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MORE BLOODSHED AHEAD?

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(DAILY MIRROR)

"TWO MEN DIES and 17 other persons were injured...2 of them seriously...in three bomb and bullet attacks on Catholic owned public houses in Belfast last night"

(IRISH NEWS)

With the results of the election still coming in, it looks like the old Orange hegemony has been returned again. The "democratic process" as Tory chief Whitelaw calls it, has shown glaringly how the Protestant ascendancy mentality can be twisted by the unscrupulous "Northern Ireland Secretary" and the British press to portray a "vote for peace"

P.R. experts have remarked how voters in Republican areas used their preference votes impartially and voted across the card. The "non-sectarian" Alliance Party was completely rejected by the Protestant working-class and scored most of their successes in middle class or Catholic areas. (where preference votes went to them)

What the election means to the British establishment in Ireland is a mandate to continue with their unparalleled reign of repression. While we can look over the S.D.L.P. for helping Whitelaw achieve a veneer of credibility in Ireland we have nothing but contempt for the so called "Republican Clubs". This discredited bunch of glory hunters have sold the working-class people of the ghettos down the proverbial river. The dismal results which they received at the ballot box was a fitting memorial to their reformist policies.

THE ATTACKS ON CATHOLIC PUBS LAST THURSDAY WAS BY WAY OF A CELEBRATION BY LOYALIST

THUGS FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS. By playing White-laws game, the people who voted on Wednesday have condemned themselves to a new wave of misery and repression.



The way in which RUC personnel turned a blind eye to mass personation has made many people think that they were under orders to "play it cool"

The Holy Child School in Andersonstown was the scene of the worst personation in
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ANOTHER YEAR OF BLOODSHED? (from page 1)

living memory.

Many Sinn Fein voters who went to spoil their vote found that the election slip had already been claimed.

One person from Benraw Road was almost arrested when he went to vote, the RUC officer present was adamant that the vote was already cast and that the man was a personator.

Alliance candidates done most of their canvassing with a heavy British army escort close at hand. This neo-Unionist Party were the only organisation permitted to put their posters on British army billets. The Andersonstown depot and Casement Park were plastered with "Vote Alliance" bills. British soldiers were seen pasting Alliance posters on the Busy Bee complex and near the A/town RUC station.

All in all, the Local Government Elections of 1973 turned out to be the nastiest, dirtiest fought elections ever to be held in the jurisdiction of the British puppet Parliament.

None of the candidates came out of the fray with honour, if the Assembly elections follow the same pattern we can expect little hope for the future.

HATCHET INCIDENT

The most publicized event of the week prior to the elections was the "hatchet attack" on Austin McGrogan of the Alliance Party.

Most of the newspapers carried stories of an organised IRA ambush. "Men carrying hurley sticks" were said to have beaten the Alliance candidates after the hatchet was thrown.

We will put the record straight.

On Wednesday morning two cars entered the estate canvassing the Alliance policies. The cars were escorted throughout the estate by two open back jeeps, the jeeps came under attack from stone throwers at several points... Bingnian Drive, St. Agnes' Drive, and North Link.

A woman in Commedagh Drive threw a bucket of water around the front window of the leading car, the driver, (McGrogan) backed up the cribpath and attempted to run her down. Several men and youths then attacked the cars and they drove off. Half an hour later the cars stopped in Benbraddagh Gardens and began canvassing for votes, four youths attacked the cars with stones. The leading car accelerated and mounted the footpath in an attempt to run the boys down, the leading stonethrower then hurled an axe at the car and broke the windscreen. At this stage the youths ran off, no attempt was made to pull the Alliance men from the

car, NONE of the youths carried hurley sticks.

Sinn Fein deplore the attack on the car, it was a foul and cowardly thing to do. We equally deplore the lying statements put out by the two candidates, Austin McGrogan and Reggie Donnelly.

Two of the youths responsible for the attack were later apprehended by members of the Republican movement and punished. None of the lads involved were members of the IRA or any other organisation, in fact one of them was ten years old.

A disturbing aspect of the attack was the attitude of two women from the area who ran out into the street and began yelling the name of a boy who was't even involved. Two nights prior to the incident a young man and his girl friend were stooped at the junction of Bingnian / Benbraddagh and put against a wall. The man was taken around to the back garden of one of the houses and beaten up.

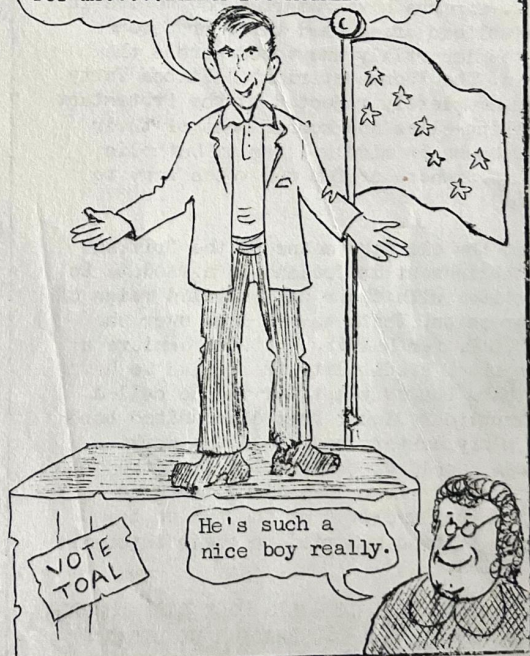
NO ONE IN THE STREET CAME OUT, THEY WERE ALL STRUCK DEAF AND DUMB.

