



# Prince spices up his image on Africa tour

by Andrew Malone Pretoria

PRINCE CHARLES declared it the "second best day of my life". President Nelson Mandela said it was "one of the greatest days of my life". And the Spice Girls, Britain's pop sensation, tottered on platform shoes alongside the two statesmen, giggling with delight.

Under cloudless South African skies yesterday, the future British king, one of the world's most charismatic politicians and the all-girl band formed an unlikely alliance to perform for the world's media at Mandela's official residence in Pretoria, the country's capital.

Regarded as the highlight of the prince's first official tour since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the performance on the lawn outside the Mandela home was startling in one vital respect: everybody — including the media — was happy and relaxed.

The photocall — staged before a charity concert last night in Johannesburg attended by Charles and his son Harry, 13 — was the most visible demonstration of moves under way to make the heir to the throne appear more human to a cynical press and public.

To the delight of more than 100 journalists and photographers covering his seven-day

tour of southern Africa, Charles and Mandela grinned broadly as they posed with the Spice Girls and were asked how it felt to be so close to five beautiful young women.

"I do not want to get too emotional about it," said Mandela, 79, clutching Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) and Emma Bunton (Baby Spice). "These are my heroes. This is one of the greatest days of my life."

After announcing that meeting the band was the second best day of his life, Prince Charles was asked to name his best day. "Meeting them the first time," he said, jokingly referring to an event when the girls pinched his bottom and covered him with kisses before a Prince's Trust concert in Manchester six months ago.

Yesterday's event, dubbed the "Dianification" of the prince by some seasoned royal watchers, followed the cessation of hostilities with the media as part of an initiative to counter allegations that the monarchy is stuffy and out of touch.

After refusing to even acknowledge royal correspon-

dents covering his work for the past decade, the prince is understood to be grateful that the media left Harry to enjoy his South African holiday privately, away from prying lenses, while Prince Charles undertook royal engagements.

As a mark of his gratitude, he posed happily with Mandela and the Spice Girls. He laughed when Mandela said he was getting too old for young girls. Clutching Mandela's arm, Halliwell responded: "You're only as old as you feel — and I'm 25."

Prince Charles was greeted at the presidential home by Nelson Mandela and Graca Machel, the South African leader's "companion", whom he is widely tipped to marry after his acrimonious divorce from Winnie.

Mandela said his relationship with Charles was "very special", adding that none of his countrymen was interested in him any more because they all wanted to shake the prince's hand.

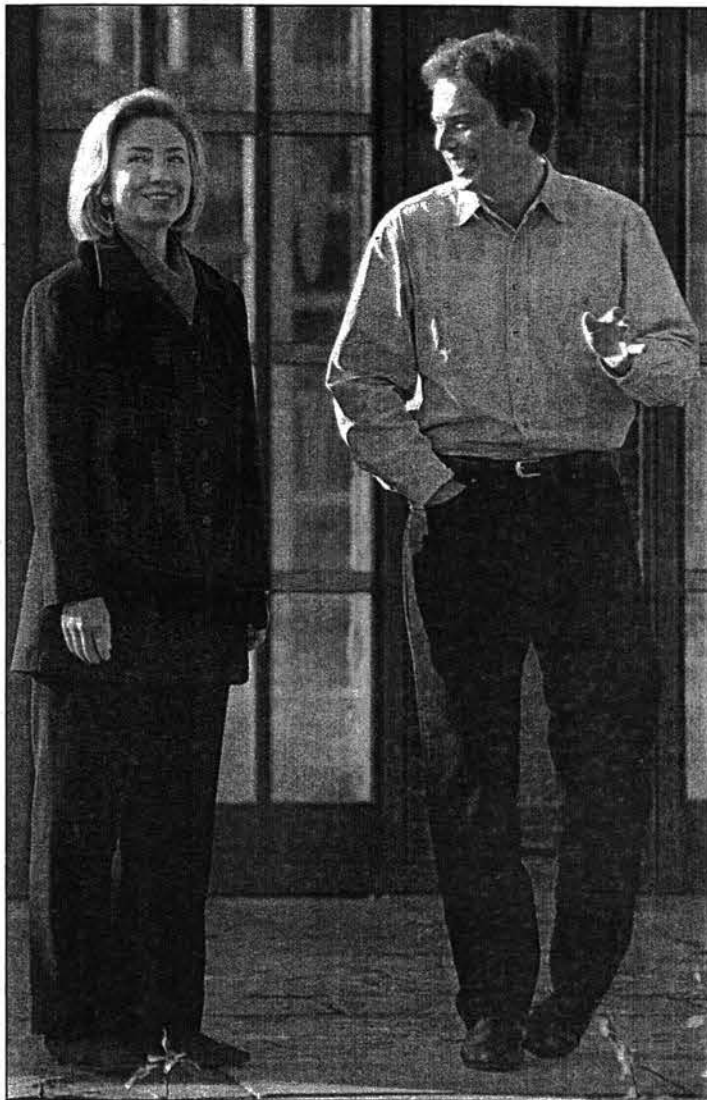
Palace aides, however, were more concerned about how the prince was regarded in Britain, saying that the new openness

was part of a determined effort to show him in a better light. At the charity concert last night, however, Prince Harry, 13, surprised watchers by arriving in a dark suit and tie. On outings with his mother the young prince would regularly wear jeans and a baseball cap.

But the crowd loved him whatever he was wearing and greeted him with cries of "Harry, Harry". The teenage prince sat beside his father throughout the concert, taking photographs of his favourite girl band before leaving to spend a private day on a game reserve with Prince Charles today.

The event, which was attended by almost 30,000 people, was the sort of star-studded occasion Princess Diana used to encourage her sons to enjoy so that they would develop a modern outlook.

However, aides were keen to emphasise that Charles's charm offensive would not prompt him to abandon worthy causes in exchange for favourable media coverage. To underline the point, the prince also visited a housing project in a Johannesburg neighbourhood known as "the Bronx", which is notorious for violence, prostitution and drug-dealing.



Friends like us: Following her visit to Northern Ireland, Hillary Clinton strengthened her relationship with Tony and Cherie Blair by visiting them at Chequers yesterday. Today she attends a reception at the American embassy. Focus, page 17 Picture: Justin Williams

## Gucci's 17th-century home on sale for £2m

by Paul Nuki

THE palatial English home of the late fashion mogul Paolo Gucci has been put up for sale — over the head of his mistress, who still lives there with their

English wife, Jennifer, over his estate.

in an attempt to prevent his wife from claiming financial support.

It is understood that Armstrong will not benefit from the sale of the mansion and will

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Three ticket-holders split £8.8m jackpot

Last night's winning national lottery numbers:  
**9 10 14 16 37 39**  
Bonus number: 28

THREE ticket-holders share last night's £8.8m lottery jackpot, winning £2.9m each. Five balls and the bonus win £118,233 for 23 tickets, while five balls earn £2,463 for 690. Four balls are worth £85.

#### Family of five die in house fire

A FAMILY of five, including two girls and a boy, died yesterday in a fire at their home in Skelmersdale, Lancashire.

They were named as Steve and Karen Blease, and Karen's children, Matthew, 15, Nichola, 12, and Zoe, 11.

#### Abandoned baby

A NEWBORN baby found abandoned in a bus shelter in Leeds died after a 16-hour fight to save her life.

#### Bentley appeal

THE family of Derek Bentley, who was hanged for murder 44 years ago, expects the Criminal Cases Review Commission to give the go-ahead for an appeal.

#### Gifted pupil killed

MICHELLE HIBBIRD, 16, of Windsor, Berkshire, described as a gifted schoolgirl, was named as one of the people who died in a stolen BMW car that crashed on the M3 motorway at Eastleigh, Hampshire.

#### Cave search

A RESCUE operation was launched last night when potholers were reported trapped in a cave near Horton in Ribblesdale, North Yorkshire.

#### Pint-size bill

LABOUR MP Dennis Turner is to introduce a bill compelling public houses to serve beer in oversized glasses in a move to end the short-measure pint.

#### TUC offer

THE TUC is to offer non-union members free access to legal services for injuries at work.

#### Corrections

□ An article (Style, October 12) incorrectly stated that Noddy Holder had performed at a recent house-warming

# Black officials will ring the changes in 'stuffy' palace

continued from page 1

in key positions in his private office were privately educated. However, he believes recruitment needs to be widened.

The plans are part of an effort by Prince Charles and a coterie of advisers to regain public support for the monarchy after humiliating attacks on them when Diana, Princess of Wales, died two months ago. The monarchy was widely criticised as out of touch.

During the prince's first official overseas royal engagement since Diana's death, aides to Prince Charles and Prince Harry indicated that the

The strategy to boost the image of the future king began last week, when Prince Charles astonished observers covering his tour — the highlight of which was a charity concert in Johannesburg last night featuring the Spice Girls — by joking and chatting with journalists on the royal flight.

He twice appeared unannounced in the press section of

□ Diana, Princess of Wales made £3m on the stock market during the final year of her life, according to royal sources.

the chartered South African Airways flight and mingled with royal reporters. One palace adviser stressed that Prince Charles had always felt it was "a waste of time trying to chat to the press when they were so in thrall of Diana. Why bother when you cannot compete? But he knows he must try now".

The Sunday Times revealed in September that the prince

income from the Duchy of Cornwall when he becomes Prince of Wales. Part of Diana's wealth is believed to

was behind reforms to make the monarchy more accessible. He wants a greater public involvement in royal occasions and a greater meritocracy among royal staff.

Yesterday a senior aide to the prince said that Buckingham and St James's palaces were also examining new measures to improve media relations. They were considering introducing weekly briefings for royal journalists based on the lobby system at Westminster.

This would enable royal officials to talk openly to trusted journalists about royal issues

11/2/1997  
 The Sunday Times

...black worker could be hired as part of a signal to sweep away the "stuffy" workings of the monarchy. "There may be some opposition from snobbish royal staff," said the source. "But the public will support any efforts to make the monarchy more in touch with the real world. Prince Charles was ridiculed years ago for promoting organic farming and alternative medicines. They have since become fashionable. "But it has been recognised that we are lagging behind the rest of the world in promoting equal opportunities. We hope those days will soon be over."

**She told friends she was proud of shrewdly investing the £17m divorce settlement at the end of her marriage. The success of her share ventures means she will leave a £21m estate — she had £1m before her divorce — when her will is published next year. Most of the princess's wealth is to be divided between her two sons, Princes William, 15, and Harry, 13. The money will be shared equally, despite media speculation after her death that Harry might receive more because William will be entitled to a substantial**

**funds that will mature when her sons are 25. Friends of the princess said she took advice from Michael Gibbins, a former senior partner at KPMG, the City accountants, who became comptroller of her private office last year. In the weeks before she died the princess told friends that she had ended her high-spending ways. "I spent a lot when I was still married. Now that it is my own money I have to be more careful. My investments are good, but I am careful because I cannot afford to lose the money that I have," she told one friend.**

**Rusper, near Horsham, West Sussex, together with an accompanying stud farm, is being advertised by the estate agent Savills for £2.25m. Penny Armstrong, 29, and the couple's two children have been living at the property, which includes an eight-bedroom mansion with an indoor swimming pool and gym, guest cottages and staff accommodation, since Gucci died of heart failure two years ago. It is the latest in a string of disasters to hit Armstrong. After Gucci died, she became entangled in a complex legal dispute with the tycoon's Eng-**

**landed family after it is sold. Crispin Holbrow, of Savills, said: "Penny Armstrong was not involved in any of the arrangements, our instructions came from elsewhere. "We are happy she has continued to live on the estate, it is better for a house of this type to be occupied." The house and grounds have been neglected, however. The main property, Normans, dates back to the 17th century. "Normans has been my home but this is not about a house sale, it's about me, isn't it?" said Armstrong yesterday.**

**available for similar engagements. In fact, Holder is now a music publisher, actor, television and radio presenter and personality, and does not sing with his former group (now known as Slade II) or any other group. We apologise for our mistake. □ LAST week's magazine cover story about Gavin Rossdale of the rock band Bush incorrectly quoted him as saying his mother had died. In fact, his mother is still very much alive. We apologise unreservedly to Barbara Stephan for any distress caused by this error.**

## WEATHER AND TRAVEL OUTLOOK

### DISTRICT FORECASTS

**London, SE England, E Anglia, Cent S England, SW England:** Bright or sunny spells after early mist and fog patches. Wind E or NE light or moderate. Dawn frost. Max 11C (52F).  
**Midlands E, E England, Midlands W, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Cent N England:** Rather cloudy and mostly dry, just a little patchy drizzle. Wind E or variable light. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).  
**Channel Islands:** Dry and sunny. Wind E mainly moderate. Max 12C (54F).  
**NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Cloudy overall, but some sunshine developing for a time. Wind light and variable. Max 11C (52F).  
**Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** Clear or sunny spells after some early mist, but cloudier later. Wind NW or variable light. Max 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).  
**Orkney, Shetland:** Clear or sunny spells and scattered showers, perhaps wintry. Wind NW light or moderate. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

**OUTLOOK:** A fairly quiet start to the week in most parts, rather cloudy and misty, with a little drizzle in places, especially the north. By Wednesday, persistent rain will be spreading across the south, introducing unsettled, windy weather to all parts.

**IRISH REPUBLIC:** It will be a rather grey, misty day overall, with some patchy drizzle, especially in the morning. Winds will be very light and temperatures about the normal 12 or 13C (54 to 55F). Outlook for tonight and Monday: Misty overnight, bright spells developing by day.

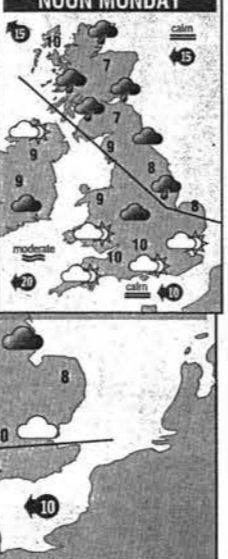
SUN/LIGHTS/MOON					
	rise	sets	on	off	rise sets
Belfast	07:28	16:46	16:46	07:30	09:18 18:21
Bristol	07:05	16:42	16:42	07:07	08:53 18:19
Glasgow	07:28	16:35	16:35	07:28	09:16 18:09
London	06:56	16:32	16:32	06:58	08:43 18:09
Manchester	07:10	16:34	16:34	07:12	08:58 18:10
Newcastle	07:12	16:27	16:27	07:14	09:01 18:02

**HIGH TIDES**  
 High tide, Dover: 11:48 6.61m  
 Time differences: London Bridge +2hrs 52mins, Portsmouth +23mins, Newlyn +9hrs, Millford Haven -4hrs 54mins, Liverpool +13mins, Glasgow +1hr 52mins, Oban -4hrs 51mins, Aberdeen +2hrs 31mins, Hull -4hrs 50mins, Lowestoft -1hr 30mins.

### FORECAST NOON TODAY



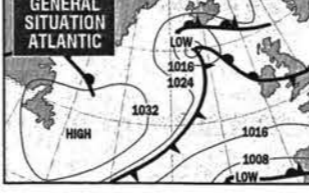
### FORECAST NOON MONDAY



### GENERAL SITUATION TO MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

**England and Wales chilly, Scotland and N Ireland normal:** The pressure pattern will be fairly slack over the British Isles, with decaying fronts lying across central parts. England and Wales will be fairly cloudy overall but, apart from a little patchy drizzle in the NW, it should be dry. Southernmost counties will have bright or sunny spells after early-morning mist and fog patches. Temperatures will be on the chilly side but in light winds. Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry, though Shetland may catch some wintry showers. Most places will see some sunshine, but southern parts, including the Province, will start and end the day cloudy. Frost, and patchy fog, is likely in northern Scotland at first, otherwise temperatures will be close to normal. Outlook for Monday and Tuesday: Rather cloudy at first, but more unsettled from the SW later.

### FORECAST GENERAL SITUATION ATLANTIC



### FOREIGN FORECASTS

A very unsettled spell of weather for many parts of the Mediterranean. The western Mediterranean and Iberia, windy and cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Mostly fine across Greece, apart from occasional showers at first. The eastern Mediterranean including Turkey and Cyprus, unsettled with showers or thunderstorms developing.

Today	Monday and Tuesday
Agadir	25 Cloudy
Algiers	24 Cloudy
Amsterdam	10 Cloudy
Athens	16 Sunny
Berlin	9 Rain
Bonn	10 Sunny
Brussels	10 Sunny
Canaries	27 Sunny
Copenhagen	9 Cloudy
Costa del Sol	23 Showers
Crete	20 Showers
Cyprus	26 Sunny
Dubrovnik	13 Bright
Geneva	12 Sunny
Istanbul	14 Sunny
Madrid	18 Rain
Malta	23 Showers
Milan	18 Sunny
Nice	20 Bright
Oslo	6 Sunny
Palermo	22 Showers
Paris	13 Sunny
Rome	20 Bright
Stockholm	3 Sunny
Tunis	22 Bright
Vienna	10 Sunny

### NOON YESTERDAY

Aljaco	16 61	Rain	Lisbon	18 64	Sun
Alorizi	25 77	Sun	Lucerne	11 52	Sun
Amsterdam	4 39	Cloud	London	10 50	Sun
Athens	15 59	Fair	Luxembourg	9 48	Sun
Barcelona	28 84	Fair	Luzon	30 86	Sun
Barcelona	16 61	Fair	Madrid	15 59	Sun
Belfast	9 48	Drztl	Manchester	10 50	Drztl
Belgrade	10 59	Sun	Medbourne	13 55	Sun
Berlin	5 41	Sun	Miami	29 84	Rain
Bermuda	24 75	Sunny	Milan	16 61	Sun
Birmingham	11 52	Fair	Montreal	17 53	Sun
Bristol	9 48	Cloud	Munich	6 43	Sun
Brussels	11 52	Fair	Naples	19 66	Sun
Budapest	8 46	Fair	New Delhi	26 77	Sun
Calo	28 82	Sun	Peking	18 64	Sun
Cape Town	21 70	Sun	Reykjavik	5 41	Cloud
Cardiff	10 59	Cloud	Rhodes	22 72	Fair
Copenhagen	7 45	Cloud	Rio de Jan	28 82	Fair
Corfu	19 66	Sun	Riyadh	28 82	Sun
Dublin	8 46	Cloud	Rome	19 66	Fair
Dubrovnik	17 63	Sun	Ronaldsway	11 52	Cloud
Edinburgh	14 47	Cloud	Saltzbug	8 46	Sun
Faro	22 72	Sun	San Franc	19 66	Sunny
Florence	15 59	Fair	Seoul	12 54	Sun
Funchal	23 73	Fair	Singapore	32 90	Fair
Geneva	7 45	Sun	Sydney	26 79	Sun
Gibraltar	20 68	Fair	Tangier	22 72	Sun
Glasgow	15 59	Drztl	Tokyo	17 63	Sun
Helsinki	9 48	Cloud	Toronto	15 59	Fair
Hong Kong	24 75	Sun	Tunis	20 68	Cloud
Inverness	18 58	Cloud	Vienna	8 46	Sun
Istanbul	14 57	Fair	Warsaw	2 36	Cloud
Jersey	12 54	Cloud	Washington	17 63	Sunny
La Touquet	11 52	Sun	Zurich	5 41	Sun

### THE UK LAST WEEK

Warmest by day: Kinross, Moray and Dyce Airport, Aberdeen (30th) 16C (61F). Coldest by night: Redesdale, Northumberland (29th) -8C (18F). Wettest: Lerwick, Shetland (27th) 0-4in. Sunniest: Bognor Regis, West Sussex (29th and 28th) 9.7hrs.

### MOTORWAY WORKS

**M1:** Hertfordshire, roadworks and a contraflow with overnight lane and carriageway closures between J6/5 (Watford area). (Until December 22); West Yorkshire, contraflow between J43/42 (Stourton/Lothouse), with a 50mph speed limit. (Until July 13 1998).  
**M2:** Kent, Roadworks with various lane closures J1 (Rochester). (Until January 1999).  
**M4:** Wiltshire, contraflow between J16/17 (Swindon/Chippenham), two lanes each way with a 50mph speed limit. (Until November 28).  
**M5:** Bristol, contraflow in operation between J18/19 (across the Avonmouth Bridge), with a 50mph speed limit. Regular rush-hour delays. (Until January 1 1999); Somerset, major roadworks due to bridge repairs J22/23 (Highbridge/Bridgewater), a 3-mile contraflow is in place. (Until March 31 1998).  
**M6:** West Midlands, long term roadworks J6 (Birmingham), northbound entry slip to the M6 north closed at Salfords Circus. Diversions in place. (Until October 31 1998); West Midlands, roadworks and a contraflow between J7/8 (Birmingham/Wednesbury), with narrow lanes and a 50mph speed limit. (Until December 29).  
**M40:** Buckinghamshire, long-term roadworks with a contraflow between J1a/3 (M25/Wycombe East). (Until 1999).  
**M50:** Gloucestershire, roadworks for resurfacing work between J2/1 (Ledbury/Tewkesbury), with a one lane open each way. (Until November 2).  
**M53:** Cheshire, contraflow between J9/11 (Elesmere Port/Chester), with two lanes each way and the hard shoulder in use for roadworks. (Until December 14).  
**M62:** West Yorkshire, contraflow between J28/29 (Dewsbury/Leeds), 50mph speed limits are in place. (Until June 30 1999).  
**M1:** County Antrim, contraflow between J6/7 (Saintfield Road/Sprucefield). (Until November 30).  
**M2:** County Antrim, closed southbound for roadworks between (Greencastle/Nelson Street). Diversion via Shire Road, York Road and Antrim Road. (Until November 2).  
**A167M:** Tyne-side, lane closed southbound near Haymarket. Southbound entry slip from Haymarket closed. (Until November 31).  
**A329M:** Berkshire, Reading one lane closed over J10 M4 with traffic both ways using the hard shoulder. (Until December 1).  
 Information: AA Roadwatch

### THE SKY AT NIGHT

Venus, a brilliant evening star moving into Sagittarius, is 8 deg above the SSW at sunset and sinks to set in the SW at 18.20. Mars, much fainter, is 3 deg (6 Moon widths) above-right of Venus. Jupiter, brighter than any star, is conspicuous in Capricornus 15-20 deg high in the S at nightfall, moving to set in the WSW at 22.45. Saturn in Pisces is steady and bright 15-20 deg high in the ESE at nightfall, climbing to pass 40 deg high in the S at 22.20. The Moon lies 20 deg right of Venus this evening, 12 deg above-right of Venus tomorrow and 8 deg above Venus on Tuesday. Venus appears as a dazzling 1/700th-size first quarter moon if viewed through a telescope. The Moon lies 15 deg right of Jupiter on Thursday and reaches first quarter itself when it stands 3 deg above-right of Jupiter on Friday.

