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# Incitement answered

THOSE loyalist politicians who have constantly incited sectarian violence against the nationalist population and supported and urged far more repressive measures, got what the IRA described as 'a salutary lesson' on Wednesday morning when Volunteers of the Belfast Brigade shot and killed Official Unionist Party Assembly member Edgar Graham.

Graham, an emerging figure on the unionist scene as a defender of British terror in Ireland and in particular as an articulate apologist for the paid perjury strategy, was a law and order spokesperson for the party.

The day after his death, he had been due to meet the new British Labour Party spokesperson on the North, Peter Archer, in London, to further promote the perjury cause.

In a statement after the shooting, the IRA said:

"Today's execution of Edgar Graham by the IRA should be a salutary lesson to those loyalists who stand full-square behind the laws and forces of the repression of the nationalist people."

"Edgar Graham and his colleagues rejoiced in the assassinations of republicans whether or not they were IRA Volunteers or unarmed political activists. And Mr Graham himself supported the corruption of even British law on the use of show trials and



paid perjurers.

"Let the loyalist politicians, who make the ammunition for the British army, UDR and RUC to fire, understand that they cannot escape the repercussions of their incitement to murder and repression."

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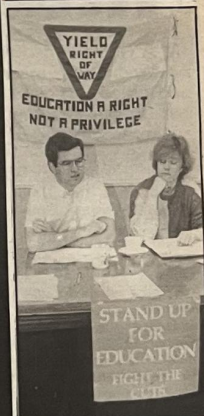


Edgar Graham (left) pays the price for being a defender of British terror in Ireland



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# HOWLS OF HYPOCRISY

BY DAMIEN O'ROURKE

**EDGAR GRAHAM, aged 29 and a bachelor, was described, after his death on Wednesday, as having been a potential leader of the Official Unionist Party.**

Although only elected to the Assembly for South Belfast last October, he had been involved in the OUP for several years, being prominent in the party at Queen's University during the mid-70s and, in 1981, as chairperson of the Young Unionist Council.

His legal expertise, as a lecturer in constitutional law at Queen's University, aided his rise to party spokesperson on law and order this year, when he was also an OUP delegate to the Tory conference in Britain.

He had recently compiled the OUP's submission to the Baker Review in support of, and arguing for, more 'emergency' repressive legislation in the North. Earlier he had prepared the party's legal submissions to the European Court of Human Rights — again in defence of anti-nationalist terror by the crown forces.

In a recent pamphlet entitled *Extradition — Ireland Exposed*, he had fiercely criticised the Dublin government for not handing over more victims to the RUC, and was known not only for his extensive support for paid perjury trials, but also for his opposition to the segregation of republican and loyalist prisoners in the North's jails.

Ironically, just last month, Graham led an OUP delegation to meet James Prior to press

for a judicial inquiry into the Kincora affair, and the South Belfast MP Robert Bradford, also shot dead by the IRA, was, after his death, closely linked by the media with the Kincora homosexual prostitution ring.

## PREDICTABLE

The political reaction to the shooting was predictable enough.

OUP leader James Molyneux made thinly disguised threats of sectarian reprisals from loyalists who have so often responded to the bloodthirsty utterings of their political leaders. He warned:

*"We do hope, indeed we exhort people to share our hope, that they should not think in terms of retaliation. But whether they listen to my advice depends on whether the government brings in an effective security policy."*

Molyneux also stated that the OUP boycott of the Assembly had been reaffirmed by the shooting.

The Democratic Unionist Party, which promised a debate in the Assembly on the killing, without the OUP presence, made use of the attack to further berate their bete noires of Prior and Hermon. Among several DUP calls for resignations, the party leader Ian Paisley said:

*"This again shows the futility of the pres-*



• EDGAR GRAHAM

ent security policy of the secretary of state and Sir John Hermon. Ulster needs new men for these jobs with new security policies. The present policy has failed completely."

## OPPORTUNISTIC

Seamus Mallon, for the SDLP, switched

from his opportunistic calls to disband the UDR to describe the shooting as "a sectarian act of violence against the entire unionist community". He added:

*"The apostles of violence, notably Mr Gerry Adams, who has recently said that this type of action is morally correct, have led the community in the direction of chaos."*

And Garret FitzGerald, breaking his recent silence over the murders of nationalists and wiping out at least 60 years of British and loyalist dictatorship by terror, described those who carried out the attack as the "enemies of democracy and of all the people of this island, North and South".

FitzGerald was speaking on the eve of the 61st anniversary of the murder in Mountjoy Prison of Liam Mellows, Rory O'Connor, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey — on the instruction of the Free State Cabinet, of which FitzGerald's father was a member, without even a pretence of legality.

That atrocity was but part of the terror with which the precursors of the present Dublin government smashed the democratic all-Ireland parliament and established the totally undemocratic partition of Ireland, from which stems the present sufferings in the North.

## REPRESSION

Referring to the hypocritical record of the establishment parties in seeking further repression of nationalists, yet howling at the execution of Graham who had advocated such methods, a Sinn Féin spokesperson contrasted the response of Official Unionist Ken Maginnis to the shooting dead of two unarmed IRA Volunteers last Sunday night:

*"If Sinn Féin had publicly said to the IRA about the deaths of two UDR men or RUC men that it was not enough, as Maginnis said to Prior — 'Two swallows do not make a summer' — they would have been condemned as sick and ghoulish."*

*"Yet there was no outcry over Maginnis's comments."*

*"Loyalists want Sinn Féin banned, the GAA banned, the Catholic Church to take orders on sermons, the B-Specials and internment brought back, and the crown forces to be given a freer hand in their campaign of assassination."*

*"And then they claim to be ordinary politicians!"*

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# Attacks on perjury personnel

**IN A well-planned and efficiently executed attack on Wednesday morning this week, the IRA shot and killed Official Unionist Party Assembly member Edgar Graham, the party's law and order spokesperson and a leading apologist for the paid perjurer system.**

The shooting was carried out by two IRA Volunteers who approached Graham as he left his car, with a male friend, in University Square and walked towards the Queen's University Law Department where he was also a lecturer.

One of the Volunteers shot Graham several times in the head, killing him instantly. He then passed the gun to his companion who concealed it in a file of papers he was carrying. The two then separated and left the scene on foot.

## PERJURY DETECTIVE SHOT IN DERRY

Another blow to the paid perjury operation in Derry city came on Thursday last week, December 1st, when IRA Volunteers shot and wounded an RUC detective sergeant, Ivor Semple, at Craigavon Bridge as he was driving to work.

Semple had recently assumed the duties of Detective

Inspector Derek Martindale, who had been in charge of the paid perjury recruitment efforts and had spearheaded anti-republican activity in the city until he was shot and seriously wounded in an IRA attack on November 15th.

Three IRA Volunteers were involved in last Thursday morning's attack, two of whom were dressed in school uniforms. They opened fire on Semple as he drove past, causing him serious injury.

The RUC did not react to the attack for almost 20 minutes, enabling the unit involved to withdraw with ease.

The Derry Brigade, in a statement, commented:

*"This follow-up attack on the elite RUC task force in this city demonstrates our continued ability to penetrate the heavy security afforded these individuals."*

## ANGRY

In the aftermath of the shooting, Brits and RUC, ang-

ry and frustrated at the ease with which the IRA ASU had attacked a specific senior detective, descended on the nationalist Gobnascale area and surrounded the Sinn Féin centre.

People using the centre were ordered out at gunpoint and crown forces proceeded to wreck the premises, ripping out the phone and overturning filing cabinets.

## OMAGH BOMB WARNING

In a statement issued through the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau in Dublin, the IRA said that its Tyrone Brigade was responsible for the bomb at the Silver Birches Hotel in Omagh on Thursday night, December 1st. They said:

*"Despite the fact that the bomb did not explode, those in Omagh who continue to entertain the British forces should take note that an active service unit carried out this operation less than 24 hours before an RUC dinner dance was due to be held in this particular hotel."*

*"IRA Intelligence is aware of other plans in the near future to facilitate and entertain the RUC in the Omagh*



area; those involved should interpret last night's events as due warning to each and every one of them."

## SOUTH DOWN STATEMENT

The IRA in South Down has issued a statement condemning the recent spate of break-ins and robberies in the Newry and Dundalk area.

They say:

*"The targets included have been small shops, pubs and mobile shops. This type of activity causes hardship to the working-class nationalist people."*

*"In some cases, the IRA's name has been misused and we will take the sternest possible action against these people."*



# UNIFORM PATTERN TO LOYALIST BLOODLUST

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

EVER SINCE the formation of the six-county state, Northern nationalists have been the target of summary executions by the forces of the state and sectarian assassinations by loyalist murder-gangs, spurred on by calls for blood from unionist politicians.

It has always been difficult to tell the difference between the two sets of assassins, as the latter are often the former out of uniform. Proof of this was given, yet again, on Tuesday, December 6th, at a Belfast court when two UDR soldiers appeared on a charge of murdering Adrian Carroll in Armagh on November 8th. Another eight loyalists from the County Armagh area are still in RUC custody, at least six of them are serving members of the UDR.

The fact that the murder of Adrian Carroll by UDR men is being investigated by the RUC, whose members shot his brother dead in December 1982, will be viewed with some cynicism by nationalists in Armagh, where the involvement of members of the UDR and RUC in sectarian and political murders has been known for quite some time.

In fact, according to Sinn Féin, several journalists were on the verge of breaking the story of the participation of UDR men in the murders, thus leaving the RUC with no alternative other than making some arrests.

The move, which predictably infuriated unionist politicians, brought from SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon a call for the UDR to be disbanded. The same Seamus Mallon who, some three weeks ago, had lashed the IRA for the killing of UDR Major Charles Armstrong, also from Armagh, now called for the UDR's role "as law enforcement officers to be terminated", and on British direct-ruler James Prior to appreciate "why the Catholic community regards the regiment with such antagonism".

However, Mallon would not go further than the UDR. In spite of the fact that in the past few years in County Armagh three RUC men have been convicted of sectarian murders, Mallon, in keeping with his party's line of co-operation with the RUC, did not call for the RUC



● SEAMUS MALLON  
a sickening opportunist

to be disbanded or disarmed.

## OPPORTUNISM

This sickening display of political opportunism by Mallon further enraged the unionists, who had started by objecting to the fact that the men arrested had been described as members of the UDR in press reports. The two UDR soldiers who were charged conveniently resigned from the regiment the evening before they appeared in court and became the familiar 'former members of the UDR'.



● UDR men with an Ulster Vanguard flag; a former UDR commandant, David Millar, once said that if he sacked members of the UDR 'just because they belonged to a loyalist paramilitary group' then he would be left without a regiment

Official Unionist MP, and former UDR major, Ken Maginnis called the SDLP 'irresponsible', while DUP deputy leader Peter Robinson pointed to the 'bravery' of the UDR. The bigoted Craigavon Council on Monday, November 5th, passed a motion praising 'this gallant force' and DUP Assembly member Jack McKee compared disbandment of the UDR to that of the B-Specials in 1969, "the gravest mistake in Ulster's history".

Several murders of nationalists in the recent weeks had been claimed by the so-called 'Protestant Action Force', including that of Adrian Carroll, and on Monday, December 5th, that of Belfast man Joseph Craven. Once again, in or out of uniform, assassins are res-

orting to the age-old tactics to make the Croppies lie down.

And last week three nationalists had to pay with their lives for Prior's attempts to appease the Official Unionists back into his Assembly — now in a state of collapse. Indeed, it leaves little doubt that the indiscriminate shooting by the RUC which resulted in the death of Mrs Foster in Pomeroy on Monday, November 28th, and the slaying of two unarmed IRA Volunteers by the SAS near Coal Island on Sunday, December 4th, are but a fraction of the price that will be exacted from the nationalist community by the British as they attempt to 'normalise' the six counties.

