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IRA STILL IN BUSINESS



Our pictures show Volunteers of the Derry Brigade, Oglagh na h-Eireann, manning road blocks on Polling Day in Creggan, Derry. The pictures effectively answer false British propaganda claims that the British Army rule the roost in Derry City.



FREE WHITELAWS POLITICAL HOSTAGES

Choir of internees' children
singing prior to start of massive
rally at the Busy Bee



8,000 marched in Derry last Sunday . . . 4,000 marched in Belfast last Monday. Their just demand cannot be denied much longer . . .

Mr. Michael Farrell said: "Some of you over the past few weeks or even the past few months, must have thought that many people have forgotten about the internees. The tragic event we heard about this morning reminds us just what life is like in Faulkner's Concentration Camp. Faulkner and Whitelaw have been telling us of the need to return to 'normality.' But what sort of 'normality' is it that can drive a young man to hang himself? The fear of another year of torture in that Concentration Camp at Long Kesh must have caused that unfortunate young man terrible mental torment. That should bring home to us just how terrible it is for the men out there. Some of them have been there for two years, many of the married men have not seen their families for three months.

Some people in recent days have been more concerned in getting votes in the local government elections than in doing something positive to secure the release of the men in Long Kesh. If they had worked as hard for their release as they did to get votes, Long Kesh Concentration Camp could well be closed today.

I want to say this much. There has been talk in recent days as to how the electors choose between politics and the gun. It has been said how wonderful it is that people have chosen politics rather than the gun. As far as I am concerned, that is a lot of nonsense. We have had no opportunity to choose between politics and the gun. This area is surrounded by guns and they are not of our making or of our choosing. They are the guns of the British Army, in and out of uniform, the guns of the U.D.R. and R.U.C., the guns in the hands of the British allies, the U.D.A. and U.V.F. We did not choose to have these guns pointed at us.

If Whitelaw and Faulkner want to talk about taking the guns out of politics, they should begin with their own guns. If they put away their guns from pointing at our necks, if they release our men, and now our womenfolk, six of whom are interned in Armagh Jail, then we can talk about getting back to normality, but not before that.

The British are currently engaged in a tremendous whitewashing exercise. There has been a struggle going on here for nearly five years. Part of the time, it has been a peaceful, non-violent civil rights campaign; part of the time it has been a military and political resistance struggle. It forced the British to dismantle their system here whereby they ruled us for 50 years with the active help of the Stormont regime. The struggle forced the British to bring in direct rule... we have over a year of direct rule and the situation is no nearer a solution.

A lot of the people here are war-weary and tired, they don't want violence, they want all this to end. That is a perfectly natural thing. But, I repeat again, it was not of our choosing that the situation turned to this. We started demanding our rights in a most peaceful law-abiding manner, but we were met with batons and boots... and later on with guns.

We did not choose to introduce violence into this situation. It was the Unionists and the British who introduced the violence. But anyhow, the British are in a situation where they do not want to continue to rule this area directly. The British population are getting sick of having their soldiers killed over here. They want their soldiers back now. The British now want to ease themselves out of this situation. The way they want to do it, is by getting a crowd of middle class so-called moderates that they could call a "respectable government" who could act as a mouthpiece for the British here. They want to withdraw their troops and continue to pull the strings behind the scenes. They want to try and fool people so that Stormont can be re-established under a new name.

There is talk about a return to "normality". The trouble is that the "normality" they want us to return to includes 500 men interned without trial in Long Kesh, it includes 6 young girls interned in Armagh, it includes some 500 young men and girls jailed after a so-called trial, but a mockery of a trial in the cor-

rupt courts that are part of the alien system that enslaves us in the six counties.

People are jailed for fighting in the defense of their country, people are jailed on trumped up charges, while the murderers of Bloody Sunday go about scot-free. These are the sort of corrupt courts our people are jailed under.

The normality they want us to return to, is a puppet government at Stormont, composed of people who have a veneer of respectability, but behind the facade we will still have the Special Powers Act, we will still have the concentration camps, we will still have the "B" Specials under the new name of the U.D.R. Do they think that the people who fought against the Special Powers Act, who fought against the B Specials, who fought against the R.U.C. are going to accept a so-called normality that includes these forces and these acts? If they do, they can think again.

There should be one message that we send out from this huge rally, and that we should send out clearly. It is this. We should tell Whitelaw and Faulkner in no uncertain terms that no matter what tricks they may introduce, that no matter what so-called reforms they introduce, we will not participate in their political process until everyone of our men and women are freed.

