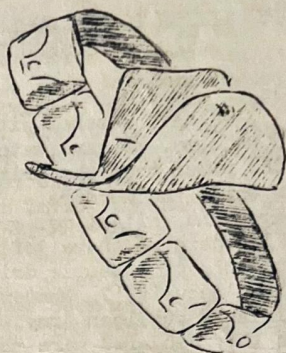


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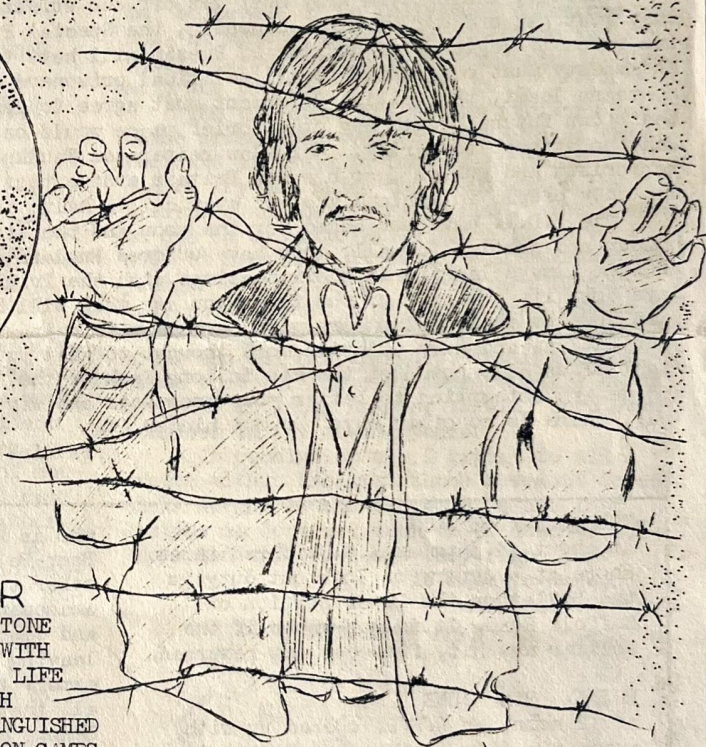
THE SAME STORY



THEOBALD WOLFE TONE
THE FATHER OF REPUBLICANISM
WHOS IDEALS ARE STILL THE YARD-
STICK FOR TO-DAYS REPUBLICANS

200 YEARS LATER

IT IS 200 YEARS SINCE THEOBALD WOLF TONE DIED, BUT TO-DAY WE STILL ARE FACED WITH THE SAME PROBLEMS WHICH HE SPENT HIS LIFE TRYING TO RECTIFY. THE DUNGEONS WHICH THE UNITED IRISHMEN OF THE 1700's LANGUISHED IN HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THE INHUMAN TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH NATIONALIST ASPIRATIONS STILL CONTINUES, THE NOTORIOUS MAJOR SANDYS NOW TAKES THE GUISE OF HARRY TAYLOR AND HIS TORTURE CHAMBER IN THE PROVOSTS PRISON, ARBOUR HILL HAS BEEN RETLACED BY PALACE BARRACKS...NOTHING HAS CHANGED.



P.D.F.

THE P.D.F. IN ANDERSONSTOWN CAME INTO BEING AFTER INTERNMENT WEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE FAMILIES OF THE MEN TAKEN HOSTAGE BY BRIAN FAULKNER WERE LOOKED AFTER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE BREADWINNERS. TO-DAY THINGS ARE NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THEY WERE ON AUGUST 9th LAST YEAR. AT THE END OF MAY OVER 150 MEN FROM ANDERSONSTOWN WERE STILL INTERNED OR DETAINED, THESE MEN RELY ON THEIR NEIGHBOURS ON THE OUTSIDE TO DO SOMETHING, THEY ARE HELPLESS. JUST LAST WEEK A LETTER APPEARED IN THE 'TELEGRAPH' FROM A 'CATHOLIC' CLAIMING THAT SHE WAS STOPPING HER DONATIONS TO PDF IN AN EFFORT TO STARVE THE WIVES AND CHILDREN OF INTERNEES THUS FORCING THEM TO CALL A HALT TO THE CAMPAIGN. THIS PERSON WAS OBVIOUSLY SICK IN THE HEAD OR A PROTESTANT EXTREMIST TRYING TO SABOTAGE THE PDF, AN ORGANISATION OF WHICH THEY HAVE NO EQUIVALENT. FOR GODS SAKE, WHEN THE COLLECTORS CALL THIS WEEK, GIVE SOMETHING EVEN IF IT IS A SINGLE PENNY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY TO-NIGHT, THINK OF THE INTERNEES STILL ROTTING IN LONG KESH AND SAY: "THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO I!"

