IRELAND'S BIGGEST SELLING POLITICAL WEEKLY Republican News

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir

BECAUSE of the Christmas holidays, An Phoblacht/Republican News will not be printed next week.

The next issue of the paper will therefore be the first of the New Year, coming out on Thursday, January 5th.

We take this opportunity to extend to all our readers best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



A NEW YEAR'S resolution of repression, designed and refined to prevent the expression of republicanism, seems to be the prospect for the ominoussounding year of 1984.

By distortion, and the exaggeration of isolated incidents, a determined effort is being made to justify an attempt to crush Sinn Fein, a legitimate and democratic political party. And the main reason is its success at the polls — both proven and potential.

The constant challenge over many years for republicans to go before the people at elections has been taken up with vigour. In the North it has resulted in Sinn Fein being poised to become the largest nationalist party. In the South, just one good showing by Sinn Fein at the outset of a newly developing electoral strategy has apparently thrown the establishment parties into alarm.

Sinn Fein has also shown that it is no mere simplistic 'Brits out!' party, but has economic, social and cultural policies and an expanding work-record which makes it a gen-uine radical alternative to those

Small wonder that Charles Haughey, who, more than a decade ago, unsuccessfully attempted to purchase the republican struggle purchase the republican struggle and thought he could ride to glory on the backs of those who fought and suffered in the North, now finds himself in alliance with the failed politician Conor Cruise O' Brien in urging a Coalition government to ban the only truly republican party — Sinn Fein.

Republicans have proven, by the suggested electoral method, that in spite of all the black propaganda

and censorship, thousands of peop-le - in growing numbers - can appreciate the truth of their mess-age and support their analysis for the future of this country.

The establishment parties fear

that this progress will continue but they are also afraid to fight on their own chosen ground. If they are so confident that Sinn Fein's analysis is wrong, then why not continue to challenge it at the ballot box. Why not debate it openly?

HYPOCRISY

Instead, they are changing the rules again.

But the hypocrisy of those who seek to repress does not end there, it extends also to their carefully selective condemnations of violence.

Where is the anger at the sectar-ian assassinations of nationalists, whether children murdered by British plastic bullets in the past or the recent victims of loyalist murder?

Where is the media publicity and detailed investigation of the crown forces' involvement in those most recent murders?

Such matters warrant but a few lines on an inside page.

The reality in Ireland is also a universal truth —an oppressed peop-le will inevitably rise up to strive for freedom. In our country that has been a recurring reality for cent-

The solution is not to condemn those who seek freedom and add to that oppression, but to remove it, and it can only be removed by the withdrawal of Britain from this

This spirit for freedom is strong er and more confident in Ireland today than it has been in the past 60 years, Irish republicanism can-

not be suppressed, it will be heard, can be a year of further dynamic whatever the attempts to silence it. progress. Our resolution can make it so.

Brits unsure of their next repressive response

Harrods **Gaution** follows hysteria

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

THE HARRODS bombing caused the usual hysterical attention in the British press, which events in the North never receive, and renewed calls by Tory and unionist politicians for Sinn Fein to be

'Holocaustl', 'Carnagel', 'Evil bastards!' screamed the Sunday tabloids, with more than a touch of the 'Falklands' spirit. The Sunday Times, after a paragraph on the 'cool barbarians' who planted the bomb, took up the RUC's black propaganda story of the 'split within the Provos between the ballot and the bomb' - whilst correctly suggesting that Prior's Assembly now seemed well and truly dead.

On Monday morning, however, the editorials were usually more re-strained, and focussed on the question of whether or not to ban Sinn Fein. In Britain, as in Ireland, the mood was generally cautious. 'Cautmood was generally cautious. 'Caut-ion' was advised by the Guardian, the Times warned against "ill-prepared switches of policy", and the Daily Mirror chose to advocate, as it has done several times in the past five years, "Britain's with-drawal from Ulster's affairs". In Ireland, most leading articles warned that a ban would be 'counterproductive', and would provide Sinn Fein with a 'propaganda weap-

From British and Irish constitutional politicians came a tidal wave of condemnations, which quickly drowned the tragic and unfortunate deaths in a sea of point-scoring hypocrisy. Thatcher called the IRA bombing barbaric and brutal. Metropolitan Police chief, and former RUC boss, Sir Kenneth Newman, displayed his experience gained in the six counties by calling a swift press conference to give his version of the bombing and cover over the police's indecision over the evacuation of the store.

INTERNMENT

In Ireland, both Official Union-ist and DUP spokespersons asked for Sinn Fein to be banned. OUP member Frank Millar called for 'limited internment' and the exclusion of Sinn Fein from radio and television coverage, while Harold McCusker declared:

Simply because 100,000 political delinquents vote for murderers and advocates of murderers does

not mean that those representatives can be regarded as legitimate politicians."

The SDLP, which electorally would hope to be the main beneficiary of a move to proscribe Sinn Fein, could barely refrain from demanding it. Hume chose to quote Owen Carron out of context on destabilising the South. context on destabilising the South.
And in a style which heralds another SDLP peerage in the future,
Hume filled the role of his predecessor, Gerry Fitt, very adequately by telling the Westminster
parliament on Monday:

"As an Irish man standing in

the Commons, I am ashamed. I believe that my shame will be shared by Irish men everywhere."

Lord Fitt himself called directly for the banning of Sinn Fein, at whose hands he suffered his humiliating electoral defeat, saying that Sinn Fein members were "day-time politicians and night-time gun-

On Sunday, British direct-ruler James Prior confirmed that following the death of unionist Edgar Graham, executed by the IRA at the beginning of December, he had advised his ministers to stop all contacts with Sinn Fein represent-

The other options now open to the British government are selective internment, banning Sinn Fein, and cutting all contacts between Sinn Fein and the British administrat-ion — including the Housing Ex-ecutive, the DHSS etc. While the first two options are, for the mo-ment, considered by Prior and large sections of the British establish-



A British policeman inspects the wreckage of the unauthorised Harrods car-b

nent as 'counter-productive', the third, which would attempt to deprive thousands of Northern nationalists of the only effective constituency representation they ever had, seems to be favoured by

advantage of placating the union-isits, hindering Sinn Fein's con-stituency work and, on the re-bound, boost the electoral pros-pects of the SDLP, which would then enjoy the dubious, and dangerous, privilege of being the only

BY JACK MADDEN

COALITION Cabinet ministers have decided to postpone the introduction of measures to suppress Sinn Fein in the twenty-six counties pending discussions with Opposition
Fianna Fail leader Charles
Haughey to agree a joint
approach. The clear message
emerging from that Cabinet meeting, on Tuesday, December 20th, was that the planned extension of repressive legislation to contain Sinn Fein would be preferable to sudden outright proscription.

Agreeing to even further re-strictions on freedom of speech as an obvious target for any proposed new measures, the meeting, which acted on the recommendations of a report compiled on Monday by a report compiled on monay by legal, military and security chiefs as well as Michael Noonan, Coalition Justice Minister, stated its aim:
"To curb the insidious activities of those who promote the

activities of illegal organisations."

Indications that political parties in the twenty-six counties are seriously concerned at the rise of Sinn Fein as a radical alternative voice in Irish politics have become increasingly evident in recent months. In an hysterical reaction to the votes won by Christy Burke in the recent by-election in the



Civilians are not targets—IRA

THE Irish Republican Army have said that the placing of the car-bomb outside Harrods department store in London on Saturday, December 17th, although carried out by their Volunteers, was not the type of operation that had been authorised as part of their current strategy in England.

The full text of the IRA statement, issued by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau in Dublin, is as follows:

'The Irish Republican Army have been operational in Britain through out last week. Our Volunteers planted the bomb outside Woolwich Bar-racks and in the car outside Harrods store.

"The Harrods operation was not authorised by the Irish Republican

repetition of this type of operation again. The Volunteers involved gave a 40-minute specific warning, which should have been adequate. But due to the inefficiency or failure by the Metropolitan Police, who boasted of foreknowledge of IRA activity, this warning did not result in ar evacuation.

evacuation.
"We regret the civilian casualties, even though our expression of sympathy will be dismissed.
"Finally, we remind the British government that as long as they maintain control of any part of Ireland then the Irish Republican Army will continue to operate in Britain until the Irish people are left in peace to decide their own future."

ion to plan attack



Dublin Central constituency, politicians from other parties including Workers Party Labour and the bitterly denounced both Sinn Fein

and the 'irresponsible' people who had voted for them.

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Such denunciations were again repeated by Coalition Defence Minister, Paddy Cooney on Friday last when, in a Leinster House address, he called on Catholic Church leaders to "say unequivocally that membership of Provisional Sinn Fein is wrong, if it is wrong."
Leaving no doubt as to what he thought of both members and supporters of the Republican Movement. Cooney added that he found

ment, Cooney added that he found it 'strange' that even after 'atrocities' republicans were not reviled in their communities as if "there was some sort of moral blindness or lack of moral sharpness among the people", and continued by attacking Sinn Fein personnel such as trade union leader Phil Flynn, wondering "why such people are

LAUNCHING PAD

Cooney's denunciation came hours before the discovery of abducted Quinnsworth executive Tidey and the subsequent

events which led to the death of a garda and a Free State soldier. His speech, however, featured in newspapers the following morning and marked the launching pad for a campaign of vilification against Sinn Fein and provided the rally ing point for those politicians who feel sufficiently threatened by the prospect of a resurgent Sinn Fein in their constituencies to join calls to have the party proscribed.

By 4pm on Friday, Ted Nealon, whose constituency includes both Sligo and Leitrim, and who is obviously afraid that Sinn Fein may consolidate and build on the support which narrowly failed to win hunger-striker Joe McDonnell a seat in 1981, and came out again for John Joe McCirl, arrived in Ballinamore and stated that the banning of Sinn Fein "may have to be look-

Even local politician and Free State Senator PJ Reynolds got in on the act and, pre-judging the end-result of the detention under the Offences Against the State Act of local republicans, said that he was not surprised that elements in the area had been involved in the ab-duction of Tidey.

Throughout the weekend, Rey-nolds had acted as the public relations officer of 'respectability' in Ballinamore, showing more concern at the prospect of future revenue from tourism being lost by business-men than to the harassment and intimidation by the gardai of ord-inary people in the area, for whom the benefits of tourism are nonexistent anyway.

TODAY TONIGHT

The main impetus for calls to proscribe Sinn Fein came, predictably enough, from RTE's Today ronight programme on Saturday night when, in the wake of the London bombing and the Ballin-amore deaths, Garret FitzGerald was urged to consider that it was,

Seemingly unprepared for this question, FitzGerald replied that the position in relation to proscribing organisations such as Sinn Fein was constantly under review and would, of course, have to be re-viewed again in the light of the weekend's events. His junior min-ister in the Department of the Taoiseach and Justice, Nuala Fennell, was less reticent in her com-ments, however, and called for the question of proscribing Sinn Fein to be looked at seriously.

The Fianna Fail response to the media pressure and reaction to the London bombing came on Sunday when, in the most significant indication to date of cross-party support for moves to ban Sinn Fein, party leader Charles Haughey said

in the course of an RTE interview:
"If that (proscription) is what the government decides to do, with their full knowledge of the security situation, we will certainly support

He added, as an afterthought: "I don't think we should be making ad hoc judgements now in the middle of this present situation. What I think is called for is a very clear, mature attitude and total reassessment of the situation."

Other Fianna Fail members, including Michael Woods and Seamus Brennan, echoed this mood, saying that if the government decided there were links between "Sinn Fein and subversives" and it Sinn Fein could be seen to have a connection with the abduction of Don Tidey, they should be "proscribed immediately

MEASURES

But perhaps the most pathetic endorsement of any move to ban Sinn Fein came from Workers Party leader Tomas MacGiolla, who said: "Whilst the state must take all

possible measures to ensure no repeat of the Ballinamore murders or the London bombing, my party is convinced that only the strength-ening of the democratic process can or will defeat Provisionalism in the long-run."

Given past statements by Workers Party spokespersons that Sinn Fein is a non-democratic party, MacGiolla's statement can only be seen as offering support to attempts to crush Sinn Fein.

There were also further calls

for the arming of all gardai and in an RTE interview PJ Rogan, general secretary of the Association of Garda Sergeants & Inspectors, called for passing of the Criminal Justice Bill in advance of any legislation governing a complaints procedure, which has been prom-

CLIMAX

Against such calls advocating in-Against such calls advocating in-creased repression, which reached their climax with a call by failed politician Conor Cruise O'Brien for the introduction of 'selective internment', opposition to such moves came from editorials in both the Irish Times and Irish
Press (not by the Independent,
which judged that the 'benefits'
of proscription would outweigh any forseeable disadvantages).

Organisations such as the Irish

Council for Civil Liberties and the Irish Sovereignty Movement also opposed a ban, as did Fr Piaras O Duill, formerly chairperson of the National H-Block / Armagh Committee, who answered Paddy Cooney's 'morality' speech, saying

IN A STATEMENT issued on Sunday, December 18th, the ardchomhairle of Sinn Fein described the threat to ban Sinn Fein as an act of nationall treachery against those thousands in the North who voted for Sinn Fein and are persecuted by British forces and sectarian discrimination.

The statement said:

. "The threat from Garret Fitz-Gerald to ban Sinn Fein must be seen as more an attempt to bolster the SDLP than an attempt to prevent abductions and ransom mands. The Free State parties fear the rise of genuine republicanism and that Sinn Fein will become a major force in twenty-six county politics.

"A ban on Sinn Fein would be an act of national treachery against those thousands in the North, per-secuted by British forces and sectarian discrimination, who voted for

"A ban on Sinn Fein would be totally unjust and would be totally disproportionate to the tragedy in Leitrim which we hope will never be repeated. The IRA, despite being challenged to explain its involve-ment, has done so and has been ig-nored and has stated that it is not

nored and has stated that it is not out to attack the institutions of the Free State.
"No one talks of closing down the British Embassy or banning its officials, despite their support for British violence in the North and despite the fact that their policy relationship to British forces is totally integrated and much closer than that of Sign Fein or the 18A. than that of Sinn Fein to the IRA.
"If Sinn Fein elected represent-

atives are banned, can we expect the same treatment to be meted out to the British Ambassador in Dublin the next time he defends the killing of an Irish child by a plastic bullet?

"And, when the banning of Sinn Fein fails, what will happen next? Will the Dublin government go on to consider sections of Fianna Fail. or Kilmichael committees, or some journalists as being subversive? Will they declare the twenty-six counties to be a nation and declare the North to be part of England?

When will the stupidity and irrationality of such repressive actions be realised and consideration be given to the fact that the instability in Ireland is as a result of partition and the British presence in the North?

that as a man who was directly in-

that as a man who was directly involved in the kidnapping, torturing and framing of Nicky Kelly, Cooney had no right to speak on the morality of kidnapping.

Tuesday's Cabinet meeting and the decision to postpone planned measures to obstruct the development of Sinn Fein in the Free State must be viewed as a 'stay of execution' on concerted and deliberate attempts to smart the read of the state must be read to the state must be viewed as a 'stay of execution' on concerted and deliberate attempts to smart the read liberate attempts to smash the radalternative which Sinn Fein offers. Any such attack on a poltitical party or political opinions must be viewed with concern by all those who support civil libert-ies as a further step along the slippery road to a police state throughout Ireland.

THE attempted massacre of IRA Volunteers at Roundwood, County Wicklow, last August by the garda Special Branch, was obviously in the minds of the Volunteers who opened fire in self-defence at Free State forces at Ballinamore, County Leitrim, on Friday, according to an IRA statement issued the following day by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau in Dublin. The IRA said:

"Our Volunteers were involved in the abduction of Don Tidey and Friday's shoot-out at Ballinamore. "In the fatal shoot-out they were acting in defence of their lives and had in their minds the Task Force's attempted massacre of IRA Volunteers at Round-

attempted massacle of The Volumers at Tolline wood and the killing of Eamonn Byrne in Dublin.

"The situation and atmosphere has been hypedup by massive searches and dragnets and by the Dublin government's encouragement to Mr. Tidey's

company to refuse to pay. This trigger-happiness was further borne out by the Free State army's shooting

"We repeat, our struggle is being fought against tremendous odds and only because of the disastrous, immoral failure of Free State governments to face up to their responsibility and use their resources to end the evil of British rule in the North of Ireland.

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"The abduction of Don Tidey and the ransom demand was related to the struggle in the North and the fatal shootings were clearly distinct from, say, a premeditated ambush on the Task Force or Free State army, which would be an attack on the institutions of the state.

or the state.

"We regret the deaths and injuries, firstly, from a humanitarian point of view, and, secondly, because the British government will now rub its hands and watch with glee as the Free State government reacts to us instead of to the British partition of Ireland."

WAR NEWS.

soldier was shot and killed by IRA Volunteers. The sold-

OMAGH town centre, in County Tyrone, was devastated on Friday night, December 16th, when a December 16th, when a age caused by the attack was in excess of £1 million. outside the Royal Arms Hotel in High Street.

An IRA active service unit breached the tight security around Omagh's business heart to place the 150lb bomb. A 40-minute warning was given at 6.15pm to ensure against civilian injuries and the bomb detonated at 6.55pm, leaving an eight-foot crater in the road.

The Royal Arms was specially chosen as it was freqlany chosen as it was freq-uently used by both British troops and the RUC. Earlier this year a British soldier who had been drinking in the hotel was killed when a booby-trap bomb placed on his car exploded after he left the hotel.

The Royal Arms was totally destroyed while many other commercial buildings in High Street, Bridge Street and Market Street were also damaged.

It was estimated that dam-

UDR SOLDIER SHOT DEAD

ier was leaving work shortly after 6pm and had just climb-ed into his car when two Volunteers fired several shots, killing him.

ARMAGH INCENDIARY

Hewitt's Men's Shop in the centre of Armagh was the target for an IRA incendiary bomb on Monday night, December 19th. A warning was given and the area cleared before the bomb exploded. SHOT DEAD

Two other bombs placed at On Saturday evening a UDR nearby shops were defused.





BACK HOM

WATERFORD man Kevin Dunphy arrived at Dublin Airport last Friday morning, having served nine years in English jails as a republican prisoner. At the conclusion of his sentence he was served with a deportation

Príosúnaigh na hÉireann i Sasana

AG CRUINNIÚ poiblí de chuid Chumann Éigse agus Seanchais Ollscoil na Gaillimhe le deanaí, labhair Aine Nic Ghiolla Easpaigh agus an t-Athair Reamoinn Ó Muirí i leith príosúnaigh Éireannacha atá i ngeibheann thall.

Thosaigh an sagart, atá ina sheiplíneach i bpríosún na mban in Ard Macha le mion cur sios ar a dtárlaionn i saol an chime chog-aidh sa Bhreatain. Go háirluaigh sé an chaoi a il rialacha ar leith ó phríosún go príosún. Chomh maith le sin tá bealaigh ar leith ag na hoifigigh príosúin leis na rialacha a chur i bhfeidhm.

Mar shampla, duirt sé, is annamh a fhaigheann Éire-annach parole. Thagair sé don chóras chuairteoireachta.

Bíonn ar na gaolta turas-Bionn ar na gaolta turas-anna fada a dhéanamh agus ansin déantar gach iarracht stró a chur orthu. Uair-eanta deintear an cime a aistriú go príosún i lár na hoíche gan eolas ar bith a thabhairt dá ngaolta.

SPIORAD

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bharr a bheith faoi ghlas le stádas Grád A. Mar fhocal scoir, d'iarr sé cuidiú go dtabharfaí na príosúnaigh abhaile lena dtéarmaí a chur isteach anseo.

IAR-CHIME
Labhair Áine ansin, iarchime a chaith naoi mbliana
go leith i bpríosún i Sasana. Dúirt sí gur cimí iad
na príosúnaigh poblachtacha
i Sasana Mar sin dúirt sí i Sasana. Mar sin, dúirt sí, má tá duine ar bith ag scríobh litreacha ag na cimí agus ba chóir do chách é sin a dhéanamh gur chuig na cimí i Sasana is mó is gá a scríobh. "Cé gur deas an rud é litir d'fháll is fearr ceann ó do thír féin."



An t-Athair Reamoinn O Muiri



● Áine Nic Ghiolla Easpaigh

Chaith sí anuas ar na polaiteoirí anseo nár thapaign an deis sa *Repatriat-* ar tugadh cuireadh don Muir- siad ag dul ann de bhrí ion *Bill* thall chun brú a chur chaith air Faul, ós comhair an Féin dul agus suí ann.



Solidarity with Nicaragua

BY SEAN HALPENNY

A EUROPEAN conference in solidarity with Nicaragua and the people of Central America was convened at the Palais des Congress, Paris, last Saturday and Sunday, December 17th/18th. The conference was a response to calls for support by political, trade union and cultural organisations in Central and Latin America who had earlier

assembled at a conference in Bogota, Colombia, in July of this year. Over 400 delegates from 25 countries participated during the weekend. These in-cluded representatives from Brazil, Chile,

Colombia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and El Salvador, as well as a broad cross-section of opinion throughout Europe. There were two opinion throughout Europe... Ihere were two representatives from Ireland, Denis Donaldson of Sinn Fein's Foreign Affairs Bureau and Claire O'Neill of the Irish Nicaragua Solidarity Committee. Sinn Fein's president Gerry Adams MP, sent a message pledging Sinn Fein's solidarity with the people of Nicaragua and Central America, and which was warmly received. warmly received.

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During the weekend, representatives of the FMIN of El Salvador and the Nicaraguan ambassador to France, Alejandro Serrano Caldera, addressed the conference. During his address Caldera accused the US administration of attempting to bring about a conference of the C

situation "by which a provisional govern-ment will be declared which will be recognis-ed by the USA". Caldera continued:

"Imperialism does not have the right to impose or dictate to smaller nations how they should develop or what institutions will serve their social progress or economic

At the end of the conference, a draft appeal on behalf of the people of Nicaragua and Central America was agreed and signed by the participants, including Sinn Fein. This appeal will go with a delegation to the general s of the US Congress.

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-BUT TWO STILL HELD

DISMISSING self-confessed perjurer John Morgan as a 'dishonest' and 'most unreliable' witness, Judge Murray, on Monday, December 19th, acquitted four Belfast men on trial at Crumlin Road Court of all charges laid against them by the RUC.

However, despite the discrediting of yet another show trial, the RUC signalled its continuing commitment to the paid-perjurer strategy and highlighted yet again their use of it to secure internment-by-remand of nationalists by immediately re-arresting one of the defendants outside the court. Patrick Fitzpatrick, who had spent 20 months on remand prior to his acquittal, appeared in court the following morning charged with the alleged killing of an RUC man, on the sole word of RUC perjurer Harry Kirkpatrick.

Another of those acquitted, 28-year-old Brendan Davison, was detained in custody as he was al-ready facing other trumped-up

firearms charges.

The two other defendants, 39-year-old John Huddleston and 23-year-old James Clinton, walked

Despite the RUC's careful schooling, Morgan's five-day-long performance in the stand was disastrous, and Judge Murray had little option but to throw out Morgan's evidence wholesale. On two occasions Morgan had publicly admitted lying to the court and many of his statements in court were dismissed by judge as 'confused and muddled' and, at times, 'tailored'

In his summing-up, the judge also noted that an English crown court seven years ago had found that Morgan was suffering from a mental abnormality. But during the trial the RUC, who in earlier show trials had shown no compunction trais and snown no compunction in using self-styled religious convert Kevin McGrady and the psychologically unstable Jackie Grimley, on this occasion, predictably, could produce no witnesses willing to claim that Morgan's mental state had ever returned to normal. This failure, too, was refluctably admitfailure, too, was reluctantly admitted to by the judge.
Stating the obvious, Murray add-

ed that there was "virtually no cor-roboration of any of Morgan's evidence against the accused".

Referring to the charges on which Davison was acquitted which included a killing, possession and IRA membership, the judge observed that Morgan's evidence had "a contrived air about it", adding that in his opinion it had been 'col-

oured by Morgan.

But despite this hint that, in future, the RUC should develop more subtlety in its coaching of per-jurers, Judge Murray kept a discreet silence on the evidence of such collaboration which had emerged during the trial.

