



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE/CITIZENS CIRCLE
CELEBRATION

"The Prospect of Peace in Ireland"
with

Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein
and
James Carroll, Author

September 26, 1994
Omni Parker House

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| 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast reception in the Rooftop Ballroom |
| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome
<i>Jack Dunfey, Chair, New England Circle</i> |
| 8:35 a.m. | Introduction of Gerry Adams, Discussion Leader
<i>Eleanor Dunfey Freiburger, Vice Chair, New England Circle</i> |
| 8:40 a.m. | Introduction of James Carroll, Moderator
<i>Thomas P. O'Neill III, Vice Chair, New England Circle</i> |
| 8:45 a.m. | Circle discussion begins |
| 10:00 a.m. | Circle discussion ends |

NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE/CITIZENS CIRCLE " Our purpose is to assemble a diverse group of concerned individuals for discussion of social, political, literary and educational topics; our goal is to exchange challenging ideas and opinions that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation, and our world."

The Dunfey family
Inaugural Circle, 1974

New England Circle is a non-profit, non-partisan foundation for educational purposes.

Gerry Adams, Discussion Leader

As President of Sinn Féin, the IRA's political arm; Gerry Adams is widely regarded as the person most responsible for persuading leaders of the Irish Republican Army to agree to a cease-fire in the 25 year republican movement in Northern Ireland. Sinn Féin is an all-Ireland political party which supports the inalienable right of the Irish people to national self-determination, and seeks an end to Britain's jurisdiction in the six north eastern counties of Ireland.

For over a decade and at great personal risk, Mr. Adams has played a pivotal role in the development of Sinn Féin, its policies and its active promotion of the peace debate. Advocating political tactics and the abandonment of violence, Adams is working with IRA leaders to bring forth a lasting peace agreement at the negotiating table. Imprisoned in the early 1970's for advocating the civil rights of Catholics, Adams, who was only 23, was part of the secret republican delegation flown to London for the 1972 peace talks. Amid much controversy, the cease-fire held for only 13 days when, British Secretary of State William Whitelaw, refused to publicize the talks. In the 1980's, Adams was twice elected the Westminster Member of Parliament for West Belfast.

Adams has been married for 23 years, and has a 21 year old son. The eldest of ten children, Mr. Adams grew up in the socially and economically deprived area of nationalist West Belfast.

The courageous and productive dialogue between John Hume and Gerry Adams set in motion a new phase that signals, according to *An Phoblacht/Republican News*, "...a spirit of determination and confidence: determined that the injustices which created the conflict will be removed and confident in the strength and justice of our struggle to achieve this."

James Carroll, Moderator

James Carroll, well-known to a Boston audience, is a best selling author and regular columnist at the Boston Globe. The author of nine novels, Carroll is noted for his eloquent portrayal of Boston in his writings, most notably its history, its color, and its Irish roots. His most current novel, *The City Below*, was a Boston best seller, and critics are calling it one more exploration of what it means to be Irish in America.

New England Circle/Citizens Circle

New England Circle has become a longtime Boston tradition with roots that date back more than a century.

In the late 1800's, great thinkers such as Emerson, Hawthorne, Holmes, and Longfellow gathered at the Parker House to discuss probing issues of the times, often moving the members to bold action. The last meeting of the "Saturday Club" was in 1902, led by Booker T. Washington.

When the Dunfey family acquired the Parker House, they revitalized this tradition, broadening its mandate and expanding its participation. During the past 20 years, more than 8,000 people have participated in New England Circle gatherings. Discussion leaders have included such prominent guests as Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa; President Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter; Coretta Scott King; Gloria Steinem; Senator William Cohen; Warren Rudman, and Irish Parliamentarian and Peace Advocate John Hume.

In 1993, United Nations Secretary General, Boutros Boutros Ghali, was recognized with the first Global Citizen's Award, presented by New England Circle/Citizens Circle to an outstanding individual who has transcended national boundaries working tirelessly for all peoples and their universal human rights. The 1994 recipient will be President Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

Now celebrating its twentieth anniversary season and anticipating the challenges of the 21st century, the Dunfey family and New England Circle board members welcome Tom O'Neill and Pam McDermott. Their involvement creates a new sense of purpose and possibility for ongoing dialogue that will lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation and our world.