They talk about democracy, this place is not a democracy. Our own district is ringed with British Army forts. Around this building at the moment are heavily armed British soldiers. There are men and women at this rally who are liable to be arrested and flung into one of the concentration camps at any time. That is not freedom and we will not tolerate it.

The last thing I want to say is this. This is the beginning of June. In less than two months time, we will have two anniversaries, one, that of Operation Motorman, the other of the introduction of internment. You will remember when the British Army invaded this large housing estate, they told us they were coming in to protect us from gunmen. Since that time when they tore down our barricades with bulldozers, several of our people have been murdered. The British Army have done their utmost to leave us defenceless.

They did not come here to protect us. They came here as an army of occupation. They came here to oppress us, to beat us into the ground. The first anniversary of Operation Motorman will occur soon. It will be followed by that of August 9, 1971 the introduction of internment. There are men still in Long

Kesh who were taken from their families of that fateful day.

The message I want to get to you is this, it is up to us to mark those two anniversaries with a time of mass agitation and protest to make it clear that we are not prepared to tolerate the death of freedom in these six counties much longer. It is up to us before the end of August to make a real determined effort to get our men and women out of British concentration camps and prisons and to get the British Army off our streets.

If we do that, then we will have struck a blow for our freedom. There is no point in walking around here afraid. You may be able to walk up and down your street. But you are afraid if you can't speak your mind freely for fear of being interned. If you are afraid to walk far in case you are arrested, thrown into a sara cen and brought to Castlereagh or Fort Monagh to be beaten up.

People who are subject to such fears are slaves. It is not dignified for men and women to have to endure such fears, it is time we struck out for our freedom in order to end such fears.

MRS. MAIRE DRUMM said, "It is most heartening to see such a vast crowd at this meeting in support of the just demand for the freeing of Whitelaw's political hostages, from Long Kesh Concentration Camp and other British prisons.

This story continues
on Page 7 and on Page 8
we have pictures of the
Massive meeting.

"I would like to thank every single person who has come to this meeting because without the support of people like you, we will not be able to force Whitelaw to close his concentration camp and to release his political hostages.

We have all heard or read about the unfortunate young man who died in Long Kesh yesterday. I told newsmen at a press conference about a month ago, that unless the men there were freed soon, that some of them would start coming out of it in coffins. It breaks my heart to see that prediction now becoming a reality. I warned the Governor of Long Kesh about a month ago that if the cruel conditions in the camp were not ended that the people would not take it lying down and I say to you tonight at this meeting, don't take it lying down.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR!

Soldier's Song

14 Ascal Aininn,
Artare,
Dublin 5.

A Chara,

In answer to a letter printed in Republican News, May 26th, entitled "Soldier's Song" to be done away with, and signed B. Mc Laughlin, Belfast I wish to make a protest. I can understand his feelings of disgust in regard to our National Anthem, for when I first heard the news I too was astonished and disgusted. The Soldiers Song holds a place of honour in our family at least, as far back as I can trace my ancestors they have taken their stand in the struggle for Irish Freedom. Even to this present day, my family continue to stand with the Freedom Fighters'.

But this is not what I am protesting about. It is in regard to his statement that we are all sitting idly by, looking on at the people of the Six Counties risking their lives each day. I quote two lines from his letter "For the past 50 years you have all sat idly by on your backsides and let your fellow countrymen in the six counties be murdered, tortured and interned, without one squeak of protest." I think this line was the biggest insult anyone could impose on the Republican minded people of the South. Also, "We get no help or secur" this line is in itself totally untrue. Only for the South's help and concern, I personally don't think the people of the North could have kept going the fight like they did, and still so bravely continue to do. Where do you think your people seek refuge from the murdering claws of the British Army? Where do a great deal of the funds come from to help buy weapons of defence for your people? Who in the past looked after your women and children when they came across the border because their nerves could stick no more? Who also accommodates the many people who come here on holidays each year? I admit these things are the least we could be expected to do, but they are not all. For instance, I know five lads personally, who come from Dublin but are at present serving long sentences in "Long Kesh Concentration Camp". Do you think they enjoy being locked up in a hell hole miles away from their families and friends? And all because they took the stand in the struggle, did they stand idly by? There are also others from the rest of Southern Ireland, whom I don't know personally. But I can just imagine their feelings after reading your letter, how insulting it must be for them to be classed with the majority of arm-chair talkers in the South. Also what about the numerous families who are broken up because one, or both of their parents spend long hours each day in support of the struggle for freedom. Do you ever stop to think of people like these? or did you know they even exist. Please don't get me wrong. I am not condemning the Northern people. I am fully aware of the sufferings the people have endured. Unlike many people down here I have visited and

