THE RISE OF SINF FEIN 1916-18

HARSH RESPONSE TO 1916 RISING

- Deaths 30% Crown Forces
- 77 rebels killed
- 75 Death sentences commuted to imprisonment
- 1 Roger Casement hanged in Pentonville Prison
- 15 rebel leaders executed
- Interned 1,841 men
- Released Dec 1916 - June 1917
- Arrested 3,430 men, 79 women
- DEPORTED 2,486 MEN

BY ELECTIONS 1917

- Feb: Count Plunkett Roscommon 3,022 of the 5,463 Votes cast
- May: Joseph McGuinness Longford 50.6% of the Votes cast
- July: Eamon de Valera East Clare 71.1% of the Votes cast

UNITED UNDER 1 LEADER

- Sinn Fein Members
- Volunteers

DEATH OF THOMAS ASHE

- 20 Sept 1917 38 prisoners hunger strike in Mountjoy
- 25 Sept 1917 Thomas Ashe dies as a result of forcible feeding
- 30 Sept 1917 30,000 attend his funeral A propaganda coup

CONSCRIPTION CRISIS 1918

- Hundreds of thousands sign an anti-conscription pledge Sinn Fein gains more popular support

“German Plot”

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PUBLIC OPINION

- Sinn Fein 11,000 July, 120,000 Dec 1917
- Sinn Fein unopposed in 25 Constituencies
- 1,931,588 eligible Irish voters Trebled since 1910
- 2/3 first time voters

1918 GENERAL ELECTION

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