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ON THIS DAY IN IRISH HISTORY – SEPTEMBER

1st 1913 - Protest by locked-out workers lead to serious riots in Dublin.
1939 - A state of emergency is declared by the Irish government.
1974 - Transition Year is introduced as a pilot scheme in three schools.
1994 - Transition Year is introduced to all secondary schools.

2nd 1933 - United Ireland Organisation founded. It is to adopt the name of 'Fine Gael'.

3rd 1939 - The Emergency Powers Act comes into force as Britain declares war on Germany.

4th 1907 - Sinn Féin disrupt an Irish Parliamentary Party meeting.
1967 - CIÉ, a scheme for free school transport for older students, is introduced.

5th 1926 - 48 people die in a temporary cinema in Dromcolliher when it catches fire.

6th 1899 - The Countess of Shaftesbury laid the foundation stone of St Anne’s Cathedral in Belfast.
1994 - John Hume, the Taoiseach Albert Reynolds and Gerry Adams meet to pledge support for democracy.

8th 1893 - Second Home Rule Bill rejected by the Lords.
1908 - Patrick Pearse founds St Enda's school.
1921 - David Lloyd George makes a final offer to Éamon de Valera.

9th 1887 - Three men killed by the police at an Irish National League demonstration at Mitchelstown.
1922 - First meeting of the Provisional Parliament (Third Dáil).

10th 1928 - Irish pound issued.

12th 1919 - The Dáil Éireann is declared illegal.
1938 - Éamon de Valera is elected President of the Assembly of the League of Nations.
1997 - Mary Robinson resigns as President of Ireland to take up a post at the United Nations.

13th 1845 - Gardener's Chronicle announces that the potato blight has appeared in Ireland.

14th 1921 - Sinn Féin put together a delegation to meet Lloyd George in London; it includes Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith.

17th 1913 - Edward Carson declares that a Provisional Government will be set up if Home Rule is enacted.
18th 1867 - Thomas J. Kelly and Timothy Deasy escape while being transferred to jail in Manchester.
1922 - Constitution of Saorstát Éireann Bill introduced by W. T. Cosgrave.

19th 1923 - Fourth Dáil meet for the first time at Leinster House.

20th 1803 - Execution of Robert Emmet.

22nd 1959 - First conference of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, which is not recognised by Northern Ireland.

23rd 1992 - The IRA destroys Belfast's forensic science laboratory.

25th 1971 - Rally in Dublin in support of civil disobedience in Northern Ireland.

26th 1932 - Éamon de Valera gives his inaugural speech as President of the League of Nations.

27th 1913 - 12,000 Ulster Volunteers parade at Balmoral to protest Home Rule.

28th 1912 - 'Ulster Day' on which the Ulster Covenant is signed.

29th 1979 - Pope John Paul II arrives in Ireland for a three-day visit.