Prior tried to deny that he has

renewed the RUC's and British army's licence to kill on sight in reaction to the OUP boycott of the Assembly.

"The SAS have been here the whole time," he said, adding: "It happens from time to time they have an opportunity of showing what they can do."

But this display of SAS 'know-how' was not enough to move the Official Unionist Party back into Stormont. More nationalist blood is what they want. As ex-UDR Major Ken Maginnis said, referring to the Clonoe killings:

"Until we persuade the government to co-ordinate anti-terrorist activity a great deal more, we will certainly not be taking one swallow to mean a summer."

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

AT A MEETING of Belfast City Council on Thursday, December 1st, Alliance councillor for West Belfast Will Glendinning colluded with loyalists in order to take the place of Sinn Féin Councillor Alex Maskey on the management of the council-funded Community Technical Aid committee.

In an unprecedented move, the DUP, seconded by Alliance, proposed that Alex Maskey, as well as PD Councillor John McNulty, were 'not representative' and should be replaced by two Alliance councillors as council representatives on community groups. A fierce argument raged for over half an hour, as Maskey accused the unionists of changing the rules to suit themselves.

"When nationalists in this city make gains, then people seek to change the rules, as happened after the election of Bobby Sands," he said.

While Maskey has probably one of the largest mandates of all councillors, his proposed replacement, Alliance's Will Glendinning, barely scraped home in the 1981 local elections, and was elected below the quota on the eighth count in the October 1982 Assembly elections.

# VENOMOUS ALLIANCE



● GEORGE SEAWRIGHT

DUP Councillor George Seawright, who was elected on the slogan "A Protestant candidate for a Protestant people", was more direct. His vote against Maskey and Mc-



● WILL GLENDINNING

Anulty would have nothing to do with whether they were representative or not, he said, adding:

"Not only do we want republicans out of

our city council, but we want them annihilated."

## VENOM

The venom which came from the unionist benches was such that the SDLP councillors present were embarrassed into supporting Maskey and McNulty. Brian Feeney of the SDLP pointed out that such a move by the unionists "only reinforced the belief in some people that there is no point in renouncing violence".

Frank Millar of the OUP travelled several times between unionist and Alliance benches, obviously in charge of the operation. Before the final vote was taken, he advised Glendinning to abstain.

"People will think you want the job."

"Sure I want the job," Glendinning replied.

By 24 votes to 7, Maskey and McNulty were replaced by two Alliance councillors.

"Glendinning cares so little about community groups," Maskey remarked to AP/RN later, "that he could not attend a recent council meeting on the cut-backs affecting those groups."

"The Alliance councillor was elected on a minority vote, and he parades as a representative for West Belfast, yet he had no qualms in using extreme loyalist support to oust us and deny Sinn Féin their right to represent the people properly."



BY SEAMUS BOYLE

THE CASE of a 27-year-old Cookstown man has highlighted the continuing job discrimination against nationalists operated at the Unipork factory in the town.

The Pig Marketing Board's plant, with 250 workers, is one of the biggest employers in the town, where unemployment is currently running at nearly 37%. Yet, according to Sinn Fein's Mid-Ulster Assembly member Danny Morrison: "It is common knowledge in the town that nationalists are wasting their time answering job advertisements."

"The factory workforce is overwhelmingly Protestant in an area where the population is evenly divided. All senior positions at Unipork have been monopolised by non-Catholics and there has never been a Catholic foreman there."

Local nationalist Kieran McGrail, of Rathen Avenue, has recently applied for two vacancies at Unipork, on both occasions without success.

McGrail was made redundant from the plant in November 1978, having worked there for two years previously as a butcher. On July 1st this year, local papers carried Unipork advertisements for about ten new staff. McGrail applied for a job as a butcher, but was refused even an interview, receiving only a standard letter of refusal.

About 35 people applied for posts, yet of eight people subsequently taken on, only one is a Catholic.

# NO CATHOLICS NEED APPLY



● The Unipork factory in Cookstown which has been slammed by Danny Morrison (inset) for practising job discrimination

Recently taken on, only one is a Catholic.

Last month, McGrail applied for another vacancy, as a security

guard, but was again rejected without an interview.

McGrail is bitter at the sectarianism that deprives him of work, and of a decent wage on which to support his three young children, the youngest of whom, Gavin, is four months old.

"In 1978, when I left Unipork, I was told by Len Johnson, head of the union, that those who took voluntary redundancy would have first preference if ever jobs were going again. I also applied for a job there a year after I left, and I never heard a word about it."

Kieran McGrail, with the help of Danny Morrison, has contacted the Fair Employment Agency, which last week agreed to investigate his unjust treatment. Yet even this minimal assistance was sufficient to produce hypocritical howls from local DUP bigot Councillor Alan Kane, who predictably condemned the toothless FEA as a body determined "to highlight alleged grievances by Roman Catholics".

## CRITICAL VIEW OF YOUTH TRAINING

BY JANE PLUNKETT

AS PART OF Sinn Fein's continuing investigations into the British government's so-called 'Youth Training Programme', Gerry Adams MP and Belfast City Councillor Alex Maskey visited the Glenand youth and community project in Andersonstown, West Belfast, on Friday last, December 2nd.

A discussion document published by Derry Sinn Fein's trade union department last March strongly criticised the YTPs as a device to mask the disastrous effect of British economic domination on the youth of the six counties. Bearing this out, some 11,000 young people in the North are currently placed on such schemes, being paid a mere £25 a week, while a further 22,462 young people are officially registered as jobless, 4,613 of them school-leavers.

In West Belfast, Sinn Fein is beginning a series of fact-finding visits and discussions, prior to discussing a comprehensive policy on the issue.

During their 2½-hour visit to Glenand the Sinn Fein delegation had wide-ranging discussions with staff and management committee representatives, as well as talks on the shop floor with trainees.

Glenand employs a staff of 30 who supervise 130 trainees, drawn mainly from the Greater Andersonstown area, in 17 workshops. Trainees have a choice of subjects ranging from light engineering, office practice and brick-laying to leathercraft, fabric design or labour on a 'city farm'. The course lasts for two years rather than the usual 12 months, and includes three months' block release at the city's technical college.

### PROGRESSIVE

Clearly, Glenand is unable to make any significant impact on West Belfast's massive youth unemployment level. However, the progressive attitude of the staff, despite the restraints imposed upon them by the British government, and their realistic view of youth training schemes, drew praise from the Sinn Fein delegation.

Commenting on the visit, Gerry

Adams stressed Sinn Fein's critical attitude to YTP schemes, adding:

"While we intend to raise the issue of these schemes and of youth unemployment with the trade union movement and others at the end of our fact-finding process, there is an urgent need for our previously published recommendations to be raised by all those with an interest in this issue."

"I would call therefore for all trainees to be paid proper trade union rates. The staff also should be paid at the same rates as further education college tutors and the technical element in further education needs to be intensified and tied in properly to the needs of young people."

"Job experience schemes, and this is not a criticism we would make of Glenand, are used by some employers as a method to secure cheap labour. They should cease except under the most stringently supervised conditions."

"Finally, YTP schemes, even progressive ones, are no alternative to proper apprenticeship or educational courses with full job opportunities for our young people."



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## Make sure you register

SINN FEIN is conducting a vigorous registration drive in the North to ensure that all nationalist voters are included in the new electoral registers for the EEC elections in 1984. The closing date for registration is Thursday, December 15th.

Urging people to check the draft register to ensure that they are registered for voting, Paddy Molloy of West Belfast Sinn Fein reminded voters that in the last election many people found that they could not vote as their names were not on the register, even though they had voted in previous elections.

Registers are available for checking at libraries, post offices and, for West Belfast voters, in Connolly House, Sinn Fein's local

headquarters. Anyone finding that their name is not on the register should contact the Electoral Registration office before December 15th, and anyone experiencing any difficulty in registering should contact Connolly House or their local Sinn Fein office.

Sinn Fein's Mid-Ulster organiser, Sean Begley, also urged nationalist voters to make sure they are registered.

In particular, he reminded anyone who will be 18 years old on or before February 16th that they are entitled to be registered and to vote and calls on our nationalist youth to exercise that right.

"It is the duty of all Sinn Fein cumann and constituency bodies to unite and mobilise with the aim of maximising the republican vote," he said.



● Connolly House, Andersonstown



# WITHDRAWAL FROM EEC NOW A NECESSITY

BY JACK MADDEN

IN A CLEAR illustration of the inherent dangers to small nations such as Ireland posed by membership of the EEC, the proposed super-levy on milk production has left the development of Irish agriculture in disarray. Even the suspension of the scheme, pending further discussion next March by EEC heads of state, will be of no comfort to Irish farmers who will be reluctant to develop any sector of agricultural production in view of the repeated attacks such development has suffered from larger EEC countries in the past decade.

For the first time ever, EEC heads of state failed to reach agreement on a single issue at the Athens summit where discussion on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) was the main bone of contention. The wranglings and inter-governmental squabbling throughout these talks were a clear indication of the tensions which the EEC inevitably provokes because of the disparate objectives of member states, whether in agricultural or industrial development.

For Ireland, North and South, the vital importance of agricultural development is obvious. John Carroll, leader of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, speaking at a mass rally of farmers and other workers employed in agriculture-related industries in Thurles on Saturday last, December 3rd, summed up this importance:

*"The agricultural sector is still the mainstay of this economy and will be for many a year."*

Were the super-levy scheme to apply to the twenty-six counties, with a penalty of 70p per gallon being imposed on farmers who increased milk production above levels produced in 1981, it would, in the short-term, destroy the dairy sector which, although it involves 77,000 farmers, is still in its infancy, with the twenty-six counties producing only 4.8% of the total EEC milk supply. The North only produces another 1%. In the longer term, the effects will be felt in agriculture-based industries such as meat factories, where it is estimated that 80% of the calves reared to supply these factories comes from the dairy herd.

## SUMMIT

Even if the super-levy is not implemented in the South, as some form of exemption may be secured at the summit meeting in March, the damage has largely been done already since it is now unlikely that farmers will begin or develop their dairy capacity, faced with the prospect of the future imposition of penalties on production. According to Richard Kennedy of Macra na Feirme:

*"Over the last five years, 12,500 farmers under the age*

# Super-levy row leaves no more illusions



*of 30 have embarked on major development plans. The super-levy would destroy their future, and their confidence, for another generation of young people in farming."*

The response of the Free State government to the proposed super-levy began with the rantings of incompetent Agriculture Minister Austin Deasy.

Deasy at first agreed that the Free State would have to make concessions. Faced with the real anger of Irish farming organisations and co-operatives, and with the realisation

that in the event of the scheme being implemented the twenty-six counties would have to contribute 13% of the proposed EEC budget savings and the economy would pay 5% of the gross national product, resistance stiffened to such an extent that Garret FitzGerald went cap in hand to beg mercy from other leaders in 'the Community'.

This debasement of Irish sovereignty, which Sinn Féin forecasted prior to entry to the EEC, was of little value in Athens where, as in previous EEC summits, the self-interest

of individual member states supercedes the alleged communal and mutual development to which the EEC aspires.

As a policy developed by bureaucrats and politicians, who in the main represented the interests of the larger member states, the super-levy has totally ignored the attempts at agricultural development in weaker states. For farmers in the six counties the situation is further aggravated by virtue of the fact that their interests are represented by Britain, an industrial rather than agricultural directed for-

eign power.

In sharp contrast to stronger agricultural countries such as Holland, Denmark or Germany, Irish farmers do not rely on imported feed with which to develop a dairy herd, since 85% of Irish milk production is directly related to grassland and this can be produced at a relatively low cost.

Although light years behind these other countries in the extent of milk production, any advance whatsoever will be prohibited if the super-levy is introduced. As if this injustice was not enough to contend with, Irish farmers are penalised by the continuing high level of dairy imports by Britain from the Commonwealth countries and New Zealand in particular.

