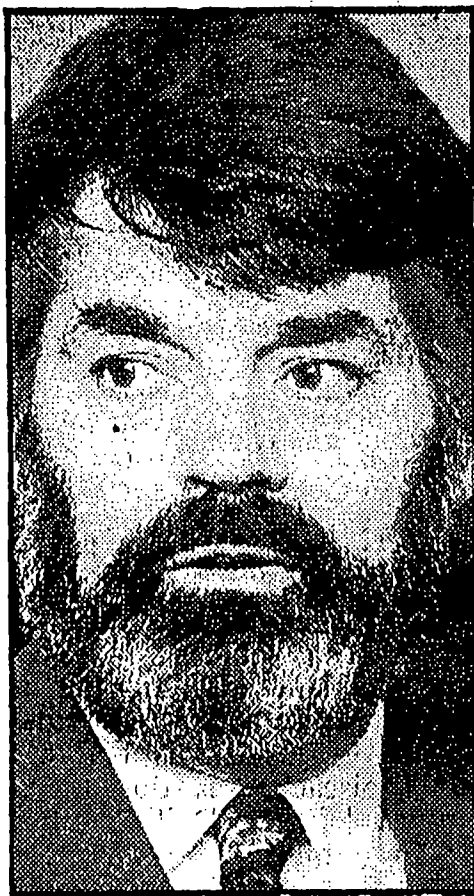
Constituency: Kerry North

Political Career: Minister of State, Department of Justice, 1981–82; Leader, Irish Labour Party, 1982–; Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister), 1982–87; Minister for Environment, 1982–83; Minister for Energy, 1983–87; Party Spokesperson on Northern Ireland, 1987–; Women's Affairs, 1989–92; Leader, Labour Party Delegation, New Ireland Forum, 1984–85; Negotiator, Anglo-Irish Agreement, 1985; Member, Steering Committee, British Irish Parliamentary Body, 1989–92; Member, Kerry County Council, 1979–83, 1987/91 and 1991–93; Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1993–.

Profession: Barrister (not practising)

Membership: Tralee Rugby Football Club; Gaelic Athletic Association; Lansdowne Football Club; Tralee and Ballybunion Golf Clubs.

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Minister for Social Welfare

SOCIAL WELFARE

Prionsias De Rossa (54), Democratic Left, Dublin North West, married with three children.

"Parnellian" is an adjective sometimes applied to Mr De Rossa, and not only because of the beard. The party leader is a distant, even austere man, with little time either for the back-slapping tradition of politics or the new PR-finished school. But his relative austerity has cost him nothing in popularity, and he has defied a slammer to become a very effective Dail performer.

His has been a particularly long and winding road to government. Interned at 18 as an IRA member, he renounced traditional nationalism to go with the marxist wing in the 1970 split. Eventually turned his back both on Marx and the gun, through the painful split of The Workers' Party to the launch of Democratic Left.

Biography of Mary Harney, T.D.

Mary Harney is a remarkable politician by any standards, and one who holds a number of unique distinctions in Irish politics. Along the way, she has attained a number of historic "firsts".

The most notable of these was undoubtedly becoming the first woman leader in the history of the Irish State of a major political party, when she succeeded Des O'Malley as Leader of the Progressive Democrats last October. In the view of most political observers in Ireland this was only a fitting reward, since Mary Harney had not only co-founded the Party with Des O'Malley in December 1985, but was the real motive force behind its inception.

Mary's emergence on the Irish political stage was no less remarkable. When she was nominated to the Irish Senate by the then Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach), Jack Lynch, in 1977, she became Ireland's youngest ever Senator, at the tender age of 22. Another "first".

Undoubtedly the reason why the astute Jack Lynch had marked Mary Harney out for political advancement was that he had encountered her as Auditor of the Historical Society in historic Trinity College, Dublin, where she had become the first ever woman auditor of that prestigious college society.