INNOVATING ..... COMPUTING ..... FAXING ..... COPYING ..... PRINTING

# Your first 3 months' copies. You run them off, we write them off

Start counting from one to one hundred and fifty thousand. On second thoughts don't, it'll take you ages. Just buy any new black and white Canon office copier now and enjoy 3 months' without service charges, comprising all maintenance, black toner and call-out fees. Which can equate to a massive 150,000 free copies. We think our write-off offer is right on. Contact your authorised Canon supplier, or just call 0500 801 801.

YOU AND CANON CAN.

Canon

\*Based on Canon (UK) Limited average monthly volume usage. Offer ends 31.12.97.

www.canon.co.uk

PRESERVATION PHOTOCOPY

# Hillary Clinton calls for compromise

First Lady cites peace campaigner Joyce McCartan as an inspiration to politicians, reports **Martin Fletcher**

HILLARY CLINTON delivered a scarcely veiled admonition to Northern Ireland's hardline politicians yesterday as she sought to boost the fragile peace process during a flying visit to the Province.

America's First Lady said that the people were demanding peace, and that their political leaders had to achieve it. "That requires compromise and reconciliation. That involves postponing or even giving up one's cherished ideals in the belief that others will do the same to end the conflict and build a better future.

"All sides must compromise and seek the common ground in the weeks and months ahead," she told an audience at the University of Ulster in Jordanstown, Co Antrim.

Unionists and republicans attending the Stormont peace talks have not so far spoken to each other, and the Democratic Unionist Party and the UK Unionist Party are boycotting the talks. Mrs Clinton, who was wearing a dove-of-peace brooch, said she was under no illusion about the difficulties ahead when the "wounds still seem so raw", but she pledged America's continuing support for the peace process and demanded "all the work, all the prayers, all the strength, courage and commitment that can be brought to bear".

It was encouraging that Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders were finally at the negotiating table, she said, but "the world is watching to see if they will be able to end a



Joyce McCartan: she met Mrs Clinton in 1995

generation of senseless killing and forge a lasting peace".

Her tough words came as she delivered the inaugural lecture for a chair honouring the late Joyce McCartan, a woman who had lost her son and more than a dozen other relatives during the Troubles, but who brought Catholic and Protestant women together to work for peace.

Mrs Clinton had met Mrs McCartan in 1995 in a Belfast coffee shop when she visited Northern Ireland with the President. She produced the stainless steel teapot which Mrs McCartan had given her after they shared tea together, and said that she now used it daily in her own kitchen. She said that the teapot symbolised "conversations around thousands of kitchen tables" where mothers and fathers

realised that there had to be change, and said: "We have to take a stand for our children".

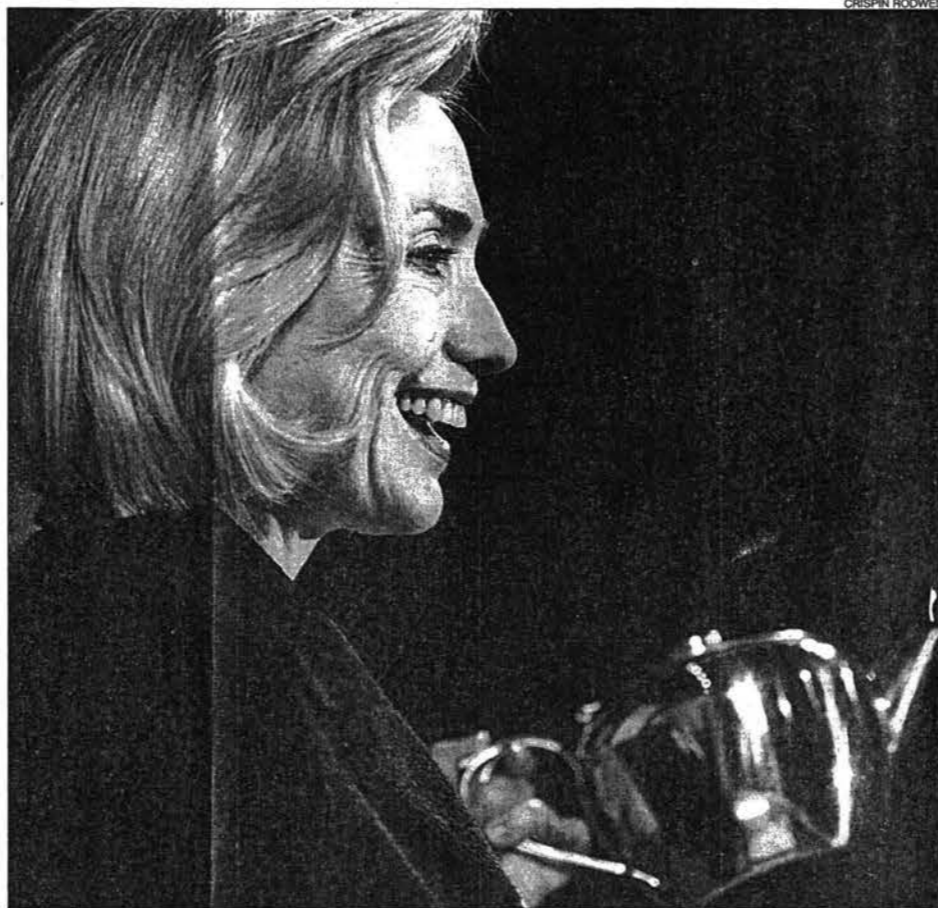
Mrs Clinton said that she stood "in awe of women like Joyce McCartan who through their own personal tragedies find strength to go on, but more than that to reach out and try to prevent the conditions occurring that caused them such heartbreak".

Such women became active when they got fed up with politicians' "posturing" and "speechmaking" and saw how the politics of hatred were hurting their families. She recalled Mrs McCartan remarking that "you can't fly flags in a pan".

Mrs McCartan "deserves as her real legacy that the peace process go forward. She and all the brave women who for more than 20 years marched, begged, prayed, cried and shouted that they wanted peace deserve to be heard."

Mrs Clinton's visit was low-key compared with the rapturous scenes that the couple witnessed two years ago, but came at a critical time, with the peace talks in danger of stalling. After spending the night in Dublin she was greeted at the airport in Belfast by the two West Belfast children, one Catholic, one Protestant, who welcomed the Clintons in 1995.

Later, Mrs Clinton addressed a youth conference at Belfast's new Waterfront Hall, and then flew on to London and dinner with Tony and Cherie Blair at Chequers.



Hillary Clinton, delivering the memorial lecture to Joyce McCartan, with the teapot Mrs McCartan gave her

## IN BRIEF

### Short to end aid and trade projects

The funding of "aid and trade" programmes such as the discredited Malaysian Pergau dam project will end next week. Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, will confirm the decision when she unveils the first White Paper on overseas aid policy for 22 years on Wednesday.

Sources confirmed that Ms Short was set to end the £73 million-a-year programme and channel the resources into development aid with relief of poverty as the key aim.

### Jewel theft

Julia Morley, the organiser of the Miss World contest, lost 14 pieces of jewellery worth £170,000 when a holdall was snatched in a burglary at her offices in the West End, London. She is offering a reward of £10,000.

### Ratings slump

BBC1 suffered its lowest audience share for 15 years, 27.4 per cent, in the week that it covered the Tory conference. A spokesman said the problem had been exacerbated by popular programmes on ITV such as the England v Italy football highlights.

### Fruit alert

Dried fruits such as sultanas and raisins have been found to contain unexpectedly high levels of ochratoxin A, a fungus causing kidney cancer when fed in high doses to rats and mice. Government scientists said a health risk was unlikely.

### Boy rider dies

An 11-year-old boy died after he fell from a bolting horse at Ramsey near

7 Sharps  
day  
bedroom

Another day  
of anguished  
remembrance  
in Enniskillen



# Things have only got better

**T**here was one famous face missing yesterday when Hillary Clinton attended a seminar on "the new politics" in the first-floor great parlour at Chequers with the prime minister. Where was her hostess, the British "first lady", Cherie Blair?

They had dined together in a chirpy, informal mood on Friday night. Cherie was still at Chequers yesterday. And, as an acquaintance puts it: "You can take it that the Blairs and the Clintons aren't just transatlantic allies. They are friends."

So why wasn't Cherie at her friend's side, discussing a matter that is close to both their hearts? It was a closed seminar, after all, with no photographers to intrude and Cherie is a woman of strong political views.

The answer is simple. Friends they may be, but Cherie — who before the general election could do nothing right in the eyes of the media — has learnt from Hillary's example of how not to behave.

Following a disastrous

The two women work from a room situated between the press office and the policy unit on the ground floor of No 10. "The arrangements for Cherie are, to all intents and purposes, the same as they were for Norma Major," insisted an aide, who also pointed out that no prime minister's wife is, strictly speaking, a "first lady", as this is a title reserved for the wife of a head of state.

However, there is more to Cherie's success than a pair of minders. The secret is that she has carefully stuck to her role as wife, mother and successful lawyer. She sees herself, says a friend, as "a prime minister's wife who works and as the mother of three children".

"My day starts when my daughter Kathryn comes into our bedroom between 6.45am and 7am and dives into our bed," she writes in this autumn's *Government Legal Service Journal*. "She is usually closely followed by Nicky, who has been very concerned about whether he has tied his tie properly since starting at secondary school."

Though a reluctant first lady, Cherie Blair has grown in poise since arriving in Downing Street. Penny Wark reports on the former fashion disaster who has become a role model for having it all



Making of a first lady: the many faces of

The Sunday Times  
11/2/1997

the welfare system that almost crippled her husband's first term of office — Hillary withdrew from a personal political role three years ago. She is now developing broader goals, focusing on a career as a "world thinker" and, having stepped back from the role to which she was not elected, she is thriving.

Her cautionary example will not have escaped the wife of the prime minister, who seems determined to maintain an even lower political profile than the new, reinvented Hillary's. Cherie did not attend the seminar because, as an aide emphasised, she is not elected and therefore "keeps out of policy".

This is all part of a process of reinvention for the woman who, before the election, was suspected of harbouring a personal political agenda and was lampooned for a dodgy sense of style: the wrong hair, the wrong shoes, the wrong belt, the wrong thighs, the wrong smile. She took fashion and fitness advice from Carole Caplin, who turned out to be a former topless model; she clung to her husband in gestures of solidarity which made her look more like a frightened rabbit than a barrister of devastating intelligence. She was variously interpreted as cripplingly shy and coldly aloof.

Now, six months after her husband's arrival in Downing Street, her smile has relaxed and Cherie fans are hard to suppress. At 43, with three children and a successful legal career, she is an inspirational role model for working mothers, they say. She has grown into an admirable "first lady" — warm, funny, approachable and "real". How has she done it?

THE short answer is that she is basking in the glow of her husband's undeniable popularity. Also, just as the spin-doctoring team that surrounds the prime minister has been ruthlessly successful, so his wife has benefited from "excellent media management", as one seasoned public relations man put it.

Her Downing Street team consists of Fiona Millar — a long-term friend and the girlfriend of Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's own spin doctor — and Roz Preston, who worked in Blair's office when he was shadow home secretary. Both are part-timers who share the workload, dealing with her diary and hundreds of letters a week.

personality with the children before they go to school. Having overseen their breakfast and departure for school, she then hands over responsibility to the nanny and leaves for chambers.

"She does not see clients at Downing Street," said a spokesman after reports to the contrary last week. "The only thing here connected to her legal work is a computer in the family flat. She does research and prepares briefs at home."

Her legal commitments are "busier than ever", said a friend. "She didn't know how things were going to work out with the pressures of being the prime minister's wife. But things seem to have worked out fine. Her ambition is to continue her career as a QC."

To protect this career she is scrupulous about drawing a clear line between work and politics. Hence, among other things, no interviews or politically sensitive remarks. Noting that she was involved in a high profile case, a former legal colleague who is now an MP wrote a friendly letter asking for her view on the poten-

for battered women, and the Carers' Association, which is equally unglamorous.

All the same, she does not shy away from taking politically sensitive work, notably helping a lesbian rail clerk to win a European court fight for travel perks for her lover and, in another landmark judgment, representing a dyslexic woman whose condition went undiagnosed at school.

So far she has escaped any backlash, largely because she is widely respected as an excellent lawyer. But the possibility remains and there are those who are prepared to explore it, if not exploit it. Julie Kirkbride, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, is one.

"Clearly some of the cases she defends, which are to the left of the spectrum, create question marks about what kind of influence she might be on Tony Blair," said Kirkbride. "Cherie gives the impression of being a strong-minded and opinionated per-



First ladies: Hillary and Cherie have become friends

tial impact of the legal action on government policy. The reply, formal and outlining the government's policy, came several weeks later from the relevant department.

That said, spin doctors recognise that her political instincts remain a potential danger area and her friends acknowledge that she does have a political agenda, though not a governmental presence. Having failed to win Thanet West for Labour in 1983, she abandoned her party political career after her husband found a safe seat. Glenys Thornton, a friend, explained: "Cherie has always been a political person but she is one in her own right and she expresses it in her own way."

She keeps it subtle and low-key, say those who know her professionally. It includes charity work and she has deliberately embraced causes that are hard to market, including Refuge, which cares

and spoke of the difficulty in having a career and a family. There was no need for women or men to work seven-day weeks and 12-hour days and never to see their children, she said. There was no need for women to try to be like men. Women should carve out their own roles by following their own instincts and in ways which allowed them to balance their careers and personal lives.

She recalled the silence which greeted her own attendance at her first barristers' meeting — she was the only woman — and her husband's proficiency as a nappy changer. She also pointed out that most women have much tougher lives than members of her audience.

"She was inspirational," said Joanne Gubbay, senior assistant solicitor of Berwin Leighton. "She is very grounded and spoke without arrogance."

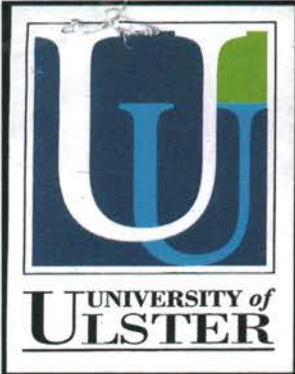
Mary Spillane, chief executive of Color Me Beautiful, was equally "blown away". Having worked with the wives of leading politicians on both sides of the Atlantic for 20 years, she said Cherie is unlike any of them.

"She has broken the mould. She was saying, 'I have to continue to be who I am. I have a career, I have clients, I have a family and I have a demanding role as a wife and I won't give up on any of those things.' She has a sense of social responsibility but she is playing the game on her own terms. She did it without jargon, without the political correctness of the dogooder. It was not a polished performance but it was an earnest one presented with the authority and clarity of the trained barrister. It showed how powerful she is just being herself."

There is a danger to Cherie's fade-into-the-background stance, however.

For it was Jonathan Powell, the prime minister's all-powerful chief of staff, who organised Hillary Clinton's "private" visit to Britain in cooperation with her White House minder, Sidney Blumenthal, the former political journalist.

With such stage management techniques at play in Downing St, how long will Cherie's own role as a "private" working mother remain convincing?



# THE ULSTER GRADUATE

PHOTOCOPY  
PRESERVATION

ISSUE 9  
SPRING 1998

THE MAGAZINE FOR  
THE ALUMNI OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

## A Unique first Visit



The First Lady of the United States, Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, delivered a Memorial Lecture dedicated to Joyce McCartan at Jordanstown in October.

The Lecture honoured the memory of community worker Joyce McCartan, one of the organizers of the Women's Drop-in Centre on the Ormeau Road in Belfast, who met Mrs Clinton during the Presidential visit in 1995.

The Lecture is the first in a biennial series organized by the

University to acknowledge the role of women in peace and reconciliation. The theme for the series is 'Women's Voices' and the University expects that international speakers of note will honour specific individuals or groups which have made a positive contribution to their community and society.

As part of the overall initiative, Mrs Clinton announced bursaries which will support women research students who are working in the area of conflict resolution and community reconciliation. The bursaries are

being supported by CableTel which will make available £10,000 each year to enable the recipients to travel internationally. The researchers will experience at first hand the role of women in other situations of conflict and explore ways of healing and crossing the barriers of division between communities.

The Vice-Chancellor said: "We are very pleased to welcome The First Lady back to Northern Ireland and to the University for the Memorial Lecture. This Lecture and the bursaries form part of the University's continuing aim to work to bring about social and cultural reconciliation and cohesion.

"We have no doubt that this programme will bring benefits not only to the individual bursary holders, but to the wider community as well."

Owen Lamont, Managing Director, CableTel, said: "We are delighted and honoured to announce our sponsorship of the Women in the Community bursaries at the University of Ulster. These bursaries form part of our ongoing commitment to the local communities in which we operate. We hope that they will facilitate women to study peace and reconciliation practices abroad and bring back real benefits to Northern Ireland.."

## OPTOMETRY CLINIC OFFERS

### EXAMINATIONS

The University Optometry Clinic is now open for the provision of eye care services to members of staff and students as well as members of the general public. The clinic is located in the Optometry Suite, School of Biomedical Sciences, Coleraine campus.

Services will be provided by members of staff and by final year students under the close supervision of fully qualified clinical tutors.

Appointment/inquiries can be made by contacting the Optometry Clinic on (01265) 323047

## RETIREMENT

Aileen L'Amie retired from the position of senior lecturer in the School of Leisure and Tourism in September 1997 following a career in teaching, spanning 41 years.

For the last 35 of these, she maintained a link with Home Economics, surviving institutional changes - in campus, in course titles, and in the name of the institution from Belfast College of Domestic Science, to Ulster College, to NI Polytechnic, to Ulster Polytechnic to University of Ulster.

During her academic career Aileen gained five degrees, four from The Queen's University, Belfast and one from this University, while being active in the broader aspects of her subject area. She served on the NI Schools Examination and Assessment Council (NISEC) and acted as an Assistant Chief Examiner for the last ten years. Her publications covered a wide range of subjects ranging from textiles to local history.

Her colleagues will miss her friendship and the students her commitment, advice and dedication. We wish her a long and

## VICE CHANCELLOR IS HONOURED

The Vice-Chancellor has been awarded a life peerage in the latest honours list for his work in higher education.

Commenting on the announcement, Lord Smith, stated: 'I am deeply honoured by the recognition, personally and also on behalf of higher education in Northern Ireland'. He added: 'I would intend to speak upon and take a

with higher education, especially those affecting our universities and other subjects relevant to the wider interests of the province and its people. It is a time of great change and challenge for all of us in the province, in politics, the economy and in education, and I look upon this honour as an opportunity to help in advocating the cause of Northern Ireland at Westminster.'



## ULSTER BREW GOES DOWN A TREAT IN WHITE HOUSE

## Hillary gets a taste of Ulster

By Gail Walker

IT'S tea for two and two for tea

... The Clintons and the McCartans, that is.

For thanks to the generosity of Belfast tea company, Nambarrie, both families cups are now flowing over with their favourite brew.

And it's down to Rosena McKeown, the company's enterprising marketing executive — who took a leaf, so-to-speak, out of Sherlock Holme's book.

She did some detective work of her own when she heard the First Lady reveal how every day in the White House she used a teapot given to her by the late Joyce McCartan after they shared a cuppa in 1995.

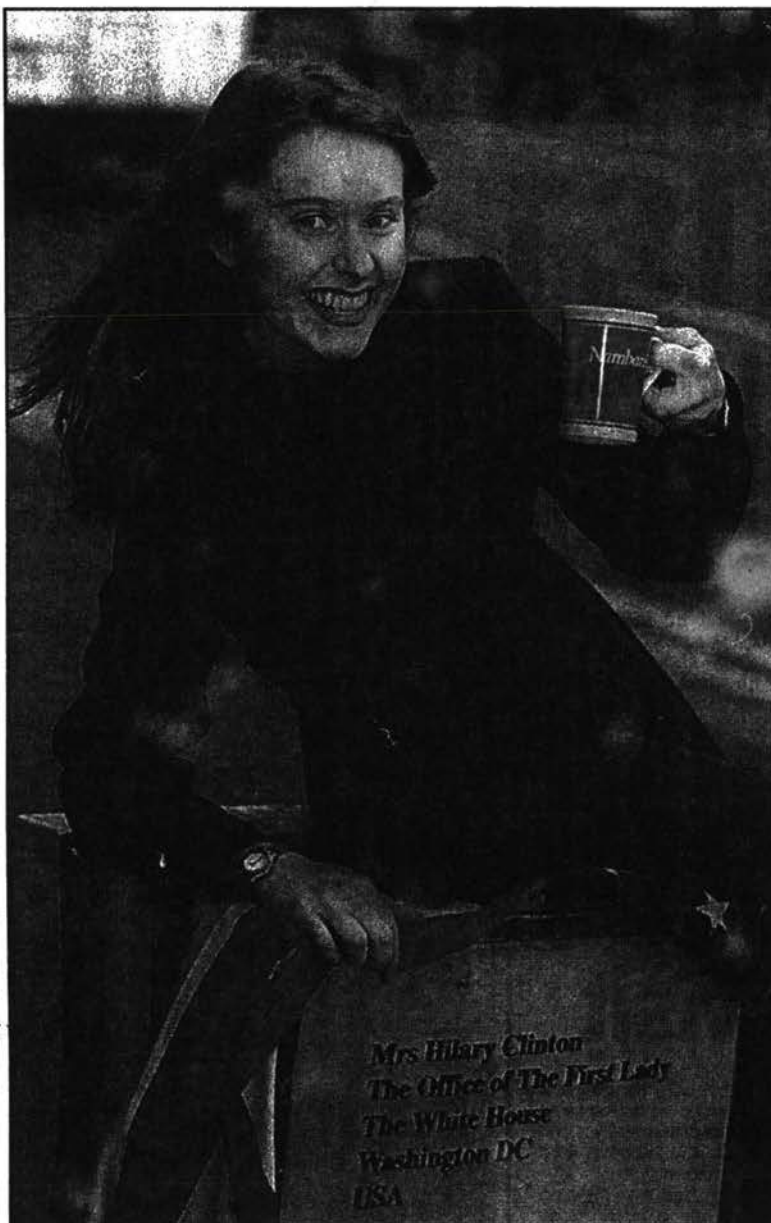
Rosena immediately tracked down the McCartan family in their Ormeau Road home in Belfast and asked them if they knew which brand Joyce had preferred.

