

The Cedar Lounge Revolution

for lefties too stubborn to quit

What you want to say – 9th February 2022 *February 9, 2022*

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As always, following on Dr. X's suggestion, it's all yours, "announcements, general discussion, whatever you choose", feel free.

Comments»

1. terrymdunne - February 9, 2022

The latest looking at how Home Rule, the Easter Rising, W.W.1 & the ITGWU all come into the history of a workplace in south east Laois – <https://laoislocalstudies.ie/wolfhill-coalmines-a-workplace-in-revolution/>

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 9, 2022

Telling just how much history there is there.

Reply

terrymdunne - February 10, 2022

Honestly I leave bits out in the interest of having short snappy articles – seeing as they are online rather than in print – e.g. in this instance the mines were re-started in the 1930s by Paddy Fleming who had been on hunger strike, escaped from prison, wrote pamphlet on the same & toured U.S. with Boland & Dev; there was also a fatal accident, I think, on the railway or siding in '21 & Wolfhill miners were *accused* of being involved in the expulsions of the Luggacurren "planters" in April 1922 (ie Ulster Protestants who had taken evicted farms on the Lansdowne estate). That's all for another day though, mostly.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 10, 2022

That's fascinating about the other events you mention now. It's difficult, but I guess those who will read it will read it. Or as you say, maybe other posts. Anyhow, I'll post up a link this morning to it. It's great stuff.

Reply

Paul Culloty - February 10, 2022

On the same time period, wish to pay tribute to the research staff at the Military Archives – had the usual medal in the family, but because the name was common locally, the online database wasn't proving fruitful. E-mailed them earlier this week, and they replied very swiftly with all his info!

EWI - February 13, 2022

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They're good archivists. Not their fault what has been spun with their work during the Decade, by higher authorities.

2. NFB - February 9, 2022

Curious headlines on RTE today. The Defence Forces are "unable to conduct a meaningful defence of the State against acts of aggression from conventional military forces". What conventional forces? Are we in danger of invasion? A few ships of the Russian Navy doing drills in international waters shouldn't generate this kind of thing.

What are the practical extensions we would gain with the suggested increase of the Navy from nine vessels to 12? Because going toe to toe with Russian ships (doing nothing illegal) doesn't cut it.

Reply

EWI - February 10, 2022

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That one's a simple answer – twelve vessels has been the accepted number for some time past in order to keep a minimum number out on patrol in a sustainable manner. What used to be called 'overstretch' has been a major contributor to the NS retention problems (along with the lack of real reform of pay and conditions).

By the way, the IT and RTÉ seem curiously unconcerned with all those supposedly unacceptable overflights and sailings through our EEZ, at least when done by other than Russians and the mythical Chinese.

Reply

3. sonofstan - February 10, 2022

Can it really be a crime to be frightened; homeless; desperate; destitute; fleeing from persecution, or war, or famine, or hardship; and to cross half the world on foot and dangerous waters in an unsafe boat, in the hope of finding a better life?

Of course, if the numbers are too large, this creates an appalling problem for local communities. But surely, to seek sanctuary from an unbearable life cannot – morally – be treated as a crime?

Yet, the government's border bill proposes to punish asylum seekers who take an unsanctioned route, with a jail sentence of up to four years.

There are times when John Major seems like a decent man, despite etc.
Must be falling expectations.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 10, 2022

I hate Tories en masse. There's a few who are palpably decent, but then I ask myself if that's the case what are they doing in the Tory party? Is it groupthink, Stockholm syndrome, cultural or familial ties.

Reply

EWI - February 10, 2022

I've long thought that Major is more than a little neuro-divergent. You'd need to be, to see all that and even acknowledge it, and yet still stick around.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 10, 2022

A shrewd guy in his own way.

Reply

Wes Ferry - February 12, 2022

There are no 'decent' Tories in my book, just some Tories superficially less despicable or more clever at camouflaging their spiteful selfishness,

Reply

4. 6to5against - February 10, 2022

Has anybody else been following the Trojan Horse podcast?

The first episode largely just rehashes what was in the public domain beforehand. And would have been no surprise to anybody who has ever been part of a marginalised community, or who remembers the attitude to Irish people by many in Britain in the 70s and 80s.

