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REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES MEET PLO-ANC PERSONNEL

Ruairi O Bradaigh, President of Sinn Féin and Sean Keenan, Manager of An Phoblacht, represented the Republican Movement at a United Nations conference in Vancouver, Canada, which began on May 31st and lasted until June 11th. The meeting was titled the "Habitat Conference and Forum on Human Habitations."

Many member-countries of the U.N. were represented and a number of Liberation Movements, including as well as the Irish Republican Movement the Palestine Liberation Organisation - PLO, the African National Congress - ANC, the Pan-African Congress-PAC and the African National Congress of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

The Organisation of African Unity was also represented and a large

number of non-governmental organisations, including Pax Romana, Christian Peace Conference and the International Peace Academy.

The two Irish Republican representatives had a busy round of press conferences, radio and TV appearances and talks with the different delegations, including states, other liberation movements and non-governmental organisations. They have also been in contact with the Chilean Resistance Movement and the North American Indians.

Very valuable contacts have been made, the facts of the Irish Liberation struggle have been carefully explained to delegations from all five continents and the two representatives will give a press conference on their return to Ireland next week.

BODENSTOWN

The annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration at Bodenvtown was attended by over 20,000 supporters of the Republican Movement. Representatives from many countries pledged their support to the Irish revolutionary struggle for self-determination. Despite increased activity, by the Brits, in the border areas prior to the commemoration thousands crossed the border to be present. Due to REPUBLICAN NEWS going to press a day early this week we have been forced to hold the report and pictures of Bodenvtown until next week.

PRISON OFFICERS MUST REFUSE TO PLAY

THE GAME OF DEATH

The scene is set. The posters are in the windows of houses throughout the North; the petition forms to the NIO are already arriving there; the pamphlets are being circulated by the thousand in all areas. North and South, specially designed T-shirts will soon be on sale everywhere; the media carry the odd statement from interested parties and action groups are active and ready to launch a massive campaign to highlight what is going on. The issue at hand? Political Status for prisoners and with it, the unveiling of the real intentions of the British government in Ireland.

You will be aware of all this activity on the surface and this short article will illustrate the behind-the-scenes aspect in an effort to bring a fuller understanding of how the British deal with "subversives" and of all those who disagree with the British presence in Ireland. All of which follows is factual and is happening as you read this paper.

The simplest analogy to summarise the situation is to describe the moves as in a game of chess, with the Republican Movement at one side and the British at the other. The pieces in the game represent the other parties, the loyalists, the community in general, the "security forces" the Prisons Staffs etc. In fact every person in the occupied 6 counties is represented in one way or another on that chess board. (The equation of course is over-simplified, when one considers that human life is at stake, but it will suffice for the purposes of this exercise.) The state of the game so far is that the British have lost some of their most important pieces

and they are growing tired of the game. They are determined, however to regroup for one final onslaught against the opposition and they have rearranged the board accordingly, with what they think is a well-designed and clever tactic. The trouble is that the Republican Movement has recognised the tactic and has made provision to counter the British intention, even before the British tactic was fully completed. Pawns have been lost by the British but they are ignoring this and in fact are willing to sacrifice more as the game progresses; a game they know they can't win, although the board is virtually cleaned on their side before they accept the inevitable defeat, inglorious though it might be.

The Republican side are in a strong position and their chess pieces are arranged in such a way that the defence is sound and the overall structure intact. Inroads have been and are

to try to gain ground on the tactic of calling all political prisoners by the new title of "Criminals". When that tactic was formulated and the decision by the British to put the screws into the front line they knew that there would be deaths - (just as they knew that the "Primacy of the Police" would also mean that the R.U.C. would be destroyed wholesale). Screws themselves knew that they were being used by Rees and the NIO but did not know how to make their feelings known. A blind acceptance of the inevitability of the situation crept over them and they stood exposed to the wrath of the Republican Movement who have pledged themselves in support of the Prisoners of War.

So, a situation builds up where the NIO make decisions from the safety of Stormont castle, secure in the knowledge that the pawns, the screws, will happily stay in the front line and will blindly

by Dave Morley

continuing to be made into the British side by the Republican Movement which is operating with a confidence born from the fact that it can't lose, with victory an absolute certainty being only a matter of time. A crude analogy? Perhaps not when you look at the use of the pieces by the British and identify the pawns by their proper names. The immediate ones in mind are the Prison Staffs, or screws, as they are known to the Prison world.

The policy makers have decided that the screws are expendable to the game and have pushed them into the front line

implement the death three tactics of their superiors. The really relevant point is that the "Spaskeys" in the NIO don't give a damn about screws or anyone else, while they go through the face saving exercises at which they have become so adept. Screws, RUC personnel, welfare workers, judges - anyone will be sacrificed to the political needs of the day, in this case the removal of political status from the Prisoners of War the British occupied 6 counties. No price will be too high to pay as far as the blind propagandist politicians of the NIO are concerned. They are the prime

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PHOTOGRAPH OF SAS KILLER SQUAD

BRITISH GANGS AND HYPOCRITES

By PETER DOWLING

One of the most despicable hall marks of the British Establishment is their blatant hypocrisy. The British Empire was established by naked force of arms: for centuries the British ruling class has been sending gangs of hired killers around the globe to shoot, pillage, rape and loot. These murder gangs slaughtered whole families in India, and Kenya, tortured women in Cyprus, be-

headed 'terrorists' in Malaya and frequently ran amok in Ireland. Known as the British Army, these gangs were said to be engaging in "peace-keeping" operations and to be saving 'democracy'... In fact, despite their many disguises, they were always carrying out the same task: safe-guarding the power and financial interests of Britain's ruling elite. The bright splashes of red, upon

which the sun never used to set, were the blood of thousands slaughtered defending their homes and countries.

CULTURED

Yet the most cultured of English 'ladies' and 'gentlemen' calmly sipped their afternoon tea secure in the knowledge that 'our boys' were defending 'civilisation' and 'democracy' around the globe. After all anyone

foolish enough to resist the advantages of British rule must be either madmen or criminals or even better, both. The British know what is best for all these ignorant natives be they black, brown or Irish. In Kenya, the British invented the name 'Mau Mau' to make their opponents - the Land and Freedom Army - look like savages. In fact, while 34 Europeans died in four years of fighting, more than 15,000 African 'terrorists' were killed.

WAR EFFORT

A central feature of the current British war effort is to categorise the Provos as common criminals. This is to assist in pushing the R.U.C. back into the areas as, part of the Ulsterization of the war. Whilst the R.U.C. will be met with bricks, bullets and bombs, the propaganda war must also be fought. It is therefore very welcome to learn that the Troops Out Movement is taking a public stand in Britain on this issue. They are organising an Open Forum about Ireland on Saturday June 26th at Conway Hall in London.