"They immediately replied Nambarrie, so we decided to send her some so that she could enjoy Joyce's favourite tea.

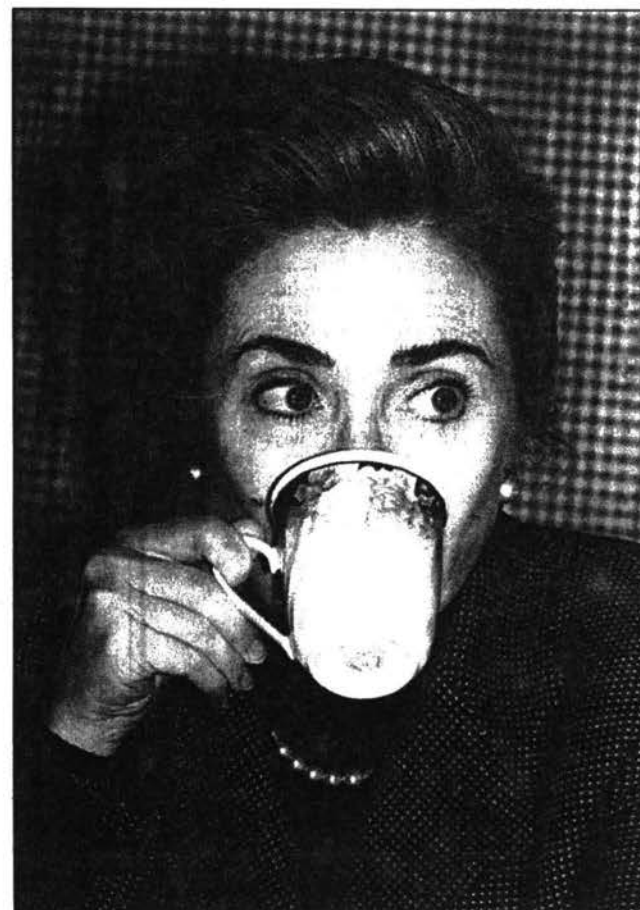
"I'm sure Mrs Clinton will enjoy having a taste of Ulster at the White House!"

But it's not Nambarrie's first foray Stateside.

Rosena added: "Actually we get many letters every year from people in America requesting that we send them some of our tea. It is very popular with Americans, many of whom have tried it while visiting Northern Ireland."



Tea up!: Rosena McKeown enjoying a cuppa, with Mrs Clinton's consignment at the ready.



Cheers: Hillary Clinton shows her enthusiasm for Northern Ireland's favourite beverage.

*file  
Ireland  
in trip book  
in office*

PREC: PRIORITY CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED SSN: 0402 MSGID: M3009765

PAAUZYUW RUEHBLA0402 3091412-UUUU--RHEHAAX.

ZNR UUUUU ZZH

P 051411Z NOV 97

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

FM: AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9419  
RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC 0001

INFO: RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8943  
RUEHDL/AMEMBASSY DUBLIN 6571  
RUEHEK/AMEMBASSY BISHKEK 0001

////////////////// INCOMPLETE MESSAGE //////////////////

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 04 BELFAST 0402

DEPT FOR RANDY BELL  
NSC FOR BUTLER  
WHITE HOUSE MELANNE VERVEER, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY  
USIA FOR RANKINE-GALLOWAY  
LONDON FOR USIS/SMITH/BURGESS/MACY  
LONDON FOR POL/HALL  
DUBLIN FOR POL/NORLAND  
BISHKEK FOR ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (CLINTON, HILLARY RODHAM), PREL, PGOV, SCUL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REACTION TO THE VISIT OF  
THE FIRST LADY

1. THIS REPORT CONCERNS MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE VISIT OF FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON TO NORTHERN IRELAND, OCTOBER 31, 1997.
2. THE THREE MAIN NEWSPAPERS REFERRED TO THROUGHOUT THIS REPORT HOLD DIFFERING EDITORIAL VIEWS. THIS MAY BE REFLECTED IN TONE OF THEIR REPORTING:  
'NEWS LETTER' - STRONG UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY  
'IRISH NEWS' - - STRONG NATIONALIST EDITORIAL POLICY  
'BELFAST TELEGRAPH' - NEUTRAL TO MODERATE UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY
3. THE VISIT GENERATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST THROUGHOUT BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA. THE TONE OF REPORTING WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE, AND REFLECTED THE FIRST LADY'S MESSAGES FOR WOMEN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE UNITED STATES' ON-GOING SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS.

4. HEADLINES ATTACHED TO ARTICLES REPORTING ON THE VISIT INCLUDED:

"HILLARY VOWS SUPPORT FOR PEACE EFFORT" - THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**', OCTOBER 31

"HILLARY'S AMONG FRIENDS" - THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**', OCTOBER 31

"FORGE PEACE NOW URGES FIRST LADY" - THE '**IRISH NEWS**', NOVEMBER 1

"FIRST LADY URGES POLITICAL LEADERS TO FOLLOW THE BRAVE EXAMPLE OF THE NORTH'S WOMEN" - THE '**IRISH NEWS**', NOVEMBER 1

"FORGE PEACE URGES HILLARY" - THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**', NOVEMBER 1

"HILLARY'S PEACE HOPES" - - THE '**NEWS LETTER**', NOVEMBER 1

"HILLARY SEES RAY OF HOPE IN PEACE PROCESS" - THE '**NEWS LETTER**', NOVEMBER 3

PREVIEWING THE VISIT

5. PREVIEWING THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT, THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**' OCTOBER 30 RAN WITH THE BANNER HEADLINE: "ALL CLEAR FOR HILLARY. SOLO VISIT WILL HIGHLIGHT PEACE QUEST." AMBASSADOR PHILIP LADER WAS QUOTED: "I THINK MRS. CLINTON'S VISIT MUST BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF HER PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS, BUT ALSO AN EXPRESSION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S STRONG INTEREST."

6. THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT WAS TO BE DIFFERENT IN TONE TO THE NOVEMBER 1995 VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY: " MR. LADER ALSO STRESSED THE PRIVATE NATURE OF THIS VISIT, WHICH IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE RAZZMATAZZ WHICH HERALDED HER PREVIOUS TRIP....PLANNING FOR THIS VISIT HAS BEEN MUCH MORE LOW KEY WITH THE FIRST LADY KEEN TO PROJECT A MORE PERSONAL TOUCH."

7. IN A PROFILE OF THE FIRST LADY, THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**' OCTOBER 30 WROTE: "SHE IS DELIVERING SPEECHES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, APPEARING ON TV SAYING 'TURNING 50 DOESN'T BOTHER ME' MAKING COMMERCIALS URGING WOMEN TO HAVE BREAST CANCER SCANS AND PRESIDING OVER A CHILD CARE CONFERENCE.

8. THE REPORT STATED: "INDEED HER **BELFAST** VISIT WILL LIKELY FOCUS...ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN AND YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY AND THE PEACE PROCESS."

9. THE '**BELFAST TELEGRAPH**' OCTOBER 30, ALSO CARRIED AN REPORT REGARDING THE VISIT OF FIRST LADY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT TO **BELFAST** DURING NOVEMBER 1942.

VISIT TO DUBLIN

DIST:

PREC: PRIORITY CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED SSN: 0402 MSGID: M3010693

PAAUZYUW RUEHBLA0402 3091412-UUUU--RHEHAAX.

ZNR UUUUU ZZH

P 051411Z NOV 97

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

FM: AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9420  
RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC 0002

INFO: RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8944  
RUEHDL/AMEMBASSY DUBLIN 6572  
RUEHEK/AMEMBASSY BISHKEK 0002

//////////////////// INCOMPLETE MESSAGE //////////////////////

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 BELFAST 0402

DEPT FOR RANDY BELL  
NSC FOR BUTLER  
WHITE HOUSE MELANNE VERVEER, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY  
USIA FOR RANKINE-GALLOWAY  
LONDON FOR USIS/SMITH/BURGESS/MACY  
LONDON FOR POL/HALL  
DUBLIN FOR POL/NORLAND  
BISHKEK FOR ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (CLINTON, HILLARY RODHAM), PREL, PGOV, SCUL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REACTION TO THE VISIT  
OF THE FIRST LADY

10. PRIOR TO HER VISIT TO BELFAST, THE FIRST LADY VISITED DUBLIN. THE 'IRISH NEWS' REPORTED ON HER VISIT, QUOTING THE FIRST LADY: "IN THIS PRECIOUS PEACE WE NOW HAVE ALMOST ALL THE PARTIES IN THIS CONFLICT SITTING DOWN TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

... WOMEN HAVE PAID A HEAVY PRICE FOR THE SOCIAL TURMOIL THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED AND ARE NOW LEADING THE EFFORT FOR PEACE."

11. THE 'BELFAST TELEGRAPH' OCTOBER 31 REPORTED ON THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

WRITING UNDER THE HEADLINE: "HILLARY VOWS SUPPORT FOR PEACE EFFORT" IT WAS REPORTED: "AMERICA'S FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON HAS UNDERLINED HER HUSBAND'S COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS." THE FIRST LADY WAS

QUOTED: "AMERICA WILL BE WITH YOU AS YOU AS YOU WALK THE ROAD OF PEACE. MAKING PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES IS THE WORK OF A LIFETIME. WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT REACHING AN AGREEMENT WILL BE EASY."

12. THE 'NEWS LETTER' WELCOMED THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT IN AN EDITORIAL PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 31: "AMERICA'S FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON FLIES INTO NORTHERN IRELAND TODAY ON A GOODWILL MISSION, AIMED AT CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THIS POLITICALLY DIVIDED SOCIETY.

...THE GESTURE OF RETURNING TO THESE SHORES WILL ENHANCE THE REPUTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE WITH A GREAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALL CREEDS AND CLASSES. SHE DESERVES A TRADITIONAL ULSTER WELCOME OF WARMTH AND CORDIALITY."

13. THE 'IRISH NEWS' OCTOBER 30 EDITORIALIZED: "TODAY'S VISIT BY MRS. CLINTON IS ON A VERY DIFFERENT SCALE, AND THAT IS APPROPRIATE. HER FIRST VISIT WAS VERY SPECIAL, AND IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO TRY AND RECREATE THAT SPIRIT."

14. REFERRING TO THE GENERATION 2000 YOUTH CONFERENCE THAT THE FIRST LADY WAS DUE TO ADDRESS, THE 'IRISH NEWS' EDITORIALIZED: "ITS PURPOSE IS TO DRAW UP A YOUTH AGENDA IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM...THE FIRST LADY KNOWS ALL TOO WELL THAT THEY ARE ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN HER OWN COUNTRY TOO. AND THEY ARE AREAS WHERE SHE HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST.

#### ARRIVAL

15. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD COVERAGE OF THE FIRST LADY'S ARRIVAL AT **BELFAST** INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE SHE WAS GREETED BY CATHERINE HAMILL AND DAVID STERRETT, THE TWO CHILDREN WHO INTRODUCED THE PRESIDENT AT MACKIES FACTORY DURING HIS NOVEMBER 1995 VISIT TO **BELFAST**.

16. THE '**BELFAST** TELEGRAPH' WROTE: A CLEARLY MOVED MR. CLINTON LISTENED AS CATHERINE TOLD HOW HER FATHER HAD BEEN SHOT IN A BRUTAL SECTARIAN MURDER. BUT TODAY IT WAS ALL SMILES AS THEY HELPED WELCOME MRS. CLINTON ON HER WHIRLWIND ONE DAY TRIP TO NORTHERN IRELAND."

#### JOYCE MCCARTAN LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER.

17. THE FIRST LADY GAVE THE INAUGURAL JOYCE MCCARTAN MEMORIAL LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER IN MEMORY OF THE **BELFAST** COMMUNITY WORKER SHE MET WITH DURING HER NOVEMBER 1995 VISIT.

18. THE FIRST LADY'S ADDRESS WAS CARRIED LIVE ON BBC RADIO ULSTER DURING THE DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM "TALKBACK".

UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 **BELFAST 0402**

DEPT FOR RANDY BELL

NSC FOR BUTLER  
WHITE HOUSE MELANNE VERVEER, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY  
USIA FOR RANKINE-GALLOWAY  
LONDON FOR USIS/SMITH/BURGESS/MACY  
LONDON FOR POL/HALL  
DUBLIN FOR POL/NORLAND  
BISHKEK FOR ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (CLINTON, HILLARY RODHAM), PREL, PGOV, SCUL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REACTION TO THE VISIT OF THE  
FIRST LADY

19. THE 'NEWS LETTER' NOVEMBER 1 REPORTED: "THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE SAID THE CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS PROMISING HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE COURAGE OF THE WOMAN WHO ONCE SPENT AN HOUR IN HER COMPANY AT A TINY DROP-IN CENTER CALLED THE LAMPLIGHTER.

20. QUOTING THE FIRST LADY, THE 'NEWS LETTER' WROTE: JOYCE MCCARTAN DESERVES AS HER REAL LEGACY THAT THE PEACE PROCESS WILL GO FORWARD. SHE AND ALL THE BRAVE WOMEN WHO FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS MARCHED, BAKED, PRAYED DESERVES TO BE HEARD."

THE ARTICLE CONTINUED: "PRESIDENT CLINTON REMAINED PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO THOSE WHO TOOK RISKS FOR PEACE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, SHE (FIRST LADY) SAID."

21. THE FIRST LADY WAS QUOTED: "WHEN PEOPLE WANT PEACE, IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF POLITICAL LEADERS TO FIND THE COMMON GROUND WHERE IT CAN THRIVE. THAT REQUIRES COMPROMISE AND RECONCILIATION. THAT INVOLVES POSTPONING, OR EVEN GIVING UP ONE'S CHERISHED IDEALS IN THE BELIEF THAT OTHERS WILL DO THE SAME TO END THE CONFLICT AND BUILD A BETTER FUTURE."

22. REPORTING ON THE LECTURE THE 'IRISH NEWS', NOVEMBER 1 WROTE: "IRELAND'S POLITICAL LEADERS MUST PAVE THE WAY FOR PEACE IN THE NORTH, AMERICA'S FIRST LADY URGED YESTERDAY. ON HER SECOND VISIT HERE, HILLARY CLINTON CALLED ON ALL SIDES TO 'END A GENERATION OF SENSELESS KILLING AND FORGE A LASTING PEACE."

23. ALLUDING TO A TEA POT PRESENTED TO HER DURING HER MEETING WITH JOYCE MCCARTAN, THE FIRST LADY WAS QUOTED: "THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO WOULD RATHER SMASH THE TEA POT THAN FILL IT WITH PIPING HOT TEA AND SIT DOWN TO HAVE A CONVERSATION."

GENERATION 2000 CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL NORTHERN IRELAND AT THE WATERFRONT HALL, **BELFAST**.

24. THE FIRST LADY ATTENDED THE GENERATION 2000 CONFERENCE, TAKING PART IN A ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE.

25. THE 'IRISH NEWS' NOVEMBER 1 REPORTED: "THE YOUTH OF NORTHERN IRELAND WERE YESTERDAY CHALLENGED BY AMERICAN FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT.

26. THE 'NEWS LETTER' NOVEMBER 1 REPORTED: "US FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON TOLD THOUSANDS OF ULSTER YOUNG PEOPLE YESTERDAY: "I CAN SEE IN THE FACES BEFORE ME, EVIDENCE OF WHY PEACE CAN AND MUST BE YOUR DESTINY."

THE ARTICLE CONTINUED: "MRS. CLINTON RECEIVED A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME FROM THE CROWD AND TOLD THEM: ' IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES YOU CAN STAND AGAINST THE BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT TO IMPRISON YOU, AND IF ADULTS WILL LISTEN AND EMPOWER YOU, YOU CAN BE THE LEADERS ALL OF US NEED."

LONDON

THE FIRST LADY TRAVELED TO LONDON FOLLOW VISITS TO DUBLIN AND **BELFAST**.

27. THE 'NEWS LETTER' NOVEMBER 3 REPORTED ON THE FIRST LADY'S REMARKS AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY: "HILLARY CLINTON SPOKE OF HER HOPES FOR THE PEACE PROCESS IN A

DIST:

<^DIST>  
SIT: NSC

PREC: PRIORITY CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED SSN: 0402 MSGID: M3011966

PAAUZYUW RUEHBLA0402 3091412-UUUU--RHEHAAX.

ZNR UUUUU ZZH (TAO)

P 051411Z NOV 97

FM AMCONSUL BELFAST

FM: AMCONSUL BELFAST

TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9422  
RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC 0004

INFO: RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8946  
RUEHDL/AMEMBASSY DUBLIN 6574  
RUEHEK/AMEMBASSY BISHKEK 0004

////////////////////////////////// INCOMPLETE MESSAGE //////////////////////////////////

UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 BELFAST 0402

DEPT FOR RANDY BELL  
NSC FOR BUTLER  
WHITE HOUSE MELANNE VERVEER, OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY  
USIA FOR RANKINE-GALLOWAY  
LONDON FOR USIS/SMITH/BURGESS/MACY  
LONDON FOR POL/HALL  
DUBLIN FOR POL/NORLAND  
BISHKEK FOR ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (CLINTON, HILLARY RODHAM), PREL, PGOV, SCUL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REACTION TO THE VISIT OF  
THE FIRST LADY

SPEECH AT THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON YESTERDAY."

28. THE FIRST LADY WAS QUOTED: "ALTHOUGH THE EUPHORIA OF  
THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO IS NOT PRESENT,  
THERE CERTAINLY IS A HOPEFULNESS AND, PERHAPS, A MORE  
PRAGMATIC SENSE OF WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO BRING THE PARTIES  
TOGETHER."

EDITORIAL

29. THE 'NEWS LETTER' NOVEMBER 1 REVIEWED THE FIRST LADY'S  
VISIT IN AN EDITORIAL HEADED: "HILLARY'S MESSAGE". THE  
EDITORIAL STATED: "ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL LINK MADE THE  
NEWS YESTERDAY - THE VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND OF FIRST  
LADY HILLARY CLINTON - AND WHILE IT TURNED OUT TO BE A  
DECIDEDLY LOW KEY EVENT, MUCH GOODWILL WAS GENERATED  
TO SUSTAIN THE POSITIVE ULSTER / UNITED STATES LINK WHICH

HAS BEEN CLEARLY EVIDENT OVER RECENT YEARS.

"MRS. CLINTON SPOKE OF GENUINE AMERICAN HOPES FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN OUR SOCIETY. THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN RECONCILIATION WORK IN THIS DIVIDED COMMUNITY APPEARED TO STRIKE A CHORD WITH PEOPLE YOUNG AND OLD PRESENT AT HER TWO PUBLIC LECTURES."

STEPHENS

DIST:

# The Examiner

Reporting the real world

friday

Published in Ireland since 1841



The £25m brush stroke of genius

The nobody who really painted Van Gogh's Sunflowers

Page 11



Sunny spells are forecast

Cook up some magic with a little wizardry to spice up your life

Page 12

October 31, 1997

No. 54,583 85p



A smiling Taoiseach Bertie Ahern flanked by American First Lady Hillary Clinton and his partner Celia Larkin at Dublin Castle last night.

Picture: Billy Higgins

## McAleese for Park in record low poll

by Mark Hennessy  
Political Correspondent

MARY McALEESE will be declared Ireland's next President tonight, with an emphatic victory over Fine Gael's Mary Banotti on the second count — despite the lowest ever turn-out by voters in an election for Áras An Uachtaráin.

Late last night, an exit poll amongst 2,000 voters around the country gave McAleese 46% of the first preference, in contrast to Banotti's 32%, 8% for Adi Roche and 5% for Derek Nally.

But the late surge for Dana, who may have received as much as 9% of the first preference share, will be one of the main talking points — particularly as most of her support came from people who identified with her stand on social and family

### Victory likely on second count

presiding officers in deadly quiet polling centres reported as the poll booths closed, after a 12-hour opening, at 9 p.m. last night.

In Cork city, around 50% appeared at polling stations, while in Carlow-Kilkenny the figure may not have risen above 45%.

Some polling stations in the centre of Limerick had used up just 30% of their ballot papers

by T.P. O'Mahony



THE Taoiseach's mistress meets the President's wife — oh holy God.

It happened in Dublin Castle last night when Hillary Rodham Clinton was greeted by Celia Larkin — and life still goes on. Surprise, surprise. And let the begrudgers go on begrudging.

The moon is still in orbit around the earth, and the stars have not deserted the Milky Way.

It was all very civilised, normal and natural. And so it should be. This is 1997 after all.

Hillary and Celia — and what a tasty pair they made. And how splendidly they both looked in Dublin Castle last night. Little surprise that they were the talk of the town.

Hillary is the lover of President Bill Clinton, and also his wife, Celia is the lover of the Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, but not his wife.

We should not be taken aback. It is a sign of the times.

Dev might not think so, from beyond the grave — or wherever — he is probably looking on this with a disapproving eye.

Not only would it not have happened in his time — a Taoiseach receiving the wife of

the US President in the company of a woman other than his wife — it probably would not have happened even five years ago.

I think that's great — a sign of the maturity of the New Ireland.

Dev would have his problems with this New Ireland, but that's Dev's problem, wherever he is.

OK. It's in direct conflict with his vision of gracious colleens — dancing at crossroads — but life, like marriages, is never perfect.

Hillary, who looked splendid in a navy outfit with a gold collar (Celia, by the way, wore a lovely purple outfit) has her own problems — Her hubby is involved in a controversy known

as Zippergate. We better not go into that right now — but it could yet cause a White House scandal bigger than anything stemming from the JFK Presidency.

Nothing much of importance actually happened last night.

