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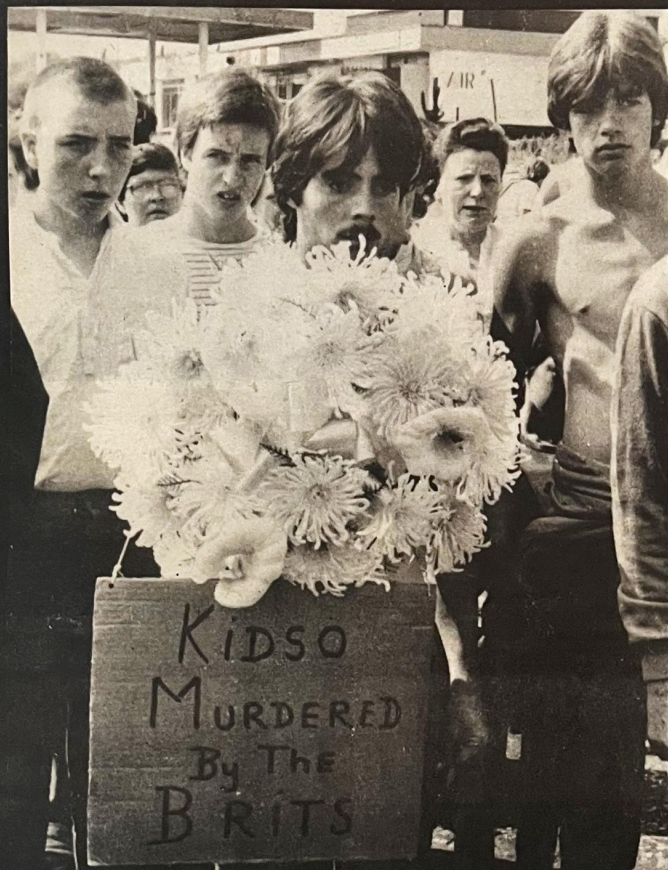
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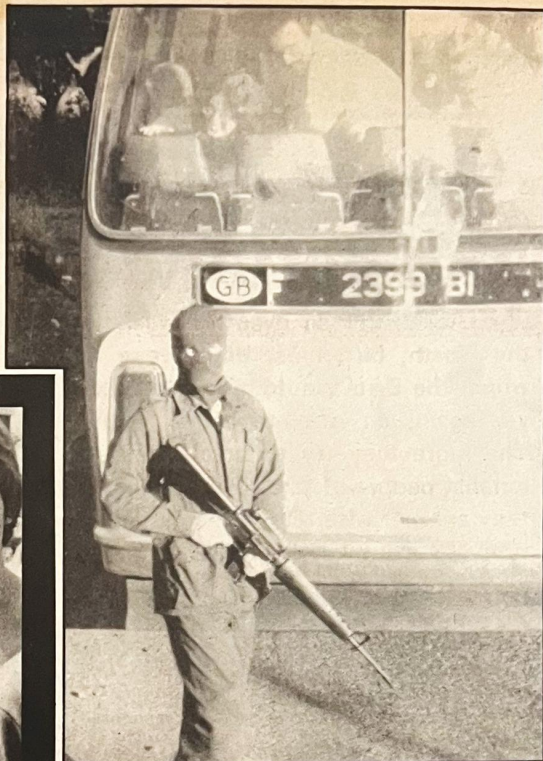
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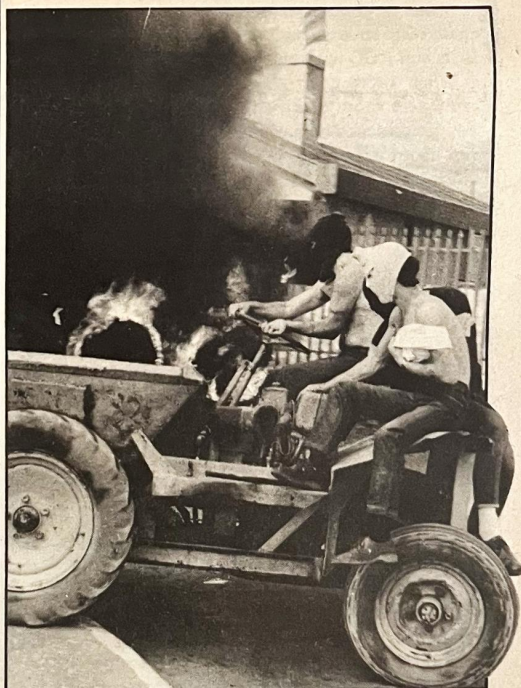
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Oppression and defiance

IT HAS BEEN an eventful week in the North, but, most of all, one in which the Brits should have relearned, yet again, an often-repeated lesson. The more they try to break the nationalist people of the North, the more they are met with reinforced defiance.

We have seen yet another tragedy as, for the second time within the space of just 10 days, a nationalist youth lies murdered by crown forces, and yet another is critically ill after being hit by a plastic bullet.

Again we have heard an RUC terrorist chief crowing that the latest weapon of oppression to follow internment — the informer — has republican resistance all but wiped out.

There have been familiar acts of Brit/RUC/UDR harassment, assault and arrest and more loyalist incursions against nationalist homes.

And the crown forces have come out both on the streets and in the air, in massive intimidatory force.

But thousands of nationalists commemorated the anniversary of internment by marching intrepidly in Belfast or staging bonfires and bin-lid bangings across the North.

When attempts were made to scare them off their own streets, nationalist youths attacked the Brits and RUC with whatever came to hand.

When those enemy forces murdered again, the reply was more dignified marches and more militant resistance. The nationalist people are obviously not about to concede defeat.

And how galling it must be for the Brits to see republican elected representatives on the scene immediately when such murders take place and in the forefront of those defiant marches and rallies.

What answers have the Brits got now?

Certainly nobody is conned by their attempt to defuse the resistance they have provoked by the token charging of one of their squaddies, or by the announcement of yet further enquiries into the earlier shoot-to-kill murders.

We have seen too many of the enemy walk free after such mock trials.

Moreover, if the Brits think they can wear down the resistance to their presence by increased acts of repression, they are clearly mistaken. The more they try to follow that course the more revulsion and opposition to them grows.

They have tried internment, Bloody Sunday, Castlereagh torture, Diplock courts, H-Block and Armagh, criminalisation, plastic bullets, shoot-to-kill, and paid informers, whilst all the time there are raids, arrests, assaults and daily harassment.

But still they are met with defiance.

No wonder the Brits, and their loyalist and SDLP allies, react with such screams of hypocritical outrage, when just 80 Americans come to see for themselves what is going on.

..War News...War News...War News..

STRABANE and Omagh were the targets for a number of incendiary attacks by the IRA's Tyrone Brigade on Thursday last week, August 4th.

Two incendiaries, with petrol attached, were placed at Shields' furniture store in Main Street, Strabane. Warnings were given and shortly after 10pm one of the two bombs exploded, starting a fire.

In Omagh, in the early hours of Friday morning, August 5th, Campbell's furniture store in Castle Street was severely damaged after a bomb exploded. Earlier on Thursday evening, three incendiaries were discovered in drapers' shops in Bridge Street and High Street, one device exploded, causing slight damage, while the others were defused.

BOOBY-TRAP BOMB

On Saturday, August 6th, an RUC man in Kesh, County Fermanagh, had a lucky escape when only the detonator exploded in a booby-trap bomb attached to his car. He was driving out of a local car-park when the explosion happened.

FIRE-BOMBS IN TYRONE



Sectarian housing policy slammed

SINN FEIN MP Gerry Adams has attacked the abject failure of the Housing Executive to confront the sectarian nature of housing provision in the North which has left nationalist areas, and in particular West Belfast, with the worst housing conditions in Western Europe. In a statement last week he said:

"Years of unionist misrule and privilege, and the resulting discrimination against the nationalist working-class in the field of housing provision, has left a legacy of inequality in the public housing sector which the formation of the Housing Executive was supposedly intended to redress. However, as in all other aspects of the Northern state, the British government found that their attempts to stabilise through reform were and are impossible in a society and state totally based on sectarianism and unionist privilege. In line with overall Brit government policy, the Housing Executive was soon conforming to the sectarianism it had been set up to remove. This occurred in two major ways.

"Firstly, the failure to introduce a policy of positive discrimination meant that the unbalanced nature of housing provision in the North has never been rectified and the continuing existence of this inequality inevitably undermines any attempt to administer housing in an even-handed manner.

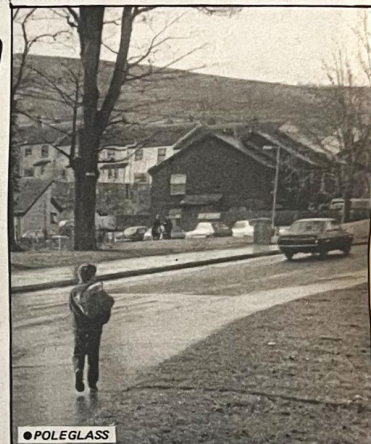
"Secondly, the failure of the Housing Executive to confront direct sectarian bigotry when it occurs. The most obvious example of this is the Poleglass experience where unionist opposition (and the fear of nationalist voices in the previously loyalist-dominated Lisburn area) led to a drastic reduction in the size of the

proposed estate. The original proposals, which in themselves would not have solved the chronic housing shortage in West Belfast but would at least have been a step in that direction, were reduced to 4,000 before being made public, and then after intense loyalist pressure were further cut in half to 2,000. By 1983, 10 years after the initial proposals, less than 1,000 homes have been built in the area.

"The continuance of sectarianism in both these direct and indirect forms means that the Housing Executive cannot hope to tackle the multitude of housing problems which flow from this source."

CHRONIC LEVELS

"West Belfast suffers chronic levels of overcrowding, unfitness, homelessness and squatting, all as a result of the housing shortage. Despite the disproportionate level of these problems, the housing budget for West Belfast is the same as that for other areas. Furthermore, the standard of the existing housing stock in West Belfast is lower than in any other areas, simply because the housing shortage allows the Housing Executive to force families into sub-standard housing in areas like Divis and Moyard, areas which would also have been vacated and demolished anywhere else, like the



Westbix flats, years ago.