But I listened to episodes 2 and 3 last night and it was jaw dropping stuff. I think I've seen some pretty toxic workplace politics in my time, but what they reveal still shocked me. The extent of the cynicism, duplicity and manipulation involved goes to extremes it's hard to imagine.

<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Arts-Culture-Podcasts/The-Trojan-Horse-Affair-p1613605/>

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 10, 2022

Sounds amazing and disturbing in equal measure. I'll give that a listen, thanks 6to5.

Reply

5. sonofstan - February 10, 2022

Fair to say Joe Biden's mother was not a post-nationalist:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/feb/10/joe-bidens-mother-so-disliked-england-she-refused-to-sleep-in-bed-queen-had-slept-in>

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 10, 2022

Hundreds of poems too. Wow.

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EWI - February 10, 2022

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6. banjoagbeanjoe - February 11, 2022

Denis Staunton writing about Starmer's Labour Party in today's IT: "Labour's timidity over Brexit undermines the party's credibility as the champion of business."

[Reply](#)

EWI - February 11, 2022

"Labour's timidity over Brexit undermines the party's credibility as the champion of business."

Christ. Although, worse for Starmer if he actually got an IT endorsement

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7. Paul Culloty - February 11, 2022

A copy of the Irish Light, the anti-vaxx freesheet, was shoved through my letterbox today – you do wonder who funds it, when the number of pages and articles suggest significant investment.

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EWI - February 12, 2022

Glossy anti-vaxx piece published in the IT today.

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8. crocodilshoes - February 11, 2022

Among the topics neglected during Covid and now being returned to by the UK press is the resurgence of what used to be called 'football hooliganism'. How real this is I don't know but there was an interesting interview in one paper with two police officers designated to handle football violence in Nottingham. They said two things are noticeably different this time round: the age of the participants (many only 13-15) and the prevalence of cocaine.

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9. Paul Culloty - February 11, 2022

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EWI - February 11, 2022

Ray Bassett

Hazel Chu

Tom Clonan

Hugo MacNeill

Patricia McKenna

Ursula Quill

Ray Bassett, oh dear

Hazel Chu, ever onward and upward

Tom Clonan, not a fan of ex-military officers entering politics

Hugo MacNeill, where to start

Patricia McKenna sank her electoral chances a few years ago when she turned anti-fluoridation, I

assume she's gone full anti-vaxxer by this stage
Quill's from an anti-republican, 'left'-liberal family

Anyone else want to have a go at that list?

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 11, 2022

Can't speak to them any more than what I'd read in the media. But I would have vaguely known and worked with one person on that list and met and spoken to two. That's a bit troubling.

Reply

Wes Ferry - February 11, 2022

Tom Clonan wouldn't be the worst former army officer from what I know of him IMHO and certainly more aware than a 'professional' politician or those from other walks of life.

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EWI - February 12, 2022

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He's no Berry. Clonan's career was finished by his principled stand on the issue of harassment and bullying in the DF, and he's a genuine campaigner for the disabled.

OTOH, he's fully on the NATO train.

Reply

banjoagbeanjoe - February 12, 2022

Sadhbh O'Neill won a Dublin Corpo seat for the Greens out our way in Kilbarrack c1990. While we tramped the streets squeezing out every vote for our WP candidate and friend, O'Neill was working on a student visa in San Francisco and knocked on not a door in Dublin. I've finally managed to let go with regards to Ms O'Neill. I accept now that the electorate spoke, the bastards.

Maureen Gaffney comes across as a decent enough type with a bit of common sense on the radio. She has to be in with a good chance for the seat if she runs a good campaign.

Unfortunately, you would expect Hugo McNeill to run a good campaign and I'd make him favourite.

Patricia McKenna is a neighbour of mine (everyone is aren't they?). Must talk to her next time I see her to see if she has gone full anti-vax headbanger. Wouldn't surprise me.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 12, 2022

Yeah I still feel a bit sore re S O'N, the principle of it all.

Reply

10. Paddy. - February 11, 2022

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER TODAY SUPPORTS CONVICTED NAZI SYMPATHIZERS

IN ALLOWING THEIR COPYRIGHT AND ANTISEMITIC STATEMENTS TO BE USED YEARS AFTER A COURT CASE WHICH COST PARFOCE OVER 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN FINES FOR THE PRODUCTION AND PUBLIC SALE OF THE BOOK GORINGS BIOGRAPHY.

