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# BANKS TO LOSE YOUR DEPOSITS ?

Every edition of Iris Dhoire has satirised the advertisement for Mundie's Wines usually carried by the Derry Journal. Our aim - to encourage Derry people not to buy Mundie's Wines as a collective demonstration of our opposition to the unjust and brutal system of apartheid operated in that country.

Such boycotts have proved highly effective in the past. As a result of a student campaign mounted in the 1980's, Barclays Bank was forced to disinvest from South Africa; students simply refused to open any new accounts with the bank whilst it continued to operate there. Acting together these young people denied the white Afrikaaner minority in South Africa some of the financial backing it requires to perpetuate apartheid.

However, economic apartheid is a million miles away from Derry isn't it?

For those who think so, or those who would like us to think so, The Directory of Discrimination (Published 1st March, 1991 by the Equality Working Group, Belfast.) makes very uncomfortable reading. Examining the employment practices of various employers, the Directory reveals that Catholics are still being systematically denied jobs; that male Catholics are two and a half times more likely to be unemployed than their Protestant counterparts and that young Catholics - faced with such a bleak future - are twice as likely to emigrate from Ireland as are young Protestants.

These findings beg the question: Should Nationalists and Republicans support in any way those economic institutions which operate apartheid against us?

The tables also repudiate the claims that new companies setting up in the Six Counties bring with them new jobs for all. It is quite clear that British financial institutions which have set up branches here have had no problems slipping into the sectarian employment practices so beloved by their Orange Order architects of long ago.

Even if you don't have a Bank or Building Society account, consider the implications; the profits of Nationalist businesses are invested with banks that discriminate, thereby keeping young Nationalists out of jobs. Should it be legal for public money, such as city council funds, to be invested with sectarian banks?



BANK / BUILDING SOCIETY	PROTESTANT STAFF	CATHOLIC STAFF
NORTHERN BANK	84%	16%
TRUSTEE SAVINGS	80%	20%
ULSTER BANK	77%	23%
BANK OF IRELAND	42%	58%
ALLIED IRISH BANKS	28%	72%
PROGRESSIVE	95%	5%
LEEDS PERMANENT	91%	9%
HALIFAX	91%	9%
GATEWAY	89%	11%
ABBEY NATIONAL	86%	14%
NATIONWIDE	84%	16%
WOOLWICH	83%	17%
ANGLIA	54%	46%
LEICESTER	54%	46%

# Eagarfhocal

## HOUSING IN CRISIS: Where will your children live?

Where will your children live when they grow up? Are we rushing headlong back into a pre-Civil Rights situation in Derry, with young couples and their babies crowded into their family home, perhaps with other young adult children in similar circumstances, living on top of each other without any privacy and no real hope of getting a home of their own?

Derry's housing situation is now in crisis. The waiting list has never really gone down in the past 20 years. Recent British Government legislation on homelessness has resulted in a whopping 72% increase last year alone in the number of people classed as "A-1 Homeless", who have priority over anyone else. Derry now has the highest number of homeless cases anywhere in the Six Counties with 1,200 waiting to be housed.

At a special meeting of the City Council called to discuss the Housing Executive's 1991/92 Draft Housing Plan, Shantallow Sinn Féin Councillor, Géaróid Ó hÉara pointed out, *"Derry's homeless cases top the league in the 6 counties, because not enough new houses are being built. The points system has been made redundant by the new legislation, and people on the waiting list are quick to realise that their only hope for housing lies in being classified as homeless."*

*"The Housing Executive has just announced plans to build 800 new homes in Derry over the next 5 years. But to cope with this 72% increase they would need to build 500 houses in the next year alone."*

*"This huge backlog was caused by a situation 2 years ago when the Housing Executive had no new home building programme in this city, despite repeated warnings by Sinn Féin and other city councillors, about the crisis this would cause. Sinn Féin have also repeatedly called for the abolition of the new homelessness legislation which would go a long way towards making the points system more equal."*

*"The real solution to Derry's housing crisis is for the Housing Executive to match their new-build projections to housing need."*

## New Bus Shelters

Dodie McGuinness, Sinn Féin Councillor for Creggan, has welcomed the DOE's decision to commission Enterprise Ulster to reinstate bus shelters at Southway, Circular Road, and the Handball Alley at Iniscairn Road.