Both the Taoiseach and the First Lady recycled the expected sentiments about the Peace Process in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Clinton's stop-over in Dublin was just a prelude to a visit to Belfast, where today she will give a lecture in memory of a woman who has lost several relatives in what we still call "the Troubles".

After that she will go on to

London for a meeting with the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, at Chequers.

Unfortunately it rained, and rained, for her Dublin visit.

But the adverse conditions did nothing to dampen the spirit of the First Lady.

She arrived with a big smile and left with a big smile, and in between reiterated Washington's commitment to the search for a peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland.

That's what matters most of all, and if the meeting between Hillary and Celia facilitates that then all of us on this island will be the beneficiaries.

ried by Lansdowne market research, indicates that McAleese has maintained her grip on the key second preferences of voters, taking 56%, as opposed to the 44% secured by Banotti.

The fourth place expected for Roche is a disaster for Labour leader Dick Spring, who backed her selection over some Labour calls for Michael D. Higgins, though a speedy challenge to his leadership is still unlikely.

The low turn-out, which will barely exceed 40% in some areas, is a stark message from the electorate, who have been put off by the frequent personal attacks which were the hallmark of Presidency 97. In 1990 the national turn-out was 64%.

This time it may have just tipped the 50% mark, a score of

reterandum — which aims to give powers to the courts, or tribunals to demand details of Cabinet discussions in exceptional circumstances — created confusion amongst those voters who bothered to come out.

In many places, voters actually refused to take the referendum ballot papers from polling station staff, on the grounds that they were not sure what they were voting on.

Counting will begin today at 9 a.m., and the first count result, which had been expected for tea-time, may now be delivered earlier than expected by returning officer Peter Green at the National Count Centre in Dublin Castle.

SEE: Page 5

# COMPAQ PC'S

## AT COMPACT PRICES



### COMPAQ PRESARIO 4504

- Pentium 166 MMX
- 256 Cache, 16MB RAM
- 2.0 GB Hard Drive
- 16 x CD, 14" Monitor
- 33.6 Fax / Modem
- 16 Bit Sound Card & speakers
- 1MB 3D Graphics Card
- Mini Tower

**SOFTWARE**

- MS Windows '95 & Works 4.0, Creative Writer Money '97, Encarta '97, Soccer, Sim City 2000, Shockwave Flash, Adiboo Internet Set up Wizard

**£1,000 WORTH OF FREE SOFTWARE WITH THIS OFFER**

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Saturday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm **WE DON'T CLOSE FOR LUNCH!**

# PFH COMPUTERS

**NOW OPEN SUNDAYS 2-6 PM**

WASHINGTON STREET WEST, CORK  
TEL: 021-271 152 FAX: 021-271 451  
EMAIL: pfhcomp@pfh.ie

10/31/1997  
The Examiner

# Doctor Barry charged with indecent assault of 43 women over period of almost 30 years

by Liam Heylin.

A 72-year-old doctor was charged with sexually and indecently assaulting 43 women over almost thirty years when he appeared in Court yesterday.

Dr James Barry was arrested at his Cork home early yesterday morning and held in the Bridewell Garda Station before being taken to the District Court.

He was released on bail but ordered to surrender his passport and report every Monday to the Gardai.

The doctor, who appeared relaxed as the case came before the Court for the first time, was charged on 199 counts of indecent assault and 38 counts of sexual assault committed between 1966 and 1994.

Dr Barry, who was at the centre of what was described as a furore of publicity two years ago, was released on bail of £500. He chatted and

smiled with his legal representatives when the court finished its business.

Dr Barry's was arrested at his home at 7am by Detective Sergeant Michael Comyns and handed copies of over 50 photocopied sheets of paper of the charges. The 43 women were named in the charges as allegedly injured parties between the years 1966 to 1994 on unspecified dates within several month periods.

At Cork District Court, gardai expressed their concerns about granting bail to Dr Barry. Inspector Gerard Dillane said "Dr Barry absconded before, at a time when there were no charges against him."

Det Sgt Michael Comyns said that on June 6, 1995, Dr Barry's home at Farranlea Road, Model Farm Road, Cork, was searched. "On that date, Dr Barry and his solicitor gave us an undertaking to meet the guards the following



Dr James Barry: Released on bail of £500.

morning for the purpose of clearing up matters on items that had been found in the search. That appointment was not honoured," Det Sgt Comyns said. "Dr Barry did not make himself available to the guards until March 2, 1996. For a good period of that time he was out of the country," he said. Inspector Dillane said that that background "coupled

with the seriousness of the charges" were the grounds for seeking an independent surety.

Defence barrister, Pat Horgan, said that Dr Barry was "in hospital in Dublin following the furore of publicity. There was a letter sent to the guards that he was in hospital in Dublin. Are you aware of that letter?" Det Sgt Comyns said he was aware of it.

He put it to the Sergeant: "You were aware of his address in England for several months. He replied that Doctor Barry "was out of this jurisdiction. He was out of my control." Mr Horgan said: "Doctor Barry returned voluntarily to Cork in 1996. Shortly after he voluntarily returned, he voluntarily went to the gardai."

Mr Horgan said: "You don't believe for a moment that his man is going to flee the jurisdiction." Det Sgt Comyns said, "I don't know, I can't say". The barrister

said that Dr Barry had "successfully defended civil proceedings against him" recently at Cork Circuit Court.

Inspector Dillane said: "This is the first time that these type of charges have been made. He absconded before when there were no charges against him. Now there are charges and very serious ones."

Pat Horgan BL said the Director of Public Prosecutions had the file for the past twelve months and had "done nothing about it so that my client is to get the worst of all worlds. I would protest in the strongest possible terms about the behaviour of the DPP."

Judge David Riordan granted Dr Barry bail of £500 with no independent surety on the basis that he would give an undertaking not to leave the country and that he would surrender his passport and sign on each Monday at Mayfield Garda Station.

# Here's health to you! You've never had it so good

by Ralph Riegel  
Agriculture Correspondent

CHEERS — most of us spend more on alcohol and tobacco than food.

University College Cork Dean of Agriculture Prof Tom Raftery, said yesterday consumers spend only 14% of their income, in real terms, on food.

That represents a startling saving for household budgets from 26 years ago, when a family had to devote 27% of their earnings to food.

"Consumers have never had it so good," Prof Raftery declared. "Today's shopper has more food, a greater choice of foods, cheaper products and safer food — at least leaving the farm — than ever before."

He stressed that, while people acknowledge food is cheaper, they fail to accept that modern foodstuffs are of a higher general quality.

"Despite the mounting criticism of our foods today, people are growing taller and living longer.

"While food is not solely responsible, it could not happen if the food was not of a high quality," he said.

Prof Raftery released the statistics as he launched a devastating attack on lobby groups whom he accused of trying to sabotage consumer confidence in modern foodstuffs.

"People need to be protected from scare-mongering, unbalanced, misleading and inaccurate pronouncements on food from a

bewildering range of self-appointed lobby groups, obviously more interested in publicity than public health," he declared.

The academic said there was overwhelming evidence to support the creation of an authoritative scientific body to rule on all food safety claims.

The importance of such a body, he added, was underlined by the fact that the world will not be able to cope with the predicted population explosion by using out-dated though traditional farming methods.

"It is a very dangerous illusion indeed to believe that we can feed today's population using yesterday's methods let alone the population of the next millennium which is expected to have an extra five billion people by the year 2050," he declared.

# Take Notice!

## Earn up to 6.5%\*

### EBS Special 30 Special Savings Account

#### Low 15% DIRT Rate 30 days withdrawal notice

\*6.61% CAR — Compound Annual Rate for balances over £40,000.

Drop into your local EBS office or call the <<EBSDIRECT>> Savings Hotline on

# 1850 654326



PRESERVATION PHOTOCOPY



# Irish Independent



**BIGGEST DAILY SALE  
IN IRELAND**

Vol. 106 No. 260

Friday, October 31, 1997

C

Price 85p



## Teenage nanny collapses in tears at murder verdict

BRITISH nanny Louise Woodward was found guilty early today of the second degree murder of nine-month-old Matthew Eappen.

After the verdict was delivered, she collapsed in tears in the courtroom in Cambridge, Massachusetts, sobbing uncontrollably and saying: "I didn't do it. I didn't do anything."

The verdict is one of deliberate but unpremeditated murder — she meant to do it but didn't plan it.

The teenager now faces a sentence of

life without parole which could mean 15 years in jail. She will be sentenced today.

Her parents Gary and Sue sat impassively at the back of the court in the public gallery to hear the verdict.

By contrast, the tension was evident in the face and posture of defence lawyer Barry Scheck.

Sitting with his elbows on the table and his hands covering his eyes, the man who successfully defended O J Simpson sat with his eyes closed and his hands clasped to his lips as if praying.

After the result was read he stared at



● The nanny trial: the jury decides, Page 17

the jurors with a look which asked: "How could you bring a guilty verdict?"

The 19-year-old from Elton, Cheshire, had refused to plead guilty to the lesser offence of manslaughter.

The jury of nine women and three men

took more than 27 hours over three days to reach their verdict which was delivered at 9.39pm local time — 2.39am Irish time.

As she sat sobbing, her defence team comforting her, trial judge Hiller Zobel adjourned the court.

After calm was restored in the courtroom, the judge ordered that Woodward be brought back into court at 10am local time today — 3pm Irish time.

He had warned that anyone unable to control their emotions should leave the courtroom before the verdict was returned.

But as the full enormity of the decision

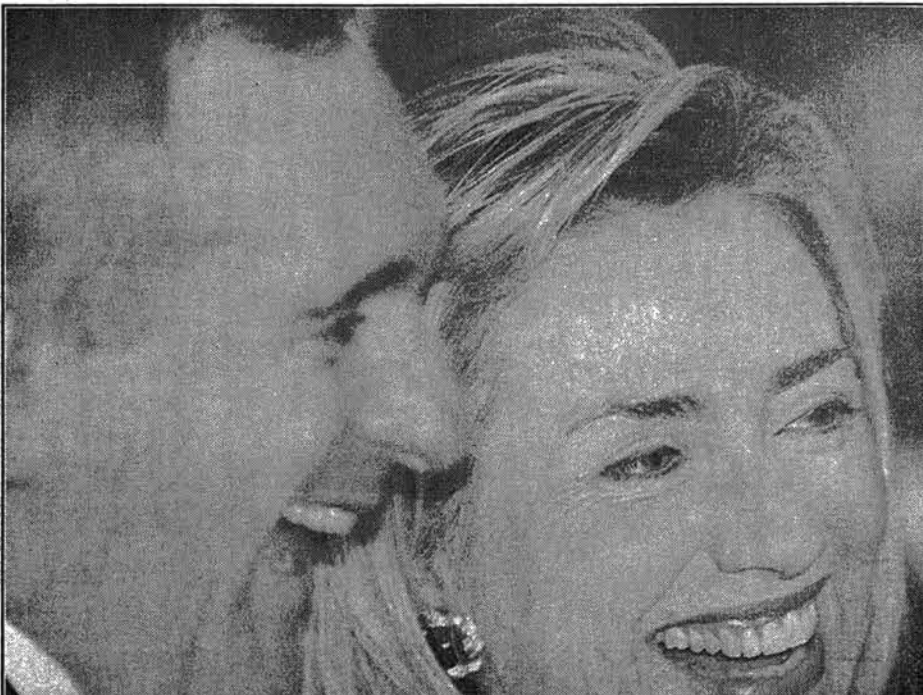
sank in Woodward broke down and was comforted by her defence lawyers.

Defence lawyers Andrew Good and Elaine Whitfield-Sharp moved to comfort the teenager as she bowed her head and cried.

As they stroked her hair, she said: "Why did they do that to me. Why did they do that?"

There was dismay in the Cheshire village where she had grown up. People who had gathered in The Rigger public house to watch the verdict live on satellite television burst into tears and sobbed.

### Happy returns . . .



## Hillary's message defies the bombers

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN and ANNEMARIA McENEANEY  
US First Lady Hillary Clinton arrived in Dublin

### Apathy wins out in the stay-away election

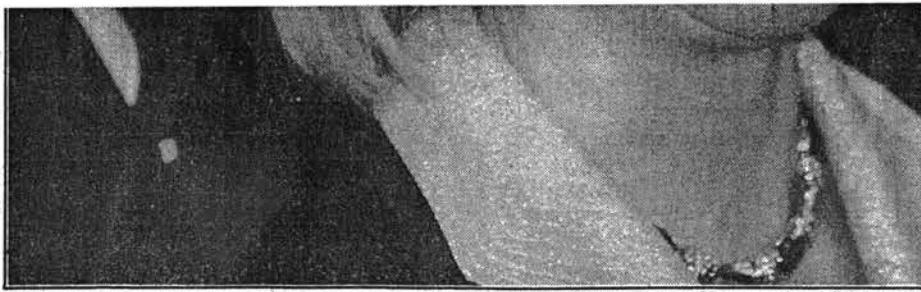
By CHRIS GLENNON  
MORE than 1.3m voters stayed away from the polls yesterday in a massive display of disinterest in the presidential election.

The turnout was reported to be the lowest ever, at just 40pc.

The huge political controversy caused by the intervention of Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams and "leaks" of Foreign Affairs documents failed to ignite the interest of the general public.

But Government candidate Mary McAleese appeared to be still on course to be the eighth president.

An exit poll for RTE's Prime Time indicated a trend that would see the Queen's University pro vice chancellor elected on the second count. She would



● It was laughs all round as Taoiseach Bertie Ahern introduced US First Lady Hillary Clinton to the audience at at Dublin Castle on her return visit to the city last night.

Ironically she arrived on a day when renegade republicans tried to sabotage the talks.

She made it clear that supporters of violence would find no friends in her husband's administration.

But to the peace makers she said: "America will be with you."

And she also had a message for the unionist parties boycotting the talks. "When people want peace, there is an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace can thrive," she said at a reception in Dublin Castle.

She was speaking just hours after dissident republicans tried to blow up a British government office in Derry.

The so-called Continuity Army Council, made up of hardliners who oppose the peace efforts, said they had left the bomb as a message to Britain that troops must be withdrawn.

Mrs Clinton urged all sides to compromise and seek common ground in the weeks and months ahead, adding: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."



● The First Lady pays a visit: reports and News Analysis, Pages 18 and 19

But she warned: "Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

She said she wanted to pay tribute to those on both sides who had worked so hard to bring about peace and reconciliation.

Women, in particular, had paid a heavy price for the social turmoil in the troubles and she would today be in Belfast be honouring one of those women — the late Joyce McCartan, a cross community peace worker whom she met on her November, 1995 visit. Today she will deliver the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster.

She revealed that President Clinton is keen to make an early return visit to Ireland.

Mrs Clinton said her husband was searching his calendar for another opportunity to visit this country after the triumph of their joint visit two years ago. She told the specially invited audience at Dublin Castle that he was hoping to come back this time "with a seven iron in hand".

"I hope that this is not too far off in the distance . . . and he will have the opportunity to greet you in person and to wish you God speed in the many important efforts you are undertaking today."

Mrs Clinton addressed a gathering of some 300 people in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle which included representatives of the Oireachtas, the judiciary, the arts and business, before attending a reception in her honour.

She said she wanted to highlight two themes on her visit to Dublin and Belfast, compromise and reconciliation. She said this might involve postponing some of their own ideals — all sides must compromise and seek this common ground in the weeks and months ahead.

### Crime tip-offs to pay

GARDAI are to reward members of the public who give confidential information about crime.

People will be encouraged to ring a new Garda "Crimestoppers" confidential telephone line, leave their name and, depending on the quality of information, they could receive money calculated from a points scale.

● Full report: Page Five



● President Clinton: visit promised

DISASTER  
Roger Jupp of Lansdowne Market Research said that final figures could be "slightly" changed. The Prime Time poll had concluded in the afternoon, he said.

Singer/TV host, Dana, seems likely to finish third on first preferences.

That implies a disastrous fourth place for Adi Roche, the Chernobyl Children's Charity campaigner promoted principally by Labour.

Continued on Page 16

CAPITAL PLUS & MULTIPLIER BONDS  
FROM MMI STOCKBROKERS

With a short Investment term, up to 150% of the Stock Market Growth and Capital Securities.

(the thinking persons investment.)



FREEPHONE 1800 310 310  
26 LOWER BAGGOT STREET, DUBLIN  
TEL: (01) 676 6277 FAX: (01) 676 5250

Irish Independent 10/31/1997

## Taxi drivers say sorry as firms count the cost

By DON LAVERY and BERNIE O'TOOLE  
DUBLIN city centre businesses put the cost of yesterday's mass protest by taxi drivers at more than £500,000.

Angry business leaders last night condemned as "absolutely disgraceful" the action which brought traffic to a standstill and caused chaos to thousands of commuters and shoppers.

"We will not accept a group of people believing they can use mob rule like this. The city deserves better," said Tom Coffey, chief executive of the Dublin City Centre Business Association.

The taxi drivers took to the streets over the £15,000 cost of a wheelchair accessible taxi licence — a hike from £100 — the increase of the vehicle licence renewal fee from £7 to £450, and the absence of a fare rise, among other grievances.

But as their controversial protest came under attack from several quarters, a spokesman issued an apology for the gridlock they had created and said it had never been their intention to grind Dublin to a halt.

"What happened, shouldn't have happened. Everything went wrong and I hope what happened



● Revolt on the ranks — Pages Six

yesterday will never happen again," said John Ussher, president of the Irish Taxi Drivers Federation.

Mr Ussher conceded that the protest had turned public opinion against the taxi drivers and their case. He said his federation would be sitting down to review what had occurred.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce joined in the condemnation describing as "outrageous" the fact that a group within the service sector could flagrantly abuse their position to resist actions they did not agree with.

"How much longer can one group of workers in the city hold the rest of the workers in the city to ransom?" the Chamber asked.

Dublin's Lord Mayor John Stafford said and commercial life had been totally disrupted.

The taxi drivers were promised a review of their main grievances by Dublin Corporation at a meeting which is scheduled to take place next Tuesday.

**INSIDE: the best guide to the property market**

## FREE GSM mobile Phones!

<p>Free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•80hrs Standby</li> <li>•SMS Send + Receive</li> <li>•Slim Compact Phone</li> </ul>	<p>Free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•80hrs Standby</li> <li>•SMS Send + Receive</li> <li>•Light Compact Phone</li> </ul>
--	---

Philips Diga Motorola D160

<p>Free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•110hrs Standby</li> <li>•SMS Send + Receive</li> <li>•Slim Compact Phone</li> </ul>	<p>FREE* Line Rental for 3 months</p> <p>FREE* 30 Minutes Eirtime for 3 months</p> <p>FREE* Insurance for 5 months</p>	<p>FREE* Leather Case</p> <p>FREE* Car Charger</p> <p>FREE* Car Bracket</p>
---	--	---

Nokia 1611 Offers Include

**Cellular Connection**  
THE MOBILE PHONE STORE

Ph: 6600600  
55 Shelbourne Rd, Ballsbridge, D.4  
67 Oliver Plunkett St. Cork - (021) 279121



# Peace the ultimate

OTOCOPY

## 'America will stay with you in your search for a solution'

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN and SUSAN GARRITY

AMERICA'S First Lady Hillary Clinton last night reiterated the personal commitment of the US President to the Northern peace process.

Mrs Clinton opened her two-day visit to Ireland with a pledge of continued US support for those who were prepared to take risks for peace.

"America will be with you as you walk the road of peace," she said. "Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

She recognised there were centuries of feeling behind each side's argument and that many wounds were still raw.

But when the people wanted peace she said there was an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace could thrive.

Mrs Clinton was addressing a gathering in Dublin Castle's St Patrick's Hall including members of the Cabinet and Oireachtas, and figures from the judiciary and the worlds of the arts and business.

Mrs Clinton took time to pay special tribute to the US Ambassador to Ireland, Mrs Jean Kennedy-Smith who accompanied her to the reception in her honour in Dublin Castle last night. She said the ambassador had contributed so much to the relationship between Ireland and the US and to the peace process.

### PREOCCUPIED BY IRELAND'S TRAGEDY

She also thanked the Irish people for the warmth and hospitality shown to her daughter, Chelsea during her private holiday here with a school friend in June. Mrs Clinton was received at the Castle by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and his partner Celia Larkin.

In an exclusive interview on board the Air Force One jet bound for Ireland, Mrs Clinton said her husband's statement: 'Peace in Northern Ireland is an article of faith for our family' extends to her as well.

"We talk about it daily. We talk about Ireland all the time. It's one of those crisis in the world that's so tragic," said Mrs Clinton as she sat in the rear of the plane the plane. She said both she and the president remain committed to assisting in finding some sort of solution to the problems in the North.

"You know he talked about Ireland long before he became president," she said. Mrs Clinton said the president does consult her on issues pertaining to Ireland, but she would not weigh in on where she stood on President Clinton's original controversial decision to extend a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

But, Mrs Clinton did say that she felt the president's 'risks' initially in the peace process had brought Northern Ireland closer to a possible settlement.

"Obviously, the United States can't wave a magic wand to get the problems resolved, but it's something we've wanted to do about for many years," said Mrs Clinton. She said if her speech planned for Friday in Belfast can do anything to contribute positively to the process, she would be pleased.

### INSPIRING WOMAN

Mrs Clinton stressed it was her personal desire to return to Ireland to honour a woman she greatly admired, Joyce McCartan, that initiated this trip. "I am in awe of people who live with danger every day. I get more out of the visits with them than I bring. I am, frankly, inspired by people like Joyce.

"My speech tomorrow will be about women and the way they take responsibility not just for themselves, but for their families and to get out and to be active in the community," said Mrs Clinton.

Women and their place in society play an important role in Mrs Clinton's life. Aware of Ireland's presidential race, and some of the detractions that have been made concerning the number of women in the race, Mrs Clinton said it's the men that are jealous of women's success that leads to certain disparaging remarks.

It's her friendship and admiration for yet another woman that brought the First Lady to Dublin. "Jean Kennedy Smith called and asked if I would like to come to Dublin when I was over for our trip to Belfast. I said 'Yes - absolutely'."

Mrs Clinton will continue on to London after her speech in Belfast today. She spoke in glowing terms of the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cheri. She said that the peace process would not have come this far with the prime minister at the helm.