THE FORENSIC EVIDENCE THAT LINKS PARPOINT, PARFORCE, FOCAL POINT,

IT IS ALLEGED THAT SUB EDITOR ALBERT SMITH IRISH INDEPENDENT WHO APPEARS IN THE DIGITAL VERSION OF GORINGS BIOGRAPHY FORMED HIS PUBLISHING COMPANY'S NAME PARPOINT, FROM THE BLOOD AND HONOUR OF PARFOCE AND FOCAL POINT.

ALBERT SMITH'S COPYRIGHTED INTRODUCTION TAKEN FROM GORINGS BIOGRAPHY.

David Irving's Göring biography is unlikely to raise hackles. . .

One cannot fail to be impressed by the painstaking thoroughness of Irving's scholarship. He has tracked down critical diaries written by Göring to which no other biographers had access . . . and his passionate love letters . . . Overall, Irving's book is a very good offering.

It is not as concerned to provoke controversy as many of his earlier works.

Generally well-balanced, it is not the stuff to provoke any more passionate pickets. [There had been violent mob demonstrations when Irving was invited to speak at Trinity College, Dublin, in November 1988.

— Albert Smith in Irish Independent, Dublin, September 2, 1989.

ANTISEMITIC PRO RACIST STATEMENT FROM A LIFE NATIONAL UNION JOURNALIST !!!!

THIS EVIDENCE PROVIDED CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A. SMITH FROM THE NUJ.

THE BOOK WAS USED AS ACTUALLY EVIDENCE TO GAIN CONVICTION, THE JUDGE BRANDED

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PARFOCE AND FOCAL POINT.

Reply**11. Paddy. - February 11, 2022**

Hilary Clinton and the Queens gambit

The I Cringley blog 911 to the man with a hammer exclusively outlines Mark Stephens concerns at being used as a pawn by the IRA and reflects the personal devastating traumatic effects that Al Qaeda and Bin Laden left upon the citizens and Government of America on that unexplained day. Years later Both the IRA and Bin Laden alike are proven to have worked in CIA operations after leaked documents exposed through the Freedom of Information act were published in the interest of the public to outline these facts as admissible evidence.

The Book Terror Inc tracing the Dollars behind Terrorism contains a chapter on 911 itself which explains how Bill Clinton was personally informed of a pending incident years before the September attacks on the world trade center building using aircraft, this information at the time was treated with skepticism, the publication also outlines Bin Ladens connections with the CIA and how the IRA collected finance in the US amongst other.

Dublin Solicitor Kieran Conway, the former head of the IRA owns a business which is listed as having earned him more than 1 million dollars net. In his own autobiography he explains in detail events that happened during the Clinton years which Mark Stephens himself is personally aware of through his own investigative Irish Journalism. Conway refers to the wording of Fascists in the book, yet when he was involved in a court case in Ireland with The Irish Independent Newspaper/Parpoint media services he made the fatal mistake of purposely not informing Sinn Fein and their press outlet during the hearings or later on about the Independents dealings with convicted fascist members of the organization known as Parforce.

Parforce are alleged to have connections with Global Paramilitary terrorists that are known to the CIA itself and as publishers are responsible for the production of fascistic publications for individuals and Political Party. CNN ABC and countless thousands of newspapers, radio stations and media outlets ran coverage on Parforce members being fined in court more than 2 million dollars for far right activity and later convicted to 3 years Jail Sentence for Holocaust denial speeches. Clinton cash is a book solely about the alleged money laundering activity of the Clinton Foundation.

Dennis O'Brien owner of the former Irish Independent owner known to Mark Stephens through his work appears in the book paying Clinton in cash backhanders, O'Brien allowed his own company's copyright to be hijacked by Neo Fascist racists and at the same time paid weekly undisclosed sums to antisemitic Parpoint to appear inside of fascistic publications issuing political statements that are used by far right extremists groups as propaganda and help generate revenue through sales of other publications sold by Parforce.