It is sad to see opportunists like Brian Inglis biographer of Casement being allowed to besmirch Pearse's character on R.T.E. whilst attempting to justify his acceptance of the Black Diaries. One would have thought that a flood of letters would have appeared in the press in answer to his implications. Our National Institutions, Social Organisations, like our current crop of writers and poets remain strangely silent at this most important period in

the history of our Northern people. At a time when truth is all important there is a craven silence. People like Brian Inglis have always been prominent in our country's history. The term "Jaibin" man being used to describe people like him who were prepared to profit by injustice. At a time when the headlines are full of "Watergate" perhaps his acceptance of the Casement Diaries and implied reference on R.T.E. to Pearse can best

be answered by Macauley in his "Life of Robert Clive". This gives a true insight into the unscrupulous character of the conqueror of India when a fictitious treaty having been drafted by Clive, the absent legitimate civil authority's signature was forged. "We almost blush to write it", Macauley states in his biography, there is no such heart searching among present day biographers of Irish patriots. Sean McGrath, Lisdoonvarna

stayed in a riot-torn area of Belfast, I know your people, and I also know many who are thankful for the Southern support and concern shown to them. Just recently a few friends and myself stayed in Belfast and right enough there were people, like you who insulted us by calling us 'Free Staters'. Of course they were not aware of this at the time, until they were asked if they'd like to be called a 'Sasanach' or a 'Loyalist'. Of course they'd be insulted, just as we were. Maybe I am living in the so-called 'Free State', but I do not recognise such a botched-up gangster government, so therefore you can imagine how insulting it is for us to be classed under such a name.

So I appeal to you, the next time you are writing a letter condemning the onlookers in the South, go ahead you've got all my support, as long as you call them the majority or anything you like. But remember there are others in the south with consciences. Maybe we only make up a minority of the population, but even so we don't expect to be all classed under one heading. For we are not all standing idly by!!

Yours faithfully,
Angela Poole (Miss)

Firm Support

Baile Atha Cliath
28 Bealtaine 1973.

A Chara,

I write to express my firm support for the opinions expressed by your correspondent "Republican Unity" as regards the importance of ending the split between the two wings of the Republican Movement.

As a Dubliner, I can say that in my experience in my native city, the one major issue which most destroys public credibility for Republicanism is the split. When Canvassing for support for Republicanism one of the most common responses of the ordinary people is to say that while they broadly sympathize, how can they have much respect for an organization which cannot agree amongst itself, especially in the presence of so many common enemies. No matter how much one tries to explain to

them the reasons for the split, one gets the feeling that one is arguing against basic common sense. On another point, I know that there is no bitterness between the two wings in Dublin; or if there is, it is very little, and confined to the members of both wings who are least active, and who attack each other from their rival barstools, when activists from both sides co-operating on the streets and in the housing estates.

In the recent General Election, the Gardiner Place movement here put up candidates who didn't do too badly. I myself believe that our own wing would have done better, but that is not the point. My point is that the failure of the officials to do better in the election was not, as the Free Staters would have us believe, a rejection of Republicanism, but as instead attributable

to Republicanism, but was instead attributable to severe campaigning and organisational difficulties. Anyone with any experience of Dublin Politics will tell you that, due to the low level of political consciousness here that, with the right electoral organization behind you, you could get even a pig elected. (Indeed the Staters have proved that by now). On the other hand, regardless of how good your candidate and policy is, if you haven't the organizational resources you haven't a chance of success.

While we differ with the officials on the question of taking seats in Leinster House, I think for the foreseeable future the distinction is largely irrelevant. The immediate task before us is the organization and education of the people, and it is one in which we should work side by side.

I am not too sure of the best constitutional mechanism for bringing the two wings together. Perhaps there is too much bitterness and difference of principle to enable us to again form one movement. But the least we should strive for is some kind of United Front with them, possibly an agreement on certain minimum demands, together with a promise to refrain from criticizing each other while our common enemies are so strong. Anyway that can be decided upon later; what matters now is to get dialogue under way, both within the two movements, and between them.

