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## Evictions in Dublin

SINN FEIN'S Christy Burke, seen on the left with members of an evicted family, has predicted a worsening of the situation for those caught in Dublin Corporation's bureaucratic housing policy

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## SINN FEIN IN LONDON

THIS week's visit of West Belfast MP Gerry Adams to London, at the invitation of Greater London Council leader Ken Livingstone, has been described by left-wing members of the Labour Party as an important step in the development of relations between Irish republicans and British socialists

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## OPINION

# Close encounters

THE CONTRAST in Irish visitors to London this week was so marked that few could miss the obvious lessons to be drawn.

West Belfast MP Gerry Adams went to London and put in clear and unequivocal terms the demand which is supported by the vast majority of Irish people — that Britain should withdraw from this country and leave us to decide our own future as an independent, united nation.

It is clear from the level of understanding between Sinn Féin and that section of the Labour Party which hosted the visit that, given a recognition of that demand, there is no reason why ordinary Irish people cannot explore their common causes in friendliness and harmony.

But the other Irish visitor to London, Coalition Minister for Foreign Affairs Peter Barry, went to London, not to pursue the cause of Irish nationalism, but to follow the well-trodden path of collaboration.

Perhaps piqued by the journalistic avalanche around the Sinn Féin MP, Barry sought to win column inches in the press by a tirade of anti-republican abuse, outstripping even the British gutter press which seems to be learning, at last, that Sinn Féin has to be taken rather more seriously than before.

Barry's hard-won newspaper space was uncannily reminiscent of another supreme collaborationist. Lord Gerry Fitt today, Sir Peter Barry tomorrow?

If Barry's ignorant abuse represents the current Coalition assessment of republicanism, then maybe that should be a source of encouragement to us. If they cannot even begin to understand what republicanism is about, what chance have they got of defeating us?

So what alternative does Barry offer towards a solution of Ireland's British problem? He brings back to Dublin yet another ridiculous concoction — the Dublin/London equivalent of the Dublin/Derry Forum.

Even its name condemns it for the nonsensical face-saver it is — the Anglo/Irish Encounter Organisation. And it is headed by Sir David Orr, an Irish-born British army officer turned captain of industry, subsequently knighted for services to Britain, and Dr T.K. Whitaker, whose concept of a nation is an economy with a nicely balanced set of books.

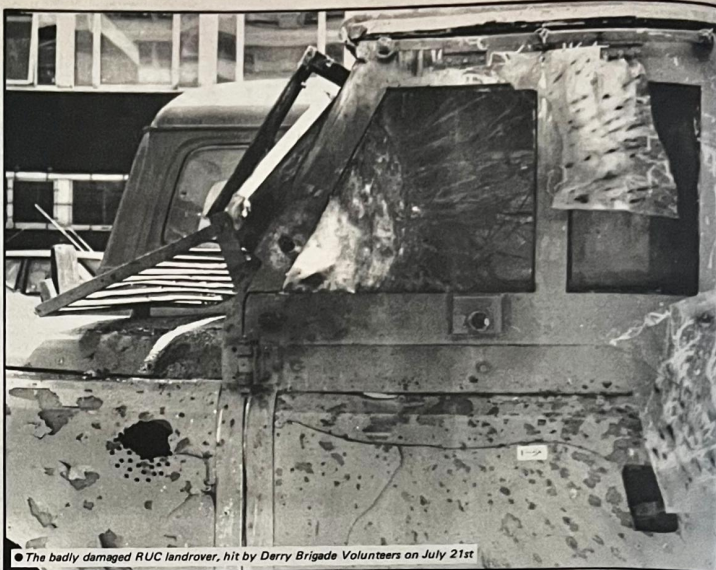
Their encounters will be concerned with tying tighter the bonds of capitalism between London and Dublin and solidifying the sell-out in favour of British middle-class pseudo-culture.

This new two-man organisation has been pathetically greeted by the Dublin government as a sign that London is prepared to smile on them once again and the brief flirtation with independence during the Falklands/Malvinas crisis is now behind them. It is even reported that in order to meet Thatcher in November they have agreed to abandon the practice of alternate venues, forego a Dublin meeting, and agreed to go cap in hand again to a humiliating lecture from the schoolma'am in No. 10.

After the endless troupe of cringing Irish politicians arriving in London, the Adams exposition of the Irish nationalist position must have come as an eye-opener to many in Britain. Let us hope that it will soon become clearer to many more.

As the Sinn Féin MP put it in his major London speech this week, it has been an opportunity to break through the wall of dis-information built by the British government around Ireland.

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## PRESSURE KEPT UP

THE IRA MAINTAINED its increased level of activity against the British occupation forces in the North with several attacks, in the course of which they used an RPG7 rocket-launcher and their latest acquisition, an anti-tank rifle.

### ROCKET ASSAULT ON RUC

On Thursday, July 21st, Derry Brigade Volunteers, using an RPG7 rocket-launcher and several rifles, attacked an RUC landrover. Two RUC men were injured in the incident, one of them critically.

The carefully planned ambush began the night before when one IRA active service unit took over a flat overlooking the fly-over on Lecky Road and secured the immediate area. A second ASU commandeered a vehicle for the following day's ambush and subsequent withdrawal of personnel and materials. The next morning a third ASU armed with an RPG7, two M15 rifles, an FN automatic rifle and a sub-machinegun, moved into position for the ambush.

As the landrover, which was accompanying a Post Office mail van, drew alongside the flats the RPG7 was fired striking the jeep on the passenger-side door. Immediately the four armed Volunteers, who were less than 10 yards from the armoured jeep, opened fire. The jeep sped off with black smoke billowing out from it.

The Brits and RUC immediately launched a massive follow-up search, but the three ASUs successfully eluded this.

### BOMB DISCOVERED

That night, in the Ballymurphy estate in West Belfast, a 15lb bomb contained in a gas container along with wire and the firing mechanism set to detonate it, was discovered by British troops. The device was taken by the Brits although, surprisingly, no mention of its discovery was made.

### BRIT ARMY POST ATTACKED

Sunday afternoon, July 24th, saw the IRA's Belfast Brigade use its recently acquired anti-tank rifle against the British army post on the corner of Cupar Street and Spring-



field Road.

The night before, an ASU moved into the streets immediately facing the Brit post and secured the area.

The following afternoon, four Volunteers launched an attack on the post backed up by several other armed Volunteers. One Volunteer using the anti-tank rifle fired a single missile, successfully striking the post, while a second fired shots from an automatic rifle. The two other Volunteers between them had three hand grenades, one of which detonated on hitting the post.

The area was immediately sealed off by a large force of Brits and RUC. However, all Volunteers, together with their weapons, safely returned to base.

### BRIT MOVE FOILED

Late on the evening of Sunday, July 24th, armed Volunteers of the Belfast Brigade, supported by several others, entered the Lake Glen Hotel on the Andersonstown Road

in West Belfast. They carefully placed four bombs at strategic points in the building, all of which exploded within an hour.

In claiming responsibility shortly after the attack, Belfast Brigade explained that following the destruction in a massive bomb attack several months ago of Andersonstown RUC Barracks they had received "reliable intelligence information" that "the Lake Glen was to be used by the British army and RUC as a temporary base while Andersonstown Barracks was rebuilt. Tonight's action is intended to prevent that from happening."

### COMMERCIAL DISRUPTION

On Tuesday, July 19th, a Belfast Brigade ASU placed a bomb in a carpet wholesalers in King Street. After five hours, during which time considerable traffic disruption was caused, the bomb was eventually defused.



# FITT'S A BRIT!-IT'S OFFICIAL

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

ON THURSDAY of last week, July 21st, came the expected announcement that Gerry Fitt, who led the SDLP until 1979 and held the West Belfast seat in Westminster until last June, was to be made a British lord. The British establishment, the British press, ran out of words of praise: "Rewarded for conspicuous gallantry" (Daily Telegraph), "cheerful and indomitable" (Daily Express), "courageous and much admired" (Guardian). British TV seized on the event and once again ran programmes which sounded like chapters from *The Life of the Saints*.

From Ireland, however, came few cheers. The Alliance Party, the *Irish Independent*, and Conor Cruise O'Brien rejoiced. But even middle-class nationalists voiced their annoyance at Fitt's 'betrayal'. "England's best-loved Irishman," jeered the *Irish News*. "A television socialist," said the SDLP Assemblyman Joe Hendron.

Belfast nationalists, though, had given a verdict on Gerry Fitt as early as May 1981: he was ousted from the Belfast Corporation, which he had entered in 1958. Finally, last June, they voted him out of his Westminster seat which he had held since 1966.

## TWISTED

Fitt would love to be remembered as the man who stirred British consciences by standing on the streets of Derry on October 5th 1968, covered in blood. However, this image on the 'working-class hero' exists only in the twisted imagination of British press hacks. The man who in 1980 showed his lack of political foresight by calling the hunger-strikers "those criminals" who "have never fought an election" and "represent nobody" has now been rejected twice in two years by the ballot box.

His life peerage is seen by his former constituents as the most fitting conclusion of a political career governed by one principle only - that of expediency.

In spite of some sabre-rattling in Civil Rights days, Gerry Fitt has always been a convinced constitutionalist whose career was built on and around elections: he won the Dock seat on the Belfast Corporation in 1958, became a Stormont MP in 1962, and a Westminster MP in 1966. He shrewdly deserted the Republican Labour Party to help form the SDLP in 1970.

Fitt was a careerist, not an abstentionist. When Cusack and Beattie were killed by the British army in Derry in 1971, Fitt was then ill in hospital. In his absence, Hume, under pressure from his own base, decided to pull out of Stormont - a move which enraged Gerry Fitt. 'Political life at any cost' has always been his motto. After the collapse of the 'power-sharing executive' Fitt would have settled for anything that was going, and in 1979 he left the SDLP because they turned down Atkins' devolution proposals, which included neither power-sharing nor an 'Irish dimension'.

## REWARD

Fitt's condemnation of 'violence' started



and stopped at the IRA. His silence when Carol-Ann Kelly, Julie Livingstone, Nora McCabe, his constituents, were killed by plastic bullets on the streets of Belfast, and his attacks on the prisoners throughout the hunger-strike will not easily be forgotten.