A particularly blatant example was condemned by defence lawyers during the hearing. Morgan had claimed that he attended an alleged IRA debriefing session with one of the accused, James Clinton, after the accused, James Clinton, artier both had been held under a seven-day order. But overnight, Morgan admitted he had been 'mistaken', after the RUC had apparently dis-covered that Castlereagh records released to defence lawyers would contradict his story. The RUC's sudden re-arrest of Patrick Fitzpatrick has been con-





demmed both by Sinn Fein's Sean McKnight and by Fitzpatrick's solicitor Oliver Kelly, who point-ed out in court on Tuesday that his client has already served the equiv-alent of a 3½-year sentence, and could spend years on remand be-fore his trial date is set.



BRENDAN DAVISON

McKnight, who called also for the release of Brendan Davison, condemned the re-arrest of 22-year-old Fitzpatrick as "an attempt by the British paid-perjurer system to demoralise the nationalist youth by playing a game of cat and mouse with their lives".



SHOW TRIALS

THE PLIGHT of scores of men and women who will spend Christmas incarcerated in the North's prisons on the sole word of RUC paid perjur-ers was a recurring theme of a Stop the Show Trials Committee street meeting at the Busy Bee, Andersonstown, last Saturday afternoon.

Speakers at the West Belfast rally included Sinn Fein Councillor Alex Maskey, Maura McCrory of the Stop the Show Trials Committee, and Jackie Fitzpatrick, a recentreleased victim of RUC perjurer

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The rally was also addressed English member of the Out Movement, Sarah Grimes, who gave details of their campaign work against the show trials and pointed out:

"What we need to do is smash through this wall of silence. What the British government does in these trials is to create an illusion that some process of law and order is going on. But behind this illusion the reality is that intern-ment is happening again."

ORSCENE SEARCH

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

A VINDICTIVE sentence of three days' solitary confinement plus seven days' loss of all privileges has been imposed by Armagh Prison admin-istration on a remand prisoner, Catherine Moore, who refused an order to 'open her legs', during a strip-search, according to a statement from the women prisoners. The incident took place last Thursday, December 15th.

This latest form of degrading treatment in the ongoing strip-searching of remand prisoners has been stepped up recently as further psychological weapon against

Another prisoner, Siobhan O'Hanlon, was sentenced to three days' solitary confinement and loss of privileges plus 14 days' loss of remission when she objected to a warder forcibly pulling her out of the bathroom. She was then frog-marched down the wing and locked up.

The assault arose out of the warders' con tinuing refusal to allow more than one prisoner out on the wing at any one time and is part of a petty campaign of stringent rule enforcement by the prison administration to victimise the wom

PAROLE

Fein's elected representative Derry, Martin McGuinness, has called on the Northern Ireland Office to state publicly if compassionate parole for republican prisoners on the death of members of their families has been ended. This follows the refusal of the NIO to grant compassionate parole to one of the seven original H-Block hunger-strikers, Thomas McFeely, on the death of his father, William McFeely, of Dungiven.

McGuinness said:

"It is disgraceful and inhuman that republican prisoners who have an excellent record in honouring compassionate parole should be refused, while members of the RUC and UDR, charged recently with the murders of Irish nationalists, have been re-leased on ball."



BY JANE PLUNKETT

THE LIVES of old and disabled people in Altmore, Craigavon, are threatened by the continued refusal of the uncaring British colonial authorities to employ a warden and install an alarm system in their bungalows to enable them to summon help in the event of accident or sudden illness.

Some ten residents of the 20 bungalows live alone. Three are confined to wheel-chairs and several are in their 80s.

Altmore, which is close to the nationalist Ardowen Estate, is believed by the local tenants' association to be the only group of mobility-standard bungalows in the area which does not have an alarm/ warden system

In predominantly loyalist Rosmoyle, such bungalows are fitted with an alarm pull-cord in every room, with an intercom system from bedrooms and bathroom.

The Altmore/Ardowen Tenants Associated the second of the s

lation has repeatedly pressed for such a system to be installed in Altmore but has met with only refusal and buck-passing on the part of authorities responsible. According to the association's chairperson, Paul Gibney

approached the Housing



• The lack of an alarm in Mary McCreedy's bun le in Alt

Executive first, they said it was a DHSS problem. The DHSS said they had joint responsibility with the Executive, but then

told us that they didn't have the funds."

One resident, 62-year-old Mary McCreedy, who is confined to a wheelchair,

lives alone. Her home-help is paid to come in for just 30 minutes each day. Though she has a telephone, that would be of little use if she had a fall in the bathroom. A cheerful woman herself, she points out that the fears of many older residents are increased by the relative isolation of the estate, beside fields.

The lack of an alarm system is not her only complaint. Most of the internal doors are too narrow for her wheelchair.

"I was at the Executive to try and widen the doors. I'm always bumping my knuckles going through. They told me there was nothing I could do about it."

RISKS

Only a tall and fit person could use the high-level kitchen cupboards fitted in the bungalows.

One of her neighbours, 50-year-old Mary Hill, is also confined to a wheelchair, with multiple sclerosis. Her husband Jackie is understandably angry at the risks to which she is exposed by the authorities'

"One time I went out to the shop and when I came back she was lying in the bathroom. She couldn't move and was lying there for half an hour. Luckily, I wasn't away any longer."



BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

FOR ALMOST a month now, and with Christmas virtually here, approximately 16 families in the Divis Flats complex in West Belfast have been severely affected by water seeping into the main gas supply which has rendered them unable to cook or keep warm for days at a time as many of the flats have gas heating.

Residents of Cullingtree Walk. Residents of Cullingtree Walk, Path and Row, including the elder- ly, young families and the sick, young families and the sick, young families and the sick paws in a tussle with the bureau- oracy of the gas board and partect and the supplied with cularly the Housing Executive, alternative heating. Mrs Rosaleen who have refused to take responsibility for the maintenance of a mother-of-five children said: "The ass usually went off ar- "The case usually went off arderelict public house in the com-plex from which the fault origin-

A deep pool of water, regularly topped up by heavy rainfall, has accumulated in the building and gradually seeped into the gas mains. Consequently this prevents the gas supply from reaching the flats and, despite protests from the residents, Sinn Fein and the local Residents Association, the Executive remains uncompromisingly callous.

Residents were also angered by a quoted in the Irish News on Dec-ember 12th, who claimed that only one tenant had been affect-ed, whom they had supplied with alternative heating. Mrs Rosaleen McBride from Cullingtree Walk,

mother-of-five children said:

"The gas usually went off around 7-8pm every night, but from last Thursday it went off altogether, came back on for an hour on same back on for an nour on Saturday evening, then off complet-ely until Tuesday. Sinn Fein got us cookers and on this balcony we had one cooker between seven families so we were naturally very angry when we read the Irish News. It seemed that the Executive just wanted to wash their hands of it as if it was of no consequence.

Another couple, in their 80s,

and dumb, were totally bewildered by the fault in their supply while another neighbour, Maggie Early, and her brother survived on cups of tea when the gas was off.

PUMPING

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At present the gas board and members of the Water Services are trying to correct and maintain services by pumping water out of the pipes each day, but with only a skeleton steff available to all public service departments over the Christmas period, Divis residents are extremely anxious about their predicament.

Sinn Fein Councillor Alex Maskey, a member of the gas committee at Belfast City Council, who has already contacted the gas board on the issue, is again scheduled to raise the matter this Wednesday night December 21st. He hit out at "the apparent inability of various statutory bodies to accept responsibility" for a problem which was causing extreme hardship to families, and concluded:
"Once again this latest problem in Divis Flats proves that the only solution was the total demolition of the complex and the building of proper homes for the people of the area." Sinn Fein Councillor Alex Maskey



DUBLIN CHILDREN'S PARTY

TWENTY children from Dublin and surrounding areas were entertained at a Christmas party in Sinn Fein's Blessington Street premises on Sunday, December 18th. The children, all relatives of republican prisoners, each got a present from Santa and enjoyed the showing of cartoon films. There were songs from the children themselves, and a free draw for two bicycles and a rocking horse.



FEMINIST SANTA CLAUS

mas made a rare appearance last Saturday, December 17th, at times party in the Falls Women's Centre. The party was organ-and voluntary helpers and was attended by about 30 West



UNUSUAL DECORATIONS

Christmas tree outside its Connolly House hes the names of all republican prisoners in

CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR

Thirteen Unk and now tace murder

BY EAMON TRACEY

THE EIGHTH UDR soldier to be charged in three weeks with a sectarian assassination appeared in a Belfast magistrates' court on Monday, December 19th.

Geoffrey Edwards was charged with the murder of Sinn Fein election worker Peter Corrigan, who was shot dead in Armagh on October 25th last year. Edwards was also charged with four attempted sectarian murders including, in September last year, that of Seamus Grew, who was subsequently murdered by the RUC in December.

The day after Edwards appeared in court, one of his seven colleagues, UDR Sergeant Walter Roleston, who was charged earlier in the month with the murder of Adrian Carroll, was released on £50 bail when it was revealed that a third UDR soldier. Noel Religional Control of the c ier, Noel Bell, one of the first to be charged with Carroll's killing, had signed an affidavit saying that he would not give evidence against Roleston.

It was not made clear at Tues-day's bail application for Roleston whether or not Bell's retraction would affect the charges against the other six UDR soldiers similarly charged with Adrian Carroll's mur-der.

der.
On Thursday morning, December 15th, RUC man Thomas Andrews appeared in court charged with the murder of 18-year-old Tony Dawson

in the Short Strand in the early hours of Monday morning, December 12th. Andrews was the fifth RUC man to be charged with mur-der in recent weeks.

The day before Andrews appear-

ed in court, the other four RUC men were returned for trial; one for the murder of Seamus Grew, the remaining three for that of Eugene

EAGERNESS

Although much has been made by James Prior, RUC Chief Con-stable John Hermon, and others, of the RUC's seeming eagerness to charge colleagues or UDR soldiers, it must be remembered that the press was about to break the story of UDR involvement in sectarian killings in Armagh killings in Armagh

Whilst the RUC men were in-





◆ The charging of UDR/RUC men has been forced upon James Prior (left) and RUC chief John Hermon (right) by journalists who were about to lift the lid on members of the British crown forces involved in sectarian murders

volved in the British government's shoot-to-kill policy, which attracted the full glare of public attention and was seen therefore by many as unjustifiable and illegal, it appears likely that the four RUC men charged will be found not guilty. A question mark must similarly hang over the developments of the UDR case now that Bell has retract-

Only in the case of Thomas Andrews is it likely that a member of the crown forces will actually be found guilty. However, already one Northern unionist judge hearing the bail application has raised the issue of manslaughter rather than mur-der, a charge which would carry a considerably lesser sentence.

tempted to tone down the deliberate, premeditated and coldly ex-ecuted actions of the RUC man charged with Tony Dawson's murder by describing him as being in his 'early 40s' and a 'new re-cruit to the force'. The statement

points out that, contrary to this:
"He is 30 years old and has been a member of the Divisional Mobile Support Unit — obviously an RUC man of some experience. Also, the blatant manner in which Also, the blatant manner in which he carried out the murder of Tony Dawson would lead any right-thinking person to assume that he must have felt reasonably confident that among the RUC, there was an atmosphere of acceptance of his actions and a very remote possibility of him being apprehended.

"The actions of his fellow RUC men last night in the Short Strand, rather than showing embarrassment on their part, demonstrates their frustration and hostility towards the entire nationalist community."

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BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

SHORT STRAND man James Holmes, who was one of the main eye-witnesses to the sec-tarian murder by an RUC man of his friend Tony Dawson last Sunday week December 11th, was verbally abused and attacked by RUC men from Mountpottinger barracks, situated only a matt-er of yards away from the scene of the shooting.

Holmes received a black eye when he was assaulted by the RUC late on Wednesday night, December 14th. In a statement released the following day, Denis Donald-son, Sinn Fein spokesperson for



Denis Donaldson of East Belfast Sinn Fein points to where Tony Daw gunned down by an RUC man in a sectarian murder this month

East Belfast, said:

"This reprisal, in the form of a physical attack on another member of the Short Strand community, demonstrates, contrary to claims that the present-day RUC is very

different from the RUC of 1969, that it is still a sectarian force whose members regard the nation-alist community as fair game."

The Sinn Fein statement also attacked press reports which at-

72-hour detention period where The

MAJOR ABUSES of civil liberties in the use of the Emergency Provisions Act in the North have been detailed by three groups who have been investigating the use of legal powers and the role of the RUC.

North's repressi

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

Highly critical evidence was pre-sented by the National Council for seried by the National Council for Civil Liberties, the Irish Informat-ion Partnership and the Cobden Trust to Sir George Baker, who is officially 'reviewing' the legislation for the British government, at a press conference in Westminster last

Friday, December 16th.

A new book entitled The Use

A new book entitled The Use and Abuse of Emergency Legislation in Northern Ireland, by Dermot Walsh, lecturer of law, which was launched at the conference, focussed on examining official Diplock court records and interviews with 'suspects' in RUC custody. The survey revealed that 90% of people arrested under the EPA were released without charges being preferred and that a high proportion of these

(75%) were not questioned about any specific incident but were de-tained to collect low-level intellig-

Walsh's research, which was conducted when he occupied the Cobden Trust research studentship at Queen's University Belfast, also established that 40% of cases heard Diplock non-jury courts fell into the category of non-scheduled (criminal) offences.

DETENTION

Sarah Spencer, acting general secretary of the NCCL, called for a return to the principle that 'reasonable suspicion' should be established before arrests were made, for the restoration of jury trials, and a reduction of the present

people can be held without being

charged. She stated:

"Sixty years of emergency powers have failed to solve the problem. Indeed we believe it has exacerbated it."

Echoing these criticisms David Roche, speaking for the Belgium-based Irish Information Partnership, passed Irish Information Partnership, felt that those who favour 'emerg-ency' legislation in the six counties had failed to produce "any evidence that they have assisted the success or survival of democratic institut-

"There is no evidence that the present powers will help restore peace, security or prosperity," he

On the contrary, he pointed out that existing evidence revealed that emergency legislation had 'significantly contributed' to a deterioration of the law which had been exploited by the RUC. He added:

"The Acts have abolished estab-

Abuse of Legislation Dermot P.J. Walsh

lished statutory and common law inside statutory and common law rules, founded and relied upon to prevent miscarriages of justice. They have permitted general pow-ers of arrest and search and there is evidence that these powers have been, and are, abused."

Death of Charlie McGinley

THE DEATH has occurred of Charlie McGinley, of Bundoran, County Donegal, following a beart attack; he was in his early 80s.
His remains were removed from the Sheil Hospital, Ballyshannon, to Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bundoran, followed by buriel at St Ninian's Cemetery. The coffin was draped with the Tricolour throughout.
At the graveside, Michael Collins, Chairperson of Bundoran Sinn Fein, officered sympathy to the relatives of the deceased. Breadna Magill of Ballyshannon Sinn Fein led a decade of the rosary in Irish.

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Joe O'Neill, Sinn Fein councillor on Bundoran UDC, gave a short oration in which he recalled that Charlie McGinley was an IRA Volunteer in the Tan War and took the republican side after the Treaty. He was interned by both the British and the Free States in Newbridge Concentration Camp. O'Neill con-

British and the Free Staters in New-bridge Concentration Camp. O'Neill con-tinued:
"Afterwards he went to America and immediately joined Clann na Gael which supported the Republican Movement. Steadfast and unflinching, he never lost sight of his republican ideals. "People of the calibre of Charlie Mc-Ginley are the backbone of the Move-ment. They give their time and their time and their time and their time and their

ment. They give their time and their lives, if necessary, in the furtherance of the cause. Not for them financial gain; the freedom of all Ireland will be reward enough.



Death of Maisie McNulty

THE DEATH took place on Thursday, December 15th, of Maisie McNulty, a dedicated republican all her life and an active participant in all aspects of the struggle from the 30s to the present day. Although III, Massie attended this year's Sinn Fein and thesi in November. The funeral took place in Beffast on Saturday, She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Belfast advice centre hours

THE five West Belfast Sinn Fein advice centres will be open up to and including Friday. December 23rd. They will be closed on December 25rb. 27th and 28th, and on Monday, January 2nd. On Thursday and Friday. December 29th/30th, the advice centre at Connolly Housé. Andersonstown, will be open from 11am to 3pm.
All five West Belfast centres will reopen as normal on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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BY JANE PLUNKETT

WOMEN who have been given the contraceptive injection Depo-Provera at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital have accused doctors there of failing to inform them fully, in advance, of the unpleasant sideeffects, and possible long-term dangers, of the controversial drug.

Concern has also been expressed that the Royal has for months failed to act on the manufacturers' own belated warnings concerning its use.

In recent months, several general practitioners and health workers have pressed the Royal to provide statistics on the number of women being given the drug, and indeed to inform them when are given it. Several health workers approached AP/RN to voice their concern at the use of Depo-Provera in West Belfast which, in the words of one, is 'shrouded in secrecy', but they refused to be named for fear

of losing their jobs.

DP is undoubtedly the most eff ective contraceptive available, providing almost 100% protection against unwanted pregnancy, and with the added advantage that there are no pills to be lost or forgotten. Manufactured by the American drug company Upjohn International, DP is a long-acting injection which works in a similar fashion to ne 'mini-pill', by boosting the level of the hormone progesterone in the woman's body. It also stops ovulat-ion (the release of a woman's egg each month).

One injection is claimed to give protection for three months, but doctors employed by the manu-facturers have admitted that DP remains active, on average, for probably eight to ten months.

This long-lasting effect makes it particularly important that a wom-an should be given full information on the possible risks, since any side effects she suffers will last until the drug wears off.

commonest reported sideeffects are loss of monthly periods, or continual bleeding, head-aches, depression and massive weight gain. Others include backache, cramps, nausea, dizziness and continual tiredness.

RISKS

The long-term risks are as vet unknown, though there have been claims, based on disputed animal studies, that it could cause cancer. Some doctors have expressed con-cern that the drug could cause per manent infertility in some women, but little research has been done to test the truth of this. No one yet knows whether DP may harm babies who receive the hormone it contains through their mother's milk (though there is a chance that this could affect their sexual dev-

elopment in later years).

In the USA, which has the strictest drug control procedures in the world, DP was banned for use as a contraceptive (it has other applications) in 1978. In Britain it is licenced only for short-term use, for omen whose partners have just had a vasectomy and for women being immunised against German measles (rubella). But doctors can prescribe the drug on a long-term basis, according to their 'clinical

The RVH claims that women are carefully advised on the possible side-effects, by senior specialist



The Royal, where use of the controversial drug Depo-Provera is causing concern to patients and health workers alike

staff, before being given the inject-

But the reality is that, probably in the majority of cases, women are told few facts and are thus denied the right to make an informed decision on whether or not to ac ept it. In the cases reported to AP/RN, women have generally been told only that they may put on weight and may lose their monthly periods

In the Royal, DP has many times been given, only days after child-birth, to women being immunis-ed against German measles. In an emotional and exhausted state, emotional and exhausted state, these women are told that they risk giving birth to a handicapped child if they become pregnant while the vaccine remains active.

PRESSURISED

Although family planning doc-rs maintain that these women free to choose other methods of contraception, some women, some health workers, feel that they were pressurised into taking the drug. Some were not even told its

Andersonstown woman Susie McKenna, aged 19, was give Depo-Provera in February, just three days after the birth of her first child.

Susie recalls:
"I had no choice. She said that I had to get it because of the German measles injection. I asked them were there any side-effects and they said no, it was just straightforward, but my periods might be a bit irregular. They didn't even tell me the name of it until I asked the doctor the next day.

Susie McKenna was given no written information about the drug and was given the injection only an hour after she was first told about it.

The side-effects she suffered in cluded severe leg cramps ("Some-times I couldn't move them"), backaches, depression and, most seriously, continual bleeding. When she returned to the Royal six weeks later, for her post-natal examination, she was told that her symp-

swere caused by DP.
But beforehand they hadn't 'But told me of any side-effects."
In June, four months after have

ing 'the injection', she was admitted to the Royal for two days for a minor operation to stop the bleed-

This kind of use of the drug on new mothers has continued, provoking growing criticisms from health workers, and West Belfast

WARNED

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Last April, in a widely publicised announcement, Upjohn warned that, because of the bleeding problems, the drug should not be administered to mothers until at least six weeks after childbirth. Yet for months after this recommendation, doctors at the Royal's maternity unit continued to administer the drug to women within four days of childbirth. childbirth.

The manufacturers' profit-dictat ed interest in down-playing the risks of Depo-Provera is undoubted-ly partly to blame for this continued practice. Leaflets distributed with British-made stocks of the drug in late 1982 stated that, for new mothers, DP should 'ideally' be administered within a week of childbirth, even though overwhelming evidence of the problems was already available.

Doctors at the Royal have inject-ed DP into breast-feeding mothers, shortly after childbirth, despite the 1981 World Health Organisation re commendation against this practice The manufacturers, Upjohn, have been criticised for failing to publicise this recommendation.

LONG-TERM

According to the Royal, the drug is only administered for long-

term use in special cases, other methods are unsuitable. In some cases, a woman's life may be at risk from a further pregnancy

The Royal's claims appear to be The Royal's claims appear to be contradicted by the experience of one New Barnsley mother of five who requested the injection herself and says she obtained it 'easily' on two occasions. When she came off it, after side-effects which included backache, fatigue and a 20-pound weight gain, she was fitted with a coil. According to this woman: woman:

"There was no problem getting it. I was only in for about five minutes and then straight out. I wasn't really given the chance to talk about different methods of contraception.

Normally a cheerful and energetnormally a cheerful and energet-ic woman, as a result of the DP she became severely depressed and irr-itable, and found it difficult to be with her young children. According to a close woman friend:

"She was absolutely and com-pletely changed when she was on it. She was just on edge and terribly depressed all the time." Another West Belfast mother, in

Another West Belfast mother, in her 20s, who was unable on medical grounds to use other methods of contraception, chose DP as an alternative to sterilisation. She was on it for four years, gained nearly three stone in weight and suffered several other persistent side-effects before she decided, several months ago, not to have another injection.

Over the years, she recalls, the doctors' answers to her numerous questions were very unsatisfactory:

"They don't really tell you anything about it. Anything lasked them, they said: Why, do you think it's not agreeing with you?" Whereas I'd like them to tell you more about it."

There is no public record of the

There is no public record of the number of times that Depo-Provera has been administered for long-term

use at the RVH family planning clinic. Ultimate responsibility for its administration lies with the Eastern Health and Social Services Board.

CHOICE

The experiences of these women underline the bleak reality that although modern, more reliable forms of contraceptive have been welcomed by many women as an essential aid in their struggle to control their lives in equality with men, nevertheless women still have little nuine choice in matters of contraception.

Because no safe and acceptable contraceptive yet exists, women are expected to endure side-effects are expected to endure side-effects which affect their physical and mental health. In the case of DP, the British, 'population-control' oriented Family Planning Association calls merely for better counselling by doctors in order to persuade women to 'accept' its unpleasant side-effects.

Because of the unknown possibility of more serious long-term medical risks, some women's groups have called for DP to be banned. Others point out that such calls ignore the serious known risks of the pill and the coil, which has been proven to cause infertility in some

women. DP, these women argue, at least provides one additional option for women who may not be able to use other methods, and has been a welcome boon to some women

Although the drug has been administered to over 10 million administered to over IU million women in 84 countries – mainly in the Third World, there is said to be remarkably little definite evidence that it causes any form of illness in humans. Yet this very lack of evidence has alarmed some experts, who point out that insufficient, long-term research has been carried out on DP.

MULTINATIONAL

Women's right to choose is also restricted by the multinational drug restricted by the mutinational drug companies whose priority is their massive profits, not the needs of women. Upjohn, to which DP re-presents an investment of over £10 million, has re-applied to both the American and British authorities for a long-term licence, following previous unsuccessful attempts. It has far more money to spend on promoting its claims than do the drug's critics. Such long-term lic-encing could earn Upjohn £40,000 a year in Britain alone and, in a spin-off effect, also provide a much more lucrative boost in sales worldwide

The Campaign Against Depo-Provera has argued that racist and spurious population-control ideol-

spurious population-control ideologies have been behind the already widespread administration of DP in the Third World, and also to Black and Asian women in Britain.