According to a press statement received from T.O.M.: "The morning session will examine lessons to be drawn from other colonial wars. For example, during the Algerian war of independence, the French government propaganda continually misrepresented their repression as being a fight against barbarism. Similarly today the British Government claims that Irish Republicans are nothing more than common criminals and thus no longer entitled to political prisoner status. Speakers will include Tariq Ali on Algeria and British withdrawal from India, Tony Cliff on British colonialism in Palestine, writer Eamon Mc Cann and pacifist Pat Arrowsmith."

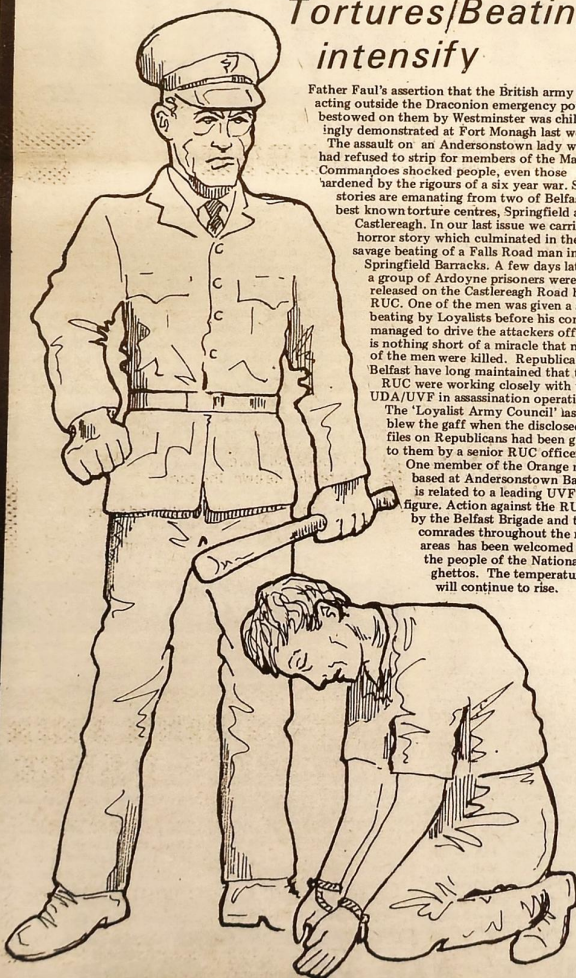
The afternoon session of this Forum is entitled "No British Solution Troops Out." Discussion will be on the British Labour Movement and Ireland including the delegation which will be coming here in mid-September. I understand that all Republicans in the London area will be very welcome to attend this Forum.

SPRINGFIELD - CASTLEREAGH RUC STATIONS:

Tortures/Beatings intensify

Father Faul's assertion that the British army are acting outside the Draconian emergency powers bestowed on them by Westminster was chillingly demonstrated at Fort Monagh last week. The assault on an Andersonstown lady who had refused to strip for members of the Marine Commandos shocked people, even those hardened by the rigours of a six year war. Similar stories are emanating from two of Belfast's best known torture centres, Springfield and Castlereagh. In our last issue we carried the horror story which culminated in the savage beating of a Falls Road man in the Springfield Barracks. A few days later a group of Ardoyne prisoners were released on the Castlereagh Road by the RUC. One of the men was given a severe beating by Loyalists before his comrades managed to drive the attackers off. It is nothing short of a miracle that none of the men were killed. Republicans in Belfast have long maintained that the RUC were working closely with the UDA/UVF in assassination operations. The 'Loyalist Army Council' last year blew the gaff when the disclosed that files on Republicans had been given to them by a senior RUC officer.

One member of the Orange militia based at Andersonstown Barracks is related to a leading UVF figure. Action against the RUC by the Belfast Brigade and their comrades throughout the rural areas has been welcomed by the people of the Nationalist ghettos. The temperature will continue to rise.



NEW CUMANN STANDS FIRMLY BEHIND PEOPLE IN COUNCIL DISPUTE

The Cumann which was found recently in the Coox Demeane area, fully supports the demands of the tenants in the all electric houses. The Cumann has undertaken to collect the signatures of the tenants. Their response to the Cumann members was, "it is about time someone done something. The Free-State Minister for Local Government Jim Tully informed a deputation of the Dundalk Urban District Council that they Council could provide the new fireplaces, that was in 1975. Recently the people have been told they must pay themselves. The Minister stated that the Government could not afford the expenditure. Yet they are

millions of pounds spent on so-called Free-State security. The Cumann is prepared for a big slog to highlight the grievance.

Whatever help the Cumann can give to the local people, to organise them into a district Council through the Tenants Association, it has come to our notice that some people in the area are against the actions of the Cumann. It is obvious that the limelight has been taken from them. We can assure the people of the district of our continued support in this present campaign against the Minister.

Is MSe,
Chairman: Andrew Corbett.
PRO: Josephine Finnegan.

MARINE COWARDS HIT YOUNG BOY WITH BRICK

The Marine Commandos, due to leave West Belfast this week, scored another victory for Queen and country on Tuesday last when they hit a 10 year old boy on the head with a brick. The boys dog had been 'worrying' the green berated cowards near Casement Park when one of the patrol lifted a brick and tried to hit the animal on the head. The missile missed the target by several feet and struck the youngster. The patrol told a woman who came to the boys aid '--- him, he deserves it anyway'.

STORMONT THE OLD AND THE NEW

When the Stormont Parliament was prorogued in March '72, its downfall caused an outburst of widely differing emotions throughout the North. In an atmosphere of wild euphoria, the Catholic and Nationalist people were jubilant for them the event signalled the end of a hated regime, which had systematically repressed them for the previous fifty years. At the same time, to the Loyalist and Protestant people, it represented a cruel betrayal and even threatened to expose them to, at least the possibility that, Britain might sell them into a Catholic-dominated United Ireland.

CIVIL RIGHTS

That such diametrically opposed emotions were aroused 'with the collapse of Stormont and on clearly defined sectarian lines was, in itself, indicative of the nature of that particular body. To fully understand the reasoning which dictated the British action, it is necessary to look briefly at the function of the old Stormont, why it was instituted and, with the benefit of hindsight, what exactly the British were attempting with it when they appeared to have totally disposed of it. Even a brief assessment would suggest that the euphoria and jubilation was, at least, premature if not ill-advised.

The old partitionist parliament at Stormont was a typical British institution which was designed, primarily, to maintain and protect British institutions in the province. The British had successfully introduced sectarianism to the Irish political and social life and had carefully nurtured a fanatical religious bigotry for their own vested interests; it was this fanatical loyalty that was to provide the power base for the Protestant Unionist ascendancy which became as universally hated as Stormont itself.

self. The New regime, lording it from Stormont was sectarian, authoritarian and extremely repressive but, with the weight of the Orange Order behind it and the British military resources made readily available, it had little difficulty in surviving. But, by the late sixties, Irish society had changed dramatically and Stormont, still slumping in the twenties, failed to take account of the change. Catholics in general were becoming restless and the new Catholic middle-class were deeply resentful of the inhibitions placed on them which left them at a serious disadvantage in relation to their Protestant counterparts. With the birth of the Civil Rights Movement, the prevailing mood of discontent inevitably spilled out on to the streets and, assisted by savage and violent Loyalist/RUC reaction, provided the first real challenge to Stormont; the very existence of the statelet was threatened and 'Ulster' was indeed at the infamous crossroads.

The British quickly realised that the only solution would be the speedy implementation of fundamental reforms (enough to placate the C.R.A. and, especially, the Catholics middle-class) and began to pressurise their puppets at Stormont in an effort to return to 'normality'. But this was, for the ruling Unionist clique at Stormont out of the question. Several generations of brainwashing and the 'not an inch' philosophy left their fanatical Loyalist supporters firmly entrenched in sixteenth century pure orangeism and even mild reforms would be regarded by them as mere concessions in the face of 'Republican agitation' and, therefore, a betrayal. The Unionist aristocracy found themselves shackled by the monster they had so meticulously created, unable to concede anything but a few meaningless and ineffectual reforms, which did nothing to ease the increasingly violent

situation, and they were, by now, playing for time - and that had run out. From that moment the old-style Stormont was doomed, and it was, almost, a self-inflicted wound. British interests required an institution which retained at least enough credibility to ensure a certain level of stability; the inability of the Unionists to comply with British dictates sealed the fate of Stormont.

The Republicans sought neither reforms nor concessions, only the destruction of the Northern Statelet, seizing the golden opportunity which presented itself, they commenced a military campaign. Inevitably, as the bombing and shooting increased, Internment was introduced and resistance grew, to be followed by savage reprisals, culminating in Bloody Sunday in Derry, forcing the British Government into action at a time which was not of their choosing, and certainly not of their liking.

POWER-SHARING

In the four years since Stormont was prorogued, the British conception of the new Stormont has slowly but clearly emerged. It requires a certain 'Power-Sharing' between traditional Unionists and the glibbeed Catholic 'politicians'; it also requires that the Catholic people accept the 'reformed' RUC and that they accept the sovereignty of the 'state' and give their allegiance to it. Read the SDLP manifesto and compare it with the Alliance and UPNI ones. But, above all, it requires that the Republican Movement be depoliticised, criminalised and utterly smashed. If the new Stormont is to succeed and if British financial interests are to be protected, only then, perhaps, can Gerry Fitt lead the chanters 'Stormont is dead: long live Stormont!'

They Shot George Jackson

A court-room contestation implicates the California Police in the death of George Jackson

THE DEATH of George Jackson on August 21, 1971, was the result of a planned assassination on the orders of the Californian police, according to Louis E. Tackwood, black agent-provocateur and informer, who claims he killed Jackson at the instigation of the Californian State Bureau of Identification. Tackwood's startling accusation, reported in American news magazine *Seven Days*, emerged in testimony at the trial of the San Quentin Six in San Rafael, California. The six are charged with the killing of three guards, and three other convicts during the break-out attempt in which George Jackson, black revolutionary and author of *Soledad Brother* was shot dead.

In court Tackwood was asked by Charles Garry, attorney for one of the six, what his last completed assignment in Northern California had been: 'To assassinate George Jackson', Tackwood replied.

In the recess, Tackwood enlarged on the matter to the press, alleging a plot to free Jackson had been known about by police as early as October 1970. Tackwood's task had been to become involved, set the wheels in motion, so that in the context of a successful escape, there would be ample pretext for killing Jackson, as he attempted to flee.

In the event, the plot misfired slightly according to Tackwood, because of rivalry between branches of the law-enforcement agencies, the Identification Bureau, and the Criminal Conspiracy Section (CCS), whose plot involved the planting of a gun, a .38, within the prison compound. The Identification Bureau plan went off two days earlier than that of CCS, leaving the embarrassing gun to be explained, and spirited out of the prison.

Judge Broderick warned Tackwood that his testimony lay him open to a charge of first-degree murder. Tackwood's reply, relayed to reporters afterwards, was that in that case he would implicate some twenty-five other agents and Californian State Officials including the Attorney General, Evelle Younger.

Refusing to take the trial into areas he felt would 'confuse the jury', Judge Broderick said: 'This might be the most important story in California law enforcement in 30 years, but tell it to a grand jury. We'll end up trying the L.A. Police Department.'

Despite some scepticism of the evidence of Tackwood, who has apparently turned against his former employers after a series of meetings with L.A. radicals, a process he describes in his book *The Glass House Tapes*, many Californians closely involved in the case feel he may be telling the truth.

WE ONLY WANT THE EARTH



Some men, faint-hearted, ever seek
Our programme to retouch,
And will insist, whene'er they speak
That we demand too much.
'Tis passing strange, yet I declare
Such statements give me mirth,
For our demands most moderate are,
We only want the earth....

The 'labour fakir'
Base doctrine over preaches,
And whilst he bleeds the rank and file
Tame moderation teaches.
Yet, in despite, we'll see the day
When, with sword in its girth,
Labour shall march in war array
To realise its own, the earth.

For Labour long, with sighs and tears,
To its oppressors kneit.
But never yet, to aught save fears,
Did the heart of tyrant melt.
We need not kneel, our cause no dearth
Of loyal soldiers' needs
And our victorious rallying cry
Shall be WANT THE EARTH.

Songs of Freedom 1907.

MURPHY SHUNS SCHOOLS DEBATE

A public debate was held on Wednesday 9th June 1976 in the Ballymurphy area of Belfast regarding the future of St. Thomas' School. An invitation had been sent out to Canon Padraigh Murphy, the 'chairman' of the 'school committee', to attend the debate to counter the recent accusations of Sinn Fein that four and a half million pounds had been diverted from St. Thomas' into St. Louis's school, and to defend the continued existence of the unelected 'school committee.'

Canon Murphy did not attend the debate. Sinn Fein accepts this as confirmation of their accusations.

The debate was attended however, by the principal of St. Thomas' school who encouraged the formation of a Parents' Association, the secondary purpose of the debate, to ensure better liaison between the local people and the teaching staff. He disassociated himself from the policies

of Canon Murphy as the school 'manager' and confirmed, however, indirectly, the secrecy surrounding the dealings of the 'school committee.'

Sinn Fein took this opportunity to point out that its particular interest in St. Thomas's reflected its concern about the education system as a whole, where the future, of working-class children was dictated by faceless middle-class personalities.

PRO: Belfast Executive.

LUTON SINN FEIN CHARITY DANCE

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL LUTON SINN FEIN CHARITY DANCE AND IRISH SOCIAL EVENING FOR MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND GUESTS.

DANCING TO A LOCAL IRISH BAND WITH GUEST SINGERS.

TICKETS 50p (60p at door) Available from Cumann members or paper sellers.