Mrs Clinton took care to greet everyone on her plane. As she rose to leave, she looked over to the window where the lights from Dublin were not too far off and said: "You know, I wish I was Irish."



US First Lady Hillary Clinton being welcomed to Ireland at Dublin Airport, last night, by the American Ambassador, Jean Kennedy-Smith.

## Wrinkles maybe but still a nifty

By KATHLEEN O'CALLAGHAN

HILLARY Clinton may have discussed her wrinkles and confessed about her fading eyesight to Oprah Winfrey. But the feisty feminist is looking nifty at 50 and, in the immortal words of Patsy, "absolutely fabulous".

She might have clocked up a half century on the clock but she is looking as road worthy as ever.

America's First Lady arrived at Dublin Castle looking every inch the birthday girl in a French navy cool wool single breasted suit.

She teamed her three quarter length jacket with a pair of wide legged palazzo which could have been mistaken for a maxi skirt. The image makers can no longer pillory Hillary on her appearance which she used to change as often as a Brown Thomas mannequin.

Bill's Irrepressible wife has at last found a relaxed appearance and a new sense of confidence in her wardrobe style.

She has dispensed with the distinctive Hillary hair-band and now wears a sleek blonde bob that is blow-dried to perfection. The demon Irish rain failed to put an ounce of frizz in her hair too. She wore a simple gold silk blouse under her jacket and a striking gold necklace.

Hillary smiled sweetly at Bertie Ahern as he wished her a happy birthday on the podium of St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle.

Bertie looked very smooth in a dark navy suit, an ice pale blue shirt and patterned tie. Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith wore a rich black velvet coat dress that went to the knee. Bertie's partner, Celia Larkin opted for a discreet caramel suit

with a beige blouse.

There was a large crowd of 150 people at the opening reception but only 20 of the chosen few would be attending the private meal later on in the Throne Room.

Tanaiste Mary Harney looked elegant in a champagne silk embossed suit and she was accompanied by her guest, Michael Murray.

Mrs Mary O'Rourke enjoyed the speeches and was wearing a tweed jacket of green, red and blue over a simple black skirt. Far from the madding crowd of the Presidential election, Nora Owen looked cool in a mint green suit and Liz O'Donnell wore a sky blue trouser suit and trousers.

Playwright Bernard Farrell was there at the reception mingling with the literary likes of Seamus Heaney and Frank McCourt who wrote the heart wrenching *Angela's Ashes*.

But it was a poverty stricken last night and Ellen were in beneath the opulent

Sex therapist was on hand too Farrell, who was Bill Hughes.

Michelle Steve suede jacket and sled pony tail. Hillary was wearing a band in Hillary-black velvet long

Hillary said was "green with was visiting Ireland

"Tell everyone be here too," he for her flight.

I wonder did about the next journey... Sib

## Ahern tribute to Clintons' role

TAOISEACH Bertie Ahern last night told America's First Lady how much Irish people appreciated the "key contribution" President Clinton had made to the peace process, writes Chris Glennon.

That commitment and unwavering support had best been expressed, he said, when the President himself described peace in Ireland as an article of faith in the Clinton household.

The Taoiseach was hosting a reception in honour of Hillary Clinton in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Dublin is her first stop in a trip that includes Belfast and London.

Mr Ahern described her visit as one further positive

sign of the continuing US support for peace.

Acknowledging that there were many difficult issues to be resolved in finding "acceptable political structures" for the North, the Taoiseach said that the task was made easier by the support and encouragement from Ireland's "great friends" in the international community and, especially, in the US.

He told Mrs Clinton: "You truly have been a friend to all sides in Northern Ireland."

Mr Ahern interpreted the multi-party talks at Castle Buildings, Stormont as having already made good progress, defining the fundamental issues that had divided the two communities in the North.

## Historic links in Lady's visit to N

By MARTIN FLETCHER

WHEN Hillary Clinton arrives in Belfast this morning she will be following in the footsteps of Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady with whom she is compared so often.

Mrs Clinton's solo visit to Northern Ireland was believed to be unprecedented, but the US Consulate in Belfast discovered that Mrs Roosevelt made a flying visit on November 10 and 11, 1942, during a wartime tour of Britain.

The coincidence is uncanny. Mrs Clinton feels such an affinity for the equally independent and controversial Mrs Roosevelt that, in the dark days after the Democrats' devastating loss of Congress in 1994, a motivational expert persuaded her to conduct imaginary conversations

with her predecessor.

Mrs Roosevelt visited the American General Hospital, Red Cross clubs in Belfast and Derry and a Wrens headquarters. She made a particular point of meeting not just US servicemen, but the women volunteers who helped to keep those places running.

Mrs Clinton will likewise focus on the women of Northern Ireland when she delivers the inaugural lecture for the University of Ulster's Joyce McCartan chair before an audience of 500 women community activists this morning.

The late Mrs McCartan, who lost her 17-year-old son and several other members of her family to sectarian violence, founded a cen-

tre to bring together and reco

Mrs t a Belfast during t to Nor 1995, an "There hope fo if wom not wo knock d come st history. are a d peace in

After ture, t address at Belfa before f for dimi Cherie

● Inde

Irish Independent  
10/3/1997

10/3/1997

# ... the ultimate prize

### Visit to offer a timely boost for talks process

By MARESE McDONAGH

HILLARY Clinton used her arrival at Dublin Airport last night to reiterate Washington's continuing commitment to the Northern peace process.

The American First Lady said that Ireland and the United States had important work to accomplish together. "We must travel a common road towards peace, prosperity and justice, both here in Ireland and elsewhere.

"President Clinton remains personally committed to partnership with Ireland and to the Northern Ireland peace process," she said.

Mrs Clinton's arrival was low key in comparison with the razzmatazz which surrounded her last visit with her husband almost two years ago.

Tanaiste Mary Harney and US Ambassador Jean Kennedy-Smith were on the tarmac to greet her when the former Air Force One touched down shortly before 9pm.

And while a huge cavalcade of 24 vehicles for security staff and other officials accompanied the First Lady to Dublin Castle, the heavy handed security normally associated with American Presidential visits was missing.

Mrs Clinton travelled into the city in a bullet proof limo which had been transported to Dublin earlier aboard a US military cargo aircraft.

Reporters who had been waiting in the rain for the First Lady's arrival were told of her happiness to be back in Dublin again.

#### UNFORGETTABLE

Mrs Clinton said that her last visit had been an unforgettable trip.

"The reception we received — the warmth of the Irish people, the sea of Irish and American flags at College Green — these will forever be etched in our memories," she said.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her husband were under no illusion that the path towards peace would be easy.

"Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

After descending from the plane in a full length black overcoat, Ms Clinton shook hands rather formally with Tanaiste Mary Harney but kissed American Ambassador Jean Kennedy-Smith on the cheek.



● US First Lady Hillary Clinton being welcomed to Ireland at Dublin Airport, last night, by the American Ambassador, Jean Kennedy Smith and Noel Hanlon of Aer Rianta. Picture by Ronan Lang

## Wrinkles maybe but still a nifty 50

By KATHLEEN O'CALLAGHAN

Bill's irrepressible wife has at last found a relaxed appearance and a new sense of confidence in her wardrobe style.

She has dispensed with the distinctive Hillary hair-band and now wears a sleek blonde bob that is blow-dried to perfection. The demon Irish rain failed to put an ounce of frizz in her hair too. She wore a simple gold silk blouse under her jacket and a striking gold necklace.

Hillary smiled sweetly at Bertie Ahern as he wished her a happy birthday on the podium of St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle.

Bertie looked very smooth in a dark navy suit, an ice pale blue shirt and patterned tie. Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith wore a rich black velvet coat dress that went to the knee. Bertie's partner, Celia Larkin opted for a discreet caramel suit

with a beige blouse.

There was a large crowd of 150 people at the opening reception but only 20 of the chosen few would be attending the private meal later on in the Throne Room.

Tanaiste Mary Harney looked elegant in a champagne silk embossed suit and she was accompanied by her guest, Michael Murray.

Mrs Mary O'Rourke enjoyed the speeches and was wearing a tweed jacket of green, red and blue over a simple black skirt. Far from the madding crowd of the Presidential election, Nora Owen looked cool in a mint green suit and Liz O'Donnell wore a sky blue trouser suit and trousers.

Playwright Bernard Farrell was there at the reception mingling with the literary likes of Seamus Heaney and Frank McCourt who wrote the heart wrenching *Angela's Ashes*.

But it was a long way from the poverty stricken streets of Limerick last night and Frank and his wife Ellen were in sparkling form beneath the opulent chandeliers.

Sex therapist Mary O'Connor was on hand too in the company of Farrell, who was standing close by Bill Hughes.

Michelle Stevenson wore a brown suede jacket and her hair in a tousled pony tail. Geraldine Harney, was wearing a black velvet hair band in Hillary-hair mode and a black velvet long blouse.

Hillary said that her husband was "green with jealousy" that she was visiting Ireland.

"Tell everyone that I wanted to be here too," he told her as she left for her flight.

I wonder did he feel that way about the next big stop off on her journey . . . Siberia that is?

HILLARY Clinton may have discussed her wrinkles and confessed about her fading eyesight to Oprah Winfrey. But the feisty feminist is looking nifty at 50 and, in the immortal words of Patsy, "absolutely fabulous".

She might have clocked up a half century on the clock but she is looking as road worthy as ever.

America's First Lady arrived at Dublin Castle looking every inch the birthday girl in a French navy cool wool single breasted suit.

She teamed her three quarter length jacket with a pair of wide legged palazzo which could have been mistaken for a maxi skirt. The image makers can no longer pillory Hillary on her appearance which she used to change as often as a Brown Thomas mannequin.

## Ahern tribute to Clintons' role

TAOISEACH Bertie Ahern last night told America's First Lady how much Irish people appreciated the "key contribution" President Clinton had made to the peace process, writes Chris Glennon.

That commitment and unwavering support had best been expressed, he said, when the President himself described peace in Ireland as an article of faith in the Clinton household.

The Taoiseach was hosting a reception in honour of Hillary Clinton in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Dublin is her first stop in a trip that includes Belfast and London.

Mr Ahern described her visit as one further positive

sign of the continuing US support for peace.

Acknowledging that there were many difficult issues to be resolved in finding "acceptable political structures" for the North, the Taoiseach said that the task was made easier by the support and encouragement from Ireland's "great friends" in the international community and, especially, in the US.

He told Mrs Clinton: "You truly have been a friend to all sides in Northern Ireland."

Mr Ahern interpreted the multi-party talks at Castle Buildings, Stormont as having already made good progress, defining the fundamental issues that had divided the two communities in the North.

## Historic links in First Lady's visit to North

By MARTIN FLETCHER

with her predecessor.

Mrs Roosevelt visited the American General Hospital, Red Cross clubs in Belfast and Derry and a Wrens headquarters. She made a particular point of meeting not just US servicemen, but the women volunteers who helped to keep those places running.

Mrs Clinton's solo visit to Northern Ireland was believed to be unprecedented, but the US Consulate in Belfast discovered that Mrs Roosevelt made a flying visit on November 10 and 11, 1942, during a wartime tour of Britain.

The coincidence is uncanny. Mrs Clinton feels such an affinity for the equally independent and controversial Mrs Roosevelt that, in the dark days after the Democrats' devastating loss of Congress in 1994, a motivational expert persuaded her to conduct imaginary conversations

to bring Roman Catholic and Protestant women together to promote peace and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton met her in a Belfast fish-and-chip shop during her husband's visit to Northern Ireland in 1995, and afterwards wrote: "There would be far less hope for Northern Ireland if women like Joyce had not worked tirelessly to knock down barriers, overcome suspicions and defy history. Women were and are a driving force behind peace in Northern Ireland."

After her McCartney lecture, Mrs Clinton will address a youth conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall before flying on to London for dinner with Tony and Cherie Blair at Chequers. ● Independent News Service

10/31/1997

C

Irish Independent, Friday, October 31



### The First Lady visits

# and his 'seven iron' prepare for return

self, Ballybunion. ... are coming

at the White House, ... like nothing better ... memories of their visit to ... 'They are images we ... k about in our home all ... America's first lady ... rently her husband, ... ly green with envy ... land and he's stuck at ... nited States.

Bill is determined to ... golf he missed out on ... here. So he's busy ... ne in readiness for his ... moment, declared ... ng the Oval Office ... ee days so he can get ... with "his seven iron". ... mments, relayed on ... very warmly received ... eests at the

Government reception held in her honour at Dublin Castle. But there was no mistaking the worried frowns on the faces of the staff from the Department of Foreign Affairs who visibly blanched at the idea of another presidential cavalcade descending on these shores.

For most of the guests it was an informal affair held in the gilded glory of St Patrick's Hall. But for a very select group there was a private dinner in the King's bedroom where they dined on marinated chicken breast, followed by fillet of turbot and rounded off with a simple raspberry and blackcurrant flan. It was washed down by Chablis and St Emilion, but seasoned veterans of the diplomatic wine and dine circuit sniffed that the Government hadn't exactly broken the back of the Celtic Tiger with what they felt was a rather pedestrian bill of fare.

Perhaps that was jealousy on their part as less than twenty chosen ones joined Bertie and Celia at the high table. They, poor souls, had to be content with a free

bar and cheese on sticks.

In the inner sanctum was Tanaiste Mary Harney joined by favoured politicians Michael Woods, Mary O'Rourke and Dermot Ahern. Also present was Senator George Mitchell and American Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, along with Nobel laureate Seamus



Miriam Lord

Heaney and his wife Marie, and 'Angela's Ashes' author Frank McCourt and his wife Ellen.

For the large media corps the substantive issue of the evening was what the ladies were wearing. Reigning best dressed politician Bertie hardly got a

look-in as arguments broke out over whether Hillary Clinton was wearing black or deep navy. "It's no good, we can't see their bottoms," wailed one fashion correspondent as hacks agonised over whether she, Jean Kennedy Smith and Celia Larkin were wearing trousers or skirts.

It was finally agreed that all three were resplendent in cocktail issue black. The fact that Celia was sporting a brown suit was neither here nor there as one expert explained that brown is the new black. A high ranking Foreign Affairs official was brought in to arbitrate.

Bertie was first to speak under a big sign which read 'Dublin Castle' — obviously an effort to help the high-flying first lady get her geographical bearings. As he spoke, the three women sat in a line to his right gazing at him with Nancy Reagan eyes.

But the highlight of the night for the guests — "not exactly an A List turnout" according to one social diarist — was the

chance of meeting Mrs

The Taoiseach, grov flushed and crimson wi manouvered Hillary arc the good of Fianna Fail Smith, meantime, was fi in around his blindness. such skill that one obser cattily, having being pas receiving line, that the U had to be a Fianna Fail

The lack of formality helped by the fact that r were caught in a heavy r immediately before the a Clinton recalled the "gre warmth from the Irish p in College Green, many were cursing the great d College Green last night

By the way the answer question of the night is Bertie, Hillary was the o the trousers. It has alwa the White House way, so

# Peace the ultimate prize

## America will ... with you ... ur search ... solution'

STEPHEN O'BRIEN  
SUSAN GARRITY

First Lady Hillary Clinton reiterated the personal of the US President to the ce process.

oped her two-day visit to ledge of continued US support vere prepared to take risks for

ve with you as you walk the road of faking peace among people of differ- work of a lifetime. We are under no g an agreement with be easy."

there were centuries of feeling behind it and that many wounds were still

ople wanted peace she said there was olitical leaders to find the common could arrive.

as addressing a gathering in Dublin Hall including members of the Cab- ind figures from the judiciary and the rd busness.

ok time to pay special tribute to the Ireland Mrs Jean Kennedy-Smith er to the reception in her honour in ight. She said the ambassador had t to the relationship between Ireland the peace process.



US First Lady Hillary Clinton being welcomed to Ireland at Dublin Airport, last night, by the American Ambassador, Jean Kennedy Smith and Noel Hanlon of Aer Rianta. Picture by Ronan Lang

Visit ... offer ... time ... boo ... for ... pro

By ... Me

HILLARY her arrival Airport las reiterate W continuing the Northe process.

The An Lady said the United important accomplish must travel towards pe and justice Ireland an

"Presid remains pe committed with Ireland Northern process,"

Mrs Cl was low ke with the ra surrounded with her h two years

Tanaist and US A Kennedy-S

# 'America will stay with you in your search for a solution'

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN and SUSAN GARRITY

AMERICA'S First Lady Hillary Clinton last night reiterated the personal commitment of the US President to the Northern peace process.

Mrs Clinton opened her two-day visit to Ireland with a pledge of continued US support for those who were prepared to take risks for peace.

"America will be with you as you walk the road of peace," she said. "Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

She recognised there were centuries of feeling behind each side's argument and that many wounds were still raw.

But when the people wanted peace she said there was an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace could thrive.

Mrs Clinton was addressing a gathering in Dublin Castle's St Patrick's Hall including members of the Cabinet and Oireachtas, and figures from the judiciary and the worlds of the arts and business.

Mrs Clinton took time to pay special tribute to the US Ambassador to Ireland, Mrs Jean Kennedy-Smith who accompanied her to the reception in her honour in Dublin Castle last night. She said the ambassador had contributed so much to the relationship between Ireland and the US and to the peace process.

## PREOCCUPIED BY IRELAND'S TRAGEDY

She also thanked the Irish people for the warmth and hospitality shown to her daughter, Chelsea during her private holiday here with a school friend in June. Mrs Clinton was received at the Castle by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and his partner Celia Larkin.

In an exclusive interview on board the Air Force One jet bound for Ireland, Mrs Clinton said her husband's statement: 'Peace in Northern Ireland is an article of faith for our family' extends to her as well.

"We talk about it daily. We talk about Ireland all the time. It's one of those crisis in the world that's so tragic," said Mrs Clinton as she sat in the rear of the plane the plane. She said both she and the president remain committed to assisting in finding some sort of solution to the problems in the North.

"You know he talked about Ireland long before he became president," she said. Mrs Clinton said the president does consult her on issues pertaining to Ireland, but she would not weigh in on where she stood on President Clinton's original controversial decision to extend a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

But, Mrs Clinton did say that she felt the president's 'risks' initially in the peace process had brought Northern Ireland closer to a possible settlement.

"Obviously, the United States can't wave a magic wand to get the problems resolved, but it's something we've wanted to do about for many years," said Mrs Clinton. She said if her speech planned for Friday in Belfast can do anything to contribute positively to the process, she would be pleased.

## INSPIRING WOMAN

Mrs Clinton stressed it was her personal desire to return to Ireland to honour a woman she greatly admired, Joyce McCartan, that initiated this trip. "I am in awe of people who live with danger every day. I get more out of the visits with them than I bring. I am, frankly, inspired by people like Joyce.

"My speech tomorrow will be about women and the way they take responsibility not just for themselves, but for their families and to get out and to be active in the community," said Mrs Clinton.

Women and their place in society play an important role in Mrs Clinton's life. Aware of Ireland's presidential race, and some of the detractions that have been made concerning the number of women in the race, Mrs Clinton said it's the men that are jealous of women's success that leads to certain disparaging remarks.

It's her friendship and admiration for yet another woman that brought the First Lady to Dublin. "Jean Kennedy Smith called and asked if I would like to come to Dublin when I was over for our trip to Belfast. I said 'Yes — absolutely'."

Mrs Clinton will continue on to London after her speech in Belfast today. She spoke in glowing terms of the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie. She said that the peace process would not have come this far with the prime minister at the helm.

Mrs Clinton took care to greet everyone on her plane. As she rose to leave, she looked over to the window where the lights from Dublin were not too far off and said: "You know, I wish I was Irish."



● US First Lady Hillary Clinton being welcomed to Ireland at Dublin Airport, last night, by the American Ambassador, Jean Kennedy Smith and the Hanon of Aer Rianta. Picture

# Wrinkles maybe but still a nifty

By KATHLEEN O'CALLAGHAN

Bill's irrepressible wife has at last found a relaxed appearance and a new sense of confidence in her wardrobe style.

She has dispensed with the distinctive Hillary hair-band and now wears a sleek blonde bob that is blow-dried to perfection. The demon Irish rain failed to put an ounce of frizz in her hair too. She wore a simple gold silk blouse under her jacket and a striking gold necklace.

Hillary smiled sweetly at Bertie Ahern as he wished her a happy birthday on the podium of St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle.

Bertie looked very smooth in a dark navy suit, an ice pale blue shirt and patterned tie. Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith wore a rich black velvet coat dress that went to the knee. Bertie's partner, Celia Larkin opted for a discreet caramel suit

with a beige blouse.

There was a large crowd of 150 people at the opening reception but only 20 of the chosen few would be attending the private meal later on in the Throne Room.

Tánaiste Mary Harney looked elegant in a champagne silk embossed suit and she was accompanied by her guest, Michael Murray.

Mrs Mary O'Rourke enjoyed the speeches and was wearing a tweed jacket of green, red and blue over a simple black skirt. Far from the madding crowd of the Presidential election, Nora Owen looked cool in a mint green suit and Liz O'Donnell wore a sky blue trouser suit and trousers.

Playwright Bernard Farrell was there at the reception mingling with the literary likes of Seamus Heaney and Frank McCourt who wrote the heart wrenching *Angela's Ashes*.

But it was a lot of poverty stricken stragglers last night and Frank Ellen were in search of a place beneath the opulent

Sex therapist was on hand too in Farrell, who was with Bill Hughes.

Michelle Stevens wore a suede jacket and a hided pony tail. George was wearing a black band in Hillary's black velvet long bl

Hillary said she was "green with je" was visiting Ireland

"Tell everyone to be here too," he told for her flight.

I wonder did he about the next big journey . . . Siberia

HILLARY Clinton may have discussed her wrinkles and confessed about her fading eyesight to Oprah Winfrey. But the feisty feminist is looking nifty at 50 and, in the immortal words of Patsy, "absolutely fabulous".

She might have clocked up a half century on the clock but she is looking as road worthy as ever.

America's First Lady arrived at Dublin Castle looking every inch the birthday girl in a French navy cool wool single breasted suit.

She teamed her three quarter length jacket with a pair of wide legged palazzo which could have been mistaken for a maxi skirt. The image makers can no longer pillory Hillary on her appearance which she used to change as often as a Brown Thomas mannequin.