But the list of "firsts" does not end there. When the fledgling Progressive Democrats Party entered Government for the first time in a Coalition Administration with Fianna Fail, in July 1989, Mary Harney became Ireland's first ever Minister for Environmental Protection.

In that post, over the following three years, she single-handedly pushed environmental protection and enhancement to the top of the Irish political agenda. Perhaps her two most outstanding achievements was to set up the Irish Environmental Protection Agency -- which in part took its inspiration from the EPA in the United States -- and to rid Ireland's capital city, Dublin, of its winter smog menace.

That episode especially tells a lot about the decisive, no-nonsense political style of Mary Harney. For a number of years, the winter smog menace had been tackled haphazardly by the authorities in Dublin, mainly by a planned extension of smoke control zones in residential suburbs. But even if that policy was to be effective, it would have taken to the end of this century at least to overcome the problem finally.

Mary Harney realised that the only effective solution was to ban outright the burning of bituminous coal, and to allow only smokeless fuels on the retail market. And despite opposition from her Government partners, the coal industry, and some householders, she stood by her policy and pushed it through. In the single winter of 1990-91, the Dublin smog problem was eradicated for good.

Notwithstanding all these achievements, Mary Harney is a young politician. Just into her forties, she was born in the West of Ireland, but moved with her farming family at a young age to Co. Dublin where she grew up.

Another of her passionate concerns is the need for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Northern Ireland. Since her college days, Mary has cultivated close contacts with people who are now prominent in the political life of Northern Ireland as representatives of both the Nationalist and Unionist communities.

Mary Harney is the embodiment of the new, young, self-confident Ireland, whose mission is to transform Ireland into a prosperous modern economy, playing a full role in the 12-member European Union.

Is it any wonder that in a recent newspaper national opinion poll in the "Irish Times" in Ireland, Mary Harney emerged as Ireland's most popular political leader.

Ends.

Born: *March 1953 at Ballinasloe, Co. Galway*

Education: *Convent of Mercy, Inchicore, Dublin.
Presentation Convent, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.
Trinity College, Dublin - B.A. (Mod).*

Occupation: *Full-time Public Representative.*

Career: *First Lady Auditor of the College Historical Society in Trinity College.*

1977 - 1981: Nominated by Jack Lynch to Senate.

1981: First elected to Dail Eireann.

1979 - 1991: Member of Dublin County Council.

Oct. 1985: Fianna Fail whip removed after voting for Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Dec. 1985: Co-founded the Progressive Democrats with Des O'Malley.

July 1989: Appointed Minister for Environmental Protection.

February 1993: Appointed Deputy Leader of the Progressive Democrats and Spokesperson on Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

October 1993: Elected Leader of the Progressive Democrats.

Mary Harney can be contacted at Dail Eireann, Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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Desmond O'Malley, T.D.

Limerick East

Des O'Malley has represented Limerick since 1968 and has occupied a number of senior Government posts in an illustrious political career. He has been Minister for Justice and Minister for Industry and Commerce in four different administrations. He has been instrumental in securing major industrial investments in the Limerick and Mid-West region over the past twenty years.

In December 1985, Des O'Malley founded the Progressive Democrats, and that Party has led the way in promoting new policies to improve the social and economic life of whole country. These reforms include getting the level of income tax reduced, reforming the country's industrial policy to help tackle the jobs crisis, making major changes in Environmental laws, and improving how the Dail does its business.

When the Progressive Democrats entered into Government in coalition with Fianna Fail in 1989, Des O'Malley again became Minister for Industry and Commerce.

In October 1993, Des O'Malley retired from the leadership of the Progressive Democrats. He was replaced by Mary Harney, T.D., a founder member of the Party. Since his retirement as leader he has continued to play an active rôle in the Party and holds the Front Bench Spokespersonship for Northern Ireland and Foreign Affairs.

Des is married to Pat and they have six children.

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BERTIE AHERN, T.D.

