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Letters from our readers

A few points

Editor:

I would like to add a few points to Mr. Galvin's rebuttal of the nonsense spewed by Mrs. Edwards about him and Irish Americans in general. (Irish Echo Dec. 2-8, 2015).

The seeds of 1916, and every rebellion before and after, were sown when King Henry II began the invasion of Ireland in 1171. From that time forward the Irish have been under the boot of British imperialism. Millions of our ancestors were slaughtered, tortured and expelled from Ireland - including my own.

The IRA never were "terrorists." The terror came from British death squads disguised in the monarchies garb. This is evidenced, in part, by the testimony of Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington before the British Parliament on 3 May, 2011, when he described how, at one point, out of 210 people arrested in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, only three were not British agents.

Lord Stevens testified, "some of them were agents for all of those..... particular organizations (the army, MI5, and RUC), fighting against each other, doing things and making a large sum of money, which was all against the public interest and creating mayhem in Northern Ireland."

Who are the real terrorists then?

The IRA were the Cuchulainns of Northern Ireland. Mrs. Edwards may have been born in Ireland, but she was not born of Ireland. In turn, there are millions of Irish Americans who may never have set foot on the ol' sod, but they are certainly more Irish than Mrs. Edwards.

The testimony by Lord Stevens was taken from the Transcript of oral evidence from Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington and Andy Hayman, House of Commons, Joint Committee on the Draft Detention of Terrorist Suspects (Temporary Extension) Bills, 3 May 2011, P. 13).

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