"Over the past four years the anti-working-class policies of the Tory Brit government have led to an accentuation of existing problems through massive monetary cut-backs in public spending. Lack of necessary refurbishing schemes are allowing potentially good housing to fall into decay. Repairs are seldom carried out in full, and more often not at all. Building of new homes is not even keeping pace with demolitions in redevelopment areas, leading to ever-growing numbers on the waiting list, increasing overcrowding and the incidence of squatting on the part of desperate families.

"Sinn Fein demands decent homes for the people of West Belfast, and this can only be achieved by the Housing Executive through an active and massive programme of new building, the expansion of the Poleglass estate and the creation of new estates on the outskirts of the area.

"In addition, we demand that the present stock be maintained and improved rather than at present, through neglect, being allowed to decay. And we demand that Divis, Moyard and the remaining flat-blocks in Turf Lodge be demolished and replaced by decent homes.

"The Housing Executive have publicly accepted that the housing conditions in West Belfast are indeed the worst in Europe. They should then logically accept that only drastic measures can remedy this drastic situation through an immediate and massive injection of money into the area."



● Thousands march in protest on Wednesday at the murder of 'Kidso' Reilly by the British army

ANOTHER BRITISH MURDER

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

AS THOMAS REILLY raised both arms in the air in an act of surrender, a British soldier, in full view of dozens of eyewitnesses, took careful aim and then shot him dead.

It was hot and sunny on Tuesday. Shoppers, children, by-standers and a few sun-worshippers were around the grass embankment leading into the New Barnsley estate.

When a shot rang out, people watched in horror as 22-year-old Thomas 'Kidso' Reilly, from Ardmonagh Gardens, slumped to the ground.

Shortly before the shooting, at around 4.30pm, a Brit foot patrol on the Whiterock Road approached a group of youths, including Thomas Reilly, sitting in the gateway of St Aidan's Primary School. The Brits issued some verbal threats and a scuffle broke out during which one young man, Emmanuel Carruthers, was smashed in the mouth with the butt of a rifle. Several other punches were thrown and local people intervened and tried to cool the situation. One of them, Albert Bryson, explains:

"The Brits grabbed hold of Kidso Reilly and another Brit hit Emmanuel Carruthers with the rifle. I was threatened myself but I said to one

of them, 'If you leave Kidso alone I'll bring him out of the road.'

"The Brit told me to get him away and the other Brit let him go."

EWITNESS

The RUC arrived and hauled Emmanuel Carruthers off to a land-rover but Kidso Reilly was released and, according to eyewitness Mrs Ann Maguire who lives directly facing St Aidan's:

"Kidso ran, he must have panicked a bit. One of the Brits shouted, 'Shoot the bastard!' A blonde-haired Brit actually threw down his SLR and went to load up a plastic bullet but the officer in charge told him to go after him."

"He picked up his rifle and ran like hell after Kidso with another Brit."

Realising that the Brits were in hot-pursuit, Reilly slowed down almost to a standstill and turned round to face the Brits, one of whom had assumed the firing position on one knee.

Eyewitness Martin Morris, from Divismore Crescent, and a friend of

the murdered youth, described what happened next:

"One of them knelt down and another one shouted, 'Shoot the bastard!' The Brit went into the middle of the road. Kidso stopped and held his hands up to show he had nothing. All he was wearing was a pair of jeans, and he had his shirt in his hand."

Mrs Marion McVeigh, from New Barnsley, said:

"The soldier was as confident as hell. It was at close range. He aimed once, but he couldn't get a good aim so he walked back a few steps, put the rifle to his shoulder again, took a better aim, then bang."

Thomas Reilly fell to his knees and then slumped over backwards into a pool of blood, a large section of his back ripped open by the exit wound.

Local man Joe Vallyley was among the first to reach the body. He tried in vain to stop the flow of blood but his efforts were in vain, Thomas Reilly was dead.

CHARGED

A British soldier, Ian Richard Thain, a member of the Light Infantry Regiment, was charged on Wednesday with the murder of Thomas Reilly and released into British army custody on £100 bail.

A spontaneous demonstration by about 80 friends and neighbours of the dead youth, laying wreaths

Thomas 'Kidso' Reilly

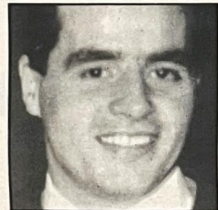
FOLLOWING the murder of her brother, Carol Reilly told *An Phoblacht/Republican News*:

"Everybody knew our Thomas, he was always laughing and keeping you going. He was great with the kids in the street and they all came to the door calling for him." Thomas 'Kidso' Reilly was himself one of six children of Jim and Bridie Reilly.

'Kidso' was always interested in the catering business. He did his City and Guilds at Gort na Mona secondary school and afterwards got several catering jobs in the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Europa Hotel and then in England.

"He loved doing the cooking in the house," said Carol.

It was during his spell in England that his eldest brother Jim, who plays in the group *Stiff Little Fingers*, got him a job helping to promote groups such as *Spandau Ballet* and *Depeche Mode*. He went on tours to Italy,



France, Germany, the USA and Switzerland.

"He was really wrapped up in pop music and Glasgow Celtic Football Club. He'd go over to Scotland to see them playing whenever he could," said his sister. *"He even started a Celtic supporters' club here in the area."*

Thomas Reilly returned home two months ago and since then had been signing on the dole.

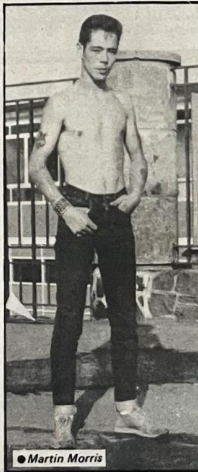
at the spot where he fell, took place on Wednesday and was followed later that day by a massive expression of public feeling when several thousand people joined the Reilly family and friends of the dead youth in a march called by Belfast Sinn Féin from the Whiterock Road

junction to the scene of the shooting.

The crowd moved in silence to the gates of the nearby Fort Jericho British army base and then back to the scene of the shooting where they observed a two-minute silence before dispersing.



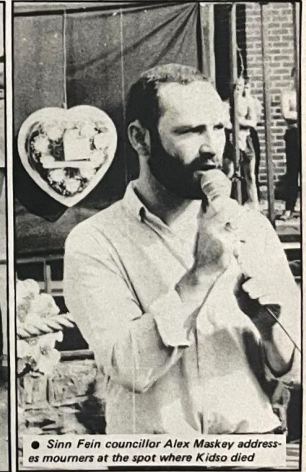
● Emmanuel Carruthers, hit with a Brit rifle butt



● Martin Morris



● Eyewitnesses Albert Bryson, Ann Maguire and Bridget McMahon



● Sinn Féin councillor Alex Maskey addresses mourners at the spot where Kidso died

RUC back loyalist attack

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

THE RUC UNCONCERNEDLY stood by in the early hours of last Friday morning, August 5th, and allowed a loyalist mob to attack nationalist homes in Hillman Street, North Belfast, as bricks and stones were hurled in one of the most vicious incursions by loyalists so far this year.

Several people were injured, including a 7-week-old baby girl who was showered with flying glass as a concrete block was hurled through the window, landing at the bottom of her pram.

Just after midnight, loyalists from the nearby Tiger's Bay area, backed by an RUC landrover, hurled concrete blocks and a cricket bat through the ground-floor window of the home of Laura and Hugh McLaverty in Hillman Street. The couple's young baby daughter, Natasha, who was lying in her pram, was cut by flying glass.

McLaverty and his brother-in-law, Jim Fennell, ran out of the house in pursuit of the loyalists who ran up Lepper Street towards the protection of a parked RUC landrover. One loyalist threw an iron crow-bar, hitting McLaverty on the leg. Both he and his daughter were taken to the Mater Hospital where Hugh McLaverty received four stitches to his leg.

This is the fourth time in two years that the McLavertys' home has been attacked by loyalists.

NEIGHBOUR

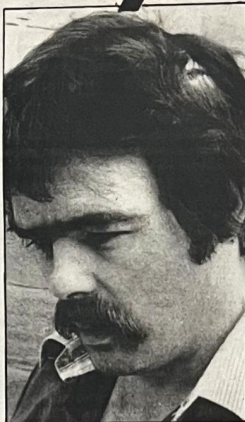
Two other victims of the night's attack were 47-year-old Sean Stanten and his neighbour, John Rosbotham.

Sean Stanten was returning home with his wife, Eadie, when they heard glass smashing and a woman screaming. Sean Stanten explains:

"I saw a loyalist running into Hillman Street with a pick-axe handle. I ran after him and wrestled him to the ground. The next thing about six loyalists jumped on top of me and started kicking me."

"Only for a young lad who came to my assistance, I would've been dead."

But as Stanten rose to his feet, one of the loyalists drew a Stanley knife and jabbed it into his stomach. Meanwhile, John Rosbotham



● John Rosbotham, attacked by a pick-axe-wielding loyalist in North Belfast

received a wound to his head when he was struck with a pick-axe handle by a loyalist who, it is claimed, got out of the RUC jeep. Rosbotham was taken to the Mater Hospital where he received six stitches to



● Concrete blocks were thrown through the windows of Hugh and Laura McLaverty's home, injuring their baby

the wound and was detained overnight for observation. Sean Stanten also received stitches to his head and stomach.

And in Hillman Street, the RUC fired plastic bullets at groups of

nationalists who had gathered after the attack, some of whom were helping to board up broken windows. Several people were hit in the legs, but fortunately no one was seriously injured.

Family flees Antrim home

BY JANE PLUNKETT

AN ANTRIM family, who for four years have lived in terror of their loyalist neighbours and in recent weeks of the RUC, last Friday fled their home and went to West Belfast, where the social services department has so far refused to take long-term responsibility for housing them.

The Antrim town home of Kevin and Mary Gillespie and their six children, whose ages range from 12 to 4, has frequently been the target of loyalist attacks, particularly during the Twelfth period. Windows have been broken and daubed with paint. After dark, several attempts have been made to force the front door and the young children were continually abused by the Gillespies' loyalist neighbours.

Despite the Gillespies' many attempts through a solicitor to put an end to this harassment, as a result of which both have now been put on valium by their doctor, the RUC has consistently refused to take action. In recent weeks, individual RUC men several times threatened 34-year-old Mary Gillespie

and, fearing for their children's safety, last week the family reluctantly left Antrim, with their furniture, to the cheers of their bigoted neighbours. Mary Gillespie says:

"We stuck it out for four years and I was determined to go on living there. But when there was harassment from the police, that finished it, because the kids were going to have no life growing up."