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BIRTH PLACE/DATE:

Dublin. September 1951

MARRIED:

Miriam Patricia Kelly, 2 daughters.

EDUCATION:

St. Patrick's National School, Drumcondra, St. Aidan's Christian Brothers' Secondary School, Dublin; Rathmines College of Commerce; University College, Dublin

OCCUPATION:

Public representative. Accountant

Bertie Ahern was first elected to the Dail in 1977 for the constituency of Dublin Finglas. He was Assistant Whip in 1980/1981, with responsibility for party policy committee and liaison between Minister and Party leaders. In 1981 he was appointed Party Spokesman on Youth. Between March and December, 1982, Bertie Ahern was Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and of Defence, combining these appointments with that of Government Chief Whip.

Bertie Ahern is currently Vice-President of Fianna fail and

chairs a number of Party Committees at National level.

In October 1983, he was appointed Party Spokesman on Labour and the Public Service. He was Minister for Labour from March 1987 to November 1991. He has been Minister for Finance since November 1991.

He is a member of the Board of Governors of the following institutions: IMF, World Bank, European Investment Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

From January to June 1990 he was President of the E.C. Council of Ministers for Social Affairs. He was particularly commended for his active commitment to German unity during that period and also for his work on the Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers. In recognition of his contribution, Bertie Ahern was awarded the Grand Cross of the order of Merit with Star and Sash by the German Government in July 1991. He is only the second Irish person to have been given this prestigious award.

He was an elected member of Dublin City Council for over 10 years and led Fianna Fail on the Council as majority leader. He chaired the 1985 Dublin Committee for the elections to the Council, which resulted in a Fianna Fail majority for the first time in over two decades.

From July, 1986 to July, 1987, Bertie Ahern was Lord Mayor of

Dublin. He chaired the Dublin Millennium Committee which so successfully organised, in 1988, the celebrations of 1,000 years of Dublin's history.

An Accountant by profession, Bertie Ahern was, for a number of years, Accountant in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, and he is still associated with its development. He was a former active member of the Federated Workers Union of Ireland, and the founder of a number of sports clubs in North Dublin.

During his career he has been a Governor of U.C.D., a member of the Eastern Health Board, Dublin Port and Docks Board, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Boards of many of Dublin's Hospitals.

BERTIE AHERN T.D.

MINISTER FOR FINANCE



Official Address: Department of Finance,
Govt. Buildings,
Upr. Merrion Street,
DUBLIN 2.

Birth Place / Date: Dublin, September, 1951.

Married: Miriam Patricia Kelly, 2 daughters.

Education: St. Patrick's National School, Drumcondra;
St. Aidan's Christian Brothers Secondary School, Dublin;
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MANSERGH, Martin; SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE TAOISEACH; b 1946; educ Kings School, Canterbury; Christchurch, Oxford, MA, DPhil; m Elizabeth Young, Commercial Translator and Antique Carpet Restorer; 1 s 4 da; entered the civil service 1974; First Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs 1974-81 (Head of Energy Section, Headquarters 1978-80); Principal Officer, Department of the Taoiseach January-June 1981, December 1981-March 1982 (Special Adviser to the Taoiseach on Northern Ireland 1982); Special Adviser to the Taoiseach since 1982; member of Fianna Fail Party since 1981; publications include: *The Spirit of the Nation* (editor), *The Collected Speeches of Charles J. Haughey 1957-86*, *Parnell and the Leadership of Nationalist Ireland*, *Ireland and Europe: A New Balance*, *Ireland and the Challenge of European Integration*. Member of long established Tipperary family, retains interest in family farm, father, Nicholas Mansergh, was author of *The Irish Question*. A powerful political force. Hobbies, gardening and tennis.



Martin Mansergh



SEAN DONLON

(Taoiseach, John Bruton):

A public sector mandarin with commercial experience, he started at the Department of Finance in 1961, but his career really took off at Foreign Affairs where he held the two plum jobs, firstly as Ambassador to Washington and then as department secretary. Iveagh House left him an abiding love of travel.