AN OPEN LETTER

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN OF ANDERSONSTOWN FROM THE INTERNEES OF ANDERSONSTOWN.
LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP, 2nd, June, 1972.

People,

We have watched with growing interest your initiatives for peace in the area from which we come, we have watched your movement gather momentum as it goes along backed by all the power that the British Propaganda Machine can mount. Your actions have made headlines while the murders of many of your fellow citizens have been demoted to the middle pages and gallant men go on hunger strike for the very principles which you ask for.

Is there no shame left in Andersonstown? Is it just that you are playing on the pent-up emotions of a people driven to desperation by the forces of evil as represented by British 'Security'? Whatever your reasons for ignoring the fact that the Army Council of the Irish Republican Army through their Chief-of-Staff, Sean MacStiofain offered 5 points which they declared were the only terms acceptable to them for an instant peace. These terms were offered in good faith quite some time ago by the leadership of an Army at war to the leadership of the invaders of our land. They were conveniently ignored by that enemy, and have been ignored by everyone else since. But, and this is important, what they ask for, if you take the time to study their demands, are what in all honesty are the only conditions our people could accept.

Firstly, the British Army must get off our streets, let them go where they will, but they must get off our streets. Secondly, the Special Powers Act which is the most repressive piece of legislation outside of Russia will have to be abolished forever. Thirdly, An amnesty must be granted to all political prisoners and men 'on the run'. Last but by no means least, the British Government must agree to leave the Irish people to determine their own future. With any other brief peace would be useless, yet the British Government make no attempt to parley, Whitelaw reiterates Faulkners boast that "I will not talk to terrorists and gunmen", so how can Britain ever expect peace when they will not talk to the only people in Ireland who can ever call a halt, the Irish Republican Army?

The I.R.A. have not asked for the moon and the stars, all they want is a peace with honour and justice for all, they have offered England the chance to show their sincerity, an item always lacking in their dealings with the Irish people. If the Republican Army lays down its guns now on the terms you ask they will have gained little, all the lives laid down by their Volunteers will have been in vain. We ask you, sincerely think about your actions and give a little more thought to what you really want, after all, it is the fight of us all, not just the men in Long Kesh or the men on the run. It is YOUR country and we are attempting to better your prospects and way of life, it has to be done the hard way, there is no other way. Do not hinder it.

Is mise le meas,
the Andersonstown Internees.

THURSDAY 3th JUNE

At about 11.35pm an A.S.U. fired three shots at a sentry on look out duty in the Billet on the Power Station on Suffolk Road. It is not known if the soldier was hit, fire was not returned.

FRIDAY 9th JUNE

At 12 noon, an A.S.U. opened up with automatic fire on the Army Billet in Lenadoon. A soldier who was getting out of a Saracen at the time was hit on the chest. The unit returned safely to base.

SEAMUS AGAIN

As we were going to press we recieved another letter from Seamus in the 'Kesh', the beginning of the letter is concerned with asking for the support of you all for the men on hunger strike. I think that we can depend on that support knowing the people of Andersonstown, the Turf and the Saint.

