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FASCIST SIX-COUNTY STATE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Speaking to the delegates at the annual general meeting of North Tipperary Comhairle Ceantair, Sinn Féin, President Ruairí O'Bradaigh slammed advocates of an independent, Fascist styled Six Counties. His speech, on Monday night last, set out the Republican Movement's proposals and slammed the opportunist politics of Jack Lynch and his Fianna Fáil party:

Ruairí O'Bradaigh

Democratic Socialist Republic for all Ireland? We doubt it.

'Fianna Fáil will not take on the forces of economic colonialism exploiting our people but, going on present form, they are quite capable of engaging in further political gimmickry and adopting the mere label of a "Socialist Republic."

'One is tempted to ask why Mr. Lynch did not respond to Mr. Desmond Boal's call for a Federal Ireland in January, 1974. But then Sunningdale was tottering along and the Federal option was not open, Fianna Fáil will say.

'And why did Mr. Lynch not take up the Republican Movement's detailed proposals for a nine-county Ulster Parliament within a Federal Ireland in August,

Movement had the foresight and the leadership from the very beginning to see where the struggle would lead and that the only solution would be in the British leaving Ireland and the building of a Federal Socialist Republic.

'Similarly, now that the Ulster Loyalist Central Coordinating Committee has been forced by the dynamics of the struggle to recognise the inevitability of British disengagement, they seek refuge for a continuation of sectarian domination in a Six-County independent State.

'A Fascist-style repressive Six Counties on the Rhodesian model is the only type of independent state which can emerge on the basis of the

'Mr. Jack Lynch's belated advocacy of a Federal Ireland is breathtaking for its sheer political opportunism. Now that the people's sufferings and sacrifices in the Six Counties under the leadership of the Republican Movement have made a continuation of British rule there impossible, Fianna Fáil seeks to cash in on the success of a struggle which they stabbed in the back in 1971 and 1972.

A FASCIST STYLE REPRESSIVE SIX COUNTIES ON THE RHODESIAN MODEL IS THE ONLY TYPE OF INDEPENDENT STATE WHICH CAN EMERGE ON THE BASIS OF THE ORIGINAL SECTARIAN HEADCOUNT OF 1921. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, WHETHER MR. LYNCH AND FIANNA FAIL APPROVE, OR WHETHER THEY DO NOT.

The people of the North do not forget Mr. Lynch's 'standing idly by' in 1969, his threat of internment in 1970, his border collaboration with British Forces in 1971, his Special no-jury court, R.T.E. censorship, closing of Sinn Féin offices and jailing of Sinn Féin leaders in 1972, his Offences Against the State Amendment Act and his convenient 'lapse of memory' in the Littlejohn case, in 1973.

In September of last year, Fianna Fáil said a British declaration of intent to disengage from Ireland would 'overheat the situation.' Six weeks later, in October, they had the temerity to adopt the seeking of such a declaration as official Fianna Fáil policy. Will 1977 find Mr. Lynch advocating a

1971, a few days subsequent to the first internment swoops in the Six Counties? The plain answer is that Fianna Fáil at that time merely sought the removal of the Stormont regime within the context of continuing British rule in Ireland.

The obvious lesson to be drawn from all of this is that only the Republican

original sectarian headcount of 1921. **This is not acceptable to the Republican Movement, whether Mr. Lynch and Fianna Fáil approve, or whether they do not.**

'Neither they nor the present Dublin Government have taken part in the struggle and they are not entitled to tell the people of the North what

they should or should not accept and live with. Those who wear the shoe know where it pinches.

'The immediate aims of the struggle are:

- (i) A British declaration of intent;
- (ii) An acknowledgement by the British of the right of the whole people of Ireland to decide their future; and
- (iii) A general amnesty for all political prisoners.

'The political aim is a Federal Socialist Republic: this envisages a four-province federal Ireland with

maximum devolution of power to regions, districts and communities within each province according to local majorities, thereby providing checks and balances against tyranny and domination by any one section over another.

'A democratic socialist Ireland would end the exploitation of both Catholic and Protestant working people by economic imperialism and give the ownership of our resources to the communities to be developed for the benefit of our people.

'In such policies and under the tried and trust-

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**Thousands
march
in rain**

(see page 6).



Cedric took me to the side this morning and whispered, "I suggest you do an article on visits."

I looked at him and smiled. Already decay had set in and the poor child had started to go to pieces.

"Well," he cringed "Will you do it?"

"Okay, mo sean chara" I replied consolingly "Let's get Egbert and we'll go for a walk and thrash it out. Ceart?"

We found Egbert in bed, blankets piled on his head, his eyes glazed and misty. Jail is a different place without visits you know. For one thing everyone stops washing themselves.

Egbert, as always, full of initiative, had stopped earlier than everyone else. He was a bogging, dirty, leaping, unshaven mess.

As well as that he had his head shaved. For some reason Republican P.O.W.s always shave their heads during visit strikes. Hugh Feeney, our learned Celtic relic, traces it back to an ancient Irish pagan rite.

Something to do with infertility. Anyway, we linked Egbert out of his pit and away we went, at a snail's pace, around the yard.

"What will I write?" I asked as we completed our third lap.

"Write about what the visits are like" Cedric replied.

If you're going to write about visits," Egbert moaned, "Let everyone know that I won't get seeing my wife or wee lad.

Do you know that half an hour a week means twenty six hours a year. Now, on a liberal average we lose at least a quarter, and usually more, of our visits. So I only get to see my family for about eighteen hours a year.

That's less than a day every 365 days. My wee lad is three and a half and during his whole life I've only seen him for a day and a half..." he sighed deeply...

"Only one day and a half in nearly four years."

Cedric and I looked at each other. We felt

Egbert's big 'D' enveloping the whole camp. Cedric had little sympathy for him.

"What about the prisoners in England. Eh? You're gurning and whinging there..."