He retired eight years ago to take up a lucrative offer to work for Tony Ryan's GPA as an executive director. He was, briefly, a paper millionaire as the airplane lessor's stock soared before crashing in 1992. He stayed on through the restructuring and is on leave of absence from his highly-paid job.

He was appointed to John Bruton's commission for renewal of the FG party last year and, besides responsibility as chairman of programme managers, he also operates as a special adviser to John Bruton on Northern Ireland.

Like his boss, the Taoiseach, he is conscious that the last two governments were ended by internal, not external, pressures. He is admired by other managers as a smooth technocrat with an exceptional conciliatory approach. One said: "There is no scoring of cheap political points when Donlon is in charge".

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BACK GROUND NOTES : INVOLVEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Mr. Donlon's direct involvement with Northern Ireland affairs began in August 1971 when he co-ordinated the collection of detailed evidence relating to the circumstances surrounding the introduction of internment of members of the Nationalist community. On the basis of work with elected representatives, members of the legal profession and voluntary organisations in Northern Ireland, the evidence he collected formed the basis of the Irish Government's successful human rights case before the European Commission and Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg on the internment issue.

During the seventies, he developed and maintained contact between the Irish Government and political representatives of both sections of the Northern Ireland community. Mr. Donlon was a member of the Irish Government's delegation to the Sunningdale Conference in 1973 and participated in the negotiation of the Anglo - Irish Agreement signed at Hillsborough in 1985.

BIOGRAPHY

SEÁN DONLON

BORN Athboy, County Meath 1940

EDUCATED St. Finian's College, Mullingar.
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.
University College, Dublin.

CAREER Department of Finance (1961-1963)
Department of Foreign Affairs (1963-1987)
Embassy of Ireland, Bonn (1964-1969)
Consul General, Boston (1969-1971)
Headquarters (Anglo - Irish Affairs) (1971-1978)
Ambassador to the US and concurrently to Mexico
(1978-1981).
Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs (1981-1987)
Executive Vice President GPA Group, Shannon (1987-1994)
Managing Director - Commercial General Elections Capital
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A vital role for Donlon . . . if! ✓

By Barry White
in Belfast

THERE would be decidedly mixed feelings in the North about the return of Sean Donlon to the scene of Anglo-Irish relations, if he were to accept John Bruton's offer to become his special adviser on Northern Ireland.

Although unionists have welcomed the replacement of feared eminence Martin Mansergh, they will not forget the leading role Donlon played in the negotiation of the still-hated Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985. His careful orchestration of the diplomatic offensive which persuaded Margaret Thatcher to recant on her initial "out, out, out" reaction to the New Ireland Forum conclusions is part of unionist folklore — although Dublin may be grateful that his name is rarely attached to it.

He is, however, well known as a close friend and confidant of John Hume, ever since their days as fellow seminarians at Maynooth College. Reassuring though that may be to the SDLP, which also appreciates his part in combating Provisional sympathisers in the Irish-American political community, it will hardly endear him to unionists, ever-watchful for signs that the Irish government is pushing towards a joint authority solution.

But it would be a mistake to exaggerate the importance which either the UUP or the DUP place on the role of largely-unnamed advisers and officials. Although Martin Mansergh was been a long-serving consultant to both Charles Haughey and Albert Reynolds, he is rarely referred to outside top political circles. Those in the know regard him



● Hail and farewell . . . mixed feelings in the North about the departure of Martin Mansergh (left) and the possible arrival of Sean Donlon onto a volatile scene.

as the primary source for any constitutional trade-off between Articles 2 and 3 and a dilution of the British claim to Northern Ireland, but others would not be aware of his presence.