The man who asked Margaret Thatcher not to grant the prisoners their demands was

rejected by Irish voters and greeted by the British establishment. Lord Fitt has gone where he belongs, to reap the reward of years of loyal service to the British crown. In the words of the present West Belfast MP, Gerry Adams:

"Baron in name, and barren also in political integrity."

# RUC using mentally ill man

BY JANE PLUNKETT

MRS Kathleen Mackie, from Strathedon Street in Belfast's New Lodge Road, last weekend publicly appealed to the RUC to let her see her husband, David, aged 44, whom she said they were holding.

A very distraught Mrs Mackie explained that on Thursday, July 14th, her husband had been arrested by the RUC while in possession of an 'offensive weapon'. He was, she said, at the time very drunk from a combination of nerve tablets, prescribed for him by his doctor for a serious nervous complaint, and a substantial quantity of alcohol. He was released the following day.

On Monday, July 18th, the RUC came to the house and informed a shocked Mackie, while his wife was present, that while being held he had signed statements naming individuals allegedly involved two years earlier in a punishment shooting carried out on him. According to Mrs Mackie, her husband said that he was retracting those statements but the RUC man merely smiled and said:

"It's not as easy as that."

The following evening, Tuesday, July 19th, Mackie, ser-



● A distraught Kathleen Mackie, with her children, waits in the hope that she will be able to see her mentally ill husband

iously disturbed by the whole situation, left home, telling his wife that he was "going for a dander." Later that night, when he still hadn't returned, she contacted a solicitor, Paschal O'Hare of the SDLP, who was told by the RUC that they had no knowledge of him.

At lunchtime the following day, Mrs Mackie was told that her husband was in protective custody and when she demand-

ed to see him she was told by the RUC that it was impossible.

## DRAMATIC APPEAL

On Friday, July 22nd, reports, obviously originating from the RUC, began circulating in the media in Belfast claiming that another 'supergrass' had emerged. Mrs Mackie, in a dramatic appeal in Saturday's *Irish News*, called on the RUC to let her see her husband. She said:

"The RUC are putting David under pressure to do something he does not want to do. They know he is a sick man and are keeping up the pressure to make him say things that are totally untrue."

A solicitor acting for Mrs Mackie again attempted, on Monday, July 26th, to see David Mackie but was cynically told by the RUC:

"We have no objections to this man speaking to his wife,

if he wishes to. He is a free agent."

Fr Raymond Murray, for the Help the Prisoners Committee, challenged the RUC on their statement, saying that he did not believe that David Mackie would refuse to see his wife. Fr Murray also denied any suggestion that Mackie was an informer and said that he had suffered badly from nerves following his being shot two years previously. Fr Murray said:

"I know this family personally. I do not believe that David would refuse to speak to Kathleen or his mother."

The Belfast Brigade of the IRA, in a statement following Mrs Mackie's appeal in the *Irish News*, denied that Mackie was "a disillusioned member of the IRA or any section of the Republican Movement" and they accepted that his physical and mental ill-health was being used by the RUC to pressurise him.

More significantly, they warned that the Mackie case demonstrates the extremes to which the RUC will go in order to frighten and intimidate nationalists. They said:

"The RUC will not allow illness nor family anxiety to stand in the way of their intimidating and terrifying other unfortunates into meeting their demands."



# DUNDALK RUNS DRY

BY JACK MADDEN

**WATER RATIONING** is regarded as a part of life by the people of Dundalk, County Louth, according to local Sinn Féin councillor Fra Browne. Water supplies, which are at present cut off between 7pm and 7am in the summer months, will, he adds, become even scarcer in future years unless a local scheme to increase the current supply is quickly found.

Successive schemes to supplement the existing water supply from the Annaskeagh reservoir have been of short-term benefit only or, as is the case with the latest scheme to draw water from Lough Muckno and the Fane River, have met opposition from local vested interests.

The Muckno/Fane scheme will, if it is ever completed, be a costly exercise. Already the consultancy firm which has investigated the potential of the scheme has been paid £1.5 million and the cost in terms of time and energy has already proven prohibitive. When the scheme was first mooted by the consultancy firm P.J. Tobin and Co in 1971 they estimated that it "would involve an expenditure of the order of £2 million." This figure would, at today's prices, be closer to £15 million.

The entire Muckno/Fane scheme was based on what have now proven to be exaggerated estimates of population trends in the Dundalk region. These estimates allowed for an increase in the population to 45,000 by the year 1985. The increase has, in fact, proved much slower, and in the last census in 1981 the population was 25,663.

## MAGNITUDE

Because of the magnitude of the project which, it was hoped, would carry up to 11 million gallons of water to Dundalk every day, in contrast to current schemes which provide only three million gallons, all smaller schemes were put to one side and



● Fra Browne points to the dangerously low level of water at the Annaskeagh reservoir

energies and finance reserved for this once-and-for-all scheme.

The Annaskeagh reservoir had already been augmented in the 1960s by a pump on the Castletown River but this provided a limited supply. The Castletown development was supposed to be the forerunner of a larger scheme on the Flurry River which flows from Camlough Lake in Armagh to Dundalk.

The eventual decision not to develop the Flurry scheme, but to opt for a scheme on the Muckno/Fane, was made as part of a larger regional (North Eastern) development plan and supposed that most development would take place south of Dundalk.

## CONTROVERSY

A fierce controversy raged for years between consultant Tobin, who was backed by the Free State Department of Local

Government in advocating the Muckno/Fane scheme, and Dundalk town surveyor Thomas Kenny who in 1973 argued that the Flurry scheme was the more practical and cost-effective in that it would rely on gravity rather than expensive pumping systems.

Angry at the intervention by outsiders in what he saw as a local problem he argued that "the intervention of An Foras Forbatha and the NERDO (North-East Region Development Organisation) uninvited... has been, to say the least of it, unfortunate, in that it postponed the practical work of augmenting Dundalk's water resources by two, three or more years..."

Kenny's case was rejected and the Department supported Tobin. In 1974 they informed Dundalk Urban District Council that they "would not therefore be disposed to provide capital for the financing of a scheme based on another source." All re-

search was subsequently to be directed towards the Muckno scheme while the immediate needs grew greater every year.

## DRILLING

So acute did the problem become that the council was eventually forced to act again and in 1979 and 1980 sanctioned the drilling of wells beneath the town. Of the numerous wells drilled only seven produced a sizeable yield and it was estimated that they might, with development, account for about one million gallons of water a day. In a report it was stated:

"More could be drawn but there is a danger of subsidence and a danger of an increase in the chloride level due to the proximity of the sea."

Meanwhile, the Muckno/Fane scheme has attracted widespread and vocal opposition from farmers in the region who remain unconvinced that the flooding in the area will not increase. In a report as far back as 1972, Tobin had warned about this, saying that:

"It is doubtful that the Lough Muckno scheme can be implemented without a good deal of administrative consideration and negotiation on which I am not competent to advise."

Now the water level in the Annaskeagh reservoir has dropped so low that caretaker Peter Thornton has had to switch off the supply to the town. The alternative supply from the Castletown River is inferior and requires extensive treatment before use. Only the Harp lager factory maintains its supply (about 800,000 gallons per day) and this is from an independent source.

The three million gallon supply which the Flurry development would have added would probably have proved sufficient for some years to come. Whatever the truth of this, Fra Browne remains unconvinced that the natural resources in the immediate locality were fully investigated and is at present encouraging feasibility studies in a number of smaller projects which would ease the drought in Dundalk... even if only temporarily.

# EVICIONS IN DUBLIN

BY JACK MADDEN

**WHILE** flats and houses lie empty in Dublin's inner-city, many families, who have been evicted from their homes are forced to live in the streets. Bureaucracy and the points system used to allocate homes have been blamed for the plight of these families and, according to local Sinn Féin community worker Christy Burke, the situation is likely to get worse rather than better in the future.

Alice Doyle and her 14-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, have been living in the courtyard of a flats complex in Ballybough for nine days, waiting for a home. They had lived in a flat in this complex for 18 months but, because they were

squatting, they were eventually evicted.

A deserted wife, Alice Doyle had been living with a man in a Ballymun flat. When the man began to abuse and beat her she asked him to leave and later tried, unsuccessful-



● Alice and Jacqueline Doyle, living in a courtyard since their eviction

fully, to have him put out.

In desperation she left the flat but did not know that she had to sign a form ending her tenancy. Mother and daughter moved to Ballybough and when her social welfare allowance was stopped they began to squat in a vacant flat in the area.

Last March, the corporation and

her social worker informed her that she was still the legal tenant of the Ballymun flat and that the man she had been living with had now moved out. She told them that she was afraid to return to live in the area because his relations lived there, but she agreed to have a look at the flat. When she arrived she discovered another family living there and

they were able to prove legal tenancy.

Months earlier, in January last, the corporation, who for 18 months had been accepting squatters' rent from Alice Doyle, began court proceedings to have her and her daughter evicted from their Ballybough home.

Now the Doyles live outside, sleeping at night in an old car. They are terrified because of the high incidence of vandalism in the area. Another person living in similar circumstances in the same area was burned out.

Despite their fears, they intend to remain until they are housed in the area, which is judged a high demand locality by the corporation. This means that people at the top of the housing list have first option on vacant flats. For people like Alice Doyle, who has only one child, there is little hope of being located in a high demand area unless they are prepared to live outside in intolerable conditions for an indefinite time.

## NO OPTION

In nearby Sean McDermott Street the same problems exist for the Sherlock family, a father, mother and two children, who were evicted from their flat on Thursday last, July 21st. The children are two years old and 11 months.

Like the Doyles, they have no toilet facilities and there has been nothing offered by the corporation. Rose Sherlock joins the queue in the corporation's housing department twice every day to be told that there is nothing for her.

The problems of these families are the same for many others in Dublin. The corporation argues that squatters "jump the queue" and deprive others. They advise families to have more children so that their points will increase. If they are not prepared to do this, or are frustrated by the years of waiting for a home, there is no option but to squat and, when evicted, to live homeless in the hope that something will turn up.

# Storm over Orlit houses

BY EAMONN TRACEY

**A STORM** of protest has erupted over the inaction of the Housing Executive following the disclosure that nearly 2,000 houses throughout the North have been identified as having serious structural faults.

