



LIBERTY

ORGAN OF FENNEL/Mc DONNELL SINN FEIN, TWINBROOK.

WOMEN

SPEAK

The problem of the deserted wife, unmarried mother the single parent, has received much publicity in Ireland, but the problems of people in this situation receive little practical help or attention from socialist groups, and Sinn Fein has been no exception. It is only when a Political point is to be made or as a sop to militant women, that women's rights surface at all. Now the problems of ordinary people are not there for political capital to be made from them and the aware woman is well able to look after herself, and what Sinn Fein must and will endeavour to do is to help alleviate the struggle of women who are in this situation.

THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF LIBERTY IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO VIEWS FROM THE LOCAL POPULATION ON WHATEVER SUBJECT. WE WANT YOU TO REGARD THIS AS YOUR PAPER AND THUS ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. COMMENTS OR CRITICISMS ARE WELCOMED.

What can be done? as most problems the answer is with the people individually concerned, but this burden is very heavy to carry along and where Sinn Fein can play a role is to bring women together to share the load, discuss their own troubles and build a strength from being a group and not trying to cope alone.

A woman's greatest enemy when she finds herself in this situation is apathy, not the apathy of the community towards her, but her own, her sense of hopelessness and defeat. When she is first alone she feels lacking in some way as a woman and so there is a loss of confidence in her own ability to cope. Then there are the practical problems, firstly money and finding her way around the system to get enough to keep her family, there is added to this all the problems of coping with a family on her own, trying to maintain a secure background for them to grow in, when she doesn't feel strong enough to manage herself. Then perhaps the greatest threat to the stability of her family is her overwhelming sense of guilt, very rarely is the situation of her own choosing and yet always the mother feels there must of been something she could have done to keep the father with them, all this and a largely uncaring community tend to overwhelm her, yet another woman has been there before her and coped and won these battles.

Twinbrook is no exception in Ireland in having a growing number of such women in its midst and from these women in all various stages of struggle a group can be formed, to talk, to plan, to help each other overcome the problems both practical and emotional. Like our country divided we are weak, united we are strong and will win. The rest of the community should not feel complacent over such issues for the troubles of one will never eventually effect us all and when the group is established people should tell the newly (alone) about it and group about them. There are men and women in Sinn Fein concerned about these women and will provide the first meeting place for them.

These issues and others will be tackled by Sinn Fein for we are not just concerned with our country and its freedom, but with the quality of life in,

THAT FREE LAND

R.A.C. DEMO AT EUROPA

Last Saturday the (Peace People) were holding their first conference in the exclusive Europe Hotel in Belfast in front of the International Press. Business had been adjourned and all the lovely Ladies were sitting around the lounge in their furs sipping cocktails. Suddenly at the nod of a head a dozen females began shedding their tops, cardigans, and blouses to reveal T-Shirts with messages such as "P.O.W. - NOT CRIMINALS", "BRITS OUT THEN PEACE".

F.T.O.

ARRESTS ADVICE

Due to the now intense military presence now found on the streets in Twinbrook and therefore the subsequent harassment of the people. Particularly the youth, we have decided to publish the following advice to those who may find themselves stopped by the Brits or "lifted".

(A) If stopped in the street you are only at liberty to give your name, address, age, where you're coming from and going to, and if you have knowledge of any illegal activities. To the last question you may simply reply "NO". It is not necessary for you to indulge in conversation with BRITS. They often do this to help collect intelligence in the area.

(B) If arrested you may be held for varying periods. If a Brit arrests you it will be for approx. 4hrs. If you're arrested under sect 10 or 12 that will be for 72 hrs and 7 days respectively. (Only the R.U.C. can do this).

(C) When arrested you must answer the questions already mentioned. If you are questioned further you may refuse to say anything further and ask for a solicitor. Again there is no need to indulge in "friendly" conversation with the interrogator. This only gives him intelligence data on yourself and your area, for the Brits Big Computer in Thiepval Barracks Lisburn.

(D) If someone belonging to you is lifted or you have your home raided please report it immediately to your local ADVICE CENTRE.

VANDALISM

The Republican Movement would like to make it known that a number of young vandals from the Glasvey area have been brought to our attention. These young hoods have been responsible for-

(A) Stealing copper from houses in the Cherry Building Site thus hampering the completion of badly needed homes.

(B) The intimidation of old and sick people in Glasvey, particularly those living in Glasvey Court.

(C) Intimidation of a family who have since left the area.

(D) Smashing windows in the school and general vandalism.

(E) Abusing adults who try to check them.

These hoods whose names are known to us have no connection with any organisation. We warn them to cease their anti-people activities immediately.

GRAND IRISH NIGHT.

TWINBROOK SINN FEIN ARE HOLDING A "GRAND IRISH NIGHT" IN THE P.D.F. CLUB, ANDYTOWN ON THURSDAY 13th OCT. MUSIC BY THE "HOGSEYE" AND BALLOTS, REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY SINN FEIN MEMBER OR YOU CAN PAY AT THE DOOR.