The letter goes on to give us an insight into the goings on in Brians Hotel. Apparently an exhibition of square-bashing was given the other day by a person

who is known in 'concentric' circles as; Beer-Belly, the Poet Laureate and various other titles. Seamus says, "the look of amazement on his face when he turned right and discovered that the yard had emptied, leaving him all on his own will live in my memory for a very long time, GOD, forget all that?"

Seamus says that if the Andersonstown Internees are'n't released soon he will expect you all to come down and fetch them out. To the lady in Gransha goes the message, Gab says he will finish your window sills as soon as Willy Whitewash allows him.

Gerry the overwrought ironworker gets more distinguished every day, it's the glasses that do it Seamus says. An interesting fact has come to light, when the 'proper type prisoners' in Cage 6 get letters, they are addressed to H.M.Prison, The Maze, Lisburn. It appears that 'Long Kesh' would never do for criminals. Seamus ends by saying how much they enjoy reading the VOLUNTEER, the only criticism is that the jokes sounded better in 1957 than they do now. HOW DOES THAT GRAB YOU?

FLATS

A group of people in Turf Lodge are renovating the disused flats there in anticipation of U.V.F. attacks on Catholic areas. When the flood of refugees arrived from Ballymacarret after the Andersons Street blast, there were very few vacant flats or houses in any 'safe' area where they could go. Any joiners, plumbers, painters etc. who want to offer their services to this venture should contact any of the group or leave their name in the Martin Forsythe club, Monagh Road. (Pearse Rd.)

LOST

During the week a gold ear-ring (wedding ring type) was lost between the C.E.S.A. club in South Link and Kenard Avenue. If anyone has found it they should leave it over the counter of the C.E.S.A. club or give it to any of the paper sellers.

A REWARD WILL BE OFFERED TO THE FINDER.

LETTER FROM SEAMUS

Here is another letter from Seamus, Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

A Chara,

To say that the big talking point here this week was the Hunger Strike by our dear comrades in Belfast and Armagh prisons would be an understatement, this must be evident from the efforts we have made to ensure top coverage in the press. The 'Sticks' of course didn't let a good thing pass and came up with their own little headline grabber. We realise that the publicity attached to their surrender will soon pass, we also realise that men of the calibre and type of those on Hunger strike will continue until they achieve their aims. We, through the medium of your paper, our paper, wish to reassure them again of our appreciation of their plight.

The weather has been rather drastic this last week or so with the result that our outside activities have been curtailed rather much, although a few hardy fools have accepted the wintry conditions and gone out anyway. The Bank Holiday meant that there were no releases on Monday or Tuesday, a fact sadly commented on by all those suffering from Outsideitis (and who is'nt) but we have high hopes that the week will yet provide us with a little excitement in the great, "Who Goes Next Stakes" sponsored of course by Willie Whitewash.

With the closure of Cage 6 (to make way for proper type criminals) men have been switched about to other Cages, many old friendships have been re-newed again. When a name is called out for release a lot of good natured bantering goes on by the ones left behind.

(continued on next column)

Each night the Rosary is said in each Cage for the men on Hunger strike, there is always a full attendance. Visitors are questioned at length about the 'outside' to see if we have missed anything, it is easy to get out of touch in here. Rumour has it that Cages 2,3,4,5, will be closed shortly when the numbers reach a certain level and that the remainder will be moved to Cages 11 and 12 which have been built by outside contractors at vast expense.

Life goes on inexorably despite all the menial interruptions, that is, life as we live it. The fact that God blessed the Irish with a great sense of humour is worth noting, I have never seen men laugh at the weirdest things like the men in here, If it were repeated on the outside Purdysburn would be permanently filled.