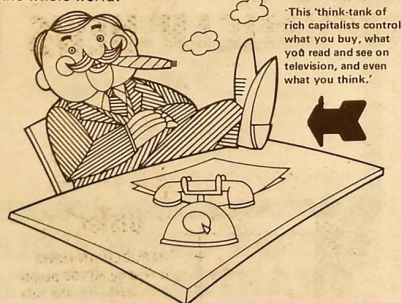
Commences 8 pm until midnight.

Bar extension applied for.

BRITS DO CLEAN UP ON UNACCEPTABLE FACE OF CAPITALISM

The British Government are at present carrying out one of their typical and by now, famous window-dressing exercises. This has become necessary in order to clean-up the British image, throughout the world. More especially, to combat the current unrest and discontent among their own working class in Britain. This unrest is a natural consequence, following the implementation of a series of repressive laws which at first glance were designed to counter the so-called terror of the IRA. It has now been clearly seen that those laws (Prevention of Terrorism Act in particular) have and are being used against all radical and left wing groups within the UK. There have also been distinct moves on the part of the British Government to use this act to combat normal trade union action. This can be seen by the various amendments to the Act (i.e. an amendment which covers trespass). This can be used against trade unionists who take part in sit-ins etc. and has already been used to jail people who have taken part in pickets.

As with all capitalist-right-wing dictatorships (which is what both conservative and labour Social Democrats are) they find that the further they move to bolster their rich ruling class to placate right wing elements, the more they add fuel to the revolutionary fire. Consequently as the natural spiral of repression gains momentum, right-wing fascism comes more and more to the fore, until this fascism becomes so blatant that it is obvious to the whole world.



Capitalism cannot afford this. For in order for capitalism to work efficiently and successfully exploit, as it is meant to, it must always be disguised under the veil of so-called democracy. No-one recognises this fact more than the British version of the species. They have their policy makers who operate and control parliament,

can be done, by thinking, questioning, and acting, then we will show these 'Paddies' that such action does not pay.

The Irish will get no justice from Britain. "We will put them in front of massive show trials, we'll try and convict them by press and television and we will especially show them no mercy. No don't think about unemploy-

ment, low wages, high prices or bad housing." Don't think about corrupt politicians, big business men who keep tens of thousands on the poverty line so that they can maintain their positions of power, privilege and wealth.

The television and gutter press build up images of film stars, pop stars and football stars. The media is filled with sex, scandal and filth. All of course, designed to block your mind. You are urged to try and emulate the 'stars' etc. This is how you should live, they say. / All of this can be yours, if only you work hard, get the 'breaks' etc. in their great 'democracy.' Work and don't think, don't question and most of all don't act. Don't think about repressive laws. They are directed against the 'stupid Irish,' who are not to be taken seriously and who are made to look foolish by the use of carefully fostered anti-Irish jokes. Alternatively, if anyone does take them seriously for standing up for their rights and showing what

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facade of democracy and justice.

The steps the British have taken to counter such adverse publicity has taken many forms. The most obvious has been the massive publicity, given to the releases of what could be described as

by Terry Connolly

ial system, and thrust upon them by the blatant injustices in this case. The other man, Meehan suited the purpose even better, in that he came from an even more restless working-class area, Glasgow. The people of Scotland have shown an



'NO, DON'T THINK ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT, LOW WAGES, HIGH PRICES, OR BAD HOUSING.'

This unacceptable face of capitalism, as Callaghan himself describes it, must remain hidden at all costs. This, they have been unable to do, as events of the past year show. For instance, their obvious selective and blatant use of 'Prevention of Terrorism Act' against the Irish community in Britain. This 'apparent' racist (read political) oppression of the Irish in Britain, after being carefully cultivated, has gotten out of hand (must be disguised). The British judicial system has been exposed as farcical and held up to ridicule due to their involvement and complete commitment in trials of Irishmen and women, reminiscent of the Stalinist era in Russia in the 50s.

Judges blurt out anti-Irish diatribe at trials, unable to hide their fascism. One judge in sentencing some Irish men, expressed regret 'that he could ONLY sentence these people to the maximum declared by law. It has become impossible due to the world wide publicity given to these trials and such outbursts, for the British establishment to hide behind their

two men, representative of the British working class (criminal). The fact that these men were nothing more than victims (as their release shows) of British capitalist state vengeance is also relevant. One man, George Davis, came from the Eastend of London and the other Patrick Meehan from Glasgow, both densely populated working-class areas of Britain. The strategy behind the exercise is in fact similar to that which Pontius Pilate used, when he asked the Jews to choose between Christ and Barabbas. Pilate's motives were 1 to placate the Pharisees and Jewish people and 2. to wash his hands: publicly of responsibility for any subsequent acts carried out. Likewise this public 'washing of hands' by the British capitalist establishment is identical, although carried out with much more subtlety and characteristic British hypocrisy. The two subjects for the exercise were perfect. Davis was an ideal 'sop' to a working class area that was becoming more and more restless, due to an awareness of the corrupt judic-

acute awareness of British capitalist state bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, amidst all this apparent public self-castigation the 'crucifixion' of the Irish people goes on. The show trials go on. The massive sentences, intimidation, victimisation and harassment continues unabated, with no word of protest from the British working-class. The British working-class have chosen 'Barabbas' The British Government 'washes its hands' and the Irish will be 'crucified.'

This is capitalism, British style, which must be hidden and disguised at all costs. The fools, they have only steered the tide, and they fear! They fear the 'thing' that is coming. That 'thing' which has been shown to the British working class by the example of the Irish people! To think, question and act. The Irish revolution will yet swamp the British capitalist class. They realise that defeat of their imperialist exploitation of Ireland will ultimately lead to the defeat of capitalist exploitation in Britain.

NEWS FROM ENGLISH PRISONS



On Monday 17 May at 7.40 p.m. Eddie Caughey, a leading member of An Cumann Cabhrach in Birmingham, was arrested by the secret police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He was held overnight in Solihull police station and then taken, hand-cuffed, to London the following afternoon. John Higgins (Luton) the Ard-Comhairle member for Britain, was arrested leaving work in London. Also arrested elsewhere were several British mercenaries including John Banks, well-known for his Angolan capers. Most of the Brits were soon released including Banks.

Eddie and John, neither of whom knew that the other, until Thursday, were continuously questioned by the police. The lights in their cells were kept on 24 hours a day, the heating was turned up full blast and they could not sleep because the pigs kept banging the cell doors. For most of the time solicitors and relatives were denied access to them.

Outside the station the Trade Union Committee against the P.T.A. maintained a nightly picket. On Saturday, 22nd May, Eddie was charged with soliciting radio equipment, John and 2 Brits with the same plus soliciting 1,000 M1 carbines and ammo. When they appeared in court on Monday 24th bail was refused and they were remanded in custody to Brixton prison.

While most of Eddie's family were in London for the court the Birmingham police finally got around to raiding his house, one week, to the day, after his arrest. (Rather odd that). There were only 2 kids at home then. By the time they left the house looked as if a herd of pigs had rampaged through it. One of the girls, who came in from shopping during the raid, was told to 'shut up or we will take you down to the station and plant something on you as well,' when she objected to the police behaviour.