The structural faults have been found in the 'Orlit' houses, which were built in their tens of thousands throughout Britain and in the North following the Second World War. High alumina cement was used in their construction with steel beams reinforcing the whole structure. Over the years the concrete has become seriously weakened while the steel beams have corroded.

The Housing Executive has ignored repeated warnings about the scale of this crisis. In January of this year, Gerry Adams, MP for West Belfast,

said: "The Orlit houses, 10 years ago, were pinpointed as suffering from rising damp and structural defects. In some cases gable walls have been blown down by high winds."

Recently, with the British Tory government's policy of selling off public housing, many families have bought their homes and have spent thousands of pounds on renovating them, including the installation of central heating. Now they've been bluntly informed by the Housing Executive that while

they are seeking permission from the Department of the Environment to re-purchase sold off property, no compensation will be paid for any improvements carried out by the occupants.

Sean Keenan, Sinn Féin's West Belfast Housing spokesperson, said: "In the past, those responsible for the building and maintenance of homes in the North have assured people that the houses were sound. The 'experts' have been consistently wrong."

"The latest assurances that the Orlit houses have a life span of another 10 years are utter nonsense and we believe that this statement is being made for expediency, on behalf of the Housing Executive, as the Orlit houses have a long record of major faults."





**SHOOT-TO-KILL** RUC men claimed yet another victim in County Armagh on Tuesday, July 26th, when they shot dead a 25-year-old post office raider in the nationalist Teghnevan estate in Lurgan, recklessly endangering the lives of local people both outside and inside their homes.

Shortly before 10am on Tuesday morning the post office on Drumlin Drive on the fringe of Teghnevan was robbed by two masked men. Minutes later, as Anthony O'Hare, from Drumbeg, was escaping through the estate, he apparently spotted four uniformed RUC men following him and ran off.

The RUC men chased O'Hare into Monbrief Walk. RUC men shouted at O'Hare who was still hooded, and then fired a hail of bullets into the narrow walkway as residents rushed for cover. O'Hare was hit by at least three bullets and died immediately, his sawn-off shotgun lying beside him.

Mrs Helena O'Neill was walking down Monbrief Walk with her two children, Mark aged 10 and Lisa aged 6. When the firing started she dived with Lisa into a garden for cover. A flagstone less than 10 yards away from where she lay, which was heavily scarred with RUC bullets, was later taken away by the RUC.

Residents counted at least 26 bullet marks in the three houses at the end of the street. One bullet went through the front window of

BY JANE PLUNKETT



● Monbrief Walk, Teghnevan, Lurgan — Anthony O'Hare was killed by the RUC at the far end of the Walk

No 47, passing through a settee, a partition wall, freezer unit and sink unit before finally lodging in the back kitchen wall.

One 15-year-old girl was standing in the hallway of her home carrying her 5-year-old brother when a bullet whizzed past her head.

#### TRIGGER-HAPPY

Attempting to justify their

trigger-happy behaviour, the RUC later claimed that they opened fire only when shot at by O'Hare. But Lurgan Sinn Fein could find no eyewitnesses to substantiate that claim.

Local people say that O'Hare was several times challenged by RUC men shouting "Stop, you bastard!" An RUC man fired four shots at the running man,

O'Hare fell to the ground and tried unsuccessfully to rise.

There was a short pause and then a burst of automatic gunfire. A large force of RUC men carrying M1 rifles rushed down nearby entries, effectively blocking O'Hare's escape, the speed of their arrival suggesting that the RUC operation may have been a stake-out. The youths

had been seen by several people acting suspiciously before the post office raid.

From her bedroom window, 15-year-old Kathy Coleman saw the RUC running up Monbrief Walk. She recalls:

"I saw a wee girl lying in the garden and the RUC running down the path. They were all shouting 'Stop!' and then one of them said

"Shoot the bastard!" or something. They were shooting. He (O'Hare) got to the wall and fell. I never saw him shooting at them.

"They kept running up and they were less than 10 yards away from him when they stopped firing."

#### KICKED

Another eyewitness, 18-year-old Fergus Haughey, saw RUC men, shouting "Stop you bastard!" approach the body and kick it three or four times.

Local residents angrily maintain that as the RUC had brought O'Hare to the ground and had him surrounded they had no reason to continue firing.

Sinn Fein's constituency representative for Upper Bann, Brendan Curran, has condemned the RUC's actions on Tuesday:

"Obviously the RUC shoot-to-kill policy is still in vogue and has full backing from the top. The large number of shots fired are clear evidence of the total disregard shown for the lives of people who live in nationalist areas."

## Union Jack gets eighty sacked

BY JANE PLUNKETT

**MANAGEMENT** of the Moy Meats factory at Charlemont, County Armagh, sacked the entire workforce and closed the factory rather than confront loyalists who for several weeks have refused to work if a Union Jack hoisted for the Twelfth period is removed without their consent.

On Tuesday, July 26th, Ulster Farmers Investments Ltd, through which the Ulster Farmers' Union operate Moy Meats, sacked the entire workforce of 80, around half of whom are nationalists.

The protracted dispute began on Monday, July 4th, when loyalist workers flew a Union Jack on the main pathway into the plant, contrary to company rules agreed with ATGWU shop stewards which states:

"The company adopts no political or sectarian allegiances."

When nationalists complained through the union, management removed the flag, whereupon senior shop steward Tom Kerr, himself a former UDR man, led the loyalist workers out on strike.

The flag was hoisted again the same night on top of the factory barrier-hou and the following day the nationalist workers refused to work.

Two directors who were called in agreed that the loyalists had broken the union agreement but



● The dispute at Moy Meats exposes the weakness of a trade union movement in a sectarian state

the following Friday, July 8th, management shelved the dispute by placing the entire workforce on a fortnight's paid holiday — though the plant does not normally close over the Twelfth period — and stated that at the end of the holiday the flag

should be removed. However, on Monday, July 25th, when the plant re-opened, the flag was still flying and nationalist employees again went home.

On Tuesday, management sacked the entire workforce, denying its own responsibility for the

situation by claiming that the problem was "differences within the workforce."

#### CRITICISM

Meanwhile, Kerr has drawn heavy criticism from nationalist employees for using his position as senior shop steward to put the loyalist case to the media. His claims that the company rule-book referred to in the dispute is four years out of date are refuted by nationalist workers, who say that since 1981 it has been used in all disputes at the factory.

During the Twelfth period in both 1980 and 1981, the Union Jack was removed from the building after nationalist objections and in 1982 it was not flown at all.

Although it appears that management hopes the dispute will be resolved by loyalists eventually removing the flag a spokesperson for the nationalist workers told *AP/RN* that they fear that if the plant re-opens, management will be able to dictate the terms on which people are employed.

Sinn Fein's elected representative for South Armagh, Jim McAllister, commented that besides demonstrating "the inherent weakness of the trade union movement within the Northern sectarian state," this dispute "highlights the basic fascism with loyalist workers attempting to assert their superiority over nationalist workers by flying the symbol of repression."

## RUC back-up loyalist mobs

**LOYALIST** attacks against nationalists have continued in the wake of the annual July 12th sectarian celebrations.

Around midnight on Friday night, July 22nd, nationalist homes in Austin Street, in Belfast's Short Strand area, came under a stone-throwing attack from a loyalist mob. The Austin Street houses had only just been repaired after a similar attack the previous week.

Windows and doors were again shattered as lumps of concrete and bricks landed in the living-rooms of the first three houses in the street. When residents came out to face their attackers, who were grouped on the Newtownards Road, an RUC patrol arrived and immediately took up positions, with their

guns facing Austin Street and their backs to the loyalists.

#### BAWNMORE

At about the same time in Bawnmore, in the north of the city, a group of eight nationalist teenagers were attacked on their way home.

As the group, three of them girls, neared Mount Street, they were set upon by about 15 loyalists who had run 300 yards into the area from the Shore Road. The attackers threw a hail of bricks and stones injuring several of the nationalist youths.

One youth, Seamus Doonan,



● Derry's Anderson Crescent was just one of the targets for loyalists

aged 17, was attacked by an Alsatian dog owned by one of the invaders and Barbara McLoughlin, also 17, was punched and kicked

when she went to his aid.

As the nationalist youths made an effort to defend themselves, an RUC patrol arrived and three nationalists, but none of the loyalists, were arrested.

#### DERRY

And in Derry, homes in the Gobnascalle estate were attacked by loyalists on two consecutive nights last week.

On Wednesday night, a group of about 10 loyalist youths threw stones at houses in Anderson Crescent. The following night, a larger mob attacked the same houses with stones breaking windows in four houses and damaging doors.

An RUC landrover was parked at the far end of the street during the attack and as the loyalists ran off into Irish Street, the RUC drove off in the other direction.

When residents approached the Housing Executive to have repairs done, the RUC at first denied that anything had taken place but, under pressure, finally admitted that a sectarian attack had occurred.



BY KEVIN BURKE

**THE VISIT** of West Belfast MP Gerry Adams to London, at the personal invitation of the Greater London Council leader Ken Livingstone, has been hailed by members of the Labour Party's left-wing as an important step in the development of relations between Irish republicans and British socialists.

Arrangements for the three-day visit, throughout which Adams was accompanied by Joe Austin of North Belfast Sinn Fein, had begun almost immediately after Adams' election to the Westminster parliament in June. He had been banned from London by an exclusion order last November, along with two other Sinn Fein elected representatives, Danny Morrison and Martin McGuinness, but the ban on Adams was hastily lifted by an embarrassed British government within hours of his Westminster victory.

This week's visit began on Tuesday morning when Gerry Adams and Joe Austin arrived at London's Heathrow Airport where they were mobbed by a media which minutes earlier had been avoided by the Free State's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Peter Barry.

Barry was later to claim that the Sinn Fein visit was timed especially to 'distract' attention from his visit. But, as Ken Livingstone pointed out, ridiculing the allegation as 'outrageous egotism', the name of Peter Barry is not one which is constantly on the lips of the British people, and was it not for the visit of Gerry Adams, no one would have noticed the presence in London of the Dublin Minister.

#### AIRPORT

The two Sinn Fein visitors were met at the airport by GLC councillor Steve Bundred, who had been instrumental in the organisation of the trip, and by Jeremy Corbyn, Labour Party MP for Islington North, who later in the day escorted Adams into the House of Commons.