It is important for I Cringley bloggers to comprehend the connections outlined above. Certain members of The CIA have for many decades controlled the far right in both America, Ireland and UK and Arabs in the middle East playing both sides off with each other, it is a common pastime of divide and rule. The book Terror inc explains in full CIA involvement with Terrorists. There has been more American Government money Laundry and Terrorist related activity connected to the Democrat years than under the Republicans. In 2021 British Police Officers were convicted and sentenced for

belonging to far right wing Neo Nazi terrorist cells that support Parforce. This article is written by leftist contributors who are politically opposed to fascist and racist ideology and any attempt by publishers to offer unusual "blends" of twisted fascistic holocaust revisionism to the general public.

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Reply

12. Paddy. - February 11, 2022

AIRBEAR ONE on I Ludricus

The answer is quite simple to understand, in math there is countless thousands and ONE adjectives and words and then if you should combine words together you would have combinations running into millions so I Cringley becomes I Cringley trahstalk show inc or I Cringley software inc, or I cringley teror Inc... .

Albert Smith former editor of the Irish Independent is found on Linkden or what ever its called advertising his company known as Parpoint go "Google" it for your selves, or just type Albert Smith Irish Independent Newspaper on UK Google. Where he states hes worked as a Government agent and the POLICE.

In murder and drug cases litigation is derived from amongst other intention and to be completely honest it wouldNT be difficult to find an FBI agent or Judge (who arent criminals and think about that for a minute), we are trained and qualified so we can state this!! that would ignore the "laws of evidence" in this case...par se...as in FEDERAL law if you see a law that a Judge can apply to eveidence you act accordingly.

The math probability of Parpoint not being derived as a company name from Parforce and Focal Point when Albert Smith appears in the same book Gorings Biography printed by parfoce and Focal point are so far reached against Smith that in Federal lawsir..in reply to your statement to the man with the Hammer...hes put on NOTICE here by under INTERNATIONAL law in context to "mens rea".PERIOD.

Russian ,Chinese ,European Solicitors will without doubt find The Clinton Foundation and its associates guilty as hell, are you arguing about Trump winning the election again next time R round?? ...Na ta bother..Albert Smith is a medically desturbed racist that appears to be diplomatically protected and is payed by CIA overlord Dennis O Brien ,a personal friend of Bill Clinton a weekly income, O Brien launders Clinton Foundation money period which is why the 'Big Gang' ousted his precious pet Hilarly and we wouldnt argue with Mr Farty mararti and Gatman about dis....they have more Russian gas and Rusky solicitors than you have cops.....BuDDy can you spare me a crime...and dont call me again unless you got the warrant..our fees are outlined and are none negotiable. As they say in Oldham ... "Go to sleep and forget about the Russian mafia".. We will bury you (in litigation).

Wiki Writs viator

Reply

rod dy - February 12, 2022

As I have said before on CLR, Roddy despite his erratic posting does not consume alcohol or any mind altering substance. However the rest of you who may not be as abstemious would be advised to contact Paddy as soon as possible and get the phone number of his supplier.

[Reply](#)

13. Tomboktu - February 12, 2022

Marina Hyde brilliantly pulling this article out of the drawer for her column in today's Guardian:
<https://www.radiotimes.com/tv/drama/met-chief-cressida-dick-outraged-line-of-duty/>

Cressida Dick complained in a Radio Times interview about the representation of police misbehaviour in *Line of Duty* and in *Mercurio*... breaches which were inspired by or reflected real life breaches by officers in units *when she was in charge of them*.

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WorldbyStorm - February 12, 2022

The shamelessness of it all.

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14. Tomboktu - February 12, 2022

Given the deep problem the British Army has with sexual harassment, "[#NoFilter](#) friendship" is an utterly awful choice of message in a recruitment campaign. pic.twitter.com/80koAe23da

— Mincéir Ally And Proud Tomboktu (@Tomboktu) [February 12, 2022](#)

[Reply](#)

15. Liberius - February 12, 2022

Because Dublin doesn't have a Metro, anyone travelling to the city from outside Ireland using public transport is going to get to know its bus station, Busáras, pretty well. It is also, as you get off your airport bus or arrive from the ferry port, your first impression of an Irish modern architecture.

