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As moves are afoot to legalise abortion in the Republic of Ireland, we post two articles, from the *Approaches* archive, which provide some background to the forces, recent and not so recent and often foreign, which have sought and seek to secularise Ireland and to pave the way for a modern secular State inimical to the true character of Ireland:

- [‘A Nation Betrayed’](#) by Hamish Fraser. This article was written at the time of the so-called ‘Troubles’ in 1971 and describes attempts then to secularise the Irish State on the back of attempts to bring “peace” to Northern Ireland.
- [‘The Historic Origin of the Irish State’](#) by John Campbell. This was an address given at an *Approaches* conference in Ireland in 1981. It questions why the Catholic champions of Irish independence are ignored while secular, Irish revolutionaries are lauded.