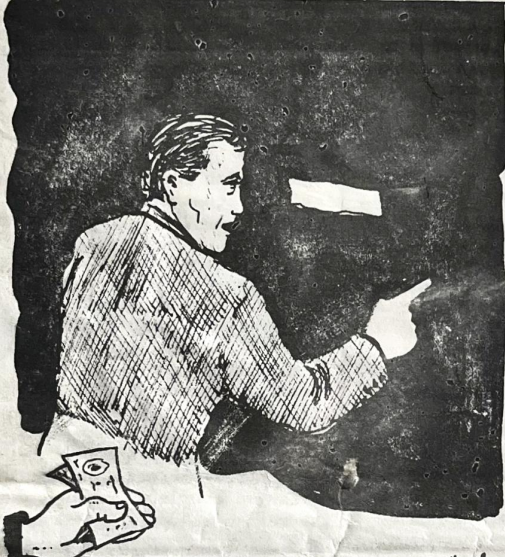


THE VOLUNTEER



JUSTICE WHITELAW STYLE



A group of Republicans sat talking about the latest act of repression by the British Warlords, "The Special Powers Act, Internment, genocide, the UDA, UVF, UDR, RUC, British Army etc. now Kangaroo Courts, what's left?"

Indeed, what's left?

The setting up of Kangaroo Courts to try men who have been illegally imprisoned for over one year must go down as the worst single piece of Fascist legislation ever implemented outside of Nazi Germany.

When one considers that it is almost impossible for a Catholic to get an acquittal in the Orange Courts to-day the latest piece of British imperialist shuggery becomes even more galling to take.

Day after day young Irishmen are paraded in front of the Unionist judiciary and sentenced to the most appalling terms of imprisonment on the evidence of Special Branch and British Army perjurers.

So when the British Government are afraid to let the cases of the 300 Internees and detainees go before the biased Protestant Courts, something is rotten in China.

What other country in the world would set up courts where the evidence of terrified little informers would be accepted from behind a screen? Most of these people????? become Special Branch touts because of their uncontrollable cowardice.

They are little men without a future, lackies who have betrayed their fellow neighbours because of their lack of guts.

The coming weeks will see many of them crawling into Long Kesh with masks on to point out their former friends from behind a screen. The evidence of these little worms will be enough to sentence many fine men to years of imprisonment in British Hell Holes.

One thing is certain, the Kangaroo Courts will make absolutely no difference to the people on the outside, the men in Long Kesh are being held illegally whether Whitelaw likes it or not. The resistance will continue until every single one of them is a Freeman. The Imperialist Warlords have played their last card, their is little left for them to use against the people. From here on in the Revolution will progress to new heights, the people are off their knees, Britain's last outpost is slipping away from them into the hands of the people.

To the men who are being held hostage by the corrupt Whitelaw regime the message goes out loud and clear, "We will free you from the grips of British maljustice soon, the Kangaroo Courts will be swept away along with every trace of Imperialism in Ireland"

The day of reckoning is near, the Judges, Touts, Special Branch pigs and all who take part in this travesty of Justice brand themselves War-Criminals and shall be remembered as such when the New Ireland is born.

SPECIAL COURTS OUT



PEOPLE'S COURTS

part one



There are a number of reasons why some form of People's Courts should be established in Republican areas and these, plus some suggestions for constructing such a system will be discussed below. It is necessary, firstly, to emphasise that the exact composition, scope of authority, procedures used, laws implemented, and numerous other points must be worked out on the basis of the experience of the people themselves. This is the only way in which a system can be developed which recognises and fulfills the needs of the people.

As was pointed out in the last letter, enough groundwork has been done for the first steps towards implementation to be taken; all that remains is for a representative conference to be called together in order to work out a final detailed plan for the initial scene.

It has been said however, that now is not the right time to implement a programme of People's Courts or People's justice. Such a view will not stand up to close and objective scrutiny; the same thing was said at the introduction of Dail Uladh: now it is more than a year later and if the courts had been set up then we would have had a positive record of achievement by this time. It was also argued that the time was 'nt right during the liberation of Derry in 1970, but what happened? What positive constructive structures were created? What remains?