With many powerful interests ranged against them, choosing a contraceptive remains an anxiety for most women, in which they get little genuine help from doctors, who often arrogantly assume that 'doctor knows best'. As one nurse in a West Belfast family planning clinic told APPRN:

in a West Bellast raining planting clinic told AP/RN:
"Many women come out from seeing the doctor still unsure whether they are doing the right thing or not, and very anxious because of the risks of different con-

"Very, very few couples attend family planning clinics, so women end up carrying all the burden and responsibility,"

BURKE'S AT THE BACK By Kevin Burke

THREE members of the Sticky Workers THREE members of the Sticky Workers Party — Des O'Hagan, Seamus Lynch and Mary McMahon — were willing and well-paid 'witnesses' against Gerry Adams in the World in Action 'stitch-up' on UTV on Monday night. Their enthusiasm for blood-curdling allegations. was not matched, however, by a familiarity with their target, and so they were less than convincing.

However, they would be more familiar with the activities of some of their fellow Workers
Party executive members — still there today
— who pianned such actions as the killing of a priest, five women cleaners and a gardener at Aldershot and the killing of unionist Senator Jack Barnhill and the attempted killing of

Jack Barnhill and the attempted killing of Official Unionist MEP John Taylor. Being closer to the planners of this form of "Peace, Work and Class Politics", the WP tric could really give a convincing performance. How about it, Today Tonight?

Another member of the Workers Party executive, Padraig Yeates, was considered by the ohso-impartial *Irish Times* as the right man to give an independent view of the effect

of the Ballinamore events on Sinn Fein.

Among a few regular misquotes in his story of 'crisis' in the party, he had the audacity to state "demand for An Phoblacht/Republican News has fallen"

When the said Yeates was a fellow trade unionist in the NUJ's Dublin PR and Publicattons branch, he was quite a pleasant little fell-ow, despite his Tomas MacGiolla hairstyle and, at the time, being editor of the Sticks' giveaway news-sheet The Irish People. Now that he has sold his soul to the capitalist press barons, all that has changed

apparently

But it's no good me explaining that sales have risen by about 10,000 in the last year and remain on the upward curve because there would surely be a follow-up story about how sales may have risen but demand has fallen. The devious Provos have instructed their followers to buy two copies instead of one – personation AP/RN style!

More impartiality in the media, this time from the BBC's Spotlight programme on

Among the carefully-worded questions in a survey of Northern voters was one which sought preferences for various kinds of solution. Of the alternatives given was — and I quote a "Marxist 32-county republic as envisaged by Sinn Fein".

What was amazing was that 42% of Sinn Fein voters signified that this was what they

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Leinster House politicians packed up again on Friday last, December 16th, for their Christmas holidays.

That's just eight weeks after returning from the three-month summer holidays on October 20th — most of those eight weeks actually only included three working days, not to mention the couple of weeks of the Dublin byelection when no politicians bothered to turn up in the parliamentary chamber at all.

They now get another 4½ weeks' holiday, to January 18th.

Obviously the 19% increase in salary which

they found time to award themselves is not going to mean a 19% increase in work.

Abstentionism is not confined to Sinn Fein it would seem.

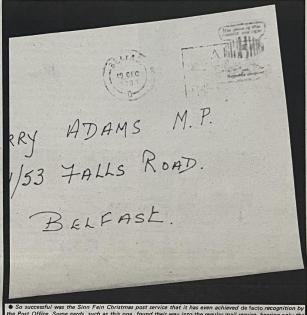
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Tuesday's Guardian casts a revealing insight into the genuineness of Margaret Thatcher's protestations of sorrow over the Harrods bomb-

The paper reports how she was at a Festival Hall carol concert when the Harrods bomb went off and selected media hacks were summoned to the hall to hear her reaction.

One reporter, according to the Guardian, "carelessly switched on his tape recorder earlier than was strictly necessary and, on playing it back, was surprised to hear the following: "' Now then, gentlemen. How would you

A Sticky estio



io successful was the Sinn Fein Christmas post service that it has even achieved de facto recognition by Post Office. Some cards, such as this one, found their way into the regular mail service, bearing only the blican stamp with the slogan: The year of the great escape. They were duly franked and delivered

like me to play this? Would you like me to set it against the background of the carol concert, in taping such interrogations in Scotland have I have just been attending? Would you like me revealed widespread evasion of the rules by the I have just been attending? Would you like me to tie it in with Christmas?' "And she did," adds the Guardian.

Continuing their non-stop sectarian activity, the UDR's latest target has been the grave of the H-Block hunger-striker Martin Hurson, in Galbally Graveyard, County Tyrone. On Thursday night of last week, members of

patrol desecrated the grave and caused extensive damage to the grave-stone

And yet more sectarianism from the Democratic Unionist Party, this time in the shape of Councillor Robert Graham of North Down. He has tabled a motion for the council seeking a ban on any attempts by that body to receive or entertain Cardinal O Fiaich on any future

of efficient and Carolina O Flation on any future visits he may make to the borough, Graham was most displeased at the North Down mayor recently sitting down to lunch with the cardinal and the leaders of the three main Protestant churches.

26-year-old Belfast man has received £2,000 damages for being ill-treated and assaulted by the RUC whilst under interrogation in Castlereagh in 1977.

His case had been dismissed by the Belfast Recorder at an earlier hearing, but on Wednes-day last week, the High Court, on appeal, upheld the claim by Stephen Rock against the then RUC chief constable, Sir Kenneth New-

One of the 'precautions' promised as a possible 'safeguard' along with the new Criminal Justice Bill in the twenty-six counties is the taping of interrogation.

The Scottish police reacted to the new meth-The Scottish police reacted to the new methods by stepping up the amount of questioning carried out in police cars or on the streets. The number of 'suspects' who made relevant statements before arriving in the police station rose from 14% to 44%.

And the average length of interrogation in the station fell sharply after taping was introduced. In Falkirk the average interview before the experiment was 39 minutes and it fell to six minutes.

the experiments ix minutes, Copies of the report have been leaked and no doubt the gardai will be studying them with

Three gardai in the Mulhuddart Inn in County Dublin were all for dishing out a bit of criminal justice last weekend when sellers of AP/RN

arrived in the pub on their regular rounds.

After shouting abuse at the sellers one of the gardai, who were all drinking copiously at a table, followed one seller and grabbed him, threatening him with a glass in the face.

Luckily other customers came to the rescue, and after a short scuffle order was restored.

But as the paper-sellers passed by on their way out after completing their sales one size 12 boot scored against an ankle, whilst the long arm of the law caught another seller in the side.

And even as the new repressive Bill looks set to cruise into the statute books with even more ease than expected, yet another garda has been charged with the killing of a man who was assaulted whilst in custody in Shercock garda barracks

The detective, named Jordan, is the second garda to be charged in connection with the

2pm Saturday 24th Decembe Wormwood Scrubs Prison LONDON W12 Nearest tube: White City) Organised by Sinn Fein

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Registration in the 26 counties

ALL Sinn Fein cumainn and republican supporters in the twenty-six counties are reminded that the electoral register, which will be valid for the EEC and local government elections, will be finalised on January 15th 1984. Unregistered voters must make their claims prior to this date.

Draft registers can be check-ed at local libraries or post offices. Registration forms are also available from post offices

A televised show tria

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS & DAMIEN O'ROURKE

A NEW LOW in gutter television was scored on Monday, December 19th, by an hourlong World in Action extravaganza entitled The Honourable Member for Belfast West, screened on the entire ITV network.

The programme, which was plannsome time as a deliberate hatchet-job on the newly-elected Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams MP with a quick swipe at two other Sinn Fein elected representatives, Danny Morrison and Martin McGuinness was quickly up-dated to include last weekend's events.

It had apparently been shown in several previews to British politicians and journand was so libellous that it could be inspired and sanctioned by the British government.

The programme wove fact and fiction with professional skill in an attempt to show what even the most biased Orange court had been unable to prove: that Adams was, and is, in the IRA, and that Sinn Fein is closely linked to, if not controlled by the IRA.

Shown on the eve of the Dublin govern-ment's consideration of whether to ban Sinn Fein, its objective was unfolded with sledge-hammer subtlety.

FANCIFUL

The prime witness in this televised show-trial was Peter McMullan, a former British paratrooper who deserted from that force, briefly took refuge with Belfast republicans served a prison sentence as a non-political prisoner in Portlaoise, and then fled to the United States where he sold fanciful ac-

counts of his past to gullible newspapers.

In fact, McMullan's actual career could only have put himself and Adams in Belfast for a total of six weeks in 1972, because of Adams being in prison but World in Action made sure they were action-packed weeks. Moreover, although McMullan spoke of IRA meetings with Danny Morrison and Martin McGuinness, neither have ever met him.

The witness's credibility was rather flawed by the fact that his interviewer was constantly suggesting what had happened and McMullan merely agreed.

However, the list of Adams' alleged act-

ivities was churned out, beginning with his first crime of being born into a republican family and progressing from there to a particularly vacuous claim that he had witnessed a shooting of an innocent boy in Ballymurphy in a fictitious version of that event which would hardly build up the faith of local people in the rest of the sorry tale.

ASTONISHING

Even more astonishing for Belfast view-- and anyone at all clued in to Irish politics - was the trio of secondary witnesses who were to add colour to the narrative.

es who were to add colour to the narrative. Seamus Lynch, fresh from elocution classes, was introduced as being a member of the Workers Party; but then came Dessie 'the Devil' O'Hagan, of the Workers Party, introduced as an 'ex-internee'; and a heavily-disguised 'community worker', who explained how the IRA knee-capped kids for mitching from school, was all too clearly





OGERRY ADAMS



ODANNY MORRISON

none other than Mary McMahon of the

SCURRILOUS

To try and add some depth to this sorry trio, a hapless Bernadette McAliskey was conned into the programme and was left looking very foolish indeed. She was shown speaking of Adams at the time of the hungerstrike and his apparently cold impassivity during the National H-Block Committee meetings.
Immediately after the programme, how-

ever, she issued a statement which said:
" I wish to publicly dissociate myself

from the scurrilous, deceitful propaganda which was issued as a World in Action programme on Gerry Adams.

"I further wish to apologise to Gerry Adams, the Republican Movement and the people vilified in the programme for inad-vertently being used in this manner.

"The only comment of mine actually used was half an answer to two separate questions and, in the context used, the answers were distorted and given a meaning in direct constalling." in direct opposition to the meaning intend-

But unfortunately, Bernadette had allow-ed herself to boast foolishly how, during the hunger-strike, Adams had 'learned tactics and propaganda' from herself and 'other activists'. She was left looking a very sorry teacher indeed.

But the programme was not satisfied at attempting to pin any and every IRA action of the decade directly on Adams, it sought to undermine him in Sinn Fein as well. It to undermine him in Sinn Fein as wein. was equally inept in this regard, showing an aerial photograph of Long Kesh after the burning by republican prisoners in 1974, pointing to the UVF cage — intact among the rubble — and proclaiming: "Adams' cage was the only one which did not fight."

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The regular Brownie column in the old Republican News — contributed by different prisoners — was attributed as 'the thoughts of Gerry Adams' and one particularly humorous article by other prisoners, which appeared in Republican News after Adams. orous article by other prisoners, which appeared in Republican News after Adams came out of Long Kesh, was portrayed not as a 'slagging' but as serious evidence of dissent in the Movement.

Significantly, a Sticky local news-sheet, the Ballymurphy News, used that article at the time in exactly the same way and a Seicky journalist, Liam Clarke, carried a

Seicky journalist, Liam Clarke, carried a piece based on it in the Sunday News, also plugging the 'dissent' line!

DECEITFUL

The programme began with a claim that Adams had declined to be interviewed. In fact, he was not asked; Danny Morrison was, but refused, and a statement later from Sinn Fein outlined the reason (and, incidentally, underlined who could teach whom about 'tactics and propaganda').
The statement said:

"Following tonight's scurrilous World in Action programme, Sinn Fein have clarified why they refused to co-operate with the pro-

why they relused to co-operate with the pro-gramme producer, John Ware.

"Republicans co-operated with John Ware on a number of programmes in the past and found him to have been deceitful.

"Several weeks before he came to Belfast, Danny Morrison discovered, as a result of a conversation, that John Ware was coming to Ireland, to do research and from that re-search do a programme, but with a prejudic-

ed, pre-set format and content.
"John Ware told Ian Stuttard, co-producer "John Ware told lan Stuttard, co-producer of ITV's The Troubles land now at Thames TVJ that he was going to Ireland to 'screw Sinn Fein and to stirch up Gerry Adams'. Mr Stuttard told Danny Morrison about this conversation and Danny Morrison, as Sinn Fein's Director of Publicity, subsequently refused interviews to Mr Ware but did allow World in Action to film the Ard-Fheis in Dublin. Having watched the programme, Danny Morrison's suspicions were proved to Danny Morrison's suspicions were proved to be absolutely well-founded."

FDITED

Ironically, Tuesday morning's newspapers, which carried in detail the unfounded allegations against the Sinn Fein leaders, edited out the reference to Stuttard in the Sinn

When Morrison enquired from the *Irish*News why they had made this cut they told
him that it could be libellous!

Massive disinfor

IN THE MOST intensive operation of its Free State, the military, political, legal with the connivance of a pliable media, of disinformation and anti-republican pro followed the discovery of the abducted C in the Deradda area of Ballinamore, County

This disinformation has not alone obscured This distribution has not alone obscured sequence of events which followed Tidey's discovery ing the circumstances in which two people, Gar Sheehan and Free State soldier Patrick Kelly, die has been instrumental in prompting hysteri that Sinn Fein be proscribed.

Manipulation of the all-toowilling media was apparent within hours of the dramatic events at Deradda where, despite a massive presence of over 2,500

armed gardai and soldiers, a hand-ful of IRA Volunteers succeed-ed in avoiding capture after the carefully concealed hideout in which they had been holding

Don Tidey was discovered.

Dublin's evening newspapers. and newscasters on radio and television, proclaimed that along with the dead garda and soldier 'one of the kidnappers' was also wounded in a gun-battle. Throughout Friday evening these reports became even more sensational as further gun-battles were reported over a wide area until we were to bed assured that 'kidnap gang' were trapped within a 'ring of steel' and sure to be 'flushed out' in the morning.

On Saturday there followed an amazing litany of accounts of what had happened on Friday afternoon, gleaned by journalists from unnamed 'garda sources'. Amongst the more serious errors reported, were the accounts of how two Ballinamore men, Frank Prior and Joe McGirl had been arrested - accounts which could justifiably be termed felon-sett-

Contradictory garda statements were accepted without question by reporters who then filed contradictory stories, often within the same paper, as in the Irish Times which in one article referring to the arrest of Prior and McGirl said:

"Another intense gun-battle ensued which lasted, according to unconfirmed reports, for three-quarters of an hour. Eventually the gardai overpowered the gun-men and two were arrested."

Elsewhere in the same paper we were told:

"One man was arrested and was taken to Navan Hospital to have his injuries treated. Another was arrested some time

Another was arrested some time later. It was at this roadblock that Private Kelly was shot."

The Irish Press had yet another version involving six IRA men, one of whom was captured after the initial gun-battle while "the other five left the car and fled across fields. After a chase a second man was screen." second man was arrested'

COUNTDOWN

A day later, when it had be-

come obvious that such were pure fiction, the Press, in an article guentitled Countdown to the reported that between 2.45pm on Friday. 2.45pm on Friday:

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three, one of whom, Denis Dowling, was taken to Clones Barracks, while John Joe McGirl was detained in Castleblayney.

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Anxious to create a hero who might redeem what was beginning to look like a security fisseo, state forces sang the praises of Donal Kellher, a gerda Task Force member. Claiming that had it not been for his bravery and self-sacrifice in rescuing Tidey from the clutches of his abductors and throwing him through a hedge while being shot at, the Quinnsworth supremo might well have been killed. When questioned on television about the incident later, Tidey knew nothing about it.

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Throughout the weekend this yarn grew less and less credible and on Sunday the Tribune reported that far from being welcomed by his rescuers, Tidey was assumed to be one of the gang. Dressed in combat gear and a balaclava, as were the IRA Volunteers, it is as likely that he was being shot at by the gardai and soldiers as by the IRA unit. In any event, he was thrown by the gardai and soldiers as by the IRA unit. In any event, he was thrown face down on the ground and roughed up, suffering cuts on his face before he could convince the Task Force of his identity. When asked by reporters the following day about this incident, Tidey graciously 'forgot' what' had happened.

This type of propaganda sank to even lower depths with the exploitation of the two men who had tragically died. Gary Sheehan's genealogy of service in the gardal, strething back to 1924, and his physical prowess, was matched by reports of Patrick Kelly whose fine record of service in the Free State army over 15 years left the reader to wonder why then he had never been allowed to graduate above the rank of private.

The purpose of this sickenion

The purpose of this sickening episode in hero-creation had nothing to do with either of the victims but was a calculated exercise designed to generate public antipathy towards the IRA who, they would have it, not only kill Irish men, but kill the finest of Irish manhood.

Although this ploy has achieved its objective to a limited extent, in the long-term it may prove counterproductive for the authorities, given that no substantial evidence has been that no substantial evidence has been produced which would hold the IRA unit involved responsible for the two deaths. Indeed, given the extent of confusion which, it would appear, existed during the 'battle', there is the strong possibility that one or both may have been killed by their own colleagues.

ADMITTED

This degree of confusion was further emphasised on Saturday when soldiers and plainclothes gardai admitted they had had difficulty distinguishing between the combat gear worn by the IRA Volunteers and the similar garb worn by their own men. worn by the IRA Volunteers and users similar garb worn by their own men — this would probably account for the frequent and widespread 'gun-battles' which raged on Friday evening.

In any event, the dangers were clearly real enough to warrant the issue of distinctive arm-bands for easy recognition. Questioned about this by a Sunday Independent reporter, one

Task Force member nervously (and pointedly) remarked

pointedly) remarked:
"Out there in that crowd there'll
be hundreds of people in plainclothes
— us and them. The arm-bands save
us from shooting each other."
Another indicator that all might
not be as it appears emerged in the
many divergent accounts of the initial encounter when both men were
killed and, indeed, of how they were
killed.

Initial reports that the IRA had Initial reports that the ITMA had split into two groups, one of four men, the other of two (although the overall figure rose to eight at times), were simply part of garda attempts to portray Frank Prior and Joe McGirl as part of the kidnap team, thus avoicing to some extent the inability. excusing to some extent the inability of gardai to capture the 'remaining

Another pathetic attempt to brand Another pathetic attempt to brand the IRA as merciles and cruel was the account given by one of the search co-ordinators, Superintendent Tom Curran, who told reporters that as the search party discovered the hideout a 'gang of four', crouching in the undergrowth, opened fire, killing garda recruit Gary Sheehan

BLACK

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In a further Illustration of this black propaganda, it was reported that three Free State soldiers and four gardai were taken hostage and, before being released, the more senior of the gardai was beaten with a rifle.

More likely is the account in Monday's Irish Times that the Volunteers overpowered three soldiers and four of the garda recruits, disarmed the soldiers and led them out of the wood, to be met by a hail of bollets from the Task Force and Free State soldiers on the road, a fusillade of shots which, it is possible, accounted for at least one of the fatalities.

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for at least one of the fatalities. This is strongly supported by the refusal of the gardal to release the results of the forensic tests and postmortems on the victims. While 'government sources' began by claiming that a grenade thrown by the IRA had 'definitely' killed Garda Sheehan, and in some reports Patrick Duffy as well, this was later denied and, besides saying that both men had been shot, it also emerged that stun grenades rather than shrapnel gren-

ades had been used by the Volunteers in their successful efforts to add to the confusion necessary for escape.

Even the government line changed over the weekend and what were at first described as 'brutal murders' were later described by Free State Justice Minister Michael Noonan as

'tragic killings'.

The truth surrounding these questions, which have yet to be seriously examined by journalists in establishexamined by journalists in establishment newspapers, may never be known if the government continues its current policy of suppressing and distorting information. This fear that the truth might come out also adds to the determination to hunt down the IRA Volunteers, who can expect little mercy if found, according to the Evening Herald on Saturday which commented:

"Angry troops and gardal... promised a fight to the finish if necessary. We are ready to take them all this time. They are nothing but scum," a grim-faced search party member said,"

These same grim-faced army and

These same grim-faced army and Task Force members are regarded in a similar light by many locals in the

Ballinamore district who have seen their locality turned into a virtual wer-zone with the Influx of gardal and army personnel who have commandeered the local St Phelim's Secondary School as a base.

Reports from the besieged town that state of contractions of the secondary to the state of contractions.

say that state forces went completely berserk following Friday's encounter. One of the men released after 48 hours' detention under the Offences Against the State Act, Pat Rehill,

Against the State Act, Pat Henlif, commented:
"They're running here and running there, up this road and back down the same road to head off somewhere else. If we put our noses out the door you'd think we had two heads on us the way they keep watch on you."

WOUNDED

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In one serious incident which
clearly illustrates how jittery the state
forces are, soldiers manning a checkpoint along with gardai at Gorwagh
crossroads, near Ballinamore, shot and
critically wounded a local man, John
Gerard Wrynne, after he had been
waved through a checkpoint, on
Friday last.

waved through a checkpoint, on Friday last. Returning from a function at a local hotel, Wrynne and his wife Mary drove up to the checkpoint where he was recognised by one of the gardai on duty and allowed to go on. As he revved up his sports car and moved off, Wrynne, who is a stock-car racing enthusiast, had just acelerated when a soldier fired at him, presuming he had refused to be searched.

As the car screeched forward and crashed, troops rushed towards it and dragged the very seriously wounded man from the driver's seat, laying him face down on the road. His wife, who was understandably screaming in hysteria, was also ordered to lie down on the road.

Locals who witnessed the incident say that no ambulance was allowed to the scene for half an hour, while both family and witnesses reject claims by Free State officials that Wrynae had been shot only after he Wrynee had been shot only after he drove away when ordered to open his boot. And in a further show of insensitivity, a journalist visiting the Wrynne household the following morning was met by the victim's distraught mother, who had received no contact either from the gardai or Free State army on what had happened or how her son was.

JOY-RIDING

A further incident demonstrating A further incident demonstrating the over-reaction of gardal in the heightened tension following last Friday, was their Keystone Cops chase through Counties Kilkenny, Carlow and Kildare in hot pursuit of a carload of young joy-riders. As has become the norm in recent days, members of the Task Force let 1fly bullets from Uzi sub-machineguns at the car which they mistakenly believed was the one used in an incident the night before in Enniscorthy when a carbefore in Enniscorthy when a car-load of people turned guns on two gardai and then stripped them of their uniforms before making their

escape.

That none of the joy-riders was killed was due less to the fire-power of the gardai than to their inaccurate shooting, which almost caused the death of one of their own men. That such a disproportionate level of force such a disproportionate level of force can be used, even if mistakenly against joy-riders, angurs badly for the future of 'law' enforcement in this country. And more disgraceful, perhaps, is the continued acceptance by polit-icians and the media of the 'official restel line'.

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With very few exceptions, the media have sold the official line unquestioningly since Friday last. Whilst not losing sight of the dangers this poses to whatever freedom of the press is left in this country, it would be wrong to believe that all journalists will so easily accept censorship. This was clearly seen in the reports of some journalists in Monday's newspapers when, sickened by the continuous barrage of lies, complained that after three days only one press conference had been held even though Superintendent Noel Anderson, the chief garda press officer, was constantly present.

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comments of one Irish Times journalist who wrote:

"The team which was to find Mr Tidey included ten gardai in uniform, five detectives armed with Usi sub-machineguns and handguns, one garda inspector and about ten solders... The gunnen were twice confronted by a sizeable number of gardai and soldiers and twice they escaped."



few crackers this Christmas

CHRISTMAS TV is one long series of films, most of them bulk-bought for the Christmas season. Viewers have been conditioned to accept this attitude by programme-planners who unload their backlog of second-rate films at this time of the year, sugared by a few box-office successes, com-placently assuming that any mindless rubbish will be tolerated by a passive, captive audience.

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The assumption seems to be
that people have nothing else
to do anyway and will sit
collapsed in the armchair watching 40-year-old movies and
sentimental kids and animal
films without protest, unable
to cope with anything that
might be mentally stimulating.

The message of peace on Earth and goodwill to all men is conveyed on TV by Roller-ball, (BBC1, Tuesday, December 20th), a film set in a future where sport has become ritual ised violence, and Carrie (UTV.

December 28th) a horror film about the death and destruction caused by the supernatural powers of a schoolgirl. There's also *The Dogs of War*, a "wellmade mercenary adventure", according to the TV Times, on UTV, Thursday, December 29th, and The Dirty Dozen on BBC1, Friday 23rd, another violent war film.