## Ahern tribute to Clintons' role

TAOISEACH Bertie Ahern last night told America's First Lady how much Irish people appreciated the "key contribution" President Clinton had made to the peace process, writes Chris Glennon.

That commitment and unwavering support had best been expressed, he said, when the President himself described peace in Ireland as an article of faith in the Clinton household.

The Taoiseach was hosting a reception in honour of Hillary Clinton in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Dublin is her first stop in a trip that includes Belfast and London.

Mr Ahern described her visit as one further positive

sign of the continuing US support for peace.

Acknowledging that there were many difficult issues to be resolved in finding "acceptable political structures" for the North, the Taoiseach said that the task was made easier by the support and encouragement from Ireland's "great friends" in the international community and, especially, in the US.

He told Mrs Clinton: "You truly have been a friend to all sides in Northern Ireland."

Mr Ahern interpreted the multi-party talks at Castle Buildings, Stormont as having already made good progress, defining the fundamental issues that had divided the two communities in the North.

## Historic links in First Lady's visit to Northern Ireland

By MARTIN FLETCHER

with her predecessor.

Mrs Roosevelt visited the American General Hospital, Red Cross clubs in Belfast and Derry and a Wrens headquarters. She made a particular point of meeting not just US servicemen, but the women volunteers who helped to keep those places running.

Mrs Clinton will likewise focus on the women of Northern Ireland when she delivers the inaugural lecture for the University of Ulster's Joyce McCartan chair before an audience of 500 women community activists this morning.

The late Mrs McCartan, who lost her 17-year-old son and several other members of her family to sectarian violence, founded a cen-

tre to bring people together to and recon-

Mrs Clinton's Belfast first during her visit to Northern Ireland in 1995, and "There was hope for if women not work knock do come sus history. I are a dri peace in l

After ture, M address u at Belfast before fl; for dinn Cherie I

● Indep

Irish Independent  
10/31/1997



## The First Lady visits

# Bill and his 'seven iron' prepare for return visit

BRACE yourself, Ballybunion. Bill and the boys are coming back.

In idle moments at the White House, Bill and Hillary Clinton like nothing better than to relive the memories of their visit to Ireland two years. "They are images we think about and talk about in our home all the time," confided America's first lady last night. And apparently her husband, President Bill, is only green with envy because she is in Ireland and he's stuck at home running the United States.

But, said Hillary, Bill is determined to get in that game of golf he missed out on during his last trip here. So he's busy polishing up his game in readiness for his return. At this very moment, declared Hillary, he is combing the Oval Office calendar for a few free days so he can get jet in and amaze us with "his seven iron".

Mrs Clinton's comments, relayed on behalf of Bill, were very warmly received by the 300 invited guests at the

Government reception held in her honour at Dublin Castle. But there was no mistaking the worried frowns on the faces of the staff from the Department of Foreign Affairs who visibly blanched at the idea of another presidential cavalcade descending on these shores.

For most of the guests it was an informal affair held in the gilded glory of St Patrick's Hall. But for a very select group there was a private dinner in the King's bedroom where they dined on marinated chicken breast, followed by fillet of turbot and rounded off with a simple raspberry and blackcurrant flan. It was washed down by Chablis and St Emilion, but seasoned veterans of the diplomatic wine and dine circuit sniffed that the Government hadn't exactly broken the back of the Celtic Tiger with what they felt was a rather pedestrian bill of fare.

Perhaps that was jealousy on their part as less than twenty chosen ones joined Bertie and Celia at the high table. They, poor souls, had to be content with a free

bar and cheese on sticks.

In the inner sanctum was Tanaiste Mary Harney joined by favoured politicians Michael Woods, Mary O'Rourke and Dermot Ahern. Also present was Senator George Mitchell and American Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, along with Nobel laureate Seamus



Miriam Lord

Heaney and his wife Marie, and 'Angela's Ashes' author Frank McCourt and his wife Ellen.

For the large media corps the substantive issue of the evening was what the ladies were wearing. Reigning best dressed politician Bertie hardly got a

look-in as arguments broke out over whether Hillary Clinton was wearing black or deep navy. "It's no good, we can't see their bottoms," wailed one fashion correspondent as hacks agonised over whether she, Jean Kennedy Smith and Celia Larkin were wearing trousers or skirts.

It was finally agreed that all three were resplendent in cocktail issue black. The fact that Celia was sporting a brown suit was neither here nor there as one expert explained that brown is the new black. A high ranking Foreign Affairs official was brought in to arbitrate.

Bertie was first to speak under a big sign which read 'Dublin Castle' — obviously an effort to help the high-flying first lady get her geographical bearings. As he spoke, the three women sat in a line to his right gazing at him with Nancy Reagan eyes.

But the highlight of the night for the guests — "not exactly an A List turnout" according to one social diarist — was the

chance of meeting Mrs Clinton.

The Taoiseach, growing ever more flushed and crimson with pride, expertly manoeuvred Hillary around the great and the good of Fianna Fail. Jean Kennedy Smith, meantime, was frisking her guests in around his blindside. She did so with such skill that one observer remarked cattily, having being passed over in the receiving line, that the US Ambassador had to be a Fianna Failer at heart.

The lack of formality in the hall wasn't helped by the fact that many of the guests were caught in a heavy rain shower immediately before the event. And as Mrs Clinton recalled the "great outpouring" of warmth from the Irish people on that day in College Green, many of her audience were cursing the great downpour around College Green last night.

By the way the answer to the burning question of the night is as follows. Besides Bertie, Hillary was the only one wearing the trousers. It has always been thus down the White House way, some might say.

# Peace the ultimate prize

'America will stay with you in your search



Visit to offer a timely boost

PHOTOCOPY for talks

unjust. Disruption on this scale must not be allowed to happen again. The taximen should not let it happen, for their own sake as well as that of the general public. For the more this behaviour is repeated, the louder will be the call for de-regulation — the ending of limits on the number of cabs.

There are good arguments for and against this approach. But there can be no doubt which side most Dublin commuters would now favour.

## Warm welcome

THE arrival of Hillary Clinton will be welcomed for many reasons, both political and personal.

Her visit will be seen as a continuing endorsement by the US for the peace process and also as a reminder of the international interest in bringing a successful conclusion to these crucial talks.

America has played a distinguished and active role in helping to create the historic window of opportunity that now exists in the North.

Mrs Clinton's presence affords us the opportunity to acknowledge this help, and to express our gratitude for the efforts of her husband Bill, the President, and of all those in the White House who have invested so much in bringing the divided communities together.

Yesterday's failed bomb attack by the so called Continuity Army Council — a group dedicated to wrecking any prospect of peace — shows just how important it is that this delicate process is given all the help it can get.

The device put hundreds of lives at risk and was planted not only to maim and kill but to thwart, embarrass and frustrate those interested in ending the violence.

But the presence of America's First Lady will send a potent signal to those who wish to promote war and division of exactly what they are up against.

present being "actively considered" it seems that nothing much is likely to.

### PUBLIC DEMAND

Curiously, and in contrast to Britain (whose legal system we by and large faithfully replicate) where the law specifically bans the use of camera and recording equipment in court, the matter is not regulated by law here at all. The practice which allows reporters to take notes and artists, generally, to make sketches, is simply a convention and the LRC felt sure the judiciary have the jurisdiction to regulate their own affairs and may allow in cameras if they wish.

Small progress has been made. In 1995 the Supreme Court broke with all previous precedent when it allowed the TV cameras to record the five judges filing in and taking their seats to hear argument on the constitutionality of the Abortion Information Bill, but this was little more than a photocall whose

rare exceptions, in public, claim that justice would become a circus if it was opened up US-style with TV producers serving a prurient public with the details only of the more salacious cases; with lawyers and worse still jurors playing to the gallery of public opinion, putting additional pressures on witnesses forced to perform live on TV, and perhaps even intimidating judges who are already under fierce public pressure in for example sex abuse cases.

Sure, the print media is there, and TV journalists can report to camera outside, but with British research suggesting some 70pc of the population rely on TV as their main source of information on current events, is it really giving effect to the constitutional commitment to exclude such a key modern means of communicating information as television from the court room?

Why anyway shouldn't we the public see just what's being done in our name and, mostly, with our money? Indeed the presence of TV cameras could be a powerful tool for reform as an appalled viewing public witnessed judges, to cite just one workaday instance, taking the evidence down in laborious longhand so adding to the time and considerable expense now involved in the dispensing of justice.

On the other hand proponents of

the status quo, and amongst those who matter they're a majority, claim that justice would become a circus if it was opened up US-style with TV producers serving a prurient public with the details only of the more salacious cases; with lawyers and worse still jurors playing to the gallery of public opinion, putting additional pressures on witnesses forced to perform live on TV, and perhaps even intimidating judges who are already under fierce public pressure in for example sex abuse cases.

### COMPELLING VIEWING

There's little doubting the public appetite for real life court room drama. The Louise Woodward case has boosted Sky's audiences in Britain from something over 200,000 to over three million, and in the US the pay channel Court TV now claims 32 million subscribers from a starting point six years ago of just four million.

Trials are already televised to at

least some extent in countries from Australia to France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. The US system is of course the best known but is often portrayed as a caricature of itself. For a start, the trial judge has total discretion on whether the cameras get in and cases involving domestic violence, sex offences and those involving juveniles are never televised.

Numerous research studies of the US experience have resulted both in its being confirmed and in its spread from state to state and it is by now firmly established as an integral part of the justice system there. Of the thousands of cases heard, just one apparently has been overturned on account of television coverage.

The OJ Simpson trial of 1995 did most perhaps to warn off the legal eagles on this side of the Atlantic to the prospect of televised trials. The media circus which tracked the long-running trial did much to boost the case against allowing in the

cameras. Yet strong arguments still remain in relation to televising the courts.

Technology now allows television to be less obtrusive in courts. However, there are those who argue that people, whether defendants, jury members or lawyers will play up to the cameras. Experience seems to show that witnesses and defendants quickly become accustomed to the cameras. Miniatur cameras which use available light and can be operated by remote control are unobtrusive and participants soon forget about them.

IT WILL come here too eventually. The main obstacle will be the judges and the legal profession from out of which they are drawn. A conservative bunch at the best of times, as witness their dressing up in 17th Century wigs and gowns, they have grown to maturity with the status quo and like it. All will change. But don't hold your breath waiting for it.



# A changed lady

Hillary Clinton has thrown off the dauntingly chilly first term image with a makeover transforming her into America's caring, mellow, motherly *First Lady*

By TOM RHODES

ON SUNDAY she celebrated her 50th birthday with an unofficial White House party before a two-day, very public trip to Chicago complete with gala and fireworks.

She even appeared as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show before returning to Washington for the transatlantic, semi-ambassadorial sortie to Dublin, Belfast and London.

Only months ago this was a woman who took private walks around the American capital, consulted the depths of her Christian faith, and channelled via guru to Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi.

The healthcare programme she had championed and whose failure was partly to blame for the overwhelming defeat of Democrats in the mid-term elections of 1994, was still viewed as an irredeemable Achilles' heel preventing her return to policymaking.

Her personal standing, at once provoking fierce loyalty among women and intense hatred among many men, had forced Mrs Clinton to retreat into seclusion throughout the period of her husband's re-election last year. There was regular talk that she would be indicted.

### 'SILENT CRISIS'

But now *Sister Frigidare* as she was known throughout the Administration's first term, has returned as *Mellow Mother* a leading figure who no longer trades insults with members of Congress but prefers to make her point by ruffling the hair of a toddler in a day-care centre.

This week she embraced child care

drawing attention to the 'silent crisis' which affects every American parent. It was she who had worked closely behind the scenes to develop her husband's new policy, one which, as with so much of his Administration, has concentrated on minor initiatives with little investment. But it has, nevertheless, given Mrs Clinton the opportunity to flex her considerable brain once again.

Even her wardrobe has been transformed from the arch, power-dressing reds and greens of the past to the pastel shades of Oscar de la Renta. The many hairstyles, which two years ago she claimed resulted from her boredom, have now settled into a neat and carefully blow-dried cut.

Two years after her husband's triumphant visit to Ireland, Mrs Clinton will test the waters of peace when she delivers the first Joyce McCartan Memorial lecture in Belfast, a series devoted to both unity and leadership among Protestant and Catholic women. She will also travel to Chequers for an evening with the Blairs.

LIKE HER husband, Mrs Clinton will be far from retiring age when the couple finally leave the White House and, while she has told friends that she and Bill Clinton might become itinerant college professors based in Arkansas (she hates the cold of Chicago), few believe such a task would be completely satisfying. But for the moment, Hillary Clinton is happy to be back in a less glaring limelight. © The Times, London

10/3/1997  
 Irish Independent

Mid Season Sale  
**Now On**  
**Roundabout**  
 Ladies' Fashions  
 Connswater Shopping Centre, Abbeycentre,  
 9 Castle Street, Carrickfergus, 13 Donegall Arcade, Belfast

# Belfast Telegraph

SIXTH  
**LAST MINUTE  
 FIREWORKS and  
 FANCY DRESS  
 STILL AVAILABLE**  
**ELLIOTTS** Carnival Stores  
 110 Ann Street Belfast  
 Tel: 320532 Fax: 328494

World Web Site address  
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk>

The National Newspaper of Northern Ireland

Thursday, October 30, 1997 128th Year  
 Price 28p (40p Republic of Ireland)

**FREE EVERY THURSDAY**  
**Home Finder**  
 PAGES AND PAGES OF PROPERTY FOR SALE

**What's ON**  
 THE BEST GUIDE PAGES 20, 21, 22 & 23

**Telegraph CHILDLINE APPEAL**  
**Doubles**  
 £50,000 target



# ALL CLEAR FOR HILLARY

## MITCHELL JOINS IN



## Solo visit will highlight peace quest

SECRET service agents and RUC officers were today carrying out final security checks ahead of a visit by America's First Lady to Northern Ireland tomorrow.

Hillary Clinton's flight touches down tonight at Dublin airport for the start of her busy solo two-day cross-border trip.

She will be met by the Republic's deputy premier Mary Harney and US Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith before travelling in a cavalcade to Dublin Castle, where she will be Taoiseach Bertie Ahern's guest of honour.

After an overnight stay at the US Embassy Mrs Clinton's US Airforce plane will arrive at Aldergrove at 11am tomorrow.

Today, aides stressed her visit to the province would highlight the very strong US commitment to



Hillary Clinton: Plans a more per-

## NEWS DIGEST

### PM boosts landscape project

A SPECTACULAR landscape project gets a boost from Tony Blair.

■ Page 3

### Tribunal hears claim

A TRIBUNAL hears a mechanic's claim he was passed over for promotion by Derry City Council.

■ Page 6

### Charles in jokey mood

PRINCE Charles jokes with the Press during a royal visit.

■ Page 7

### No witnesses to bar fall

NO-ONE saw a man who claims he was paralysed when he slipped off a bar stool, a court has heard.

● Page 7

### Home loans top £1bn

MORTGAGE lending in Northern Ireland has topped the £1bn mark for the first time.

**Well done  
 Telegraph  
 readers,  
 says  
 Esther**

■ You've DOUBLED the initial target of

PRESERVATION PHOTOGRAPHY

**Youth voice: Senator George Mitchell with Kelly Brown (speaker) and Darrell McKendry at a youth conference held at the Waterfront Hall today. Hillary Clinton is due to address the conference tomorrow.**

*Picture by Peter Morrison*

gent and Mrs Clinton's — and the American people's — very strong commitment to the continuing talks as the most significant means of accomplishing a just and lasting settlement of the conflict there.

"I think Mrs Clinton's visit must be seen in the context of her personal interest in this, but also an expression of the strong, continuing interest."

But Mr Lader also stressed the private nature of this visit, which is in stark contrast to the razzmatazz which heralded her previous trip with her husband in December 1995.

Sources have revealed how planning for this visit has been much more low-key, returned to their homes in Cork and Wexford respectively to vote.

Speaking after casting her vote, Dana said she was planning a party tomorrow night, no matter what the result.

"It is has been a wonderful time and I wouldn't have missed it for anything in the world," she said.

Polling booths opened at 9am and will close at 9pm. The ballot papers will then be taken to 30 counting centres around the country where they will be held under guard overnight.

Sorting and counting of votes will begin at 9am tomorrow. The result will be declared in the afternoon but it is expected the likely outcome will be known before lunch.

The electorate were also voting in a referendum today on the issue of Cabinet confidentiality.

The government is proposing to amend the Constitution to relax the rule which prohibits ministers from revealing anything that happens at Cabinet meetings.

● See Page 6

Journalists who lost 13 relatives during the Troubles.

She is then due at Belfast's Waterfront Hall at 2.30pm to speak at the biggest ever youth conference staged in Northern Ireland.

It was addressed today by talks chairman and former US Senator George Mitchell.

● See pages 4 and 5; Conference report, page 6.

● Page 11

**O'Neill is fans' choice**

FANS want Martin O'Neill to manage the Northern Ireland team.

● Back page

**Stretcher carrying centre on the way**

**Round-up and full story on the campaign - P18 & 19**

# GILMORE VALUE



**Pye 14" Remote Control**  
WAS £134.95  
**ONLY £124.95**



**Mini Hi-Fi**  
WAS £169.95  
**ONLY £149.95**



**Creda Tumble Drier**  
WAS £134.95  
**ONLY £124.95**

Open Mon-Sat 9.15 - 5.30 Wed 10.15am Late night Thur to 9

- ✓ free doorstep parking (1 hour in laybys)
- ✓ free delivery (anywhere in Ireland)
- ✓ free advice
- ✓ double the difference guarantee
- ✓ helpful staff
- ✓ payment by Visa, Mastercard, Switch, Cheque, cash part of Europe's biggest buying group EURONICS
- ✓ 3 sales floors
- ✓ finance available

## GILMORES ELECTRICAL

429 LISBURN ROAD, BELFAST TEL: 01232 663221  
ONLY 1 MILE FROM KING'S HALL

**A great deal Gilmore**

# 'Favourite' McAleese poised for presidency

**By Michael Devine and Martina Purdy**

VOTERS in the Republic were expected today to elect the country's first President from Northern Ireland.

Belfast law professor Mary McAleese is the red-hot favourite to top the poll and become the eighth President of Ireland when votes are counted tomorrow.

A series of opinion polls have given her a commanding lead over the nearest challenger, Fine Gael MEP Mary Banotti.

The other three candidates — Eurovision winner Dana, charity worker Adi Roche and ex-garda Derek Nally — are trailing way behind.

Bookmakers are quoting Prof McAleese at unbackable odds of 1/16, while Ms Banotti is 10/1, Dana 100/1, Ms Roche 200/1 and Mr Nally 250/1.

Prof McAleese, who is ineligible to vote in the election, was resting today after a hectic four-week election campaign during which she made a whistle-stop tour of the 41 constituencies.

Her final stop last night was in Longford, constituency of former Taoiseach Albert Reynolds whom she beat for the Fianna Fail nomination in controversial circumstances.



**Front-runner: Mary McAleese**

In her final campaign speech, she said that one of her biggest challenges as President would be to convince the unionist community that she had a deep love and affection for them.

Dana and Ms Banotti voted at polling stations in Dublin, while Ms Roche and Mr Nally

returned to their homes in Cork and Wexford respectively to vote.

Speaking after casting her vote, Dana said she was planning a party tomorrow night, no matter what the result.

"It is has been a wonderful time and I wouldn't have missed it for anything in the world," she said.

Polling booths opened at 9am and will close at 9pm. The ballot papers will then be taken to 30 counting centres around the country where they will be held under guard overnight.

Sorting and counting of votes will begin at 9am tomorrow. The result will be declared in the afternoon but it is expected the likely outcome will be known before lunch.

The electorate were also voting in a referendum today on the issue of Cabinet confidentiality.

The government is proposing to amend the Constitution to relax the rule which prohibits ministers from revealing anything that happens at Cabinet meetings.

● See Page 6

# Soccer shirts spark second factory row

**By Jennifer Doherty and Suzanne Rodgers**

A LONDON-DERRY factory worker has been told he cannot wear a football jersey or club watch to work because it might cause offence to other workers.

He was told by Desmond's in Claudy yesterday to leave his Liverpool gear at home.

The man, who declined to be identified, said he believed the ruling was in response to a dispute at Coats Vyella, where four workers have been sent home for wearing poppies.

The man has worked at the factory for more than a year and said he was astounded by the decision.

"We were called up for a meeting yesterday, and the rules for harassment were read out to us.

"We were told that from Thursday nothing at all to do with football

is to be worn at work."

Meanwhile, it has emerged that the poppy dispute may be referred to the Fair Employment Commission.

DUP councillor Gregory Campbell said the workers had been suspended without pay until November 6, when the company says people can start wearing poppies.

"This could constitute a case of discrimination, rising out of the disadvantageous treatment over wearing a poppy," he said.

"It could well result in a case being taken before a fair employment tribunal."

He said a fund had been set up at the Ulster Bank in response to offers of donations to the suspended workers.

Management at Coats Vyella have declined to comment.

No one at Desmonds was immediately available for comment.



# "Oil is Cheaper"

\* Ref: Sutherland Associates  
Comparative Heating Costs Northern Ireland.

we accept










BELFAST 01232 77 78 79  
EGLINTON 01504 810471  
OMAGH 01662 242490  
DUNGANNON 01868 723016  
BALLYMONEY 012656 65095  
LURGAN 01762 348400  
BALLYMENA 01266 43700  
LARNE 01574 274747  
CARRICKFERGUS 01960 355655  
STRABANE 01504 884355

Belfast Telegraph  
10/30/1997

TV AND RADIO P39; CROSSWORD P18; HOROSCOPES P22; FINANCE P8; SPORT P35, 36, 37, 38 & 40

# Weather Outlook

GREATER BELFAST AREA: Cloud will break tonight, with any showers this evening soon clearing, so it should stay dry throughout the night and it won't be too cold. Patches of mist could gather towards dawn. The brisk south west wind will decrease to light. **SEE BACK PAGE**



9 771360 274042

HILLARY CLINTON VISIT

STARS SHINE FOR THE FIRST LADY

By Gail Walker

CONNIE Francis sang Happy Birthday and Al Pacino joined the party.

Hillary Clinton, who arrives in Northern Ireland for a flying visit tomorrow, turned 50 last Saturday and the stars — in more senses than one — are shining once more for one of the most talked about of all the US's First Ladies.