Indeed, British resistance to any exemption for Irish agriculture on the super-levy proposal was a further reminder of British conceit in dealing with any and all members of 'the Community'. One politician, exasperated at this intransigence, commented that perhaps de Gaulle was right in opposing British entry to the Common Market.

With British farms averaging at almost seven times the size of farms in other EEC countries, it is clear why the British government can be complacent on this issue. These farmers, and indeed large farmers and ranchers in Ireland, have already reached or surpassed their potential in milk production and will therefore be only slightly affected by the proposed levy.

## DAMAGE

The real damage is being done to farmers with small herds who, because of government encouragement since the early 1970s, have in turn developed beef and dairy production only to be told at some stage that a beef or butter 'mountain', or a milk 'lake', exists and that they will have to diversify into yet another sector of agricultural production.

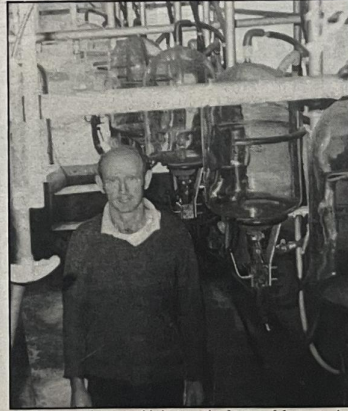
These direct attacks on Irish farmers, indirectly, but equally seriously, affect a wide range of subsidiary manufacturing industries, from co-operatives to fertiliser manufacture and the meat factories which are currently at only 50% of their potential production levels. The disastrous effects of any agricultural policy shaped by strong agricultural economies without any consideration of, or reference to, the interests of weaker agricultural economies, is obvious.

Continued membership of the EEC and the submerging of Irish interests in the melting-pot of European power-games is at variance with every hope or principle of freedom, either political, economic or cultural. Too late perhaps, this has been realised by many farm leaders such as Sean Kelly, president of the ICMSA, who said:

*"We joined the EEC on the understanding that farming would be allowed to develop. We would never have voted to join if we thought it would come to this."*



● Faced with the real anger of Irish farmers, FitzGerald went cap in hand to beg for mercy from other EEC leaders



● The super-levy would destroy the future of farmers who have embarked on major development plans



# KMAS BOXES LEAVE SOUR TASTE

BY JACK MADDEN

DECEPTIVE advertising by a British manufacturing firm has been condemned by former employees of Lemon's sweet factory in Drumcondra, Dublin, who are furious that sweets being promoted in Irish shops in the traditional Lemon's 'Christmas Greetings' boxes are not, in fact, manufactured by Lemon's, but have been imported from Scotland.

Like many traditional Irish industries which have closed in recent years, Lemon's, which had manufactured sweets for 140 years, closed on September 6th last, the victim of rising imports and mismanagement.

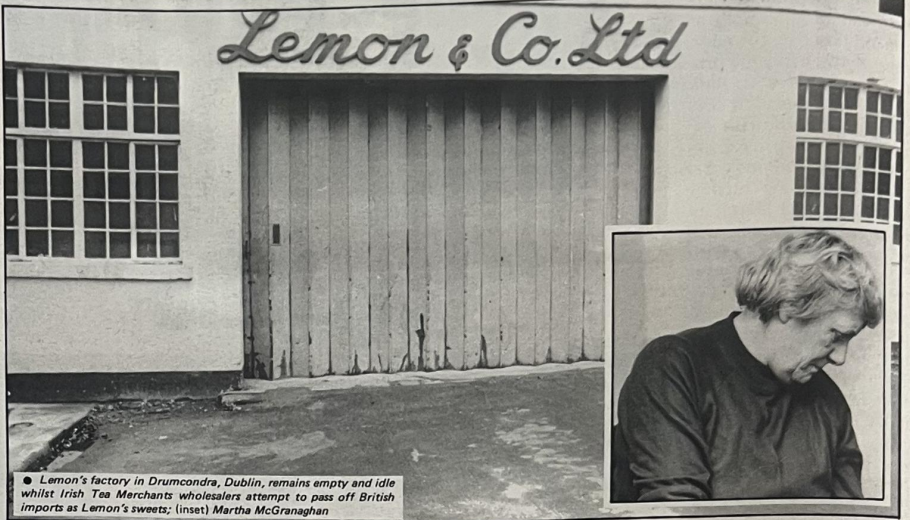
Although the factory had been in difficulties throughout the 1970s, its future seemed secure following a take-over by a German investment company, SBG, in September 1982, and the subsequent injection of state grants into the ailing firm. This optimism was voiced by the company board who claimed that with their widespread continental contacts they would expand Lemon's into the export trade.

As part of this expansion plan, the workforce, members of the ATGWU, had to concede 25 voluntary redundancies out of a staff of 100. The redundancy settlement which allowed one week's wages plus £25 for each year of employment in addition to the statutory entitlement, sweetened the pill somewhat and the redundancies were accepted.

A further measure adopted by the new management was the introduction of new computerised machinery but according to one former employee, Martha McGranaghan: "There was no re-training programme for workers and so nothing but 'scrap' sweets was being made."

## CLOSURE

Like the remaining 75 workers, Martha McGranaghan only learned of the closure at



● Lemon's factory in Drumcondra, Dublin, remains empty and idle whilst Irish Tea Merchants wholesalers attempt to pass off British imports as Lemon's sweets; (inset) Martha McGranaghan

12 noon on September 6th, one hour before the receiver arrived. She said:

"Only three weeks before closure, Mr Kehoe, the company chairman, had told workers in the canteen that order books were full and that we would be on over-time till after Christmas."

The receiver appointed to Lemon's, Bernard Somers, who was also the receiver at Clondalkin Paper Mills, incensed the workers even further when he announced that they would be getting nothing in terms of financial compensation from the company, and that they would get only the statutory level of redundancy.

"The Labour Court has said that Somers

won't even concede on minimum notice," Martha McGranaghan added.

Like many of the staff who have a great number of years' service, Martha McGranaghan is disgusted that, after 33 years' service, she has been offered only £4,000. Her brother-in-law, Jim McGranaghan, with 36 years' service has got even less than this.

"This is only a fraction of the redundancy given to the 25 workers last year," said Martha McGranaghan, adding that in an area with little employment "only one or two have got fixed up with jobs since closure".

## TITLE

Although the firm was no longer in exist-

ence, the wholesale distribution firm, Irish Tea Merchants, bought the title of Lemon & Co., and with wrappers taken from the Drumcondra factory, possibly before closure workers believe, they have now imported British sweets and are representing them to consumers as Lemon's traditional pure Irish sweets, with only a small sticker on the underside of the package to show that they have been 'manufactured in the UK'.

In an attempt to counter the advertising campaign promoting the Lemon's 'Christmas Greetings' boxes, the Ernie O'Malley Sinn Féin cumann in Drumcondra plans to leaflet stores selling the sweets, informing people of the bitter truth about the sweet imports.

# 'No hope for jobless in EEC' — Sinn Féin

COMMENTING on the latest official figures for unemployment in the twenty-six counties, which at 199,567 are up 3,267 on last month and nearly 30,000 higher than this time last year, Sinn Féin's assistant PRO, Paddy Bolger, said:

"Joblessness is rooted in the false nature of the project for industrial development put forward by the Coalition and Fianna Fáil. The present administration's monetarism adds a more savage edge to a process of decline which is unavoidable in the current capitalist context.

"Sinn Féin noted, at the time, Peter Barry's sigh that we had sac-

"As we forecast, the benefits of the CAP would be short-lived. Even these net gains were wasted on a disorganised distribution and utilisation of the grants. Losses in the industrial area were not balanced by planned development in agriculture and related industries.

"The uncertain nature and the foreign control of multinational projects has failed to compensate in terms of industrial development stability for the jobs directly lost through EEC membership.

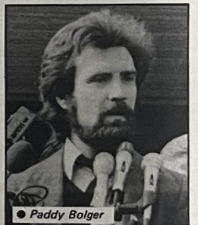
"So long as the whole of Ireland is not developed along an independent economic pattern, nothing will improve. The transference of dependency from Britain to the EEC may have temporarily benefited some sectors, but ultimately it spells economic ruin for us all. The political dependency created by the hustling for investment must be contrasted with the free export of capital by Irish-based multinationals.

"Sinn Féin believes that only a socialist renewal of society will offer true prosperity. In the inter-

im, some remedial steps must be taken to defend what little has been held. Withdrawal from the EEC and of trust in foreign profiteers, is the prerequisite even for a capitalist programme of prosperity in Ireland.

"Unemployment will rise North and South until we radically alter our economic vision. A figure of 319,250 jobless in Ireland is testament to the need for a change.

"Sinn Féin is willing and able to provide the policies in next year's EEC elections."



● Paddy Bolger

# Leácht ar theilifís na Breatnaise

LE MAÍRE BHUI NI LAOGHAIRE

THUG Owen Edwards stiúrthóir an staisiún teilifíse Sianel Pedwar Cymru leácht i gColáiste na Tríonóide i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an gCéadaoin an lá deireanach den mhí seo chaite. Television and the Celtic Languages a bhí mar théama ag an leácht.

D'aithin na Breathnaigh go raibh gá le bealach teilifíse a bheadh ag craoladh trí mhéad na Breathnaise. Faoi dheireadh gheall na Coimeádaigh ina bhforgra toghchánaíochta go gcuirfeadh siad sin ar fáil. Ach nuair a toghadh iad tharraing siad siar an gheallúint.

Deineadh neart agóide sa Bhreatain Bheag mar gheall ar seo. Briseadh treallamh a bhain le stáisiún teilifíse éile. I mí na Bealtaine 1980 dúirt Gwynfor Evans go rachadh sé ar stailc ocras chun báis dá mba gá é chun

leanann siad ar aghaidh go dtí meán oíche. Cuireann siad cláracha ar fáil do pháistí de ghach aoisghrúpa agus is trian des na cláracha go léir na cláracha sin.

I láthair na huairé thá ocht gclár déag dá gcuid ar d'fóil le stáisiún éile. Má cheannaíonn RTE iad beidh orthu leagan Gaeilge a thaispeáint de bhí go bhfuil sé sin ina choinníoll orthu.

Nuair a bhí an leácht thart bhí tráth na gceist ann. Ní raibh Edwards sásta ceisteanna mar gheall ar RTE a fhreagairt. Ba léir go raibh an dream a bhí ag an cruinniú mí-shásta le RTE agus le dearcadh an ríaltais i leith na Gaeilge. Moladh Bean Uí Chadhain a chaith ceithre



● Is iomrá agóid a deindeadh lasnuigh de RTE ach go fóill níltear ag tabhairt aon aird orthu

lá sa phríosún le déanaí de bharr nach raibh sí sásta fineál a íoc a ghearradh uirthi toisc nach raibh ceadúnas teilifíse aici. Thaispeán an cruinniú do Bhean Uí Chadhain trí bhuaidh bós a thabhairt di.



# LAWYERS SLAM NEW BILL

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

SINCE the publication of the terms of the Criminal Justice Bill which is now before Leinster House, there has been a great deal of criticism of the proposed Bill, particularly from lawyers. And this week two more influential legal protests were made against the repressive proposals.

A study of the provisions of the new legislation was issued on Monday, December 5th, by the Criminal Law Reform Group, an association of solicitors and barristers, which described the Bill as being designed to put an accused person into the position of having to prove his innocence, and said:

"It is apparent that in bringing forward the Bill, little or no consideration has been given to safeguarding the citizen's rights. It is also clear that the emphasis of the entire Bill is on the conviction of persons brought before the courts rather than on the prevention and detection of crime. In the interests of justice, substantial parts of the Bill ought to be redrafted or withdrawn."

The group of lawyers views as 'dangerous' the section in the Bill which limits the right to remain silent, and the implicit presumption that this indicates guilt.