Free Derry could have been the glorious example of fairness and humanity, Republican justice, Incorruptable; IT IS TRAGIC THAT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS LOST.

One can point to other cases; in our own history Sinn Fein courts continued to operate while 100'000 British troops occupied the country; these courts were acknowledged by the British colonial administration to be a thorn in their sides, but they were seen by all to be impartial that they were used by the British interests at times to judge issues.

Further afield, in the Warsaw ghetto, an alternative state was created and maintained courts and all under the noses of the Nazis. The aims of a system of People's Courts and the reasons they should be established need to be made clear so that dialogue, which must develop on the subject will be objective and clear-minded, and because the nature of these aims will

to a large extent influence the structure of the system we create.

It would seem that there are four main aims, and although interrelated, they are capable of separate analysis.

1. Service
2. Political
3. Educational
4. Humanitarian

1. SERVICE;- There is no doubt that a variety of forms of wrongful behaviour occur in all areas of the country, Republican areas are no exception. People in these areas want some form of "law and order" and they deserve something better than they have had.

If Republicans do not provide this service a dangerous vacuum will exist, and some "force" or other will attempt to fill it, possibly with the acquiescence of a lot of tired and desperate people.

We must provide an alternative, and it can no longer be simply "rough justice". It should be pointed out that all over the world where people have struggled for freedom they have set up such systems as we are discussing, as a service for and by the people and it is an exception to the rule not to do so.

2. POLITICAL. The benefits to the community will strengthen the people's resolve to have their own system on a permanent basis and will make its extension on a nationwide basis more probable. Further, the people will have firm evidence that the movement possesses the administrative capacity to lead them into a new Ireland in addition to the military capacity to get rid of the old. The political benefits cannot be stressed enough; as we all know the present campaign, on both sides, is right now and will continue to be both a military and political struggle.

3. EDUCATIONAL. People in the area where a People's Legal System is being created will truly be shaping a

new society the maximum number of people are citizens in the fullest sense. (Emmet O'Connell on Dail Uladh) They will have created something that they understand and appreciate; and will fight to maintain it. They will realise fully that the difference between their system and any "reformed" system based on the English model is a difference in kind and not in degree.

Furthermore, the people will learn through experience, how to deal with the many social evils which are rampant in the world to-day....from the social welfare "paradise" of Sweden, to the bosom of Capitalism-Nixon's corrupted giant... and which everywhere are simply inflamed by the use of police repression. It should be remembered that wrongful behaviour, like Civil Rights activities, cannot be eliminated by force. It is useful to consider here the contrast between the envisaged People's Courts and the regime's "Special Courts".

4. HUMANITARIAN. It has been made clear in previous issues that a more humane approach is needed in our procedures for dealing with persons who have behaved wrongfully. It should also be stressed, most emphatically, that our system would include provision for humane treatment for victims, according to their suffering. This is an area where there has been little, if any, provision made in present or past systems. We would, of course, continue to follow as much as possible the policy of no stigma, and no humiliation, which was often, though not always, a part of Republican justice. By following these policies, based on guidance and assistance, reconciliation and compensation, we would create a more positive attitude in our own wrongdoers, our victims and inevitably in ourselves because of our pride in a job well done.

I would like to continue with some suggestions in the next issue as to a possible format which could begin the dialogue so necessary.

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UNION JACK

The following song is about Jack Lynch's Luxury Hotel at the Curragh. Rumour has it that the WOLFHOUNDS will be including it in their act, if they do then Ray, Danny, Billy, and Goggy can buy me a free one the next time I see them.

(Air: Curragh of Kildare)

1. Oh Republicans are we,
and we live here near the sea,
At the Curragh of Kildare we've
settled down.
You can bet it is no cinch,
Being interned by Jack Lynch,
The shoneen who works for England's
bloody Crown.