Eddie was a very active member of An Cumann Cabhrach helping all the prisoners and their relatives, too active for the establishment's liking, so they decided to get him out of the way on a trumped up charge like so many other Irish political activists in Britain today.

GARTREE

Paul Holmes (of the Belfast 10) has been moved here from Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.

Peter Shortt (Belfast) has completed the latest term of solitary imposed on him by the regime in Wakefield for 'offences' committed there.

P.O.W.'s here are allowed to watch TV for 3 hours a day - the programmes which are selected by the authorities. Most of them however ignore this 'privilege' and prefer to indulge in political and other discussions with the ordinary prisoners. The authorities are very

concerned over these contacts, which are occurring on an ever-increasing and more amicable scale, despite all the warders' attempts to isolate the Irish political prisoners.

Recently the warders, acting on 'information' received or overheard, (remember, walls have ears here) ransacked all the P.O.W.'s cells, knocking holes in the walls etc. They were looking for 'you know what.' They searched the recreation

rooms next. After that they turned over the cells of Irish prisoners (non-political) who are on friendly terms with the lads. Although several hours were spent in an intensive search they did not manage to turn anything up. As the fella said:- The devil makes work for idle hands.

A little bird tells us that both Gartree and Long Lartin are being expanded, to cater for 'special prisoners.'

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movers of Brit policies and they can not defeat the Provisional Movement but the game must be played out until the very end, regardless.

WAFFLE

Merlyn Rees will come on T.V. with that familiar bland expression on his face and will pronounce that this or that will now be the new policy of the 'security forces' or the prison administration, and will state in his own particular waffling style that 'this is the way it has to be.'

He will not say however that he has spent time with his advisors coldly calculating approximately how many people will have to die (the pawns) to see that the tactic whatever it might be, is carried out. He was a school teacher so presumably he is able to tally with reasonable certainty that so many of this section, and so many of that section will be killed. The game must go on, and the stiff upper lip must be maintained at all costs. What are a few screws lives in comparison to that tactic the ending of political status for

prisoners of war? Nothing! Merlyn says that's the way it has to be, and he's their boss, so they will suffer the fate of all pawns - the expendable cannon fodder.

It is perhaps too much to expect screws to suddenly do an about turn and refuse to be used in the manner described. Willing tools they might be, but unless they recognise the lunacy of their situation and the way they are being used they will pay a high price for their blind acceptance of the policies of Rees and the NIO war-mongers.

ACTION GROUPS

The prison service has the means by which they can let their voice be heard loud and clear. They can use their association to bring pressure to bear on Rees and can point out to him the absolute futility of what he is trying to achieve. Do that and they have a chance of removing themselves from the front line.

Your role? As I have mentioned above, there are action groups set up all over the North, through which co-ordinated

protests and petitions will be organised. These groups will be reinforcing the fact that prisoners of war are there because of their resistance to the British presence in Ireland - not for self gain as Rees and Newman would have the population believe. If that message is hammered home to the war mongers then it might cause them to ponder on the bankruptcy of the 'criminality' project they have embarked upon. Contact the action groups or your local Sinn Fein Cumann. They will give you details of the resistance policies and will provide machinery through which you can let your voice be heard.

If you have a relative or friend in prison because of the war situation you should act immediately. The prisoners are depending on you at this crucial time. Don't let them down. Join Sinn Fein and protest on their behalf. You could be saving lives by your actions and at the same time be exposing the British administration for what they really are; war mongers who will sacrifice anyone to foist their dirty policies and black propaganda the people of Ireland. **YOU CAN STOP THEM!**

The Words of Connolly

Jan. 1915.

There is no such thing as a humane or civilised war. War may be forced upon a subject race or subject class to put an end to subjection of race, class or sex. When so waged it must be waged thoroughly and relentlessly but with no delusion as to its elevating nature, or civilizing methods.

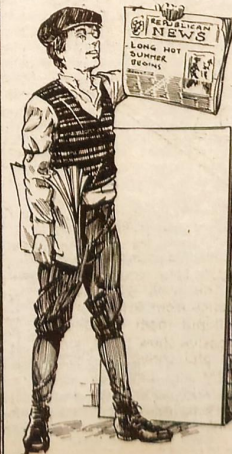
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To my mind an agitation to attain a political or economic end must rest upon an implied willingness and ability to use force. Without that it is mere wind and attitudinizing.

English 'revolutionary socialists' please note.

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"What I ask you, would happen to our great shipbuilding industry to our world-famous aircraft factory if we were to merge with an Irish Republic? No more Admiralty orders for huge aircraft carriers. No more defence contracts for planes and missiles for Britain's air force." Lord Terence O'Neill speech in 1964.

The above was quoted by Claud Gordon in the Sunday Press (13/6/76) and then Gordon continues with his own comments "Those were the days. The days when thoughtless people in Glengall Street and elsewhere still retained a faith in the dying imperialist doctrine that trade follows the flag. No merger took place with an Irish Republic but those vast and bountiful contracts have vanished. The aircraft factory is a shadow of its former self, and the shipyard is on its last legs."

Once the employer of a 20,000 plus workforce, as present 10,000 payroll is threatened with imminent cuts of at least a half, with the likelihood that an additional 10,000 jobs in ancillary industries could also be lost as a result.

The only reason firm forecasts are not being made for the total shutdown of the yard is that the very prospect would be so politically and economically catastrophic as to be unthinkable....."

Now I suggest you read the following.

THE MYTH OF LOYALIST ULSTER

"A sturdy independence of spirit is part of the myth of Loyalist Ulster, but this is self-deceiving, for from the end of the 18th century until very recently, the Loyalists have clung to England and depended on her for protection and, in the course of time for doles."

In the second half of the 19th century Belfast was unique in Ireland, a large industrial city, closely bound by commerce and manufacturing dependence to the industrial complex of north west Britain. In the second half of the twentieth century Belfast is commercially and industrially no more than a smaller Dublin, larger Cork. It's dependence on Britain derives from the stubborn British refusal to face the truth about Britain's new position in the world and to relinquish the last colony.

DESTROYED MORE THAN SUNNINGDALE

The phase of the Industrial Revolution in which Belfast attained its special position in has long since passed: the linen mills are no more and the ship building industry is a branch of the bureaucracy which for the moment helps to sustain Northern Ireland while it helps to cripple Britain. Belfast is still odd in its condescensional division of labour Catholics largely in service industries and Protestants in manufacturing industries but this is an important situation. The indications are that the highly effective UWC strike destroyed more than Sunningdale settlement: it also destroyed an artificial economy which was sustained more by politics than by commercial efficiency.

