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THE IRISH FREEDOM COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC.

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The sudden and untimely death of Paddy McLogan, noted Irish Republican, which occurred on June 20, 1964 in Blanchardstown Co. Dublin was a great shock to all his friends and close associates, but particularly so to his old comrades who served with and under him during his lifetime of service in the cause of Irish independence.

In this brief memorandum, one hesitates to attempt to portray even a brief outline of Paddy's complete dedication and unselfish sacrifice in the struggle of right against wrong. Conscious of the need for militant action to achieve full freedom and social justice for the people of Ireland, Paddy joined the I. R. B. at an early age in his native Co. Armagh and thus began a career of over half a century of service to his country, which ended only on the day of his death.

He held the highest positions in the I. R. A. and in the open wings of the Irish Republican Movement, served as an absentee member of Parliament in the thirties, and, in more recent times, was President of Sinn Fein. Rigidly adhering to the basic concepts of Irish Republicanism enunciated by Tone, Paddy was imprisoned frequently since 1916, being a fellow hunger striker of Thomas Ashe in 1917. His latest internment was in the Curragh Concentration Camp in 1957 and 1958.

The name of McLogan, which was a rallying point for Irish Republicans during his life, has now also in death drawn his real true friends and sad comrades together to erect a memorial suitable to his memory and befitting the principles which guided his life. At a series of meetings held recently in Dublin, the Paddy McLogan Commemorative Association was set up and plans were formulated to erect, in the first instance, a headstone over Paddy's grave in Mulhuddert Cemetery, Co. Dublin. It is also intended to erect a memorial in some public place in Portlaois where Paddy lived for many years, and another in his native Co. Armagh. In addition to this, it is planned to publish a book on his life of service to the cause of Irish freedom.

A Committee to control and direct the raising of funds has also been formed and will be known as the Paddy McLogan Memorial Committee. The Irish Freedom Committee of New York have been asked, and are privileged to accept, the responsibility of assisting to finance this necessary and most worthy tribute to the name of Paddy McLogan, who while living had the closest of ties with us, being rightly accepted as true friend and counsellor always. We therefore, appeal to all those who believe in the principles for which Paddy labored so hard to achieve, to honor his memory by donating generously to the Paddy McLogan Memorial Committee. In this effort we are assured of the full cooperation of the McSwiney Club, Jenkinstown, Pa., the Darcy McNeela Club of Montreal, the Tomas McCurtain Club of New York and the James Connelly I. R. A. Club of New York.

Donations can be forwarded to the Irish Freedom Committee, 326 West 48th Street, New York, N. Y., or direct to the Paddy McLogan Memorial Committee, 45 Dodder Road, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, Ireland. All subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the above.

Anticipating your generous response, we remain yours sincerely,

Dick Smythe, Liam Cotter, Charles Laverty, M. P. Higgins, Thomas Regan, John J. Costigan, Danny O'Sullivan, Paddy Kennedy, Thomas Casey, John J. Hoey, John J. Martin, Andy Quinn, Paddy McMahan, Thomas O'Connor, Alex McDonald, Mike Lydon, J. Supple, George Harrison, Matt Dooley.