PENNY-PINCHING

The family arrived in West Belfast on Friday morning, where they next fell victim to the penny-pinching bureaucracy of the authorities. Antrim social services stated that the family had not been intimidated out of their home, repeating the RUC's claim that the Gillespie children, the oldest of whom, Jim, is a small 12-year-old, had terrorised the Parkhall estate.

Antrim refused to pay for their accommodation and although Belfast officials late that afternoon agreed, after strong representations from Sinn Féin's West Belfast councillor, Alex Maskey, to place the family in temporary bed-and-breakfast accommodation, they have refused to take responsibility for their welfare beyond this Friday, August 12th, unless the RUC confirms that the Gillespies were the victims of loyalist intimidation.

CROSS MAN BEATEN

CROSSMAGLEN man Paul Rooney was attacked and beaten by a British soldier as he returned from a social evening in Carrickmacross in the early hours of last Saturday morning, August 6th.

Paul was dropped off in Crossmaglen Square after getting a lift home at around 3.30am, but as he was passing a four-man Brit patrol one of them commented:

"Goodnight."

Paul walked on and calmly ignored the Brit, who then vindictively spat into his face. A second Brit spat into his face and again Paul walked up the street. But a third Brit, giving his rifle to another, followed Rooney and punched him twice on the jaw, hit him around the body and kicked him on the legs.

After several minutes, Rooney managed to make his way to Crossmaglen Barracks where he lodged a formal complaint to the RUC who cynically told him: "We're just as much afraid of the army as you are."

Paul Rooney believes that the reason for the unprovoked attack was the fact that he had been seen with the visiting Irish Northern Aid delegation in Crossmaglen last Friday.



● PAUL ROONEY



IRIS No. 6

THE LATEST edition of IRIS — the republican magazine, No. 6, is now available.

The 60 pages of this very informative publication contains analyses of Sinn Féin's Westminster election results as well as features on the decline of the SDLP, the role of the Catholic Church during the last 12 years of the struggle — *Propping up the Orange state* — an expose of a Fair Employment Agency report in Derry, and a profile of Ernie O'Malley, once described as 'perhaps the very first Provisional'.

Also included are regular articles such as prison notes, a smuggled communication from Mairead Farrell in Armagh Jail, book reviews, poetry, songs, Cormac and a round-up of IRA operations for the period of February to May 1983 which contains exclusive photographs of IRA Volunteers in action.

● IRIS is available from IRIS Distribution, 51-53 Falls Road, Belfast, price 50p; or 44 Parnell Square, Dublin, price 10p (add 50p postage to both prices).

Bridge blocked in dole protest

ABOUT 40 unemployed people from the Tallaght area of Dublin blocked O'Connell Bridge in the city centre during the peak traffic hour on Tuesday last.

The protest, organised by Tallaght Sinn Féin, followed similar action the previous Tuesday when a public demonstration was held in Tallaght village demanding a proper job centre/labour exchange for the area.

With a population of 70,000 and over 3,000 of those unemployed, Tallaght still depends on the gardaí and on post office workers to have the social welfare system implemented.

Those in receipt of welfare benefits have to queue up for hours outside the local garda barracks on Tuesdays and again outside the tiny village post office on Saturdays.

Several promises have been made by politicians over the last two years that a labour exchange for the area would be a priority, but the latest the campaign organisers have heard is that it will be at least another 12 months before such is considered.

The protestors carried placards demanding proper facilities for the unemployed and stating that they were no longer going to be treated as second-class citizens.

The organisers say that they will continue with various forms of protest each week until they get a definite commitment from the Free State government on the issue.



● Sinn Féin national organiser Paddy Bolger stresses the urgent need for a labour exchange in Tallaght

Plastic bullet victim critically ill

BY JANE PLUNKETT

A 17-YEAR-OLD Belfast youth was critically ill in the intensive care unit of the Royal Victoria Hospital on Wednesday night after being hit by a plastic bullet in the early hours of Tuesday morning, August 9th.

British soldiers who provoked a stone-throwing incident near an eve-of-internment bonfire in Andersonstown fired dozens of plastic bullets, critically wounding a young nationalist passer-by, Anthony Wisdom.

Wisdom, an unemployed youth who attends the Colindale YTP centre in Lenadoon, was on his way home from seeing his girlfriend, who lives in the nearby Coolnashilla area.

As he walked along the Glen Road shortly after 2am, he found himself in the middle of a confrontation engineered during the previous hours by British soldiers, later assisted by the RUC.

Every year an internment bonfire is lit on the Glen Road, at the junction of Ramoan Gardens. This year, the newly-formed residents' association had worked hard to ensure that the night passed off peacefully, without any annoyance to local people. Earlier that evening, at the association's request, local youths had moved the bonfire away from the homes of local pensioners, rebuilding it on a safer site.

At midnight, a crowd of about 50 people, including numerous women with toddlers and several pensioners, gathered to watch the bonfire being lit, and at one stage a sing-song developed.

At around 1am, three British army Saracens made the first of at least three rapid sorties out of the brewery and up towards the bonfire. Each time the Saracens then stopped and reversed at speed into the brewery, again inevitably drawing more youths away from the bonfire to throw stones.

During the internment rioting the British troops within the brewery fired volleys of plastic bullets. According to Mark Ainley, a member of the TOM delegation from London who witnessed the events:

"The British soldiers were in no real danger at all. Their behaviour was provocative. Bullets were coming right up towards the people standing round the bonfire. They were reaching us at body height and people were having to dive for cover."

Anthony Wisdom, a quiet lad, according to his neighbours, had apparently walked past the brewery and managed to get within 100 yards of the relative safety of the bonfire area.

A young woman saw what happened next:

"There was a bloke a few yards from the rioters. He was walking away from the brewery but the others were rushing back down towards it. The fellow seemed to be stunned and fell to the ground."

LIFE SUPPORT

Anthony was struck by a plastic bullet on the right temple, and suffered a fractured skull. He was taken to the intensive care unit of the Royal Victoria Hospital and on Wednesday he was critically ill and on a life-support machine. Doctors have been unable, as yet, to determine the extent of damage to his brain.

INSTALLED

However, the attention of a small group of youths was inevitably drawn by a large force of British soldiers, who earlier that evening had provocatively installed themselves outside the gates of the Bass brewery, about 200 yards away on the other side of the Glen Road.



● JAMES McLAUGHLIN

and detained him for an hour on the roadside. While verbally abusing him the RUC stated that they could use whatever force they wished. He was reminded that Ken Maginnis was his MP and that he could complain to him about RUC harassment.

Later, when he was visiting the local RUC barracks with his driver's licence and insurance, as he had been told to, McLaughlin was told by the RUC that they would see him more often and added:

"We'll get you."

SINGLED OUT

On August 5th, James McLaughlin was singled out for attention by the RUC when he was stopped along the Moor Road in Coalisland

and detained while others were allowed to proceed. After being held on the roadside for about an hour, and after repeated verbal and physical abuse, he was forced to abandon his motorbike and walk the four-mile journey home. Other relatives have suffered similar harassment. One was told that "a bullet is faster than your motorbike." Since the Westminster election, the level of harassment has increased considerably and has been condemned by Owen Carron, Sinn Féin elected representative for Fermanagh/South Tyrone, and by the local Derrytyres/Derrylaughin Sinn Féin cumann as "typifying the sectarianism and bigotry of our so-called police force."

Coalisland harassment

BY AINE MOORE

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, a 19-year-old Coalisland youth whose role as an election worker for Owen Carron has not gone unnoticed, has suffered repeated harassment and intimidation from members of the RUC.

This intimidation has extended to other members of the McLaughlin family. On one occasion, when James and his mother had taken the family car to Belfast, an RUC man visited the family home in Coalisland and falsely informed a distressed Mr McLaughlin that the car had been hijacked and left outside Springfield Road Barracks and that it would shortly be blown up if it was not removed.

Meanwhile, Mrs McLaughlin and her son James, who had both been visiting a seriously-ill relative in the Royal Victoria Hospital, arrived back to their car and discovered that it had been tampered with, presumably by the RUC.

In June last, an RUC patrol followed James McLaughlin to his

Gabháil ghúlach i mBéal Feirste

LE CIAN MACAODH

CHUIR an RUC le ciapadh fir óig as Baile Uí Mhurchú Dé Chéadaoin 2 Lunasa, nuair a rug siad air agus é istigh i dteach inar thit a athair cleamhnais marbh ann tamailín roimhe sin.

Ní raib Micheál Valley agus a bhean chéile ach 10 mbomaite sa teach nuair a nocht an RUC. Ar dtús d'iarr siad ar Micheál an corp a aithint agus ansin ghabh siad é.

Streacháileadh an tUas Valley ar shiúl óna bhean chéile d'ainneoin go raibh sí taomach agus tríd a chéile. Níor ligeadh cead a chinn le Micheál go dtí an Aoiné.

An t-am deireannach a beiradh ar Micheál Valley, faoin am seo anuraidh, scoilteadh a chloigeann nuair a caitheadh amach as síp é i gcolás sa Chaisleán Riabhach.

Ag cáineadh na gabhála dúirt feisire Sinn Féin do Bhéal Feirste



● MICHÉAL VALLEY

Thiar, Gearóid MacAdaimh, gur "gníomh gúlach samhnasach" a bhí ann.

Brit vandals ransack home

BY JANE PLUNKETT

A CHRONICALLY ILL West Belfast woman was denied assistance from her distraught relatives for almost three hours last Thursday by raiding RUC and British soldiers, who ransacked her home and smashed treasured personal possessions.

Shortly before noon last Thursday, August 4th, mother-of-five Marie Reid, aged 31, returned home from the local shops to find a large force of RUC and British soldiers attempting to gain access to her Springhill Avenue home. Her husband Patrick, aged 34, had been arrested earlier in the day.

Despite constant medication, Marie suffers frequent epileptic fits and the RUC initially agreed to allow her 14-

year-old daughter Martine to fetch Marie's mother, who lives a short distance away. But when they arrived, minutes later, they found their way barred by the RUC. Marie recalls:

"Martine was crying because she wanted in. My family are all very worried because of my epileptic fits. My mother stood out there the whole time. She was really scared. She kept shouting: 'Did my daughter take her tablets?'"