*"Because these bus shelters are for the benefit of the residents of Creggan, particularly our elderly, we ask people to ensure they are not vandalised, and particularly ask parents and older teenagers to help make young people understand this."*

### Lislane Drive

The refurbishment scheme at Lislane Drive is moving along at a steady pace now, according to Councillor Dodie McGuinness.

*"Given the delays at the start, both contractor and Housing Executive should be congratulated.*

*"However, this refurbishment means that a lot of building materials and heavy machinery are on the streets. Children are creating problems for the workers and endangering themselves by climbing on top of the machinery. One child has already been hurt. With the school holidays underway we need everyone's cooperation so that children keep away from materials and machinery. We ask parents and older teenagers to talk to them before we have a tragedy, or delays occur in getting people back into their homes."*

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th - a special day of commemoration.

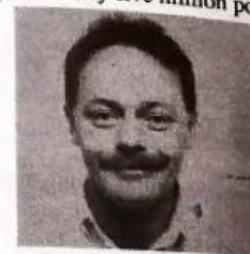
On August 18, 1971, Eamon Lafferty became the first volunteer from the Derry Brigade IRA to be shot dead by the British Army during the current campaign. The following day, Volunteer James O'Hagan was killed on active service. This year, Derry Republicans have set aside Sunday August 18th as a day to mark the twentieth anniversary of the deaths of these volunteers and also to march the tenth anniversary of Derry Hunger Striker Mickey Devine, who died in the H-Blocks on August 20th, 1981.

A march will assemble at 2:30 pm at Creggan Shops and leave at 3 pm for a rally at Free Derry Corner. Everyone is invited to join in this commemoration.

Eamon Lafferty was shot dead below Kildrum Gardens in Creggan during a gunbattle with British troops defending Free Derry. His death sent shockwaves throughout Derry, as he was the first to fall in a direct confrontation with the British Army.

## DUPONT CREDIBILITY DESTROYED

Councillor Hugh Brady challenged DuPont to come clean regarding the former British Oxygen Company site they purchased, which has been publicly revealed this year to be contaminated with tarry wastes and requiring a clean-up costing approximately five million pounds.



• Hugh Brady

According to Brady, *"Dupont have already admitted privately on a number of occasions that they knew the B.O.C. site was contaminated at the time they bought the land in 1978/79, and that a major clean-up was required. Indeed, this factor influenced the purchase price."*

*"Dupont also knew at the time of purchase that tarry waste, a by-product of the Wolfe Production Process, and lime residue created by carbide products, were buried in the land and are seeping into the River Foyle."*

*"This makes a nonsense of the company's recent attempts to portray themselves as 'environmentally friendly' by spending five million pounds on the clean-up process at the B.O.C. site. Stronger words can describe Dupont's actions, but at the very least they misled the public by claiming they only became aware of this toxic waste recently."*

*"This misinformation totally destroys Dupont's credibility on the toxic incinerator issue. Can anyone now seriously trust Dupont to build or administer a toxic waste incinerator? If Dupont were prepared to mislead the public on this point of fact, what would they be prepared to do when massive profits are at stake, such as in the ownership and operation of Ireland's sole toxic waste incinerator?"*



# T.V., SPORT AND PROPAGANDA

Are you well informed about what's going on around you? You are? Congratulations - you've managed to remain immune to the racist bias of the British media, overcome the heavy doses of John Hume - worship which are such a monotonous feature of the *Derry Journal*'s "news coverage", and spotted the way the *Sentinel* seldom tackles anything serious at all. You're obviously aware of the existence of the Free State's Section 31 legislation which censors all press, T.V. and radio reports, and it goes without saying that you know about the broadcasting restrictions under which the British media compiles its reports. But you're on the ball, you know the score, you know what's what, there's no one has the whole bars like you. Right?