Sections 14 and 15 of the Bill which grant immunity from prosecution to anyone who informs on another person, is described as "an incentive to implicate the innocent" in the report.

Other sections of the Bill which are received with alarm by the group are the proposed five-year sentence for accused people who refuse to implicate others in alleged crimes, and the raising of the maximum sentence allowed to be imposed at a district court.

Barry White SC, at a press conference in Dublin on Monday to present the report, said that the

Coalition government was trying to railroad the Bill through without discussing it with members of the legal profession, the Bar Council, the Law Reform Commission or the Criminal Law Reform Group.

## EDITORIAL

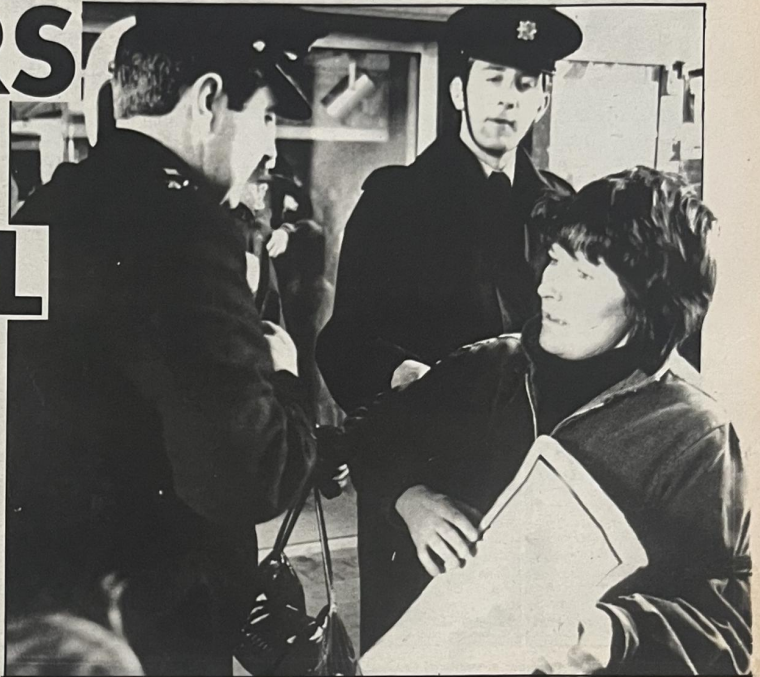
An editorial in the *Irish Law Times* also describes the Bill as

'dangerous' and says that it should not become law, and that it "poses a substantial threat to the liberty of innocent people."

The editorial goes on to criticise the failure of the Bill to safeguard people in custody and under interrogation, saying that prolonged detention, the abolition of the right to silence and "no objective means

of determining what transpired during interrogation" puts innocent people under a serious risk of being convicted.

The Bill is viewed by many lawyers as seriously undermining the rights of accused persons, without in any way tackling the social problems that are responsible for a rising crime rate.



# Show trial petition

A PETITION calling for the release of all those incarcerated through the British government's use of paid perjurers is being circulated in nationalist areas of Belfast by local Stop the Show Trials groups.

And, in the run-up to the march scheduled to take place in West Belfast on New Year's Day, local groups in the west of the city are planning a series of street meetings, leafletting and collections, including one in Castle Street on Christmas Eve.

An area rally will take place in Ballymurphy this Saturday, December 10th, and outside the Busy Bee in Andersonstown on Saturday week, December 17th, where the main speaker will be local Sinn Féin Councillor Alex Mask-ey.

Calling for maximum support for these initiatives, Stop the Show Trials Committee chairperson Maura McCrory said on Wednesday: "The British government still places great importance on its

paid perjurer strategy — despite several recent retractions — and with scores of men and women likely to be incarcerated over Christmas on trumped-up charges, now, more than ever, it is vital for the nationalist people to register their utter condemnation of this latest system of British injustice in Ireland."

## WHITEROCK

The Stop the Show Trials Coordinating Committee are calling

on the nationalist population to once again demonstrate their solidarity with the innocent prisoners of the show trials strategy by attending the rally at the top of the Whiterock Road, West Belfast, this Saturday, December 10th, at 3pm.

Maura McCrory, emphasising the necessity to mobilise, said:

"The public should not be under the illusion that the Brits are dropping the system. The RUC are attempting — even at this minute — to recruit other paid perjurers by offering bribes and by the use of blackmail."

"The nationalist people cannot afford to be complacent because it is they who will bear the brunt of the show trial strategy. The innocent people in prison deserve support and this committee demands that they get that support."



● MAURA MCCRORY



**STOP THE  
SHOW TRIALS  
RALLY**

**3pm Saturday 10th December  
Top of Whiterock Road  
BELFAST**

# Coercion in custody

IN WEST BELFAST a 29-year-old Turf Lodge man, married with two children, was interrogated in Castlereagh for three days following his arrest under Section 12 two weeks ago. During his detention the RUC threatened to 'stitch him up on a verbal statement' if he refused to meet them at a pre-arranged time and place to supply them with information. He was questioned about nothing specifically, the RUC using the interrogations as a means of directing intense pressure on the man to agree to their demands.

After three days in Castlereagh, he was released, having wisely shunned their threats but was nevertheless very frightened by the incident,

so much so that it took him several days to weigh up his predicament and relate his account to Sinn Féin.

Commenting on the incident, Joe Austin, chairperson of Sinn

Féin's Belfast executive, said:

"The RUC have been engaged in an ongoing campaign for some considerable time of attempting to coerce people in their custody to work for them."

"This man sensibly approached Sinn Féin and told the whole story. He has since contacted a solicitor. We would ask anyone who finds themselves in a similar situation to contact their local Sinn Féin advice centre and a solicitor upon their release."







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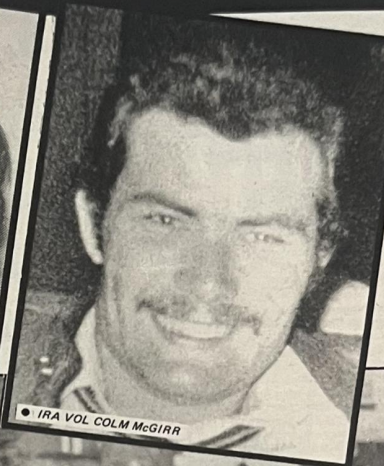
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● IRA VOL BRIAN CAMPBELL



● IRA VOL COLM MCGIRR



● A lone piper leads the funeral cortege of several thousand mourners at Vol Colm McGirr's funeral on Tuesday

tempt once again by the British  
authorities to make the Croppies  
lie down.

"What happened last Sunday  
was that two Irish men were cut  
down in the youth of their lives,  
brutally murdered without mercy  
by the psychopaths of the British  
army, operating on behalf of, and  
under, the direct orders of James  
Prior and his foreign British gov-

ernment."

He linked the historical tradi-  
tion of militant active republican-  
ism in the Coalisland area. He re-  
called the first civil rights march  
in Coalisland when Brian and  
Colm would have been mere  
children. Growing up, he said,  
they would have seen "what Brit-  
ish and unionist rule was doing to  
their people, how it brought noth-

ing but unemployment, nothing  
but repression and second-class  
citizenship".

He continued:

"As young men they would  
have seen the reality of the situa-  
tion in which we find ourselves to-  
day, and they, like many others,  
drew the inescapable conclusion  
that they had no other choice but  
to resist the evil British presence

in our country."

He strongly condemned "the  
hypocrisy of high churchmen and  
the Pharisees of constitutional  
politics", who remained silent  
except to congratulate the SAS.

Carron concluded by challeng-  
ing Prior and the unionists to do  
their worst but urged them to re-  
member:

"You may make sacrificial  
lambs of grandmothers, you may  
shoot down unarmed IRA Volun-  
teers, but we are strong in a  
strength that has been born out of  
years of struggle.

"Our people have something  
that not even your SAS has, we  
have the spirit of freedom, we  
have the right on our side. Our  
cause is moral, it is just, and men  
like Brian Campbell and his com-  
rade are the guarantee that it will  
triumph."

## MOURNERS

The strong republican Meenagh  
Park housing estate, where Volun-  
teer Colm McGirr grew up, turned  
out en masse to walk behind his  
coffin which, like Brian Camp-  
bell's, was draped with the nation-  
al flag. As they made their way  
down Anagher Hill, the mourners  
swelled into Coalisland town, past  
the RUC barracks and on to the  
chapel on St Peter's Hill.

Two Brit helicopters buzzed  
the mourners as they came out  
after the Mass but proved unable  
to prevent ten uniformed IRA  
Volunteers from flanking their  
comrade's coffin. The Tricolour in  
the graveyard was lowered to half-

mast as a bugler sounded *The Last  
Post* and silence fell on those as-  
sembled.

As a last mark of respect, three  
IRA Volunteers gave a final salute  
to their fallen comrade by firing  
a volley of shots over his coffin.

Giving the oration, Danny Mor-  
rison slammed British direct-ruler  
James Prior, saying:

"These two brave men died on  
behalf of James Prior so that he  
could offer to the loyalists in gen-  
eral, and the Official Unionists in  
particular, the blood of these two  
brave Irish men and lure them  
back into his Assembly.

"And I hope James Prior is  
never able to wash the blood from  
his hands and can never sleep in  
his bed without nightmares of  
what he has created for our fami-  
lies and our people."

He related how the news media  
had reported the shooting, that  
"two gunmen" had been shot by  
the SAS, in comparison to the  
way UDR and RUC men are de-  
scribed as "firstly, two Protestants  
had been shot dead, then they  
happen to be postmen or milk-  
men, and then as a throwaway re-  
mark that they happen to be  
members of the UDR or RUC".

"But in this case," he contin-  
ued, "they didn't say that two  
Catholics had been shot dead.  
They didn't say Brian Campbell,  
a motor mechanic, had been shot  
dead, or two Volunteers in the  
Irish Republican Army had been  
shot dead, they said 'two gun-  
men'."

## SACRIFICES

He briefly outlined republican  
resistance to British rule from  
1916, throughout the various IRA  
campaigns and on to the sacrifices  
of the hunger-strikers in the H-  
Blocks, saying:

"This generation, the people of  
the six counties, are off their  
knees with a vengeance!"

Years of British occupation  
had, he said, given men like Colm  
McGirr and Brian Campbell the in-  
tegrity, after 60 years of second-  
class citizenship, to "lift up a rifle  
against the illegal British occupiers  
of our country".

He continued:

"I do incite people to be free.  
I do incite people to overthrow  
British rule in Ireland. I do incite  
people to see come true the just  
dream of a free, united Ireland  
which these two young men laid  
down their lives for.

## PEACE

"We want peace, let that mes-  
sage go out loud and clear. Let  
someone show us if there is a  
peaceful path to a united Ireland,  
let someone tell us if we can achieve  
our just demands to be treated  
equally, that we can achieve our  
national rights by constitutional  
means.

"Nobody can tell us that, and  
that's why the Brits and the loyal-  
ists are hypocrites when they con-  
demn people such as these young  
men who laid down their lives and  
who resorted, eventually, to the  
use of force to bring about free-  
dom. Because they know that you  
can't boot a people into the  
ground, you can't make slaves out  
of them, you can't make second-  
class citizens out of them, or put  
them in jail, without in return ex-  
pecting reaction. That reaction  
comes historically, truthfully and  
properly through the freedom  
struggle of the Irish Republican  
Army.

"Yes, we will have peace. Yes,  
the dream will come true. And it  
is the duty of every one of us that  
when we next come back to Colm  
McGirr's and Brian Campbell's  
graves next Easter, that between  
now and then all of us have made  
a contribution to the freedom  
struggle.

"We will have our country,  
these two men deserve it. We are  
proud of them, and we make no  
apology for them. We salute  
them."