With that qualification, there must be a degree of satisfaction that Mansergh has bowed out — even though he was worryingly asked to stay on — and that a more open, establishment figure may take his place. The fact that Donlon's brief would involve what is described as a "broader role" than Mansergh's has an added interest, suggesting that he may take on more of the load of

Northern Ireland policy from the politicians.

On his past record, Donlon is a natural Fine Gael supporter, more interested in seeking consensus between unionists and nationalists than his predecessor and vehemently opposed to the IRA and its sympathisers. As Ambassador to the US, he and John Hume worked hard to build up the Friends of Ireland group among influential Irish-American politicians as an antidote to the pro-Sinn Féin Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, promoted by Father Sean McManus. Thanks to their efforts, using top

politicians like Edward Kennedy and Tip O'Neill, they succeeded in winning White House interest and support for moderate Irish nationalism. Jimmy Carter was the first President to promise US aid for a peaceful solution in Ireland and Ronald Reagan was persuaded to put pressure on Mrs Thatcher, leading to her signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement which Donlon, as secretary to the Department of Foreign Affairs, helped to negotiate.

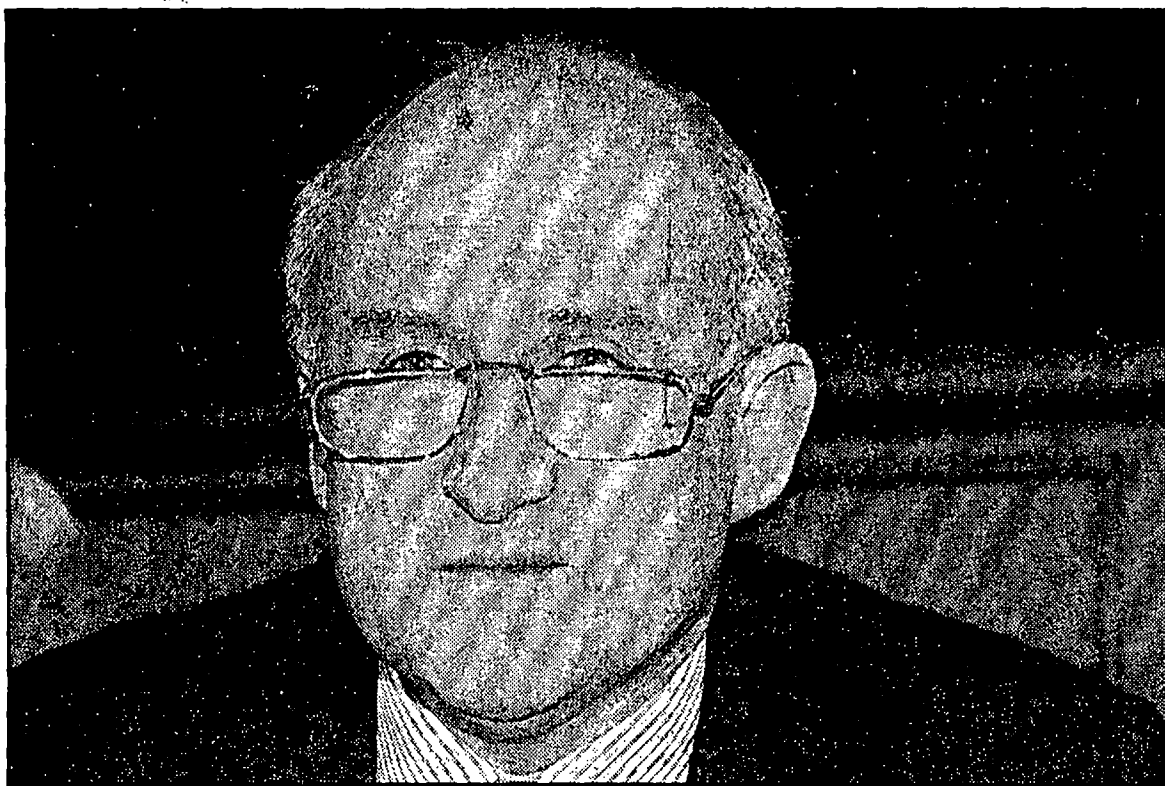
BY always making a clear distinction between the conciliation policies of the