Inside the house, Marie, her five-year-

old son Paul, and her sister Devina Clarke and her baby, along with an elderly neighbour, listened nervously as the house was noisily turned upside-down by about 12 British soldiers, who broke Martine's accordion, and smashed a heavy picture, several floorboards and paving stones and committed several more minor acts of vandalism before departing at around 2.30pm.

Four years ago, in a raid on the Reids' previous home, British soldiers surreptitiously poured Domestos bleach and Zai disinfectant into a pot of stew sitting on the stove, a corporal subsequently being reduced to the ranks and two privates receiving equally token "severe reprimands" for the attempted poisoning of Marie Reid and her young children.



Thousands march in Be

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

IN STRONG sunshine and an almost holiday atmosphere, thousands of nationalists assembled at Belfast's Dunville Park on Sunday, August 7th, to commemorate the 12th anniversary of internment.

Joining the annual demonstration, the theme of which, once again, was 'Support the Irish POWs in England', was an 80-strong American delegation from Irish Northern Aid, here on a fact-finding tour at the invitation of Belfast Sinn Fein — the first time such a delegation has visited the six counties. And 200 members of the Troops Out Movement in England, Scotland and Wales, carrying numerous banners, joined the assembled marchers as drums, flutes and pipes of the eight visiting Scottish bands and four Belfast bands tuned up and thrashed out republican songs as the march moved off.

A British army helicopter hovered low over the heads of the marchers and camouflaged Brits took photographs from amid the bushes as the marchers made their way along the Falls Road and Andersonstown Road to the rally at the Busy Bee in Andersonstown.

The various delegations, behind their banners, were welcomed by Sinn Fein's Northern organiser, Tom Hartley, while the recently elected Sinn Fein Belfast city councillor, Alex Maskey, who chaired the meeting, introduced the theme of the rally by calling on Michael Reilly, who has served seven years in English jails, to read out the names of the republican POWs in England.

Former Long Kesh prisoner Billy Donnelly, from Andersonstown, read a solidarity message

from the H-Block prisoners, in which they praised the courage of the prisoners in England, whom they described as 'political hostages'. The message urged a vigorous campaign for repatriation.

NORAIID

Martin Galvin of Irish Northern Aid, who has frequently appeared on republican platforms in Ireland, was given a rousing welcome by the crowd. He described the reaction of pro-British elements to the Noraid visit as "almost hysterical", the reason

being:

"British rule in Ireland is an outrage, it cannot stand up to the scrutiny of impartial eyes."

Referring to the controversy whipped up by the Brit and Free State governments around the St Patrick's Day parade in New York and recent trials of Irish-Americans on gun running charges, he said:

"These were used in the hope that Irish-Americans would be intimidated, that they would stand back and disassociate themselves from Irish Northern Aid, from those who were arrested. Instead, the opposite happened. Instead, the Irish community has rallied as never before behind the struggle."

He added that for the first time for many Irish-Americans, the Free State government was seen in its true collaborationist

colours and was exposed as being prepared to "abandon the people of the North and sacrifice them to British army terrorism."

Concluding, Galvin added: *"It is fitting that Irish-Americans should stand here with their banners amongst you today because they have stood with you over the past 14 years and they will stand with you in the days, weeks and months to come, until the last British terrorist goes home, until the last Irish political prisoner is released, until the British flag flies for the last time from the mastheads above the Irish people."*

TROOPS OUT

The next speaker, Mary Pearson from Birmingham, representing the Troops Out Movement, emphasised the need for building a broad-based movement in Britain calling for total British

withdrawal.

"There is not such a mass movement at present," she said, "but things are beginning to change. One of the biggest obstacles in building that movement is the role played by the British media. The electoral successes of Sinn Fein, however, contributed to more and more people beginning to question the role of Britain in Ireland."

TOOME RALLY

Several hundred people attended a march and rally in Toome, County Antrim, on Tuesday, August 9th, to commemorate internment, defying RUC loud-hailer threats in an attempt to halt the march.

Following a two-mile parade, the rally was addressed by Sinn Fein's John Davey and Benedict McElwee.



●MICHAEL REILLY

'Pigs won't fly for long'-M

THE MAIN speech at last Sunday's Belfast rally was delivered by Sinn Fein's Mid-Ulster elected representative, Danny Morrison.

In the course of a defiant oration, often interrupted by loud cheers from his listeners, he said:

"We've marched up this road and we've marched down this road, whether in protests or funerals, over the years. There is nothing going to intimidate us off the Falls and Andersonstown Road — no helicopters, no jeeps, no Saracens, no amount of plastic bullets."

"These British whirly-birds are here to intimidate our people, these are the trouble-makers in the sky. The skies may be safe today, but the skies will not always be safe for the British pigs."

"Coming past the city cemetery, some of you may have noticed Brits, some of them camouflaged as holly-bushes, hiding in the cemetery. Well they're close to where a hell of a lot of them might be if they don't get the boat back to England."

"The British army has got a choice about the way it can leave Ireland; there's the boat and there's the box. We want them to take the boat, we are a peace-loving people and it's up to them what they do about it."

"They have no right to be here, they've been here long enough and we're going to put them out."

SDLP

Mocking the SDLP's criticism of the visit to the North by the Irish Northern Aid (Noraid) delegation, Morrison said:

"There's been a hell of a kick-up about the Noraid delegation here today, from the Orange Order to the SDLP."

"The SDLP complained when Ken Livingstone and two other councillors visited here last February after myself, Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams were banned from visiting London."

"The SDLP are complaining because they are doing nothing to raise the question of Irish freedom."

"Yes, they are very good at visiting America and visiting Brussels, but they never bring anybody back with them. All that they bring back are duty-free cigarettes and whiskey."

Referring to Irish political prisoners in English jails, Morrison reminded his listeners:

"Since internment was introduced, and we have marched up this road on the close Sunday to August 9th for the last 12 years, comrades of ours have lain in English jails. They do not want to be known as the forgotten ones, they are political hostages of the British government and we salute these men and women."

THATCHER

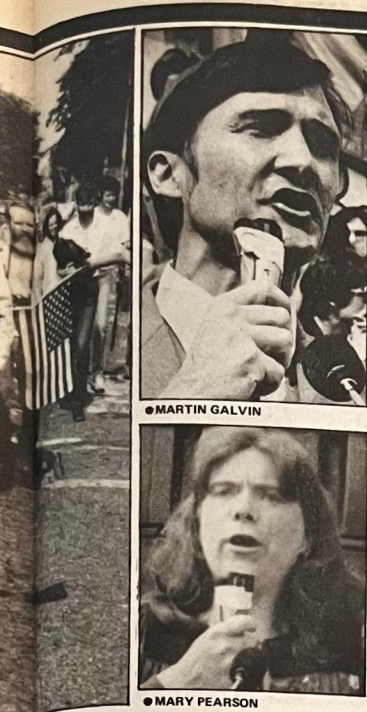
And dealing with the media attention devoted to the British prime minister's eye ailment, Morrison said:

"She had a little bit of grit in her eye and was on the news on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and she probably be making Falklands documentaries about her."

"But even if both her eyes popped out, it could not be any more blind than what she has been to the suffering of our people."

"And if she thinks a little bit of grit in her eye is something to hospitalise her, we are going to be a millstone around her neck."



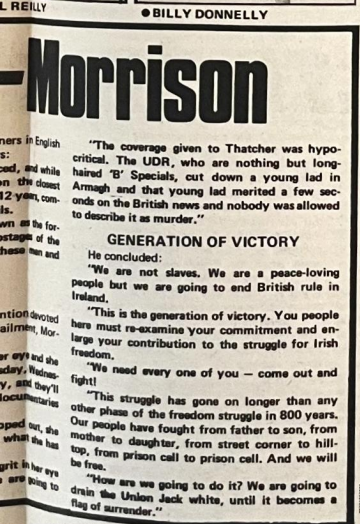


● MARTIN GALVIN

Belfast



● MARY PEARSON



● BILLY DONNELLY

-Morrison

"The coverage given to Thatcher was hypocritical. The UDR, who are nothing but long-haired 'B' Specials, cut down a young lad in Armagh and that young lad merited a few seconds on the British news and nobody was allowed to describe it as murder."

GENERATION OF VICTORY

He concluded: "We are not slaves. We are a peace-loving people but we are going to end British rule in Ireland."

"This is the generation of victory. You people here must re-examine your commitment and enlarge your contribution to the struggle for Irish freedom."

"We need every one of you - come out and fight!"

"This struggle has gone on longer than any other phase of the freedom struggle in 800 years. Our people have fought from father to son, from mother to daughter, from street corner to hill-top, from prison call to prison cell. And we will be free."

"How are we going to do it? We are going to drain the Union Jack white, until it becomes a flag of surrender."



RIOTS FLARE ACROSS THE NORTH

BY JANE PLUNKETT & EAMONN TRACEY

THOUSANDS of nationalists across the six counties remembered the 12th anniversary of internment and celebrated, in defiant fashion, the ongoing struggle for national freedom by organising or attending one of the many bonfires scattered throughout the North on Monday night, August 8th.

In now traditional manner, bonfires were banged on the stroke of 4am, in the morning of August 9th, the time of the first, well-remembered, internment raid.

For many, the commemorations turned into a terrifying experience as large numbers of British troops and RUC provocatively drove at speed through crowds of people. Inevitably, the sight of the hated uniforms and vehicles led to violence.

In West Belfast, scores of plastic bullets were fired and more than 60 people were arrested by Brit/RUC snatch-squads.

Also in the west of the city, a bus and several cars were set alight. In North Belfast a warehouse was badly damaged by fire.

Some areas escaped the harassment. In Divis Flats the RUC, which virtually every night chases recklessly through the courtyards, on this occasion kept well away and the area remained calm.

DERRY

In Derry, attacks on the RUC included two blast-bombs being thrown at an RUC landrover in Society Street, one of which set the petrol-tank of the armoured vehicle on fire. The landrover was completely destroyed, but its occupants escaped injury.

Crowds of youths attacked the RUC, throwing hundreds of petrol-bombs. Others attacked business premises in Butcher Street and Magazine Street, causing hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage.

A novel and effective means of attacking the RUC led to two RUC men being injured when some resourceful youths dropped a heavy door from the top of Rossville Flats onto them.