# received RUC death threats

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● IRA Volunteers give a soldier's salute to their fallen comrade Vol Brian Campbell







# CUT AND RUN IN JAMAICA

EVER SINCE the arrival of the Spanish in 1509 and the subsequent genocide of the native Amerindian population, the history of Jamaica has been one of ongoing struggle against foreign control and exploitation.

Independence from Britain in 1962 has had little effect on the economic exploitation and cultural domination of English and North American interests. Over 90% of the population are descended from African slaves, most of whom have to scrape a meagre existence in conditions of extreme poverty, while most of the island's wealth and establishment institutions are in the hands of a white and light-skinned elite.

Throughout the 1970s the government of the 'moderate', democratic socialist People's National Party attempted to follow a more independent path, with economic reforms aimed at harnessing the benefits from Jamaica's large bauxite deposits (the ore from which aluminium is made).

This move was strenuously opposed by the large American corporations which were reaping vast profits from bauxite mining.

This and the increasingly independent stance adopted by the PNP, in particular their friendly relationship with neighbouring Cuba, set Jamaica on a collision course with the US administration, who felt their influential hold on the island was threatened.

## DOWNFALL

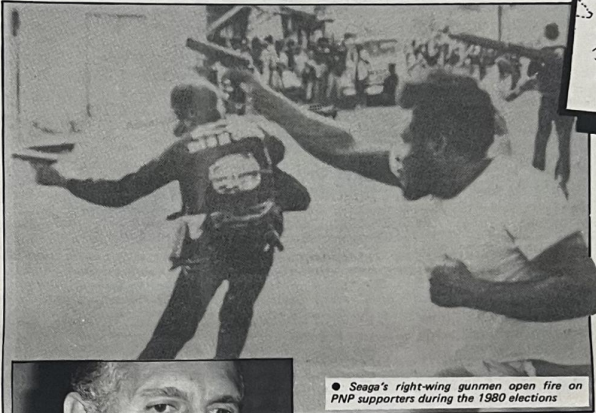
A destabilisation programme was begun by the CIA to bring about the downfall of the PNP government with tactics being employed similar to those used against the Allende government in Chile prior to the military coup there in 1973.

The PNP resisted strong pressure to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a loan until their re-election in 1976, when they accepted a loan and the accompanying stringent economic measures imposed on them. This about-turn was seen as a betrayal by the electorate, who had only recently voted for a progressive and independent economic programme free from foreign control.

With the continuing destabilisation and the flight of capital from Jamaica, the defeat of the PNP and the return of the misnamed Jamaican Labour Party (JLP) was ensured. In a bitter and bloody election campaign in 1980, with the country flooded with US guns, over 800 people were killed.

Although there are major political differences between the PNP and the JLP, a considerable amount of political rivalry is territorially rather than politically based. It hardly needs stating that all the reactionary elements of the media, the churches and the 'security forces' sided with the JLP. Party leader Edward Seaga (or CIA - as he is known), has placed himself firmly alongside

JAMAICAN prime minister Edward Seaga, who emerged as a staunch supporter of the US invasion of Grenada, has announced a snap-election to take place on Thursday, December 15th. With the main opposition People's National Party in some disarray and threatening to boycott the poll, Seaga's conservative Jamaican Labour Party is virtually certain of a return to power. AP/RN correspondent Bob Russell has been examining the emergence and consolidation of Jamaica as part of the US sphere of influence in the Caribbean and the factors which have led to next week's elections.



● Seaga's right-wing gunmen open fire on PNP supporters during the 1980 elections



● EDWARD SEAGA

his political allies, Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan.

Since the bloody 1980 election, the economy has continued to decline and the PNP have regained lost support, mostly at the expense of their more left-wing members who have left the PNP to join the recently formed Workers Party of Jamaica (WJP).

## PORTRAIT

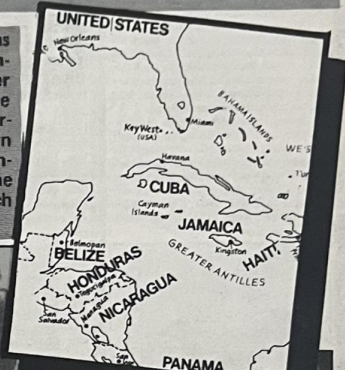
With Seaga's position becoming increasingly insecure, the tragic events in Grenada gave him the opportunity to portray himself as the military

ally of the USA in 'rescuing' Grenada. He has embarked on an evangelical-like crusade 'in defence of freedom and democracy', in which all left-wing and progressive forces are portrayed as communist, godless subversives.

Answering British criticisms of the invasion of Grenada, a director of Jamaica's only national and pro-JLP daily paper, *The Gleaner*, defended the American invasion by asking what Thatcher would do if a similar situation developed in Ireland after the IRA had come to power in an all-Ireland republic. Seaga has also stated that if the PNP had remained in power after the 1980 election, events similar to those which occurred in Grenada would have happened in Jamaica.

The 'Grenada factor' is the most obvious reason for Seaga's announcement of a snap-election on December 15th, giving only three weeks' notice to opposition parties. Two days before announcing the election, on November 23rd, he announced a massive 77% devaluation of the Jamaican dollar against the US dollar, under instruction from the IMF. Having a 'cut and run' election, he will be hoping to be returned to power before the drastic effects of the devaluation take hold.

Even before the election was called, the PNP, still in some disarray between its left and right



● Neighbourhoods backing the progressive PNP also faced bloody assaults

wings, had stated firmly that they would boycott any election called before the new electoral register could be used - this would have been ready in six months' time. At a meeting of the PNP's national executive committee on November 27th, this decision was unanimously endorsed.

The JLP will now be conducting a short, shock election campaign by themselves, which is sure to increase bitterness. Far more is at stake than the outcome of a fixed one-horse race in a country where the poor will have to continue their long struggle for real freedom.

# Reagan veto boosts terror

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

THE American-backed Salvadorean government has been given the go-ahead by Reagan to continue the wholesale slaughter of civilians by the right-wing semi-official death squads, which have already been responsible for the murder of 3,269 people in the first eight months of this year.

Since 1979, an estimated 37,000 civilians have been murdered by these squads, many of the victims being tortured and mutilated before being killed. No member of the death squads has ever been convicted of any of these murders.

A Bill, already unanimously passed by the United States Congress, which extended existing legislation making US military aid to El Salvador conditional on 'progress on human rights', in particular the curbing of the excesses of the death squads, has been vetoed by Reagan. One clause in the Bill specifically demanded the bringing to trial of the murderers of eight Americans in El Salvador, four of them missionaries involved in welfare work.

Reagan exercised his veto to defeat the renewal of the Bill on November 30th, only five days after the American ambassador to El Salvador, Thomas Pickering, publicly condemned the Salvadorean government's failure to take action against army officers known to have been involved in the murders, saying:

"No one wants to live in a country where no efforts are made to find out who dumps bodies in gas stations and parking lots. No one wants his children to grow up in fear that almost anything they say may be taken as 'subversive'."

## CERTIFIED

Reagan, as required by the fairly weak legislation, had certified 'human



● Government troops, who operate in the plainclothes death squads by night, outside their San Salvador headquarters

rights progress' in El Salvador four times in the last two years despite death squad activity. But the truth in El Salvador of the government-sponsored terror campaign has become so well publicised that the hypocrisy of his action would have exposed him to widespread ridicule

as well as condemnation.

Instead he has gone one step further, vetoed the legislation and is bent on propping up an obscene dictatorship in El Salvador which can only hang on to power against the dynamic freedom struggle, there by means of massive



● Reagan claims there has been 'human rights progress' in El Salvador

American military aid and a major campaign of terror against the civilian population.

Once again, an illustration of what the US role as self-styled 'protectors of democracy' in Central America and the Caribbean really means.



## Regional officers

AT the inaugural meetings of two Sinn Féin regional committees, the following officer boards were elected.

**Belfast/Lagan Valley/North Down:** chair: Joe Austin; vice-chair: Mary Enright; secretary: Margaret Flynn; treasurer: Róisín Martin; finance: Sean McAuley; women: Maureen McCrory; culture: Máirín Ó Malloire; trade unions: Mick Conlon; agriculture: Kay O'Brien.

**County Derry/South West Antrim:** honorary president: Kevin Agnew; chair: John Davey; vice-chair: Michael McGonagle; secretaries: Maire Glass and Aine Ni Chaisle; treasurer: Hugh Corry; vice-treasurer: Sean Corry; organiser: Benedict McElwee; PRO: Colm O'Scullin; finance: John O'Neill; education: Michael Hassan.



JOHN DAVEY

## Sinn Féin AGMs

AT the AGMs of the following branches of Sinn Féin, new officer boards were elected.

### BAILE MUNNA

Cumann Mhic Chaba/Úi Chloighneachathairleach/OC: Sean O Mearthaile; leaschathairleach/céardchumann: Seoirse O Mairseal; runai: Brian Mac Aodha; cisteoir/mna: Cora Ni Mhairseal; oifigeach: Sean de Buíre; oideachas/cultúr: Pádraig O Maoilisteigh; oifigeach foirirthe: Michael O Dolain; teachta do comhairle ceantair: Michael D'Arcy.

### BELFAST

North/South/East Belfast comhairle ceantair: chair: Sean McKnight; vice-chair: Paul McGarrigle; secretary: Brian McNulty; vice-secretary: Denis Donaldson; PRO: Paddy McManus; organiser: Mick Conlon; POWs: Mary Doyle; women: Kay O'Brien.

### COLLON

Joe McDonnell cumann: chair: Ollie Halpenny; secretary/PRO: Mick Ward; treasurer: Nick Morgan; education: Jim Gavin.

### DERRY

Derry comhairle ceantair: chair: Mitchel McLaughlin; vice-chair: Mary Nellis; secretary: Brid Ni Corrain; treasurer: Kevin McGittigan; PRO: Seamus Keenan; education: Martha McClelland; organiser: Eddie McGowan; finance: Willie Carlin; recruitment: Sile Fleming.

### DROGHEDA

Bobby Sands cumann: chair: Hugh McShane; secretary: Eugene Godfrey; treasurer: Eamonn Starrs; PRO: Barry Mullen.

### DUN DEALGAN

Worthington/Walters Brothers cumann: chair: Sean Kenna; vice-chair: Tommy McDermott; secretary: Sean O Cleirigh; vice-secretary: Kenneth Costello; treasurer: Hugh McMahon; vice-treasurer: Geraldine Kenna; education: Michael McArdle; PRO: Olivia Kenna; women: Ann Shields; delegates to comhairle ceantair: Kenneth Costello and Geraldine Kenna.

### NEW ROSS

Michael O Hanrahan: chair: Nick Reilly; vice-chair: Richie Roche; secretary: Sean Cullen; PRO: Mick Kane; treasurers: Paschal Warren and Moses Murphy; organiser: Jim Dwyer; education: Eileen Flynn; delegates to comhairle ceantair: Mick Kane and Jim Dwyer.

### NEWRY

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## STUDENTS TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATORY LOAN SCHEME

BY JACK MADDEN

STUDENT leader Joe Duffy has denounced the Coalition government's proposed 'action programme for education' as a further attack on public education spending and has warned that it heralds the further privatisation of education in the twenty-six counties.