Speaking for myself, I was bowled over when I first visited just over a decade ago. From a distance, it is a simple pair of Portland stone and glass boxes, but the details when you're up close are remarkable, from the fan-roofed rotunda of the ticket hall to the use of mosaic tiles, sometimes forming artworks, and sometimes used just to clad a column. I could see how shabby it was—the grime is hard to avoid—but I was still shocked to find out how it regularly features in newspaper 'ugliest building in Dublin' listicles. Anywhere should be proud of a building like this, but apparently, Dublin—or at least its opinion-forming caste—were not...

Missed this from last week, Owen Hatherley in *Tribune* having a glance at Busáras through the prism of O'Broin's recent book.

<https://tribunemag.co.uk/2022/02/dublin-bus-station-busaras-modernism-architecture>

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WorldbyStorm - February 12, 2022

Original Dublin Airport building is another interesting one from the 40s. Design by Garret FitzGerald's brother no less, but none the worse for that. All modernist, international styles.

Good point Ó Broin makes re the building being so closed to the public it was meant to be used by. I remember going to the theater there in the early 80s(?) and it was very fine but the overall vision of this as a place for people as distinct from corporate power remains solid and I'd wonder if it could be reclaimed.

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Alibaba - February 13, 2022

As someone whose pet hate is waiting on buses, I recall Busáras as a safe and comfortable spot with its large, bright, enclosed area containing some seats and plenty of things of interest to see. Pity about the theatre closure but reclaiming – there's a thought.

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EWI - February 13, 2022

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As a culchie I spent a significant part of my college years and after in the place. Some love by CIE (and removing the motorways nearby) would transform it and the area which it sits within.

Reply

sonofstan - February 15, 2022

Living in, or near, some English cities over the years has modified somewhat my views about Dublin. For one thing, despite the best efforts of some planners in DC/ DCC, there aren't any motorways through the city – whereas here in Leeds, the inner ring road – an actual M road – runs through and under the city, as close to the centre as, say Parnell St. Birmingham the same, and Belfast didn't escape either.

Likewise, although I'm not against high rises per se, and am all for the population density they allow, the Leeds skyline, memorably described, possibly by Hatherley, as looking like a pile of fridges in a recycling centre, is not an advertisement for the modern city. Dublin has at least avoided 'signature' buildings, for the most part, that are all about corporate ego and nothing to do with sharing the space they inhabit.

Dublin could be turned into a city with almost no private cars between the canals relatively easily, without leaving canyons of abandoned non-residential/ commercial roads behind, and I'm sure some socially useful function could be found for all the multistoreys.

There was a piece in the Guardian about Sheffield and how the council had bought the John Lewis store that closed during the pandemic, and were planning to turn it into a mixed use commercial and community facility. Imagine if DCC could or would do that with Clery's?

WorldbyStorm - February 15, 2022

That's does ring very true SoS. Partly by way of luck re not being ruined, up to Christchurch there's a real feel that a motorway was kind of the plan to go southwards but as you say within the canal it could be okay and pedestrianised/public transport emphasised. Like you I've no huge issue with taller buildings, there's a block pencilled to go in not that far from where I am up by the old cement works/Fire Station on North Strand and in plan it's sensitive to the surrounding area and will actually improve the place. So there's a give and a take there.

terrymdunne - February 15, 2022

Was there not a plan to stick a motorway into Dublin, somewhere around the Liberties – maybe what you are referencing there re Christchurch, which was defeated by protests in the 70s/early 80s? Or maybe a little later. There is a song about this on the first Black Family album. Ended up with road-widening instead?

banjoagbeanjoe - February 15, 2022

Not sure that the plan was for an actual motorway Terry. But there was certainly a lot of controversy and debate over a proposed road through that area over a number of years. Corporation officials

trying to push through a road (or nearly motorway or motorway?) in the teeth of opposition from local democratically elected councillors. Like you say, what we have now is the result of a compromise on all that.

sonofstan - February 15, 2022

Yes, I think the widening of Cork St was supposed to continue through to Patrick St. and up to Christ Church as one long stretch of dual carriageway, taking out a section of the Coombe and possibly the end of Francis St.?

EWI - February 15, 2022

Not sure that the plan was for an actual motorway Terry.

The plan has *always* been for a motorway, and until recently. And any lovely green space you see running alongside an existing motorway is a trojan horse to enable the inevitable *bigger* motorway in the future.

16. Paul Culloty - February 12, 2022

Inflation in FF poll ratings!

