Industrial Engineering Manager, Unilever Ireland 1965-70; Manager/ Director, Bocm-Silcock U.K. (Unilever Ltd.) 1970-77; Director, Personnel, Pfizer Chemical Corporation 1978-82; Vice-President, Personnel, Pfizer Europe 1982-84; Vice-President, Pfizer Hospital Production Group (N.Y.) 1984-90; Managing Director, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Productions Corporation Ireland 1991 to date; situated in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork, Pfizer Chemical Corporation is one of the top fifty companies in the State.

COLGAN, Michael; PRODUCER/DIRECTOR; b 1950; educ St. James's Christian Brothers School, Dublin; Trinity College Dublin, BA; m Susan Fitzgerald, actress; 1 s 2 da; Director at Abbey Theatre 1974-77; Company Manager, Irish Theatre Company 1977-78; Manager, Dublin Theatre Festival 1978-81; Artistic Director 1981-83; Director, Gate Theatre since 1984; Executive Director, Little Bird Films since 1986; Guest Director Patna Festival (Italy) 1982; recipient Sunday Independent Arts Award 1985 and 1987; member, Irish Arts Council 1989-94; Board member: Gate Theatre, Little Bird Productions, Irish Film Centre, Dublin Theatre Festival. An exceptional force in Irish theatre; as a powerful member of the Arts Council, influence now extends into other cultural fields; not overwhelmingly modest. Hobbies, reading, music, cinema and conversation.

COLLINS, Anthony; SOLICITOR; b 1939; educ Xaviers School, Donnybrook; St. Gerard's, Bray; Downside, Somerset; Trinity College Dublin, BA, BComm., Incorporated Law Society, Solicitor; m Mary Deasy, Solicitor; 3 s 1 da; Solicitor's Apprentice, Eugene F. Collins 1959, Partner 1964-78, Senior Partner 1978 to date; Director Grafton Group plc 1987 to date; Director, Dakota Group plc 1989 to date; Chairman, Automobile Association (Ireland) 1987 to date; Honorary member, Canadian Bar Association; publications include various legal articles; Council member, Incorporated Law Society of Ireland (President 1984-85). A low profile man, highly respected in Irish legal circles; heads up long established firm. Hobby, sport of all kinds.

COLLINS, Bob; DIRECTOR OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES RTE; b 1947; educ Christian Brothers, Adare; University College Dublin, BA, MBA; m Jean Tansey, Social Researcher; 2 s, Executive with Confederation of Irish Industry 1969-71; Assistant to General Manager, Rehabilitation Institute 1971-72; Assistant Secretary to College, Trinity College Dublin 1972-75; joined Radio Telefis Eireann as Secretary to the Authority 1975-80; Deputy Controller of Press, RTE 1980-86, Director of Programmes 1986 to date; publications include numerous contributions to a variety of publications and specialist journals on broadcasting; Vice-President, Television Committee of European Broadcasting Union (EBU); Chairman, Celtic Film and Television Association; Director, Merriman Summer School (1981 and 1987). An erudite man with a low key approach. Hobbies, music, reading and Irish history.

COLLINS, Gerard; POLITICIAN; b 1938; educ St. Ita's College, Abbeyfeale; Patrician College, Ballyfin; University College Dublin, BA; prominent in student politics, founder of Kevin Barry Cumann; m Hilary Tattan; Vocational Teacher; Assistant General Secretary, Fianna Fail Party.
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1965-67; elected Fianna Fail Deputy for Limerick West 1967, on the death of his father, James Collins; member, Limerick County Council 1974-77; Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Gaeltacht 1969-70; Minister for Posts and Telegraphs 1970-73; Minister for Justice 1977-81; Minister for Foreign Affairs, March-December 1982; Frontbench Spokesman on Foreign Affairs 1983-87; Minister for Justice 1987-89; Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1989 to date. Solid West Limerick base and high international profile make him a strong contender in the leadership stakes.

COLLINS, Patrick; ARTIST; b 1909; educ Christian Brothers School Dublin; m Patricia Ryan; worked in an insurance company before becoming a full time, largely self taught, painter; represented Ireland at Guggenheim Award Exhibition (New York) 1958, where he won National Award; has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally, and had a major retrospective organised by the Arts Council; member of Aosdana and the only living Saol — this is the highest honour the country bestows for distinction in the Arts. Recognised as one of Ireland’s major artists, represented in every collection of note, very much an artist’s artist.

COLLINS, Sean M.; VETERINARY SURGEON, STUD FARMER; b 1926; educ Blackrock College; Veterinary College of Ireland; m Hanne Jorgensen; 3 s 1 d; runs extensive veterinary practice; Owner/Manager, Corbally Stud (Kildare), one of the major independent stallion stations in Ireland; Chairman: Irish National Stud 1990 to date, Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association; member, Irish Turf Club. Hobbies: racing, fishing and golf. Clubs: Hermitage Golf Club, Fitzwilliam L.T.C.

COLLINS, Sean; CHIEF EXECUTIVE BOARD NA gCON; b 1932; educ St. Munchin’s College, Limerick; University College Dublin, BComm; St. Patrick’s College, Dublin, DipPubAdmin.; m Marian Desmond, Accountant and Lecturer; 2 s; held various senior management posts in Bord na gCon (Irish Greyhound Board), Chief Executive 1989 to date; Bord na gCon is the semi-state organisation responsible for the control and development of the Irish greyhound industry; founder member, Marketing Institute of Ireland in Limerick; member, Governing Council World Greyhound Federation. Hobby, all sports, particularly rugby (represented Munster at college level); Clubs: Garryowen Rugby Football Club, Lahinch Golf Club, Limerick Golf Club, Abbeyfeale G.A.A.

COLLINS, Stephen; JOURNALIST; b 1951; educ Oaklands Christian Brothers School, Stillorgan; University College Dublin, BA, HDipEd; m Jean Wrigley; 1 s 2 d; History Teacher, Sallynoggin Vocational School 1974-75; joined Irish Press Group, Sub-Editor, Irish Press 1975; Reporter, Irish Press Group 1976, Consumer Affairs Correspondent 1982-84, Political Reporter 1984-87; Political Correspondent, The Sunday Press 1987 to date; recipient, A & T Cross “Print Journalist of the Year Award” 1990. A low key professional, widely regarded as one of the finest political analysts in the country. Hobbies: reading and history.

COMERFORD, Christopher, “Chris”; b 1933; educ St. Kieran’s College, Kilkenny; University College Dublin, B AgrSc; m. Hilary. Hilary. Fianna Fail Party