(Liam de Paor column 'Roots' Irish Times 8/6/76)

SIMPSON'S GLOOMY FINDINGS

There seems to be only one economist in the six counties, or so the press and the two television channels would have us believe, he is on the box almost every night and quoted in the press on every occasion. His name John Simpson, works at Queens University, and is the son of the one time Stormont

M.P. for Oldpark. Our John is very popular with the Establishment because he tells them what they want to hear. On this occasion, I am quoting, he did a good job for that 'independent review magazine' Fortnight (4/6/76). His gloomy findings are that industry in the six counties has suffered a loss of competitiveness far greater than in the UK, and apart from loss of efficiency and productivity a very big factor has been the introduction of national income policies which help the lower

LIAM MAC

paid and thus helped the workers in the six counties and also closed the gap between the earnings of the British worker and the lower paid six counties worker. As an example Simpson quotes that in 1965 the workers average wage was only 84 per cent of the British worker.

1970 the gap closed until it was 88 per cent, then in 1975 the gap was a mere 95 per cent difference. So Simpson reminds his readers of the importance of the need of having an earnings differential if the six county working class hope to have jobs.

His father should remind John that a slave can always get a job.

When one reads the editorial of the same magazine one gets the feeling that Simpson's article was merely a back-up for the editors comments....

"Unless this is offset by higher productivity, lower wages and overheads, or increased government subsidy, there is no reason why production should not be concentrated in Britain or Europe. Ulster and Ireland must not be led to expect equal prosperity with their countrymen in Britain and the heartland of Europe...In political terms the message is that there are good arguments for pressing for greater economic devolution, so that the pressures for parity within integrated economic market can be offset by local government action designed to reduce local standards of living so as to maintain employment."

FOAMING AT THE MOUTH

Joe Burns, Johnnie McQuade, plus Mad Mitch and Frank Kitson we've had them all with their ideas of how to settle the problem of the six counties, they ranged from taking hostages and shooting one hostage out of every ten, to burning down every Catholic town and village. In an article in the Opinion columns of the Irish Times (8/6/76) J.J. Brennan, Headmaster of the Royal School Armagh, not only seems to agree with these methods but has added quite a few of his own.

What he would like the RUC and the Brits to do is sit down and think out logically new responses to those who oppose them, even if the means are not lawful.

For instance if anything happens in his schoolroom, he doesn't try to find out the individual boy who was guilty, he keeps on punishing the whole class until the guilty boy does own up. He recommends his method to the thugs of the RUC and the Brits.

When the people in 1971 refused to pay rents and rates as a protest against internment, Brennan is angry that the authorities took a long time before they stopped the amount owed from their social benefits

the rates and rent should have also been taken from the workers wages. But the authorities should not have stopped at that, they should have also stopped all services to any area where 50 per cent of the people were on rent and rate strike....this reminds me of the days of Billy Hull and his gangsters in LAW Billy had all his plans set to stop gas supplies in Derry, until he was advised that the 'loyalists' in Derry would also suffer.....

J.J. has also a cure for the

That my friends is the sort of hate that pervades this rag of Paisley, sold every fortnight at fourpence.

GREAT POLITICAL SKILL

"If ever there was any doubt that the Provos are a serious political organisation capable of acting with great political skill, it must surely have been dispelled by their activity over the past few weeks. Given an opportunity by the government's foolish emphasis on the 'primacy



members of 'loyalist' organisations...from the NILP to the Orange Order, that the Provos will win unless (A) These who want to maintain the union will refuse to be provoked by the Provos. (B) To put up with the fumbblings of Merlyn Rees and bend all their energy to influence the Parliament and government of the UK to treat N.I. as an integral part of the UK and to regard the Provos threat to detach it as a threat to the UK itself. The little colonialists keep marching on with no place to go.

of the police' they have grasped it with both hands.....The Provos are calling the shots and nearly every other political tendency involved in the situation is dancing to their tune. And yet Merlyn Rees persists in calling them 'criminal' and deny their political motivation let alone their consummate political skill." (Workers Weekly 29/5/76).

The above quotation is from a long article in the Loyalist/Communist Workers Weekly in which they are trying to get the message over their readers, the majority of whom are

New Lodge Newington Short Strand Ardoyne

BRITS ENGAGED IN REIGN OF TERROR

Arrests, raids and harrassment continue to increase in the New Lodge, Newington, Short Strand and Ardoyne areas. At least fifteen young men from these areas were arrested within the past week and taken to Castle-reagh Interrogation Centre and held for at least 72 hours and in some cases even longer.

In an incident in the New Lodge area the British Army fired three rubber bullet rounds through the window of a house in Annadale Street. They then smashed in the door of the house and ransacked the interior. Fortunately there was no one at home at the time otherwise there could have been serious injury. The Brits then used a saracen to break down the gates of the adjoining paint store and at the same time smashed the door of a neighbouring house. A very thorough search of at least half a dozen houses and a nearby social club lasted nearly four hours but nothing was found. The reason given for this incursion was that a gunman had used one of the houses to fire on the Brits. Local residents can verify that no shots were fired and the first they knew of the incident was when the Brits fired the rubber bullets. A few nights previous to this every house in an adjoining street was searched, some of them twice.

Harrassment of Sinn Fein members has also greatly increased. One member in particular has been arrested half a dozen times in the past few weeks. Last week he was arrested twice and received a

punch on the eye which left him with a very badly swollen and bruised eye. Each time he was held for four hours. The last time he was threatened that the next time he wouldn't get out to complain. This same lad had his window mysteriously smashed by a brick at 2am, one morning last week. Another member was badly beaten in North Queen Street before being taken to the Police Station and charged with assaulting seven soldiers. He had to have four stitches in his lip and seven in his head. Another male member was arrested and held for four hours while pasting posters around the area recently. The other members with him had their names taken and the posters were torn down off the walls. In the latest incident on Saturday night the British Army burst into the Incident Centre and attempted to arrest a young female member. One woman who was in the centre with a complaint was punched by the Brits and left in a very distressed state.

There is a noticeable increase in British Army patrols in these areas. Foot patrols stop women and search their bags. Almost everyone is stopped and 'P' checked and vehicle checkpoints are being set up at almost every entrance to these areas. Merlyn Rees announced recently that because of the spate of sectarian murders more troops were being brought into Belfast from country areas. Well it's obvious where they were posted. In the New Lodge, Ardoyne, Newington, Oldpark and Cavehill areas.

IAN WAR TALKING

Anyone reading the last issue of the 'Protestant Telegraph' (5/6/76) got their monies worth in hate, bigotry and a free supplement of the religious broadcast from the leader. On the front page we are told not to concern ourselves with the Johnny-come-lately loyalists like Glenn Barr, or the almost forgotten Brian Faulkner, who are trying to discredit the USC efforts of saving 'Ulster'.

"The question must be simply put, is Ulster to be defended with arms or is Ulster to go down without them? Their battle is my battle. Their Province is my Province. Where they go I will go. And where they stand, I will stand with them. Let peace be sought through war...Oliver Cromwell's motto."