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 12, 2022

Interesting!

Reply

Tomboktu - February 13, 2022

25 + 20 + 5 puts the current government on the cusp of a majority of votes. What does that translate to in seats?

Reply

banjoagbeanjoe - February 15, 2022

A year or more ago FF were down to I think 11% in one poll while FG were holding up well, around the low to mid twenties. Now they appear to be neck and neck with FF opening up a bit of a lead in this latest poll. But their joint share hasn't changed that much ... are people who'd vote one or the other jumping from one to the other from poll to poll? If so, what drives that? I'd guess media performances of Martin and Varadkar and their ministers. And perceived gaffes and poor handling of issues by the top two and their ministers. So somehow FG leader and ministers are perceived as making more of a mess of things than FF ones for the last while?

You'd still bet, on those figures, on some combination of FF, FG and others to form the next government. With SF a larger and stronger opposition.
Still a long way out though. Way too soon to tell.

Reply

sonofstan - February 15, 2022

"are people who'd vote one or the other jumping from one to the other from poll to poll?"

I suspect that's true, and it's a big change in the culture of Irish politics if so. The FF core is a great deal softer than the FG one though.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 15, 2022

Agreed, there's a sort of cohort who will lend parties a vote. In a way this seems to go back even to the 2000s with FF some of whose vote decamped to the LP later on. But now there's a group who will oscillate between FG/FF which as you say is a big change in the culture of Irish politics.

Reply

17. Tomboktu - February 13, 2022

Good satire on twitter

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 14, 2022

That's brilliant satire but the attitudes it's satirising aren't a million miles from advocating that.

Reply

18. Paul Culloty - February 13, 2022

Not a good result for the Spanish Socialists in the Castile and Leon region tonight, losing 7 seats and 5% share, while Podemos also have one seat less than in 2019. Elsewhere, Ciudadanos voters have moved en masse to Vox, and various regionalist parties have also won seats:

<https://elecciones2022ccyl.es/resultados/0/castilla-y-leon>

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 14, 2022

Ciudadanos really are a conveyer belt to the far-right. I see Vox is arguing it should be in

government.

Reply

19. Michael Carley - February 14, 2022

Fascinating series from mid 80s on YouTube. Covers British withdrawal from empire after 1945. Lot of interviews with anti-colonial fighters as well as British and American officials and politicians.

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 14, 2022

Brilliant, cheers Michael. I saw a bit of that at the time as I recall. Really good series.

Reply

Michael Carley - February 14, 2022

A senior civil servant describing a “blow to [Anthony] Eden’s vanity and pride” and Eden’s demand that Nasser be “murdered” is honesty way beyond anything you’d get now about the early nineties

Reply

Michael Carley - February 15, 2022

It wasn’t a civil servant who said it. It was a former minister of state.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_Nutting

Reply

WorldbyStorm - February 15, 2022

It’d be stopped long before it got to broadcast stage these days.

EWI - February 15, 2022

‘[in 1911 the British king] knew that behind the pomp and circumstance lay the unswerving loyalty of the Indian Army’

1915: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/205222866>

Reply

20. terrymdunne - February 15, 2022

This week’s article – <https://laoislocalstudies.ie/a-memoir-of-timahoe-in-war-and-revolution/> based on a memoir of a fella was a school child during the First World War & Irish Revolution & remembered Republican policing, a British Army raid, a cattle drive etc...

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21. EWI - February 15, 2022

Another anti-lockdown piece in the IT:

Why are schoolchildren still having to endure Covid restrictions?

There are many concerns including that the burden of ongoing mask-wearing may outweigh the benefits

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/parenting/why-are-schoolchildren-still-having-to-endure-covid-restrictions-1.4802122>

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banjoagbeanjoe - February 15, 2022

Good to see that the piece in the IT on Saturday giving an unchallenged platform to "I'm not anti-vax but here's why I didn't get the vaccine myself and now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted that proves I was right all along" ... good to see lots of letters in today's IT slating that article.

[Reply](#)

WorldbyStorm - February 15, 2022

Yeah saw that EWI, it's just dismal. Not one voice in that anti-mask piece from people who are expert in the field. Questions can be good to ask, but as with the other piece that banjoagbeanjoe notes just one side, and one that is deeply problematic.

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