Irish government and the old-fashioned nationalism of the Ad Hoc Committee, Donlon incurred the wrath of a wide section of traditional Irish-American opinion, sympathetic to Noraid and the IRA's armed struggle. Charles Haughey would have preferred a more hawkish ambassador and tried to move him to the UN in 1980, but found the Kennedy-O'Neill lobby too powerful to resist.

The situation today has been transformed both by the Downing Street declaration, enshrining the principle of majority consent in Northern Ireland, and the two ceasefires, but many of the tensions remain. While Teddy Kennedy and Gerry Adams may embrace like brothers, for political purposes, the White House's flirtation with Sinn Féin depends on the survival of the peace process. Fianna Fáil is clearly much more willing than Fine Gael-Labour to take Sinn Féin concerns on board.

The challenge for Donlon, if he takes on the adviser role, will be to strike a balance between those who want to press on with the rehabilitation of Sinn Féin — still naturally suspicious of him — and those who, like the British government, demand step-by-step proof of their conversion to democracy. The politicians will take the final decisions, but the building blocks are put in place by the civil servants, who meet tomorrow to try and break the logjam on the framework document talks. If John Bruton can tempt someone into his team as experienced as Donlon, with impeccable contacts in America and the North, he will be very lucky.

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DERMOT GLEESON

A high-flying legal eagle

FACTFILE

Born: Cork in 1948. The sparse hair makes him look older than his 46 years.

Education: Attended Blackrock College, University College Dublin (politics and economics) and later obtained a masters degree in legal studies.

Career: Called to the Bar in 1970 at the age of 22. In 1979, was the youngest person in the history of the State to become a senior counsel.

Family: Married to Darina (McCluskey). Four children.

LAST August an independent committee chaired by Mr Dermot Gleeson SC recommended a series of pay increases in the public sector. The increase for the Attorney General was at the upper end of the scale: Mr Gleeson recommended that his salary should rise by 17.1 per cent, from £65,179 per annum to £76,300. That is now Mr Gleeson's salary. £1,467 a week.

Not bad, you might think. But Mr Gleeson was on a retainer — a retainer, mind you — of £75,000 when he acted for Goodman International in the beef tribunal. Thereafter, estimates of his *daily* rate ranged between £2,000 and £2,500. It is assumed that he would have been acting for Mr Larry Goodman in his forthcoming action against the State over the voiding of insurance cover. That brief he must now relinquish.

In short, on becoming Attorney General Mr Gleeson has probably taken the severest pay cut in the history of the State.

People who know him are not surprised. In 1990, he took on the thankless job of chairing a review group on the remuneration of hospital consultants. He also chaired a review group which recommended that promotion in the Defence Forces should be on merit, earning the undying hostility of officers who were relying for advancement on the time-honoured system of seniority. "Dermot takes on *pro bono* work and tells nobody about it", says a legal colleague.

There was nothing low-profile about the lengthy case he fought on behalf of the Tipperary farmer, Mr John Hanrahan, against the pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp and Dohme. Mr Hanrahan claimed that deformities in his animals were caused by Merck's plant near Clonmel. The case was lost in the High Court but Mr Hanrahan won £2.3 million damages on appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr Gleeson was complimented by the judges on his handling of the case.

He represented the brain-damaged Kenneth Best in an action against the Wellcome Foundation in 1989. Again, he lost in the High Court but won on appeal to the Supreme Court. On this occasion, he was praised by counsel for Wellcome, Mr Henry Hickey SC, for having a better grasp of the scientific and medical issues than Mr Hickey's own clients!