PETROL-BOMBED

There was anti-RUC rioting in Dungannon, where a builder's yard was also petrol-bombed, in Armagh, and in several areas of Newry.

In Coalisland, masked youths burned a bus and threw petrol-bombs at the RUC barracks.



● Nationalists vent their anger at the murder of Thomas 'Kidso' Reilly

In Ballymena, shortly before midnight on Monday, a 50-strong loyalist mob attacked homes in the nationalist Fishenwick estate, unhindered by the RUC who made only a brief appearance on the scene.

The mob fled when residents carrying hurley sticks came onto the streets.

Following newspaper reports

that Noraid were to attend a big internment rally in the town, the DUP-controlled council had sent workmen earlier in the day, protected by a large force of RUC, to destroy an internment bonfire in Ballymena's predominantly nationalist Top of the Town estate. That evening, 150 loyalists, escorted by the RUC, burnt a second, token bonfire which nationalists had hurriedly erected on the site.

MURDER

Rioting erupted again in West Belfast following the murder of Thomas Reilly on Tuesday afternoon. Buses and commercial vehicles were seized and burnt as anger and frustration mounted.

More burnings continued on Wednesday night.

SNATCHED!

BY JANE PLUNKETT

A MEMBER of the Noraid delegation got a first-hand experience of the harassment the crown forces mete out to Northern nationalists when he was arrested by a snatch-squad, assaulted by members of the RUC and later charged with 'disorderly behaviour'.

In the early hours of Tuesday, August 9th, Stephen Lich, aged 23, a member of the AOH from Indianapolis, was standing with local people on Lower Clonard Street, about 100 yards away from an internment bonfire. Nearby, some stone-throwing was taking place, Stephen said.

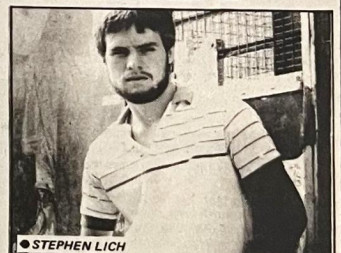
"Where I was there wasn't even a pebble thrown. Suddenly, jeeps started coming around the barricades on the Falls and the people I was with started running, so I ran too."

Two jeeps then drove up a side-street and Lich lived into a doorway.

GRABBED

"They jumped out and grabbed me. A British soldier grabbed me by the back of the hair and threw me into a jeep. Inside, the RUC punched me several times."

After a night in Hastings Street Barracks, Lich appeared



● STEPHEN LICH

ed in Belfast Magistrates Court on the 'disorderly behaviour' charge.

Later that evening, a prison officer in Crumlin Road Jail falsely informed him that a member of Noraid had been shot dead in West Belfast during the afternoon.

At around 10pm that evening, after an application to the High Court, Lich was finally released on bail.

Troops Out visit Belfast

A 200-STRONG delegation, organised by the Troops Out Movement (TOM) of England, Scotland and Wales, visited Belfast last weekend, and were welcomed on Friday by Gerry Adams before visiting Sinn Féin advice centres, other anti-imperialist groups, and further places of interest.

On Saturday, they marched around British army/RUC bases to tell the occupants that a majority of people in Britain oppose their presence in Ireland.

At Fort Pegasus, Lloyd Hayes, an ex-paratrooper from London who had served in Ireland, appealed to the Brits to "throw down your guns and leave your flea-ridden quarters as I did when I realised what my role was over here with the British army."

Along their route they were joined by some local people and cheered by many more, while at their last fort of call women

from Moyard and Springhill linked arms and joined the march as it seemed headed for confrontation with the RUC down the Springfield Road. Afterwards, the delegation attended workshops organised by Sinn Féin departments where they met trade unionists, relatives of prisoners, youth, and many other local people for a long but extremely useful exchange of information.

On Sunday morning, after recovering from the Turf Lodge Ceili Mor, they heard about the many forms of cultural resistance gaining strength in the six counties and then, led down the Whiterock Road by the Ballymurphy Band, joined the interment march where Mary Pearson from Birmingham TOM was among the speakers.

Although TOM delegations are now a regular feature of August 9th weekends in Belfast, this year's — the fourth — was the most widely-based so far. Several trade union branches sent official delegates, and



● Troops Out Movement members at McCrory Park Barracks on Belfast's Whiterock Road

many more Labour Party and trade union activists came in a personal capacity, including some Labour councillors. Birmingham was particularly well represented, with the

president of the trades council, and women from the Black Sisters Group, delegates from CND Youth, Sparkhill Labour Party and the Labour Committee on Ireland.

Tribute to Kieran Doherty

BY ANN BERRY

AN AFTERNOON of Irish music, ballads and speeches was held in Kieran Doherty Park, Monaghan town, on Sunday, August 7th, to commemorate the death on hunger-strike of Kieran Doherty, TD for Cavan/Monaghan, on August 2nd 1981.

The event was chaired by Caoimhghin O Caolain of Monaghan Sinn Féin, who congratulated the local people for their determination in keeping the name they had chosen, Kieran Doherty Park, in spite of the opposition of the local council. He also praised the work done by the residents' association in conjunction with the Sinn Féin social services committee in improving conditions in the estate.

The main speaker was Rita O'Hare

of the Sinn Féin and comhairle, who said:

"What more fitting tribute to Kieran Doherty could there be than this living, growing community, dedicated to promoting republicanism in all its forms, encouraging the growth of our culture through our language and music."

And she urged all members of Sinn Féin to follow the example of the residents of Kieran Doherty Park by involving themselves in the issues that affect the lives and well-being of our people.

Charlie Boylan, Sinn Féin member

of Cavan County Council and Kieran's former election agent, spoke about the great unity between the election workers in Cavan/Monaghan during the hunger-strike and asked that that continue, especially in the campaign to prevent the closure of Monaghan Hospital, while supporting the building of a hospital in Cavan.

PARENTS

Kieran's parents, Margaret and Alfie Doherty, were also on the platform and Margaret thanked the people of Kieran Doherty Park for their support during the hunger-strike and for their memorial to Kieran.

A statement from Na Fianna Éireann (Republican Youth Movement) was read out by a uniformed member of one of

the Dublin sluaite, who asked that young people join Na Fianna, and the platform party also included Frank McCaughy of Clones Urban District Council and Pat O'Neill, chairperson of the O'Hanlon/McMahon Sinn Féin cumann, Monaghan town.

The musicians who provided the entertainment were the Toal brothers from Monaghan, 'Peter and Pat' from Clones and three young visitors from London, Damien, Sean and Paul Healy who delighted the crowd with their skill on accordion, fiddle and tin whistle.

A stall did good business selling badges and a Kieran Doherty calendar for 1984, as well as Sinn Féin literature. The hundreds of children attending the festival were treated to refreshments provided by the local cumann.



● (Top left, left to right) Pat O'Neill, Charlie Boylan, Caoimhghin O Caolain and Rita O'Hare; (above) Margaret and Alfie Doherty.

Thomas McElwee commemorated

BY JANE PLUNKETT

MORE THAN 1,000 people gathered in Bellaghy, South Derry, last Sunday at the second commemoration for IRA Volunteer and H-Block martyr Thomas McElwee, who died on August 8th 1981, after 62 days on hunger-strike.

The commemoration was preceded by a short, half-mile march, led by the local Hughes/Connolly/McElwee Memorial Band, to the new graveyard beside St Mary's Chapel.

Interspersed among the marchers were several beautifully painted banners belonging to County Derry Sinn Féin cumann and

three colourful bands. But beneath the heavily overcast skies, the marchers, both old and very young, were clearly in sombre mood, many recalling how twice in 1981 they had grimly marched the same route: first in May at the funeral of hunger-striker Francis Hughes and, then, three months later, to bury his 23-year-old cousin Thomas McElwee.

On Sunday, as on those previous occasions, the RUC had earlier cordoned off predominantly nationalist Bellaghy, firstly forcing cars to make a long detour to reach the march. Throughout the afternoon's proceedings, a British army helicopter hovered noisily above the crowd.

At the grave of Thomas McElwee, wreaths were laid on behalf of, among others, the McElwee and Hughes families, the Republican Movement, South Derry Sinn Féin comhairle ceannair and Dolores O'Neill (Thomas's girlfriend, a political prisoner in Armagh Jail).

Charlie Laverty, of the Irish Republican Organisation in California, led a decade of the Rosary in Irish.

MAIN SPEAKER

Benedict McElwee, who chaired the proceedings, introduced the main speaker, Francis Molloy, Sinn Féin's Northern director of elections, who in the course of his address said:

"Today we commemorate Thomas McElwee, one of the bravest Irishmen that has ever taken up the fight against the British occupation forces."

Like the men of 1916, said Molloy, the hunger-strikers had sacrificed their lives to lead new generations to take up the armed liberation struggle and ensure the

withdrawal of the British army of occupation from Ireland.

"This they will have achieved, and generations of Irish people to come will remember them and the fight they put up."

Warning that there would be no point in the IRA winning a military victory and then handing over to any other nationalist party in Ireland to negotiate a settlement, Molloy added:

"We must ensure that the people who are negotiating for Ireland are the people who care for Ireland, those who represent the people and will be with the people. We must ensure that that campaign is highlighted throughout the six counties and throughout the twenty-six counties. We must ensure that the sell-out that occurred in 1921 will not occur again when the British occupation forces are removed from our country. That is why Sinn Féin is taking part in elections today."

"Everyone has a role to play. Everyone who is doing a little can do a little more and those who are doing nothing can start to do something. Everyone must be made to feel welcome even though they have only been converted to republicanism today or yesterday."

"Let us ensure that we build the only memorial fitting to the hunger-strikers, the only memorial fitting to all Irish people, a thirty-two county Irish republic free of occupation."



● BENEDICT McELWEE



● FRANCIE MOLLOY

New Crossmaglen office

A NEW Sinn Féin office and advice centre was opened in the Square, Crossmaglen, on Friday, August 5th. Tom McArdle, whose aunt, Mary Ann McArdle, owned the premises, has given Sinn Féin the use of the former shop, and presented the key to Sinn Féin elected representative Jim McAllister.

The centre will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 11am until 4pm, and will be open full-time in the near future.



● Jim McAllister receives the keys of Crossmaglen's Sinn Féin centre from Tom McArdle

Bad apple time

BURKE'S AT THE BACK

By Kevin Burke

ATTEMPTS to portray the UDR as anything but a sectarian militia suffered another set-back on Monday, August 1st.