## DISTORTION

Unless, of course, you're fooling yourself. Because if by any chance you rely on British, Free State or local press, T.V. or radio for your information then you aren't getting the whole picture. You aren't well informed. You are, unfortunately, an eejit. Think about it. Then ask yourself; just where do you get your opinions from? Who's giving them to you? And why? Do your sources of information leave out or distort any particular point of view? Why? Have they any good reason for keeping you ignorant? (Do you want to be ignorant?)

## TABLOID RACISM

Buying British newspapers and spouting the stories and opinions contained in them doesn't make you an eejit, of course. It makes you an absolute eejit. Because only a absolute eejit pays money to have his or her intelligence insulted. Anyone who gives good money to be kept in a state of ignorance can't be all that wise. Look at the track record of the British press - the Irish are either insulted, or ridiculed as figures of fun, or portrayed as irrational savages. Why? To make you feel inferior,

to create a climate of racist hysteria that allows the imprisonment of innocent Irish men and women for years on end, and to conceal from you, from the British public and from world opinion the real nature and causes of the conflict in Ireland.

## BLOODY SUNDAY

Let's compare two events, and public reaction to them. When British paratroopers murdered fourteen people here in Derry in January 1972, the British media faithfully peddled the lies put out by British Army spokesmen; the dead were all gunmen and bombers. They were not - they were unarmed civil rights marchers, murdered as part of a carefully planned strategy, planned by senior British government and army figures, to blast public protest off the streets. Foul allegations were made against the dead by Britain's press, - allegations which the 'Sun' was happy to repeat in a souvenir issue two years ago commemorating twenty years of British troops strutting Irish streets. There are many in Derry who remember the pain and horror of Bloody Sunday 1972, but there are many too who are quite happy to buy the British version by buying their tabloids.

## HILLSBOROUGH

Compare the reaction of the people of Liverpool. Following the tragedy at Hillsborough soccer stadium two years ago, when over ninety people were crushed to death, the police lie-machine swung into action. Anxious to conceal their own blunders and stupidity they fed the press scandalous stories about the poor unfortunate caught up in the carnage - they had robbed the dead, they had urinated on their bodies, they had spat at police rescuers, etc. Some toned down the allegations, but the 'Sun' was quite happy to reprint them in full. As a result the people of Liverpool boycotted the 'Sun' and even now, two years later, it is viewed with contempt in Liverpool and has never recovered its former sales figures.

## BOYCOTT

Both incidents saw the loss of innocent lives; both incidents saw vile press stories about the dead and about those present at the scenes of suffering. In both cases the 'official' versions of events, which the press had used, were found by subsequent inquiries to be lies. Yet in one case people responded by refusing to buy the scandal sheets that peddles filthy lies about the dead, while in the other....

## BRITISH LIES

Why, after so many years of racism, lies and cover-ups, do Irish people still buy British newspapers? And why, given the attitude of the British media towards the Irish people, do Irish people still repeat Britain's version of events in Ireland? The next time you're holding forth on this or that, dazzling all around you with your brilliant, British, censored, distorted analysis of the world, stop a moment, close your eyes, and listen; they're laughing at you.

## NEW RELEASES!



This track was recorded live in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh

**"We hope this shoots to the top of the charts"**



• Nessun Quinlivan

(Last seen hot footing to 15 Cable St.

to buy their copy of

Music From The Blocks at £5.99)



• Pearse McAuley

# CELEBRATION OF RESISTANCE



Buses

from Derry £3.50  
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**3pm Sun 11th Aug**  
MARCH TO: **DUNVILLE PARK, BELFAST**  
**Main Speaker: GERRY ADAMS MP**

**Sunday 18th August - Derry**

20th Anniv. of 1st. Derry Volunteer,  
Eamonn Lafferty, Killed by British Troops  
10th Anniv. of the Death of Mickey Divine  
2.30pm Assemble Creggan Shops

**Wed. 7th. August**

**7-20 The Claddagh Bar**  
Table Quiz on Internment & Hunger Strike  
Showing of New Hunger Strike Video 8.00pm.  
Table Quiz 9.30pm. - Live Music  
Táille £2.00