Her aggressive forthright hands-on approach to her role has at times wreaked havoc on her position in the popularity stakes.

While that stance resulted in intense loyalty from American women, many men disliked her.

As one American living in Belfast neatly

summed it up: "I have male friends back home who say, 'I didn't vote for her. I voted for him. Nobody mentioned a package deal'."

Indeed, Mrs Clinton practically went into seclusion throughout the period of her husband's re-election last year.

Now, however, she is back — with an image makeover. The new Hillary is altogether more, well, caring.

One reporter described her as no longer Sister Frigidaire but more Mellow Mother, no longer trading insults with members of Congress but preferring to make her point by ruffling the hair of a toddler in a day care centre.

And though pollsters say her popularity still trails that of many previous First Ladies she has, undeniably,

Now 50, Hillary has new image

found new support in America.

A magazine poll this month found that 59% of voters viewed her favourably and her job approval rating rose to 67%, higher than her husband ever attained.

It follows a low period for her, marked by her appearance before a grand jury to answer questions about how her long-lost law firm billing records mysteriously surfaced at the White House.

But this week she will be appearing on US's top cosy, touchy-feely chat show Oprah Winfrey before returning to Washington for the transatlantic semi-ambassadorial sortie to

Dublin, Belfast and London.

And only last month this was a woman who reportedly took private walks around the capital, consulted the depths of her Christian faith, and channelled via guru to Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi.

She is delivering speeches on domestic violence, appearing on television saying "turning 50 doesn't bother me", making commercials urging women to

have breast cancer scans and presiding over a child care conference.

Indeed her Belfast visit will likely focus, her aides say, on the "role of women and youth in democracy and the peace process".

She will deliver the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster and will speak at a 'Generation 2000: Young People in the New Millennium' gathering of Catholic and Protestant youth.

And after her trip here, she takes off for 10 days in Siberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

'This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices'

Even her wardrobe has been transformed from the power-dressing reds and greens of the past to the pascalshades of Oscar de la Renta.

The catalogue of hairstyles has been abandoned for a simple, neat, blow-dried cut.

A White House official quoted recently in the New York Times said that her team had "done a really good job" of "repositioning" her.

He added: "This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices."

"Instead of doing 50 things, she's chosen a few high-profile projects and foreign trips with children and women's issues as the central theme."

"They have picked their spots carefully. And it has worked."



The old days: Joyce with Hillary Clinton during her last visit to Ulster.

A tribute to Joyce's fight against violence

By Marie Foy

THE First Lady of the United States will tomorrow pay tribute to an Ulster woman who made a huge impact on her when she visited Northern Ireland in December 1995.

Hillary Clinton will deliver the inaugural lecture at the University of Ulster to dedicate a chair in honour of veteran community worker Joyce McCartan, who died last year at the age of 66.

Mrs Clinton met the tireless voluntary worker — who lost more than 12 relatives

Lecture honours tireless worker

hard knocks for the mother of eight and grandmother of 13.

Born a Protestant in Banbridge, Co Down, on November 26, 1929, she married and moved to Belfast with her Catholic husband Seamus, where she quickly became involved in community work.

She first came to public attention when she tried to lead a cow into the Lord Mayor's parlour at Belfast City Hall to protest at the

extended family were singled out and killed, including at least nine in her close family circle.

Among those she lost was her 17-year-old son, Gary, shot in May 1987 in the hallway of the family home by masked UVF killers.

poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and Protestants alike.

Always with the interests of struggling working class folk at heart, she would say: "You can't fry flags in a pan."

Throughout all, she has been praised as a woman of grassroots common sense, unlimited courage, unbending conviction

She recognised that poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and

0% FINANCE OVER 3 YEARS ON THESE FIAT DIESELS

# 0, Hillary w image

in Dublin, Belfast and London.  
And only last month this was a woman who reportedly took private walks around the capital, consulted the depths of her Christian faith, and channelled via guru to Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi.  
She is delivering speeches on domestic violence, appearing on television saying "turning 50 doesn't bother me", making commercials urging women to

**'This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices'**

have breast cancer scans and presiding over a child care conference.

Indeed her Belfast visit will likely focus, her aides say, on the "role of women and youth in democracy and the peace process".

She will deliver the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster and will speak at a 'Generation 2000: Young People in the New Millennium' gathering of Catholic and Protestant youth.

And after her trip here, she takes off for 10 days in Siberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Even her wardrobe has been transformed from the power-dressing reds and greens of the past to the pascalshades of Oscar de la Renta.

The catalogue of hairstyles has been abandoned for a simple, neat, blow-dried cut.

A White House official quoted recently in the New York Times said that her team had "done a really good job" of "repositioning" her.

He added: "This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices."

"Instead of doing 50 things, she's chosen a few high-profile projects and foreign trips with children and women's issues as the central theme."

"They have picked their spots carefully. And it has worked."



The old days: Joyce with Hillary Clinton during her last visit to Ulster.

# A tribute to Joyce's fight against violence

By Marie Foy

## Lecture honours tireless worker

THE First Lady of the United States will tomorrow pay tribute to an Ulster woman who made a huge impact on her when she visited Northern Ireland in December 1995.

Hillary Clinton will deliver the inaugural lecture at the University of Ulster to dedicate a chair in honour of veteran community worker Joyce McCartan, who died last year at the age of 66.

Mrs Clinton met the tireless voluntary worker — who lost more than 12 relatives in the Troubles — during the visit.

In the last years of her life, Mrs McCartan received prestigious awards in recognition of her work in a series of community projects in Belfast.

They included a Pensioner of the Year award from former President Mary Robinson, an honorary doctorate from Queen's University and an MBE from the Queen.

But life had many

hard knocks for the mother of eight and grandmother of 13.

Born a Protestant in Banbridge, Co Down, on November 26, 1929, she married and moved to Belfast with her Catholic husband Seamus, where she quickly became involved in community work.

She first came to public attention when she tried to lead a cow into the Lord Mayor's parlour at Belfast City Hall to protest at the ending of free school milk.

Faced with a once-thriving community suffering unemployment and deprivation, she raised more than £100,000 to start a women's information centre and youth training scheme in the lower Ormeau area.

The women's network grew to operate more than 60 groups province-wide.

As the Troubles escalated, members of her

extended family were singled out and killed, including at least nine in her close family circle.

Among those she lost was her 17-year-old son, Gary, shot in May 1987 in the hallway of the family home by masked UVF killers.

## She recognised that poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and Protestants alike

Although she was already involved in community work, Gary's murder spurred her on to devote herself to the fight against sectarianism and poverty... "because", she said, "I have other sons".

Despite the blows, she never gave way to anger or bitterness, or sought revenge.

She recognised that

poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and Protestants alike.

Always with the interests of struggling working class folk at heart, she would say: "You can't fry flags in a pan."

Throughout all, she has been praised as a woman of grassroots common sense, unlimited courage, unbending conviction

**NANCE**  
**3 YEARS**  
**FIAT DIESELS**

Belfast Telegraph  
10/30/1997

HILLARY CLINTON VISIT

# THE DAY ANOTHER FIRST LADY CALLED

By Gail Walker

FOR more than half a century they were just a bundle of sepia-toned photographs lying in a forgotten file in our newspaper library.

But these black and white images recall a fascinating day in Ulster's history, capturing the first time the wife of an American President set foot on Ulster soil.

Until Hillary Clinton's visit tomorrow, it was also the only other occasion a First Lady made a solo trip to the province.

Eleanor Roosevelt's wartime sojourn in November 1942 to see American soldiers, sailors and marines stationed here captured the hearts and minds of the public.

Banner headlines signalled her arrival and leader columns trumpeted the importance of a visit from "the wife of a great man who

## Memories of Eleanor's Ulster trip

has already left an indelible mark on world history."

Even the Larne Times offered a scoop, triumphing with exclusive pictures of Mrs Roosevelt touring a hospital.

It was — as these events still tend to be — billed as a flying visit.

During a lightning tour of inspection, she called at US military and naval hospitals, dropped in at Red Cross clubs, inspected a WRNS headquarters and heard about the work of Ulster women in the war effort.

And, in what the reporter described as a dramatic scene, she also met Lady Montgomery, mother of General Sir Bernard Montgom-

ery, the distinguished leader of the victorious 8th army in Egypt.

The journalist, writing in the antiquated style of the era, continued: 'Mrs Roosevelt and Lady Montgomery gripped hands firmly and then Mrs Roosevelt said: "I am proud to meet the mother of General Montgomery."

"I, too, am glad to meet you," said Lady Montgomery, a virile upstanding figure for her years.

"I do admire your husband so much. I think he and Mr Churchill are the two greatest men in the world," adding with a smile: "And Hitler — or my son — is the third."

"Your son, I think, takes that honour," said Mrs Roosevelt softly, and the look of pride on Lady Montgomery's face showed that she fully endorsed the commendation."

Mrs Roosevelt, who died in her flat in New York at the age of 78,

was described by President Kennedy as one of the great ladies in American history.

Born in 1884, the niece of President Theodore Roosevelt, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1905.

Later she took over much of his political work when he was stricken in 1921 with the polio which crippled him for life.

She withdrew from politics when he became Governor of New York State in 1928 and subsequently became the first woman to be First Lady of the White House four times when her husband was elected and re-elected President.

After his death in 1945, she was appointed to the United Nations posts and continued to retain her international fame as a traveller, writer and broadcaster, and active promoter of her political and social ideals.



Doing the rounds: Eleanor Roosevelt is brought to meet US troops hospitalised in Ulster in 1942.



Talking of home: The First Lady meets Parker W Buchanan, US Consul for Northern Ireland.



# IT'S LASER'S BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION EXTENDED DUE TO HUGE PUBLIC DEMAND

WITH UP TO AN EXTRA

### JVC COMPACT VHS CAMCORDER

- 18x Hyper Zoom with New Wide Angle Lens
- Auto Pilot System
- Super Lolux

SAVE a total of £100

### ACER ASPIRE P166 PC

- Pentium 166 Mhz Processor with MMX Technology
- 16 Mb EDO RAM
- 1.6 Gb EIDE HDD
- 16x CD ROM
- 33.6k Data/Fax Modem
- 16 bit Soundcard

PLUS FANTASTIC SOFTWARE BUNDLE



# NEWS LETTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

ULSTER EDITION

EST. 1737 PRICE 35p (IR 43p in Eire)

**Stock Brothers**  
 3-5 & 2-18 Sandown Road, Belfast Tel: 471082 & 471284

1996 Inco-Walker 3.1 TD LHD City 22,000 miles  
 1995 Nissan Micra 1.6 16V 24,000 miles  
 1997 VW Golf VR6 2.8i Dragon 24,000 miles  
 1997 VW Golf LD Estate 1.8i 21,000 miles  
 1997 VW Passat TDI 1.9i 21,000 miles  
 1997 VW Golf L 1.4 5-Door 21,000 miles  
 1996 VW Golf GTI 16V 2.0i 20,000 miles  
 1996 VW Polo CL 1.4 5-Door 14,000 miles  
 1996 VW Polo 1.8i 3-Door 21,000 miles  
 1996 VW Golf GTI 16V 2.0i 21,000 miles  
 1996 VW Golf CLTD Estate 1.8i 13,000 miles  
 1996 (New) VW Polo GLX 3-Door 12,000 miles  
 1995 VW Polo CL 1.3i 5-Door 18,000 miles  
 1995 VW Golf 1.8i LD 5-Door 24,000 miles

With the compliments of  
**HASTINGS HOTEL**

PRESERVATION PHOTO COPY



*just The Ticket*  
**Jools rools!**  
 STARTS ON PAGE 17

Cut the cost  
 of Christmas  
 with our  
 duty-free trips  
 PAGE 22



First Lady arrives in Dublin before whistle stop tour of Belfast

# HILLARY FLIES IN

ALMOST exactly two years after winning the hearts of Ulster's divided communities Hillary Clinton, America's First Lady, flies back into Belfast today.

Last night she was guest of honour at a dinner in Dublin Castle, but at one stage her trip was close to being cancelled as security advisors had still not given the green light for her to cross the border, following the Continuity IRA's bomb attack on a Government building in Londonderry only 12 hours earlier.

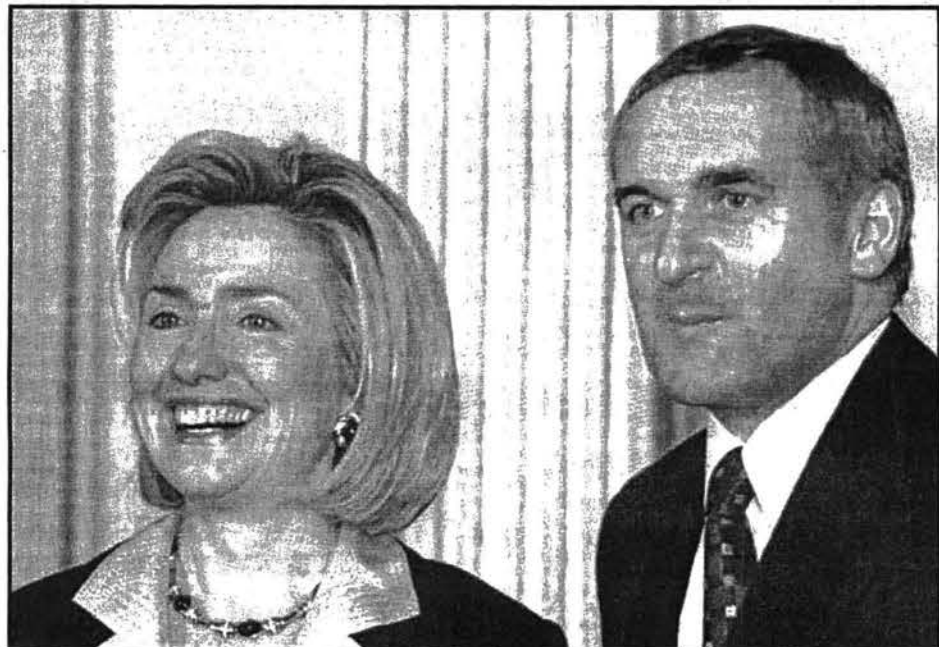
She will be in Belfast less than five hours before she flies to London to be briefed by Prime Minister Tony Blair on progress in the peace talks.

The last time Mrs Clinton touched down on Irish soil she and the president delivered a major boost to the peace process - just three months before the initiative came close to being torpedoed by the collapse of the first IRA ceasefire.

This time Mrs Clinton stressed: "Be assured the United States is your partner in the long haul to peace."

And she also told 350 guests at the Dublin reception: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."

Mrs Clinton, who is to have



**WELCOME BACK:** Hillary Clinton, wife of the American President, and Eire prime minister Bertie Ahern arrive at a reception and government dinner in Dublin Castle last night

## Storm after office blast

By IAN STARRETT

THE Government was accused of going soft on terrorism last night - hours after republican bombers attacked a crowded office building in the centre of Londonderry and caused chaos in Armagh.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble led the attack on the Government when it announced plans for permanent UK-wide legislation to counter terrorism and remove internment provisions from the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act.

As Home Secretary Jack Straw outlined his plans to Parliament, hundreds of workers and shoppers fled in terror when the Continuity IRA - believed to be the military wing of Republican Sinn Fein - bombed a Government building at Foyle Street in Londonderry.

The bomb, which contained Semtex and two gallons of petrol, could have caused death and serious injury if it had exploded prematurely, the RUC's deputy Sub-divisional commander Bob Drennan said.

Warnings of a similar bomb caused widespread disruption in Armagh as police and troops searched the city for the device.

Angry unionist leaders warned that the attack could jeopardise sensitive negotiations at the peace talks and Mr Trimble said the Government appeared to have the notion that providing ceasefires lasted it didn't have to worry and everything was going to be all right.

to Page 2

First Lady arrives in Dublin before whistle stop tour of Belfast

Storm after office blast

PRESERVATION PHOTOCOPY

By IAN STARRETT

THE Government was accused of going soft on terrorism last night - hours after republican bombers attacked a crowded office building in the centre of Londonderry and caused chaos in Armagh.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble led the attack on the Government when it announced plans for permanent UK-wide legislation to counter terrorism and remove internment provisions from the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act.

As Home Secretary Jack Straw outlined his plans to Parliament, hundreds of workers and shoppers fled in terror when the Continuity IRA - believed to be the military wing of Republican Sinn Fein - bombed a Government building at Foyle Street in Londonderry.

The bomb, which contained Semtex and two gallons of petrol, could have caused death and serious injury if it had exploded prematurely, the RUC's deputy Sub-divisional commander Bob Drennan said.

Warnings of a similar bomb caused widespread disruption in Armagh as police and troops searched the city for the device.

Angry unionist leaders warned that the attack could jeopardise sensitive negotiations at the peace talks and Mr Trimble said the Government appeared to have the notion that providing ceasefires lasted it didn't have to worry and everything was going to be all right.

to Page 2

# HILLARY FLIES IN

ALMOST exactly two years after winning the hearts of Ulster's divided communities Hillary Clinton, America's First Lady, flies back into Belfast today.

Last night she was guest of honour at a dinner in Dublin Castle, but at one stage her trip was close to being cancelled as security advisors had still not given the green light for her to cross the border, following the Continuity IRA's bomb attack on a Government building in Londonderry only 12 hours earlier.

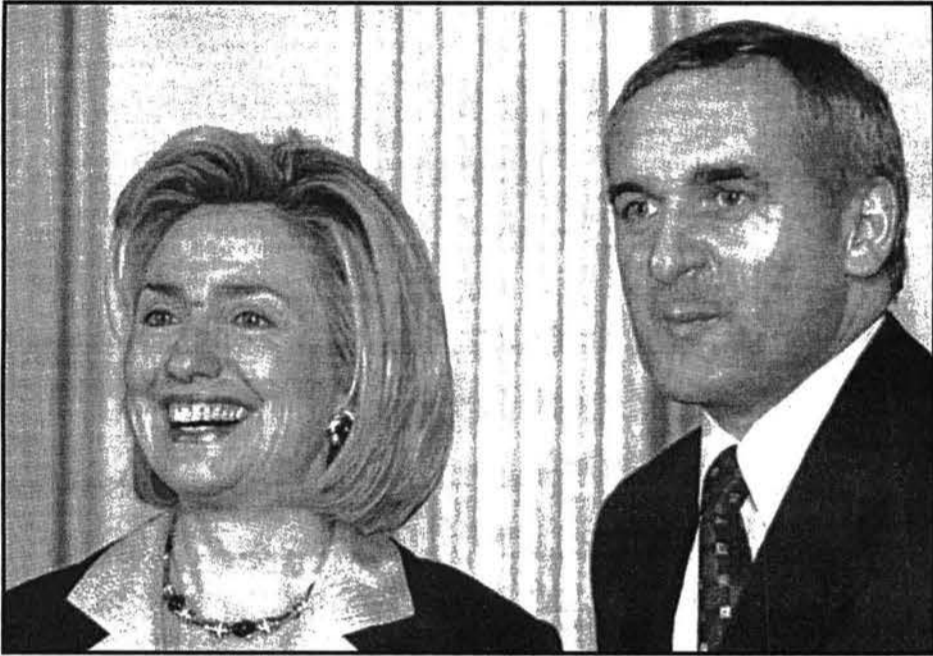
She will be in Belfast less than five hours before she flies to London to be briefed by Prime Minister Tony Blair on progress in the peace talks.

The last time Mrs Clinton touched down on Irish soil she and the president delivered a major boost to the peace process - just three months before the initiative came close to being torpedoed by the collapse of the first IRA ceasefire.

This time Mrs Clinton stressed: "Be assured the United States is your partner in the long haul to peace."

And she also told 350 guests at the Dublin reception: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."

Mrs Clinton, who is to have to Page 4



WELCOME BACK: Hillary Clinton, wife of the American President, and Eire prime minister Bertie Ahern arrive at a reception and government dinner in Dublin Castle last night

News Letter  
10/31/1997

**ITS Births, Marriages and Deaths**

8.30am to 5.00pm); (01232) 680000 (After 6.00pm);  
9am - 12 noon (01232) 680011

**Deaths**

**HARTIN** - October 29, 1997, (suddenly) at Hospital, Coleraine, John R., dearly-loved husband of Esther, 18 River-view, Clintyfinnan, Co. Fermanagh, dear father of Marion, Robin, Sylvia and Cynthia, father-in-law of Robert, Heather, James and Clive and a very dear grandfather. Very deeply regretted by brothers and sisters Margaret, Hugh, James, Dan, Jean, Rosemary, Frances, Katy and William and Family.

**HARTIN** - October 29, 1997, (suddenly) at Hospital, Coleraine, John R., dearly-loved husband of Esther, 18 River-view, Clintyfinnan, Co. Fermanagh, dear father of Marion, Robin, Sylvia and Cynthia, father-in-law of Robert, Heather, James and Clive and a very dear grandfather. Very deeply regretted by mother-in-law Annie, Mary, Robert, Beth and Families.

**HEWITT** - October 30, 1997, (peacefully) at home, after illness, Annabelle, wife of James, beloved mother of Daphne and George and grandmother of Claire Ann and Michael. Very deeply regretted by Son-in-law Cecil and the entire Family Circle. Service of Thanksgiving in Knock Methodist Church at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 1st November 1997. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Knock Methodist Church, Care Fund c/o The Church Office, Green Road, Belfast.

**JOHNSTON** - October 30, 1997 (peacefully) at Hospital, James Moody, formerly of Summerhill House, Killylea Road, Armagh, beloved husband of the late Sarah Elizabeth and dear father of Betty and Helen. House and Funeral Private. Deeply regretted by the Family Circle.

**KNOX** - October 30, 1997, (peacefully) at Hopefield Private Nursing Home, Portrush, Isabella, dearly beloved wife of William, formerly of Westbourne Crescent, Coleraine, dear mother of Robert, Linda and Derek, mother-in-law of Audrey, Sam and Sarah and a much loved grandmother of Caroline and David. Service in Murdock's Funeral Home, 2A Windsor Avenue, Coleraine to-morrow (Saturday) at 12.00 noon, followed by interment in Coleraine Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if desired for Arthritis Research c/o Mrs Mona Murdock, 31 Bushmills Road, Coleraine. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Husband, Family and entire Family Circle.