Among 10 men from the Ballymena area charged with UVF membership, armed robbery and possession of firearms was one Alastair McKendry of 47 Houston Park, Broughshane, a serving member of the UDR.

This fact has obviously caused some embarrassment to the establishment media who managed to remember the occupations of the others charged with but conspicuously failed to note this interesting piece of information.

Obviously when the case eventually comes to trial, McKendry will have joined the ever-increasing ranks of 'bad-apple' ex-UDR men.

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Such was the description given to Kenneth John Cochrane of Leckagh Drive, Magherafelt, when he appeared in court this week and was fined for possession of a loaded firearm while drunk and for assault.

Cochrane was very much a full-time serving member of the UDR last February when he got into an argument with a local 'Teague' over a woman, after a dance in the town.

Cochrane threatened to shoot his rival, but after dramatically producing his gun, was quickly disarmed and his firearm thrown over a hoarding before he got a chance to use it.

No wonder he was asked to resign from the regiment.

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According to British Home Office figures, more than 5,400 people have been detained in Britain under the PTA, which permits seven-day detention.

Of those, only 104 were charged with political offences and 86 were convicted. Another 233 were excluded to the North and 37 to the Free State, for which no reason need be given.

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A fortnight ago, in this column, I mentioned the tribulations suffered by two of our van-drivers at the hands of the RUC and UDR.

But it appears our staff are now not even safe amongst our own supporters.

Last Monday night, *AP/RN's* Belfast photographer, Ruairi Poland, was out on the Antrim Road capturing some of the action as 'nationalist youth' commemorated the anniversary of internment.

Spotting his flashing camera, the local enthusiasts, making a quick assessment of his obviously non-Fleet Street apparel, decided he could only be a well-disguised undercover Brit.

Exit *AP/RN* photographer under a hail of painful bricks.

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And there can be even more dangerous misunderstandings.

Following the conclusion of the Black trial last week, BBC's *Nationwide* did a 20-minute special on informers, in which two Northern actors portrayed Christopher Black and the UVF informer Joseph Bennett in a reconstruction of a courtroom scene.

Since the programme, both actors have had a number of nasty experiences when accosted by people who thought they had come across an actual 'supergrass', brazenly wandering the streets of Belfast.

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A record by the Belfast rock group Hit Par-



ade, entitled *Bad News* and reviewed by *AP/RN* in June, has been removed from Britain's largest chain of record shops after Scotland Yard intervention.

The interest was aroused by an article in the *New Musical Express* by Don Watson, criticising the band for issuing 'republican propaganda', 'obscenity' and for probably being IRA bombers as well!

Commented one member of the band:

"What was obscene about songs on the tragedy of the H-Blocks, or the real role of the RUC in smashing any opposition to the state, or the so-called crimes for which dozens of people are daily imprisoned, or a detailed insight into the role of the mass media in perpetuating the status quo?"

However, you can still get the record through republican outlets or Just Books, 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast. For further information phone Belfast 225426.

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An interesting letter appeared in Wednesday's *Irish News* praising Cardinal O'Flaherty for his 'consistency' and defending his description of the killing by the UDR in Armagh last week as 'murder'.

The letter was cryptically signed 'Tomas'.

WHAT'S ON

FREEDOM WALK
(In honour of the 10 H-Block martyrs)
2pm Sunday 14th August
From Barry Memorial to Redmond
Monument via Castlebridge,
Crossabeg and Ferrycross
WEXFORD
Everyone welcome to take part

READERS are reminded that all insertions for the What's On, Memorial, Sympathy and Greetings columns must be in our Dublin or Belfast office no later than 5pm on Monday to ensure publication in that week's edition.

GREETINGS

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, my love. Thinking of you always. Love and miss you a lot. From your ever-loving wife Agnes. xxx

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, daddy. See you on Thursday, daddy. We love and miss you. From Patrick, Seanin, and wee Robert Joseph.

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Birthday greetings to our dear brother Robert 'Fat' Campbell. Thinking and praying for you always. From Josie, Lee, Patrick, Christine and Sean.

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Greetings to our dear brother Robert 'Fat' Campbell for his birthday. Happy birthday, Robert. All the best from Tony, Theresa, Gerard and new baby nephew Gerard.

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday to my dear son Robert. Thinking of you always and hoping to see you soon. From dad, Mary, Sadie and Joe.

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Wishing our dear brother Robert Campbell special greetings on his birthday. Our prayers and thoughts are with you always. Love from Kathleen, Marian, Manuel, Bobby and families. xxx

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday to our dear brother Robert 'Fat' Campbell. Thinking of you always. From Bap, Ann, Liam, Rosaleen and families. We'll have a drink on you.

CAMPBELL, Robert. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, 'Fat'. Where's the party this year? Your place or ours? From Mary and Michael.

KELLY, J.J. (Portlaoise). Greetings and congratulations on your birthday. All the best from Adrian and family.

KELLY, J.J. (Portlaoise). Happy to wish you birthday greetings, Jimmy. Have a good day. Always thinking of you. Regards from your old comrade Joe Collins.

KELLY, J.J. (Portlaoise). Very happy birthday, Jimmy. Enjoy yourself and don't eat too many cream cakes. Love from Ma, Charlie and Amanda. UTP

McLOUGHLIN, Reamonn. (Bristol). All my love on your birthday, Reamonn. It will not be long until April. Bars and sea will never keep us apart. Love from Maire agus 'Padra'. xxx

McLOUGHLIN, Reamonn. (Bristol). Happy birthday and best wishes. See you soon. Love from Malachy, Marlene and children.

McLOUGHLIN, Reamonn. (Bristol). All the best on your birthday, Reamonn. Your next birthday will be spent in Luddan. Love from your brother in Michael. Rita, Anthony, Fiona and Michael.

MULLIGAN, Sean. (Portlaoise). Birthday greetings, Sean. Love from Dolan (not forgetting the lads of the '76 Club).

WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). All our love and best wishes on your birthday. Thinking of you today and always. From Deirdre and Alan. xxx

WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, son. Love from mam and dad.

WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Birthday greetings, Joe. From all the family. Always thinking of you.

SOLIDARITY GREETINGS to my friends Ann-Marie Quinn and Bríge-Ann McCaughy (Armagh) and Liam Boyle and Anthony McIntyre (Long Kesh). Hope to see you all soon. From Benit, John and Andreas, Sweden.

SYMPATHY

MacOMHAIR. The Louth Sinn Féin comhairle ceannair and all cumáin in the Louth area would like to express their deepest sympathy on the death of Canon MacOmhair.

ROGERS. The Padraig O'Pearail Sinn Féin cumáin, Loch Garman, extend their heartfelt sympathy to Peter Rogers (Portlaoise) and family on the death of his mother. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

ROGERS. Sympathy is extended to the family of Peter Rogers (Portlaoise) on the death of his mother, Mary. St Martin, pray for her. Always remembered by Stephen Gibson (Portlaoise), Joe Gibson (Long Kesh) and the Gibson family.

ROGERS. The OJC, Staff and Volunteers in Portlaoise Prison extend their heartfelt sympathies to our comrade Peter Rogers and family on the death of his mother on Saturday, August 6th.

Draw results

Mid-Ulster Sinn Féin 20-Week Draw
Week 9:- £100: Martin Ward, Gortin; £15: Gerry Hayden, Rock; £5: Pat McCormick, Greencastle.

Shantallow Sinn Féin Monthly Draw
March:- £50: E. McCollon, Colton Bar. News:- £50: R. Daly, Colton Bar. June:- £50: D. Gallagher, Ulster Ceramic. July:- £50: H. Cullen.

192,023 GAN OBAIR -sna sé chontae fichead

LE TOMÁS Ó SÉ

LÉIRIÓIN na figiúirí is déanaí go bhfuil líon na ndaoine atá difhostaithe ag méidiú gan stad. Tá 192,023 duine ar liosta oifigiúil na ndaoine difhostaithe sna sé chontae fichead. Tá na mílte eile nach bhfuil ar an liosta sin.

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Fágáin sin go bhfuil an difhostaíocht méidithe le beagnach tríocha sé mhíle laistigh d'aon bhliain amháin. Agus ad na le rág na polaitoirí focta. Deir an Rialtas go dtaispeánann sé "an réaltacht garbh fíor chuirsi eacnamaíochta." Deir Fianna

Fáil go bhfuil na figiúirí "fíor scárdúil." Is fada ó chuala mé a leithéid de bhréaga. Tá an Rialtas agus Fianna Fáil i mbun na sé chontae fichead ó bunaíocht an stát sin. Iad san a chuir ar bun an córas eacnamaíochta atá i réim.

Seasann siad go fóill leis an gcóras eacnamaíochta sin agus níl ceachtar den dá dream i bhfabhar athrú raidiciúil. Níl ceachtar acu sásta triall a bhaint as an tsóisialachas.

Ní chóir mar sin aird ar bith a thabhairt ar an gcaint seo uathu. Níl i gceist acu ach daoine a bhodhrú le caint. Níl siad sásta díospóireacht a thosnú mar gheall ar an gceist seo.

Tá an uile duine den 192,023 ar an



liosta agus a scéal féin acu. Pearsa is ea an uile duine acu. Tá an stat ag tabhairt droim laimhe dóibh tré post a dhéanú dóibh agus ansin cuireann na polaitoirí salann ar an gcráiche lena n-óglóin.

Seasann Sinn Féin leis na daoine atá difhostaithe. Tuigimid go mbeidh an difhostaíocht ag a fhad is atá an córas caipíteil i réim. Tar isteach linn chun córas cóir a chur ar bun.

REVIEW PAGE

A fighting spirit

TV

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

CHANNEL 4 began a new series on Monday night this week, *Women on Film*. The first film was *Two Stage Sisters*, made in China in 1964.

It is the story of two young actresses working in the Chinese theatre before the revolution and is very different to what we might think of as 'a Chinese film'.

In fact, the story of the exploitation and oppression of the young actresses is one which is all too understandable in spite of the great cultural differences.

The film, though openly propagandist, was fascinating, not only as the story of a struggle to break through rigid social barriers but also in its examination, through one actress's revolutionary involvement, of the use of theatre as a political medium.