Perhaps because I am a Southerner I am out of touch with the feelings on the ground in the North. Or perhaps I can see the situation in a clearer perspective. But what moves me most of all to write this letter is my recurring nightmare that the brave men and women of the North will win a military victory only to find that what will be gained will be only a 32 county Free State, an economic and cultural swamp, into which they will slowly sink. A pessimistic view, but it is undeniable that in the South are losing the race to keep up with our Northern brothers. By working closer with our fellow-republicans from Gardiner Place, I think we will make better progress in the emancipation of the South. This is the road which will lead us one day, Provisional and Official, North and South, Orange and Green, to the Republic of Pearse and Connolly.

"AONTAS".

DUBLIN.

Tribute to Colm Murtagh

*I watched them spade the fragments in a bag
and look for more—*

*An eye, an ear — or if fate should be so kind,
A Limb yet in one place: Oh Lord:
Ireland's tears run red with the Blood of her
own dear Children.*

*Ireland's tears run red and the Tyrants raise their
scornful head, and LAUGH:*

*I did not want to watch
Respect was thrown to the wind*

*A bag that held an Irish heart — a Head,
A Hand,
Oh Ireland wretched Land:*

*My eyes were loath to watch those spades
But my Heart —*

*My Irish Heart, Like those around cried
"Stay";*

Stay and Hold your head erect for Ireland's Son:

*A British voice tainted with cold indifference
bid us go, No — NO*

*Firm we stood against their feeble threat
Although I did not want to see
I could not turn and Flee,*

That would be an insult to Liberty's Endeavour,

*Dry your tears, Lift your Head,
COLM MURTAGH Died for IRELAND,
so Shall he LIVE FOREVER:*

By Newry school girl.

427 YEARS

Hut 87

Phillip Mc Mahon	9
Robert Austin	4
David Marley	10
Paddy Sirridge	3
W. Hunter	15
Michael Mallon	7
Rusty Donnelly	4
Brendan Toney	10
Jerry Marks (Newry)	10
Joe O'Donnell	3
R. Montgomery	2
D. Mc Cashin	7
Gerry Smith	10
Martin Hanna	8
Robert Lavery	5
T. M. O'Rourke	3
J. J. Mc Cottor	15
Brendan Cassidy	6
Martin Muldoon	11
Martin Cassidy	7
Denis Heeney	6
Micky Agnew	10
T. Carroll (Armagh)	4
E. Porter	3

Hut 86

Martin Meehan	3
Aodh Mac Canna	1
Tony Fields	4
Willie Mc Guigan	12
Labhras Mac Corrain	5
Kevin Delaney	10
John Joshston (Dublin)	6
Gabriel Hicks	11
P. Donnelly	8
Prionsias Mc Airt	?
Kevin Trainor	7
Mairtin O'Caomhanach	?
Gerard Rodgers	3
Hugh Mc Comb	?
Desy Mackin	5
Joe Lynch	Life
Gerrard Prigent	10
Charlie Mawhinney	7
Patrick Dawson	3
John Devine	2
Willie Cunningham	10
J. O'Hara	6
Daithi de Paor	?
Peter Murphy	6
Tomas Mac Domhnaill	8
Paul Magee	?
Seosamh O Reachtain	15

Hut 85

John Joe Magee	8
John Cowan	?
Donal Kelly	3
Gerard Whyte	8
T. Dickson	2
Liam Kane	5
D. A. Mullan	5
Tony Devlin	2
Donal Mac Domhnaill	5
P. J. McCullough	3
Tony ?	5
Malchy Cullen	6
Patrick Hale	7
Danny O'Neill	3
Pol O Gairbhailh	4
James O'Neill	10
J. Bocruman	5
Joe Rice	10
Jimmy Dempsey	12

HELP FREE THE POLITICAL HOSTAGES



SPOIL YOUR VOTE



SPOIL IT EARLY!

HATCHET ATTACK

The following statement was issued last Friday, by the O.C. 1st Batt. Belfast, Oglagh na h-Eireann:-

1. We were in no way responsible for the hatchet attack on Alliance candidate or any other intimidation of voters. We strongly disapprove of intimidation.
2. Alliance Party and Malachy McGurran of Republican Clubs stated it was Provisional IRA who were responsible. McGurran on television that night referred to the hatchet men of the Provisionals. We would like to see their proof.
3. We strongly disown those claiming to be supporters of ours, carrying out acts such as these, and will take action against them.
4. The person who threw the hatchet is known to us. He has no connection with us whatsoever and he will be punished.

Michael Watters Cumann

We deny very strongly the allegations made by SDLP and the Republican Clubs candidates that we, the members of the Michael Watters Cumann, intimidated in any way the voters in the Dromintee, Forkhill and Jonesboro' area.