"I know nobody who works harder than Dermot", says one friend. His preparation of a case is meticulous. "He is totally organised and inspires his own work ethos in those around him", says a fellow professional who worked

with him on the Goodman brief. While many lawyers were slow to embrace new computer technology, Mr Gleeson used it to good effect during the three years of the beef tribunal.

His familiarity with computer technology will be invaluable since one of his first tasks as Attorney General will be to introduce it to his office.

Journalists observing his performance at the beef tribunal noted a passion in his advocacy which went beyond a barrister's professional belief in his client's case. Mr Gleeson really believed that Goodman International was hard done by, although there was no concealing the instances of tax fraud which eventually came to light.

His questioning of witnesses was typically incisive but one observer noted that his slightly lilted, Corl accent made his approach so *hell-less-aggressive* than the braying of some of the more brutal Dublin 4 lawyers.

He has a close circle of friends, who include John Bruton. He does not like cocktail parties or small talk. He is a superb story-teller,

friends say, and a deadly mimic. He is widely read and was the only barrister to quote Seamus Heaney while addressing the beef tribunal. He loves fine wines, and the hospitality of his home in Shrewsbury Road is legendary.

Another feature of Shrewsbury Road which visitors note is the evidence of a strong family life. He and his wife, Darina, have four children of their own, but there have been few years of their married life in which the home has not also contained a young foster child. The Gleesons have fostered as many as 12 children, according to friends. They go on holiday to Ballinskelligs with the family and are treated in every way as members of the Gleeson family.

Darina Gleeson was born Darina McCluskey, daughter of Dr and Mrs Con McCluskey, of Dungannon, in whose sitting room, it is said, the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association was born in 1967. A forceful personality, she worked as a journalist in the Creation Group and later joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Dermot Gleeson is normally unflappable in court, and the only time he was rattled during the beef tribunal was while questioning Pat Rabbitte. Mr Rabbitte knows a formidable adversary when he sees one and prepared hard for his session with counsel for Goodman International. Gossip in the Law Library last Wednesday was that Pat Rabbitte was foremost among those insisting that John Bruton appoint Dermot Gleeson to be the new Attorney General.

JIM DUNNE

=THE NEW GOVERNMENT=



Minister for Justice

JUSTICE

Nora Owen (49), Fine Gael Dublin North, married with three children.

The party's "earth mother" was one description of the science graduate and grand-niece of Michael Collins, who became involved in politics as a housewife in Malahide. Appointed deputy leader of the party in March 1993, she is energetic, like her sister, Mary Banotti MEP. She has a similarly liberal outlook on social affairs and takes a particular interest in foreign issues.

First elected to the Dail in 1981, she remained loyal to the former leader, Alan Dukes, during the period leading up to his resignation.

She emerged as an effective mouthpiece of the party during the "X" case and has continued to shine on television and radio over the last few uncertain weeks.

Nora Owen (FG)



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Brian Owen. 3 sons
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Public representative. Formerly chemist in
industry

Nora Owen was appointed Deputy Leader of Fine Gael in March 1993. She has been a Dáil deputy 1981-87 and since 1989. Front bench spokesperson on Foreign Affairs since 1993; on Health 1992-93; on Foreign Affairs 1989-92; on Overseas Development 1982; chairperson of Oireachtas Joint Committee on Development Co-operation, October 1982-January 1987. Member, Dáil Committee on Procedure and Privileges 1981-87 and since 1989.

British-Irish Parliamentary Body, 1991-92.

Member, Dublin County Council since 1979; North County Committee (chairperson 1980/81). Chairperson, Fingal Committee of Dublin County Council 1992/93.

Member, Executive of Trócaire 1987-89. Secretary and volunteer, Malahide Information Centre 1976-80. She has also served on Malahide Community Council; Ard na Mara Residents' Association; Editorial Committee of *Malahide News*.

Grandniece of General Michael Collins. Sister of Mary Banotti, MEP for Dublin since 1984.