A fighting spirit is also useful in women struck down by can-

cer, it seems. In *Mind Over Cancer*, on BBC1 last Tuesday, we were told that women who have had surgery for breast cancer have a better chance of full recovery if they fight against the very idea of having the disease.

Stress, according to the scientists, is the main factor in this modern-day killer. But cancer is apparently much more common in 'nice' people. Patients who are acquiescent and law-abiding are less likely to recover from it.

In a follow-up programme on Tuesday, August 9th, victims of cancer talked about the various cures and treatments. Because there is still no medical

cure, a lot of clinics have sprung up in America and England, offering a range of 'quick' remedies from diets to prayer and meditation.

Cigarette manufacturers are not the only ones who make a nice living out of cancer.

INTERVIEWS

Mothers by Daughters, on Channel 4 on Fridays, is a series of interviews with famous daughters about their mothers.

Bernadette McAliskey was obviously the daughter who would have caught the attention of most Irish viewers, but, apart from her, the interviews have confined themselves to the entertainment world. In particular, so far, to three comedians, Sheila Hancock, Maureen Lipman and Barbara Windsor, as though the producer thinks that only funny women



● Xie Fang and Cao Yindi in Channel 4's *Two Stage Sisters*

can bear to be questioned about the particularly close and often painful relationship between mother and daughter.

The programmes have so far shown a common pattern. The

identification of mother with daughter, seeing her as an extension of herself, forces the daughter to struggle for an identity of her own, often causing unnecessary rifts between the two.

It is perhaps another factor of the whole package of women's enforced dependency that father and son can settle that struggle somewhat more easily than mother and daughter.

Almost a good film

FILM

BY EDDIE STACK

WHEN is a good Australian film about simmering revolution and brutal right-wing coups a bad American film about two lovers, their fragile butterfly love fluttering amidst a cruel world? When it's a good film made by a talented Australian director told to cut out the crappy politics and get on with the goods, namely puppy love.

The Year of Living Dangerously is almost a great film. Its location is an unlikely one for Hollywood, the right-wing coup against Indonesia's President Sukarno in 1965, and its depiction of a nation coming to the boil amid increasing poverty and political chaos is magnificently staged. But just when your interest is at its height the film loses its nerve and the whole focus of attention drops on the fate of two lovers in the most blatant rip-off of *Casablanca* imaginable.

And we all know why when we look at the career of its director, Peter Weir. Long ago hailed as the bright new boy from the land of Skippy and Krona margarine (people just couldn't believe it was a margarine, sport), Peter Weir got the boat to Hollywood in search of the American mega buck. Upon arrival he impressed the powers-that-be with his track record.

"I will make you more money than E.T. and Star Wars put together," he claimed.

"Yes, yes. *With what? With Rocky 5 meets Superman 19?*"

they gapsed.

"No. *With the story of the right-wing coup in Indonesia!*" Weir got his money, but in doing so he lost his film.

JUGGLING ACT

Ironically, therefore, *The Year of Living Dangerously* is about a juggling act.

President Sukarno came to power on a nationalist platform after the Second World War when the Japanese invasion had weakened the British and Dutch colonial stranglehold on the is-

land. Everyone could love Sukarno in the social aftermath of the imperialist withdrawal. He had some reforms for the working class to sugar their pill and he had the support of the right-wing Moslems by keeping capitalism in full working order.

However, as Indonesia advanced into the '60s, the balancing act was harder to do. The gross inequalities and mass poverty had laid the groundwork for an increasingly militant working class and communist party (the PKI) which took to the streets, furiously anti-American in its make-up. The step to civil war with the right-wing Moslem generals was only prevented for the time-being by the populist President Sukarno. But for how long?

Enter Australian reporter Guy Hamilton. A stranger to

Djakarta, this is his break as a journalist, but he is stranded without contacts in a world hostile to foreigners. He meets up with Billy Kwan, a midget photographer who gets Hamilton an exclusive interview with the leader of the Communist Party. A bond is now formed between Billy and Guy but Billy is a big Sukarno admirer who he sees as the "great puppet-master balancing the left with the right." Billy sees himself as a puppet-master, masterminding an affair between Guy and Jill Bryant, the attractive attache at the British Embassy.

PUPPET-MASTER

But as Sukarno fails as puppet-master and is deposed by the generals so they can massacre the communists, so does Billy fail to engineer other people's lives. His attempts to do so, fascinating at first, in the end baffle the viewer because his motives are never explained. This oddity and the concentration on the affair of Hamilton and Bryant are the quicksand into which this film ultimately sinks.

This is a great pity. Weir's sympathies are clearly with the PKI and their efforts to stop their people starving in the streets. One of them asks Hamilton:

"Do you think I am a stupid man? Why must an intelligent man be poor in Indonesia if that same man could be rich in America. What law says he must be poor?"

There are scathing portrayals of the foreign press, fawned over in Indonesia's very own



● Billy Kwan shoots from the shoulder of Guy Hamilton

Europa Hotel. And there are the roadside executions of the communists, the men and women who had dared to take con-



● Mel Gibson, eye to eye with Jill Bryant

Ragged and demoralised

BY BRIAN MARTIN

SPORT

LAST Sunday's All-Ireland hurling semi-final between Cork and Galway must rank as one of the poorest seen at this level in many a long day.

As one nearby Cork supporter indignantly put the standard of play was just about up to college level.

There were, of course, exceptions, and more of that anon. Still, the question arises: why such a massive anti-climax?

Part of the explanation, I suspect, lies in the fact that both teams are suffering from a certain lack of belief in their real ability.

In Cork's case, most of this stems from last year's heavy defeat by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. The impressive manner in which they accounted for Limerick in that superb two-game Munster semi-final suggests that this may only be tem-

porary. They also have time on their side.

The same, I'm afraid, can't be said about Galway. After last year's exit, I suggested that the current Galway side had run its course, and last Sunday's game only served to underline this in the cruelest possible manner. Most of the squad have been operating since 1975 — as long as Kerry's footballers.

INEPTITUDE

Generally recognised as a 'Jekyll and Hyde' side, the Westerners have alternated between brilliance and downright ineptitude. Over the past two years so, there has been less and less of the former.

On Sunday, what was all too clear was the total lack of spirit shown by the 'Maroon marvels'. Their inability to come back

after Cork's two second-half goals, despite having sufficient time left to do so, stood out all the more because Cork were only marginally more energetic and motivated.

In the end, they were a ragged and demoralised bunch.

BAD GAME

The highlight of a bad game was the hurling of the one and only Jimmy Barry-Murphy. His goal has to be regarded as one of the all-time gems, while his lay-offs for two of the other four, plus his always deft and imaginative positioning and distribution, were a delight. Tom Cashman and Dermot McCurtain also deserve mention for fine second-half performances.

Only P.J. Molloy, for a brief period in the first half, impressed for Galway, notably with two beautiful points struck from out the field.

Final score: Cork 5-14, Galway 1-16.



● Conor Hayes, for an unimpressive Galway, gets a cross past Cork's Tomas Mulcahy

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CLARKE, Michael; PARKER, Anne. (11th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of our son Vol Michael Clarke and his friend Vol Anne Parker who were killed on active service on August 11th 1972. Sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on them. To us you were someone special. What more can we say only to wish with all our hearts that you were here today. Always fondly remembered by his parents Michael and Evelyn Clarke and by his brothers and sisters.

CLARKE, Michael. (11th Anniversary). In fond and loving memory of my brother Vol Michael Clarke who died on August 11th 1972. A Mass and a prayer for all I can give, these you will have as long as I live. Padre Pio, pray for him. Always remembered by his brother Joe and family.

Lesson

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, O 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.

TRANSLATE - 1

- 1 - Níor imigh sé go dtí Sasana inné.
- 2 - Níor shíúil sé go dtí Luimneach.
- 3 - Níor threigh isteach go dtí an banc.
- 4 - Ar tháinig sé ag dó a dhó?
- 5 - Níf thit an cat san uisce?
- 6 - Deirimid paidir gach lá.
- 7 - Dúirt an múinteoir an ceacht.
- 8 - Faighim íon ar scoll gach lá.
- 9 - Faighim áirgead gach seachtain.
- 10 - Fuair an fear úil ar an gcrann.

ANSWERS - 1

- 1 - He did not go away to England yesterday.
- 2 - They did not walk to Limerick.
- 3 - We did not run into the bank.
- 4 - Did he come at two o'clock?
- 5 - Did the cat not fall into the water?
- 6 - We say a prayer every day.
- 7 - The teacher said the lesson.
- 8 - I get lunch at school every day.
- 9 - We get money every week.
- 10 - The man got an apple on the tree.

TRANSLATE - 2

- 1 - I did not go away to Limerick yesterday.
- 2 - He did not walk to Mass.
- 3 - We did not run to school.
- 4 - Did we walk to the pub?
- 5 - Did the girl not come at 4 o'clock?

REMEMBERING THE PAST

For the Battle

BY PETER O'ROURKE

THE BATTLE of the Yellow Ford, fought at the River Callan near Blackwater town, County Armagh, in 1598, was the greatest Gaelic victory ever over the English.

In 1593, on the death of Turlough O'Neill, Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, took the Gaelic title of the O'Neill and thereby laid claim to be absolute ruler of Ulster.

In 1595, O'Neill was proclaimed a traitor. The following year he was pardoned. He then recaptured the outpost of English rule in Ulster, the Blackwater Fort. Although the fort fell again to the English, it remained under threat from O'Neill.

As yet there was no open war between the Gaelic chiefs and the English, and O'Neill and others engaged in parleys and truces, hoping to gain time with a view to gaining Spanish aid.

Under Sir Henry Bagenal, an English army of 5,000 soldiers marched against O'Neill in August 1598. As Bagenal's column, extending about one mile, advanced through the hills of Armagh, the Irish began their assault.

As the English moved through the thickened and boggy country, the Irish, concealed in the thick undergrowth, continually harried and picked off passing soldiers from the English column.

TRENCHES

Having crossed the River Callan, at a point known as the Yellow Ford, the head of the column was effectively blocked at a series of trenches which O'Neill had constructed.

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In loving memory of Danny who was murdered by the British occupation forces on August 10th 1976. "They may kill the revolutionary but they never the revolution." Never forgotten by the Doyle family. **MCADOREY, Patrick.** (11th Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of Vol Patrick McAdorey, Belfast Brigade, Óglagh na hÉireann, who died on active service on August 9th 1971. Ní bhleith scéidin ann san saoirse. Never forgotten by his friends and comrades in the Belfast Brigade.