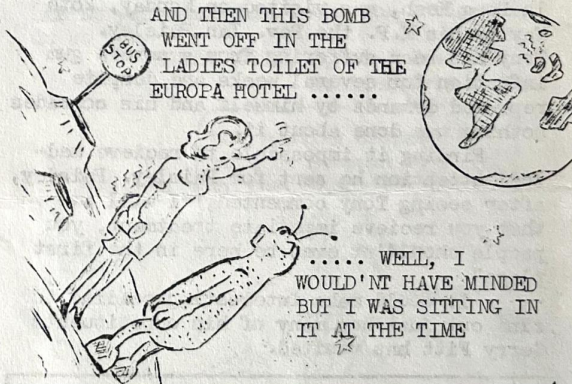
All in all not many men who pass through here can complain about the lack of comradeship, the putting into practice of Socialism a-la Long Kesh has to be seen to be believed. If an individual concerned doesn't want to share his 'loot' he is easily persuaded one way or the other. (usually the other)

The plight of the Hunger strikers has taken precedence over everything else this week and it would be foolish of me if I didn't try and relay the feelings of the Internees and Detainees in here. The respect due to men like Billy McKee is so very evident here that it could well persuade the younger generation of Republicans to copy him, and incidentally who would be a better man to copy than Billy McKee? God bless Billy and all his comrades, their example shows that the flame of freedom still burns brightly in Irish hearts, it will burn even brighter in the coming years.

In conclusion may I appeal to all groups within the Resistance Movement to add their weight to the campaign to see that Justice is done and seen to be done to all those men and the cause they fight for.

Is mise le meas,
Seamus.

AND THEN THIS BOMB
WENT OFF IN THE
LADIES TOILET OF THE
EUROPA HOTEL



..... WELL, I
WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED
BUT I WAS SITTING IN
IT AT THE TIME

Dear Sir,

I am sick of all this shooting and bombing, I urge all decent people to sign Mrs. Spackman's petition for peace and get those ghastly Provos to stop. I want peace so badly that I signed the petition 179 times.

Yours,
'Frustrated Bachelor'
(Owns own car)

STEVENSON

STATEMENT

Over the years many names have become synonymous with discrimination in the 6-Counties, Harland & Wolfe, Mackies, Sirocco, Ormeau etc. Outside Belfast perhaps the best example of Unionist bigotry in the employment of workers was the Moygashel factory in Dungannon owned by the Stevenson family.

This family held the proud boast that they never employed a Catholic in their lives. Mrs. Stevenson, who was and still is a Protestant bigot of the worst degree, turned up the other week in Kevin Street, Dublin taking part in the picket 'for peace'.

She walked hand in hand with Austin Currie and the rest of the motley bunch of protesters who ranged from outright Unionist extremists to the 'don't know what I am' ilk like Dickie Ferguson.

We don't know if Austin knew who his playmate was but he should take a little more care in future in case he gets a bad name.....on the other hand, forget it.

BALLOT

The draw was made during the week for the beautiful hand made rug from Magilligan Internment Camp with a handsome wooden plaque and a bottle of Whiskey as consolation prizes.

Winners were:

- (1) 'Bap', 9, Collin Gardens.
- (2) M. McGroory, 103, B'murphy Road.
- (3) P. Rush, 1, North Link.

IAN

Tony Docherty of Portglenone, an Internee in Long Kesh, was visited on Monday, 28th May by his M.P. the Rev. Ian Paisley. Tony had been suffering from a severe gum infection for several weeks and despite repeated demands by himself and his comrades nothing was done about it.

Finding it impossible to receive medical attention he sent for Paisley. Paisley, after seeing Tony commented, "I will see that you receive immediate treatment, you people should'n't even be here in the first place".

It would make interesting reading to find out just how many of his constituents Gerry Fitt has visited.

The Battalion Staff, 1st, Battalion would like Mrs. H who has written to us twice in the last couple of weeks, just how much they appreciate her sentiments and thoughts. It is people like you who have made this campaign such a success, so you owe a debt we never can repay.

Below we print an eye witness account of the arrest of Jim 'Bo' McGlone on Tuesday night, 23/5/72. It has been given to the Assoc. of Legal Justice.

I was returning from Andersonstown Barracks late Tuesday night 23/5/72 after enquiring about the whereabouts of an ex-Internee, Michael McMullan. On my way up South Link I heard a woman screaming in terror, she was yelling, "Will someone please help me", there were 5 other women with me and we all ran back. Mrs. McGlone had her side window open and she was leaning out of it. I could see there were British soldiers in the room and they were struggling with someone on the floor. One of these soldiers came to the window and told me to go away and mind my own business, I took him to be the officer in charge. When I refused to go he drew the blinds so that I couldn't see what was going on, but we could hear the sound of the violent struggling as we were at the back of the flat.