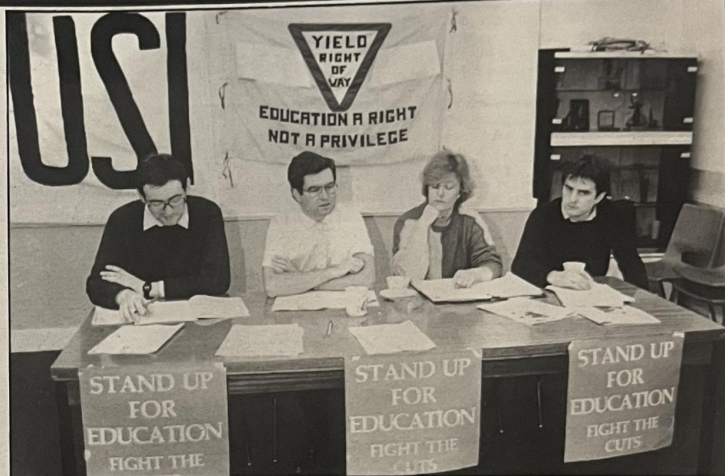
At a press conference in the USI headquarters in North Great George's Street, Dublin, on Monday last, union leaders outlined their opposition to the proposed bank loan scheme as a means of financing students in third-level colleges. According to USI president Joe Duffy:

"This scheme will militate against the less lucrative sectors of the third-level education system, such as the arts, against 'unconnected' people in faculties like law and medicine (who would not have the 'pull' of relatives in either profession), and against women to whom the banks will be less inclined to give money in case they get married."

Unlike other European countries, where student loan schemes operate, the Irish student has the extra burden of tuition fees, which in universities ranges from £750 per year upwards and in the vocational colleges from £220-£450. Nor will the interest subsidy which operates in other countries be available here.

### ADVERTISING

Throughout last summer, the four main banks, the Northern, Allied Irish, Ulster and Bank of Ireland, invested in a high-level advertising campaign to woo students into accepting loans. The scale of this advertising campaign demonstrates the potential financial gain which the banks expect to accumulate following a student's graduation.



● The USI press conference on Monday: (left to right): Mark Durkan (deputy president); Joe Duffy (president); Patricia O'Connor (women's rights officer); and Tim McStay (research officer)

That such an advertising campaign actually preceded the government's announcement of a student loan scheme suggests collusion between Finance Minister Alan Dukes and the banks.

"What he has done is to take the tax-payers' education system and hand it over to the banks," Joe Duffy said.

"There will be no educational, only commercial benefit. It will not create one extra place in education. The res-

ons for the scheme are to cut back on government education spending and to ensure that the few places which are currently available in that system will go to those better off financially."

Emphasising that the government had no intention of transferring money saved in third-level education spending cuts to primary or secondary levels, Duffy added that this "shortsighted, naive and fruitless proposal will con-

demn young people to economic slavery" when they leave college, with huge repayments over a seven-year period to begin immediately.

Pointing out that in the USA, where such a scheme does operate, 1,000 people are employed by the banks to chase 'bad debts', Duffy concluded that the government's "only concept of education is monetary cost, not the social consequences".

# The rights of the gentry

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

THE POWER of the landed gentry is still alive and flourishing to this day in County Tyrone, as outdated and archaic colonial land laws, dating back to the 19th century, are stringently enforced in order to maintain class distinction and the unionist ascendancy.

In a deed of settlement, dated November 9th 1892, the vast Knox Browne Estate — taking in 28 townlands around Clogher, Trillick, Five-miletown and Fintona and covering some 7,000 acres — was settled upon John Harvey Knox Browne for life to be passed on to his son and heir, Thomas Harvey Knox Browne.

However, between 1899-1901, a substantial majority of the estate's tenant farmers bought out their landlord's interest under the Land Purchase Acts, thus owning their holdings. There was, unfortunately, one rather underestimated and overlooked flaw in their purchase — the landlord required that the agreement would reserve his 'sporting rights' over their land.

This entitled him, his heirs and assigns' exclusive rights to 'hunt, destroy or retrieve' a game, wild fowl and fish on their property.

John Harvey Knox Browne died in 1927 and the estate was inherited by his son Mervyn until it ran into financial difficulty and was rescued by the Northern Bank. In 1957 they negotiated the sale of the Knox Browne estate to an ex-British army captain and present high-ranking UDR soldier, John Henry Hamilton Stubber. Stubber took up residence in 1958, together with the sporting rights, on the land belonging to surrounding farmers.

landlord, before he finally lodged an application to officially register as owner of the sporting rights against the lands of his neighbours.

Ninety objections were lodged against his application — representing the vast majority of farmers in the area — which, according to one of them, hill-top farmer Seamus McCaughey, were "gradually whittled away during several hearings from April 1980, to the beginning of 1982".

"We didn't know the facts until the application appeared in the paper, then we got circulars and over 90% objected, mainly nationalists and between 15-20 Protestant farmers from the Clogher Valley and Five-miletown."

In relating the farmers' main grievances he continued:

"Stubber exercised those sporting rights on a number of occasions. We have to comply with the Ministry of Agriculture's rules and regulations, but it's not easy when you have Captain Stubber and his men running from one farm to another breaking disease restrictions. They can carry tuberculosis and fowl-pest, not to mention the danger to livestock. In the past, the dogs have worried sheep and cattle with six sheep being slaughtered a few years ago."

Another hill-top farmer, who makes his living by grazing a few sheep and cattle on the sparse countryside, explained why the majority of Protestant farmers withdrew their objections:

"Only two or three didn't withdraw, some of the others would be connected with the UDR and other forces in some way, either, after all, Stubber was in."

### COSTLY

For those who persisted in opposing



Stubber's registration, the only legal alternative open to them was the costly and time-consuming prospect of taking the case to the High Court, which at the time was completely out of their price range so Stubber succeeded in his registration of archaic rights.

But two years later, Seamus McCaughey, speaking on behalf of other farm-owners, expresses their determi-

ation to oppose Stubber's son (who now runs the estate) freedom to trespass on any part of their land. So far, he has made no indication that he intends to do otherwise, but for the farm-owners the affair still rankles, with the realisation that their land, bought through the sacrifice and hardship of their forefathers, is in a very real sense still in the grip of the unionist landed aristocracy.



# Pass the plate —and don't ask questions

## BURKE'S AT THE BACK

By Kevin Burke

I AM REMINDED this week of when the Pope visited Ireland (or at least the twenty-six counties) in 1979.

When he arrived at Dublin Airport he was greeted by a 21-gun-salute. And almost the first thing he did was to inspect a guard of honour of Free State soldiers with rifles smartly shouldered.

When he left Shannon Airport, almost the last thing he did was to inspect a similar armed guard and listen to the booming of 21 guns.

Now if guns have any purpose at all, it seems to me that it can only be for killing ("Weapons of death" as the *Daily Mirror* might describe an IRA arms cache).

Yet this was considered to be the right and proper way in which to welcome and say farewell to the leader of the Catholic Church. Nowhere, at that time, could I find a word of explanation from the Hierarchy, who invited him here, or a word of protest from the 'man who came in peace' at this violent greeting.

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I am reminded of that visit this week because of a certain Fr Brendan Magee, the Belfast parish priest who declared that he would not carry out the funeral services of the Catholic Church for a man who was gunned down by loyalist assassins as he made his way to the dole.

The reason for this priestly decision to deprive the bereaved family of religious comfort (and it's not the first time it has been done) was because comrades of the dead man might turn up at the graveside and perhaps fire off three shots — certainly not 21 — in a last salute, not to Fr Brendan Magee, but to the dead man.

How is the distinction made? Can it be that the Belfast man was on the dole and is not entitled to honours bestowed on Popes, who presumably are not on the dole?

I suppose that is as logical as any other suggestion.

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Presumably the reason that Catholicism has survived so strongly among Irish nationalists is because of the minority of clerics, like those who officiated at the funerals in Coalisland this week.

They may not agree with the methods, or even the politics, of those whom they bury, but they do identify with their people and are not afraid to comfort and support them.

On the other hand, the majority of clerics and certainly of the bishops, archbishops and cardinals who make up the Irish Hierarchy are never finished berating and betraying their nationalist congregations. Indeed, it often appears that the only time they fall silent is when they should be condemning an imperialist or sectarian attack on one of their flock.

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Yet they seem to prosper greatly on it. They constantly get here and there around



the world on conference and synod. They get their summer and winter breaks in the sun. They get out on the golf-course once or twice a week. They live in extremely comfortable homes — some even in palaces. They have the limousine parked outside. They dine in the best restaurants and hotels, drink the finest claret and brandies.

Dressed in scarlet and purple and in expensively tailored suits (the cost of which would keep a working-class family clothed for a year, at least), they mix in the highest ranks of society, rubbing shoulders with the elite of the political and business world.

No wonder the majority of them cannot identify with their humble flock, who, incidentally, provide the funds for such lifestyles. Nor would they wish to.

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"Thank God, I am not like other men," said the Pharisee. And someone described the Pharisees as whitened sepulchres and even worse.

But He ended up dying on a cross between two thieves. And no self-respecting Catholic cleric would be seen dead in such company.

Notes



## Belfast-Derry link-up for people's post

A PEOPLE'S post service for Christmas will be operated by Sinn Fein voluntary workers in Derry and Belfast this year, following eight years' successful operation in Derry, where 15,000 cards were handled last year.

The service in Derry, which covers the whole city and county has this year been extended to provide a Derry-Belfast link-up. And there will also be an internal post in Belfast

this year. The service, at 10p a card or letter, is much cheaper than the normal one, and will operate from Monday, December 12th, to Thursday, December 22nd,

when last post will be accepted for delivery the following day.

The service will operate from Sinn Fein centres in Bogside, Creggan, Shantallow and Waterside in Derry. In Belfast there will be 'republican post offices' in Ardoyne, New Lodge, Bone, Molyneux, Bawnmore, Markets, Short Strand, Twinbrook, Poleglass and throughout West Belfast.

## WHAT'S ON

### FOUR MARTYRS COMMEMORATION FOLK NIGHT

(to honour Mellows, O'Connor, Barrett & McKelvey)  
Featuring Battering Ram  
8pm Thursday 8th December  
Andersontown Social Club  
BELFAST  
Come early

### DEFEND TRADE UNION RIGHTS MASS PICKET

Saturday 10th December  
Condon's Concrete Works  
Arden Road  
TULLAMORE  
County Offaly  
Buses leave Liberty Hall, Dublin,  
at 12 noon. Tails £10 includes  
fare, dinner & social  
Organised by the ITGWU

### DAY-LONG SINN FEIN NEW MEMBERS COURSE

Saturday 10th December  
DERRY  
Out-of-town participants are welcome but  
first phone Derry 268926  
A follow-up course will be held on  
Sunday 18th December

### EAST MUNSTER/SOUTH LEINSTER SINN FEIN REGIONAL MEETING

(South Tipperary, Waterford, Carlow,  
Kilkenny & Wexford)  
2pm Saturday 10th December  
Metropole Hotel  
Mary Street  
WATERFORD  
All members attending will have  
voting rights

### STOP THE SHOW TRIALS RALLY

3pm Saturday 10th December  
Top of Whitelock Road  
BELFAST

### LIAM MELLOWS COMMEMORATION

2.30pm Sunday 11th December  
Golden Anchor Car Park  
CASTLETOWN  
County Wexford  
Speaker: Seamus Twomey

### WEST ULSTER SINN FEIN REGIONAL MEETING

(Mid-Ulster, Fermanagh, Foyle  
& Donegal)  
2pm Sunday 11th December  
Jackson's Hotel  
BALLYBOFEE  
County Donegal  
Open to all Sinn Fein members

### DUBLIN SINN FEIN REGIONAL MEETING

(Dublin City & County)  
2.30pm Sunday 11th December  
5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN  
All members attending will have  
voting rights

### NORTH MUNSTER SINN FEIN REGIONAL MEETING

(North Tipperary, Clare & Limerick)  
2.30pm Sunday 11th December  
Connolly Hall  
O'Connell Street  
LIMERICK  
All members attending will have  
voting rights

### SOUTH MUNSTER SINN FEIN REGIONAL MEETING

(Cork & Kerry)  
3pm Sunday 11th December  
Scott's Hotel  
College Street  
KILLARNEY  
County Kerry  
All members attending will have  
voting rights

### LABOUR & THE NORTHERN CRISIS PUBLIC MEETING

8pm Monday 12th December  
SFX Hall  
Upper Sherrard Street  
Speakers: Ken Livingstone,  
Matt Merrigan, Sean Redmond,  
Padraigín Ni Mhurchú & Phil Flynn

### WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING

8pm Tuesday 13th December  
The No. 5 Club  
5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN  
Speakers from St Theresa's Gardens  
Open to all women  
Organised by the  
Sinn Fein Women's Department

### VOLS BATESON/LEE/SHERIDAN COMMEMORATION

2.30pm Sunday 18th December  
GAA Hall  
March to Newbridge Graveyard  
BALLYMAGUIGAN  
South Derry



# REVIEW PAGE

## TV Gutter-sniping — RTE style

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

TODAY TONIGHT's 'drugs special' on Thursday, December 1st, on RTE1, had presenter Brendan O'Brien popping up in Paris, London and places far distant from St Theresa's Gardens or Dolphin House in Dublin.