Although accompanied by Labour Party members and some London-based supporters during the visit, there was no major security for the Sinn Fein duo and very little hostility met during the visit.

Asked about this, Adams commented:

*"It doesn't worry me. The people I'm meeting today aren't armed. Usually when I meet an Englishman he's carrying an SLR rifle."*

From Heathrow, Adams and Austin went to London's County Hall for a 1½-hour discussion with 15 Labour members of the GLC and former Labour Party MP Tony Benn, the most prominent casualty of the last election who, nevertheless, remains a major influence on the party's left-wing.

A frank exchange of views covered many topics relating to the Irish struggle, including loyalism and the mechanism of British withdrawal. There was also a lively interest in Sinn Fein's impressive progress at building the party on the ground, in particular the successful advice centres and the concentration on leading people from dependency and patronage in such areas as social welfare and housing.

The left-wing Labour members, who feel that the party has been run down over the years by the recent leadership, believe that in attempting to rebuild the party there is much that they can learn from Sinn Fein.

#### COVERAGE

The press conference at County Hall on Tuesday morning was remarkable for the massive media coverage, which brought almost

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100 reporters, photographers and television crew to the GLC headquarters.

Significantly perhaps, the questioning reflected a diminishing in the total anti-IRA hysteria which surrounded the proposed November trip and the Livingstone visit to Belfast in February.

Questioned about Sinn Fein's support for the armed struggle against the British presence in Ireland, Adams replied succinctly: *"If the force of argument is not listened to, you have to use the argument of force."*

On Tuesday afternoon, Gerry Adams, Joe Austin, Jeremy Corbyn and Ken Livingstone strolled across a busy Westminster Bridge, between County Hall and the House of Commons, to a number of curious glances but, apart from the contribution of one elderly woman, with no overt hostility.

#### COMMONS

At the House of Commons, officials from the Labour Party Whips' office and security men ushered the Sinn Fein and Labour Party entourage past queues at the public entrance and the normal heavy security checks to a room in the House's upper committee corridor, booked by Jeremy Corbyn MP, where the Sinn Fein delegation met other Labour MPs including Bob Clay (Sunderland North), Clare Short (Birmingham Ladywood), Ernie Roberts (Hackney North), Harry Cohen (Leyton), Tony Banks (Newham North West) and Chris Smith (Islington South).

In what was described as a 'fruitful discussion', some of the issues raised included the republican abstentionist attitude to the Westminster parliament and the IRA's sporadic bombing campaign in Britain.



● Gerry Adams and Joe Austin, accompanied by a Westminster official, make their way through the media crush into the House of Commons on Tuesday of this week

The Sinn Fein representatives explained how these matters were viewed in an Irish nationalist context.

Before leaving the House of Commons, for an impressive live interview on BBC's *Nationwide* programme, Adams met with the national executive of the Young Liberals.

On Tuesday evening, the Sinn Fein members met informally representatives of the Irish in Britain Representation Group, the Irish National Council and other Irish organisations in London.

On Wednesday, meetings took

place with several individual members of the Labour Party and with councillors in Hackney, Brent and Camden. Gerry Adams also addressed the Labour group of Islington Council.

The major public meeting of the visit, on Wednesday evening, also took place in Islington, where Gerry Adams and Joe Austin shared a platform with both Islington MPs, Jeremy Corbyn and Chris Smith, as well as Ken Livingstone and the Labour Committee on Ireland's representative, Sheila Healy. The meeting was chaired by Sarah

Roeleofs of Islington South Labour Party.

The meeting, which was attended by 500 people with about the same number unable to gain admission, was marked by a dramatic tension, as, under constant television lights, an enthusiastic audience listened to speeches on what was obviously an historically significant occasion.

Only at one point was there a discordant note, raised by a small section of the crowd who barracked Chris Smith when he explained that whilst he totally agreed with the right of Adams to come

to London to... whilst he could... in agreeing with... cluding an... a united-Irish... to record his... to the use of... those ends.

**LIVING**  
Ken Livingstone... a rapturous... meeting, described... defeat for the... which has won... paign of dis... people in Brit... is happening in... The reason... was, he said... pression of... desire in Brit... Ireland.

He condemned... Labour Party... spokesperson... Concession... to Sinn Fein... the policy of... government... Everybody... Sinn Fein del... said, had no... were talking... socialist party... "I have in... Fein is a soc... must start... links between... Labour Party... fighting for no... Gerry Adams... standing over... speak and... ovation by... end of his... On Thurs... delegation... Labour Com... the Britton... which is an... of local bias... turning to Bl...





● Ken Livingstone, Gerry Adams and Joe Austin in a House of Commons committee room for a meeting with Labour MPs on Tuesday. Our photographer could not resist the opportunity to breach the ban on photographs inside the House of Commons to record the occasion

ism is a philosophy in which the nationalist and socialist dimensions are the two sides of the one coin. Sinn Féin has socialist objectives and is developing and winning support for its socialist politics.

The acid-test of commitment to socialism in both Britain and Ireland is to be found in one's attitudes to the issue of Irish self-determination. In Ireland, you can't be a socialist without being a separatist. In Britain, you can't be a socialist if you condone, support or ignore the continuing colonial stranglehold which the British government maintains over our country.

#### DISGRACE

The leadership of the Labour Party is a disgrace to the proud history and ideology of socialism. The only contact which the majority of Irish nationalists have had with the Labour Party until recently was Merlyn Rees, Roy Mason and Don Concannon. Merlyn Rees is infamous in nationalist Ireland as the man who bowed to the loyalist UWC neo-fascist strike. Roy Mason strutted among the natives, a political pygmy with his safari suit. And Don Concannon who made his disgraceful visit to the bedside of Bobby Sands, IRA Volunteer, freedom fighter and Irish MP.

The invitation to us to visit London, and the visit by Ken Livingstone, Cathy Bundred and Steve Bundred to Belfast, has done a lot to rectify this situation. This meeting tonight has further helped this development. It is our contention that, in socialist terms, socialism in Ireland can only be secured when we have independence and that a precondition for the emancipation of Irish workers is the severing of the connection between Britain and Ireland.

This is also essential for the freedom of the British working-class. No nation that enslaves another can itself be free. The same methods used by the British ruling class against us will be used by them against you.

Plastic bullets which have murdered 14 Irish people including 7 children have been issued to the British police for use against disaffected sections of your people, the blacks, the unemployed and alienated youth, and Kenneth Newman, who learned his strategies from the RUC, is now in charge of the police in London.

#### SLAVERY

We do not chase the British people with the past and continuing crimes of their government. We are not motivated by racial hatred. At the worst, to quote James Connolly:

*"We charge them only with the criminal apathy in submitting to slavery and allowing themselves to be made an instrument of coercion for the enslavement of others."*

We wish comradeship and express solidarity with British workers and your three million unemployed, but we emphasise as the vital principle of our political base the need of separating Ireland from England and making it absolutely independent.

There is no conflict, on the contrary, there is complete harmony between the fight for Irish independence and the struggle of the working-class in Britain and Ireland for the overthrow of capitalism.

Our visit is part of the process of normalising relationships between us and those in Britain who suffer under and resist the policies of the same government and the same ruling class responsible for the denial of national rights to the Irish people. We have made a good start, there is still a lot to be done, we in Ireland and you here.

The blanketmen and women in Armagh declared in our language 'tíocfaidh ár lá', which translates 'our day will come'. They meant all of us.

## 'No nation that enslaves another can itself be free'-ADAMS

IN A SPEECH at Finsbury Town Hall, London, on Wednesday night, the Sinn Féin MP for West Belfast, Gerry Adams, said:

**DURING** this visit we have had the opportunity to outline to many people the republican position and to break through the wall of dis-information built by the British government around Ireland. We have also asserted the right (and this is an important victory that you and we have asserted), of republicans to speak in Britain and to exchange views and information with political activists.

The manner in which the media reported this visit in comparison with the contrived hysteria generated by them over the proposed visit last year, and the Belfast visit by Ken Livingstone and Steve and Cathy Bundred, is proof of how the people of West Belfast were able to force the Thatcher government to lift my exclusion order. It is a disgrace that Danny Morrison, the Sinn Féin elected representative for Mid-Ulster who only missed

election as an MP by 79 votes, and Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Féin elected representative for Derry, are still excluded.

Sinn Féin stood in the British general election on a republican ticket. We stood for the right of the Irish people to national self-determination and in defence of the right of Irish people to engage in armed struggle. We stood in opposition to the political cult of loyalism and for the removal of the loyalist veto.

We stood for a British withdrawal, on republican socialist policies, despite the united opposition of the British and Irish establishments, the Irish Catholic hierarchy, the Protestant churches, the united wrath of the unionist parties, the SDLP and Uncle Tom Cobbley and all.

#### ELECTORAL SUPPORT

We secured more than 100,000 votes and now command the electoral support of 43% of the unionist electorate. We fought the

election against the background of a systematic campaign of harassment and arrests by the British army and the RUC. Four of our candidates were arrested, literature was seized, offices raided and election workers detained.

The result surprised many short-sighted observers and totally smashed the British propaganda projection of our struggle as a criminal conspiracy. Margaret Thatcher, during the recent and historic hunger-strike, was silly enough to declare that republicans were playing their last card. What does she say now, faced with the reinvigorated and more consolidated republican resistance? For once she says very little because she has to face the fact that the Irish struggle will not go away and that she cannot forever distort the situation in our country.

What her government is doing in our country is wrong. The Irish people have the right as a nation to be free and the British government will save the British people and the Irish people from a continuation of our ongoing tragedy if they act now to resolve the issue.

There is really no question of whether the British should disengage from Ireland. The only question

is when and how they should disengage. A necessary first step must be the unilateral removal of the British government of the loyalist veto. No national political minority has the right to tie the majority of Irish people against their will to the parliament and laws of a foreign British power.

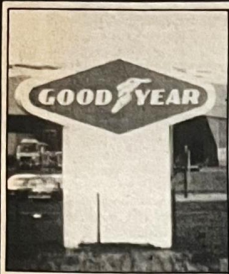
#### ALTERNATIVE

For our part, we realise, as republicans, that in shaping a new, united and independent Irish society that full guarantees of civil and religious liberty must be given to Protestants and those who have misguided and understandable fears for their future. Secularism is an important dimension of Irish republicanism.