Who is it that glorifies

Then there are all the superficial tear-jerkers.

East Side of Heaven is about an abandoned baby and has

Bing Crosby singing:
"Sing a song of sunbeams,
let the notes fall where they
may." (That's on BBC1 on
Wednesday Star,
Little Miss Marker, on RTE2
on. Thursday. December 29th,
is about a little girl left with a
bookmaker as security for a bat,
who Surprise, surprisel) melts
the gruff heart of our turf
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Better Late' Than Never has
David Niven and Art Carney
trying to decide which of them
is the granddad of a winsome
(and very rich), ten-year-old
girl, and is on BBC1 on Christmas Day.

Intellectually challenging?

Also on Christmas Day, on UTV, there's *The Capture of Grizzly Adams*, but before anybody gets worried (or excited), this is a film about a man who lives alone in the wilderness

REVIEW PAGE

Avoid at all costs the Wa Avoid at all costs the Walton Specials, on Wednesday 21st and on Friday 23rd on BBC2, all the Mr Moto movies on Channel4 and particularly The Gift of Love, on RTE2 on Friday 23rd, which stars Marie Semond of that notroives sing-Osmond of that notorious sing

There are a few things worth watching though. The King of Comedy, a satire about an ambitious Walter Mitty like comedian, starring Robert de Niro and Jerry Lewis, is on RTE2 on Christmas Ews, and on Channel 4 on Christmas Ews, and of Raymond Biggs' cartoonstrip story The Snowman on Channel 4 on December 29th. RTE1 has The Elaphant Man on Christmas Ews, and The China Christmas Eve, and The China Syndrome on St Stephen's Day.

Dan Heggarty and Kim Darby star in The Capture of Grizzly Adams (no, not that Adams!)

As for kiddies' films, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang should defin-itely be bang banged, but The Black Stallion allowed on Christmas Day, and on Thursday 29th, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factor

are going to tax your brain over Christmas.

Parrots, prawns and praise,

HARK the Herald Angels Sing, goodwill to men, peace on Earth, and Gloria in Excelsis Deo. And please, Seamus,

try not to puke on the parrot this year.

Let me announce here and now that I am a Scrooge about little mar man dres in my opinion it has been cheapand you belief the speech cape and out of existence. Christ-mas always brings on a spate of hypocritical appeals for re-publicans to lay down their arms, presumably as a Christ-mas present to the Brist. Repub-licans should always lay down their arms say these wizened men of peace but they should lay them down for Christmas in a special way. These appeals look like they will be even more frequent this year, so I recommend that you ask Sants or a sick-bag and a large spade. Seeing as Christmas is often held up to us as a time of reened out of existence. Christ-

held up to us as a time of re-flection, it might be just as well to reflect on some of the well to reflect on some of the more ludicrous moments of 1983 just before we head into big bad 1984, as well as taking a brief look back on some of the best films this year, many of which may not have found their way round to your neck of the woods even at this stage of the same.

Firstly, however, I would like to award my 'Free State Sherlock Holmes Award' to the unforgettable Chief Inspector James 'Jazzer' Murphy of the Shergar inquiry for describing the horsenappers in such pains-

taking detail as "a big man, a

taking detail as "a big man, a little man and a middle-sized man dressed as a policeman... Or was it a bus conductor? ... We're not too sure". My "Slimey Slip of the Tongue Award' goes to that British Labour Party toady Roy Hattersley, for making a speech against racism and say-ine:

ing:
"I believe in calling a spade

The Ronald Reagan 'I'd The Ronald Reagan 'I'd swear those slimey Russians poisoned Lassie Award' goes to Reagan's former American Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, who described a government commission as being comprised of "a black, a woman, two lews and a cripple".

But finally, the winner of the 'Anything James Watt can do I can do it worse Award' must go to the utter looney whom Reagan has installed as his amhassador. In Allerton But the same and t his ambassador in Norway, Mark Evans Austad. Austad apparently told a leading Nor-wegian reporter that Norway was lucky not to have 'a nigger problem'. And in a speech to an international conference in Stavinternational conference in Stav-anger he told a stunned aud-ience that American Indians never had any culture of their own — it was only after the white men arrived and "raped enough of their women" that FILM

some sort of civilisation been injected into the red race. Gloria in Excelsis Deo

PRAWNS

Whatever people were saying, most films this year were
as intelligent as lobotomised
prawns and as disgusting as
hair in the butter, in this latter category we must place
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proportionally the sales of the sales o night, a glorious right-wing rant which pitched Our Hero against a woman-hating slasher, who always killed his victims while running around in the buff (he was photographed from the rear lest we see... you know).

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However, while this revolting film merely urged us to bring back the death penalty for everyone, the James Bond film Octopussy went out of its way to convince the younger ones amongst us that Russians and rables have more in common than we assume. Thank God we have the bomb', says this piece of 'pure entertainment' to our youth.

Get them when they're young is capitalism's ploy. On a subtler, but no less poisonous, note *The Verdict* tried to convince us that we could all be found innocent if we had a lawyer who could act as well as Paul Newman, Try getting a standing ovation from a jury over here, Paul.



 David Bowie as Major Jack Corence, one of the best films of 198
In fact, try getting a jury!

 Tootsie broke box office Tootie broke box office records everywhere and no wonder as it was a 'feminist' picture that saw women being kept in their place. The reason that Tootie is a successful woman is that she is really a man, played by Dustin Hoffman. Now you know, girls, what you have to do to get on.

Worst films of the that have no discernible pol-itical bias: Spacehunter in the Forbidden Zone, Bad Boys and the execrable Private Pops-

icle, and Porky's, from those coe, and POIRY's, from those charming people who brought you "Massacre in the Lebanon'. So this is how those Israelis are using the big bucks that are daily pumped into the Holy Land from their drinking buddies in the Pentagon.

BEST FILMS

The best films of the year?
You can, I'm afraid, count them on one hand. For simple knockabout entertainment, high marks must go to 48 Hours and National Lampoon's Vacation host of which control of the control of the

the Chocolate Factory is a better choice than For the Love of Benji (the lovable dog). It's choices like these that

in high style.

For the art-house cinema-goer, an undoubted highlight must have been *Danton*, an intelligent perspective on the French Revolution which raises questions for revolutionaries to-day (never mind its director's conclusions on these questions)

ions), Very nearly a great film was The Year of Living Danger-ously. Fair play to its Australian director for getting the Hollywood moguls to finance a film about Indonesian politics. A film reeking with a quirky type of class was Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence, (The book is also excellent by the way.)

mas, Mr. Lawrence. (The book is also excellent, by the way.)
Performance of the year.
Meryl Streep in Sophie's Choice.
But, as was pointed out two weeks ago, the film of the year is Haeven's Gate. — brutally shredded four years and only now released in a form somewhere near its direct or's intentions. An absolute must for AP/RM readers.
We were always told that:

We were always told that recessions brought out the best in entertainment. "Remember the great films of the '30s?"

they said.
"Well, no we don't," we

But if this year's films are anything to go by, the great films of the '30s are yet another historic myth. They are making less and less films today. The market seems to want rightwing kiddle porn so rightwing kiddle porn is what we get and quality is being squeezed out.

ed out.

While I'll always believe that
the good guys will win in the
end, it's just another depressing thought to think about as
everyone goes Glaria in Excelsis Deo.

Tarraingteach agus spéisiúil 🖼

LE ROIBEARD MacEASMUIN

IS IOMAÍ sin rún a ritheadh ag Ard-Fheiseanna Shinn Féin le dornán de bhlianta ag iarraidh go gcuirfí an Ghaeilge chun cinn. Mar sin féin ní raibh toradh suntasach ar leith le feiceáil ar na hiarrachtaí seo.

Ba mhinic daoine ó eag-raíochtaí éagsúla ag cáineadh na Gluaiseachta mar gur mheas-adar nach rabhamar ag comh-líonadh bunchuspóirí an Phiar-

Ifonadh bunchuspóirí an Phiar-saigh. Is mór an tura dóchais mar sin dúinn an iris nua Saoirse atá foilisthe ag Glusiseacht na Poblachta agus a bhfuil an dara eagrán ar láimh agam. Ráitheachan ioldathach fiiche leathanach i nGaeilige ar fad atá san eagrán soc. Tá sé i geáist í a fhoilsiú gach ráithe agus t súil agam go bhfaightídh sé an tacaíocht is dual ó Ghaeil-geoir ar fúd na tíre. Tá an leagan amach agus an teagarthóireacht go maith

agus tá gach leathanach mais-ithe le pictiúirí. Tá an cludach tosaigh an-tarraingteach. Taobh istigh tá pictiur de chlann Mhic Ghiolla Easbaigh lena máthair ag Ard-Fheis Shinn Féin. 'Siad san na mná Éireann-acha is faide a d'fhulaing téarma príosúntachta i Sasain.

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le Gaeilge na Gaeitachta. Tá
léirmheas ar leabhar Sheán Ó
Conghaile as Conamara, Na
Stiléirí, pictiúirí de phéinteireacht Oileán Thoraigh agus ait
ar stáid na Gaeilge i dTrí Chonaill. Tá seo' tábhachtach agus

ní ró-fhada ó ábhar na scríb-hinní seo atá an t-ait ar fhor-bairt na nGaelscoileanna. Tá ait spóisiúil ar ETA agus ar Thír na mBascach. Chuir siad sin ariamh anail béim ar an chultúr agus ar an teanga Bhascach ina gcuid gníomhaíochta. Rinne siad sin ainneoin saol corrach a bheith acu taobh istigh dá n-eagras féin.

féin.
Tá an léitheoireacht eatrom
agus beidh fonn Ta an leitheoireacht eatrom san iris seo agus beidh fonn ort nuair a thosaíonn tú a dhul ó alt go halt. Tá alt maith eolais ann ar dhaonáireamh na bliana 1981 sna sé chontae le tagairtí ón Athair Des Wilson.

Tá alt staire ar Eochaidh Óg Ó hAnluain agus *Coiscéim Amháin ón Uaigh*, scríobhnóir-eácht chruthaíocht Bobby Sands a bhainfeadh na deora as cloch. Leiriú an-mhaith is ea é ar an íobairt atá déanta ag Éire-

annsigh leis an cheangal le Sasain a bhriseadh. Tá briseadh eadh an cheangail le Sasain le feiceáil arfs ins na hamh-ráin ag deireadh an leabhair. Sa mhullach ar seo uilig tá an príomhalt — an chéad agallamh iomlán le Ruairí Ó Brádaigh d'áirigh sé as Uach-tarántacht Shinn Féin. Tá cumas Geeilige agus smaointe lifirithe tarántacht Shinn Féin. Tá cumas Gaeilge agus smaointe láirithe ag Ó Brádaigh ansso nach an ag Ó Brádaigh ansso nach mbeadh le fáil ó leithéid Mhic Ghearaitt nó ó mhórán de pholaiteoirí bunreachtúla na linne seo.

Tá bainistíocht Saoirse le moladh as an iris seo atá inchurtha ó thaobh leagan amach agus éagrálacht le hirif eile atá ag fáil deontais rialtais.

Is í Saoirse an sórt beart dearfach atá a dhíth chun a léiriú arís gur ionann cuspóirí dra Phiarsaigh agus cuspóirí Óglaigh na hÉireann an lae inniu.



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and greetings to our dear daddy. We
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Polys in Long Kesh, Armash, Magilligan,
and Alesrica. From the McCaughley
family.
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you and Dolores (O'Neill) are keeping well. Cheers from a South Derry run-away. The Christine. (Armash). Happy bethaday and merry Christma, Christine. May God protect you and all your brave commands in Irish and English Jalls. From mum, dad, sister, brothers agreed the Christine. (Armash). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, 'Bap'. I might drop you a few lines when I get out, that's if I get the jumper I've Lots of love from Geordie. Xival I hall. Cots of love from Geordie. Xival I hall. Xival I hall Xival Xival I hall Xival Xival I hall Xival Xiv

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BELL, Pat; DOHERTY, Martin. (Portiacise). Revolutionary Christmas and New Year greetings. From Paddy Dundon and Brian Heuston, UTP
BENNETT, Jam Bappy New Year to you, "Punter," From John and Ann and family, and all the Bennett family.
BENNETT, James. (Parkhurst). Merry Christmas and happy New Year, James. From Catheries, XXX MURRAY, Mick, WALSH, Roy. (England). Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to you Steve, Mick, Roy and all my comrades in English prisons. Thinking of you with much love all ways. From Kylle, XXX BONNAR, Sean. (Cage 11). Wishing You the very best. With love from Yourmann, Sydney, Sean. (Cage 11). Thinking BONNAR, Sean. (Cage 11). Thinking BONNAR, Sean. (Cage 11). Thinking BONNAR, Sean. (Cage 11). Thinking

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Republican leadership's statement to POWs

THE LEADERSHIP of the Republican Movement sends revolutionary greetings to the republican pris-oners of war and their families at this festive season. We recall with pride our fallen comrades and we are thinking especially of their families and the cost of bereavement which they have borne in the struggle for Irish freedom.

Over the past year all sections of our movement have come under political and military assaults from the British and their allies in Ireland. But despite these assaults, despite the murderous activities of the crown forces, the corruption of even British law through the use of show trials and paid perjurers, and despite the repression and the collaboration from the Free State government, we go from strength to strength – politically and militarily – and our base has continued to widen from the outburst of support railled in the historic H-Block/Armagh hunger-strikes.

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free, and no matter what is thrown age
of you at Christmas as always. Love
from Carmel in Australia, XV
BOWE, Maurice, (Portlaoise), Best wishess, Maurice, Thinking of you this Christmas, Love from Donna, XXX
BOWE, Thinking of you this Christmas, Love from Donna, XXX
BOWE, Love from Love from the Very
women who have everywhere stood
BOYLE, Dermot, (Magilligan), Christmas
greetings and happy New Year, Dermot,
From mun dad and Martin
BOYLE, Dermot, (Magilligan), Wishing
New Year, From Dolores, Termy and
EMMEL
BOYLE, Paddy, (Portlaoise), Paddy, We
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ROAD, Armagn & H-Block), Happy
From Tommy, Batchelor's Walk,
BRADLEY, Seamus, (H2), Christmas
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BRADLEY,

Christmas to you comrades. From Sade Denny and family.
BRADLEY, Seamus. (H2). Christmas greetings to you and all your fellow POWS. The North Market Power of the North, the Free State and England. Sorry we can't send you the cheese of the North, the Free State and England. Sorry we can't send you the cheese of the North, the Free State and England. Sorry we can't send you the cheese of the North Christmas. Billy. May you spend your next at home. From the Brown family, Linston Dive. Sorth Market Power of the North Market Power of the

CAMPBELL, 'Fat'. (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, dad-dy. We love and miss you. See you on Boxing Day. All our love. From Patrick, Seaneen, Robert and Joseph. xxx

CAMPBELL, 'Fat', (Portlaoise), Christmas greetings to my son, 'Fat' Campbell, Hoping to see you soon, From dand Mary, CAMPBELL, 'Fat', (Portlaoise), Christmas greetings to our dear brother 'Fat',

come and we shall be victorious.

A central part of British strategy became clear during the year. That is, the dangerous development of the paid-perjurer phenomenon. Because these perjurers were from within the ranks of the nationalist people, such a development persented the fracturing of community morale and solidarity. Despite the British receiving a number of set-backs, they have been forced into treading more warily, going at it at a slower and more measured pace.

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And while the show trials have certainly been discredited, a considerable amount of campaigning and street protests is before us before we force the Brits into abandoning this

Strategy,
Faced with Sinn Fein success after Sinn Fein success we have witnessed a certain amount of panic among the British, the loyalists, the SDLP, the Catholic Hierarchy and the Dublin establishment.

The British are once again considering internment to stem the tide of support to Sinn Fein and the increasing sophistication of the Irish Republican Army. The loyalists want Sinn Fein banned, and next spring, in the run-up to the EEC elections — which Sinn Fein is contesting nationally — we expect the full weight of those opposed to us (with the exception of the loyalists) to be thrown behind the SDLP's one-man band in the North, John Hume.

in the North, John Hume.

Comrades, many tasks lie before us. The political work before Sinni Fein in the twenty-six counties is daunting, but we are out to change things. The Republican Movement is working tirelessly on behalf of the freedom which only full liberation can guarantee. And the insh Republican Army has tailed the stages of guerrilla warfare before it, and the armed struggle which will not cease until victory. We salute you, comrades, our women Volunteers in Armsigh, our incorrerated brothers in Portlaoise, Magilligan, Crumlin Road and Long Kesh, and our comrades throughout British prisons and in jail in America.

The struggle goes on!

The struggle goes on! Beir bua agus Nollaig shona daoibh

CLARKE, Anthony, (England). Merry Christmas to you Tony and all your comrades specially Joseph and Davey. From Michael Fitzsimons (H7). CLARKE, Anthony. (England). Merry Christmas, Tony. Well, another year gone but another one closer to getting you home. All our love from Llam, Belle and Gerald.

CLARKE, Michael. (Long Lart py Christmas, Micky, and all for the New Year. Hoping to soon. From Johnny, Louise, Niall, Tara, Aisling agus a dado.

CLINTON, Jim. (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas, Jim, and a happy New Year. All my love from your wife Teresa. xxx

CLINTON, Jim. (Crumiin Road). Merry Christmas, daddy. From your wee daughter Rose Ann. xxx

daughter Rose Ann, xxx CLINTON, Jim; DAVISON, Brendan. (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas, Jim and Brendan, From Joe and Margaret.

and Brendan, From Joe and margare.

CLINTON, Jim; DAVISON, Brendan;
FITZPATRICK, Pat. (Crumlin Road),
Merry Christmas, lads, and all the best
for the New Year. From your mate Noel.

COLEMAN, Martin. (H2). Christmas
greetings, Martin. Wishing you a merry
Christmas and a happy New Year. From
Helen.

COLLINS, Tommy. (Long Kesh). Happy Christmas, Tommy. Love from Jane. COOKE, Jim. (Portlaoise). Love and best wishes for Christmas and always. Love from Pran. xxx

from Pran, XXX
COOKE, James, (Portlabile), Greetings, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, From Mirlam, Frank, Tony and Little Ken.
COOKE, James, (Portlabile), Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. I'll let you away with it this time, Cookie! Love from Susie.

CORBETT, Gabriel. Our first Christmas, Gab, but it won't be our last. From your loving chara, Corky. xxx

From your loving cnara, Corky. xxx.
COREY, Hugh Joseph, (H-Block). Nollaig
shona, Joey, Love from mummy, daddy,
Peggy, Mary, Sean, Bernie and Carla.
COREY, Martin and Joseph, Long Kesh
& Magilligan). Christmas greetings to our
loving sons and brothers Martin and Jose
ph. Thinking of you always and espec-

CLARKE, Anthony; FITZSIMONS, Michael. (Strangeways & H7). Happy Christmas, Tony and Michael, from our football team and one cheer-leader. Best wishes from Eamonn, Marion and

family, family, CLARKE, Anthony; FITZSIMONS, Michael, (Strangeways & H7). Merry Christmas, lads. We'll be thinking of you as always. From Mary, Manus and family

as diways.

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CLARKE, Anthony; FITZSIMONS,

Michael. (Strangeways & H7). Happy

Christmas. Behave yourselves. We'll be

Ings to my flance Gerard. All my love from Kate. CLARKE, Gerard. (H2). Happy Christ-mas, Gerard. All the best for the future. Love from all the Montague family; and Sarah, John, Robert, Marie, Geraldine and Frankle.

Greetings also to all your friends. From Sammy, Toresa and kids. XXO, Angelo. (CHING) CHISTON, CHISTON

AN CUMANN CABHRACH, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, sends greetings to all our prisoners in Ireland, Britain and America. Notiaig shona agus bliain faolgmnaise daoibh go idir.

AN CUMANN CABHRACH, DUNDEALGAN, extends Christmas and New Year greetings to all our POWs and their dependants and to all our helpers and supporters for their contributions during 1983.

The Town All of the Contributions during 1983. Town, DUBLIN, sends Christmas greetings to all this Power in the Pows incar-carded in England and Jim Monaghan and Dave Banks (Portlaoise). THE TONN AHENE SINN FEIN CUMANN, CARRICALINE, COUNTY CORK, wishes Sean Kind (Portlaoise) and all republican POWs everywhere a very happy Christmas.

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THE TOMY AHERNE SINN FEIN CUMANN, CLONES, sends Christmas greetings
THE TOMY AHERNE SINN FEIN CUMANN, CLONES, sends Christmas greetings
and best wishes to all republican POWs in England, Ireland and America, and in partclular to those prisoners from the South France/North Moraghan area, hoping
that you all follow the example of Seamus McElwain in gaining an early release.

thinking of the search of the

Thinking of you always. Love from Kathleen, Manuel and family; Marian, Robble and family, Llam, Rosaleen and family; 'Bap', Annie and family; 'Osie, Lee and Patrick; and Tony, Theresa and baby Gerard.

baby Gerard.

CAMPBELL, 'Fat'. (Portlaoise), Merry
Christmas and a happy New Year, 'Fat'.

Greetings also to all your friends. From
Sammy, Teresa and kids. xxx

ren. CAMPBELL, Kevin. (Portlaoise). Christ mas greetings, Kevin. From May, Sammy and family; and Frances, Eamon, and

mas greetings, Kevin, From May, Sammy and family; and Frances, Eamon, and GAMPBELL, Kevin; HARTE, Gerard; McInty Marker, Maker, Portioniele, Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. From the Haughey family, Lurgan and Dundalk.

CAMPBELL, Michael. (Masiliagan).

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CAMPBELL, Peter, (H-Block); McKEV-LITT, Vincent (Portlaoise). Wishing you both a very happy Christmas. From Maurice, Briege and kids, UTP

CAMPBELL, Peter (H-Block); McKEV-LITT, Christmas. From Tommy and Tria, for Christmas. From Tommy and Tria, CARLIN, Bran, Cruminis Road, Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to you Brian. From all the family.

CARVILLE, Gerry; DULLAGHAN, Pet-er; O'KANE, Brian. (H-Block). Christ-mas and New Year greetings to Gerry, 'Dullo' and 'Crazy' Brian. From Irene and Michelle, Dundalk. xxx

CARVILLE, Gerry; WATSON, Raymond, (H-Block), Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Love from Frances, Dundalk.

lally at this time of year. Love from mammy, daddy and all the Corey family,

CORRIGAN, Bob. (H-Block). Merry Christmas, Bob. From Fefe, Glasgow. CORRIGAN, Bob. (H-Block). We wish you a merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you good luck. From your father, mother, brothers, sisters and grannies.

CORRIGAN, Peter, (Portlaoise). Think-ing of you, Peter, as always. Love from your sister Teresa, Dominic, Fearghal, Grainne and Conor. xxx

CORRIGAN, Peter; MYTHEN, James. (Portlaoise). Wishing you both a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year. From Slim Mythen.

CORRIGAN, Shane. (Portlaoise). God bless you and have a happy Christmas, Shane. From dad, mum, Sharon, Gary and Jarlath.

CORRIGAN, Shane. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Shane. From Helen.

CORRIGAN, Shane. (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas. From granda (old TC), Elleen, Tommy and kids; Terry, Ann and wee Winnie; Neil, Mar-garet and kids; Jane and Raymond; John and Winnie; Ross and Ryan; Micky and Leone.

COSGROVE, Eugene. (H8). Christmas greetings, Eugene. See you soon. From Brian and Eileen.

COYLE, Curly. (Cage 10). Happy Christmas, our boy. It won't be long now. From 'V-Man and Robin'.

COYLE, Marian. (Limerick). Happy Christmas, Marian. From mother, father, and all the family. COYLE, Marian. (Limerick). Happy Christmas, Marian. Have as happy a New Year as possible. Love from granny.

and Frankle.

CLARKE, Gerard, Seamus & Terry.

Happy Christmas to Gerard, Seamus and

Terry. God bless you all. You are always
in our thoughts. Love from Chris,

Deuce, Lisa and Mandy.

CLARKE, Jim. (H7). Love and best

wishes, Jim. From MG. XXX COYLE, Marian. (Limerick). Christmas and New Year greetings from all your friends down here. From Ruairi, Claran, Aine, Frances, Rory, Terry, Sheila, Rita and Rose.