"I'm not gurnin' and and I'm not going to whinge!" Egbert protested, "It's just,"..... he finished

Shane O'Doherty were both refused remand visits despite the Brit law which states that remand prisoners are entitled to a visit every day from anyone who wishes to visit them. It's got to do with that thing about being innocent until proven guilty. That doesn't extend to Irish political of course," Cedric replied.

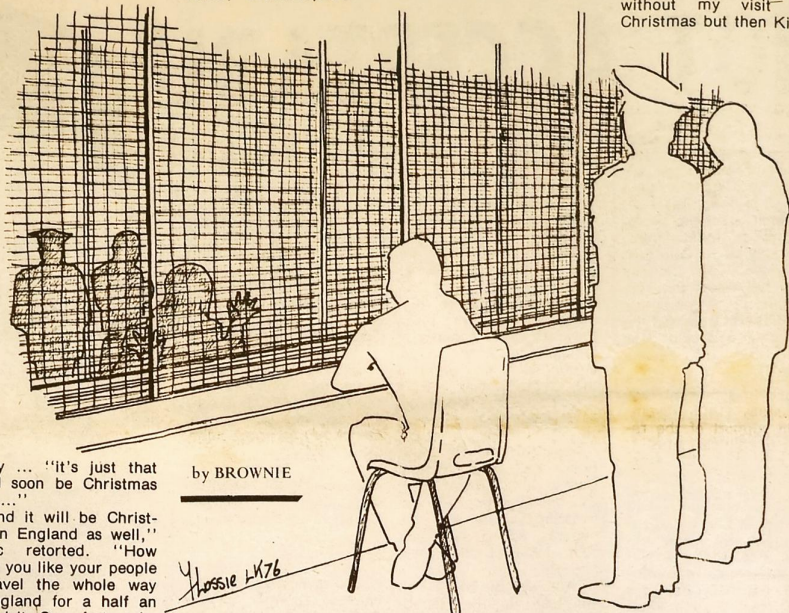
two years. That's tight."

"And," Cedric added, "the three of them were given maximum loss of remission and maximum solitary confinement as punishment. Sure Frank Stagg went on two hunger-strikes over visiting conditions, didn't he?"

"I remember he refused them altogether when they

wasn't able to see his children the whole time he was inside."

"That's what this visit strike is for," Cedric explained, "Like I know it's a sort of negative action if nobody outside grabs hold of it but at least it's an expression of solidarity. I don't want to do without my visit over Christmas but then Kieran



by BROWNIE

lately ... "it's just that it will soon be Christmas and....."

"And it will be Christmas in England as well," Cedric retorted. "How would you like your people to travel the whole way to England for a half an hour visit. Over forty prisoners in England have their immediate family in Ireland. Most of them don't even get visits every week 'cos obviously their families can't travel all the time and those visits are lost."

"How does that work out?" I asked, "Surely somebody else could go..."

"You have to apply to the British Home Office for a visit if you're Irish and they won't give clearance to anyone except next of kin. Paul Norney and

"I hear that when families do eventually arrive at the prison gates for their visits that the real messing about only begins."

"Aye, they're searched and screened and their handbags or personal belongings are taken away from them. They are then led to a bod for a 'screened' visit. Prisoners have to talk to their families through a thick glass panel. There's always at least three Screws in the box with them. It's plain vindictiveness, you know, 'cos in most of the prisons, like Gartree and Wakefield, other prisoners have their visits in open canteen conditions."

"That's what Roy Walsh was protesting about last year, wasn't it?" Egbert suggested tentatively, shaking off a little bit of his apathy... "He and Stephen Blake and Martin Coughlan went up on the roof of Wormwood Scrubs over screened visits. You know, that means that Roy and all the Belfast ones have had screened visits up to that time, for

threatened to strip - search his wife. Weren't four lads on hunger-strike in Gartree over visits only last year?"

Remand prisoners, only Irish politicals of course, all get screened visits. Jimmy Kelly and Robert O'Rawe got them for twelve months in Winchester."

"It's as bad in the Free State," Egbert exclaimed, "Portlaoise is bogging. Strip searches two or three times a day, no bed, stool or any kind of furniture in the cell and the visits are really jumpin'. The prisoners and their visitors are about three feet apart with wire and glass between them.

It's fierce. One old woman from the Donegal Gaeltacht got her visit cut short because she spoke to her son in Gaelic. They threw the old woman out."

"Put one Irishman on a spit," Egbert, fully recovered, snarled, "and you'll always get another one to turn it. The 'staters will never learn. I know one fellah who

Nugent has only been allowed one visit so far. You have to think of him as well."

"I know," said Egbert, "When you think of him and the others in solitary or of the lads in England it's clear, in comparison that losing a visit is a small sacrifice."

"Did you ever hear this poem?" Cedric asked, "It's called, Visiting Her Husband In Prisonhe cleared his throat.

"The husband is inside the iron bars. The wife is outside the iron bars, looking in. So near they are, only separated by inches, And yet so distant, like sky and depths of the sea What no words utter, their desperate eyes relate. Before each word, their eyes brim over with tears. Who could stand there and watch their meeting, Unmoved?"

The three of us sighed in union.

"It looks like Irish prisoners everywhere will have

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BOOKS

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FASCISM BECOMING MORE APPARENT AT QUEEN'S

"That universities keep secret files on their student activists is a well-known, if a too often ignored fact." So runs an article in a recent British student newspaper.

South Africa's secret police are expert at such a practice, and indeed many universities and colleges closer to home operate in the same manner.

In Britain, it has been revealed by a Guardian news reporter that the National Front has recruited into it's ranks students charged with providing detailed intelligence reports on it's opponents.

One will note that fascism/loyalism is steadily becoming more apparent at Queen's where right-wingers are now in control of the students union. From this position they can monitor student activities from above. We can now expect a stepping up of interest in leftist students - be it by RUC Special Branch or fascist extremists.

Four have died this year alone in Britain due to the kinds of racial brawl and confrontations which the National Front likes to provoke. National Front stickers and literature have begun to appear at Queen's.