The next step must be for the British government to negotiate the terms for a British withdrawal and the disarming of the RUC and the UDR, both British forces, so that the conditions for withdrawal be secured in a manner most advantageous to the establishment of a peaceful, united and stable society in an independent Ireland. This then is the alternative to the British connection.

Many of you people here tonight are involved with labour and socialist politics. Irish republicanism





## Goodyear let-down

SEVEN hundred more jobs have been lost this week in the six counties as the multi-national tyre company Goodyear announced its decision to close its Craigavon plant.

The closure means further economic decay for the 'dream town' of the sixties.

Over 114,000 people are now unemployed in the North according to official figures, which do not include the 18,950 currently engaged in training schemes, men over the age of 60 who are not required to sign on, and thousands of married women who are not registered.



## Still concern for Kelly's health

THE HEALTH of Nicky Kelly, who last month ended a 38-day fast protesting his innocence of the Sallins mail train robbery, is still giving cause for concern, according to the Release Nicky Kelly Committee.

A spokesperson for the committee says that there are fears that he has been psychologically impaired for life and, contrary to statements from Coalition Minister for Justice Michael Noonan that no permanent damage has been done, it is still far too early to gauge the long-term effects on his physical health.

The committee says that damage to Kelly's eyesight has resulted in him having difficulty in reading and writing. The left side of his head and the hearing in his left ear are also causing him trouble. He is suffering from a skin rash and has continuing problems with his kidneys.

The hearing problem is an exacerbation of an injury dating back to the beating suffered by Nicky Kelly in the Bridewell in 1976 at the hands of the garda Heavy Gang.

# ..Mála poist...Mála poist..

## Ranks

A Chára,  
The Clancy/O'Callaghan Sinn Fein cumann, Limerick, condemns the failure of the Dublin government to provide the necessary investment for the modernisation and eventual re-opening of the Ranks flour mills in Limerick and Dublin. To allow a situation whereby a primarily agricultural country such as Ireland is importing over a third of its flour is nothing short of scandalous. It is obviously in the interests of the Irish people that this ludicrous situation should not go on indefinitely.

Surely the state has a clear duty to acquire these mills, which are not only part of a basic industry, but also a vital national asset. This cumann also condemns the whole method by which Ranks closed down their milling operations in Ireland, and the callous and uncaring attitude which they displayed towards their workforce.

It seems obvious that Ranks had been systematically winding down their operations for some years with the aim of maintaining their share of the Irish market and servicing it from their new Liverpool mills. They had not the slightest intention of keeping the Limerick and Dublin mills open.

Indeed, the whole Ranks experience is a classic example of the method by which multinational corporations operate not only in this country but internationally as well. Moreover, the fact that Ranks could carry through their plans with impunity is a clear indication of the dependent and neo-colonial status of the twenty-six county state.

Sinn Fein has always opposed the way in which Ireland is continually exploited by the multinationals. We also oppose the whole industrial and economic strategies of successive governments which not only allow such exploitation to take place but actively encourage it.

Limerick Sinn Fein wishes to put on record its opposition to the planned sale and possible demolition of the Dock Road Mills. It is our opinion that the trade union movement in Limerick has a duty to initiate and lead a determined and resolute campaign to ensure the state takes the necessary measures towards the eventual resurgence of the flour-milling industry in this city.

Des Long,  
Chairperson,  
Clancy/O'Callaghan Sinn Fein cumann,  
Limerick.

## THE FRAUD SQUAD

A Chára,  
Through our work in the area of social services and through our dealings with the DHSS system, we have had many cases brought to us of victimisation, intimidation and persecution by the fraud squad, the latest shock unit of the British Civil Service.

The British government have recently increased the number of its servants employed in this area, despite the fact that the cost of fraud is less than 1% of the total Social Security budget and that there are millions of pounds worth of benefits left unclaimed each year.

The activities of these snoops, motivated as they are by pure greed and self-advantage, are to be deplored.

Watching people in the street from parked cars, using disguises and arriving at people's homes to blackmail them, at all hours



Was he totally insane?

of the morning, accompanied by the Brits and RUC — these are the types of activities which have been reported to our centres on an almost daily basis. The present pathetic benefit rates are hopelessly inadequate,

the Brit Tory government have tried through their monetarist policies to ensure that ordinary people will be placed in even deeper poverty and despair. It is our duty to see that this does not happen. People should

not despair or feel that the situation is hopeless. It is the intention of the DHSS to isolate people. We must not allow this to happen and will use all our resources to make sure that our people are not stigmatised.

It is natural for people to try to provide, by any means they can, for the needs of their families and it is proper for them to do so, especially when harsh British colonial financial policies are forced upon them. Those who tout to the DHSS should realise this.

Anyone finding himself/herself a victim of the fraud squad, or other DHSS activities, should not allow themselves to be intimidated or blackmailed. Before saying anything, they should seek advice. Do not sign anything, even if they threaten to stop your money.

Sinn Fein are presently preparing a dossier on the fraud squad activities. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has fallen victim to these people.

The only way to fight this latest form of oppression is to unite against it.

Contact any of the Sinn Fein centres in operation in:-  
Andersonstown — Tel. 618939  
Ballymurphy — Tel. 230755  
Beechmount — Tel. 230390  
Divis — Tel. 222577  
Seavastop S — Tel. 230227  
Padraic Wilson,  
Social Services Department,  
West Belfast Sinn Fein  
Comhairle Canntair.

## Obair le déanamh

A Chára,  
Le bliain anuas bhí cyid mhór oibre ar bun ag Roinn an Chultúir de Sinn Féin i mBéal Feirste leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Tá rún againn coinnéilt leis an obair seo sna blianta atá le theacht ach má taimid le dísraith daingean a leanan síos don athbheochan caithfidh gach Gaeil cuidiú linn.

Mar sin taimid ag iarraidh ar Ghaeilgeoirí atá báil linn, agus a aithníonn an ceangal diúltúidir Cogadh na Saoirse agus an troid chultúrtha, léimh chuidithe a thabhairt.

Tá obair le déanamh sna limistéir seo a leanas: ranganna Gaeilge, ranganna damhsa, ranganna cooil, Gaeil na Sridainneacha, Feachtas Radíó agus Teilifíse, bailiú Airgid, cearta teanga na bPríosúnach, Iris Ghaeilge Sinn Féin, obair Óige,

oícheanta Árnsail.  
Fosta, ar an 29ú de Mhí Lúnasa beidh Sinn Féin ag eagrú córsa teagaisc d'ábhar múinteoirí.  
Más Gaeilgeoirí thú agus más mian leat cuidiú i ngáir bith den obair thábhachtach seo déan teagmháil le ball ar bith de Roinn an Chultúir nó fág d'ainm ag Áislonad ar bith de chuid Sinn Féin.  
Máirtín Ó Mullaoir,  
Áras Uí Chonghaile,  
147 Bóthar Bhaile Andarsan,  
Béal Feirste 11.

## The Rosary

A Chára,  
I would like to comment on the practice of a decade of the Rosary being recited at republican commemorations. I believe the practice should be abandoned for the following reasons.



Firstly, the Republican Movement is a movement dedicated to establishing a democratic socialist republic. It is not, in any sense of the word, a religious movement. As such there should be no prayers or such-like recited or read by republicans at any time at commemorations as this is clearly incompatible with the nature of the Movement.

Secondly, while accepting that the majority of people within the Movement were brought up as, and still are, practising Cath-

olics there exists a minority of republicans who are lapsed Catholics, Protestants, or non-believers. How do they feel when a prayer associated solely with the Catholic Church is recited at commemorations which should be purely political events?

Thirdly, we are leaving ourselves open, admittedly in a small way, to accusations of sectarianism. Republicans know this to be untrue and a ploy of British and loyalist propagandists, but why give them a stick to beat us with?

Ultimately, we should abandon this practice of prayer recitations but not as a mere window-dressing exercise because we want to appear completely non-sectarian. Rather we should do so from the firm conviction that we are following in the spirit of Wolfe Tone who, in his own words, wanted to unite Catholic, Protestant, and Dissenter.

Let us, with this small gesture, go a step further towards that objective.  
Hugh McSweeney,  
Dublin 7.

# NUAHT ÓN gCÓMHARGADH

LE TOMÁS Ó SÉ

TÁ AN ráta dí-fhostaíochta is aoire sa Chómhargadh ag stát na sé chontae fichead. Sin é an nuacht is déanaí ó Community Report at foillsithe ag an oifig Éireannach de chuid Choimisiún na hEorpa. Cé gur ag dul in olcas atá an dí-fhostaíocht i dtíortha an Chomhargaidh tá Éire níos measa as ná tír ar bith eile.

Ar ndóigh ní haon abhar iontais é sin do Phoblachtaigh. Is maith is cuimhin liom an mana a bhí scríte ar bhallaí na hÉireann, INTO EUROPE — OUT OF WORK. Tá fírinne an mhéid sin soiléir do chách anois.

Tá an táirgeadh tionsclaíoch ag titim sa Chómhargadh le trí bhliain anois. Tá teipthe ar na polaitoirí na fadhbanna seo a réiteach. Ach deir Liam Connellan atá ina Stiúrthóir Ghinearálta de Chomhcheangal na dTionscail Éireannach go mbeimis níos measa as dá mbeimis leasmuigh den Chómhargadh. Cad eile a déarfadh fear atá fostaíche chun fíachaint chuige go bhfanfaidh an córas eacnamaíoch mar atá. Tá cáil ar Connellan de bhar a ionsaithe ar oibríthe.

## NEODRACHAS

Tá tionscal na hiascaireachas a tír seo i mbaol níos measa ná riann. Le teacht isteach na Spáinne



● Fíor le himirt acu i NATO?

agus na Portaingéile sa Chómhargadh beidh beag-nach a dhá oiread iascairí sa Chómhargadh. Is cinnte go dteastódh ós na hiascairí sin a bheith ag iascaireacht tar fán chósta seo. Titfidh cion na hiascairí Éireannacha arís, Mar a dúirt Joe Maddock atá ina cheannaire ar Chumann na n-Iascairí Éireannacha agus é ag moladh nach nglactaí le cion na hÉireann do 1983, "ní chóir pionós a chur orainne de bhar coireanna thíortha a chualgh tar fóir leis an iascaireacht agus a d'fhág easpa éisc anois againn."