THE TONY AHERNE SINN FEIN CUMANN, MOORTOWN, sends Christmas greet

THE TONY AHERNE SINN FEIN CUMANN, MANCHESTER, extends solidarity greetings for Christmas' and the New Year to all Irish POWs but especially those held hostage in English jalis.

THE TONY AHERNE/DERMOT CROWLEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, COUNTY CORK, sends revolutionary greetings to all republican POWs at ho

THE ANDERSONSTOWN MARTYRS SINN FEIN CUMANN, BELFAST, sends Christmas greetings to all republican prisoners and their relatives.

REPRISTMAS GREETINGS PRAKTISA COYLE, Seamus. Happy Christmas, 'Chang', Thanks a million for naming the dog! From Alice, Dinny, Kevin, Eileen, Marion, Gerard, James and Thereta, Derry. COYLE, Seamus, (Portlaoise). Beannach-taf na Nollag agus sach de-aphul don atholiain. O Lucilita, Denis agus na olisti.

atholiain. Ö Lucillia, Denis agus na pustt.

GRAN, et al. BRADV, Micky, (H2).

GRAN leit that Loughlin get youl Merry Christmas. Love from Alanna, Anne-Maree, Kathy, Kylie, Mary-Anne, Vera and Kate, Australia. xxx.

GRAWFORD, Geraldine, (Armaph), GRAWFORD, Geraldine, (Armaph), Grayford, Grown, (Armaph), Grayford, Grayford, Carol, Kevin, Cathy, Delrdre and Paul.

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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year,
Merry Christmas and a happy Rew Year,
From Patsy and Desy; Rollin and
CRAWFORD, Geraldine. (Armagn),
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
From Earnom, Linds and family; the
McCullough and Neeston families; and all
McCullough and Neeston families; and all
McCullough and Neeston families; and all
McCullough and Neeston families; Armagn),
Christmas greetings, Geraldine. I know
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thoughts. God bless you and the other
women. From Christs, Richard, wee
women. From Christs, Richard, wee
women. From Christs, Richard, wee
mas and best wishes for the New Year.
Tiocfaidh &f 16, From Tex, Maura, KatTiocfaidh &f 16, From Tex, Maura, KatTina and Robert. UTP
CUNNANE, Gerard, (H3). Happy Christmas, Gerard, From your orther Michael,
XXX
CUNNINGHAM, Brian. (Crumlin Rodd).

CUNNINGHAM, Brian, (Crumlin Road).
Happy Christmas, Brian. From James,
Marion and family; Gertrude, John and
children; also Mary and children. Road).
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Happy Christmas and best wishes for the
New Year, Brian. From Kate, Michael,
Anne, Joe and families.
Crumlin Road).
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New Year, Brian. From Kate, Michael,
Francie and children; also Paddy and
Damien.
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CUSHINAN, Brian, Fortlaoise), Happy
Christmas to Brian and all the men in
CUSHINAN, Brian. (Portlaoise), Happy
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Christmas, Brian. Fortlaoise), Merry
CUSHINAN, Brian, (Portlaoise), Merry
Christmas, Brian. From the Laverty famHenry and Clare.
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Levek and kids; and Mollie, Jim and kids. N.E. Jim. (148). Mery Christmas, good health and God biess. Love from Vera Clohesy in Australia. KXX DEVINE, Paddy. Happy Christmas and happy New Year, daddy. From Margaret, DEVINE, Paddy. (Portiaolse). Christmas greetings and all our love to you, daddy. Also greetings to your comrades. From Etta, Linda, Margaret, Lisa, Patrick, DEVINE, Paddy. (Portiaolse). Hope you like the 'home brew'. I mis your moaning and groaning and the noise of the

THE BELLAGHY REPUBLICAN POW WELFARE ASSOCIATION, sends Christmas greetings to all Bellaghy republican POWs in Long Kesh and Magilligan and to all

THE BELLAGHY REPUBLICAN POWMELPARA ASSAURATION OF THE STATE OF THE STA

Hoover, Happy Christmas, From Joe Mac. DOHERTY, Hugh. (Parkhurst). Merry Christmas, Hugh. From the Donegal

Hoover, Happy Christmas, From Joe MacCenty, Hugh, Christmas, Hugh, From the Donegal Ian club.
DOHERTY, Hugh, (Parkhurst), Merry Christmas, From the yourself and ithe land, and the land the lan

Linistrains, Jimmy, Reep your chin upon at No. 53 DTP DENSE, From everyone at No. 53 DTP DENSE, From everyone at No. 53 DTP DENNELLY, Emonn; KEARNEY, Seamus Martin; O'HANLON, Slobhan, Crumilin Road & Armaeh). Christmas Slobhan, They can't break your courage or your principles. Best wishes and God bless from Roisin and family. DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Christmas and Gerry (H7), also Mark and Maureen Graham and family. (H7). Greetings to DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Creetings to DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Crietings and the New Year. Thinking of you always. From all the Kelly families. DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Christmas and New Year greetings to my darling husy and always. Lots of love and kisses from your wife Lillian. xxx DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Lillian, xxx DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Lillian, xxx DORRIAN, Dennis, (H7). Lillian Standard Sta

Daddy Christmas a big hug for you.
From your wee women Lisa and DenFrom your wee women Lisa and DenDORRIAN, Dennis, (H7), Christmas and
New Year greatings to our son Dennis.
Thank God you'll be home for your
next one. Lots of love from mum,
doud all the Class Xee McVEIGH, Sean.
(H8), Christmas greetings to you both,
H0p, Dennismas greetings to you both,
H0p, Christmas greetings to you both,
H0p, Lot Christmas greetings, sepacially at
this time. All the best from Seamus,
Maureen and Maria.
DOWD Brendan, (Lot Brendan, Dowd,
Greetings also to Brian, Eddle, Jose,
Hughle, Harry, John McCluskey, Sean
Hayes and Pat Hackett (England);
Padoy, Matt and Billy (Portiaolse) and
of you all From Mrs Dowd, Tralee,
DOWD, Brendan, McCluSKEY, John.
(Leicster & Garfree), Christmas greetings and best wishes, lads, From Jim and
DUFFY, Michael, (Wakefield), Merry,
Christmas, Leve from Carmel, xxx

DUGGAN, Harry, Greetings also to Joe,
Hughle and Eddle, Love from man and
Edel.

DUGGAN, Harry, (Parkhurst), Wishing you all the best at Christmas, Harry, Love from Marie, UTP, xxx DUGGAN, Harry, (Parkhurst), Happy Ourself, Love from Maureen, DUMMIGAN, Kevin, (H-Block), Happy Christmas, Kevy, Take it easy on the DUMMIGAN, Kevin, CHI), Happy Christmas, Kevin, Our thoughts are with yourself, Love with the safe you soon, Kevin, Love from grannie and Brian,

Soon Kevin, Love from grannle and Control of the Co

tramping the grapesi From Tony and Geraleina. Tony, (H1), Christmas greetings to You, Tony, and all the lads in the H-Blocks, Love and best wishes from Ann, Drominete, XXX DUNLOP, Gerard, (Crumiin Road), Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, You're always in our hearts and prayers. We love and mits you very much. From your ever-loving wife and yeld.

kids.

ELLIS, Dessle. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings. Dessle. to you and your friends. From mother, father and family.

ELLIS, Dessle. (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas. From Michael and Margle, America; and the O'Rourke family, Dublin.

Dublin.

ENNIS, Joe. (Portlaise). Happy Christmas to Big Joe (just another tortured senius!). Here's hoping your Black to Big Joe (just another tortured senius!). Here's hoping your Black to be a senius of the Patrick Kavanash Appreciation Society, Wexford.

FANNING, Eugene. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Eugene. From your brother Malachy and Maureen.

FANNING. Contistmas and the New Year. From the Shleis family, Gibbstown.

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Christmas, Stephen. From your brothe

FITZSIMONS, Michael. (H7). Merry Christmas, Michael. Good luck. From Tony Clarke (Strangeway). FITZSIMMONS, F

FLYNN, Joseph. (H2). Merry Christmas, Jlokey'. See you Friday. From Betty.

Bernard. Notialg shona dult, daddy, Leg find for Rolling.

FOX, Michael. (Portlaoise). Thinking of you and your friends at Christmas. Best wishes to you all. From Ellen and the "Phanton", Cork; and Billy, call
the "Phanton", Cork; and Billy, call
FRIEL. Bap. (H2). Merry Christmas and happy New Year, 'by 'lad fhat hall. Take care and God bless. Love from Gery (H7) and Allison.

GALLAGHER, John: SLOAN, Tony, and 1984. From Emer.

GALLAGHER, Tom. (Portlaoise). Love and best wishes at Christmas, Tom. From mum, dad, all at home and in Tyrone, Dublin, Drogheds and American for the New Year. From Dorothy and Colm.

Colm.
GALLAGHER, Tom. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Tom. Thinking of you always. From Kieran, Sarah and Clar-

GALLAGHER, Tom. (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas, Tom. From Anna, Fronzie' and Sasm. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Tom. Keep your spirits up. From Elisen and Esther. GALLAGHER, Tom. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and a happy New Year, Tom. From Kathleen, Mickey, Michelle and Michael; Mary, Mickey, Martin and Shane; and Chrissie and Jimmy. GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and Chrissie and Jimmy. GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaoise). Sesson's greetings to my prother Jimmy and all the republican POWs in Irish and English Jalis, Thinking of you always. From Treasa, London. UTP. GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaoise). Wishing GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaoise). Wishing GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaoise). Wishing

reas, London, UTP
GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaolse). Wishing
our great friend Jimmy the season's
greatings. You are always in our
thoughts, Jim. God bless you always.
Love from the Coddle family, UTP
GAVIN, Jimmy. (Portlaolse). Happy
Christmas, Jimmy. From your wife and
family.

Jone (H3).

GIBSON, Joe & Stephen. (H3 & PortIsolais). Merry Christmas and a happy
New Year to you both, Happy birthday
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New Year to you both
GIBSON, Joe & Stephen. (H3 & PortIsolais). Happy Christmas to you both
and happy birthday, Stephen,
And You be provided the proIsolais of the property of the proIsolais of the THE CASEMENT/NOLAN SINN FEIN CUMANN, STILLORGAN/BLACKROCK, COUNTY DUBLIN, sends revolutionary Christmas and New Year greetings to the POWs in jail in Portlaoise, Long Kesh, Armagh, Limerick, Crumin Road, Magilligan and especially in England, One day we will have a thirty-two county socialist republic, greetings to all our friends and comrades in Portlaoise and all republican POWs everywhere. Special greetings to Michael O'Rourke (America).
THE CLARKEMEVERRY SINN FEIN CUMANN, DUN LAOGHAIRE/BALLY-BRACK, COUNTY DUBLIN, extends Christmas greetings to all Irish political pris-COMHAIRLE & THAC LIGHT SINN FEIN sends revolutionary greetings to all republican POWs. Bfodh misneach agaibh, tlocfaldh ár lá.

FANNING, Eugene. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, daddy. Love from Aines, xxx The Christmas of the Christmas o

and a successful New Year, Careetings to all republicans in Portlacise, but especially to you. Belr bua, From Frances.

FANNING, Eugene. (Portlacise), Notiagis and Service and the successful and all her comrades. From Malfead and all her comrades. From Services 100 and Kethiesin McHenry, xxx Partick; FOX, Leonard; ROONEY, Peter. (H-Block), Lehisans of the successful and the successfu

GAVIN, Jimmy; GORMAN, Mick; TRAVNOR, Pat. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings to Jimmy Gavin, Mick Gorman and Pat Traynor (Portlaoise). From the Delaney and the O'Donohoe family, Finglas.

WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings to you all, From the Banks family.

greetings to you all. From the Banks famIVYNOR, Nool. (Case 10), All the best for Christmas, Nool. Happy birthday. From father, Brendan and aunt Lille. GAYNOR, Noel. (Cage 10). Birthday, Christmas and New Year greetings to our dear friend Nool. Love always from GIBNEY, Jim. (H-J). Thinking of you this Christmas, Jim. From all the fam-ly. GIBNEY, Jim. (H-Block). Wishing you a happy Christmas. From Owen Carron. GIBNEY, Jim. (H-Block). Wishing you see you in the New Year. Lots of love from Laura and Mark, UTP GIBNEY, Jim. (H-Block). Wishing you for GIBNEY, Jim. (H-Block).

from Laura and Mark, UTP
GIBNEY, JIM. (H-Block), Wishing you
and all your comrades a happy Christmas,
Jim. Thinking of you, From Marle,
Mary and all in the Centre; everyone in
44, Dublin; Christy and family; Mrs
Holland and family; Teresa; and Joe
McDonagh, Dublin.

GIBNEY, Jim (H-Block); FARRELL, Mairead (Armagh); MAGUIRE, Tommy (Cage 10). Christmas greetings to you all. How's about a visit when you can fit

us in, Jim? From Chrisia and Richard McAuley and kids. GIBNEY, Jim; WALSH, Sid; ROONEY, Gerald. (H-Block & Portlaoise). Greet-ings to you all for Christmas and the New Year. All the best from Dan, Deb-orah and kids. GIBSON, Jos. (H3). Merry Christmas, Jose, From Your brother Stephen (Port-

best wishes, lads. From Brendan, Rita and family and all your friends in and family and all your friends in GORMLEY, Dermot. (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings, Dermot. With love from Kate, Jim and Mairead. GRAHAM, Paul; JENNINGS, Tony; MURPHY, Dectan, (Magliligan & H1). Magnetic GUILFOYLE, Patrick. (Gartree). Christ-mas greetings, 'Tipp'. Write soon. God bless. From Mary and Robert, Bellaghy.

bless. From Mary and Robert, Bellaghy.

HACKETT, Patrick. (Parkhurst). Loving
winss for a nice Christmas and happy
New Year to our dear brother and son
looking forward to seeing you on the
29th, From mam, John, Bridget and
Eugene.

HACKETT, Patrick. (Parkhurst). Happy
Christmas and a happy New Year, Patrick. From Jennifer, Chris, Criona,
HACKETT, Patrick. (Parkhurst). Christmas and New Year greetings, Patrick.
Love from Nuala and Harry and the
newly-arrived, Sarah-Jane.
HACKETT, Patrick. (Parknurst). Best
wishes for Christmas and the New Year,
From Michelle, Jane, Andrew and the
HACKETT, Patrick. (Parknurst).

HACKETT, Patrick. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year, Patrick. From Donal, Maura, Roisin, Daniel and Bridin.

THE CONNOLLY/HUGHES/McELWEE SINN FEIN CUMANN, BELLAGHY, sends Christmas creetings to all the Bellashy republican POWs.

THE CONNOLLY/HUGHES/McELWEE MEMORIAL BAND, BELLAGHY, sends Christmas greetings to all republican POE MEMORIAL BAND, BELLAGHY, sends Christmas greetings to all republican POE MEMORIAL BAND, BELLAGHY, sends Christmas greetings to all the Bellaghy POWs.

THE COMWAY/CAMPBELL/MCGIRR CUMANN, ENNISTYMON, COUNTY AND CONTROL OF MEMORIAL BAND, SENDER MEMORIAL BAND, SENDER

os onward, for it we don't, the mattys who used for you, for me, for the country, will haunt us for eternity!— Maire Drumer CUMANN, NEWTOWNABEY, sends THE JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM SINN FEIN CUMANN, NEWTOWNABEY, sends pocially the Power for a greetings to all itsis POWs held in England and reland, est pocially the Power on earth can stop the progress of a people determined to be free."

the republican POWs wherever they may be held. Your determination, scarrifce and dedication is our greatest inspiration.

AUSTRALIAN AID FOR IRELAND, VICTORIA, sends Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1984 to all Irish republican POWs everywhere.

AUSTRALIAN AID FOR IRELAND, WEST AUSTRALIA, sends solidarity greetings for Christmas-time to all Irish political prisoners in Jail in Ireland, England and America.

ASHE/McCANN/HUGHES SINN FEIN CUMANN, NORTH FINGAL, TY DUBLIN, sends Christmas greetings to Shane Corrigan, Aldan McGurk and

HACKETT, Patrick. (Parkhurst). Beann achtaí na Nollag agus gach deá-ghu don athbhliain. Ó Eamonn, Dóirín agus

don athbhilain.
a pclann.
ARTE, Gerard. (Portlaoise). All the
best for Christmas and the New Year,
Gerard. We miss you and will be thinking
of you. From mam, dad, Janet and Elizbath.

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HARTE, Gerard. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas and all the best for the New
Year, Gerard. God bless you. Love from
granny and Sean; and granny in England.

year, useful Couls you. Deer from year, useful Couls of Search (Portlaoise), Happy Christmas, Garard. If we had one wish that wish would be, the keys of Portlaoise to set you free, Love from until calcie to set you free, Love from until peggy, uncle Dessie and family; and many that the search of the couls of the search of the

HAUGHEY, Stephen, (Portlacies)
Christmas greetings, Stevie, Thinking of you always, Take care, From mum, dad and family, Take care, From mum, dad and family, Take care, From mum, dad and family, Stephen, (Portlacies), Portlacies, Green, Stevie, You are always; Introduction, Stephen and Julie, Ortifacies, Green, Green, Green, Green, Green, Christmas, Green, From Mrs. Quinn and family, Dundalk,

THE HENRY DUFFY SINN FEIN CUMANN, MID-LOUTH, sends seasonal greetings to all republican POWs in British and pro-garitish Jalis. Tiocfaidh ár lá.
THE DUFFY/DOWNEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, DUNDALK, extends seasonal greetings and best wishes for the New Year to republic, OuthDALK, extends seasonal greetings and best wishes for the New Year to republic Verywhere.
CUMANN SHINN FEIN BHAILE DUIN FINN, BU SHIRTE, sends Christmas greetings to all republican POWs in Ireland, England and America.

you at home on the 25th. Keeping fingers crossed. From the 'foreig-

our fingers crossed. From the "foreig-ners", Cork.

HUDDLESTON, John. (Crumlin Road).

Merry Christmas, John. Hope we'il be saying it in person, love. Christmas gritlings also to all the POW's in Long strillings also to all the POW's in Long en, Aiffe and all the McEvor familiar HUNTER, Rab. (Portlaose). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Rab. From Bertle K and all at 126 culters.

cul-de-sac. **HUNTER**, Rab. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings to you and all your comrades, Rab. From Chris.

KAVANAGH, Daithi, (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, my son. Keep your spirits and faith up, I'm always thinking of you, Lots of love from mam, xxx KAVANAGH, Daithi, (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

ristmas and a happy New Year, by brother'. From Michael, Ann and

boys, KAVANAGH, Dalthi. (Portiaoise). Hap-py Christmas and best wishes, Dalthi. We are always thinking of you. From Mag, Ken and the girls; Bertle and Jim-

THE D'ARCY/HURSON SINN FEIN CUMANN, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GALWAY, wishes all republican POWs at home and in Britain all the best for 1984, Noilajs shone adoible go leir. "Wars aren't always wen by stronger or faster man, eventually the one who wins is the one who knows he can," be stronger or faster man, eventually the one who wins is the one who knows he can, "be stronger or faster man, eventually the one who wins is the one who knows he can," but the stronger or faster man, eventually the one who will in republican POWS in Long Keep, Carulland Frid. Gold of the stronger of the stronge

HAYDEN, Vivian. (Portlaoise), Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. From the Creagh family, UTP HAYDEN, Vivian; KELLY, Joe; FOX, Mick, (Portlaoise). Beannachtaf na Noilag daolbh, a chairde, agus do gach priosúnach, poblachta in Erinni agus thar lear. O Chumann Jackle Griffith, BÁC.

nay lear. O Chumann Jackle Griffith, BACS. SIII. Portlatels). Nappy Christman Sill. We see about thinking of you. All our love from mum. ded., Shella, Carol, Noel and Alsiling. Carol, Noel and Alsiling. Hay Sill. Portlatels. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Bill. From Breds, Ton, Mary, Liam, Frank, Ton Breds, Ton, Mary, Liam, Frank, and Peggy, Peadar, Shane, Conor, Germma and family, Peadra, Shane, Conor, Germma and family. But Torethins, Bill. From Paddy, Clare and family; Sean, Susan and family, Paddy, Delfera and family; and Maureen; Tommy Jack, Margaret and Torn.

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and Maureen; Tommy Jack, Margaret and Tom.
HAYES, Bill. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Bill. Lots of love and best wishes from Malella, Theres and Mary, xxx strong Malella, Theres and Mary, xxx strong Malella, Theres and Mary, xxx strong to the strong to

Collette.

HEANEY, Tony; HEANEY, Martin.
(Portlaoise & HS). Happy Christmas
to uncies Tony and Marty. From Mich-ael, Lisa and Kris. xxx.

HEAPES, Gerry. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas and a happy New Year, Gerry.
From Eta, Margaret, Linda, Patrick,
Gerard, Carmel and Barbara.

Gerard, Carmel and Barbara.
HEGARTY, Ian. (H4). Best wishes for Christmas, Ian. Thinking of you. From Patsy (Portlaoise).
HOGAN, Eddle. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Eddle. From the boys and girls of Fairhill*.
HOGAN, Michael. (Portlaoise). Happy HOGAN, Michael. (Portlaoise). Happy Bartick, Henry, Mag and Berny, Mag and Bartick, Henry, Mag and Berny, Mag and Leaves and L

Berny. HOGAN, Michael. (Portlaoise). Christ-mas greetings to you, Mickey. From all

at No. 10.

HOGAN, Michael. (Portlaoise). Have a merry Christmas, Mickey. From Rose

HOGAIN, merry Christmas, Mickey, Frommerry Christmas, Mickey, Lots of love from Lizzle, Pat and Michael Lizzle, Pat and Mickey, From Rosle, Brian and wee Patients of Christmas and the New Year, Mickey, From Rosle, Brian and wee

Proinsias.

HOGAN, Michael. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas, Michael. Love from Bob and
Sarah; Hughle, Mary and family; Mick
and family; and the O'Boyle family,
Reliashby.

Safair response of the O'Boyle lamin, and family; and the O'Boyle lamin, and family; and the O'Boyle lamin, and family; and the New Year, From Mary, Tommy and family.

HUDDLESTON, John. (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas, John. Hope to see you home for it. Love and best wishes from your wife Chris and children Sean, Frances, Ruairl and Ronan, xxx.

HUDDLESTON, John. (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas, John. Hope we'll

my; Billy Potts, big Peter D and Peter D; Pussley and Pam, and Joe McDonagh. KAVANAGH, Dalthi, (Portlaoise), Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Dalthi. All the best from Mary, 'Tan' and Marle, Peadar R; Pat and Ron B; and all the folk at Banville (alas no theories this

Peadar R; Pat and Ron B; and all the folk at Banville (alas no theories this year)
AVANAGH, Daithl. (Portholies). Christmas greetines, Daithl. Iron bars and closed gates will never break our friendship. Love from 'Goo', Paulline, Buddy, Carmel, Charlie and family; Windright (alas). The control of the cont

ing you won't be too long in that piace. Dublinj. The Leicester). I wish I could be with you at Christmas, love, but it won't be for always. Depest KEENAN, Brian. (Leicester). Happy, Christmas, daddy, We are always thinking of you, From Frankle, Jeanette, Christina, Bernadette and Sean, also KEENAN, Brian. (Leicester). All our love at Christmas, Brian. From dad, Frankle, Allice and bables, Michael and Christma. Brian (Leicester). All our love at Christmas, Brian. From dad, Frankle, Allice and bables, Michael and Christma. Brian (Leicester). All independent of the Christmas and the New Year, male, and to all your comrades in Irish and British jalls. You are never forsotten. From Rita, Kevin, Maureen and children, KEENAN, Brian. (Leicester). Special thoughts of you at Christmas-time. Greetings also to Bendan and Eddle and to all your comrades in British jalls. Love from Martin, Mare and childen and Big Mother', Taher and Guighter. KEENAN, Brian. (England). Christmas-ter.

KEENAN, Brian. (England). Christmas and revolutionary greetings to my friend and comrade Brian. From the one that

and comrade Brists.

yot away.

KEHOE, Nicky. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas, Nicky. Keep your spirits up.

KEHOE, Nicky. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas, love. Thinking of you always. All our love from Marie and

Christmas, Nicky, Keep Your spirit up.
Letting, Williams, Williams

you at this time. Best wishes run ac-Collins. KELLY, J.J. (Portlaoise). Happy Christ-mas and New Year, J.J. From all the lads in Tallaght. KELLY, Joe. (Portlaoise). Happy Christ-mas, Joe. Our thoughts are with you al-ways, Love from Esther and son, Brian.