The two ladies who done the shouting on Wednesday are infamous touts, they have been responsible for men being arrested on previous occasions.

ANYONE WHO ATTACKS POLITICAL OPPORTUNISTS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AFFILIATIONS, IS A COWARD AND A THUG.

ANYONE WHO STANDS IDLY BY WHILE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE BEING ARRESTED FOR NO REASON IS EVEN WORSE.

And as Spokesman for the Ulster Executive of Republican Clubs, I'd like to say to everyone who voted for me....THANK YOU MOTHER!



CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF AREA 'D' FOR THEIR MASSIVE BOYCOTT OF WHITE LAWS' ELECTIONS.

Only 15'915 voters out of a possible 34'437 went to the polling booth, out of the count that went, over 1'000 spoiled their votes.

Area 'D', which covers Andersonstown and Turf Lodge, thus holds the record in the L.G. Elections for having the lowest poll and the highest number of spoiled votes in the six-Counties.

ANDERSONSTOWN STILL STANDS SOLIDLY BEHIND THE MEN IN LONG KESH.

Reggie Donnelly, who has been boasting in Alliance circles about the massive support he has, COULDN'T GET ELECTED AT ALL....NOT EVEN AFTER TWENTY COUNTS. Donnelly was nominated along with Bob Cooper for the West Belfast constituency in the Assembly Elections, this happened before the L.G. elections. Having collected a miserable 800 votes out of 15'000, Donnelly will now be dropped like a hot potato.

Austin McGrogan, who exploited the "hatchet incident" to the full (see elsewhere in this issue) could only muster 500 odd votes from 15'000, a real kick in the teeth for the Alliance in Andersonstown. It was an insult to the hard pressed people of this area when Cooper's Party foisted two middle class leeches on them.....the people gave Cooper their answer in a big way.....WE DON'T WANT YOU.

Support for the SDLP fluctuated greatly with tremendous personal support for the popular Colm Gillespie who got 2'306, the highest in the Area, to the embarrassing 524 for Unity O'Connor. Des O'Donnell had to wait until the 19th count for election, a sign of how support for Des has waned since he left the Resistance struggle.

When the number of people who boycotted the election in Area 'D' is added to the 1000 spoiled votes, it is clear that Sinn Fein would have swept the boards if they had stood.

The election should dispell all doubts that existed about how much support the Republican movement carries in the estate. Republicanism is alive and well in Andersonstown.

AN END TO INTERMENT AND REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION, A COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SINN FEIN REMAIN UNAFFECTED.

The NIF went to the country on a completely reformist policy, the country rejected them. Only strong socialist programmes will end British domination here and sound the death toll for imperialism.

ANDERSONSTOWN SOCIAL CLUB presents

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

in the Hall, SOUTH LINK

on THURSDAY, 14th JUNE, 1973...first race at 7.30pm sharp.

Six exciting races in colour, Tote and Bar facilities

CABARET BEGINS AT 11 pm

Admission (including supper and entertainment)60p

UDA-UDR

The British army admitted officially last week that UDA...oops, UDR, were now in regular patrol in Catholic estates of Newry. On May 24th UDA...sorry again, UDR patrols were first noticed in company with the Paras in the Derrybeg Housing estate. Stones and bottles were thrown as the local people demonstrated their resentment at the entry of the armed Orange bigots. Captain Clarke, PRO of the 2nd Paras in the Newry area denied that any new policy was involved, he said that the UDA/UDR had been patrolling working class areas with his regiment for some time.

When asked if the UDA/UDR would eventually replace the army in places like Andersonstown he declined to comment.

Last year we reported that the UDA/UDR were to be brought into Fort Monagh, many of that sectarian regiment refused to do so and the plan was shelved. We believe that eventually the UDA/UDR will replace the army in Belfast due to the increasing pressure to "bring our boys home" which is mounting in England.

AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED, THIS WEEK'S ISSUE IS CALLED THE "VOLUNTEER BULLETIN" SINN FEIN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD BEHIND THE SCENES IN THEIR ANTI-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WE WERE'NT GOING TO ISSUE THE "VOLUNTEER" THIS WEEK DUE TO PRESSURE. AT THE LAST MOMENT WE DECIDED TO TURN OUT A TWO PAGE EDITION, WE WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL NEXT WEEK.