That is Ian the war talking, then the boy changes his robe and wears the mantle of Enoch Powell on pages four and six, to tell his readers the sorry state of the country (and of course as a true Brit, he means England) is due to the trade unions running the country and who alone are responsible for inflation, the second and third partners in the tragedy of Britain no longer being an imperial power are of course the coloureds and the Irish who are allowed to live in the country and practise their foreign religions and exploit the government in every possible way even if it leads to bankruptcy.

When the loyalist of Britain under the banner of the National Front legally demonstrate and protest, they are furiously attacked by large crowds of coloureds and Irish.

Give these people an inch and they will take a mile."

THE GUARDIAN

Saturday June 5 1978

FROM PALE PINK TO BRIGHT ORANGE

by Sean MacNeill

A.J.P. Taylor, the well-known English historian and black-listed Guardian leader writer, points out in an interview with "Troops Out," the magazine of the Troops Out Movement this month that "The Guardian, contrary to its attitude of fifty years ago when it was the champion of Irish Freedom, seems now to have become the advocate of partition and of the Protestant hegemony."

When Belfastman John Cole quit his job as Guardian deputy editor to move to the English establishment's other favourite newspaper, the Foreign Office-subsidised Observer many thought that this pro-Orange trend would be reversed or stopped. In fact the move to the right on Irish affairs has increased with the Guardian openly calling on the British government to order the SAS men captured in Co. Louth to jump bail and transfer them to fight in England's other dirty war in Oman.

A new all time low was reached recently when Derek Brown, the Guardian's man in Belfast, used racist attacks

Previous UFF bomb and gun attacks on pubs and workmen's huts and the like, have almost all been carried out on the basis of crude sectarian retaliation. In most cases, the victims have been selected only for their Catholic faith.

The latest attack, however, was slightly different. The Fusco family, of which there are several branches in Belfast, is of Italian extraction. From an early stage in the troubles the clan name has been regularly in the news.

THE EXTRACT FROM THE 'GUARDIAN'

on Irish citizens of Italian extraction to justify the murderous assault by murder gangs of the UFF on the Fusco family from Mountain View Parade in Ardoyne.

On June 5th, reporter Brown told his readers that: "Previous UFF bomb and gun attacks on pubs and workmen's huts and the like have almost all been carried out on the basis of crude sec-

tarian retaliation. In most cases, the victims have been selected only for their Catholic faith.

"The latest attack, however, was slightly different. The Fusco family, of which there are several branches in Belfast, is of Italian extraction. From an early stage in the troubles, the clan name has been regularly in the news."

Protests about this racist poison from members of the Irish-Italian community in London have gone unanswered, but this time the upper-class "liberal" organ of the Establishment may know that they have gone too far. The racist paragraphs were removed from the edition circulating in London's "Little Italy" at the bottom of Gray's Inn Road near the Guardian's head office.

As stickers on the walls in London point out, "the Irish war has changed the Guardian from pale pink to bright orange."

LABOUR PARTY GANGSTERS

MORE NAMES FOR LIST



Recently we published the names of members of the Brit Labour Party who had been charged with criminal offences. As Rees and his lackies press on with their blueprint to 'depoliticise' the Irish struggle, thus inferring that the IRA Freedom Fighters are 'criminals', REPUBLICAN NEWS will continue to add to the list of Labour Party gangsters. Some more for your collection. (courtesy Scottish Republican Clubs)

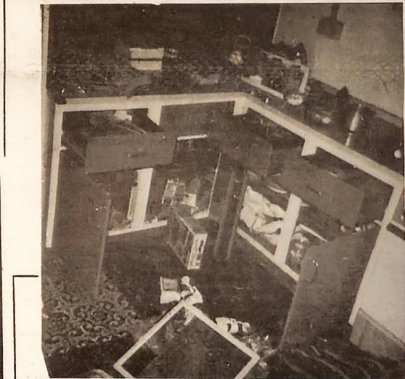
WILLIAM SMITH: (34) Teacher and Labour councillor, dishonestly fiddling £400 from expenses-9 months- Easington, Co. Durham.
Col. JAMES SMAIL: Former sheriff of Berwick, fined £75 for drunk driving following a dispute inside the Labour Party in N. Islington involving MP Michael O'Halloran. Two Labour party members called on a woman involved in the dispute and whacked her on the head with a bottle shouting 'This is for Michael O'Halloran'.
LABOUR PARTY CLUB, Castlemilk, Glasgow. Every member of the staff, including the steward, sacked for fiddling.
MARGARET SWINTON, WILLIAM GIBSON, WILLIAM CLARKE, All charged with corruptly accepting a free holiday from an electrical firm. Top Scots detectives are now investigating a total of 25 councillors (in addition to the above) Strathclyde is a Labour run region.

JAMES MILLAR: (55) 24 Bourne Rd. Inchinnan, police inspector, fined £100 for stealing whiskey from a prisoner and replacing it with a bottle of coloured water.

GEOFFERY HENDERSON: Wakefield district council, two charges of fiddling expenses.

ROBIN SWABY: Police constable, Avon & Somerset, burglary, malicious wounding, 2 years jail.

ANTHONY BETTERIDGE: Police constable, Beds. charged with paying young schoolboys £1 each for caning him.



THE RANSACKED INTERIOR OF THE CAUGHEY HOME IN BIRMINGHAM

ENGLISH BRANCH WRECK SINN FEIN MEMBERS HOME WHILE TWO OF HIS CHILDREN LOOK ON

Eddie Caughey, of B'ham Sinn Fein and a member of the Midlands and North of England Comhairle Ceannair, was arrested under the P.T.A. by the British secret police on Monday 17th May. Contrary to gutter press reports he was picked up at home at 7.40pm. The police told his family that he was being taken to the local station. A solicitor who went there at the request of the family discovered that the police had lied as usual, and that Eddie was in fact being held in Solihull on the far side of the city. He was kept there overnight and then taken, handcuffed, in a fast car to London the following afternoon. Strange as it may seem the secret police did NOT raid Eddie's house at the time they arrested him.

At 6.30 the same Monday evening John Higgins (Luton Sinn Fein) the Ard-Comhairle member for Britain, was arrested leaving work in London. Also picked up elsewhere in that city were several British mercenaries including John Banks, well known for his (mens') Angolan misadventures. Most of the Brits

were soon released including Banks who immediately left his Camberley, Surrey home for an unknown destination, under secret police guard.

Eddie and John, neither of whom knew that the other was there until Thursday, were continuously questioned by the secret police. The lights in their cells were kept on 24 hours a day the heating was turned up full-blast and they could not sleep because the pigs kept banging the cell doors. For the first 4 days relatives and solicitors were denied access to them. Outside the police station, Paddington Green the Trade Union Committee against the P.T.A. maintained a nightly picket of 30-50.

On Saturday 22nd May Eddie was charged with soliciting radio equipment. John and two Brits with the same plus a charge of soliciting 1,000 M1 carbines and ammunition. When they appeared in court on Monday 24th bail was refused and they were all remanded to Brixton Prison. Both Eddie and John have been given category A, top security status by the governor there. The following afternoon the secret police raided two other houses,

egory D and are kept in a separate wing. Nobody except relatives are allowed to see Eddie and John. Even Eddie's son-in-law was refused entry.