THE KIERAN DOHERTY SINN FEIN CUMANN, MILFORD, extends Christmas and revolutionary greetings to all Irish POWs in British, American and Free State Jalis, THE MAIRE DRUMM SINN FEIN CUMANN, CLONDALKIN, COUNTY DUBLIN, CHAIRD IN COUNTY DUBLING. THE COUNTY DUBLING T THE KIERAN DOPLET.

and revolutionary greetings to all Irish POWS in British, ALLKIN, COUNTY DUBLIN,
THE MAIRE DRUMM SINN FEIN CUMANN, COUNTY DUBLIN,
THE MAIRE DRUMM SINN FEIN CUMANN, How Year to all republican prissends solidarity greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all republican prissends solidarity greetings for Christmas THE MAIRE DRUMM SINN FEIN CUMANN, MAGHERAFELT, sends Christmas
THE MAIRE DRUMM SINN FEIN CUMANN, MAGHERAFELT, sends Christmas
Greetings to Seamus Bradley and Brian McKenna (H2) and to all Irish POWs in jail in

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KELLY, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the best at Christmas, Joe. See you soon, From ma, da, Frances, Collette and Michaeli, KELLY, Joe. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and good luck in the New Year, From Dave, Selina, David John and Mark; Tommy Butler, Tom and Kevin Fliz; Tommy Cartions, John Christmas and the New Year, From June, Raymond and family; Annie and Harry, Plymouth, KELLY, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the best for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the best for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the best for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the best for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and the New Year, Joe. (Portlaoise). All the Dest for Christmas and Levie and Lucra; and Rusy, Teresa and Alsling.

Ray, Teresa and Alsiling.
KELLY, Martin. (H-Block). Happy
Christmas and happy New Year, Martin.
Lots of love from Cathy. xxx
KELLY, Martin. (H-Block). Happy
Christmas and New Year, Martin. Lots of
Christmas and New Year, Martin. Lots of
Christmas and Meda Xxxx
Wartin.
KELLY, Martin. (H-Block). Happy
Christmas with the correction of the New
Year, From Brendan, Yvonne and family.

IIV. Seamus. (H-Block). Christmas greetings, Seamus. From Hilary, Jean and kids. KELLY, Seamus. (H-Block). Happy Christmas, Seamus. From the Tolan family.

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Seamus. (H-Block). Happy Christmas, Seamus. From the Tolan family.

KELLY, Tony. Wherever you are, son, KELLY, Tony. Wherever you are, son, KELLY, Tony. Wherever you are tony. I wanted the state of the s

Susan, XXX
LENEGHAN, Mark. (Crumlin Road).
Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
From Jean, Llam, Jack Sharth, Sharth,

LOUGHLIN, Gerard. (H-Block). Think-ing of you, Gerard, especially at this time. Lots of love from your wife Roisin, daughter Roisin and Wee Kevin.

LOUGHLIN, Micky. (H2). A Mhuirnin, Micky. Wishing you peace and strength at Christmas. Thinking of you always. All my love, Alanna. xxx

(Armagh). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Patricia, Marty, Conor and Clara.

New Year, From Patricis, Marty, Conor and Clara.
LYNN, Harry, (Crumiin Road), Christmas greetings and best wishes for the mas greetings and best wishes for the Yeronica and family.

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THE MARTIN FORSYTHE SINN FEIN CUMANN, RATHFARNHAM, COUNTY DUBLIN, sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all republican POWs in Free

THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA sends Christ mas greetings to all Irish republican prisoners in English, Irish and American jalls UTP

LOUGHLIN, Micky: MevYEIGH, Sean, (Magilligan & H8). Christmas greetings and happy New Year to you both. Lots of love from 'Squirt', America, xxx LOWE, Stan, (Magilligan), Merry Christmas, loves, I know it will be a lonely one, I love and miles you. From your darling wife Maria. xxx LOWE, Stan, (Magilligan), Merry Christman, love, and miles you. From your darling wife Maria. xxx LOWE, Stan, (Magilligan), Merry Christmome to spend your next Christmas with us. I love you, From Gemma. xxx LYNCH, Martin, (H-Block). All my thoughts and love are with you at Christmas with us. I was a considered to the companies of the

LYNCH, Martin (H-Block), Merry Christmas to the best daddy in the world. All my love, kisses and hugs. From Martin LYNCH, Martin. (H-Block), Merry Artin. (H-Block), Merry Martin. (H-Block), Merry Martin. (H-Block), Merry Martin. (H-Block), Happy Christmas and a victorious New Year, Martin. Best wishes from Owen. LYNCH, Martin; CUIGLEY, Linda; TUMELTY, Brian. Christmas greetings TUMELTY, Brian. Christmas greetings Martin and Tony Sioan (Portlaolse) Sorcha and Anthony.

LYNCH, Peter, (H2). Love and best wishes for Christmas, Peter, Congratulations for your 21st on December 28th. We wish we could give you the keys of the Kesh, Thinking of you always. Love from mum and dad.
LYNCH, Peter, (H2). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and many

ENNISCORTHY SINN FEIN sends best wishes to Daithi Kavanagh for Christmas and

THE FALLS WOMEN'S CENTRE sands Christmas gredings and best wishes for the New Year to Flair Campbell, Seamle Finucane, Jazz' McCann and Kleran McMahon and to the women POWI in Armagh.

THE GALLS WOMEN'S CENTRE SAND REPUBLICAN VOUTH MOVEMENT, THE GHQ STAFF, FIANNA EIREANN (REPUBLICAN VOUTH MOVEMENT) THE GHQ STAFF, FIANNA EIREANN (BEFULLICAN VOUTH MOVEMENT) young people imprisoned throughout the world for flighting to rid themselves of all forms of oppression. You are always in our thoughts. Tiocfaidh ar Is. FIANNA EIREANN, BELFAST BRIGADE, sends Christmas solidarity greetings to FIANNA EIREANN, BELFAST BRIGADE, sends Christmas solidarity greetings to determination is an inspiration to us ail. Tiocfaidh at Is.

MeCABE, Francis. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas to Frank, our seventh son. Lots of love from mumzo and dad. MeCABE, Francis. (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas, Frank. Don't Mary, Sinosad and Tamily; and Tommy and the Wee Woman? Mary Sinosad and Tamily; and Tommy and the Wee Woman? Wee MecABE, Francis. (Portlaoise). Wishing You all the best at Christmas. We will From Kewin, Mary, Sean Og and Francis. Jnr. MeCABE, Francis. (Portlaoise). Thinking of you at Christmas. From Danny and MeCABFEY, Brendan. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, Brendan. From the McCAFfrey Rey (Eage 10). We wish thoughts. Wishing you all the very best in the New Year. Love from Alanna In Australia. Xan (HS). Merry Christmas Gelanor Schumker, Kathy and Chris Fuller and Mary Ann Judge, USAN. Mannifer, (Armagh). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From the Crawford Tamily, Rolisia and Dominic.

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the Crawford family, Rőisín and Dom-nica RRY, Malachy, (Portiaoise). Hap-py Christmas, Malachy, From Paul and the Shiele family, Gibstown. McCARRY, Malachy, (Portiaoise). Hap-py Christmas, Malachy, Love you al-McCARTNEY, Raymond. (H8). A bless-ed Christmas, 'big brother', With love and such from the 'Dreamer', America. Xecompany (Parkhury).

xxx McCARTNEY, Ronnie. (Parkhurst). Happy Christmas, Ronnie. Tiocfaidh ar la. Love from Goretti, Bernadette and

McCARTNEY, Ronnie. (Parknurst).
Christmas greetings, Ronnie. Keep up
the struggle. From Annette and Michmediate and Michael and Michael and Management and michael and micha

happy returns for your 21st, Peter, We'll celebrate it for you, Love from Rolsin, Nuala and Catherine.
LYNCH, Peter. (H2). Happy Christmas, big brother, and many happy returns for your 21st. We'll have to celebrate it with Coke. Love from Bronagh, Eamonn and Malread.

KERR, Robert, (H-Block). Merry Christmas and happy New Year to Robert Kerr. Better luck next time. From mum, KERR, Robert, (H-Block). Merry Christmas and happy New Year, It was worth the try. From aunt Kathleen and Joe. KERR, Robert, (H-Block). Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you and sand happy New Year to you and sand happy New Year to you and kerr, Robert, (H-Block). Merry Christmas and New Year greetings to you 'Rab'. From all your friends on the New Lodge Road, Belfast, H-Block). Christmas greetings to our son Terry. God bless you always. From your loving mum and dad. xxx. KIRBY, Terry. (H-Block). You are always in our thoughts. God bless, From Joe, Linda, Slobhan and Llanne. KIRBY, Terry, (H-Block), Happy Christ.

brate It with Coke. Love from Bronagh, Earmon and Mairead.

LYNCH, Peter, (H2). All the best for LYNCH, Peter, (H2). All the best for LYNCH, Peter, (H2). All the best for Also congratulations on your 21st, Love from Tommy, Mary, Rosanne and girls.

LYNCH, Peter, (H2). Best wishes for Christmas, Peter, From Rita.

LYNCH, Peter, Tinking of you always, It would take more than a Free Stater's bullet to finish you! Love and best bullet to finish you! Love and best bullet to finish you! Love and best peter from the company of the c

XXX KIRBY, Terry. (H-Block). Happy Christ-mas to our big brother Terry. Thinking of you. God bless. Love from Clare, Frances and Marcella.

THE PAUL FOX/LAURA CRAWFORD SINN FEIN CUMANN, WATERFORD, sends Christmas greetings to Eamonn Noian and Bill Helys (Portlaobe). THE GAUGHAN/KEENAN SINN FEIN CUMANN COLLEGE, DUBLIN, sends revolutionary greetings to all Irish POWs incarcerated at home and abroad. We also send solidarity greetings to all those struggling throughout the world for self-determination and democratic socialism.

THE GOSS/GAUGHANN SINN FEIN CUMANN, DUNDALK, sends Christmas greetings to the property of the property o

LAMBERT, Stephen. Happy Christmas, Stephen. We hope your time goes quickstephen. We hope your time goes quickply, All the best from Martin and Catherine, Dublin.
LOUDON, "Tomboy". (Ha). A verymerry Christmas, "Jomboy". It won't
be too long until 1 get up to see you.
From Mick Gorman, Portlaolse.
LOUDON, "Tomboy". (H3). A verymerry Christmas and all and all in DubLENEGHAN, Mark. (Crumlin Road).
Merry Christmas and all the best for the
New Year, "Fiddler". Lots of love from

out, you'll have improved your potting!
Best wishes and love from Ronan 'Hurricane', UTP
LYNCH, Peter (Portlaoise), Happy
Christmas and a prosperous New Year,
because if it's prosperous for you, I'il
get a good birthday present. Love and
God bless from Grainne (Biddy Jane).
xxxx

XXX
LYNCH, Peter. (Portiaoise). Happy
Christmas, Peter. Love and best wishes
from Anne the Beautiful and Dara (Sammy). UTP
LYNCH, Peter. (Portiaoise); McGRILLEN, John. (H8). O'HANLON, Siobhan.

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THE COLM KEENAN SINN FEIN CUMANN, COOKSTOWN, sends Christmas and New Year greatings to all republican POWs at home and abroad and to their families. Notials shone adouble to feir. THE MICHAEL LARKIN SINN FEIN CUMANN, BIRR, COUNTY OFFALY, sends Christmas greatings to all republican POWs in British, Free State and American jails.

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THE SEAN LARKIN SINN FEIN CUMANN, LOUP, COUNTY DERRY, sends Idarity Christmas greetings to Hugh Joseph Corey and Mickey McVeigh (H-8lo-Idarity Christmas greetings to Hugh Joseph Corey and Mickey McVeigh (H-8lo-Idarity Christmas).

peace.
THADOON MARTYRS SINN FEIN CUMANN, BELFAST, sends Christmas
and birthday greatings to Pat and Martin Livingstone (H-Block) and sends Christmas
greetings to all republican PoWs in Jalis in Ireland, England and America and to
those families who have lost loved ones in the struggle against British imperialism.

McCOOEY, Anthony, (143). We are always thinking of you, prother, Happy ways thinking of you, prother, Happy McCoOEY, Anthony, (143). Happy Christmas and happy New Year, Anthony, From Peter, Noeleen, Donal and Agrian; Cama Happy New Year, Anthony, From Peter, Noeleen, Donal and Agrian; Cama Happy New Year, Anthony, McCOOL, Brian & Gary, (148 & Magilliagan), Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas, Always thinking of you both, All the love in the world from mother, McCOOL, Brian & Gary, (148 & Magilligan), Christmas greetines, Brian and Gary, Thinking of you always. From Alan, Marsa, You are always in our thoughts, From all your aunts, uniest McCook, Eugene, (148 Look, Lines), which is you both all the best for Christmas. You are always in our thoughts, From all your aunts, uniest

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for Christmas. You are always in our thoughts. From all your aunts, uncless and cousins.

McCORMICK, Eugens. (H-Block), Have as happy a Christmas (and birthady as happy a Christmas (and birthady your comade Callum in Edinburgh.

McCOV, Kevin. (H-Blocks), Happy Christmas, Kevin. See you Boxing Day. Love from Mary. XXX

McCOV, Kevin. (H-Blocks), Happy Christmas, Kevin. How much. Best wishes from Patrick (Cage 11), Maggle and wee Sorch. (H7). Christmas greatings, Kevin. 1 suppose you will be downed and wee Sorch. (H7). Christmas greatings, Kevin. 1 suppose you will be downed by the see that the downed have the see that the downed have the see that the downed have the see that the see that

McCRORY, Alec. (142). Emmanuel and Geraldine. McCRORY, Alec. (H2). Christmas greetings to you and all your comrades, Alec. From Cartina and Brendan. McCRORY, Alec. (H2). Happy Christmas, Alec, and God bless. From all your aunts and uncles.

in freland, England and sensa chrismas in freland, England and sensa chrismas in the struggle against British imperialism.

MeDERMOTT, George, (Portlaoite), Lots of love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Love from Babs, MeDERMOTT, George, (Portlaoise), Merry Christmas and the New Year, Love from the Stoam family, UTP, Medermone, Standard Christmas and Phylish McYarock and family, UTP, Medermone, Standard Christmas, Earney, Love from Phylish McYarock and family, MeELROY, Eamonn. See you soon in the New Year, Lots of love from Paul-McPaDDEN, Barney, (Crumlin Road), Happy Christmas, Eamonn, See you soon in the New Year, Lots of love from Paul-McPaDDEN, Barney, (Crumlin Road), Happy Christmas, Barney, Love from Rodsin, Briese, Jack and child; John, Helen and children, Barney, (Crumlin Road), Happy Christmas and happy Christmas and happy Christmas and Seriese; and Dee Dee, McFaDDEN, Con, (Hull), Happy Christmas to our Cousin Connie, Love from mammy, McFaDDEN, Con, (Hull), Happy Christmas to our Cousin Connie, Love from McFaDDEN, Con, (Hull), Happy Christmas to our Cousin Connie, Love from McFaDDEN, Con, (Hull), Happy Christmas on Meseen, Paul and Emmelt, Ann. Noelsen, Paul and Emmelt, Ann. Noelsen, Paul and Emmelt, From John and all at Fanavolly, McFELY, Thomas, (HJ), Christmas and New Year greetings with a special with for your birthday on December 24th, From Margaret, XXXX, McGARRY, Jack, (H3), I will be thinking of your birth Christmas and New Year greetings with a special with for your birthday on December 24th, From Hongaret, XXXX, McGARRY, Jack, (H3), I will be thinking of your birthday on December 24th, From Hongaret, XXXX, McGARRY, Jack, (H3), I will be thinking of your birthday on December 24th, From Hongaret, XXXX, McGARRY, Jack, Lance, Particla, McGADUGH, Danny & Peter, (Portlaoise & Crumin Road), Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, From

from PGI.

McGEOUGH, Danny & Peter. (Portlaoise & Crumlin Road). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. From mum and dad.

McGEOUGH, Peter. (Crumlin Road). Don't be drinking too much Buckfast, Peter, or you'll never be able to climb

THE LEONARD/AHERNE SINN FEIN CUMANN, ROSLEA, COUNTY FERMANAGH, sends Christmas greetlings to John McCluskey (England); Brendan McCaffrey (Portlaoise); Kieran Leonard (Crumlin Road); Gerry McEirov (Magilligan);
Tommy Maguire (Long Kesh cases); Brendan Clancy, Eugene Cosgrave, Llam FerTerney (Helbocks); and to all republican POWS in Ireland, Britalin and America.
THE LIMERICK SINN FEIN COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR sends Christmas greetlings
to Cyril MacCurtain and John Moloney (Portlaoise), Eddie Butler (Leicster) and
to all republicans who are imprisoned in the cause of freedom.
LISTOWEL ISINN FEIN COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR sends Crustmas greetlings to
John Sullivan and free Sugrave (Portlaoise), and called surface are expensed and the proposed of the cause of

McCRORY, Alec. (H2). Christmas greetings and a happy New Year, Alec. It won't be long until you're home. Love from granny and Ardglass; also uncle Huck, auth Jean and family, xxx. McCRORY, Alec. (H2). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and from Harry, Maureen and family; and Sean, Bernie and baby Claran. UTP McCRORY, Emmanuel. (H3). Merry Christmas and happy New Year, 'Diger', Don't get too drunk. Love from McCULLOUGH, Phil. (HB). Happy Christmas, darling, All my love, From Anne. xxx.

unistims, darling, All my love, From Anne, xxx.

McCULOUGH, Phil. (H8), Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Phil. From Teresa and Veronica.

MacCURTAIN, Cyril. (Portlaoise), Best wishes for Christmas and always. Love from Marie, xxx.

MacCURTAIN, Colireali, (Portlaoise). Best in the manual man

Shannon and Belfast. When Adrian. (H-Block). Wishing you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the coming year. From all your new relations at No. 55. UTP MCDERMOTT, Eamonn, (H.I). Greetings from all your family at home and abroad on your ninth Christmas in you. Tincfaidh dr id.

back over the wall. We are thinking of you always and behind you all the way in your fight for freedom. UTP, Happy of your fight for freedom. UTP, Happy Colette and Peter.

McGEOUGH, Peter. (Crumlin Road). Don't eat too much Christmas pudding as you will get fat and Joanne won't be able to get the runs around you. Get to make the peter of th

McGERRIGAN, Sean. (H8). We send you our love and caring thoughts. We'll see you next Christmas. From your mates Kathy and Alanna and Lan's mum Vera and Kathy's ma and dad.

see you next Christmas, From your mates Kathy and Alanna and Lan's Mark Alan's and Andrew Coefficient of the Alan's man and An's Coefficient of the Alan's A

all your many friends in Castleblayney.

McGINN, Bernard; MacLHENNY,
Llam; MOHAN, Patsy. (Portlaoise).
Any word from Mary Lou', adds'
Lou', adds'
Llam. Happy Christmas to you all.
From Sean. Wexford.

McGLINCHEY, Paul. (Magilligan), Love
and best wishes for a happy Christmas
and a happy New Year. Hoping that it

Cindy,
McGLINCHEY, Sean & Paul. (H7 &
Magilligan), Wishing you and your comrades a very happy Christmas and a
bright New Year, God bless, From
mother, father and famility, Bellaghy,
McGLINCHEY, 'Chinky', Thinking of
you this Christmas-time. From Bones.

bright New Year, God bless, From mother, father and family, Bellamy.

McGLINCHEY, "Chinky". Thinking of the Michistmas-time. From Bones. XXX McGRANN, Tony. (H6). Christmas and New Year restrings to our cousin Tony. McGRANN, Tony. (H6). Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Thinking of you always. From uncle Mark, Maurry McGRANN, Tony. (H6). Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Thinking of you always. From uncle Mark, Maurry McGRANN, Feron uncle Mark, Maurry McGRANN, Kevin. (Portlaotee). All the best at Christmas. From Wevin and Barry.

McGRANN, Joe. Christmas greetings to my husband Joe. Each day a prayer, a silent tear, for a husband I love, and who is not here. I miss you. Love always from Clympas and your son Daniel. XXX Christmas and a happy New Year to you and your comrades. Thinking of you at this special time. God bless you all this special time. God bless you all this special time. God bless you will will be thinking of you and drinking wou hope for in 1984. God bless you. McGUIGAN, Ellen. (Armagh). Whining You a happy Christmas, Ellen, and all you hope for in 1984. God bless you. McGUIGAN, Ellen. (Armagh). Merry Christmas greetings to our nice Geordie, Merry Christmas and happy New Year, Elen. Will be thinking of you and drinking Marie, Jim, wee Jim, and Paul; and Colm and Cathy. McGUIGAN, Ellen. (Armagh). Christmas McGUIGAN, Ellen. (Armagh). Christmas

THE LOUTH SINN FEIN COMMAIRLE CEANTAIR extends and best wishes for the New Year to republican POWs and their for

and best wisnes to ers everywhere. LOUTH SINN FEIN sends Christmas LOUTH SINN PEIN sends Christmas LOUTH SINN PEIN sends Christmas

GEORGE MCBREARTY / CHARLES MAGUIRE SINN FEIN CUMANN, TERKENNY, extends Christmas greetings to Paddy McIntyre, Stephen Riska

and all republican POWs at home and abroad.

THE McCABE/GUIGLEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, BALLYMUN, DUBLIN, sends revolutionary greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all Irish republican POWs everywhere and to all those righting throughout the world for national liberation and socialism. Special greetings to our comrades Dave Banks and Paddy Devine (Portlaoise). "Revolution until victory!"

Carmel,
McKENNA, Brendan. (H-Block). Happy
Christmas, Brendan. Love always from
Michael, Theresa and family; and Seamus, Dolores and family.

McKENNA, Brendan. (H-Block). Al-though we are far away, you are in our thoughts every day. Happy Christ-mas, Brendan. Love from Marie, John-ny, Una, John, Rita, Dave and famil-ies, England.

McKENNA, Brian. (H2). Happy Christ-mas, Brian. From mum and dad.

McKENNA, Paul. (H3). Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Paul. Always thinking of you. From Aldan.

McKEVITT, Vincent. (Portiaolse). Hap-py Christmas, Vincent. From your friend Llam. McKEVITT, Vincent. (Portiaolse). Hap-py Christmas, Vincent. Look after yourself and keep your chin up! Lots of love from mammy.xxx

of love from mammy. xxx
MeKEVITT, Vincent. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Vincent. Make the best of it and don't worry. Don't drink too omen. xxx.

MeKEVITT, Vincent. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Vincent. Hope we see you soon. From Sean, Michelle and Michael.

McKEVITT, Vincent. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, Vincent. From Irene, Pat and Eamon.

THE MCANN/GRANT SINN FEIN CUMANN, TOOME, sends Christinas greetings of all our POWN in the Capse and H-Blocks of Long kells and Portionists. THE SEAN MCCAUGHEY/JAMES SAUNDERS SINN FEIN CUMANN, ARDOVNE, BELFAST, extends Christinas greetings to all Irish republican prisoners and especially to the courageous 19 who escaped from the 'escape-proof' H-Blocks, Your courage is an inspiration to us all: Toleration for it.

McGUIGAN, Paul. (H-Block). Happy Christmas, 'Mo', and a sound New Year, From Zack and Lizzle, McGUINNESS, Sean; O'HARE, Dessie. (Portlaalse). Season's greetings, Sean and Dessie. From all your friends in Castle-

Portiaciss), Season's greetings, Seas and Dessie, From all your friends in Castle-blayney.

McGURK, Aldan. (Portlaciss), Best with the County of the County

Phil, Michelle and Cattriona.

McKEE, Michael. (Portlaolse). Merry
Christmas, 'Beaky'. It won't be long
McKEE, Michael. (Portlaolse). Merry
Christmas, 'Beaky'. It won't be long
Tony and Veronica; Belle, Brian and
family in Perth, Australia; Hughie,
Mary and family; and Tommy, Teresa
and family, London.