SAD

One of the saddest sights of the week was the protest by Loyalist women at Long Kesh last Tuesday.

A group of them picketed the main entrance carrying placards depicting priests and nuns. One of the posters had "Release all Protestants, hang all Taigs" scrawled on it. Another has "I'D rather be a nigger than a Taig" on it.

The crowd sang sectarian songs throughout their stay and seemed oblivious to the real reason why Catholic and Protestant men were incarcerated in the Hell-Hole. We call for an amnesty for ALL political prisoners, Catholic AND Protestant.

MITTY

Dear Sir,

I noted with interest the claim by Republican Club candidate, Jimmy McIlroy, that he was responsible for the plan to have the "Half Moon" lake made into a scenic garden.

This claim is ridiculous, I was one of the people responsible for the idea being proposed over four years ago. Since then various Tenant's Associations have pressed for the plan to be implemented. Mr. McIlroy has only come on the scene in recent months, no one in the area had ever heard of him until the Local Government Elections were announced.

A claim by another Republican Club candidate that he had invented a "vandal proof telephone" is hilarious. The phone which was shown in a drawing in the "Sunday News" a few weeks ago has been operational in America since the early 60's.

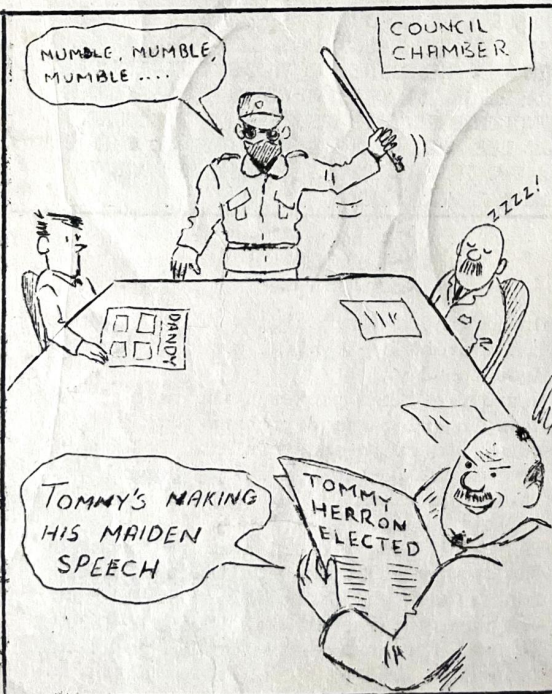
I have'nt made up my mind whether or not to vote next Wednesday, one thing I am sure of, I won't vote for Walter Mitty candidates.

Yours etc.
(name given)
Glenveigh.

EDITOR:

Speaking of the "Sunday News".... Last week's edition was to carry a "sensational story" by the Republican Clubs, several names were to have been given.

Unfortunately (or fortunately) the paper never appeared due to an "industrial dispute". We look forward to the story appearing in the week before the Assembly Elections.



STOLEN

Last week a real leather coat was stolen from a car in Benraw Road. It was an expensive brown coloured coat and the thief must have been a local person. Anyone who is offered such a coat or sees someone handling one should contact any member of the Republican movement or drop a line into the Sinn Fein Office.

On Friday, two youths visited several houses in the Benraw area and told the people they were collecting the "coal money". Two of the houses fell for the ploy and a £5 note was handed over both times.

The youths involved were aged about 15-16 and were described as "scruffy". A confidence trickster conned a housewife in the same area into handing over a colour television set on the pretext that it had been sold by mistake and need fixing.

Be on your guard, NEVER hand over money or goods to anyone, make all callers identify themselves unless they are well known to you.

Anyone with information about the incidents listed above should notify any member of the Republican movement or call at the Sinn Fein Office.

DOUBLE TALK

The "Daily Mirror", as we have said before, is known in Republican circles as "The Official Organ of the British Army". Distorted and biased statements follow every incident involving either IRA guerrillas or British soldiers.

This week the "Mirror" continued its policy of backing Tory Whitelaw, lock, stock, and barrel.

DAILY MIRROR, (Friday June 1st.)

"Civil servants in supremo William Whitelaw's office were jubilantly acclaiming the huge poll as a vote for peace"

DAILY MIRROR (Saturday June 2nd)

"Officials at William Whitelaw's headquarters were privately shocked yesterday by the "tribal voting" in Ulster's local elections"

If anyone can make sense out of the two quotes above they are a better man than I am. How anyone could have called the election of scores of Protestant extremists (including UDA chief Tommy Herron) as a "vote for peace" is beyond me. What happened on Wednesday was that the six-Counties are now a step backwards towards the palmy Unionist days of pre 1969.

Everyone who voted, no matter what their intentions were, has given the British a bigger stick to beat the minority with. The people who went like sheep to vote Alliance, SDLP, Republican Clubs etc. will not be any more immune to arrest than the people who stood by the internees and refused to play Whitelaw's game.

WHITELOW'S SICKLY GRIN IS WIDER NOW THAN IT WAS PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY.