

So bekamen wir den folgenden Text:

## ...so now you know !!

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Ireland is an island to the west of Britain  
but Northern Ireland is just off the mainland  
- not the Irish mainland, the British mainland.

The capital of Ireland is Dublin . It has a population of a million  
people, all of whom will be shopping in Newry this afternoon.  
They travel to Newry because it is in the North, which is not part  
of Ireland, but still pay in Euros.

*„Die Satire muss übertreiben und ist ihrem tiefsten  
Wesen nach ungerecht. Sie bläst die Wahrheit auf,  
damit sie deutlicher wird, und sie kann gar nicht  
anders arbeiten als nach dem Bibelwort:  
Es leiden die Gerechten mit den Ungerechten. [...]*

*Was darf die Satire? Alles.“*  
Kurt Tucholsky, „Was darf die Satire?“,  
Berliner Tageblatt, Nr. 36, 27. Januar 1919

Under the Irish constitution, the North used to be in Ireland , but a  
successful 30-year campaign of violence for Irish unity ensured that  
it is now definitely in the UK .  
Had the campaign lasted any longer the North might now be in France.

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. It has a population of  
half a million, half of whom own houses in Donegal.  
Donegal is in the north but not in the North. It is in the South.  
No, not the south, the South.

There are two parliaments in Ireland.  
The Dublin parliament is called the Dáil, (pronounced „Doyle“),  
an Irish word meaning a place where banks receive taxpayers' money.  
The one in Belfast is called Stormont, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning  
'placebo',  
or deliberately ineffective drug.

Their respective jurisdictions are defined by the border,  
an imaginary line on the map to show fuel launderers  
where to dump their chemical waste and bi-products.

*„Der Satiriker ist ein gekränkter Idealist:  
er will die Welt gut haben, sie ist schlecht,  
und nun rennt er gegen das Schlechte an.“*  
Kurt Tucholsky, „Was darf die Satire?“,  
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Protestants are in favour of the border, which generates millions  
of pounds in smuggling for Catholics, who are totally opposed to it.

Travel between the two states is complicated because Ireland is the  
only country in the world with two M1 motorways.  
The one in the North goes west to avoid the south and  
the one in the South goes north to avoid the price of drink!

We have two types of democracy in Ireland.  
Dublin democracy works by holding a referendum and then  
allowing the government to judge the result.  
If the government thinks the result is wrong, the referendum is held again.  
Twice in recent years the government decided the  
people's choice was wrong and ordered a new referendum.

Belfast democracy works differently.  
It has a parliament with no opposition, so the government is always right.  
This system generates envy in many world capitals, especially Dublin .

Ireland has three economies - northern, southern and black.  
Only the black economy is in the black. The other two are in the red.

All versions of the IRA claim to be the real IRA  
but only one of them is the Real IRA.  
The North's biggest industry is the production of IRAs.  
Consequently, we now have the Provisional, Continuity and Real IRA.  
The Real IRA is by far the most popular among young graffiti writers  
simply because it is the easiest to spell.

**I trust this clarifies things and has answered  
many previously unanswered questions for you.**

*„Die echte Satire ist blutreinigend:  
und wer gesundes Blut hat, der hat auch einen  
starken Teint. Was darf Satire? Alles.“*  
Kurt Tucholsky, „Schnipsel“, 1973, S. 119