McKNIGHT, Chris. (Crumlin Road).
All my love, Chris. From Dede, AmMickey, Chris. From Dede, AmMickey, Christopher, McLAUGHLIN, Mickey, happy Christmas and best
wishes for the New Year. Thinking of
you both always, "Pinta" and Michael.
Eddie and all at No. 27.
McLARNON, Llam, (Long Lartin), Hapyo Christmas, Llam. From Eileen and
Magsie, Gibbstown.
Magsie, Gibstown.
Magsie, Gibstow

Mac MUIREADHAIGH, Seosamh. Noll-aig shona, a Sheosaimh. Tá súil agam go mbeidh spórt agat ag léamh an chóip nua de Saoirse. Ó Lucilita agus

chôip mua de Saoirse. O Lucinio sciann. denAaLLY, Dermot. Christmas greet-ings to our-loving son Dermot and his gallant comrades who escaped from Long Kesh on September. 25th. Greet-ings also to all Irish political prisoners

and Bobby and sister-in-law

Roisit and Roisit and

Thomas.
MeVEIGH, John and Peter, Happy
Christmas to you both, From mum,
Micky and Laurence.
Peter, Merry
Christmas, John and Peter, All the best
for Christmas, John and Peter, All the best
for Christmas, John and Peter, All the best
for Christmas and the New Year, From
MeVEIGH, John and Peter, Wishing
you all the best for Christmas, From the
Gaynor family.
MeVEIGH, John and Peter, Wishing
you all the best for Christmas, From the
Gaynor family.
MeVEIGH, Pet; TUITE, Gerry, (Portlidels), Wishinder yestlings to Pat and
Edition of the Christmas in that dump. From
Molloy and mates, UTP
MeVEIGH, Tom. (H1), Warmest Christmas greatings and God bless. Love from
Molloy and mates, UTP
MeVEIGH, Tom. (H1), Christmas greatlings to you, son. Glad your next one
will be spent at home. God bless from
MeVEIGH, Tom. (H1), Christmas greatlings to you, son. Glad your next one
will be spent at home. God bless from
mummy and daddy.
MeVEIGH, Tom (H1), Christmas greatlings to you, son. From your brothers, sisters, nices and nephews.
MAGUIRE, Joe. (H-Block). Happy
Christmas and best winses for the New
Maguire, Mickey. (H6), Christmas,
love. Wishing you were here. Love
from Ann. xxi.
MaGuire, Mickey. (H6). Christmas,
fowe. Wishing you were here. Love
from Ann. xxi.
MaGuire, Mickey. (H6). Christmas
greetings, Mickey. From your children Bernadetis, Need, Ann Marie, Kathmas, dad. We're always with you but
especially at Christmas even though
you are so far away. From your children Bernadetis, Need, Ann Marie, Kathmas, dad. We're always with you but
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hand the best wishes for and
Ann and family and best wishes for and
your of the child and and the last wishes
you you shappy Christmas, From Marie,
MAEU

and New Year greetings, Bill. From LIIV Marks and family.

MEEHAN, Martin. (Lone Kesh). Christmas greetings to you and your comrades, Martin. From your devoted wife liege agh and Martine, xxx.

MILNE, Ian. (H1). Christmas greetings, Ian. Hoping your next one will be spent in freedom. God bless. From dad, MOHAN, Patsy. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Patsy. All our best wishes. Love from mum, dad and all the family.

MOHAN, Patsy. (Portlaoise). Best wishes from your dealer and Bernie. Grows and family.

MOHAN, Patsy. (Portlaoise). Have a happy Christmas, Patsy. From your and sold sines Cunningham.

MOHAN, Patsy. (Portlaoise). Have a happy Christmas, Patsy. From your and also James Cunningham.

MONAGHAN, Jim. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Tim. From your sister freess, Joe O'Reiliy and John O'Hagan.

MONAGHAN, Jim. (Portlaoise). Think-ing of you at Christmas, Jim. From Elleen Collins and ma.

THE MCGINN/MCLAUGHLIN SINN FEIN CUMANN & THE PORTLAOISE TRANS-PORT COMMITTEE, LIFFORD, send Christmas and New Year greetings to Llam Brolly, Paschal Holmes, Anthony Bryson, Paddy Worker, Martin Finney, Llam Brolly, Paschal Holmes, Anthony Bryson, Paddy Worker, Martin Finney, Llam John Gallagher (Portlaoise); and to all republican prisoners in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road, Armaph, Magilligan, England and America.

McKEE, Michael. (Portlaoise), Happy Christmas, 'Beaky', We love you, From Michael and Geralding of Alica: Li Raymond, Michael and Geralding; Michael. (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas, Michael. Love from Gerard; Christmas, Michael. Love from Gerard; McKeE, Michael. (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas, Michael. Love from McMeTamily; and Bernadette, Dermot and family; and Bernadette, Dermot and family; and Lam, Ann and family; Christmas, 'Geaky', From Michael, Sue and Michael, Lam, Ann and family; Crip', Jackel, and kind; and Annie and Camily.

'Crip', Jackie and kids; and Annie and family. MerkENIS, Brendan, (1-Block). Happy MerkENIS, Brendan, See you next year. Love and best wishes from Eoin, Marion and Conor. MerkENIA, Brendan. We are thinking of you always. Love from minimand of you always. Love from minimand

At home and abroad, From Elieen and Dermot McNally and family, Lurgan, McNaMEE, Pat. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, Pat. All our love from your more and the series of the series of

THE TERENCE MacSWINEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, WEST LONDON, sends Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1984 to Busty and Gerry Cunningham, John McCluskey, Con McFadden and Eddie O'Neill (England); Gerry FitzGerald, irish pow

MOLLOY/DEVLIN SINN FEIN CUMANN, REPUBLICAN TRANSPORT MITTEE & PRISONERS DEPENDANTS FUND COMMITTEE, STRABANE, Christmas and New Year greatings to all republican Point in Free State and she jalis, especially those from the Strabane area. Greetings also to all our sup-

porters.

COUNTY MONAGHAN SINN FEIN COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR sends Christmas
greetings to all republican POWs imprisoned in Ireland and abroad, with special greetings to County Monaghan POWs in Long Kesh, Portlaoise and Britain. Tiocfaidh ár is.

MOORE, Anna & Jackie. (Armagh).

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Christmas greetings. You are always in our thoughts. From the Starkey family.

MOORE, Catherine (Armagh); MOORE, Content of the starkey family.

MOORE, Catherine (Armagh); MOORE, Content of the you will remain in my heart, especially at this time of the year. Take care, Love from mum.

MOORE, Catherine, (Armagh). Happy New Year and I will my heart may be a seen you in the New Year and I will my heart m

and Pat. All the best for a nappy. Currist-mas and a bright New Year. From Margaret. xxx. MULGREW, Kevln; PEARSE, Micky (H-Block); O'HANLON, Slobhan. (Arm-agh). Christmas greetings. You are al-ways in our thoughts, What about a visit, Kevin? God bless and take care. From Jean, Dessie and family. UTP

MULLIGAN, Sean. Have you met any Arabs yet? Happy Christmas. From

Arabs yet: 1.352.

**Radox', MULLIN, Seamus. (H7). Christmas greetings and God's blessings in 1984.

From mummy and daddy, brothers

From mummy and daddy, brothers and sisters.

MULLIN, Seamus, (H7). Happy Christmas, Seamus, Another one nearer freedom. Always missed by your loving 'flances Colletts, XXX (H7). Thinking of you always, especially at Christmas, Seamus, Keep up the reading in 1984. From your loving sister Maureen, Seamus and niece Maria.

MULLIN, Seamus. (H7). Christmas greatings, brother, We miss you very manual, Paddy and Therese.

MULLIN, Seamus, (H8) (Elock), Happy Christmas, Seamus, and best wishes for the New Year. From 'Butter' and all your friends.

your friends.
MULRYAN, Andy & Paddy. (Long
MULRYAN,
Arth), Christmas greetings to you and
all frish POWs in Irish, English and
American prisons. May you soon be
free men and women in a free Ireland.
From Maureen Blanchard. Hampstead,
America.

From meutreen America.
MURRAY, Gerard, Wishing you a happy MURRAY, Gerard, Wishing you a happy capent in freedom, From mum.
MURRAY, Gerard, Wishing you a happy Christmas, "Mininca', From Christine, Fergal and family; Don, Anne and family; Jeanette, Ally and family; Marie, Tod and family; Kathleen, Don and family; and Stella.

family; Kathleen, Don and family; and Stella.

MURRAY, Gerard. (Crumiin Road).

Christmas greetings, Gerard. May your next be spent in freedom. From Seam
Long the spent in freedom. Harry. Think
Ing of you today as always. Wishing we were together. There will be a next time. All my love from Katle. xxx

MURRAY, Harry. (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry Christmas, adddy. We all love my from Steven, James, with the spent in the log still up in the air? See you soon. Love from Pat, Jim, Michelie and baby Jim; and Matthew, Anne, Mark, Emma and Paul. James Markey Park Hospital. Merry Lover from Pat, Jim, Michelie and baby Jim; and Matthew, Anne, Mark, Emma and Paul. James Michael Path Lover (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry Lover from Pat, Jim, Michelie and baby Jim; and Matthew, Anne, Mark, Emma and Paul. James Michael Path Hospital Lover (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry Lover Park Hospital Lover (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry Lover Park Hospital Lover (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry (Musgrave P

and Paul.

MURAN, Harry. (Musgrave Park HosIng of you on this special day. From
Mum and dad-in-law.

MURRAY, Harry. (Musgrave Park Hospital). Merry Christmas and best wishes
for the New Year, Harry. Have a speedy
recovery. From Jean, Llam and Susan
Duffy, UTP

Duffy. UTP MURRAY, Marcus. (H3). Happy Christ-mas, Marcus. We are very proud of you. Thinking of you always. Love from mammy, daddy, Catherine and

MURRAY, Marcus. (H3). Christmas greetings, Marcus. From Fionnolla and

Paul. MURRAY, Marcus. (H3). Christmas greetings, Marcus, From Mary, Barry

MURRAY, Marcus. (H3), Happy Christmas, Marcus. We hope the New Year brings better fortune than last. Béarfaimid an bual From Máire and Mait. MURRAY, Marcus. (H3). Happy Christmas, Marcus. Don't be walking the dog

on Sunday evenings. From Vincent, Margaret and the children. MuRTAGH, Geordie. (H-Block). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 'Horlicks' was asking for you, though I don't know why. Ask Santa to Robert Margaret Margaret

at St Senan's Hospital, Enniscorthy.
MYTHEN, Jim; RODGERS, Peter;
SWAN, Seamus. (Portlaoise), Merry
Christmas and a happy New Year to
Jim Mythen, Peter Rodgers and Seamus
Swan. From the Kavanagh family,
Wexford.

政治政治政治政治政治政治政治政治政治 O'BRIEN, Gerard. We'll have a drink for you this Christmas. From sister Marie brother-in-law John and Frank, John and Rose-Marie.

and Rose-Marie.
O'BRIEN, Gerard, Happy Christmas, Gerard, From Adrian, Noel, Terry, Colm Anita and Helena.

Gerard, From Adrian, 1900.
Anita and Helena.
O'BRIEN, Gerard. Greetings to our darling son in this Christmas season. Thinking of you more than ever. God bless, my of you mum and dad, UTP
O'BRIEN, Gerard. Happy Christmas, O'BRIEN, Gerard. Happy christmas, uncle Gerard. From Winnie, Sinead, uncle Gerard. From Winnie, Sinead, uncle Gerard.

Orla and Mark, UTP
O'CONNELL, Patrick Aaron. (Portlaolse). Christmas greetings. Love and
best wishes from mam, dad, kleran, Colette, Llam and Bernard.
O'CONNELL, Patrick Aaron. (Portlaolse). Christmas greetings. Missing you more each year. Love and best wishes from Pat, Judith, Karen, Louise and Elaine. xxxx

There each year, Love and best winner claims, xxx.

O'CONNOR, Rory, Season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year, Rory, Greetings also to all the lads in Irish to the control of the

THE BARNEY MORRIS SINN FEIN CUMANN, CROSSMAGLEN, sends Christmas

greatings to the South Armagh POWs and to all republican POWs in Jall throughout Ireland, England and America.

THE O'DUILL SINN FEIN CUMANN, BAILE ATHA CLIATH, sends Christmas greetings to Pat Traynor (Portlaios) and to all Irish republican POWs everywhere. THE FEARGHAL O'HANLON SINN FEIN CUMANN, LAVEY, SOUTH DERRY, wishes Kevin E, O'Nelli (Magilligan) and all his comrades at home and abroad a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

NOLAN, Eamonn. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, Eamonn. Your chips are still the best. From mother, father and girls.

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NOLAN, Eamonn. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Eamonn. (portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Eamonn. [box All my love-from Mary. Kam. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Eamonn. Love and best wishes from Mrs Kennedy. Theress, Maleila and Margaret.

NOLAN, Eamonn. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, Eamonn. From all at and Cyril.

NORDONE, Stephen. (Parkhurst). Merry Christmas from across the miles, and luck and happiness for the coming year. In the common state of the common state of the common state of the common state. NORDONE, Stephen. (Parkhurst). Yuletide greetings from all at Marian Park, Dundalk. From Frederick, Linds, Donna NORDONE, Stephen. (Parkhurst). Happy Christmas, Stephen. From Frederick Snr., Carberine and parents. Christmas, The Christmas, Prom wee Tommy, Dundalk.

NORDONE, Stephen. (England). Best wishes for Christmas. From wee Tommy, Oundalk.

NORNEY, Paul. (Durham). Merry Christmas to our least grandson Paul. Hopey outer out of soiltgry before Christmas Even. John Christmas, From Year of Soiltgry Defore Christmas Even. Lots of love from your sister Linn.

NORNEY, Paul. Hope you're out of stager. Nor Hopey outer out of stager. Nor Hopey outer well, see you soon. Lots of love from your sister Bernie.

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to stager. Hope you're well, see you soon. Lots of love from your sister Bernie.

NORNEY, Paul; QUINN, Ann-Marie.

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O'CALLAGHA Armach, Best wishes for Christmas and hope you both have a peaceful New Year. Tolcaldh ar Id.

From Stephen. UTP

O'CALLAGHAM, Sean. (H2). Best woo constantly with your freewheeling home
From mum and add.

O'CALLAGHAN, Sean. (H2). Wishing or you will the best for Christmas. We are only to the season of the season of

Querrin, County Clare.

O'BOYLE, Michaeli, & Owen (Magilli-igan), Wishing you both a happy Christ-mas and a peaceful New Year, Our, thoughb as peaceful New Year, Our, thoughb as the way, boys, Keep your spirits up, All our love from your mother and father, brothers and sisters and family circle in Bellaghy and Dublin.

O'BRIEN, Fitsy. (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas, Fitsy. Hope the next one is spent in freedom. From Ann and John-ny and family. UTP

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O'HARE, Dessie. (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas, Dessie. Love and best wishes from Maire and the Barry family. Ó LAOGHAIRE, Deaglán. (Port Laoise). Noilag shona dhuit, Dec., Ó mam, dad agus Finola. Tiocfaidh ár iá.

Noliag shona dnuit, Dec., Ö mam, dad agus Finola. Tiocfaidh frià.
O'LEARY, Declan. (Portlaoise). All our best wishes at Christmas, Declan. Love the street was a considered to the street was a considered to the street was and all the Cork lads. See you soon and all the Cork lads. See you soon.
O'NEILL, Kevin. (Magilligan), Christmas reetings to Kevin and his comrades in Magilligan. Wishing you a peaceful combiner and framily, Ballsay, O'NEILL, Kevin. (Magilligan), Wishing you a happy Christmas and All the girls who of NUALLAIN, Eamonn, (Portlaoise). Nolialg shona a Eamoinn. O trial.
O'SULLIVAN, John. Wishing you and O'SULLIVAN, John. Wishing you and See the street was and a bright New Year. From mum, dad, Dan and Esther, Eleanor and Michael G.

in Ireland and England, From Horace and family.
O'SULLIVAN, Pat. (Portlabile), Christmas greetings, Pat. Your next one will be in freedom, so own as sense to be in freedom, so own as sense and a sense of the patents of the patents

QUIGLEY, Linda. (Armagh). All our love for Christmas and your birthday, Linda. Hope this one is your last away from home. Love from mum and dad.

XXX QUIGLEY, Linda. (Armagh). Happy birthday for the 31st, Linda. You're getting old now, kid (hal hal). See you soon. Love from Martin (H-Block) and Jackle.

and Jackle.

QUIGLEY, Linda. (Armagh). Happy
Christmas and birthday, Dec. Love from
Owen; and Máirtín Óg.

QUIGLEY, Linda. (Armagh). Happy Christmas, Linda. All the best from Margaret and Paul. QUIGLEY, Linda; TAYLOR, Alice. (Ar-magh). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Linda and Alice. From Jean, Llam, Jackle, Anto and Suian Duffy-

THE FEARGHAL O'HANLON/BISHOP HEBER McMAHON SINN FEIN CUISANN, MANGHAN TOWN, extends special greetings to all republican POWs but
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QUIGLEY, Tommy, (Brixton), Christmas greetings, Tommy, Keep the chin up, From Christy and family, Wishing You the best for Christmas and the New Year, Ann-Marie, We're going to kill this Chre fellow, whoever he is (nat hal). Love Orbital Strain, "If have a drink for you, From Donna and Rolly, UTP QUINN, Brian, "If have a drink for you, From Donna and Rolly, UTP QUINN, Jimmy, (H4), Christmas greetings, Jimmy, From Danny, Ellish and family.

QUINK, Tom Danny, Ellisn enganing, Jimmy, From Danny, Ellisn enganing, Jimmy, From Danny, Ellisn enganing, Termy, From Sally O'Brien, RAMSEY, Gerard, (H3). Merry Christmas, Gerard, Sorry you can't be here under my mistletoe, but perhaps in a few years (nal hal). Lots and lots of love from Dlana. XXX REILLY, Jos. (Portlaoise). Thinking of you over the Christmas. Love from all over the Christmas. Love from all

ROGERS, Peter. Best wishes for Christ-mas and the New Year, Peter. We are al-ways thinking of you, old friend. God bless you, From 'cousin Michael' and friends. UTP

ROGERS, Peter. (Portlaoise). Thinking of you at Christmas as always. Love room of the rend Eamonn. RUSSELL, Robert, Merry Christmas and belated birthday greetings, son. We are thinking of you wherever you are. Lots of love from mum, Jim, Gerard and Sammy, UTP

RUSSELL, Robert. Happy Christmas, 'Goose'. You'll understand why we can't send a card. Love from Rosaleen, Marie Jean, Veronica and families.

RUSSELL, Robert. Christmas greetings, brother. From Philip, Rita and family, Canada; Joseph and family, England; and Jackle, Theresa and family. xxx RYAN, Pete. (Portlaoise). Happy Christ-mas, Pete. From the Corrigans, Rush,

RYAN, Pete. (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas, Pete. Hope Santa leaves you something nice (hal hal). Love from Paula and the Fox family.

THE LEO O'HANLON SINN FEIN CUMANN, DOWNPATRICK, sends Christmas greetings to all Downpatrick republican prisoners and to all Irish POWs in Iriabid England and America. Tiociation for is THE MICHAEL O'HANRAHAN SINN FEIN CUMANN, NEW ROSS, sends greet lings to Daithi Kavansigh (Portlouise). We missed your Foggy Dew last Sunday in

O'SULLIVAN, John. Happy Christmas, John. We'll have a drink for you at the local. From Mary and Cathleen. O'SULLIVAN, John, Wishing you and all the POWs a happy Christmas. Thinking of you always. From John, Caltriona and John John. SURGUE, Peter. (Portlaoise). Christmas greatings to you, John and Peter and to all your comrades. We are proud of you. From Jimmy and Norohn; SUGRUE, Peter. O'SULLIVAN, CONTRACT OF C RYAN, Pete. (Portlaoise). Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Love from Suzanne. UTP

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XXAN. Pete. (Portlaoise). Wishing you a very happy Christmas. Lots of love from Tina and Avril. xxx

RYAN, Pete. (Portlaoise). Wishing you a very happy Christmas. Pete, with RYAN, Pete. (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. See you soon. Love from Roaleen, Dungannon. UTP

SCOTT, Eamon. (H2). Love and best SCOTT, Eamon, H2). Love and best SCOTT, Eamon. (H2). Thinking of You Scott. Scott Sco

ydds. (H7), Greetings to you for Christmas and the New Year, son. You are always in our thoughts. From your mother, Seany, Sean and wee

your motive, Llam. SMYTH, Claran. (H7). Christmas greet-ings to our grandson Claran. God bless you and your comrades. From granny and granda Stitt; uncle Gerard, Ann and and granda Stitt; uncle Gerard, Ann and

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SMYTH, Claran, (H7), Sesson's greetings to our brother Claran 'Zack' Smyth on the court brother Claran 'Zack' Smyth on the court of the

Love from Gerrie.

STARRS, Aidan. (H2). Happy Christmas and New Year, Aidan. All our love from mum and d.d.), Amery Christmas, Aidan. (H2). Herry Christmas, STARRS, Aidan. (H2). Best wishes, Aidan, to you and all your comrades incarerated in Irish and English jalls. From Eamonn. UTP.

STARRS, Aidan. (H2). Happy Christmas STARRS, Aidan. (H2). Happy Christmas Transit and the McKenna familiy.

STARRS, Aidan. (H2). Christmas greetings and all the best in the New Year. Love from Máirtín.

Love from Máirtín. Stem. (Portiaoise). Merry Christmas, my darling Sean. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Take care and don't drink too much at the concert (hai hal). All my love from Bernadette. SWAN, Seamus. (Portiaoise). Christmas greetings to Seamus and Daithi and all your comrades. You are always in my thoughts. From Tom Malorum Tom

SWAN, Seamus. (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, Seam-us. From the Dempsey family, Bishops-

water.
SWAN, Seamus. (Portlaoise). Happy
Christmas, Seamus. From all republicans
in Enniscorthy.
SWAN, Seamus. (Portlaoise). Noilaig
shona, Seamus, and greetings to all your
comrades everywhere. From your loving
wife Stella and family.

comrades everywhere. From your loving wife Stella and family.

SUGRUE, Petey. (Portlaoise). You are in my thoughts. All my love from Marie.

SUGRUE, Petey. (Portlaoise). You way. From the Cisann girls.

SUGRUE, Petey. (Portlaoise). Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year. From the O'Sullivan family.

SUGRUE, Petey. (Bortlaoise). Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year. From the O'Sullivan family.

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Toward to a trip around the lakes when I come home. Love from Catherine Kennedy, America.

TAYLOR, Alice. We are always think-and Ann-Marie.

TAYLOR, Willie. (Portlaoise). Best wishes, Willie. (Portlaoise). Best wishes, Willie. From John and Helen, Buncrana.

TAYLOR, Willie. (Portlaoise). Best wishes, Willie. From John and Heien, Buncrana. Alice. (Armash). Christmas Ad New Year greetings, Alice. From Charle, Anne and kido. Taylor, Frank. (H.1). Counting the days until our big day. Lot's of love and TAYLOR, Frank. (H.1). Counting the days will. (Portlaoise). Don't drink too much, Willie. Have a merry Christmas, From Dona Johnston. To'AL. Freddie. (H2). Happy Christmas, From Dona Johnston. To'AL., Freddie. (H2). Happy Christmas, Freddie. Love and best wishes from mum, dad and family. To'AL., Freddie. (H2). Happy Christmas, Freddie. Love and best wishes from To'AL., Paul. (H-Block). Best wishes, Paul. From the Bolt'.
TOWNSEND, Llam. (Fortlaoise). Merry Christmas, Lam. From your Washing you a very happy Christmas and New Year. For Clumper and Food, Happy Christmas and New Year. For Cumple. The Compat. XX. TRACY. Spencer'. (Crumlin Road). All TRACY (Spencer'. (Spenc

TRAYNOR, P. J. (1732).

mas, P.J. From Your loving wife and sons Padraig and John.

TRAYNOR, P. J. (11). It does not take a special day to bring you to our minds, as a special day to bring you to our minds, wery hard to find. All the best for Christmas and the New Year. Love from mum, dad, brothers, sisters and all the family, TRAYNOR, P. J. (14). Best withes for Christmas and the New Year, P.J. Kepup the spirits. From Your loving sister TRAYNOR, P.J. (14). Christmas wishes to the best uncle in the world. From Briege, Christma, Patricia and David. TUITE, Gerry. [Portlaoise]. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Garry. See you soon. Love from Patricla, London.