We then realised that they were taking him out through the front and we ran around, when we reached the front we seen three soldiers dragging the boy out by the feet, his head was dragging along the ground and his face was covered in blood. They kept beating him the whole way over to the Saracen, his wife, who had a young baby in her arms, was screaming. I pulled on the soldiers arm and said, "For God's sake leave him alone", but he pushed me against a lamp post.

At this stage a first-aid man from the Catholic Ex-Servicemen, Mr. Davidson, tried to intervene, he was bodily trailed into the Saracen by a soldier who shouted, "If anymore of you fuckers want a ride then come on ahead!" Mrs. McGlone then tried to get into the Saracen but was pushed out with rifles which were stuck into her throat hurting her, at this stage she was in a terrible state.

A young lad who had arrived on the scene took the baby off Mrs. McGlone and tried to comfort her, this angered the soldiers who then tried to push him, baby and all, into the Saracen, but the women intervened and they drove off with the two men in the back.

Signed,

& Mrs. -. -----
Berneagh Drive,
Witnesses.

We needn't add that none of the little worms like Spackman and Fagan crawled from the safety of their homes to protest or comfort Mrs. McGlone.

A Company of British soldiers were practising on the rifle range in Aldershot, one of the soldiers, Pte. N.I.Twit kept missing the target. "Will this affect my chances of going to Belfast with the rest of the Company?" he asked his sargeant. "No, but it will affect your chances of coming back".

I DIDN'T WISH TO KNOW THAT

WHOS YOUSE

HELLO

With the Belfast battle scenes becoming as common as soap ads on television there is a tendency to not really look too closely at all that news film. You might be missing so something. Did you notice for instance, the emergence of a black power wing for the Vanguard movement a few weeks back? A negre marching in UDA style uniform in a Vanguard rally in Carrickfergus opens up all sorts of possibilities. Does he claim descent from that dozen or so Ulstermen who fought alongside Billy at the Boyne? Or is he a representative from those African Oranges we occasionally hear about? I didn't spot him in the tight ranks of the UDA at Willowfield who were shown manning the barricades a few weeks ago. The genial banter between the commander and his troops on that occasion seems worth recording, if only to illustrate the idiocy of the para military protestant hordes. As far as I could make out the shouting went as follows;

Commander: "Who are youse?"

TROOPS: (in unison) "The U.D.A.".

Commander: "Are youse afraid of the dark?"
(it sounded like that to me)

TROOPS: "No".

Commander: "Who are youse fighting for?"

TROOPS: "Ulster".

Commander: "Right men, man the barricades".

FORTNIGHT

ACTIONS

SUNDAY 4th June

A mobile patrol of the British army stopped a car on the Stewardstown Road and searched it. They had finished and were ready to pull out when an active service unit (ASU) of the I.R.A. opened up hitting a soldier on the chest. Troops returned fire but the unit returned safely to base.

MONDAY 5th June

At approx. 5.30pm an ASU opened up on the Army Billet in Lenadoon hitting one soldier.

At 8.30pm the same day an ASU directed fire into the open back of a Saracen hitting one soldier. He was reported to be 'serious'.

WEDNESDAY 7th June

An ASU directed heavy fire into the army Billet in the Suffolk Road power station hitting at least one soldier.

THURSDAY 8th June

A low flying helicopter circling the Glenveigh estate was fired on with a .303. by an ASU. The helicopter was hit and took off, wavering the whole way as it did. It is thought that one of the blades was damaged.

In the week ending the 10th, there were too many sniping operations in the Glenveigh area to cover here. Troops in billets on the Black Mountain around the Quarry were fired on every day. It is not known if any were hit.