While most of Eddie's family were in London for his court appearance on 24th the Birmingham secret police finally got around to raiding his house, ONE WEEK to the day, after his arrest. There were only two kids at home then, one of them sick in bed. By the time the police left, 1 1/2 hours later the house had been ransacked and wrecked and looked as if a herd of pigs had rampaged through it. (See enclosed photos) one of Eddie's daughters who came in from shopping during the raid, was told to 'shut up or we will take you down to the station and plant something on you as well' when she objected to the police behaviour. The P.R.O. for Sinn Fein B'ham who arrived on the scene at about the same time was questioned by the police and told that he was going to be done under the P.T.A. and that he would be deported. The following afternoon the secret police raided two other houses,

in the city and hauled the occupants in for several hours questioning. Before being released their photos and fingerprints were taken under the P.T.A'

We regard Eddie's arrest on such an obviously trumped-up charge, as a blatant attempt by the secret police to frame him. They had previously held him for 5 days in December 1974, under the same act, but had to abandon their intention of deporting him when they found that he had been here 27 years.

Eddie, like John Higgins, is a native of Belfast. He is married with 8 children. As well as being an active member of the Midlands Sinn Fein he was also very active in AN CUMANN CABHRACH, helping prisoners and relatives, too active for the establishment's liking, so they decided to get him out of the way on a trumped up charge like they have done to so many other Irish political activists in Britain in recent years. To add to his 'crimes' in the establishment's eyes Eddie was an active member of the Trade Union

Movement for the last 20 years as a member of the AUEW (construction section) he was B'ham branch secretary for 13 years, branch chairman for 5 years. Divisional Conference delegate for 12 years, National Con. delegate 10 years, T.U.C. and Labour Party conference delegate for many years AND National Executive Council Member 1972-1975. A steel, checker by trade, he was elected shop steward and convenor on most jobs by his fellow workers. Obviously in their eyes, a danger to the ruling class, who seem intent on stifling all political opposition in Britain to their colonialist mis-government of Ireland.

As Tacitus said so many years ago: The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws. Today, Britain, self-styled 'mother of democracy' stands condemned by its own overlaiden statute books.

Mise le meas,
E. Purdy,
P.R.O. Sinn Fein Provisionals, Midlands and North of England.

SAS THE SMILING BRITS WHO SPECIALISE IN ASSASSINATION

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Brigadier WATTS

The faces in the picture (left) belong to a group of SAS personnel who were snapped during a training exercise in the Ross-shire mountains in Scotland. The group were preparing for action in Ireland. Since 1970 the SAS have been responsible for countless bombings, assassinations and acts of counter insurgency as the British Government pushed for a military victory over the IRA Freedom Fighters. Chief tactician in the Brit effort was Brig. John Watts, OC of the 22 Special Air Service. Watts, who lives in Credenhill Village

some 5 miles from Hereford, now directs the terror group in South Armagh and is a strong advocate of the 'blanket terror' policy. Watts is known to have master-minded the Dublin bombings which killed over 30 men, women and children. The car used by the UDA in that particular action was stolen by SAS members operating out of Belfast.

PRESSURE BUILDS IN ENGLAND FOR THE RELEASE OF JIM REILLY

Jim Reilly vice-Chairman of Luton Sinn Fein, was detained by the British Special Branch on Tuesday last 8-6-76. He was taken in under the Prevention of Terrorist Act at Dawn and was lodged in Luton Police Station where he is still detained. On Tuesday evening he was taken ill. A (police doctor) was called in to take care of him.

Jim Reilly suffers from chronic asthma and some time ago spent nine months in hospital following a heart attack.

Mrs. Reilly, who, with her young daughter (11 years) was staying some miles way from where her husband was arrested, also married a dawn swoop. By the Brit S.I.S. There was no police woman present during the raid, even though Mrs. Reilly and daughter were alone at the time. Neither was Mrs. Reilly informed that her husband had been detained. She only found out some hours later from friends. And immediately contacted Luton Sinn Fein Cumann members.

It was only after some terrible scenes at Luton Police Station that Mrs. Reilly was very reluctantly allowed to see her husband. The conditions were, not to mention politics.

When she seen him he was very shaken up. She asked him what it was all about and why he had been arrested. But before he could answer, she was whisked out by the police. Mrs. Reilly insisted that Jim's own doctor be allowed to visit him, this the police agreed to.



Jim Reilly, well known Republican and trade unionist, who was arrested by the British Special Branch last Tuesday. Jim is the latest victim of the Republican witch-hunt in England.

We contacted Jim's MP Rev., Ivor Clementson, also Hemel Hempstead M.P. Robin Corbett. The NCCL were also phoned, they now have a solicitor, (Brian Rose-Smith) representing Jim Reilly. Rose-Smith is also representing John Higgins and Eddie Caughey.

As from tonight Wednesday 9th, the Trades Union Group, formed in London to fight the so-called anti-terrorism laws are holding nightly demonstrations outside Roy Jenkins

House in Ladbrook Square, in the West end. They are being joined by Sinn Fein from Lond, Luton, High Wycombe, Bletchley, and Nottingham.

We are doing everything in our power to pressurise the police to release Jim, we are also getting assistance from P.A.C. London, and I.C.R.A.

It is worth nothing that Jim Reilly with others, offered to stand sureties for Eddie Caughey and John Higgins if they were given bail.

Jim Reilly has been arrested under the P.T.A. six times to date. He is aged 48 and a life-long Republican, he comes from the Falls Road and was interned in Crumlin Road Jail in the early 40's. Jim is also an active Trade Unionist and is a member of A.S.T.M.S. Association of Scientific Technological and Managerial Staffs.

He has addressed public meetings in Luton, London, Birmingham and Hemel Hempstead. He has spoken out against all forms of internment without trial, and the anti-terrorism laws (under which he is now held) he has also explained Sinn Fein policy to Trade Union Groups and Socialist Organisations.

The above statement was compiled by Luton Sinn Fein, and forwarded by Michael Holden Secretary McAdorey McCusker Cumann, Sinn Fein Luton.

Portlaoise

COLDITZ WAS NEVER AS BAD AS THIS

Sir,
I would be much obliged if you can find me a space in your paper for this letter.

No later than the 5th June 1976, I travelled to Portlaoise Jail to visit my brother. I had written before for a pass to the Governor, he answered to say that I had to have a photo sent on to him. So I decided to take the photo as well as the letter up to the jail with me.

On arrival I was searched, along with my young son of 7 years old. When I produced the letter and

photo with myself on it plus a photo of my brother beside me on it they still refused me permission.

I know I am not the only one refused a visit, but I am all he has got as my mother is not well and could not travel over 100 miles. God only knows what these men and boys are having to put up with. The North prisons are bad enough but Colditz could never have been as bad as this Hell Hole.

Signed
(Mrs). MARY-MAGEE.

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