CHORUS: Oh, our cry is Eire Saor,
Though interned at Kildare,
We are guests at Lynch's Luxury
Hotel.

2. When Whitelaw ordered "crunch"
Jack invited us to lunch,
He insisted "no refusals now"
said he,
I will treat you very well,
At my Luxury Hotel,
At the Curragh and we'll talk
politically.

CHORUS:

3. Now Jack thinks we're insane,
To be wedded to Sinn Fein,
When like him we could be court-
ing Royalty.
He says "Don't be a clod, you
must know John Bull is God,
And he'll give us our lovely
liberty."

CHORUS:

4. Yes Jack wants us to stay,
says we must not rush away,
Would offend poor Teddy Heath
now don't you see,
And I cannot have you all,
Making fools of Fainna Fail,
By carrying on the work of
Connolly.

CHORUS:

5. We have servants by the
score,
You just could'nt ask for more.
To make sure that we are home in
time for tea,
They protect us from the damp,
At Jack's Internment Camp,
But alas, like poor old Ireland
we're not free.

CHORUS:

6. Yet the day will come I know,
When Union Jack must go,
And all Ireland be Republican and
free.
And on that blessed day, we will
toast the I.R.A.
And the Green will wave where
Orange used to be.

MYTHOLOGICAL MIKE

The mythological Mike O'Shea of the Alliance Party was in the news again this week, no-one in Andersonstown is quite sure whether O'Shea is real or just a figment of Bob "Are'nt I Lovely" Cooper's imagination.

Every now and again a statement appears in all papers signed Mike O'Shea, Andersonstown. The people of the area who have been undergoing Hell at the hands of the Britishers gaze on the statements with amazement. No-one remembers the elusive Mr. O'Shea being present when any of the hundreds of young Andy'town men were being arrested for screening by the Imperialists.

The thousand odd men who have passed through the gates of Faulkner's Hell Hole in Long Kesh don't remember O'Shea fighting for their release, he never turned up at any of the protest rallies organised by the resistance groups. This week the Unionist Pigs in the City Hall succumbed to the pressure which was put on them by the Republican Movement for the lights to be turned on again in the Catholic ghettos. O'Shea hit the front page of the Irish News with a plea for the oppressed people of the ghettos to be nice to the workmen when they come in to fix our lights. O'Shea does'nt seem to realise that the lights were broken in the first place

by his friends in the British Army. He also is under an illusion that the lights are to be turned on again in the streets of the estates. This is a lot of shit. The British Army have given the go ahead for the Unionist orientated City Hall to switch on the lights on the main roads, the reason for this is that they have learned that the "black out" on the perimeter of the Catholic ghettos has been a draw back to them. Only this week British soldiers broke outside lights on the porches of homes in the Andersonstown estate.

The security chiefs have made up their minds that NO Catholic areas will have street lighting. O'Shea obviously believes his friends in Stormont when he cries his crocodile tears.

The people of the occupied areas should be under no illusions, the street lighting will NOT be turned on inside the estates. People like O'Shea are leading the people up the garden path, they are working in collusion with the Whitelaw administration in suppressing the natives.

O'Shea is one of the Alliance candidates in the forthcoming???? elections. We will have a chance to see just how many people give their support to a man who does all his talking from the safety of his own home while the electorate suffer.



GREETINGS MAIRE FROM THE
ANDY TOWN COMHAIRLE
CEANNTAIR, THE CUMANN
CATHAL BRUGHHA, THE CUMANN
TERRY McDERMOTT, AND, OF
COURSE, THE CUMANN SEAN
O'CARROLL. SEE YOU SOON.



UVF BOMBS

It isn't so long ago since four Volunteers in the Irish Republican Army gave their lives while trying to move a car containing a bomb from Anderson Street in the Short Strand.

Before the dust of the fatal blast had subsided, the British "Black Propaganda" squad were churning out a story about a "premature explosion". The Britishers' main argument was that the Protestants didn't bomb anywhere like the I.R.A. This week, however, the biggest ever haul of explosives ever found in Belfast was uncovered in Dee Street, a stones throw from Anderson Street.

