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*"The Prospect of Peace
&
Its Impact on Ireland"*

*featuring discussion leader
John Hume,
Parliamentarian & Leader of the
Social Democratic & Labour Party*

*moderated by
Kevin O'Neill,
Professor, Boston College*

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In this dawn of hope in Ireland, for most catholics, it has been said that John Hume is their Martin Luther King.

Welcome to New England Circle/Citizens Circle. This evening's discussion on the prospect of peace and its impact on Ireland is led by **JOHN HUME**, member of the Parliament of the United Kingdom and the European Parliament, and founding member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

John Hume is by far one of Ireland's most influential political leaders and human rights activists of the twentieth century.

Mr. Hume was born in Derry in 1937, one of seven children of an unemployed docker. Although Derry, or Londonderry as it was known at the time, was composed of a largely Catholic population, the Protestant City Council controlled all of the economic power in terms of jobs and housing. John Hume was one of the first of a large class of young persons to benefit from the UK education system in the post war period. From his humble beginnings, through his years as a teacher, he realized the value of constructive community action and community self-help. It was during this time that he founded one of the world's largest community banks, the Derry Credit Union.

During the volatile and violent decades that followed, John Hume held fast to his creed of non-violence in increasingly prominent roles as vice chairman of, and spokesman/strategist for the Citizen's Action Committee. Even through the tragic events of the Bloody Sunday trauma, he helped maintain sanity and calm in the community.

During the last twenty years, facing threats to his own and his family's lives, John Hume has steadfastly built coalitions for peace, working with a reforming unionist and with successive Irish and British governments, to ensure that social and economic development be maintained.

In 1974, Mr. Hume became a member of the European Parliament and in 1984, he became the first Catholic to represent the city of Derry in Parliament, at Westminster. While serving under these bodies of government, he succeeded in focusing European interest in the political, social and economic state of Northern Ireland.

John Hume has devoted his life to working for a lasting non-violent solution in troubled Northern Ireland.

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, and the recipient of the Human Rights and Peace Award from the International League for Human Rights, John Hume's spirit of courage and conviction have created an opportunity for future generations in Northern Ireland to grow in enduring peace.

Tonight's moderator is **KEVIN O'NEILL**, an Associate Professor of History at Boston College and Co-director of the Boston College Irish Studies Program since its inception in 1978. O'Neill has been co-editor of *The Irish Literary Supplement* since 1986 and was a contributor to the 1993 book *Visualizing Ireland: National Identity and the Pictorial Tradition*, a collection of essays on Irish artwork published as a companion piece to the Boston College Museum of Art exhibition "Irish Watercolors and Drawings from the National Gallery of Ireland." A 1971 graduate of Marquette University, he holds a master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago and doctoral degree from Brown University. During 1991-92, O'Neill was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at University College in Dublin.

This Evening's Participants

KINGSLEY AIKINS, American Ireland Fund

JOANIE BRONFAMN

WILLIS BROWN

CIARAN BYRNE, Irish Consulate

JAMES CARROLL, Author

CHARLIE CLEMENTS, Physicians for Human Rights

KEVIN CULLEN, The Boston Globe

L.P. CURTIS, Brown University

GERI DENTERLEIN, McDermott/O'Neill & Associates

SUSAN & MICHAEL DONLAN, Committee for a New Ireland

JOHN DORAN, Citizen's Medical Corporation

SUSAN DORAN

JANET & JACK DRISCOLL, Boston Coalition

BOB DUNFEY, JR., General Service Administration

BILL DUNFEY

BOB DUNFEY, SR., The Dunfey Group

JACK DUNFEY, New England Circle

JERRY DUNFEY, New England Circle

RICHARD DUNFEY, Sports Publications Group

RUTH DUNFEY
 WILLIAM DUNFEY
 ELIZABETH & PAUL FITZGERALD, Gould & Fitzgerald
 ABBY FENTON, Earlham College
 CAITRIONA FOTTRELL, American Ireland Fund
 ELEANOR DUNFEY FREIBURGER, New Hampshire College
 JAMES J. FREIBURGER, New Hampshire College
 THOMAS GAGEN, The Boston Globe
 TRISH GALLAGHER,
 BARBARA & FRANK GOPEN
 MARY-MARGARET & JOHN GRIFFIN, Hutchins, Wheeler &
 Dittmar
 FATHER GRAY HELMICK
 JOHN HUME, Social Democratic & Labour Party, European
 Parliament, Parliament of the United Kingdom
 NICOLE & TOM HYNES, Meredith & Grew
 PHYLLIS KATER, Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries
 JACK KENNEDY, John J. Kennedy & Associates
 LESLEY KING, American Ireland Fund
 NEAL MACMILLAN
 ALEXANDRA MARSHALL, Author
 MARILYN MASE, Artist
 PAT McGOWAN, Small Business Administration
 ANN & WILLIAM McNALLY, New England Circle
 TREVOR MCGILL, Boston College
 FATHER J. DONALD MONAN, Boston College
 CHRIS NOLAN, University of Massachusetts
 ERIC NEWMAN
 GERRY O'CONNOR, University of Massachusetts
 JOHN O'LEARY, Pierce Atwood Scribner Allen
 KEVIN O'NEILL, Boston College
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 Associates
 JOHN OWEN, British Consulate
 JACK PHILBIN, Boston College
 JENNIFER ROSS
 LAUREN SCULLY, McDermott/O'Neill & Associates
 JACK THOMAS, The Boston Globe
 JUDITH THOMPSON, Children of War
 GERALYN WHITE, New England Circle

New England Circle/Citizens Circle invites men and women of different cultures political persuasions and professions to exchange ideas and opinions. The Circle evolved out of a 19th-century Parker House tradition called The Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth longfellow, and James Russell Lowell who gathered monthly for lively, informal discussions. Tonight's discussion on the truly historic chain of events in Ireland could awaken the spirit of those who inaugurated this tradition.

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Circles Past...

For more than sixteen years we have enjoyed a lively and stimulating exchange of views and ideas. Some Circle topics and Discussion Leaders have been:

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Jimmy Breslin
Doug Fraser
John Kenneth Galbraith
Tom Harkin
Ed Koch
Stanislav Menshikov

Bill Moyers
Ralph Nader
Robert Reich
Jim Rouse
Warren Rudman
Andy Young

WORLD PEACE / NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL

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Rev. William Sloane Coffin
Roger Fisher
John Hume

George Kistaikowsky
Henry Cabot Lodge
Ed Markey
Inga Thorsson

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Jennifer Casolo
Charlie Clements
Douglas Farah
Paul Fitzgerald
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Michael Manley
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