A GREAT BIG HEARTY WELCOME IS DUE THIS WEEK TO SOME OF OUR FRIENDS AND READERS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY WILLIE 'I'M ALL HEART' WHITELAW.

AMONG THE MEN RELEASED A SPECIAL HELLO TO: SEAMUS LOUGHRAN, JIMMY DRUMME, ARCHIE AULD, FRANCIE FOX, BIG LIAM MCKEE, SEAN BOYLE, SEAMUS LAWLOR, PATSY MALONE, AND TO ALL THE REST OF THE INNOCENT MEN WHO ARE NOW BREATHING THE SWEET AIR OF FREEDOM AGAIN.

TO ALL THE MEN STILL ROTTING IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP AT LONG KESH WE SAY, THE FIGHT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU IS A FREEMAN AGAIN, GOD BLESS.

GERALD MURRAY

Last week end another young man was murdered for the crime of being born a Catholic. Gerald Murray who was reared in Commedagh Dr. Andersonstown was a quiet, likeable lad who had absolutely no interest in politics, that didn't stop him being gunned down in the presence of his young wife. Mr. Craig claims that his gunmen have the names of 500 IRA men marked down for assassination, it is obvious from the shootings of the past weeks that not one of the men killed by Protestant extremists was connected in any way with the Republican movement. This is a sign that ANYONE who lives in a Catholic area is a possible victim of Craigs henchmen.

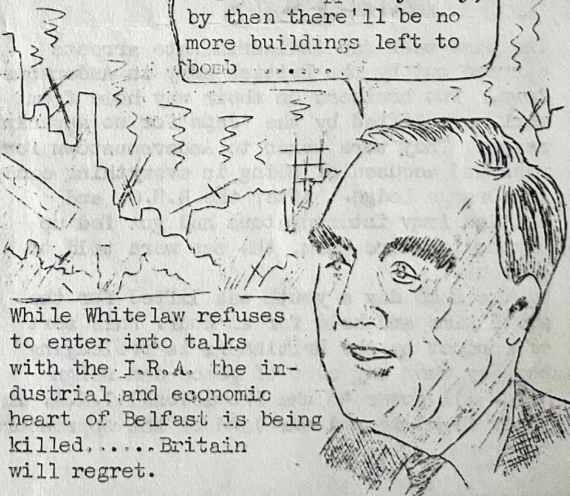
TO THE FAMILY OF GERALD MURRAY WE OFFER OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES. MARY QUEEN OF IRELAND PRAY FOR HIM.

BRUTALITIES

We have had many requests from readers asking where they can get a copy of the superb booklet 'Brutalities' which has been written by Father Paul. This booklet is not on general sale and is extremely hard to come by, one place however where you can obtain a copy is MURRAY'S on the Andersonstown Road, (beside the Palm Grove Cafe) for anyone who has'nt yet read this book, our advice is, do so now.

BRUTALITIES, Special Branch & British Army. 30p

The bombing campaign will be stopped by July, by then there'll be no more buildings left to bomb



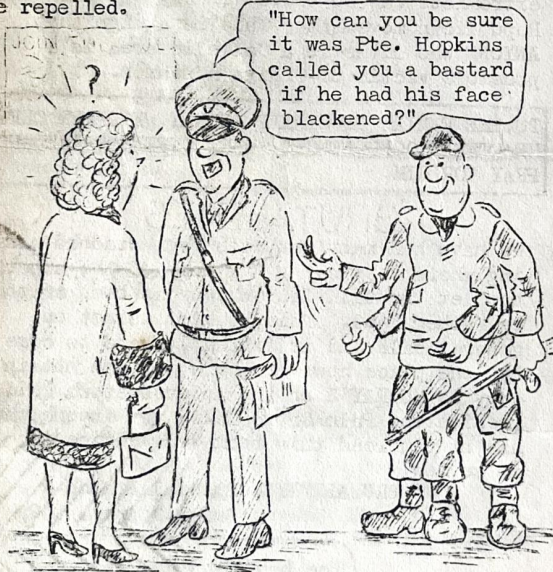
While Whitelaw refuses to enter into talks with the I.R.A. the industrial and economic heart of Belfast is being killed. Britain will regret.