It is obvious that the bombs were made here for transit to Catholic streets, pubs, etc.

McGurk's Bar, the Abercorn Restaurant, the Long Bar, Distillery Street, Conway's Bar etc. etc. the list is long, the truth is now coming out, every Catholic area in Belfast is on the list for an all out bombing assault.

12 YEARS?

Eight U.V.F. men have been arrested this week while engaged in armed robberies. It will be interesting to see, taking in to account that they are found guilty, what the severity of the sentences are. Last month a group of I.R.A. Volunteers were sentenced to average terms of 12 years for similar offences. During the I.R.A. missions no one was hurt, one employee of a Bakery firm described the Republican Volunteers as "real gentlemen". The U.V.F. men, on the other hand use force on both occasions.

THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF THE VOLUNTEER OFFER THEIR HEART-FELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF VOLUNTEER SEAN CARBERRY, SHOT DEAD BY THE OCCUPATION FORCES.

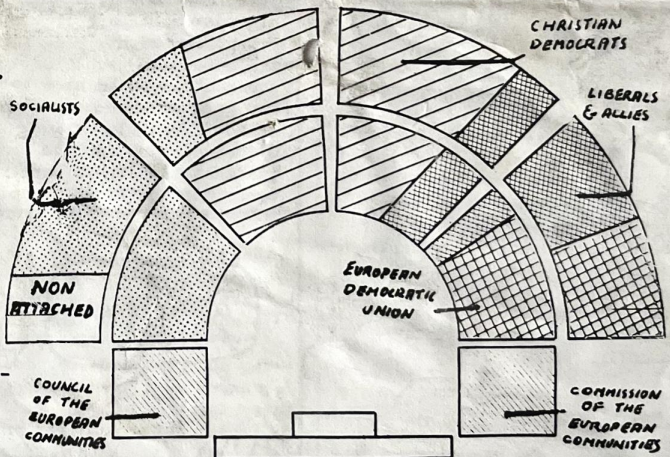
CONGRATS TO PAT BOYLE AND ANN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY SON, MAY THEY HAVE LOTS MORE LITTLE REVOLUTIONARIES.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WEE JACK WHO IS NOW OF THE AGE OF CONSENT....DO IT, DO IT.

Let us raise our hats and drink to brave Sergeant Prendan Keys who arrested Maire Drumm during the week. Keys follows in the tradition of the Griffiths, the De Valeras, the Costellos and the Lynchs who have sold their souls to John Bull. Maire is charged with inciting people to procure arms for an unlawful purpose, inciting people to become members of an illegal organisation and being a member of the I.R.A.

It is conveniently forgotten by the cowardly little quislings in the "Free State" that their President was guilty of all the offences levelled against Mr. Drumm before he took a potful of English gold and betrayed the very men he had fought beside.

Maybe Jack Lynch should sent for Pierrepoint the hangman to come back out of retirement and work for him the way he did for the pig DeValera when he hung Charlie Kerins. There is no doubt that Britain are preparing the ground for an ultimate withdrawal from Ireland, even prominent Torie newspapers have recognised this fact. When the Socialist revolution sweeps aside the British and their lackies for all time Lynch and his cronies will have much to answer for. The worms in Gardai clothing will pay for their betrayal of the people.



The European Parliament is in session at Strasbourg this week, 142 Parliamentarians from the "Big Six" will be discussing ways of fleecing the working class of more brass. From January 10 Irish members will join in an enlarged assembly of 198. It still isn't clear how they will divide the ten seats among the Parties in the Dail and Senate at Leinster House. Fianna Fail get 5, Fine Gael could get 4 and Labour one, or it could be 3 and 2. As yet only Labour know where they will sit, with the Socialists (Roll over James Connolly) Fianna Fail will almost certainly sit with the Non-Attached at the beginning, sitting with them will be the English Tories and, wait for it, the Italian Communists. Fine Gael will probably sit with the Christian Democrats, (I'm stopping going to Church from this week)