Fascist students all over the world have been urged to operate underground. The kind of work they do was explained in a confidential bulletin to members: "It is necessary to further expand our

facilities for keeping tabs on those enemies of our party - this means the left-wing in general and also some organisations and persons who have a seemingly 'respectable' image - The names and addresses of known left wing extremists active in promoting anti-NF activity within trade unions should be supplied. Organisers should keep their own cross-reference filing system on hostile organisations and individuals operational in their districts and should arrange for such activists - including street sellers of extreme left wing literature - to be photographed and the photos filed."

It doesn't take great numbers to compose such files - the NF student association doesn't boast of great numbers. Last year the National Front split into two groups - the new one being the National Party whose leaders are former Tory candidates.

The Guardian news reporter finishes his article with a very relevant question: "If we do not stop them now by solidarity and organisation, what is going to happen to those people whose photos are in their intelligence files?"

Nationalist students must continue to be ever vigilant and wary of the ominous presence of such evil forces at our colleges and universities.

NEW SINN FEIN CUMANN AT QUEEN'S

The intake of Nationalist students has been so great this year that it has been decided to form a Sinn Fein Cumann at Queens. All those interested please contact 85b Falls Road.

Remember Sinn Fein is the only 32 county political party - the only party which will instigate the Republic as envisaged by all those who have given lives for Ireland's freedom.

RAC MEETINGS IN ALL AREAS

Meetings of Republican Relatives Action Committees are held regularly in most areas. Anyone interested in attending the meetings can receive details from any Sinn Fein Cumann, or by contacting either the Connolly Bookshop, Avoca Park, Andersonstown or the Republican Press Centre, 170a Falls Road.

SORRY

We have received a number of enquiries from readers wishing to purchase photographs published in Andersonstown News during the past few weeks. It is regretted that at the moment we are unable to supply copies of such prints.

CHARITY FUNCTION

at the Andersonstown Social Club, Thursday 2nd Dec. featuring the famous

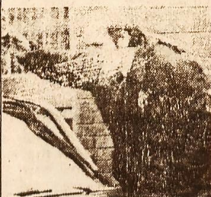
WOLFHOUNDS with guest artists.

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MORE SUPPORT

A prominent newspaper, the 'Hawaii Tribunal - Herald', has called for a British withdrawal from Ireland in a recent editorial. The paper has joined the growing band of American opinion which recognises the removal of the British presence as a prerequisite to any lasting peace.

HATS OFF!!!!



We lift our hats to Sean Harte, gatekeeper at the Tyrone Crystal glassmaking factory in Dungannon, who put a trembling Roy Mason 'behind bars' for some fifteen minutes. Mr. Harte locked the gates of the factory as Mason prepared to drive out, he then shouted, "How do you like being locked up?" First reports indicate that Mason didn't like it one little bit.

Edentubber Commemoration

'THE HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION'

About 4,000 people assembled in atrocious weather conditions on the main Dublin Road near the border on Sunday last to march to the spot on the hillsides where 19 years ago a premature explosion killed 5 young men.

ganda machine has been saturating the Press, TV and hoardings with message "7 years is enough", this has come from all the West Britons residing in the Six Counties who have chosen to be British, instead of Irish, those like the S.D.L.P. etc.

They were members of the Irish Republican Army assembling a bomb when it went off killing them instantly and demolishing the small farmhouse. Now on the site of the farmhouse stands a granite Celtic cross and flying from the flagposts in honour of the occasion were the National Flag from the flagposts of the Four Provinces.

An advance guard of Cumann na mBan led the procession followed by ranks of na Fianna Eireann from Newry, Dundalk, South Armagh, Drogheda, and Dublin. Then came units of Cumann na gCailfiní the flower of Ireland's Youth and the wreath bearers. The Wolfe Tone Band from Newry struck up a martial air and the sound of marching feet echoed across the bleak mountains.

Mr. Paddy Duffy, Chairman, opening the proceedings said, "Today we are here to honour the memory of the five young men who gave their lives in the cause of freeing their Country, and if the hypocritical politicians, who are weeping tears because the British Empire is at last moving out, get their way, we will never achieve what they set out to do."

— by OUR SOUTH ARMAGH CORRESPONDENT

The wreaths were then laid including one from "The Boys of Wexford", and Oglagh na hEireann. The main speaker Mr. Michael Carlin said "My own vocabulary is not adequate to pay tribute to those men who gave their lives at this spot that Ireland might one day be free, the most fitting tribute would be one minutes' silence. After this was observed with due respect, the speaker continued:

"On this cold wet day standing on the side of this mountain, we are not sacrificing anything compared with the lives of five brave Irish men. The Whitehall propa-

It's easy to live like slaves and take peace at any price but we never shall - never.

We have the best guerrilla army the world has ever known, the army of the people, your army, fighting for us, and it is up to every one of us to support the Volunteers in every way possible. Give them billets, give them food, give them clothes, hide them, assist them in every way, for the men who are at the street corners, even at this very

moment, with the guns, are the heroes of this revolution, not people like me in the public gaze. Some day when we have the free Country the Edentubber Martyrs, George Keegan, Patrick Parle, Paul Smith, Oliver Craven and Michael Watters died for, when we own the Press, T.V. and Radio, we shall have a mass rally, then we shall speak to every Irishman, we shall have a Country whose children can grow up without fear of guns, prisons, torture and death." The ceremonies closed with the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.

CUMANN CABHRACH DUN DEALGÁN

The members of the above Cumann deeply regret the death of Thomas 'Ash' Hughes, dedicated and loyal member of the Dundalk Cumann and dedicated Republican since boyhood. Deepest sympathy to his wife Eileen and family. 'Arlaibh dtheis De go raith a h-ainm d'úils

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VISITS

a lonely Christmas," Egbert said.

"No childer, the families of Irish prisoners everywhere will have a lonely Christmas," I suggested, "Well just do our whack as always."

"There's nothing else for it," Egbert resolved. He glanced at me and Cedric. "C'mon and we'll get your head shaved," he exclaimed, "I always fancied youse two with Joe Cahill haircuts. Let's go....."

Sin e dear readers.

