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PULSE OF THE PEOPLE

RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS

Listowel, June 7, 1924.

To the Editor,

A chara, – A letter from Mr P J Cahill in your paper points out a duty which devolves on all members of the GAA and kindred organisations to demand and insist on the immediate release of all political prisoners at present in the custody of the Imperial Government of Southern Ireland. Most Governments of the present day are based on majority rule – so we are informed by the Press – but this machine which ensures the function of Government in the larger portion of this Island colony of John Bull continues to detain prisoners against the express wish of the huge majority of the Irish people, as demonstrate by the plebiscite and still further by the attitude of the majority of the elected representatives of the people. I would endorse the suggestion of Mr Cahill that the Co. Board of the GAA and the members of the Kerry football team refuse to field a team for the [1923] All-Ireland final unless the political prisoners are released. This is but a very small act for a county that produced such men as Thomas Ashe, Charlie Daly, and numerous others.

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