These allegations are slanderous lies deliberately intended to discredit Provisional Sinn Feinn in the area.

EXTRADITION

MRS ROISIN McLAUGHLIN is a 30-year old Belfast mother. She took refuge in Cork following the rading and ransacking of her home by British Army Paratroopers. Her family and friends were subjected to brutality by the military.

Intending to set up home in Cork, she has been arrested with a view to extraditing her back to the North. The Dublin Government are determined to hand this young Irish mother over to the professional killers of the British Army. The British yellow press have already convicted her of alleged involvement in the deaths of British soldiers.

The fate which awaits Mrs McLaughlin is unspeakable. She must not be handed over to British army torture and murder squads.

YOU CAN STOP her extradition by showing your abhorrence of the treachery of the Dublin Government.

DEMAND AN END to extradition and collaboration with British Forces.

GET YOUR T.D., Trade Union branch, club or any organisation to oppose it.

British troops have killed nearly 500 Irish people; DO NOT ALLOW them kill a young Belfast mother.

DO NOT ALLOW Cosgrave, Cooney and O'Brien make traitors of all the Irish people.

FIGHT EXTRADITION DEFEAT COLLABORATION

Support the Movement against Extradition.
(Issued by the Republican Movement).

REPUBLICAN VIEWPOINT

This is "normal politics" Whitelaw Style!

By Our Strabane Correspondent

I noted during the week a report that Eamonn Caughey, a leading member of Sinn Féin in Belfast, had been served with an interim custody order at Long Kesh. Despite the continual mouthings of both the SDLP and Whitelaw on "normal political activity," they both operate a system which permits the detention of leading members of political parties in concentration camps. Not that the attitude of the SDLP is surprising, when one considers their absolute silence which followed when Ruairi O' Bradaigh was stuck into the South's imitation of Long Kesh - the Curragh.

If these groups insist that Mr. Caughey would be released if the IRA campaign stops they would merely be confirming two suspicions: the men behind the wire are political hostages, a ploy in itself an affront to democracy, and the British want nothing less than a Republican surrender.

The people can rest assured with the Knowledge that if the British have failed to crush the Irish over 600 years they have no chance now.

The Republican Movement has never been stronger. The political wing is determined to put its policies before the people, and educate them into a real political awareness. Such activities as the incarceration of Mr. Caughey in LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP only strengthened that determination, and show further the harsh Imperialist reality behind the mask of Willy Whitewash's smiling geniality.

What did they say?

With the 26 County Presidential election fast approaching, and Childers and O'Higgins jockeying frantically for the future financial security that office entails, One is tempted to highlight again the stunning hypocrisy of the attitude of Leinster House to the North.

They have claimed sovereignty over us. De Valera countered criticism of his 1949 Republic of Ireland Act by declaring that his Republic was an all-Ireland one. It therefore follows that the people of the North are as entitled to the same treatment across the British Border as are the residents of the 26 counties. Right? Wrong!

When Paddy Kennedy tried to speak in Leinster House, as an elected representative for an area supposedly under 26 County sovereignty, he was unceremoniously and hastily booted out. Votes on entry to the EEC taken by Paddy Devlin, in one of his more enlightened moods, were rejected. I

ask you, does that add up to what Leinster House careerists say at Easter Rising Commemorations? One thing I do know, Pearse and Connolly must turn in their graves.

But that is not all. This selection of hypocritical bureaucrats insist on ignoring one of the most important parts of the 1916 Proclamation, which reads as follows: "... The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty,...."

It is obvious that "civil liberty" is missing in the South. I am sure that the signatories of that historic document would not have countenanced a society where the word of a senior "police" officer is enough to send someone to a concentration camp - as is also the case in the Six Counties.

The devious part of it is over "religious liberty". It is ignored because children of mixed marriages must be brought up as Catholics. It is ignored because of the "State" attitude to divorce and contraception. In all those instances, the Leinster House T.D.s have legislated on the teaching of the Catholic Church. Religious liberty, indeed.

The FACT is that the South, or its politicians, have accepted the Border. Only selected M.P.s could speak in the Dail. No positive attempt has been made to allay the sometimes justified fears of the Protestant community, the 26 County numbers having dwindled because of the various governments' attitudes. When one thinks of that and early Jack Lynch criticisms of the Republican Movement, when he told them to stop and allow him to "get on with the job of uniting the country" it more than makes one think.