BROWNIE, P.O.W.
Long Kesh.

A FLASHBACK TO THE TRIAL OF REPUBLICANS IN DAYS GONE BY

BELFAST TREASON FELONY CASE ENDS

Echo of Crumlin Road Gun Battle

THREE smartly-dressed young men, one of whom was stated to be Chief of Staff of the I.R.A., were at Belfast Commission yesterday found guilty of treason-felony and put back for sentence. Two of them were arrested after a dramatic gun fight during a police raid on a Crumlin Road house, described as Headquarters of the Northern Command, I.R.A., and said to contain "all the paraphernalia for revolution." They were:—

David Fleming, alias Henry M'Cormick, alias John B. Allen, Bricklayer, 54 Regent Street, Belfast, and Tully, Cahir, Co. Tipperary;

John S. S. Graham, post-office assistant, 573 Antrim Road, an international soffer; and
Hugh M'Atter, bookkeeper, 78 William Street, Derry.

All refused to recognise the Court, evidence of "motive of malice" being given by a prison warder. Graham and M'Atter cross-examined witnesses and addressed the jury, and Graham smiled during Mr. Justice Brown's summing up.

John (Seán) Dwyer, radiographer, 463 Crumlin Road, occupier of the house concerned, pleaded guilty to a similar charge, and was put back. He was represented by Mr. James M'Sparran (instructed by G. Martin and Co.).

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. C. MacDermott, K.C., M.P.), with Mr. E. Warnock, K.C., M.P., and Mr. C. L. Sheil (instructed by Mr. R. F. Sheldon, C.S.) prosecuted.

Mr. MacDermott described the charge as rather quaint and old-fashioned in language. Shorn of its technicalities, it was that the prisoners plotted and worked together and with others to overthrow the lawful Constitution and establish instead a Republic by force of arms, involving an organised campaign of violence directed mainly against those whose duty it was to discharge the first function of any civilised community, the maintenance of law and order. On the afternoon of September 10 Dwyer was arrested and his house at 463 Crumlin Road was raided by police two hours later. The police when they arrived were resisted by the discharge of arms. They forced their way in and captured Fleming and Graham. The police were shot at with murderous intention, and it was only by the mercy of providence that Sergeant Gray escaped with his life, avoiding the fate which a number of other members of the constabulary had suffered in recent months.

ARMS FOUND.

Mr. MacDermott said he did not suggest that the house was used as a dump or that there was a great quantity of arms found. The arms were apparently for the use of the garrison or guard of the premises. Fleming and Graham had taken an active part in the murderous attack on the police.

Mr. MacDermott went on to say that there was discovered in the house a hiding place, a small recess or room with a window, and in it was found documents, including all the paraphernalia of incited rebellion—copying machines, a typewriter, broadcast transmitter and between five and six thousand copies of "Republican News," clearly the organ of the Irish Republican Army.

"I.R.A. HEADQUARTERS."

This house seemed to have been the headquarters of what was called the Northern Command, the supreme I.R.A. headquarters being in Dublin. In the house was found note-paper with the printed head: "Oglagh na hÉireann, Irish Republican Army, H.Q. Northern Command." The papers were very much up-to-date and included documents relating to recent happenings and letters, signed "Aodh M'Atter," as Chief of Staff of the whole Irish Republican Army. M'Atter was arrested six weeks later in Northern Ireland.

The documents also showed that the organisation in question was a direct descendant of that associated with the Rebellion of 1916. It was clear that members of the Irish Republican Army made efforts to stage a new campaign of stark and callous violence. In a number of the documents reference was made to the old adage that England's difficulty was Ireland's opportunity, and it was more than a surmise to say that when the fortunes of war were so dark as they were in the early part of this year it seemed a good opportunity for those leading this treasonable conspiracy to stage a special campaign.

The police, in particular, were to be singled out and shot down, and public services were to be interfered with and disorganised as far as possible. The first episode of the campaign was fixed for Easter Sunday, April 4, a day which according to the documents was commemorated by Irish Republicans as a day of national commemoration.

Graham asked—Are you in perfect agreement with shooting down a man who has surrendered, contrary to the dictate of international law?

Witness said he had given this order to retard any other person from firing at the police.

Graham—You will admit that the person you gave instructions to could not read your mind.

Witness—Possibly not.

HANNAHSTOWN RAID.

Chief-inspector Moffatt, who described the documents found, said that he was in charge of the Hannahstown raid, when adjoining to the I.R.A. while there was reference to propaganda among U.S. soldiers. Answering Graham, witness said it was quite possible that some of the raiding police had shot guns. Graham—Do you know that shotguns are outlawed by the League of Nations and international law? I am not an expert on international law, but I do think you should have no grievance, considering your advocacy of these weapons. Graham then asked witness whether a mourning card in his possession could have contained a list of wreaths sent to the relatives of the "murdered" Lieutenant O'Callaghan.

Witness said while he disagreed with the adjective, this was possible. O'CALLAGHAN INQUEST. To suggestions by M'Atter that the inquest on O'Callaghan had been held in camera "to cover up his murder," witness said he had nothing to do with the inquest. Matthew Skates, prison warder, gave evidence of a letter written by M'Atter from prison to his mother, while other warders, named James Sloan and George M'Dowell, gave similar evidence. A London handwriting expert, Gerald Francis Gurrin, also gave evidence.

GRAHAM ADDRESSES JURY.

Addressing the jury, Graham said that it had been hoped to show more accusations of an untutored nature in the selection of a few documents from the mass captured and the taking of lines from the context. They had been selected to represent the Republican Army as a murderous unprincipled and unkind gang without any thought for the rules of warfare. Having referred to a letter written by Williams before his execution.

which, he said, showed clearly what the Republican Army was fighting for, Graham said: "I am in the Republican Army and proud to be. In the documents it is shown that Kerry, Derry and Down. Protestants and Catholics are united and determined, with the Republican Army behind us, to obtain unity in Ireland."

"A SERIES OF OUTRAGES."