TUITE, Gerry. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, Gerry. From mum, dad and all the family circle or tlaoise). All my love for Christmas, Gerry. Tiocfaidh år id. From your loving flances Monica, xxx xgreetings, Gerry. Expecting you any day. From 'mother', 'father' and the girls.

TUITE, Gerry. (Portlaoise). Nollaig sho-na, Gerry. Grá ó do chara i mBaile

TURLEY, Brian. (H8). Happy Christ-mas, Brian. From Jim, Peter, Mac, Thomas, Hughie and all your friends in Castleblayney.

REPUBLICAN PUBLICATIONS, DUBLIN & BELFAST, send Christmas and New Year greatings to all republican POWs held in British, Free State and American prisons and also to all their families.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT IN COUNTY FERMANAGH extends Christmas greatings to Kirsan Leonard, Llam Ferguson, Keyin Lynch, Marcus Murray, Cerry Mulligan, James Tierney, Eugene Cosgrowe, Elmonn Mcliroy, Brendan Clancy, Cafrey, Jin Lynash and Charlie Guiller, Willory, John McClissey, Brandan McCafrey, Jin Lynash and Charlie Guiller, Millory, John McClissey, Brandan McTHE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, GALWAY, sends the warmest greetings this Christmas to all our POWs at home and abroad but especially to Pat Traynor, Jimmy Gayin, Eamonn Nolan, Noel McCann and Brian Cushinan.

TURLEY, Brian. (H8). Happy Christmas, Brian. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. From George and Mary; and Francle, Mary and Richard. WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the coming year. It's getting shorter, thank God. We miss you. All our love from WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings to our son Joe. Wishing you as happy a Christmas as it possible. You are forever in our thoughts. Love from mum and dad.

and dad.

WHELAN, Joe. (Portlaoise). Wishing you are y happy Christmas, Joe. Always thinking of you. From all your sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, bothers-in-law, nephaw, fliccs, grand-nephaw and will 11 and 12 and 12 and 13 and 14 and 15 and 15 and 15 and 16 and 1

grand-nieces, WILLIAMS, Paul, (Crumlin Road), Happy Christmas, Paul, Congratulations on your engagement to Nora K. Tell "Sipey" we will have a drink for him. From Donna and Ray, UTP WILLIAMS, Paul, (Crumlin Road), Happy Christmas, Willy, May your next be spent in freedom. Love from Nora. XXX

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Christmas and happy New Year, aunt Marie. We love and miss you. From Joseph and Angela. Marie. Admiss And The New Year. Annahl, Wishing you WRIGHT, Marie. Admiss of or the New Year. Keep the Chin up and don't worry. The tea is getting better. Love from Matt.

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Hugh Doherty, Eddie Butler, Ronnie McCartney, Mick Murray, John McCloskey, Brian Keenan, Shane O'Doherty, Harry Dugan, Brendan Dowderty, Harry Dugan, Brendan Dowderty, Harry Dugan, Brendan Dowderty, Harry Loughin (England); and to Michael Ryan, Malachy McCorry and Jimmy Gavin (Portlaose). The MeELWAIN FAMILY Sends Christmaspecially to John McCluskey (England); Pat Corrigan, Brendan McCaffrey, Aldan McGurk, Charle Caulifeld, Jim Lynash, Coim Lynash, Seimi' Shannon and grove, James Tierney, Marcus Murray, Eamonn McElroy, Kevin Lynch, Gerry Mulligan, Denis Cummiss and Francie Murphy (Heliock).

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BEANNACHTAÍ NA NOLLAG dár bpríosúnaípi go léir sa mbaile agus thar lear. Ó Chumann Ó Réagáin/Mc-Eiwee, Rinn Ó gCuanach, Co. Phort Láirge.

BEANACHTAÍ na Nollag ó Cumann BEANFáin an Achtair G d'iordía InGalli-aimh do na climí poblachta atá in ngeibhinn faoi láthair.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS trail the POWs in Long Kesth, Majelligan, Crumilin Road, Armagh, Portlaoise and overseas. From Winnie and Eddie O'Brien and family, Central Drive, Cresgan, ONLY,

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England and America. From the Clarke
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Mairead,
Sinead, Geraldine, Alice, Catherine,
Marie (Armagh); Henry Joy and Seamus (H-Blocks); Tony (Portlaoise) and to
all the POWs in Ireland, England and
America. From Ann and Owen Quipley

Marie (Armagh)

America. From Ann and Uwen values, and family.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the man and family.
Ball. From the Moore family, Derry, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Brian Glilen (Hs), Paul Kelly (Hz) and all the Lenadoon crowd — Mickey Culbert, Lavery, Partick Lavery, Mickey Fitz-simmons, Seamus Finucane, Seamus Kearney, Pat Livingstone, Martin Livingstone

simmon, Saamus Fly, mice y Fltz-kearney, Pat Livingstone, Nemon Strong, State Kearney, Pat Livingstone, Nemon Strong, State stone, Tommy Gorman, Gerry McCon-ville, and Bobby Storey, From Kath-ieen and Harry Murray and family. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all repub-CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all repub-chalings and Pauline D (Armash Jall); Rab Hunter and Sean Stewart (Port-laoise); and Michael Liggett and Gerard

Deery (Megilligan). From the McClenaghan family, Ardoyns.
CHRISTMAS GREETINOS and best
wishes for the New Year to all my friends
and comrades incarcerated in jails
ireland, Britain and America. Whilst
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the
men and women languishing in jail in
Ireland, England and America. From the
Terry McDermott Club, Glen Road,
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Fitzy & Co. From Denis and Delia O'Leary, Cork.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the Provos in Portlaoise, You are always in my thoughts, From 'Mother'.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Fitzy, Joe Malone, Jimmy Gavin, Peter Rog-ers, Sean' Kind, Jim Gallagher and all the lads in Portlaoise. From the Devereux Family.

agh) and Kevin Deery (H-Block), are always in our thoughts, God From all the Ferguson family,

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Davy
Douglas, Stephen Glbson, Filtzy, Robert
Hunter and Sean Stewart. Christmas
will not be the same this year, it certalnly will be a lot quieter with the
bottom out of the way (hal hal). Lots
Annahama.

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Bob and Eleanor Schumaker, America. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Sean

Bonner, Charile Crumley, Sean Lennon, Brian McCool and Seany Simpson. From Mary Ann Judge, America.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Teddy Crain, Sean McVelsh, 'Pidgey' and all other republican POWs from the Short Strand in Irish and English Jalis, From

RIVERDALE/LADVBROOK SINN FEIN extends season's greatings to Gerry Duntop (Crumlin Road) and all republican POWs in Ireland, England and America. THE BOBBY SANDS SINN FEIN CUMANN, DROBLEDA, sends Christmas greetings to Paul Leech (Portlaoise) and all republican prisoners everywhere. THE BOBBY SANDS SINN FEIN CUMANN, SEATOWN, DUNDALK, sends Christmas greetings and best wishes to all political prisoners who are in Jail. Hoping you will be free soon.

SOUTH TYRONE SINN FEIN COMMAIRLE CEANTAIR extends Christmas greetings to all Tyrone POWs in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road, Magilligan, Portlaoise and rigst to all Tyrone POWs in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road, Magilligan, Portlaoise and THE TWINBROWS you a merry Christmas and a happy and free New Year.

THE TWINBROWS TYPE MEMORICAL BAND, GLASGOW, sends greetings to all Irish republican POWs in British, Free State and American Jalis and to all their families, Tiocfaldh Sr 16.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all Volunteers of Odlaish na hEireann in jail in ire-land, England and America, especially to Eddle Butler, Noel Gibson, Harry Dugsan and Pat Hackett, Vour sacrif-land, Pathagen and Caroli family, Birr, County Offaly.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Mick, Geordie, Josey, 'Bendo', Jim Monaght, Georgie, Josey, 'Bendo', Jim Monaght, Georgie, Josey, 'Bendo', Jim Monaght, Georgie, Joseph Christolish, Jaio to Larry Marley, 'Tomboy Loudon', Tommy Addiest, Tommy Gorman and Pat Connors, Tommy Gorman and Pat Samily, Gibstown.

Samily, Gibbstown.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Rab Hunter, Jim Mythen, Peter Rogers and
Seamus Swan, Happy Christmas, lads,
Try and take everything Daithi says
(and Saily theories), with a pinch of sail
OTP.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Joe O'
Conneil, Hugin Donetty, Eddie Bullet,
Hackett, Eddie O'Neil and all the
Irish POWS in English Jalls, Love from
Marte Q. UTP.

Marie G. UTP
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Gerry and
Dermot. Hoping to see you over Christmas or in early 1984. Love from the
two Box Car Willie fans.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all political prisoners, especially our friends
in Armagh, Long Kesth, Magilligan,
Portlable, Crumlin Road and Limerick. From Annette and Malachy.

GEETINGS to Martin

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Martin Lynch, Linda Quijeley, Anthony Sloan and Brian Tumelty. All the best for 1984, From Rosie. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Linda Quijeley and Rosie Armstrong, (Armashi); Martin Lynch (H-Biock); and Gerry Sloan and Terry Kirby wherever they are. From the Cunningham family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Seamus Harte, Freddle Toal, and Brian Turley (H-Block); also to Sean McGulinness (Portlaoise). Best wishes for 1984. From Jackie, Bernie and family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to 'Digger Aidan, Colm, Jim and Barry (Portlaoise) From James Cunningham.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all republican prisoners North and South and in English jalls. Best wishes for the New Year, From Gene Thornbury and family.

Year, From Gene Thornbury and family.
CHRISTMAS CREETINGS to Padigh,
Mickey Brady, Mickey Maguire, Bobby,
Storey, Paddy Fern, Eugenie, Bobby,
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Storey, Paddy Fern, Eugenie, Bobby,
Geordie Murtaph (Portialose); and Alice
Taylor (Armagh). Happy Christmas
and best wishes for the New Year, From
Tex, Jonto, Streaker, Tommy, Mackers,
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Donnelly
(Portlaoise). Christmas greetings, 'Son',
We expect you for Christmas '85. From
'mother', father and the girls.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Pauline
Deery, Liz McWilliams and Marle Wright

ica. From Brendan, Rita and family.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the republican women in Armagh. Thinking of you all at Christmas. God bless.
From Mary.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all republican prisoners everywhere. From the Gavin family, Finglas.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Philip Campbell, Jimmy Cooke, Vivian Campbell, Jimmy Cooke, Vivian Christmas (James Cookers), Cooker Christmas (James Cookers), Cooker Christmas (James Christmas Campbell, State Cookers), Christmas GREETINGS to all republican prisoners in jails in Irpland, Britalin and America. O Seams Mac Côlican prisoners in jails throughout Ireland, Britalin and America. O Seams Mac Cookers (James Corrigan), Cookers (James Cookers), Cookers (James

Year. From the O'Sullivan family. Kerry.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all republican POWs. From Mrs McComb, Mrs. Baker, Mrs McGreevy and Agnes Gorman.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Gerry.
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Gary McKally. Tome Casty Clarker,
McKearney, Michael Hone, Ian Milne
and Bobby Storey (H-Block). Jim
Moran, Alex Crowe, Peass McAleer,
Noel O'Hara and Jim Shortt (cages);
Malread Farrell, Linds Quijley and all
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Malread Farrell, Linds Quijley and all
all the best for Christmas and the New
Year. From Malre and Mary.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Davey
Banks, Gerry Fitzgeraid, Rab Hunter,
Dalthi Kavanagh, Nicky Keogh, Peter

Lynch, Sean Stewart (Portlacites) and also to Jim Glöney (H-Block), Gest and the Control of the

COMP. Tommy and Elaine, the oe ran CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Michael Fox, Vivian Hayden, Gerry Heapes, Joe Kelly, Johnny Johnson and all the Super Dubs', Hope you had plenty of steak after the All-Ireland. Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Aldan, 'Dinger', Jim, Colm, Barry, Seamle, Big Pat, Pete, Tommy, Charle, Brendan, Bernard, Patsy, Seamus and all the Lander of the Christmas and Christmas and Christmas Christmas and Service of the Christmas and Christmas Christmas and Christmas Christmas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to 'Digger' McCrory (H-Block), Mickey McVey (H3), Marie Wright (Armagh) and all Irish POWs in the North and in English Jalls, From the McVelgh family, Anderspasstown

Jalis. From the McVeligh family, AnderJohn Stopher S

agus Saoirse.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Paddy
Boyle, Matt Leen, Peter Sugrue, John
Sullivan (the Big Lad). Happy Christmas
and best wishes for the New Year.
From Gerry Walsh and all the gang,

Listowel.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Geraldine Crawford and Briege Ann McCaughley (Armagh) and Pete McVelgh (Cage 11). Greetings also to all Irish POWs in prisons in Ireland and England. God bless you all. From the McGulgan Camily, Lendoon and Short Strand. Armily Lendoon and Short Strand. Paddy and Laurney. From the Cush-Paddy and Laurney. From the Cush-Paddy and Laurney.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all repub-lean POWs in Irish and English Jalis. Greetings also to the 19 escapes and all the men and women on the run, Merry Christmas and happy New Year. From wee Minnie, Derry.

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other republican POWs from the Snort Strand in Irish and English Jalis, From Dearmond and Grainne Mulligan.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all republican POWs in Irish, English and America Mary Mac and Micoal.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Jim, Committee and surmount every difficulty to win victory." Keep the faith and keep smilling. From Frank, Charlestown, Colm, 'Olinger', Charlie, Barry, Aldan McGurk and all the Monaghan lads (Portlaoise), Best wishes for 1984. (Portlaoise), Best wishes for Jim, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Jim, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS for Pian CHRISTMAS ARREJ, Monaghan and Height Jails. From Maura McCroory and family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all republicant prisoners and all the lads In Portlaoise. From John Mooney.

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McGivern.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the men and women imprisoned in Britain and Ireland, From the Russell family. UTP

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Jim Monaghan and Dave Banks (Portlaoise) and all republican POWs everywhere. From the McAteer family, Walkinstown, Dublin.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Aldan (Long Kesh). From Frances to all the first the firs

family, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Kevin Donegan (H1), Jim Donegan (Portlacise), Eddle Byrne (England), Tony Durcan, Tomboy Loudon, Declan Murphy and all their comrades in Ireland and Britain, From the Donegan family, South Arm-

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and family.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Pete
Shamie, Jim, Colm, Barry, Aldan, Shane.
Charlie, Peter Corrigan, J J Donnelly

THE SINN FEIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU sends revolutionary greetings to all supporters, political organisations and national liberation movements throughout the world. We send special greetings to all Irish POWs everywhere.

THE SINN FEIN POW DEPARTMENT sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all republican POWS in Long Kesh, Magillagar, Armaph, Crumlin Road, Portiaoise, all republican POWS in Long Kesh, Magillagar, Armaph, Crumlin Road, Portiaoise, bua agus so n-eirí an t-adh libh i 1944. Tioctaidh ár if agus sub to their relatives. Beir THE SINN FEIN WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT sends Christmas greetings to all irish political prisoners in framaph and Limerick. Power in Armaph and Limerick. Christmas greetings to all POWs incarcerated in Jalis at home and abroad and to all their relatives. UTP
Soolann ROINN AN CHULTUIR beannachtaf na félie chuig na cimf poblachta uile. Ní bhrisfidh siad muid mar tá spiorad na saoirse againn.

Tommy (Magannon, UTP Ily, Dungannon, UTP CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Willy, Plercey and Mark Doherty (Crumilia Road); Martin Kelly (H8); and all rep-ublican POWs everywhere. Best wishes

Short Strand.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Gerard

Fitzgerald, Rab Hunter, Nicky Kehoe

and Sean Stewart (Portlaoise). Best

wishes and God bless, From Roisin and

the kids. UTP
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to the 'Bless-GRISI MAS GREETINGS to the "Bless-ington Five", From the Chisler', CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Eddle Butler, Brendan Dowd, Harry Duggan, Joe O'Connell and all your comrades. They have you in their keeping, I have you in my thoughts, Love from Una. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all POWs in Irish and British jails. From Mac In Manchester.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all our
friends at Magilligan and Long Kesh.
From Lois, Joan, Wanda and Lynn,

From Lois, Joan, Wanda and Lynn, America.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Jimmy
Gavin, Mick Gorman, Vivian Hayden,
Brian Quinn and all the lads in PortLouis Waish and family.
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Belladby POWs and to all republican

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You, they, go.

Ní théim (nee haym) — I don't go.

An dtéann tú (un dayn thoo) — Do you

dtéimíd? (noch daymeed) -

Don't we go?

snámh (egg snawv) – Swimming
is trá (cush traw) – To, at the sea-

mhradh (sowruh) - Summer. lear (hor larr) - Abroad, over-

Geimhreadh (guyruh) - Winter.

théimid cois trá sa gheimhreadh (ghuyruh) — We don't go to the

paside in winter.

dtéann siad ag snámh gach lá? —
on't they go swimming every day?

An dtéann sé thar lear gach bliain? — Does he go abroad every year? Téann sí ar scoil anois — She goes

to school now.

If the fan to tag snamh sa gheimhreadh

You don't go swimming in winter.

An dtann sibh thar lear gach samhradh?

Do ye go abroad every
summer?

Ní théann an cat ag snámh cois trá -The cat doesn't go swimming at the

- 1 Ní théann sé leis (nee hayn shay lesh) It doesn't go with it. 2 Bíonn adharca fada ar na ba thar lear (bee-un ayekeh fodduh err nuh boh hor larr) Foreign cows

have long horns.

— Ag snámh in aghaidh easa (egg snawv in eye assuh) — Going against

Téan an scéal amach air (tayn un shkall umoch err) – The story gets around about him.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Magazine Fort raid

THE IRA raid on the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, in December 1939, was the most extraordinary arms raid in Irish history.

During the autumn of 1939, at the ght of the IRA bombing campaign height of the IRA bombing campaign in England, Tom Doyle presented a plan to the IRA's GHQ staff for raiding the Free State's main arms store, the Magazine Fort. The idea appealed to the headquarters staff because; while the IRA had a considerable number of weapons stored around the country, ammunition was in very short supply. A decision was taken to go ahead with

the raid.

The intelligence work and preliminary planning for the raid was undertaken by Doyle, Michael Traynor and Jack McNeela. With all the necessary Jack McNeela. With all the necessary information on procedures within the fort, it was decided to carry out the raid during the Christmas holidays. The Dublin Brigade was alerted, Jorries were organised and the O/Cs around the country were informed that safe during would be required.

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The raid on the Magazine Fort began at 8.30pm on the evening of December 23rd 1939. A Volumers Prosing as a delivery man, called to the gate of the fort and informed the guard that he had a parcel for the officer in charge. The gate was opened and within minutes IRA Volunters had occupied the fort and rounded up the entire sortions.



During the raid, which lasted two hours, over 20 lorry-loads of ammun-ition were removed from the fort. By the time the alarm was raised the IRA was free and clear with one million and

was tree and clear with one minion and eighty-four thousand rounds – the bulk of the Free State government, greatly embarrassed by the raid, immediately embarrassed by the raid, immediately set about the task of recovering the ammunition. Although dumps had been minioned waits throughout the secured by local units throughout the country, they could not conceal such an unexpectedly large quantity of ammunition and within a fortnight almost all

BRESLIN, (Ganley), Sean. (2nd Anniversary). The Cathal Hughes Sinn Fein curmann, Rathmines/Ranelagh, Dublin, emembers with pride our friend and ember 23rd 981, and who died on December 23rd 981, and with the cumann and his many friends in the area.

BRESLIN, (Ganley), Sean, (2nd Ann-BRESLIN, (Ganley), Sean, (2nd Ann-Iversary). In loving memory of Sean Brestlin who died on December 23rd 1981. Sadly missed and never forgotten by Seamus and Mary. CARROLL, Roddy; GREW, Seamus, (1st Anniversary). In proud and loving (1st Anniversary). In proud and loving Seamus Grew and his comade Roddy Carroll who were murdered by the RUC on December 12th 1982. We thank our God for every remembrance of thee, death does not long divide, for it is not wall, and blosomed on the other side. Always remembered by Slobhan and Stephen.

Total, Arnagh.

AMBARFARD, Mäire, (1st Anniversary), MBCARFARD, Mäire, (1st Anniversary), In loving memory of Mäire who died on December 15th 1982. A true republican in life, Mary, Queen of Ireland, pray for her. Always remembered by Kitty McGettigan and Lilly Hall, Ballymurphy,

Berliat.

DeVLIN, Eugene. (11th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Eugene Devlin, Oglaigh in an Eireann, Strab Hoscient of the Control of the C

while on active service on December 21st 1974. Always remembered and sadly missed by his brother Micky. POX, Brian, (9th Anniversary), in proud and tolving memory of Vol Brian Fox while on active service on December 21st 1974. Always remembered by Roisin and Dominic.

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comrades in the Befast Brigade.

MEDADE, Gerald & James, [12th & 9th Anniversaries), in proud and loving memory of our dear brothers. Vois Gerald and James McDade who were killed on active service, Gerald on December 1974. Memories are something no one can steal, death is a heartache no one can heal, some may forget you, now you are gone, but we will remember no matter how long. Always remembered by their Francie, Cattly, and family; sister Ann, Jimmy and family; where Peter, aunt Maggle and all friends and relations in Shannon and MEDADE. Gerald. (12th Appliersary).

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MEDFAGE (Carida: (12th Anniversary), MEDFAGE (Carida: Clath Anniversary), more and loving memory of our son-in-law Vol. Gerald McDade, Oglaigh na hÉireann, who was murdered by the crown forces on December 21st 1971. He gave his all in freedom's cause and faced the tyrant's guns. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him. Always remembered by his father and mother-in-law and also remembered by Mr and Mrs McGettigan.

was murdered by British troops on December 21st 1971. St Jude pray for him. Always remembered by Danny and Ellish #Secfetigan.

Michael Gerald (1971 Anniversary). McDaDE, Gerald (1972), McDaDE, McDaDe who was killed in action in Ardoyne on December 21st 1971. You're sone, you're sone, but you live in my memory, son of Ireland. Always remembered you will be made to make a more consistent of the consistent of the more consistent of the more consistent of the consistent of the more consistent of the consisten

ember 29th 1972. Always remembered by Derry Sinn Fein.

McGinN, Jim. (10th Anniversary). In proud and loying memory of Vol Jim McCinn, Oglalph na hÉireann, who was killed on active service at Clady Bridge on December 15th 1973. Mary, Queen of December 15th 1973. Mary, Queen December 15th 1973. Mary, Queen December 15th 1973. Mary, Queen December 15th 1973. Mary, Gueen December 15th 1973. Mary Gueen December 15th 1973. Mary Gueen December 15th 1973. Mary Gueen Canada (1974). Mary Gu

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O'DONNELL, Philip, (1st Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of our Brigade, Oglaigh has heitraann, who died on December 24th 1982. Always remembered and sadly missed by his daughters Donna, Slobhan and Cathy and his son O'DONNELL, Philip. (1st Anniversary).

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recently.

GURNEY, The republican POWs in Long
Kesh, Magliligan, Armagh, Portlaoise and
English jails regret the death of the father
of their comrade Hugh Gurney and
tender their deepest sympathy to his
family.

JOHNSTON. "Steaker", Tommy and Macker extend deepest sympathy to Robert, Catrina and Teresa whose father died on December 6th. "May Heaven keep the men who sleep from the ranks of the old brigade." Ba fhear réabhlóideach sóislalach agus poblactach 6. Tiocfaidh àr lá.

IT WAS ANOTHER BORING DAY AT THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AND THE CLOCKS WERE STRIKING THIRTEEN ...









THAT'S RIGHT! Sniggered the diary offensively, TODAY YOU GIVE A PRIVATE BRIEFING TO THE ACE REPORTER OF THE "SUNDAY HERPES"















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AND YES, THEY ARE PERMITTED
TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS!



ON THE CONTRARY, MR SNOTBAG! WE REFUSED TO PERMIT THEM TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF REPUBLICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEES!



BEFORE WINSTON SMITH CRACKS UNDER THE DILIGENT INTERROGATION OF SCOOP



AND A MERRY XMAS TO POLITICAL PRISONERS EVERYWHERE ... AND ANY OF MY FRIENDS ANYWHERE ... PERHAPS SOME XMAS (LL SEND YOU CARDS CORMAC