MCADOREY, Patrick. (12th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Patrick McAdorey, 3rd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglagh na hÉireann, who died on active service on August 9th 1971. Fuir sé bás ag troid ar son saoirse. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the 3rd Battalion. **MCANALLEN, Dan.** (10th Anniversary).

The John McCaughy/James Saunders Sinn Féin cumann, Ardoyne, Belfast, remembered with pride Vol Patrick McAdorey who was shot dead by the British occupation forces on August 9th 1971. "Newspaper of the day victory!"

MCADOREY, Patrick. (12th Anniversary). In loving memory of our dear friend who died on active service on August 9th 1971. St Martin, pray for him. Remembered with pride and respect by Martin, Briege and family.

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MCANALLEN, Dan. (14th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Flan Gerard McAuley, Belfast Brigade, Na Quinns, who died on active service on August 15th 1969. Fuir sé bás ag troid ar son saoirse na hÉireann. Never forgotten by his friends and comrades in Na Flanna Éireann.

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MAGORRIAN, Paul. (9th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my friend and comrade Vol Paul Magorrian who was murdered on August 14th 1974. "From this we were born a nation and women spring living nations." Always remembered by Salán (Portlaoise).

MURTAGH, Colm. (11th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Colm Murtagh, Óglagh na hÉireann, who died on active service on August 9th 1972. Colm was a brave and patriotic man and women sprung living nations." Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the Republican Movement, Castletewin.

PARKER, Anne. (11th Anniversary). In loving memory of my dear sister Anne who died on August 11th 1972. St Martin, pray for her. Always remembered and sorely missed by her sister Geraldine.

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Seeing it at first-hand

BY BILL SHELTON

LAST TUESDAY, August 9th, an 80-member American delegation concluded a one-week tour of nationalist areas in the North. Designed to educate Americans about life for those forced to live under British rule, the delegation visited Belfast, Derry, Tyrone and South Armagh.

The publicity given to the delegation induced an offer of a meeting from British minister Nicholas Scott. The offer, which was embarrassingly withdrawn following a rebuke from British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, confessed an implicit recognition of Irish-American opposition to British rule and recognition of Irish Northern Aid.

The American delegation came in response to an invitation from Belfast Sinn Féin. The intention was to overcome the pro-British "censorship by visa denial" policy of the United States government which prevents prominent republicans from presenting their views in America whilst allowing British and loyalists free access. Americans were to be given an opportunity to see life in nationalist areas at first-hand.

Eighty people, drawn from 15 different states, accepted, including an elected Massachusetts Assemblyman and several college professors.

ARRIVAL

Assembling in Dublin on August 2nd, the delegation was welcomed to Ireland by Sinn Féin general secretary Joe Cahill.

Accompanied by Fra McCann of the Sinn Féin Foreign Affairs Bureau, who stayed with them throughout the week, and an American Public Broadcasting television crew, the delegation travelled to Belfast and were met by tour organiser Tom Hartley.

Upon the group's arrival at the Falls Road Sinn Féin office, two patrols of British soldiers converged on them. However, when the television crew began

filming, the Brits beat a hasty retreat. Thereafter, British troops studiously avoided the American visitors, thereby allowing them to take photographs without hindrance and other liberties not accorded to the nationalist people of the North.

Billets were then provided with families in West Belfast, one very important aspect of the tour being the relationships struck up between the delegates and families throughout the North.

RESILIENCE

On Tuesday evening, Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin MP for West Belfast, greeted the delegation and spoke of the resilience of American support for the Republican Movement. He urged those present to use their time wisely in order to gain the maximum amount of knowledge about the conflict. Tom Hartley then gave instructions on how to react if stopped by the British occupation forces.

The following day, Wednesday, Sinn Féin's Tom Hartley and Joe Austin conducted a walk-about of West Belfast, pointing out the locations of British and loyalist terrorism.



● Danny Morrison with Noraid co-ordinator Martin Galvin

RTE television also arrived on the scene and followed the delegation to Milltown Cemetery. However, when Tom Hartley, standing alongside the grave of Bobby Sands, began to speak, the RTE crew switched off their camera thereby giving the American visitors an object lesson in the implications of the Free State's Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act.

The day ended with a special social organised by the Royal Victoria Hospital's Trade Unionists Against Repression group.

DERRY

Moving on to Derry, on Thursday, the Noraid contingent were met by Martha McClelland who, along with John Carlin, took them on a bus tour of nationalist areas. There followed a series of lectures, including one on the general situation in the six counties by Martha McClelland, and four workshops.

Patrick Coyle, Danny Doherty and Lynn O'Connell spoke on 'Irish Prisoners of War' and Roisin Barton, Sadie McGilloway and Martha McClelland on 'Women in the Struggle'. The misuse of courts in the North, exemplified by the cover-up of the murder in Derry of Gary English and Jim Brown were focused on by John Carlin and Micky English and Mary Nellis gave a talk on 'The Media'.

The Derry visit was concluded by Martin McGuinness discussing



● The Noraid visitors at the republican memorial in Crossmaglen

Sinn Féin's involvement in elections.

Carrickmore, County Tyrone, was next on the Noraid group's itinerary where they were given a warm welcome by Sinn Féin elected representative Danny Morrison, the family of H-Block hunger-strike martyr Martin Hurson and a large number of local republicans. There they proceeded to the grave of Martin Hurson where a brief memorial service was held.

IRA CHECKPOINT

Jim McAllister, Sinn Féin elected representative for Armagh, met the delegation on their arrival in Crossmaglen and took them on a bus tour of the South Armagh area.

While returning from the memorial to IRA Volunteer Michael McVerry, shot dead by the British army in Keady on November 15th 1973, the bus carrying the Americans came across one of the IRA's frequent checkpoints in South Armagh, operating quite freely despite the presence of a British army helicopter overhead.

A Canadian television crew following the delegation also encountered the IRA unit and filmed them in action.

On Saturday, the Noraid visitors returned to Belfast where they met with members of the Troops Out delegation from Britain.



● IRA Volunteers manning an M60 machine gun at the South Armagh checkpoint

One highlight of the tour came on Sunday, August 7th, when Irish Northern Aid led the anti-internment commemoration march in Belfast (see centrespread).

VISIT ENDS

The final day of activities came on Monday, in Belfast, with Danny Morrison tracing the history of Ireland's liberation struggle from 1169 to the present day and members of Silent Too Long, the organisation of relatives of victims

of British army and loyalist terrorism, highlighting the legalised violence of the sectarian six-county state and its agents.

The highly successful and educational tour was rounded off by Belfast republicans giving lectures on Irish POWs, the campaign to destroy the Irish language, inequalities in housing and social welfare, the role of women in the Republican Movement, conditions in Armagh Jail and the informer show-trials.

TRADE AGAINST NORAI

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

NICHOLAS SCOTT, British under-secretary at Stormont, reacting most likely to the wrath of Margaret Thatcher, revealed how nervous his government was of the visit by the Noraid delegation when, on Tuesday last, he withdrew an invitation made the previous day to meet the delegation for talks. Using the arrest of one Noraid visitor, on a charge of 'riotous behaviour', as an excuse, Scott echoed the hypocritical words of that morning's *Daily Express*, saying that the delegation was "not interested in facts, merely in reinforcing their own prejudices."

The retraction provided the main headline for the *Belfast Telegraph* with the words "Scott backs off talks with Noraid", while BBC2's *Newsnight* programme invited Martin Galvin, co-ordinator of the delegation, to answer criticisms made by Official Unionist MP Rev Martin Smyth. In the course of the programme Smyth floundered into a new version of history, speaking of "Sinn Féin's gerrymandered election of 1918."

IRA SUPPORT

Besides attacks from British, unionist and middle-class nationalist politicians, the delegation was subjected to a blaze of media publicity. Their arrival in Belfast on August 2nd provided headline news in the *Belfast Telegraph* and throughout the visit Martin Galvin appeared on television over a dozen times.

"It was quite obvious that the TV inter-



● The American contingent leads the internment commemoration

viewers were pro-British," said Galvin. "They were extremely rude with us and continually tried to prevent me from answering their questions. Frequently jaws dropped as the interviewers were confronted with Noraid's support for the IRA, a support which is common in occupied Ireland, but which the British have censored, apparently even from themselves."

In the course of their visit, the delegates were called "IRA puppets" by Nicholas Scott, "well-meaning buffoons" by the *Tony Daily Express* and "sustainers of murderers" by DUP man Sammy Wilson.

They were accused of shedding "crocodile tears" by SDLP councillor Cormac Boomer, and of having "closed minds" by Orange leader Thomas Passmore. Enraged by

Noraid's denunciation of the British military occupation of Ireland, Passmore showed his imperialist thinking by declaring:

"Protestants have great resentment at the allegation that Roman Catholics are forced to live under British rule. This is the United Kingdom, not Russia, and they can leave any time they wish."

REPORTERS

Media reports continually referred to American 'gun-running trials' and initially many reporters asked on the telephone to "speak to Martin Flannery."

The delegation, which was comprised of both young and old Americans, failed to comply with either of the clichés peddled by the British press to describe them: first-gen-

eration Irish-Americans with 'romantic notions about the IRA', or the young 'trendy lefty' student. Indeed, the inclusion of some professional people in the group caused some concern to the leader-writer of the unionist daily *Newsletter* on Monday, August 8th, and must also have shown the British government how ineffectual their propaganda efforts are in the USA.

Media sources relayed a request from Widow's Mite, a group of UDR and RUC widows, for a meeting and this request led to another from Silent Too Long, a group comprised of relatives of the victims of loyalist and British army murder-gangs.

Following the refusal by Frank Millar, Official Unionist spokesperson for Widow's Mite, to make contact with the delegation through Sinn Féin, Martin Galvin offered to make alternative arrangements but his offer was ignored. The meeting with representatives of Silent Too Long did go ahead.

ALLEGATIONS

Press allegations that the IRA would attempt "a mass murder to impress its American guests" were followed by a declaration by RUC Assistant Chief Constable Charles Rogers that "the Noraid people coming here to Northern Ireland gives the IRA some comfort at a time when they are low."

As the tour neared its end, and the Americans were shown leading the internment commemoration march in Belfast, British and unionist politicians were baying for blood and screaming that the delegation be "kicked out of Ulster."