

(An Bealach chun Na Gealaighe:
cont'd).

imí. Ní mór an teor a chruthir. Ar lá na bháireach deaúfhadh míle réaltmairnéalach an turus chun na gealaighe agus bhí an Doctúir Ó Cearnaigh in a chaptach ar na tais-tealaidhte!

Aibreán 16, 1978, 10 a.m. bhí na réaltmairnéalaigh gleasta in a spáscultha agus iad ceangailte go daingean i suideacháin na spásluinge. Bhí greadam feargach le cloisint on inneall. I seomra an tiomanuidhe bhí an Doctúir Ó Cearnaigh ag eisteacht leis an gearclachán.

10:05 a.m. thosnuigh an comhairreamh deireannach, deich, naoi, ocht, dó, aon, zero. D'oscail an tiomanuidhe an luasan. Cluineadh gleo timpisteach, tubaisteach, uathbhasach. D'eirigh an spáslong go h-obann. Bhí an inneall ag luiraigh go nearbhamhail. De réir deallramh bhí Gleann an Phortaigh ag eirigh míos lugha. Tarais trémhse gearr ní raibh an baile beag le feicsint i n-aonchur. Anois bhí cruth comhcrúinn an domhain i bhfiadhnaise. 10:30 a.m. d'eirigh mala a bhí caithe ar an urlar go taibhseamhail agus le ciúneas. Baineadh geit as na réaltmairnéalaigh ach ní raibh faic ann. Bhí anspáslong ag fágail slán le plana codthromacht an domhain. Anuigh bhí an cruinn ag dul i laighead do réir a chéile.

Aibreán 19, 7:00 a.m. dhiúsigh an tiomanuidhe an Doctúir Ó Cearnaigh. "Taimid ag teacht i ngioracht do plana codthromacht na gealaighe anois agus ní mór diom diaithir a thabhairt timcheall an airdrinn ar dhis. Tá sé ró-contabhairteach dul isteach an treo is giorra". Annsin cuireadh tus leis an turus seacránach go cromchla na gealaighe. De réir deallramh cuadar timcheall an airdrinn míle uaire. Níorbh fhada

go raibh na sleibhte agus na lochanna soileir. Chonnair an tiomanuidhe macaise mór agus shíl sé gur fearr dhó an spáslong a thabairt isteach annsin. Dhún sé an luasan diaidh ar ndiardh. D'eirigh an dromchla le casadh ar an spásghiaistéan, ceapfir. Annsin bhuailendar a chéile go feargach. Stadadh na h-innill agus bhí címineas ann. "D'eirigh linn" arsa an Doctúir Ó Cearnaigh agus é go h-an tri-na-chéile.

THE CHARACTER OF ST. PATRICK

"For the Western Celt was found an apostle of keen and cultured intellect, in order to satisfy the nations depth of thought; of gentle graciousness, in order to control the hot waywardness of their temper; of delicate feeling, in order to sympathize with the poetic bent of their fancy; of masterful will, in order to merit the esteem of their earnest character, of more than human majesty, and of more than prophetic power; a man that was an angel, and an angel that was a man, in order to realize their ideal of what God's messenger should be; but, above all, of intensely affectionate heart, in order to convert a nation only hurt by violence, only to be won by love..... Such was Saint Patrick.

- Rev.R. Kane, S.J.

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