The campaign, however, did not come to fruition till after the execution of Williams, lest it might prejudice his trial for murder. A series of outrages then followed and culminated in the death of 3 policemen and the wounding of 14 others by shots or bombs. This lawlessness was a result of the plot hatched by the accused.

The documents found included minutes of a convention of the Northern Command on March 26, last, when resolutions were passed stressing the necessity for military action against the enemy forces in Northern Ireland and that this should take the form of sabotage of war industries and "enemy" military objectives, and that the Northern Command should be reinforced by members of the Twenty-Six County I.R.A.

One resolution said: "Owing to the great numbers of enemy forces in Northern Ireland help should be sought from all countries at war with Great Britain, all neutral countries and the Irish-Americans in the U.S.A."

"GERMAN FORCES."

Another resolution read: "If German forces should enter Ireland with the consent of the Government of the Irish Republic, Oglagh na hÉireann should assist the German forces."

The Convention also passed a resolution that "the political status of the C.I.D. shall be executed."

Referring to a wireless transmitting apparatus and a draft wireless programme found on the premises, Mr. MacDermott commented: "What strikes one about all this literature is that it is the literature of educated men, which could not be ascribed to illiterate persons. One of the draft broadcast talks said that it was 'coming from a beleaguered city in which the native Irish were outnumbered 100 to 1.'"

WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY.

The documents showed "the conspiracy to be widespread." The offence was punishable by penal servitude for life, said Mr. MacDermott. Under the statute, a man might be a Republican in politics without offence, but to endeavour to establish a republic by force of arms was another matter.

Sergeant Richard Gray gave evidence of the police raid on the Crumlin Road house. Questioned by Graham, he denied that he had been armed with a shot-gun.

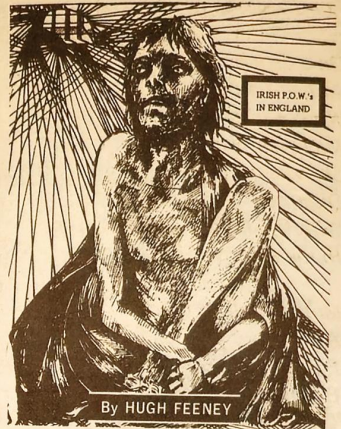
M'ATEER'S ATTITUDE.

M'Atter said—I have already declared my attitude, from which I am not departing. We are charged with having attempted to establish and promote a Republic in Northern Ireland. Nothing was further from our thoughts. Our aim was to re-establish a Republic for the thirty-two counties. A large number of British forces are to-day in the six Counties without the free consent of the people of Ireland. The only way we can meet force is with force—hence our resort to arms.

NEW BOOKLET BY HUGH FEENEY

In the care of...

HER MAJESTY'S PRISONS



A new booklet, dedicated to the memories of Michael Gaughan, Frank Stagg, Noel Jenkinson and Maire Drumm, will be on sale from the Republican Press Centre next week. The booklet is the work of Republican prisoner-of-war, Hugh Feeny now serving a life sentence in Long Kesh. Hugh tells, in a moving and graphic account, of his experiences as a POW in an English jail prior to his repatriation. He gives a broad outline of conditions and explains that the booklet is a humble attempt to draw public attention to those conditions. All the art work in the booklet is by a comrade of Hugh's in Long Kesh who prefers to work under the penname of 'Flossie.' The booklet, 'in the care of...HER MAJESTY'S PRISONS' may shock and sadden readers. One thing, however, which it will succeed in doing is educating people on the bestial conditions under which Irish revolutionary prisoners in English jails languish.

Remember the men and women who are languishing in the conditions described by Hugh Feeny. Give generously to the Green Cross and An Cumann Cábhrach who do such a remarkable job in alleviating the plight of Republican POW's and their families.

TURF LODGE'S MESSAGE



FREE IN GLORY

Not alone in histories pages
But in a place called 'Kingdom Come'.
Is now written there forever
The name of Maire Drumm.
In Ireland's Right to Freedom
By her words and by her stand,
She has mapped the Road To Glory
For a just and peaceful land.

On a dark and late October
At half-past-ten at night.
While convalescing in the 'Mater'
Midst her efforts in our strife.
She was murdered by three cowards
Disguised in coats of white.
With five bullets in her bosom
In the autumn of her life.

Mother Ireland you're weeping
As you saw your daughter go.
For no more she'll Preach your message
By Dublin's G.P.O.
On the honour roll of glory
With her comrades she will be.
How she played her part with courage
At our Diamond Jubilee.

Oh! glorious Freedom Fighters
Fill your holsters, stop and wait.
For the message from her grave side...
'Do not retaliate'
Lord forgive the souls who did it
For them a prayer do say.
Because, if her dying brought us victory
She'd have wished in that way.

Pray for 'Justice' in our Country
That now you're free at last.
As you rest in 'Peace' near comrades
In your own beloved Belfast.
From your grave your spirit beckons
From on high I hear you call.
Keep the torch of Freedom burning
In the Bogside and the Falls.

If this Island is to be a nation
As were the plans of Tone
Then we follow in her footsteps
And we build it 'Stone by Stone'
So when we are United
The generations yet to come.
Will say, God bless that Irish Mother
Thank you, Maire Drumm.

by PEADAR TUNNEY

THE IMAGE OF THE LAW

Several months back, the new R.U.C. Chief Constable set about achieving the "primacy of the police" in the six Counties with a brisk and business-like approach and fell flat on his face. The R.U.C. had not become "increasingly acceptable" as Mr. Newman wished to portray in his efforts to push them as replacement of British troops. The approach has been quieter and more cautious since then, and

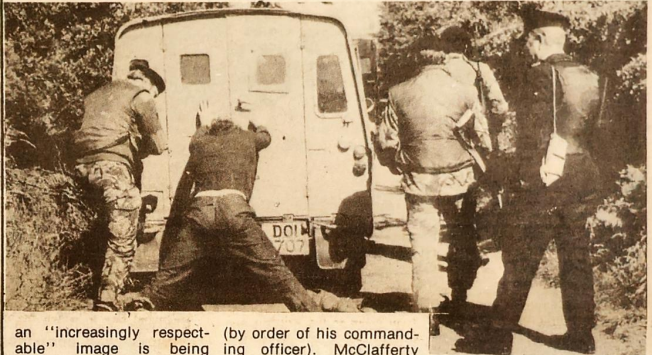
There is even one case of a charge of manslaughter - people ask - "why was it not one of murder?" But, remembering the cold-blooded murder of Patrick McElhone and the equally cold-blooded acquittal of the British soldier responsible, it makes little difference how the charge may read.

And then there is the case of McClafferty. On his first appeal against wrongful sentencing, his sentence was spitefully and viciously doubled. Now he was granted a retrial when an ex-British paratrooper admitted giving perjured evidence

European Court of justice. The case will involve the British military forces and the R.U.C.

**'TRUTH AND JUSTICE
WOULD BE BETTER
SERVED IF.....'**

Truth and justice would be better served if, instead of this recent attempt at creating a false image by having the R.U.C. investigate some selective cases against the British soldiery, the R.U.C. turned around and investigated its own organisation and its membership and the evil



an "increasingly respectable" image is being arranged and the projected - and pointed up by an increasingly headline from the British military.

While the British press forward with their campaign of mugging, marauding and murder, the RUC has been encouraged to come forward and be seen as the "protector and ally" of the people. In the past few weeks the R.U.C. have been allowed even to "investigate allegations against some British soldiers and to bring two cases into court, one charging British soldiers with planting false evidence and the other with burning down a G.A.A. clubhouse.

(by order of his commanding officer). McClafferty was acquitted. "What do you think now of British justice?" a B.B.C. interviewer asked him. "What would you think if you had spent three years in prison on a trumped-up charge?" was McClafferty's answer.

To which the BBCman countered "Do you think your attitude helpful to the Peace Movement?"

-the subtlety of it all is breathtaking. An added incentive to this reckless pursuit of justice on the part of the British Government goes forward to the

viciousness perpetrated over the years by that body in the name of the law. The bigoted and the biased, the perjurers, the murderers, the torturers remain within the R.U.C. and are still protected by the "conspiracy of silence"

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O'BRADAIGH SPEECH

ed leadership of the Republican Movement lies the real hope for a permanent end to violence and injustice in Ireland, and not in party political opportunism and gimmickry.

'The beleaguered people who have paid the price in blood, anguish and tears over the past seven and a half years must not be cheated out of the full fruits of their sufferings by those who would perpetuate the system of exploitation under a new and more acceptable guise. Sinn Fein will ensure that this does not happen and, for its part, Sinn Fein is prepared to meet and have discussions with any interest involved in the struggle.'

Whistles of solidarity

The Ireland Solidarity Group, West Germany, have sent two cases of whistles to the Republican Press Centre of distribution among the heroic women of Belfast to help them in their heroic struggle against Britain's imperialist troops." Most of the whistles were distributed to various womens groups in the occupied areas. The resistance of the Turf

Lodge women in particular has evoked praise from anti-imperialist groups in France, Italy and West Germany. The campaign of aggression, by British troops, against the Nationalist ghettos has produced a spontaneous reaction from the oppressed people. More and more areas are rallying solidly behind the slogan, "700 years is enough - Brits Out."



THOUSANDS MARCH IN RAIN IN SUPPORT OF STATUS



Between 3-5,000 people marched in torrential rain last Sunday (14th November) in support of the retention of political status.

Political status has been stripped from all those convicted for activities committed in the course of the war of liberation after March 1st, 1976.

Sinn Féin, Peoples' Democracy, the Irish Republican Socialist Party and Relatives' Action Committees from all over Belfast took part despite harsh weather. The RUC at the start attempted to declare the march "illegal" but the crowd boomed and hissed them and marched off defiantly.



The massive turnout was yet another kick in the teeth for the British establishment and their supporters in the pseudo-peace movement. The growing support for the retention of political status is a bolster for the moral of the revolutionary Freedom Fighters in the various English and Irish Jails.

HIT AND RUN KILLERS

The Colm Murtagh Sinn Féin Cumann, Dromalane, condemn in the strongest possible terms the latest atrocity committed by the British army in Newry when they knocked down a 57 year old man and left him

for dead. Mr. James Hollywood of Dromalane, was returning home on Monday 1st November at 8.30 when he was struck by an unlighted British army vehicle on the Omear Road near Dromalane. Mr. Hollywood was knocked unconscious and did not regain consciousness until about one and a half hours later when he stumbled to a nearby house. An ambulance was called and Mr. Hollywood was admitted to Daisy Hill hospital where he is at present being treated for severe shock, bruises and multiple fractures to his left arm. We demand the immediate removal of these uniformed hit-and-run killers and will support the people of Newry in any action they may take to have them taken off the streets.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST UDR WILL CONTINUE

The North Armagh, Irish Republican Army, have claimed responsibility for the ambush on Monday night in Church Place, Lurgan, in which an officer in the Ulster Defence Regiment was killed. Another member of the UDR was wounded in the same attack. In their supplied statement the North Armagh IRA say that the offensive against the UDR will continue

in the coming weeks. The statement lists a number of recent murders in which serving personnel of the UDR were involved. "We regard the UDR as an active cog in the Loyalist assassination machine, their activities, both in and out of uniform, ranks them with the UVF and the UFF as sectarian ghouls." The statement concludes.

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DRUMM

The Husband and Family of the late Maire Drumm (R.I.P.) wish to record their gratitude to all who contributed to the overwhelming support and sympathy they received in their recent tragic loss. The Doctors and Nursing Staff, Flats 2 and 3, Mater Hospital, for their kindness and attention during her illness and in her dying moments. The family Doctors, Priests and Rev. Sisters who called at the home. Her comrades in Sinn Féin, and the many friends who virtually took over the running of the home from the moment of her death to the burial. We do not wish to individualise, all were wonderful. The Republican Movement, for its help and support and the final fitting tribute rendered to her. The many thousands who sent wreaths, Mass Cards, Telegrams and Messages of Sympathy, and all who attended the funeral, especially those who came long distances in solidarity with her and the cause for which she died. Finally, our thanks for something which would have been nearest her heart, the messages of sympathy and tributes from the Prisoners and Republican Prisoners and to the girls who kept their lonely vigil beside her remains.

Mile Bhuidheachas díbh go leir,
Glasmullin Gardens, Andersonstown, Belfast.

THANK-U FROM THE BIRDMEN OF LONG KESH

WE the prisoners of Cage 11 Long Kesh would like to thank all those people who, after reading about our pigeons in the Republican News, attempted to have both pigeons and pigeon corn delivered to us through the Incident Centres. We thank all of you for thinking enough of us to go to all that trouble. Its good to know that there is so many people willing to come to our aid if we need them, but as you have probably been informed at the Centres the Prison Governor does not allow such items into Long Kesh as was evident when he gave

orders for the destruction of our improvised pigeon shed, a few months back, while at the same time no attempt was made to remove other such sheds belonging to other factions in the camp. But that's only one incident. If you tried to write them all down there would be enough to fill a book. But we would just like to thank you all again and ask you not to bring any more birds or pigeon food up to the Centres as there is no possible way of us getting it in here.

"THANKS ANYWAY"
from all the lads....
PRO. Cage 11, M. Walker.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL

Today we sing
Silent Night, every night we sing
And day, and wild roars of song
Of defiance — our lullabies of reliance against the lock-up.
Out of the cubicles comes the random humming
Of happiness, in heart and mind, out of spirit
The tune, the wise-crack, the laugh, the natural talk.
In thousands of years we share between us.

Tonight as always,
The private whisper is separated from the wounds
Lightheartedly over more pain and traceless!
Travelling through a full starry sky
Twinkling the light years, sparkling the smiles, going by.

Tonight we are
Never ceases, no matter how far from home,
Never far, from wives, children, family and friends
Fulfilling the photographs of us - ever enduring
As they are for us and always are
The fullness of all time; for all time,
For all of us,
And you, clueless, screwless, keyless
And lockless, rehearsing with us
As promised by the promises of man, spaceless!
An Irishman.

MADRA RUA, Long Kesh Concentration camp.

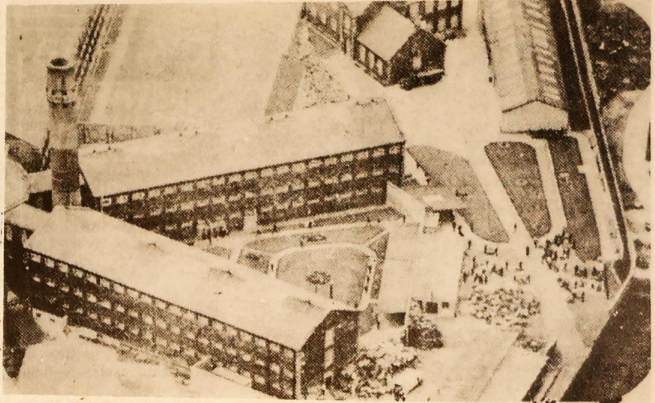
PRISON SYSTEM LEAVES REPUBLICANS OPEN TO ATTACK

Editor,
With the assistance of your letters page I would like to explain to your readers the numerous reasons why we, the Republican remand Prisoners in Crumlin Road Gaol protested for one week wearing only our underpants. The

for 5 weeks. We regard ourselves as Political Prisoners, prisoners of war, captured by an occupying force and under no circumstances will we wear a uniform or take part in a system which does not accept we are Political Prisoners. The men in 'H'

this course of action may deter further attacks.

Seemingly the Brit Government have decided to use the prisons of the 6 Counties in a last ditch attempt to break the spirit and determination of Republicans and their supporters. The prison



CRUMLIN ROAD HELL HOLE

decision to protest in this manner was carefully considered and was not arrived at flippantly. Because the nature of the protest caused hardship and inconvenience to our relatives and also to the prisoners themselves. The protest was designed to show the prison authorities and the N.I.O. that we will not meekly accept the imposition by them of an archaic and iniquitous system designed solely to destroy the morale of the Prisoner and reduce him/her to a robot, responding only to the dictate of a prison warden.

Our Protest was held also to highlight the plight of our comrades numbering 11 in 'H' Block Long Kesh who have been deprived of their clothes, visits with relatives, held in solitary confinement for 24 hours per day and refused all contact with the outside world through letters.

The lack of comment and publicity made about the conditions these men are living under by the press is tantamount to agreeing with the treatment, or at the very least encouraging the belief that no one is concerned how prisoners are treated by the prison authorities. The reason why these men are being treated in this manner is because they refuse to wear prison uniform, the symbol of a "criminal," and work daily for the prison authorities. Some of these men have been naked

block can not protest in any other way so we will continue to protest until the British Government reverse their decision of enforced De-politicisation. We believe a system can be worked out based on the following points:

1. Political Status for sentenced and remand Republican Prisoners.
2. Total segregation from Pro-Imperialist Loyalist Prisoners (Remand and Sentenced).
3. Recognition of appointed Republican spokesmen/women, by Prison Authorities.
4. Control over our Education.

At the present time the prison system leaves the Republican Prisoner open to sectarian attack by Loyalist Prison Wardens and prisoners. Many times since the 1st March (end of Political status) Republican Prisoners have been set upon by warders. This fact can be borne out by examination of the Prison doctors records of the extent of the men's wounds. These cowardly and unprovoked attacks must cease immediately. An attempt is being made by 3 remand prisoners to have their attackers charged with brutality in a court action. The men concerned accept the inevitable outcome of their case, during the warders' trial, they believe that

warders are being used as the shock troops in this latest offensive against Republicans. If the warders wish to remain "impartial" and fulfill the role as stated by their PRO a few weeks back, then they must refuse to carry out the instructions given to them by the British Administration and demand that the sectarian thugs be removed from their ranks.

I would also appeal to relatives and friends of Political Prisoners to assist in every possible way the Relatives Action Committees who are leading the fight on the outside for the retention of Political Status.

The fight for a British withdrawal is not being fought by criminals. The men and women involved are motivated by their concern for the plight of the Irish Working class. They have been on the receiving end of harassment from the Brits and have had to suffer the consequences of an economic system based on profit for big business, and pittance for the workers. We demand the British withdraw from Ireland, politically, militarily and economically. To refuse to do so will prolong the suffering in both countries.

P.R.O. Republican Remand Prisoners.
'C' Wing Crumlin Road, Gaol.

VIOLENCE IN IRELAND IS IMPORTED, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY

by R.G. McAuley

For the first time in 4 years the British government has decided to lift a ban it had imposed on Irish demonstrations being held in Trafalgar Square. According to a British Home Office spokesman 'peace' movements rally is being allowed to go ahead because it was "not regarded as political."

This statement I would argue is untrue, deliberately misleading and totally inaccurate. The peace movement is now as politically motivated an organisation as are any of the political parties in the 6 counties, a fact which is easily substantiated by reference to their statement of a few weeks ago in which they stated that they supported the RUC and the security forces as the "only legitimate upholders of the Rule of Law." Is that not a political statement? It is very apparent from their actions and statements over the last few weeks that the 'peace' women are committed to support-

ing the Status Quo, that is the maintenance of a 6 county 'state' which has for 55 years discriminated against the minority community. They have declared that they completely back the RUC and the British Army, two forces which have for 7 years and more brutalised the Irish people.

They have condemned the violence of the Republican Movement, but what they have seemed to fail to grasp is that the violence of the I.R.A. is a reaction, a symptom of the violence perpetrated on the Irish nation by Britain for centuries. Their statements are blatantly political in nature however because they are defending Britains presence in Ireland and their handling of the Irish war. The British Government are choosing to ignore this in order to allow the rally in Trafalgar Square to take place.

The 'peace' movement is no longer - if it ever was - a movement

interested in establishing peace with justice. It is now openly supporting the system which has violently exploited our people for many many years. How can the 'peace' movement claim to want peace when it supports the people who for so long denied justice? Noel Jenkinson an Irish POW in his last letter from an English prison before his death commented upon this new movement.

"The people will only be at peace when the invaders are driven out. Nobody denies the right of the Irish people to peace but nobody in Ireland will have peace so long as any trace of Brit power remains. The violence in Ireland today is imported counter-revolutionary violence - it can only be destroyed by revolutionary violence. Everybody wants peace - but not peace at any price - better to die on our feet than live on our knees."

I don't believe more needs to be said on the subject.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, NORTH ARMAGH

(comprising)

OGLAIGH NA HEIREANN
NA FIANNA EIREANN
SINN FEIN
NATIONAL GRAVES ASSOCIATION
REPUBLICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

Remember with pride their comrade First Lieut. Michael Crossey, Adj. 'A' Co. First Batt. North Armagh Oglagh na Heireann who died on active service on 22nd Nov. 1971. R.I.P. The generations shall remember him and call him blessed.

LIEUT.
MICHAEL
CROSSEY
FIFTH
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REVOLUTIONARY PEN PORTRAITS NO.13

Con Colbert

Con Colbert was born in Limerick, his father had been a member of the Fenian Movement. Colbert was a founder member of the revolutionary Republican youth movement, Na Fianna Eireann. His skill with weapons and his military expertise were of great assistance to the Irish Volunteers. Con joined the Volunteers at their foundation as a instructor.

When the leadership of the revolutionary forces of Easter Week apportioned responsibility for Colbert was placed in charge of the men at Watkins Brewery in Ardee Street.

Commandant Colbert learned, on the Tuesday of the fighting, that his comrades in the Barmack's Factory at Blackpitts had been forced to retire. Considering his own position to be ineffective he sent a courier for Major McBride at Jacob's. The Major, agreeing with Colbert, ordered him to reinforce the party at Marrowbone Lane. Consequently about 6 a.m. on Wednesday the garrison at Jameson's Distillery was augmented by Colbert's command consisting of about 15 men.

When the members of the Provisional Government signed the surrender on April 29th, 1916, Colbert was taken prisoner.



Just over a week later Commandant Con Colbert was taken to the yard of Kilmainham Jail and shot by a British army firing squad. His close friend and comrade, Sean Heuston died on the same spot some minutes later.

Statement from North Belfast Sinn Fein

THE MURDER OF JOHN PATCH

The killing of John Patch at the hands of a loyalist murder gang once again highlights the assassination campaign against pre-selected individuals and families from within the Catholic communities in North Belfast. This murder, the latest in a long litany - cannot be shrugged off as a 'random killing.' Previous attempts on John Patch's life had failed and so he was mercilessly stalked, hunted down and brutally murdered. The previous attempts on his life were in 1971 when he was caught by loyalists in Oldpark, taken to the notorious 'River Streets' area in the heart of North

Belfast's loyalist murder zone, and there an attempt was made to kill him by a bizarre hanging. This bid was thwarted by the accidental arrival of a British Army patrol.

A second attempt was made on his life several months ago after he and a companion left a drinking club in the Bone area a car followed them. The car's occupants attempted, but failed to abduct John Patch and his friend and then tried to run them down with the vehicle. The car then drove into a loyalist area.

But in the early hours of Saturday morning November 13th, John Patch's killers caught up with him slaying him as he tried to open the door of his home in Elm Grove Street.

John Patch's death in the North Belfast area brings to around 50 the number of persons slain by loyalist assassins in that area this year. The RUC and British Army in North Belfast rather than lending their time and energy in tracking down these loyalist killers, in fact lend their energies to loyalist gangs by adapting a role of 'softening up' the Catholic community by continuous raids, arrests harassment and beating up of people from New Lodge, Bone, Ardoyne Newington and Greencastle. The Loyalist areas of North Belfast are thus safe havens for loyalist murder squads who are being afforded seemingly every immunity from possible charge or arrest by the RUC and British Army.