PEACE U.V.F. STYLE

The past month has'nt been a good one for the U.V.F./Vanguard element. They have men awaiting trial in Belfast, Glasgow and London on arms and murder charges. On Wednesday a permanent staff Instructor in the U.D.R. Liverpool man Peter Walley, appeared in court charged with the attempted murder of two Catholics a week previously. Walley, who now lives on the Shankill Road, is one of the 'big wheels' in the U.D.A. (U.V.F.) his lcss is a big blow to the Protestant extremist group.

Walley, along with his Argyle Street comrade who is charged with the murder of Mr. Moane in Carrick, will obviously be found not guilty, but nevertheless it is becoming obvious even to the closed minded people of our estates that a huge Protestant army is ready to invade our areas when the time is ripe.

The leadership of the U.V.F. are waiting and hoping for the 'peace' moves by their lackeys in Andersonstown to succeed before striking. We can assure them that the Provisional I.R.A. stand ready, stronger than at any time in the past, confident that any onslaught will be repelled.



ARRESTS

The past week saw indiscriminate arrests carried out by the British army in Andersonstown. Two brothers on their way home from work were lifted by the 'Japs' for no apparent reason. They were taken to Andersonstown fortress and accused of being in everything except the Orange Lodge. After the R.U.C. and British Army interrogators had got fed up trying to scare them, the men were told to get out.

On the same day a youth was lifted for the sixth time and held for an hour. This sort of conduct by the Britishers is prolonging the day when any sort of peace can reign here. All power to the Provisional I.R.A. in their fight to rid our land of the oppressors forever.

BRUGHA

Last Saturday the Cumann Cathal Brughha held a fast and vigil on the Green, Commedagh Dr. in support of the Hunger strikers in Crumlin and Armagh Jails. Over 30 people sat up around a log fire during the night singing resistance songs. The Brughha Cumann in a statement called for support from the people during the coming year in their effort to bring employment into the estate, this, they claim is the only way to guarantee that the coming generation don't have to fight their way out of depressions as their fathers are doing now in an effort to bring a lasting peace to our land.

The Brughha Cumann have plans to set up a small industrial site on the lines of the Ballymurphy Enterprises, using large huts until permanent buildings can be erected. We, in the VOLUNTEER certainly will give our support and backing to this venture.

BOB-A-JOB

This week the Fians of the Lower Andersonstown Na Fianna Eireann will be undertaking a BOB-A-JOB venture. We hope they are well supported by everyone, if you need your windows cleaned, grass cut, doors painted etc. then tell the Fians and I'm sure they'll make a great job of things.

MEETING

The Michael Kane Cumann, Sinn Fein, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday night at 8.00pm at the top of the Whiterock Road. It will be to protest about the inhuman treatment being meted out to Billy McKee and his comrades by the authorities in Crumlin Rd. jail. We urge all our readers to attend this meeting.

TONE

This Sunday, June 11th will see the annual pilgrimage to Bodenstown take place once again. It will be a sad occasion for many, some familiar faces will be missing from the thousands who will gather round the graveside of Theobald Wolfe Tone, the Father of Republicanism to pay homage to a man whose ideals are just as relevant to-day as they were in 1798. As we stand in that little graveyard which Patrick Pearse called, "The holiest place in Ireland", our minds will also be with Billy McKee, Proinsias MacAirt, and the many Republicans who are rotting in British prisons. When we join in prayer at the graveside our prayers will also be for the many Volunteers of Oglaiha na hEireann who have gone the path of Tone, Pearse, and Connolly in making the greatest sacrifice man can make, Terry McDermott, Paddy McAdorey, Sean Johnston, Gerry McDade and many others who stood on the windswept slopes of Bodenstown, Co. Kildare last year will be missing. They got their strong Republican principles from Tone and his contemporaries, so when we gather on Sunday let us resolve that the dream of Tone will be realised soon.