Leanann na hionsaithe i goinne neodrachas.

Tugtar dúinn ráiteas Heseltine i mBéal Feirste ag cáineadh stát na sé chontae fichead de bhar nach bhfuil siad páirteach i NATO. Ionsaíonn Dennis Kennedy atá ina eagarthóir chúnta de chuid an Irish Times an neodracht chomh maith. Dar leis ba chóir dúinn páirt a ghlacadh i gcoastail na hEorpa.

Tríd is tríd 'sé atá ar siúl ag an bhfoillseachán seo ná bolscaireacht ar son an eite dheis sa tír. Ar ndóigh níl ar siúl acu sa mhéid sin ach ag glacadh le treo an Chómhargaidh féin.



# Lords a-leaping

## BURKE'S AT THE BACK

By Kevin Burke

IRISH LORDS have been a bit out of fashion for a while, despite the yearnings of some sections of Free State society for the old reassuring days of the British Empire, when everyone knew their place. In those days, old-fashioned values like subservience, servility, deference, humility and so on really meant something.

But the rewarding of Lord Fitt is not the only sign of a change.

There is a strong lobby in the Dublin establishment to have Lord Killanin installed as the next Free State president.

And, to follow the Fianna Fail candidacy of Lady Valerie Goulding in Dun Laoghaire, in the last general election, it looks almost certain that Fine Gael will be nominating Lord Mountcharles as a candidate in Leinster for next year's EEC elections.

What can we expect next? Princess Di presenting the Sam Maguire Cup to the winners of the All-Ireland Final?

Ah, shure an' begorrah, yer honour, wouldn't dat be a great day for de Oirish?

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Was it not moving to see the kind words spoken by Cardinal O'Flaherty and several other senior clerics on behalf of Alex Terbett, the former executive director of Concern, who was found guilty of nicking £4 million from that charitable organisation and of spending it on the high-life.

Imagine someone caught doing a bit of innocent shoplifting seeking character references from such eminent personages?

But when you think of the life-style some of these same clerics knock out of the collection plate, you can understand the great sympathy they felt for this particular sinner who had broken the eleventh commandment.

Count the dog-dollars in any top hotel in the country and tell me I'm wrong.

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A judgement for non-payment of taxes amounting to £30,273 was won by the Collector General of Taxes in court last week against one Frederick Doyle, cattle agent and farmer of Wexford.

Surely this cannot be the same Frederick Doyle whose wife Avril sits on the Fine Gael back-benches in our law-abiding parliament in Dublin?

I just cannot bring myself to believe such a thing.

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More bad news for Tomas MacGiolla, as the non-existent fund-raising, disciplinary and enforcement wing of his party goes into action again.

It appears that the remaining Sticks around the Divis Flats in Belfast have not been receiving the respect which they consider to be their due from the youth in the area.

An attempt to intimidate the youths a few weeks ago ended with the Sticks' 'active service unit' being chased and one of them caught and beaten up.

Now the Sticks have struck back.

On Friday afternoon last, July 22nd, two Sticks fired shots at four or five youths playing cards in Dunville Park on the Falls Road. Later that night, a group of youths entering the Divis complex at Albert Street were fired on by a shotgun-toting Stick. Four youths were slightly injured.

On Monday afternoon, four Sticks drove into the complex and one of them fired four shots from a rifle at a group of youths lounging on a patch of grass.

All part of the campaign for 'peace, work and class politics', I presume.

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The cost of the British presence in Ireland went up another £1,000 on Friday of last



● A Belfast slogan-writer was quickly off the mark to record this topical comment on the wall of the RVH

week when RUC harassment of this paper's van drivers badly back-fired.

Two drivers, Chris Altamas and Andy Fennell set out from our Belfast office on Friday to deliver newspapers. They got as far as Shaws Bridge where they were arrested by the RUC and taken to Castlereagh.

One RUC man drove the *AP/RN* van and, as he turned into the barracks, crashed the van — a lovely new Datsun C20, the pride of the fleet — into the gates, and jumped out in panic, to the great amusement of his stupid mates.

The fun dissipated somewhat when an irate sergeant pointed out who would have to pay for the damage.

I should add that, having been held for eight hours, our two drivers continued on to deliver as many of the papers as the RUC had left undamaged. And returning home, very much later that night, were stopped again as they arrived back in Belfast, this time by the UDR who held them for a further hour.

I think I'll stick with the desk job.

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The effects of the H-Block hunger-strike continue to be felt. This time in the Dublin Supreme Court of this places!

On Tuesday of this week, that court ruled a section of the Street and House to House Collections Act 1962 to be unconstitutional, on the appeal of a member of the North Cork H-Block Committee against the refusal of a collection permit back in 1981.

The District Court refused the permit solely because (as provided by the Act) a garda super-

intendent expressed the opinion that the collection would be used for the benefit of an 'illegal organisation'.

The Supreme Court decided that to accept such an opinion, without possibility of questioning it, is to usurp the court's function and therefore is unconstitutional.

The person who brought the case is Michael McEldowney who, incidentally, was a prominent Workers' Party member in North Cork until he, and a few other members, were expelled because of their support for the hunger-strike.

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I think I confessed in these columns before to having a passing interest in horse-racing and regular readers might vaguely recall a 'mug's double' of *Local Councillor and Canny Danny* which I went for on the occasion of the proposed November trip to visit the Greater London Council by Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison.

(Incidentally, one or two of you were good enough to thank me for putting you on to the latter nag, which afterwards had a couple of profitable outings.)

I have not abandoned the practice, so on Tuesday this week I selected *Northern Script*, at Goodwood, along with *Irish Guest*, at Redcar, as an inspired daily-double for the occasion.

And in view of the fact that Adams was, on this occasion, accompanied by Joe Austin, I could not resist another Redcar runner by the name of *Narrow and Short*.

Alas, it was not to be. As the fellow said: "It's the system which needs changing."



## WHAT'S ON

**BALLAD SESSION**  
Featuring Pádraig Doherty & guest artists  
9pm Thursday 28th July  
The No. 5 Club  
5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN  
Tickets £1.50  
Organised by Sinn Féin

**PRISONERS DEPENDANTS FUND**  
**IRISH SOCIAL NIGHT**  
9pm Friday 29th July  
Stag's Head  
Linenhall Street  
DUNDALK  
Tickets £1  
Draw for £200 will also take place

**BALLAD SESSION**  
9pm Friday 29th July  
Swan Lake Hotel  
MONAGHAN TOWN  
Tickets £1.50  
Prisoners Dependents Fund Minibus  
Draw will also take place

**ROGER CASEMENT**  
**COMMEMORATION**  
2pm Sunday 31st July  
MURLOUGH BAY  
County Antrim  
Organised by the National  
Graves Association

**PRISON PICKET**  
2.30pm Sunday 31st July  
Wormwood Scrubs Prison  
Du Cane Road  
LONDON W12  
(Nearest tube White City)  
Organised by Sinn Féin

**KEVIN LYNCH COMMEMORATION**  
4pm Sunday 31st July  
Assemble at Bus Station  
Station Road  
DUNGIVEN  
County Derry  
Organised by the Kevin Lynch  
Memorial Committee

**CEILÍ MOR & DANCE**  
9pm Sunday 31st July  
Ballymurry Buirling  
BELFAST  
Fáilte roimhaibh  
Eagraithe ag coiste na feise  
Baile Uí Mhurchu

**FILM — THE ATOMIC CAFE**  
Compiled from clips of pro-nuclear  
propaganda films, *The Atomic Cafe*  
highlights the lunacy of the  
nuclear industry  
6pm & 8pm from Friday 5th August  
Irish Film Theatre  
Earlsfort Terrace  
DUBLIN

**PRISONERS DEPENDANTS FUND**  
**BALLAD SESSION**  
Featuring Anna Liffey & guests  
8pm Friday 5th August  
The Embankment  
TALLAGH  
County Dublin  
Tickets £1.50 (unwaged £1)

**VOL THOMAS McELWEE**  
**COMMEMORATION**  
2.30pm Sunday 7th August  
Ballymacombs Road  
BELLAGHY  
County Derry

**GOSS & GAUGHAN**  
**COMMEMORATION**  
2.30pm Sunday 7th August  
Assemble at The Square for  
march to Dowdallshill Cemetery  
DUNDALK

**VOL KIERAN DOHERTY TD**  
**COMMEMORATION FESTIVAL**  
An afternoon of traditional & folk music  
3pm Sunday 7th August  
Kieran Doherty Park  
MONAGHAN TOWN  
Prominent speakers

## Young Republican

FOLLOWING the almost immediate sell-out of the Summer 1983 edition of *Young Republican*, newspaper of Na Fianna Éireann (Republican Youth Movement), a second print-run was ordered and more copies are now available.

This issue contains an exclusive IRA interview as well as articles on youth unemployment, women, scouting and An Gaeilge.

Price 20p (plus postage), *Young Republican* is available from Tony Barry, Na Fianna Éireann, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.



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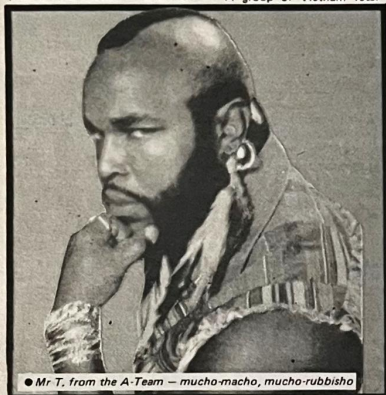
## Unsavoury propaganda

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

**THE A-TEAM** is the new mucho-macho series just launched on RTE and UTV; on Thursday on one and Friday on the other.

The trailer to the series was a mixture of *The Green Berets* and *The Magnificent Seven* — the politics of the first and the plot of the second — and the series has quickly developed into as objectionable a piece of American imperialist propaganda as you are likely to see.

A group of Vietnam veter-



● Mr. T. from the A-Team — mucho-macho, mucho-rubbish

### TV

ans have got together, and, although technically breaking four or five minor laws at every step, are nevertheless out to 'right wrongs' and 'protect democracy' — just like they did in 'Nam.

(No self-respecting righter of wrongs or protector of democracy lets trivialities like laws meant for ordinary folk get in their way, as we all know in this wised-up post-Watergate era.)