The tone of the programme was set at the beginning with a map showing the progress of heroin from Pakistan pierced with hypodermic syringes, marching closer and closer to Dublin.

A press statement the following day from the Dolphin House Community Development Association protesting at the "gutter-sniping of the Today Tonight team and their portrayal of the anti-drug protest in our area" exposed the real aim of the people involved in the production, and added:

"We found the programme was more interested in sensationalism rather than educating or making people more aware of the drug epidemic and ways of combating it."

The residents of Dolphin House have withdrawn the welcome given to Today Tonight

to cover any future events there.

The constant references to "vigilantes and violence" and "mob rule", and the deliberate attempt by the programme to show a version of the people's stand against pushers that supported these allegations, has led to warnings from the Garda that people 'taking the law into their own hands' will be prosecuted.

And of course, no Today Tonight programme would be complete without the Sinn Féin bashing exercise, which backfired on Brendan O'Brien, who was told by local people, in no uncertain terms, when he pointed out the presence of Sinn Féin members at an anti-drug meeting in Tallaght, that his politically biased reporting cut no ice with them, and that they welcomed the support of any residents of the area or others with experience of coping with

the horror of drug abuse.

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The best line in Channel 4's *The Thing With Two Heads*, in *The Worst of Hollywood* series on Saturday night, was when your man's girlfriend opens the door and sees him with the extra head.

"Do you have two of anything else?" she asks. Let's hope so.

*The Thing With Two Heads* ended perfectly with the black doctor victim of racial prejudice cutting off the bigoted white scientist's head which had been grafted on to the left shoulder of a black victim of white medical experiments, and the three heroes, doctor, experimentee and girlfriend, driving off into the sunset singing *Oh Happy Day*. Three heads in the sunset, not four.

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*World in Action*, on UTV on Monday, was an investigation into the callous attitudes of the British Department of Health & Social Security in dealing with people on sickness or invalidity



● Colette Breslin, at a Stop the Show Trials rally

benefit. Genuinely ill people are continually having to be referred to medical examinations to prove that they are still ill.

One man died of a heart attack on the way to an examination and a woman with muscular dystrophy, a slowly crippling disease, had to go to medical after medical in spite of her obvious distress.

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Women relatives of paid perjurers and their victims were interviewed on *The Women's Programme* on RTE 1 on Monday, talking about the effect on them and their families of the RUC's use of perjurers and the

show-trial tactic.

All were unanimous in their refusal to accept their husband's imprisonment and were determined to fight to expose the latest corruption of the already corrupt legal process that allowed such convictions.

The extent of the paid perjury trauma was illustrated by Michelle Dorian who is doubly affected, as her husband had been imprisoned on the sole evidence of her brother, Harry Kirkpatrick.

Michelle spoke of the shame her brother had brought on his family, and the distress to his victims' families. But judging from the closeness and support obvious between these women

and their communities, the hope of the RUC that the paid-perjurer tactic would split such communities has not worked. In fact, the determination of the relatives of people imprisoned is gathering strength through the Stop the Show Trial Committees which are organising meetings all over the North.

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In spite of a campaign, backed up by front-page headlines in the *Daily Express*, to stop the showing of *Malvinas — A Story of Betrayals*, it was shown on the *Eleventh Hour* series on Channel 4 on Monday.

This film was made by Argentinian refugees in Mexico, who, while rejecting Britain's claim to the islands, equated the reasons for both the Argentinian junta's and the Thatcher government's actions. Both wanted to divert attention from the economic crisis in their respective countries, both were looking for a triumphalist victory to boost their popularity.

The fact that Britain won meant nothing to the working-classes of either Argentina or Britain, except that the billions of pounds spent on the war means less money for jobs, housing and welfare services. But would such a costly 'patriotic' effort be made in that direction?

## Film of the year

BY EDDIE STACK

WELL, I thought that nothing could touch *Merry Christmas*, *Mr Lawrence* in 1983, but I was wrong. In a year where most movies have been as exciting as a wet November Sunday in Dunoon (with the only telephone kiosk broken), the arrival, after three years, of the full-length version of *Heaven's Gate* is a veritable thunderclap from Valhalla.

This epic production, one of the most expensive movies ever made, was ripped to shreds by the New York critics when it first stuck its nose around the door at the end of 1979. Pulled off the screen by its terrified producers, its director, Michael Cimino, was goose-stepped back into the cutting room and told to reorganise his film so that even if it didn't make sense any more, it would have some chance of making its money back.

Cimino cut his picture to just over two hours, but on its re-release, in its new butchered form, it didn't take a red cent anyway. Cimino has not worked since.

The *Heaven's Gate* fiasco, as it is known in the movie business, has now passed into folklore as an example of the folly of letting a director get what he wants to make his film. Traditionally in Hollywood, if you have just made a hit picture (in Cimino's case *The Deer Hunter*), then you have access to unlimited funds to film a wart growing on your big toe, if you so please.

The critics who savaged this great film no doubt carped at its massive budget, determined to slate it before they went in. One of these critics thought *The*

*Godfather* was the worst movie he had ever seen, while another one apparently believed that *Star Wars* will be remembered as a classic.

What they all must have truly hated as they scratched their behinds in unison walking out of the cinema was the politics of *Heaven's Gate*, a film that sides with the oppressed against the speculator, a film that does not believe the West was won with God, Ma and apple pie.

### ARENA

*Heaven's Gate* takes its name from the dance hall which serves as the debating arena for the growing immigrant population of Sweetwater, Wyoming, faced with annihilation by the land-owning barons who made it to the wonderful United States before them. Despite the fact that the immigrants have been legitimately given the right to settle, their arrival in such huge numbers is a threat to the land-owning profiteers of the Stock Growers' Association.

One of these cattle barons, Canton, proposes a plan to publicly wipe out 125 "natives, anarchists and outlaws", that is 125 settlers, and offers mercenaries attractive rewards for every "anarchist they shoot or hang".

However the fly in the ointment for these charming people is the wealthy Harvard graduate, Averill, who quite consciously sides against his class by lining up with the immigrants in his job as federal marshal of Johnson County. His mistress is a brothel operator, Ella Watson, who finds herself on the cattle baron's death-list for accepting stolen cattle as payment for the services of her girls. She is loved also by a hit-man for the Stock Growers' Association, Nate Champion, whose loyalties are fatally tested by events.

Around this simple tale hangs an epic picture. Perhaps its greatest achievement is that its 3½ hours never drag. As a piece of cinema it is a succession of magnificent images: the spectacular dancing sequences on the lawns of Harvard on graduation day, the shots of an endless stream of immigrants pouring out across the plains of Wyoming. The Harvard sequences show the people with the money, the rest of the film shows how they get it.

At Harvard, the graduates dance in concentric circles on the spacious grass lawns; on the plains of Wyoming they themselves are surrounded by rings of attacking immigrants, forced to act outside the law by a justice that has put them outside justice.

### PARALLELS

It is the struggle of the immigrants that throws up the most significant questions for republicans and some striking parallels for their own situation.

### BOOK

Perhaps the authors don't expect women prisoners to buy this book.

### CHILDREN

*The Checklist of Children's Rights*, which is included in the book, is described in the preface as 'defining the rights of anyone under 21' and are under three headings, *Constitutional rights*, *Legal rights* and *Basic rights*, and says that it is one of the purposes of the checklist to suggest rights that should be,



● Immigrants from Eastern Europe arrive to settle in Wyoming's Johnson County

When the immigrants have gathered in the *Heaven's Gate* dance hall to discuss their impending slaughter, they divide into two camps along class lines. The merchants do not want to attack the barons on their own self-defence. Amongst them is the mayor, even though he has stated earlier:

"The rich are opposed to anything that would settle and improve things in this country. They advance the idea that poor people have nothing to say in the affairs of this country."

Come the moment of decision, however, and the mayor becomes a worm.

It is the untrained oratory of another immigrant that speaks for the hearts of the immigrants and breaks their bonds with mayoral authority so completely that one of them fires a shot at the mayor there and then.

How bitterly must this situation remind one of the rotten compromise of 1922, how strong is the line that divides people into men and worms.

Again in the climatic sequence between the immigrants and the hired killers of the Association it comes as no surprise when, at the last minute, the cavalry comes riding over the hill, but this time they are here to save the hired hands so that they can fight another day.

How immediately does one think ruefully of the Brits pouring out onto the streets of Belfast to 'separate the combatants'.

### REACTIONARY

*Heaven's Gate* must have made the blood boil of those reactionary New York critics way back in 1979. They have almost prevented us seeing a

classic film. The crowds which filled the cinema I attended testify to the fact that the producer's decision to cut the film and to make it more commercial (and totally incoherent) was utterly ludicrous. It is the original crowd came to see not the commercial version of some fat executive's idea of a good socialist film.

For all that, *Heaven's Gate* is amazingly, still too short. Cimino's original idea stretched to nearly five hours and what we see in this original version is like a picture of the Last Supper with only eight apostles — some characters in *Heaven's Gate* are clearly under-developed and there are only some hints as to why the marshal, Averill, turned against his class.

Maybe some day we will see an edition of this magnificent film as good as the director intended.

## Still much left to do

BY RITA O'HARE

"THE POSITION of women in Ireland has certainly improved... — but not enough. There are still many areas, too many, in which there have been inadequate reforms or none at all."

This quote from the first chapter of *Women's Rights in Ireland*, by Ailbhe Smyth for the Irish Council of Civil Liberties, is what this book is about. It sets out the rights women do have under the law in the areas of education, work, health, pregnancy and childbirth, childcare, marriage, housing, violence against women and so on, and in doing that shows how much more must be done.

Practical advice is included in each section, from how to get

a medical card to what to do if you are raped, to how to cope with sexual harassment. The book is clear and factual about what women can and should do, and what their entitlements are, but bleak about how limited those rights are.

In comparison to the amount of information, advice and comment in all the other sections, the *You and the Law* chapter is very short, less than three pages, and women in prison only merit 170 words.

but are not at present guaranteed by law.

The "cherishing all the children of the nation equally" quote from the Free State 1937 constitution is used to illustrate just how far short the state falls in guaranteeing any such rights to children, as the section on children in care particularly shows.

The main value of this book is to clearly spell out what should be done but also that, no matter what laws are passed, the attitudes and awareness of women's and children's rights have a long way to go before any benefits are felt, particularly by children, the most vulnerable and least protected of the state's citizens.

● *Women's Rights in Ireland*, by Ailbhe Smyth, is published by Ward River Press. Price IR£4.95.





# REMEMBERING THE PAST

## Murdered in joy

BY PETER O'ROURKE

**RORY O'CONNOR** was born in Dublin in 1883 and educated at St Mary's College and University College Dublin, from where he graduated in Arts and Engineering.

In 1911, he went to Canada where he worked as a railway engineer, but returned to Ireland in 1915 at the request of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He was deeply involved with Pearse and Plunkett, in preparing for the Rising.

