



BRIT POLICE NEVER ACCEPTABLE



Eddie pointed out that the leadership of the IRSP had met with the leadership of Sinn Féin two days prior to Gerry Adams briefing journalists on the threats and not once was the issue raised. Eddie's question was met with smirks from those in the front row, perhaps they are privy to something the rest of us are not? Regardless, Declan Kearny (SF) avoided the issue altogether - insisting that the IRSP could meet with Sinn Féin to discuss the issue and that the threats were genuine.

One response that has been a consistent part of the SF arsenal when challenged with facts was "well, what's your own strategy?". The strategy of the Irish Republican Socialist Movement is clear - there will be absolutely no engagement with the PSNI until we achieve a socialist republic and partition ceases to exist. Having said that, we have no problem with our people engaging with the PSNI on civil policing matters. We can be no more clear on this, we do not need a strategy to reform British rule, normalise it and to make it acceptable to a section of the nationalist people.

Paul Little of the IRSP correctly pointed out in regards to sectarian parades being forced through nationalist areas that our people had a right to resist them.

Sinn Féin are eager to reach an accommodation in this regard and to prevent our people from venting their anger, Gerry Kelly having already met the PSNI in regards to Ardoyne months before the current debate on policing had reached its current momentum.

One participant at lastnight's meeting publicly challenged Sinn Féin, and the wider Provisional Movement in this regard when he recalled how he had been assaulted by a member of the PRM present in the room for actively making a statement against sectarian parades. Sinn Féin were silent, but the individual in question knew what the score was.

Why is it essential to sit on the policing boards? This very question goes to the core of Republicanism and Republican values, Republicans do not uphold the crown nor their forces. They do not actively assist the crown in imposing crown law. It seems to me that their are two major benefits at hand here for joining the policing boards, the Provisional Movement attempt to retain control of Catholic areas through the absence of the IRA and they get Stormont (the legislative assembly of British imperialism in Ireland) working for the Brits. -- **Reabhloid Dearg.**

Following the recent meetings in Conway Mill and Toomebridge on policing, I've been left asking myself as to how this important debate can be advanced. My own personal opinion was that the meeting in Toomebridge was largely a repeat of Conway Mill but important and informative nonetheless.

One of the most interesting parts of the Toomebridge meeting was Eddie McGarrigle of the IRSP publicly challenging those in Sinn Féin to come clean on the alledged threats to their leadership.

Maghaberry Prison protest continues

On a "bad day" the Republican POWs are subjected to up to 23-hours' lock-up, strip-searches and rub-downs; the screws have prisoners strip the clothes from the top of their bodies before being searched, and are again searched after replacing their clothes and stripping the bottom half of their body.

There is no free association: and there is a lack of educational opportunities which are available to other prisoners. There are new restrictions on parole and compassionate parole which has led to many prisoners refusing parole because of the draconian conditions.

All of this has to be seen in a political context. The Good Friday Agreement (GFA) which the provisional republican movement (PRM) bought into did away with the political status achieved by the deaths of 10 republican hunger strikers 25 years ago. It is ironic that the PRM celebrate those same hunger strikers while condoning the loss of the privileges won by some men. Furthermore it is now clear that the PRM are using the 25th anniversary to cement their political position. In a speech in Derry following a Sinn Fein march from the home of Mickey Devine to the home of Patsy O'Hara, both INLA volunteers, Martin Mc

Guinness made the outrageous claim that the 10 hunger strikers would have supported the Sinn Fein strategy and the GFA. Nobody knows what stance they would have taken.



Assets Recovery Agency, a question of money.

The ARA presents itself as an body established to deal with serious crime, usually with involvement hundreds of thousands or millions of pounds.

In the period of 2003-2006 the ARA seized just 6 million pounds but cost the tax payer 60 million pounds in the same period!

The money seized through the ARA is not channelled back into working class communities ripped apart by drugs and anti-social behavior nor is it invested in schemes for the most disadvantaged communities that serious criminals base themselves from. The money goes directly back into the British state, paying the wages of the policemen and the cops!

Support the Turkish death fast



The death fast is nothing new to Turkey, the repressive nature of the state has forced to left-wing prisoners to employ hunger strike as a tactic at periods in particular during the various military juntas of the past thirty years. In 1984, four militants belonging to the Devrimci Sol (Revolutionary Left) organisation died through protesting their inhumane prison conditions. In 1996, twelve comrades belonging to various organisations embarked on another hunger strike once more over prison conditions.

The present death fast began on 20th October, 2000 when 816 prisoners belonging to various organisations declared an indefinite hunger strike. The Turkish death fast continues today, over 120 comrades resisting prison isolation and criminalisation that leaves them open to attack and torture have died. Over 400 have been left disabled through their resistance.

They are resisting being moved to F-Type prisons that leave them vulnerable and open to attack. Prior to this the prisoners had E-Type dormitory prisons in which they were largely responsible for the running and organization of their camp.

The IRSM are calling on the freestate government to expel the Turkish ambassador to Ireland. We are also calling for a tourist boycott, Irish tourist's money is fueling the Turkish states repression of the Kurds and the death fasters.

Volunteer Davy McNutt RIP.



FINAL SALUTE: Davy's comrades pay their tribute.

On behalf of the Republican Socialist Youth Movement we would like extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and comrades of Derry Brigade Volunteer Davy McNutt who died recently of natural causes. "The struggle for any dream is worthwhile for in the struggle lies the strength and fulfillment to fight for what you believe in."



Ard Fheis rejects any move towards INLA decommissioning

The Irish Republican Socialist Party held its Ard Fheis (National Congress) during December last. Motions were passed in support of the people of Iraq and other countries currently suffering under imperialism. One motion in particular, passed without opposition was a motion concerning the decommissioning of the INLA.

Any such move would leave the IRSP and nationalist working class open to attack from the state and their Loyalist clients espically in the present climate where Sinn Fein and the IRA have all but reached an accomodation with the Brits and soon will don the uniform of the enemy.

There can be no half way shortcuts, we must stop at nothing short of the Republic outlined in the 1916 Proclamation.

The arms the INLA have secured belong to the Irish people, they are used to defend those people and bring about the Republic in the name of those people. We offer our full support and solidarity to the volunteers of the peoples' army.

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