The trailer was about a missing reporter in an unspecified South American country. He has been captured by the local guerrilla army, which, as all loyal Americans know, turns out to be nothing more than a bunch of wicked bandits.

The band of American heroes comes to the rescue and by their courage and selflessness inspire the peasantry to help defeat the bad bandits with their machetes and then return happily to the fields.

### REGULATION

The female interest, essential to such programmes, is provided by Amy Allen, girl reporter, who joins the A-Team in a minor capacity. She is as brave as a woman can be expected to



● The only problem the middle-class careerist Erica Benton (Jill Clayburgh) in *An Unmarried Woman* is resisting the temptation to fall into dependence on Saul Kaplan (Alan Bates)

be in a series like this.

During the regulation pub brawl she is picked up by the hero, Hannibal Smith (George Peppard) and placed carefully behind the bar out of harm's way, from where she bravely watches the fight.

The A-Team is such a mish-mash of plots, characters and ideas from other films and TV series that it is, unfortunately, sure to be popular. As well as the aforementioned *Green Berets* and *Magnificent Seven*, there are bits of *Steelyard Blues*, *Magnum*, *First Blood* and even *Superman* — all the kind of

thing which is easy, mindless watching but which creates a subconscious political outlook of a very unsavoury kind.

### UNMARRIED

UTV's Sunday night film was *An Unmarried Woman* and presented us with the problems of a successful, middle-aged woman who has a good job and a smart apartment, but who is suddenly informed by her husband that he is divorcing her.

The film is about her regaining her self-esteem and self-confidence, and her determination to resist the temptation to

settle back into dependence on another man.

All very commendable and concerned, no doubt, but the very problems this woman does not have are money and a place to live — in real life the major difficulties for deserted, separated, divorced or battered women, and the major factors in any decisions they make.

But then television is only about escapism anyway; a population which sat down each evening to watch real issues entertainingly presented on their screens would not long remain a subdued and compliant one.

## Women writing

BY RITA O'HARE

**THE WOMEN'S** Community Press are a group of 12 women who did a course in publishing set up by AnCO. Most of them had some experience in design, writing or community work already, and the aim of the course was to combine and extend those skills.

The results of the course are three books published this month.

*Missing Pieces* — *Women in Irish History* contains one hundred short biographies of notable women since the Famine. Constance Markievicz is listed along with street musician Ruby Moriarty who played the harp for shoppers around Grafton Street, and notable women of their time in every occupation. Social reformers and suffragettes are included as well as Maudie Healy, an embalmer, who worked for Fanagan's undertakers to keep her large family, but who also laid out the dead relatives of her neighbours for nothing.

If you can talk... you can

write is the title of the course book and is the published work of a community writing group of 17 women who had never had any of their poems or stories published before.

KLEAR (Kilbarrack Local Education for Adult Renewal) and the Women's Community Press produced this collection of short pieces to encourage women to see writing as a means of communicating that is not the exclusive prerogative of highly educated intellectuals. These working-class women write about their own lives, their children, education, marriage and morning sickness.

G.C. Dinan's poem, *Across the table, I watch*, is one beautiful contribution. She is writ-

### BOOKS

ing about her mother.

*Courage is her stock in trade, and now*

*Courageously she laughs 'I seem to forget everything these days.'*

*But with a heavy heart I see the fear*

*Behind her eyes and words, and pray, 'Please God, don't take her yet.'*

Another poem, by Jenny Derbyshire, *Conditioning*, is a sharp observation of the sexist treatment of little girls who are told:

*Be nice  
Be quiet  
Be clean and neat  
Be sweet*

*You look a treat.*

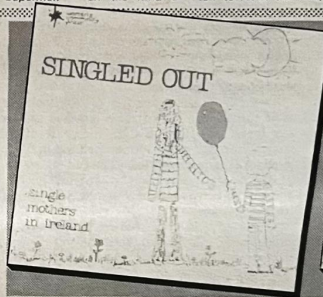
And sum up the effect of this with the last words of the poem *Woman*

*Why don't you*

*Rule the world?*

### INFORMATION

The third book, *Singled Out*, is published in conjunction with Cherish, an association for single mothers. It is written by women in Cherish and is based on their



own knowledge and experience, and gives information on social welfare benefits and allowances, taxation and training for employment.

Housing, which is a particularly serious problem for single parents, is covered in a section which lists and briefly summarises the options open to people in need of a home.

As well as practical matters, *Singled Out* also has articles about attitudes to single mothers, how they are changing, if slowly, and an article by a

mother about the advantages as well as the disadvantages of being a single parent.

This book is brisk and sensible and the women talk about their problems without being self-pitying or romanticising their situation:

*'Problems are money, or lack of it, accommodation, which is extremely difficult to get, and attitudes, which are changing but nevertheless apparent. It would be nice just to be accepted, without such attitudes as 'You're terrible' or 'You're won-*

*derful' — and I don't know which is worse!*

The Women's Community Press also designed the books' striking covers, and are handling the marketing themselves, which is all part of the women's publishing course.

● *Missing Pieces* and *If You Can Talk... are £2*, *Singled Out* is £1.95. They are all available from Women's Community Press, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2. Telephone 716367. There is a discount for orders of more than 10 books.

## Who's for a Cruise?

BY JOE McVEIGH

WHAT'S all this fuss lately about nuclear holocausts? There was none of that in our day, we had more to be doing with our time, that's why. All this linking of arms in Dublin from the American Embassy to the Russian Embassy to promote world peace. As if the place wasn't bad enough without the Russians and the Americans joining forces.

You'd think the anti-nuke crowd would have rested satisfied after wrecking the Free State government's plans to bring a little local industry to Carnose Point a couple of years ago. Fair play to the government, they got the last laugh

with their secret deal with the Brits who now supply all our radiation needs from Windscale, direct into Dublin Bay.

Personally, I don't think there is any radiation in Ireland anyway. No mention is found of it in our literature, ancient or

modern, and de Valera certainly made no reference to it in the '37 Constitution.

"But what about radiation from abroad, smuggled in on Soviet radar-guided nuclear warheads and the like?" scream the CND, doing their best to frighten us in our own houses.

"No problem," says I. "Just read up your Civil Defence leaflet, and make sure you get the up-to-date version, the 1962 one. If you do see a bright flash

in the sky you have a good four seconds to get indoors and hide under a heavy table."

"And what about the devastation of industry, communications and sewage?" roars another liberal fanatic.

Such economic naivety, I thought.

"There is no evidence that nuclear destruction has a bad effect on national economies; look at Japan today — Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the best thing that ever happened to them."

They ripped off their 'Refuse the Cruise' badges and went off converted.

No one is denying that the Russians have strategic warheads pointed at our major Irish cities. It is impossible for the *Skiber-oen Eagle* to watch all of these at the same time. That is why the government has already acted, quietly but decisively.

Firstly, they have destroyed most of our inner cities, relocating populations outside the limits of the blast. Secondly, they have rented a small basement flat in Athlone, with a 15 years' supply of tinned beans, where the Cabinet can safely withdraw to review the situation.

Your move, Andropov.

### OVER THE TOP





## Death of Pat Hanley

THE death has occurred of Pat Hanley of Ballinagar, Frenchpark, County Roscommon. A life-long republican, Pat was also a founder member of the Roscommon IRA Memorial Committee.

The Sinn Féin and comhairle was represented at his funeral by the president, Ruairi O'Bradaigh, and Leitrim county councillor John Joe McGirl.

The funeral cortege was headed by two pipers from the Rahem Pipe Band and flanked by a guard of honour.

Dermot Mullooly, Sinn Féin county councillor in Roscommon, gave the oration.

The Republican Movement in Roscommon extend their deepest sympathy to Pat Hanley's wife and family.

## Death of Mattie Cullen

THE DEATH took place on Friday, July 8th, in Sligo General Hospital, of Mattie Cullen of St Patrick's Park, Carrick-on-Shannon, and formerly of Arigna.

Mattie and her family were life-long supporters of the republican cause, and he also played with republican functions with the Arigna Pipe Band, of which his father was a founder member, for many years.

The removal of the remains took place on Saturday evening to St Mary's Church, Carrick-on-Shannon. Mattie Cullen was laid to rest in the local cemetery following Mass on Sunday morning.

The Republican Movement in Leitrim and North Roscommon extend their deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, sons, brothers and sister.

## Irish Lesson

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### PRONUNCIATION

THE pronunciation given in brackets is as near as possible to the sound.

CH is sounded as in LOCH ERNE. D and T before A and U are thick, spoken with the tongue pressed against the upper front teeth.

DH and GH are like a G far back in the throat - almost a gargle.

Deirim (derrin) - I say.

Deireann tú (derrun thoo) - You say. Deireann sí, sí (derrun shay, shee) - He, she says.

Deirimid (derrimid) - We say. Deireann sibh (derrun shiv) - Ye say. Deirann siad (derrun shee-u) - They say.

An caech (inn kyoch) - The lesson.

Padir (poddir) - A prayer.

Dúirt mé (doort may) - I said.

Dúirt tú (doort thoo) - You said.

Dúirt sé (doort shay) - He said.

Dúirt sí (doort shiv) - She said.

Dúirt siad (doort shee-u) - They said.

Nuair a (noor uh) - When.

I gcónaí (ig-go-nei) - Always.

Deirim gáilidh gach lá - I say a prayer every day.

Deirann sí a caech ar scoil - She says her lesson at school.

Deirimid "go raibh maith agat" i gcónaí - We always say "thank you".

Dúirt an mteoiréar an caech - The teacher said the lesson.

Dúirt an bainneadóir é sin - The milkman said that.

Dúirt a padair nuair a tháinig - We said a prayer when we fell.

Dúirt sé "áinig" nuair a d'fhág sé - He said "goodbye" when he went away.

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THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT remembers with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who died in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh on August 1st 1981 after 71 days on hunger-strike. "We will never allow ourselves to be criminalised nor our people either. Grievances and oppression, the men and women of no property have risen." Bobby Sands.