**MCCLURE** - October 30, 1997, (peacefully), at the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen, Kathleen Isobel, dearly-loved wife of the late Robert, 3 Benaughlin Park, Enniskillen and devoted mother of Margaret. Funeral Service to-day (Friday) in St. Macartin's Cathedral at 2 p.m. Interment afterwards in Brandrum Cemetery. House private. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to St. Macartin's Cathedral, c/o S.R. Elliott & Sons, Funeral Directors, 17 Darling Street, Enniskillen. Very sadly missed by her loving Daughter and all the Family Circle.

**McCORMICK** - October 30, 1997, (peacefully) at Hospital, John R., dearly-loved husband of Esther, 18 River-view, Clintyfinnan, Co. Fermanagh, dear father of Marion, Robin, Sylvia and Cynthia, father-in-law of Robert, Heather, James and Clive and a grandfather. Very deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and all the Family Circle.

**McMILLAN** - October 29, 1997, (peacefully) at Hospital, John Lilley (Jack), dearly-loved husband of Elizabeth, formerly of 42 Fountain Street, Antrim, and dear father of the late Eileen. Funeral from Bairds Funeral Home to-day (Friday) at 1.30pm (Service 1.15) to Antrim Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to Braid Valley Hospital Patients Comforts Fund c/o Bairds Funeral Directors, 71 Church Street, Antrim, BT41 4BE. Very deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife, Son-in-law Wesley and all the Family Circle.

**McMILLAN** - October 29, 1997, Jack. Very deeply regretted by his Brother Bingham, Sister-in-law Essie and all the McMILLAN Family.

**McMILLAN** - October 29, 1997, Jack. Deeply regretted by his Brother-in-law Samuel and Sister-in-law Sadie Wallace and Family.

**MOORE** - October 29, 1997, (peacefully) at her daughter and son-in-law's home, 47A Ballinlea Road, Ballycastle, Agnes, age 95 years, beloved wife of the late Tom Moore (Portballintrae). Service commencing in the home to-morrow (Saturday) at 1.45 p.m. and afterwards to Ballee Cemetery arriving approx. 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Deeply regretted by her Daughter Elizabeth, Son-in-law Jim and Grandchildren Terence, John and Clare and her Husband Brian "Redeemed".

**MOORE** - October 30, 1997, (suddenly), Hubert Robert, beloved husband of Maud and dear father of Nigel. Funeral from his home, 58 Gifford Road, Portadown, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m. to Kernan Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to the N.I. Hospice, c/o the Rev. D. Knowles, The Mansie, 178 Bridge Street, Portadown. Very deeply regretted by all the Family Circle. "The Lord is my Shepherd."

**MOULDS** - October 30, 1997, at home, 1 Cairndore Close, Newtownards, Anne Elizabeth (Betty), beloved wife of the late William Moulds. Service in Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church, Newtownards to-morrow (Saturday) at 8.00am. Funeral afterwards to Roselawn Crematorium for 9.00am. House Private. No flowers please. Donations may be sent if desired to Cancer Research c/o S. Clarke & Son, Funeral Directors, 12 Court Square, Newtownards, BT23 7NY. Will always be remembered by her Daughters, Anne and Alison, Son-in-law Shane and Grandchildren Sarah, Simon and Adam.

**SKILLING** - October 29, 1997, (peacefully) at his home, 98 Glinahirk Road, Belfast, Dana. Dear Husband of Elizabeth and dear Father of Raymond, Kenneth, Trudi and Uncle of Stuart Curry. Service in Glinahirk Baptist Church, to-morrow (Saturday) at 9.30 a.m. Funeral afterwards to Movilla Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Lovingly remembered by his sorrowing Wife and Family, also the Family circle at home and overseas.

**TONER** - October 30, 1997, (suddenly) at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Josephine Mary (May), dearly beloved wife of John Toner and mother of Kevin, Louise and Claire, 15 Fruthill Park, R.I.P. Her remains will arrive at St. Agnes Church to-day (Friday) at 7.00pm. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) after 12.00 noon Mass to Milltown Cemetery. St. Anthony Pray For Her. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing Son, Daughters, Son-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Grandchildren and Family Circle.

# Hillary jets in

**From Page One**

talks in London on the peace process with Prime Minister Tony Blair as part of her bid to gain an on-the-ground assessment of current developments underscored the special need in the present position for both compromise and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her husband were under no illusion that the path towards peace would be easy.

"Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

Mrs Clinton, who is due to travel from Dublin to Belfast tomorrow to deliver a lecture in memory of Joyce McCauley, a Belfast community worker who died some weeks after the Clintons' visit in 1995, underlined the part women were playing in efforts to resolve the Northern Ireland conflict.

"Women have paid a heavy price for the social turmoil that has been generated and women are now leading the effort for peace," she declared.



**FLASHBACK: Bill and Hillary Clinton meet the people during a Belfast walkabout**

She said Dublin had an important and crucial role to play towards achieving peace and repeated: "America will be with you."

After tonight's reception, Mrs Clinton joined a relatively small group for a private dinner in Dublin Castle, the one time citadel of British rule in Ireland.

At the event were senior Dublin government ministers and civil servants involved in Anglo-Irish negotiations. On the American side with Mrs Clinton was the US ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, and former senator George Mitchell, the chairman of the continuing Northern Ireland talk process.

Also on the guest list were Nobel literature laureate poet Seamus Heaney and Pulitzer Prize winner author Frank McCourt who comes from Limerick.

With Mr Ahern, who is separated from his wife, as joint host at the dinner was his partner Celia Larkin, attending her first major international event of its kind.

Mr Ahern said Mrs Clinton's visit was "just one further positive sign of the continuing United States support for peace".

He added: "From the very beginning, the personal commitment of President Clinton has been central, constant and crucial."

**See Page Eight**

**Deaths**

**WHITFORD** - October 29, 1997, (suddenly) as the result of an accident, Richard Whitford B.E.M., beloved husband of Anna, 53 Ashley Park, Armagh, and dear father of Ailastair and Jeffrey. Funeral service in First Presbyterian Church, Armagh, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m., followed by interment in Ballynahone Cemetery, House Private. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu, if desired, for Church Repair and Improvement Funds, c/o K.G. Cheevers and Son, Funeral Directors, 28 Dobbin Street, Armagh. Very deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife, Sons, Daughters-in-law Moyra and Sheelagh, Grandchildren and the Family Circle.

**WISENER** - October 29, 1997, at Hospital, 25 The Boulevard, Coleraine, Frank, dearly beloved husband of the late Gertrude Wisener, loving father of Strling, father-in-law of Angela and grandfather of Helen, Carol and Diane. Funeral Service in St. Patrick's Parish Church on (Saturday) at 2.00pm. Followed by interment in Coleraine Cemetery. House Private. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o H. Wade & Son, 3 Upper Abbey Street, Coleraine. Very deeply regretted by the Family Circle.

**In Memoriam**

**DALE** - Mary, October 31, 1996. Fondlest memories of my beautiful Mum and adorable Granny. Always in our thoughts. Kate, Dale and Scott.

**DALE** - October 31, 1996. Mary. 'Too well loved in life to be forgotten in death', from sorrowing Dale Family.

## Dow plummets in late trading

WALL Street stocks plunged in late trading, with the Dow Jones industrial average sinking more than 100 points amid renewed concerns about the financial outlook in south-east Asia.

At the close, the Dow was down 125 points at 7381.67.

The blue-chip index fell almost 100 points in the first few minutes of trading, climbed back and was up at midday before sliding back late in the session.

Broad-market indexes also ended lower. The Nasdaq stock market was especially weak, hurt by a slump in technology stocks, including Dell Computer and Intel.

The decline continued a volatile week on Wall Street, much of it hinged to turmoil in Asian and European financial markets.

The Dow dropped 554 points on Monday, its worst points drop ever, and then rebounded on Tuesday, with a 337-point gain, its biggest one-day rise in history. On Wednesday, it climbed a mere 8.35 points, as the market took a breather.

"We are seeing some choppy trading, which is

normal after the hammering that the market saw this week," said one analyst.

US stocks sank in early trading, reacting to the sell-off in global markets. But some buyers, lured by the cheap prices still available from the market's recent downward slide, returned at midday to push the Dow slightly higher at one point.

That rally, however, did not last, as concerns over trading and technology stocks began to sell.

### Drugs find: three held

THREE men were arrested yesterday in east Belfast after Customs detected £100,000 of cannabis resin.

The resin was welded inside a lorry drive-shaft which was imported as a freight item from southern Spain and was consigned to a bogus address in east Belfast.

A Customs officer said investigators suspected this method had been used for some time.

News Letter  
10/31/1997

# THE IRISH TIMES

DUBLIN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

No. 44,975 CITY

## the market roller coaster

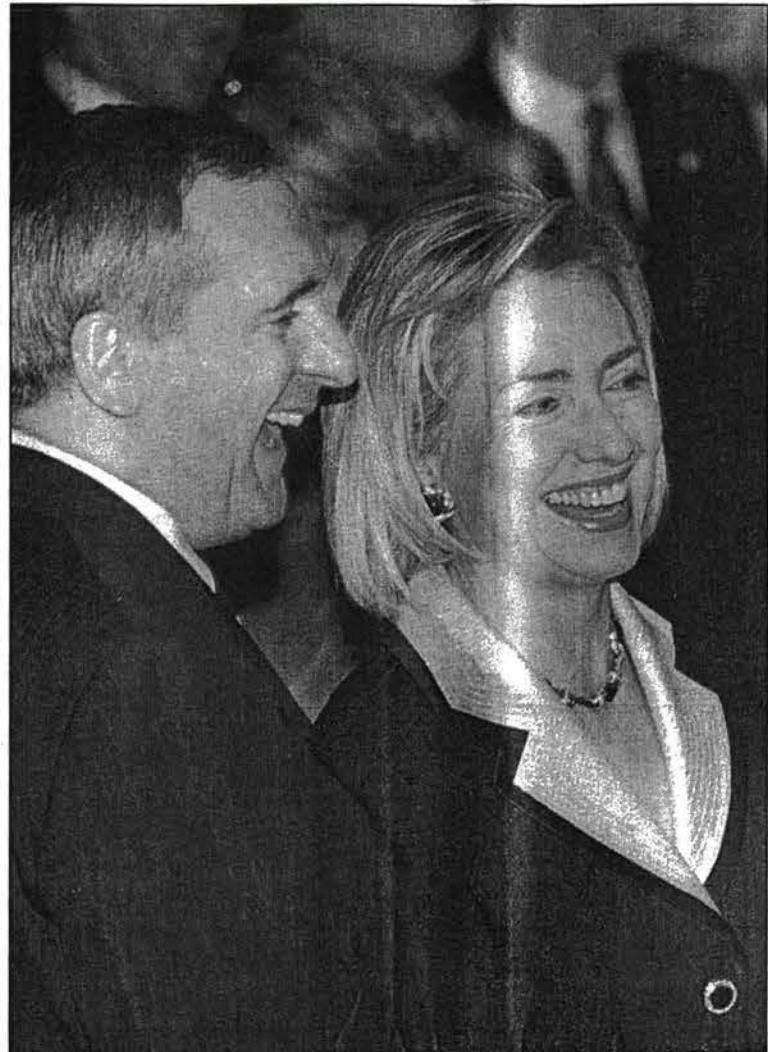
Wall Street jitters despite a market recovery.  
disappearance of the high rolling investors.  
on the implications for Irish and world markets.



PLUS

Technology in Business and  
hundreds of jobs in the new-  
look two section, 36 - page  
**Business This Week**

## US First Lady pays brief visit to Dublin



and guilty early  
month-old  
Massachusetts.  
controllably and  
"The 19-year-  
at least 15  
(Irish time)

### on 237 argues

court yesterday  
charges. The  
ear period.  
advice from  
page 4

sent office  
wants just  
diary bomb

ng themselves  
lity yesterday:

secretary, Dr  
them civil  
cess by

AP: The EU  
riculture, Mr  
esterday  
status quo in  
Ireland's  
huge food  
to Dublin he  
Irish  
that his  
n  
ould cost the  
illion, and he  
ere based on  
page 6

1 of China  
n China into

itish anti-  
ave been  
ge 8

# Report seeks new laws and big Garda overhaul

By John Maher, Drugs  
and Crime Correspondent

THE Garda could face its most comprehensive overhaul for 20 years if recommendations in a confidential report are accepted by the Government.

The Strategic Management Initiative (SMI) report, which has been seen by *The Irish Times*, says gardai should have greater search and detention powers.

Suspects who fail to co-operate with criminal investigations should be guilty of an offence of "comparative gravity", the report says. New laws should allow for suspects in a wide range of cases to be detained for up to four days without charge. The courts should also be told when a defendant has used the "right to silence" and refused to respond to questioning.

The role of all gardai should be reassessed in a "bottom-up" review of the force. Officers' working hours should be reorganised, but gardai should also inform the Commissioner if they

the promotion competitions in one year.

Communications with other parts of the criminal justice system should be improved, with a computer system holding a "central database of criminals", the report says.

Station opening hours must be reviewed, and working hours changed, because the current practices result in "the availability of an excessive number of gardai on duty at times of least activity", the report says.

But the review group stopped short of accepting some of the proposals by management consultants hired to advise it. It said more studies were needed on proposed initiatives such as "targeting" of major criminals and deployment of extra resources against "minor crime".

The Government recognises that gardai would be unlikely to accept some of the changes in working practices proposed without a pay review. The Minister for Justice, Mr O'Donoghue, has al-



Fusing Trad  
and Techno  
Iarla  
Ó Lionáird  
of Afro-Celt  
**SOUND: 12**



Movie of  
the Year  
Michael Dwyer  
applauds *L.A.  
Confidential*  
**VISION: 13**



Times advertisement taken out by Aer Lingus to promote its transatlantic connections to Europe: page 7

**Preservation photo:** British said yesterday military action against Iraq could not be ruled out as two US members of a UN weapons inspection team were refused permission to stay in Iraq: page 10

**AIB Czech bid:** AIB is considering expanding its Eastern European interests, by investing in or bidding for a Czech bank which is likely to be cleared for privatisation next month: **Business this Week One** page 1

**Truckers talk:** French truckers and employers met in last-minute talks last night, aimed at avoiding a strike and roadblocks which would paralyse the traffic: page 10

**Fishing deal:** Ireland will not be required to decommission any of its fishing fleet in the next five years, following an agreement in Brussels: page 6

**Gilligan trial date:** Mr John Gilligan will face trial on charges of drug smuggling and money laundering in Britain next year if his extradition to Ireland does not go ahead. A British judge said yesterday that he thought Mr Gilligan would be in custody for "a very, very long time" because the Garda believed it had evidence he had smuggled drugs and taken a part in the murder of Ms Veronica Guerin. January 2nd was set as a provisional trial date: page 4



**Currency split:** The long-running split in the British Tory party over the single currency intensified yesterday as former deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine came out strongly against William Hague's Eurosceptic policies: page 10

**Northern defence lawyers' claims upheld:** There "seems to be truth" to allegations by defence lawyers in Northern Ireland that they have been subjected to harassment and intimidation by the RUC, a UN rapporteur said yesterday: page 9

**95,000 separated:** Almost 95,000 people in the Republic of Ireland have experienced marital breakdown, according to the latest details from the 1996 Census: page 7

### WEATHER

Dull and misty at first with extensive fog which will clear slowly. It will be a dry day in most areas with hazy sunshine in some places. Cloudy elsewhere with the possibility of a few patches of drizzle, particularly near Atlantic coasts. Highest temperatures will range between 11° and 14° Celsius: page 2



### INDEX

World News...	10, 11	Letters.....	15	Sport.....	16-19
Opinion.....	14	Courts.....	4	Crosswords	27
Sound&Vision	12, 13	TV & Radio	26	Doonesbury	25

**THE IRISH TIMES** 11-15 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2  
Telephone: (01) 6792022; Fax: (01) 6793910  
Internet address: <http://www.irish-times.com>  
Email Letters to Editor: [lettersd@irish-times.ie](mailto:lettersd@irish-times.ie)  
Email Edition information: [itemail@irish-times.com](mailto:itemail@irish-times.com)



The Taoiseach, Mr Ahern, with the US First Lady, Mrs Hillary Clinton, at a reception in Dublin Castle last night. Photograph: David Sleator; Report: page 9.

## Turnout in presidential poll estimated at 1.5m

By Mark Brennock

PROF Mary McAleese is likely to be declared elected as the eighth President of Ireland this evening, after the counting of some 1.5 million votes cast in a relatively low turnout.

Late last night the political parties estimated the turnout at under 60 per cent, with some believing it would be under 55 per cent. This would be considerably lower than the 64 per cent poll in the 1990 presidential election.

Participation in the referendum on cabinet confidentiality is expected to be lower still, after reports from around the State that many voters, confused by the proposal, returned or did not fill in the referendum ballot paper.

Opinion polls have suggested that the Government proposal to allow the disclosure of details of cabinet discussions only in very limited circumstances will be approved. But the level of confusion makes the result difficult to predict.

An exit poll conducted by Lansdowne Market Research for RTE's *Prime Time* programme

McAleese is expected to emerge victor this evening

yesterday predicted a clear win in the presidential election for Prof McAleese, as predicted in all recent polls. The programme did not broadcast precise figures, but said the findings were consistent with recent opinion polls.

The low turnout, however, left some small hope in Ms Mary Banotti's camp that the survey results might not be replicated when the votes are counted.

A turnout of under 50 per cent was predicted last night in many areas. These included Kilkenny, both Donegal constituencies and Ballinasloe, Co Galway. Turnout in Ballina, Co Mayo, was estimated to be about 45 per cent, the

lowest ever recorded in the town.

The Co Clare turnout was estimated at 45 per cent, that in Sligo town under 45 per cent and in Mullingar, Co Westmeath, about 40 per cent.

Polling stations across both Kildare constituencies were predicting a turnout of 41 per cent. This compares with 63.1 per cent for the last presidential election, when Kildare was a single constituency.

In the large urban areas of Dublin and Cork, voting was estimated to have been above 50 per cent.

The counting of votes will begin at 9 a.m. today in 29 centres throughout the State. Results from these centres will be sent by fax to St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle, where they will be aggregated.

A first-count declaration is not expected until late afternoon, but the result should be discernible from the tallies by lunchtime, unless it is very close.

The new President will be inaugurated in Dublin Castle on Tuesday week, November 11th.

## Taxi-drivers to consider further action after day of protest brings traffic chaos

By Frank McNally and Frank Kilfeather

DUBLIN taxi-drivers will meet next week to assess yesterday's protest which brought the capital to a standstill, and to decide on further action to advance their demands.

The demonstration paralysed the city from early morning and was strongly condemned by angry workers, businesses and many organisations, which claimed the taxi men had "held the city to ransom by their irresponsible action". The Dublin Chamber of Commerce said the action cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to businesses

in O'Connell Street alone.

The president of the Irish Taxi-Drivers' Federation, Mr John Ussher, stressed there had been no intention to cause traffic disruption and claimed the problem was created by the gardai for refusing to let them travel in convoy.

This interpretation of the situation was strongly rejected by the gardai, who said it was logistically impossible to let over 300 taxis go through the city at 7.30 a.m. when the morning rush had already begun.

The protest ended at 4.30 p.m. by which time the evening rush had started, so it was about 8 p.m. before traffic returned to normal. The

taxi-drivers resumed work at 9 p.m.

Dublin Chamber of Commerce described the protest as "outrageous" and an abuse by the taxi-drivers of their position. The Automobile Association said it was "one of the worst situations in Dublin for a very long time", with traffic at a standstill on all except two or three routes in the city centre. "There was a lot of anger among motorists, and we had reports of people driving on footpaths in O'Connell Street trying to escape the gridlock."

The taxi-drivers are complaining that their licence renewal fee has gone up from £7 to £450 since

with their duties. The report was submitted to the Taoiseach, Mr Ahern, in June. It was commissioned by the last government after the Veronica Guerin murder.

The report says parts of the law aimed at protecting the innocent "have come to be used in a way that seems designed mainly as a shield for the guilty". It says "valuable rights are being mis-used", but it also recognises that some of its more severe proposals could have "significant constitutional implications and possibly implications in terms of compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights".

During its discussions of this part of the report, a review group member protested that the legal reforms proposed were "draconian".

Senior gardai have been pressing for implementation of the report and hope the reforms it demands can get under way before Christmas. Official sources have indicated that the Taoiseach plans to bring the report to Cabinet in coming weeks.

The report states that while the Garda has a good record in solving crimes compared to police in other countries, the diversion of resources to combat terrorism has had "a consequential negative impact on the public perception of the quality of the policing service being provided".

The Garda should publicly state its aims so the community will know what to expect of it, it says. "A qualitative improvement in service delivery must be accompanied by a similar improvement in public perception". There should also be an annual policing plan, agreed with the Commissioner, setting performance targets.

The report recommends making the Commissioner accountable to the Dáil for the way the force spends its money, but that improved mechanisms for reviewing Garda pay should be controlled by the Department of Finance.

The report also says a more efficient way must be found to deal with gardai seeking promotions. More than £600,000 was spent on

sider a pay increase. The review group was chaired by the industrialist Mr Tony Barry, CRH chairman. The other members were: Mr Pat Byrne, Garda Commissioner; Mr Tim Dalton, Secretary of the Department of Justice; Mr Kevin Duffy of ICTU; Mr Barry Galvin of the Criminal Assets Bureau; Mr Jim McCaffrey of the Department of Finance; Mr John Timoney, former deputy head of the New York police; and Ms Catherine Treacy of the Land Registry.

See also page 6

**O'Toole**  
What it means to live in a truly multi-cultural society  
**OPINION: 14**

**ALWAYS**  
NO COMMISSION,  
**READ**  
NO SHAREHOLDERS,  
**THE**  
EQUALS MORE PENSION  
**SMALL**  
FROM THE EQUITABLE LIFE  
**PRINT**  
01 676 3003  
NO COMMISSION. NO SHAREHOLDERS. KNOW W  
**THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE**  
FOUNDED 1762

Irish Times  
10/31/1997

CO  
H  
8.0  
sona  
sion  
hited  
wers,  
none  
7.45-  
sona