PRISON STRUGGLE

The following comes to you courtesy of "PRISON STRUGGLE"

We have worked out an escape, it's a cert, will you pass it? That's the same old thing the Intelligence Officer must listen to every other day. Why do men risk so much to get out of here? It's not as if when you are caught someone says "You're a bad boy, don't do it again". No, men have been shot trying to get out. Others have been killed after reporting back to their fighting units. So why do they keep coming forward? Well first and foremost it's because they are P.O.W.'s and even the Brits know that the first duty of a P.O.W. is to try and escape. Every cage has its Intelligence-Escape Officer to look after the needs of his escapees. A lot of work goes into escapes. Sometimes it's the chance one that just turns up, like the Priest who came into the camp a few months ago and went into one of the cages to say Mass, on his way to where Mass was to be held our young E.O. was called aside. Do you think that Priest is like Joe Soap? he was asked. "By God so he is," said the E.O. "Only Joe would need his hair cut and dyed black. That's no problem, we have the scissors and there's black hair dye in the "DUMP". Right, says the E.O. "Get Joe, get the hair cut and dyed and have a good look at the Priest before you do it. I'll go to Mass and keep the Priest there until it's over. It's very embarrassing having to tell a Priest to take his pants down but it was all worth it. A few days later we got a postcard from Joe telling us he was O.K. And would be back at his old job within a week. He ended with the inevitable line "Wish you were here".

THE FELONS OF OUR LAND

Three young men from the T/Brook Estate were each given 14 years jail 3 weeks ago for possession of firearms and hijacking a car. Their names were BOBBY SANDS, SEAMUS MARTIN and GABRIEL CORBETT. These men and 180 others are lying naked in conditions not fit for a pig, constantly getting beatings from LIZZIE'S screws, although this is happening the Lad's morale is high and we would ask everyone to remember these Lad's and them in their minds as often as possible.

Remember their fight for Political Status is also our fight. At present Five T/Brock P.O.'s are on the blanket ban. BLOW LOW FOR: - RED TAIL, EDWARD CONNOLLY, BOBBY BOSS, CAPTAIN CONNOLLY, JAMES MARTIN.

MONDAY

OPENING

It has been brought to our notice by local women that both the main Supermarkets (V.G. & MCK) are closed on a Monday. Since this is of inconvenience to Mothers we would like to suggest to the Respective Managements of these stores would it be possible for at least one of them to remain open on a Monday even for a few hours.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The problems of T/Brock, the social issues which effect its people, have continually been publicised and fought by Sinn Féin over the past few years. Sometimes a certain amount of success has been achieved. Issues include the poor recreation and shopping facilities, non-existent medical facilities, lack of street lighting (due in the main to the Brits), gross unemployment, bad roads, vandalism, arrests and general harassment of the people by the Occupation Forces. With regard to this we will be endeavouring to do more, with the peoples support, in trying to get to grips with these problems, and we hope to receive that support.

Remember this is YOUR estate. Help us to make it a better place to live, Not just for yourself but for your children and their children.

1916 - 1977

We succeeded in proving that Irishmen are ready to die endeavouring to win for Ireland those national rights which the British Government has been asking them to die to win for Belgium. As long as that remains the case, the cause for Irish Freedom is safe.

Believing that the British Government has no right in Ireland, never had any right in Ireland, and never can have any right in Ireland, the presence in any generation of Irishmen, of even a respectable minority, ready to die to affirm that truth, that Government for ever a usurpation mine against human progress.

I personally thank God that to see the day when thousands of Boys, and hundreds of Irish

Women and Girls, were ready to affirm that truth, and to atone it with their lives if need be.

James Connolly in a statement from the dock when sentenced to be executed. (8th May 1916)

FREEDOM

We have had enough, when will it all end. Undoubtedly you have probably heard those sincere cries of desperation for peace many times in the past few months. So in the following article, there is an analysis of those cries for peace and how and when, that peace will be achieved. If Ireland had a high standard of living for all its people, where equality, liberty and true justice reigned, then obviously there would be no war at present, but of course that is not the case.

For a happy and content society things are necessary. Fair employment, adequate housing, recreation with entertainment and a society where problems and injustices can be voiced and solved. These are absent for the most part in Ireland and this situation remains, so by sectarian and corrupt legislation. Of course this is not surprising since to grant these conditions a Government to care for the Irish People, while its main aim is to suppress those same people and keep the Irish Nation subjugated to exploit it in Britain's own interests.

There fore an essential point must be grasped. The English Army is not a peace keeping force. England has a vested interest economically and this point is proven by the fact that naturally the English Army, the most repressive ambassador of English authority, is sent to Ireland when that infamous political dead duck of Stormont was unable to cope with the "Native Unrest". So there fore equally natural was the need of a movement that would remove the decaying capitalist, English Imperialist Government and replace it with a new Government of the People

THAT MOVEMENT IS THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT.

BY CATHY WRECK

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