**BRADLEY, Seamus. (11th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Seamus Bradley, Derby Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on active service on July 31st 1972. *Na mbeo laochra na nGael go raibh a anam suas. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the Derby Brigade.*

**BRADLEY, Seamus. (11th Anniversary).** Derry Sinn Féin comhairle ceannaircigh Seamus Bradley, Derby Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on active service on July 31st 1972. *Fuair sé bás ag tróid ar son na saoirse.*

**CANNON, Patrick; McELCAR, Peter. (7th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Patrick Cannon (Dublin) and Peter McElcar (Donegal) who were killed on active service on July 17th 1976 and who have gone to join the rest of our martyred heroes. Never forgotten by the Seamus Harvey Sinn Féin cumann, Ballybofey.

**CASSIDY, Seamus. (11th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Seamus Cassidy, Dublin Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died on active service on July 28th 1972. *Fuair sé bás ar son na Poblacht. Never forgotten by his friends and comrades in the Belfast Brigade.*

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, INLA Vol Kevin Lynch, who laid down his life for Irish freedom on August 1st 1981 after 71 days on hunger-strike. You cannot conquer Ireland, you cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. Remembered by his father, mother, brothers and sisters.

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Kevin who died on hunger-strike on August 1st 1981. Always remembered by Liam and Mary K. Hingley.

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**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of our former club member, Kevin, who died on hunger-strike on August 1st 1981. From the Kevin Lynch Hurling Club, Dungeness.

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Kevin who died on August 1st 1981. *"The fools, the fools, the fools, they have left us our Fenian dead and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace."* Always remembered by the Kevin Lynch Memorial Committee, Dungeness.

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**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** The republican POWs in Armagh remember with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who died on hunger-strike on August 1st 1981. "It is not those who can inflict the most but those who can endure the most who will ultimately conquer."

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** The republican POWs in Magilligan remember with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who died on hunger-strike on August 1st 1981. "Of course I can be murdered but I remain what I am, a political prisoner of war" - Bobby Sands.

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** The republican POWs in Crumlin Road Jail remember with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who gave his life for the POWs five just demands: "We will be faithful still and to make no peace with England until Ireland is ours" - Padraig Pearse.

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** The republican POWs in Portlaoise remember with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who died on August 1st 1981. "My position is in total contrast to that of an ordinary convict. I am not a criminal but a political prisoner, a freedom fighter."

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** The republican POWs in England remember with pride INLA Vol Kevin Lynch who died on August 1st 1981. "If or ever revolution is that dies, then will take their place."

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**BRADLEY, Seamus. (11th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Seamus Bradley, Derby Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on active service on July 31st 1972. *Na mbeo laochra na nGael go raibh a anam suas. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the Derby Brigade.*

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**CANNON, Patrick; McELCAR, Peter. (7th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Patrick Cannon (Dublin) and Peter McElcar (Donegal) who were killed on active service on July 17th 1976 and who have gone to join the rest of our martyred heroes. Never forgotten by the Seamus Harvey Sinn Féin cumann, Ballybofey.

**CASSIDY, Seamus. (11th Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of Vol Seamus Cassidy, Dublin Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died on active service on July 28th 1972. *Fuair sé bás ar son na Poblacht. Never forgotten by his friends and comrades in the Belfast Brigade.*

**LYNCH, Kevin. (2nd Anniversary).** In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, INLA Vol Kevin Lynch, who laid down his life for Irish freedom on August 1st 1981 after 71 days on hunger-strike. You cannot conquer Ireland, you cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. Remembered by his father, mother, brothers and sisters.

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# Brit undercover squad in Derry

BY PAT DEENEY

THREE recent incidents have convinced local people that an undercover team of armed Brits are roaming the Gobnascale area of Derry's Waterside.

On Wednesday, July 13th, at 9.45pm, two Housing Executive officials went to a house in Gobnascale allocated to the O'Donnell family, who had been intimidated out of their home in Donemana.

As they entered the house they saw three men run away, and then heard a voice with an English accent from upstairs. They backed out of the house in time to see a black man jump from a bedroom window and run after the others. There was no sign of a forced entry at the house.

Shortly after midnight on the following Saturday, July 16th, Willie Carlin, the local Sinn Féin press officer and project manager of the ACE community employment scheme in Gobnascale, got a telephone call telling him that three men were trying to break into the work-site. As he approached the site, about 10 youths had gathered and were watching three men at the site. One of the



● Willie Carlin holding the 9mm cartridge fired at him and local youths by British soldiers in Derry

men was armed with a hand-gun, and another was recognised by the youths as being seen regularly in the area.

The armed man told Carlin, in an English accent:

"If you don't get away, I'll shoot you."

Another group of youths appeared and started to close in on the three men. One of them then fired, scattering the youths, and all three ran towards the loyalist Irish Street estate, and from there crossed the fields to Ebrington Barracks.

A cartridge case from the gun was found by one of the local youths.

## ARMED

The next night, Sunday, July 17th, two armed men went to the home of Paul Tracey who has just been released from Long Kesh. His sister, Bernadette, was at home with her boyfriend. The two Englishmen asked if Paul was home, claiming that one of them had been 'inside' with Paul and that he had invited them to visit him.

Bernadette's boyfriend, hearing the accents, called from the kitchen:

"Don't let them in!"

When the men heard this, one produced a gun and the other a knife and, as Bernadette slammed the door, one shouted:

"You tell Paul we'll be back, and we'll blow his head off!"

The men were later seen by two local youths, Paddy McCormack and Brian Callan, as they made their way back to Ebrington Barracks, running down Fountain Hill.

RUC patrols, usually thick on the ground at weekends in Gobnascale, were not to be seen on the nights these incidents took place.



● MARY MCCOMB

## RUC RAMPAGE

BY EAMONN TRACEY

A FOOLISH act of temper by a 20-year-old Ballymurphy man last Friday night, July 22nd, provided the RUC with the excuse for an hour-long rampage in the Ballymurphy estate in West Belfast, in an amazing over-reaction which resulted in 10 people being beaten and arrested.

Shortly after midnight, Jim McComb and his wife Mary were returning home along Ballymurphy Road from a local club. In a fit of temper, because of an argument he had got involved in earlier, McComb smashed a glass on the roadway.

The couple were immediately challenged by a number of Brits and RUC men who had been concealed in nearby gardens. The RUC took their names and address and they were allowed to go.

About 300 yards up the road, Jim McComb was grabbed from behind by an RUC man and informed that he was under arrest. He was dragged down the road to a land-rover and Mary McComb, who attempted to go to her husband's aid, was also arrested and similarly manhandled.

Local people who came out to protest at the treatment of the couple were also attacked by the RUC who called in large reinforcements and used batons, fists and boots against men and women in the vicinity.

Several people were injured, including a polio victim who was beaten with rifle butts and left unconscious in a front garden.

In all, 10 people were arrested and held at New Barnsley Barracks where they were charged with riotous behaviour. All except Jim McComb were released, but he is now being held by a vindictive RUC for non-payment of a fine for a motoring offence. He has also been refused a medical examination whilst in custody.

## Saracen victim

A 7-YEAR-OLD girl from West Belfast was knocked down and injured by a British army Saracen in a hit-and-run incident last Wednesday week, July 20th.

Kelly-Ann McCabe from Colindale Gardens, in the Poleglass estate, was visiting friends in Grosvenor Place when she was struck by a speeding Saracen while crossing the Grosvenor Road around 2.30pm. The Saracen, travelling towards the city centre from the Falls Road, hit Kelly-Ann and then continued on its way in the direction of the West Link motorway. Here it stopped, several hundred yards away from the injured child, a few Brits disembarked, then unconcernedly the Saracen went on its way.



● KELLY-ANN MCCABE

Kelly-Ann was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital where she received treatment for badly bruised and pulled ligaments in her foot, grazes and bruises to her arms and legs as well as for shock.

## UDR death threats

BY JANE PLUNKETT

UDR SOLDIERS held a young Sinn Féin supporter from Leckin, County Tyrone, at gunpoint on Saturday night, July 23rd, and threatened to shoot him, one of the uniformed loyalists firing a shot into the air to back up their claims.

Twice already during the previous week, 22-year-old Celsus McGarvey had been the victim of threats and petty harassment by a UDR patrol operating in the Gortin area.

On Sunday morning, July 17th, Celsus and his brothers, Leonard and Justin, were stopped and detained for two hours by the UDR as they were leaving Gortin after 9am Mass. UDR men several times asked Celsus threateningly:

"Why did you vote for Sinn Féin?"

The following Saturday, July 23rd, while on their way home at around 8.30pm, the three brothers were again stopped by the same UDR patrol, this time at Gorticashel, and subjected to a barrage of verbal abuse. A UDR man again asked Celsus about Sinn Féin, and why he had voted for Sinn Féin, adding:

"Any Catholics who vote for Sinn Féin, every one of them, should be shot, on the spot."

Both Celsus and his younger brother, Justin, aged 20, were subjected to individual death threats before all three brothers were eventually allowed to go home.



● CELSUS MCGARVEY

Undeterred by this experience, Celsus decided to drive to Omagh for what remained of the evening. He left alone at 11pm but less than 400 yards from his home was again stopped by the same UDR patrol and made to produce his driving licence. McGarvey was told to leave the car and turn off the headlights.

He was then made to stand against the boot of the car, holding his hands on his head. He recalls:

"One of them put the gun straight at the back of my head and another two stood on

each side with guns and kept triggering them up and down.

"He said: 'I'm giving you 30 seconds to tell what you know about Sinn Féin or anything about the IRA.'"

Aware that he could do nothing to prevent them shooting him, Celsus refused to speak as UDR men repeatedly kicked him in the ribs with their weapons and continued their threats.

Several minutes later the UDR man behind him told the still-silent Celsus:

"I'll just give you a sample of what you're going to get," and fired a single shot into the air.

At about 11.30pm McGarvey was released, receiving a final warning that if he mentioned his ordeal to anyone he would be shot dead.

Sensibly, the next day he reported the incident to Danny Morrison, Sinn Féin's elected representative for Mid-Ulster.

## DETAINED

Earlier on Saturday evening, another local youth, Brian Bradley, aged 19, who was on his way home from a sheep sale in Dunmanagh with his nine-year-old sister, Roisin, was detained at Gorticashel for 1½ hours by the UDR and verbally abused. One UDR soldier asked Bradley why he had been to Dunmanagh when no 'Fenian bastard' was welcome in the area, in which several nationalist families have been forced from their homes in the past fortnight.