He fought in the GPO and was seriously wounded. After a period of internment, he left the IRB, believing with Cathal Brugha that such a movement could not achieve popular support.

In 1918, he was appointed director of engineering on the IRA's GHQ staff. During the Tan War, he directed IRA operations in England, which included the rescue of six IRA Volunteers from Strangeways Prison in Manchester in October 1919 and the burning of 15 warehouses on Liverpool docks in November 1920, in answer to the destruction of Irish homes by the Black and

Tans. O'Connor rejected the Treaty of 1921 and played a leading part in the establishment of the republican headquarters in the Four Courts in April 1922. While he opposed the Election Pact of Collins and de Valera, he accepted the truth of May which did not require the IRA to evacuate the Four Courts.

After the attack on the Four Courts on June 28th 1922, and the surrender of the garrison two days later, O'Connor and over 100 other republicans were arrested and imprisoned in Mountjoy Jail.

At first light on the morning of December 8th 1922, Rory O'Connor, along with three other republican leaders, Liam Mellows, Joe McKelvey and Dick Barrett, were executed without charge or trial, being the first of the Free State government's murderous reprisal executions.

**Caithn díom na rópá go láir** — I throw off (from myself) all the ropes.  
**Caithn an capall de na slabhraí** — The horse throw off the chains.

**An chaithn an maíra de na ropáí** — Did the dog throw off the ropes?  
**Chuir tú díot an fílé ach tú tú tinn fé** — You got over the flu but you are still sick.

### PHRASES

1 — **Chuir tú tuot go maith** e (chuir tuot deuit ghó maí ay) — You got over it well.

2 — **Na cuir orm e a (naw kuir urm ay rau)** — Don't make me say it.

3 — **Caithn mo sháol (kóhím muh hay-ul)** — I spend my life.

4 — **Caithn se cláir fíle (choth say keul lesh)** — He dealt sensibly with it.

### ● RORY O'CONNOR

## Irish Lesson

**Cuirim díom (kiurím deum)** — I get over.  
**Chuir mé díom (chuir mé deum)** — I got over.

**Caithn díom (kóhím deum)** — I throw off.

**Caithn mé díom (choh mé deum)** — I threw off.

**Slaghdán (slaydán)** — A cold.

**An fílé (un fíleo)** — The flu.

**An rópá (un ropé)** — The rope.

## Young Republican

THE WINTER edition of *Young Republican*, newspaper of Fianna Éireann (Republican Youth Movement) is now on sale.

This issue contains two excellent articles, a centrespread piece on British intelligence activities in Ireland and an article entitled *Socialism for beginners*, which examines the evils of the capitalist system and explains the relationship between republicanism and socialism.

Other articles are on drugs, youth unemployment, Free State inaction on fighting partition and Fianna Gae.

*Young Republican* costs 20p (plus postage) from Fianna Éireann, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

**CRUISE MEMO**

"Poverty in an age of affluence is being unable to write and having others write about you."

**YOU START SINKING INTO HIS ARMS AND END UP WITH YOUR ARMS IN HIS SINK**

**the next WAR will determine not what is right but what is LEFT**

## Cards for all occasions

THE Women's Community Publishing Co-op have added 16 new cards to their range, bringing the total in to 48.

They are all produced and printed in Ireland and there is a card to suit every occasion, with several perfect 'alternative' Christmas cards.

The cards, priced 25p each, are on sale in the Book Bureau in 44 Parnell Square, Dublin, or direct from the Women's Community Publishing Co-op, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GREETINGS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**ARMSTRONG, Tony.** (H-B-Block). Birthday greetings. Tony, For Brandy, Theresa and Joseph, Kieran Doherty Park, Monaghan.

**BAKER, Liam; BENNETT, James; DOHERTY, Hugh; GIBSON, Noel; McLARNON, William.** (England). Birthday greetings etc. You are always in our thoughts. From An Cumann Cabhrach, Walkinstown.

**GORMAN, Michael.** (Portlaoise). A very happy 12th anniversary on December 18th, Micky. I love you very much and you are always in my thoughts. Love from your wife Eileen, xxx.

**GORMAN, Michael.** (Portlaoise). Happy anniversary, Micko. See you soon. From mum, dad, Josephine and Anto.

**GORMAN, Michael.** (Portlaoise). Happy anniversary, daddy. We all love you very much. From Josephine, Tracey, Margaret, Rose and Michael.

**GORMAN, Michael.** (Portlaoise). Happy anniversary, Mick. We'll have a drink for you. From Paddy, Madeline and kids.

**GORMAN, Michael.** (Portlaoise). Happy anniversary, Micko. I'll have a few plints for you. From your good friend Mick.

**LITTLE, Paul.** (Magilligan). Happy 25th birthday, Paul. From all your friends in Antrim.

**McDONNELL, Gerry.** Special and loving birthday wishes to a proud and glorious son of ancient McDonnell clan: We hope breathless deep of the winds of freedom and change. Much love to your mom and your lass. May we speak again in free and Gaelic Ireland. Until then, bendiciones. Peace and love from Adele, Mary and family.

**McDONNELL, Gerry.** Happy birthday, Gerry. You'll understand that we can't send a card, but wherever you are you know that we are thinking of you. We are proud of your feat and that of your comrades, UTP. Lots of love from Cindy, Cathy, the boys and Róisín, xxx.

**LAUGHARE, Deslín.** (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, Dec. From mam, dad, Terence, Noreen, Martin, Mary, Finola and your nephew and niece.

**O'NEILL, George.** (Magilligan). Happy birthday, Geordie, from your Philly friends. Next year will be even better. Cheers always. From Kathy T.

**SWAN, Seamus.** (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, Seamus a chara. There's none of us getting any younger! From Antónín.

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**An Cumann Cabhrach, Dublin**  
November: £100; 185; £50; 372; £25; 340; 139; £5; 43; 249, 286, 320, 324, 342.

**BARRETT, Dick; McKELVEY, Joe; MELLOW, Liam; O'CONNOR, Rory.** (61st Anniversary). The National Graves Association, Belfast, remembers with pride Vol. Dick Barrett, Joe McKelvey, Liam Mellow and Rory O'Connor, Oglaigh na hÉireann, who were executed by the Free State on December 8th 1922. Malraidh a gcúimhne go brách.

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**BRADY, John.** (11th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my dear brother IRA Vol John Brady who was killed on active service on November 28th 1972. The years may pass and fade away, but memories of you will always remain. Never forgotten by his loving sister Geraldine and brother-in-law Kevin and family.

**CAMPBELL, Sean; LOUGHREY, James.** (8th Anniversary). Sóláir Armagh Oglaigh na hÉireann remembers with pride Vol. Sean Campbell and James Loughrey who died while on active service on December 8th 1975. "Lay them away on the hillside, along with the brave and the bold, inscribe their names on the roll of fame, in letters of purest gold."

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# No sale for RUC blackmail

BY AINE MOORE

**YET ANOTHER attempt by British forces to coerce nationalists into passing information about the activities of friends and neighbours has emerged following the arrest and detention of a Fermanagh man, Eamonn McPhillips, on Friday last, December 2nd.**

McPhillips, a native of Newtownbutler, was stopped by a UDR patrol at Marlbank, near Florencecourt, while travelling his regular route as a fruit and vegetable salesman.

In the course of their search, the UDR men discovered a green plastic cap in the cab of McPhillips' lorry and asked him where it had come from. Even though he explained that it had been in the lorry since he bought it, the RUC were called to the scene. When they arrived they told him that he was being taken to St Angelo detention centre for a 'proper' search.

Six UDR soldiers conducted a meticulous search under every tomato, apple and all the other fruit and vegetables on the lorry. Consequently, McPhillips was left with a

great deal of damaged stock.

Before he could leave, two plainclothes soldiers brought him into a room for 'a talk' about local Sinn Féin members and various matters such as the Darkley killings, which one soldier said "wasn't the IRA's style".

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Eventually they came to the point, telling McPhillips that he could 'save lives' doing undercover work for them. Undeterred by his negative response, they asked him his opinion of 'supergrasses', but gained no satisfaction when

McPhillips replied:

"They're the lowest of the low."

Suggesting that he might end up 'doing 15 years' on the word of a 'supergrass', they constantly reminded him that only he had the power to avoid such a situation by agreeing to work for them. They did not, as in other cases, offer McPhillips any financial inducements to co-operate, commenting:

"We don't want to insult you."

McPhillips, who quite rightly rejected these attempts to induce and frighten him into acting as an informer was eventually released five hours after his detention at Florencecourt.



● EAMONN MCPHILLIPS



AP/RN, October 14th 1982

## LAKE GLEN ENDORSEMENT

**SIX PEOPLE from West Belfast, who narrowly escaped death last October when the RUC indiscriminately fired plastic bullets into the Lake Glen Hotel, appeared in court on Tuesday, December 6th, charged with riotous behaviour.**

Three of the accused had the charge dismissed, but the other three were found guilty on the flimsiest of contradictory and perjurious evidence given by six RUC men.

Twenty-three-year-old Patrick O'Neill from Turf Lodge — who received five stitches when he was beaten up during the incident — was given a four-month jail term, suspended for a year, while two others were fined £50 each.

The RUC men, from Andersonstown Barracks, including several members suspended pending an enquiry into homosexual activities, were unable to positively identify the three and widely deviated in their account of how many RUC were involved and could not agree as to where they commenced firing from.

The only evidence against O'Neill was from an RUC man named Davies who said O'Neill had been wearing a white shirt (as were several others in the hotel that night). Another RUC man, Sergeant Simms, was 'unsure' how many men he had and claimed he had lined them up against the bar before firing, while another, not having the wit to back his superior, contradicted this, saying they had crowded around the door before firing.

Despite these clear untruths, lack of concrete evidence and the complete disregard by the magistrate concerning the number of assaults and injuries inflicted on innocent people that night, the biased sectarianism of the RUC was, yet again, endorsed by the courts.

BY JANE PLUNKETT

**A SOUTH Derry farmer was threatened by members of a British army undercover squad which he discovered hiding on his land on Saturday, December 3rd.**

Hugh Corey, the father of H-Block prisoner Joe Corey (who was unfortunately recaptured two days after last September's mass IRA break-out), was cutting hedges on his farm at the Loup, near Magherafelt, helped by his 27-year-old son Sean.

As Sean worked in the corner of a field, he was suddenly confronted by three British soldiers, wearing camouflage uniforms and with blackened faces, who emerged from a dug-out constructed by them in the hedge, and evidently chosen for its position overlooking the Corey home 100 yards away.

The Brits held Sean at gunpoint on his own land, forcing him to raise his hands above his head. When his elderly father refused to climb down from his tractor, he was verbally abused.

The sinister squad then depart-

## Stake-out uncovered



ed, removing sleeping bags and other equipment. Some 30 minutes later three more undercover

Brits emerged close by and were also picked up by a British army mobile patrol.

## Van driver abused

BY JANE PLUNKETT

**IN AN ATTEMPT to disrupt distribution of last week's *An Phoblacht/Republican News*, the crown forces on Friday night detained a van delivering copies of the paper in South Armagh, stealing money belonging to the driver.**

The van had already been stopped over four times that day, on both sides of the border, during its normal delivery run. Shortly after 9pm, it was halted about a mile from the border, on the main Dundalk to Newry road, by a large RUC/British army foot patrol, members of which searched the van twice, closely scrutinising delivery sheets and Sinn Féin posters.

The driver, Belfastman Pat Carey, was physically abused and subjected to a total of four body

searches at the roadside, during which £15 of his money 'disappeared'.

Although, fortunately, the money Carey had collected from sales of the paper was on this occasion not interfered with, the incident — and the regularity of such petty harassment — underlines the importance of cumainn paying for their copies of *AP/RN* by cheque wherever possible, in order to minimise the risk of theft by members of the crown forces.