Some facts of urban guerrilla warfare

When British spokesmen go through the ritual of claiming that the IRA are on the verge of defeat they habitually refer to statistics for various areas, showing a decrease in IRA activity. "Proof, boys, proof". The newsmen who give such absurd remarks the full treatment are showing that they are ignorant of the nature of the IRA specifically and urban guerrillas generally.

Quite likely, the IRA have occasionally de-escalated violence as a deliberate tactic to sound the British Government's determination to resist the struggle for freedom

and democracy. Instead of seizing the opportunity, the British try to boost the flagging morale of the "Security Forces" by announcing it as evidence of "Security Forces". They do this by making any claim to any person who will listen. In any event there is an ebb and flow in every campaign.

Nowhere has this been more demonstrated than in Derry. A few months ago the British Occupation Forces issued a statement which showed a drop in violence - it was no more than the inevitable lull. They did not issue any statement when in May 1973 the Derry Brigade, Irish Republican Army, revealed the number of bomb explosions for April 1973 and the number of fatal casualties inflicted on the British. They compared the figures with those for the same period last year. It showed that the IRA in Derry in April 1973 did far more than in the same period last year, thus proving as sheer panic the claim a few months earlier that the Derry Provisionals were finished.

Here in Strabane there are sometimes a month between explosions, and sometimes five bombs are planted in one week. The IRA does not stick to any specific battle pattern. They strike when and where it will be most effective.

It must also be appreciated that a successful urban guerrilla war does not necessitate the use of the equivalent of an atom bomb each day. The Algerian FLN operated on a mini-scale, yet beat the French in the war for independence.

Numbers of bombing and shooting incidents are in themselves unimportant, and can be downright misleading. They are unimportant since increased skill by IRA snipers means they can inflict more casualties in less ambushes. They can be misleading since one huge bomb can do more damage than a week when a dozen went off.

As for a decrease in violence in any area where the Paras are, has it not entered the head of people who swallow such rubbish that the Republican Army could merely be trying to spare the people from as much British retaliation as possible? They are, after all, noted as the most humane urban guerrilla fighters yet to hot the world. There would be no harm in waiting a few months. We have waited for Freedom for 800 years: a little longer would scarcely make much difference.

The British are fooling no-one. The war is being won by the Active Service Units of Ogligh na h-Eireann, and the people, except the wilfully blind, know it.

In recent weeks there has been a large increase in the number of letters and articles sent to us for publication. This has resulted in a backlog of items not yet printed. We thank our correspondents for their practical co-operation and ask them to be patient.

OMAGH BLAST

The following is the full text of the statement issued by the I.R.A. following the explosion in Omagh recently.

"An Active Service Unit of the 1st. Battalion Irish Republican Army, Co. Tyrone, was responsible for the explosion in Omagh which resulted in the deaths of four British Army Officers.

We reject the British Army allegation that the lives of civilians were placed in danger.

The explosion was a skillfully controlled one and the first consideration was for the safety of civilians.

Despite the hysterical ravings of the British Black Propaganda machine, this can be borne out by the fact that cars six feet from the target car were undamaged and by the fact that no civilian was injured.

This action was carried out in retaliation for the murder of Lieutenant Kevin Kilpatrick, O.C., 'A' Company, who while unarmed, was cold-bloodedly and deliberately assassinated by the most cowardly and despised branch of the British Army.

British Soldiers Got Tea in Clones



We have been asked to release the following statement:

The six British soldiers detained by Gardai in Clones recently were members of the notorious M.R.F. section of the British Army. That section has been responsible for may 'mysterious killings' in the North and despite denials by British Army spokesmen of its continued existence, it is now publicly established that the unit operates on a more wide-spread scale than hitherto.

By using civilian clothes and vehicles, the British Army are showing an utter disregard for the lives of innocent people. The I.R.A. have already stated that they will ruthlessly exterminate units of the M.R.F. as was done in the Four Square laundry case. The Clones incident highlights the danger to civilians and responsibility for any loss of innocent lives will rest fully with the British Army.

The collaboration between British and Free State forces was also illustrated by the Clones incident. Permitting the M.R.F. killers to re-cross the Border was in sharp contrast with jailing two Armagh men for five years for possessing bell wire and batteries.

The Dublin Government makes no pretence now as to the extent it will support the British forces in their war against the Irish people.



BODENSTOWN '73

THE ANNUAL REPUBLICAN COMMEMORATION IN
HONOUR OF WOLFE TONE WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY 10th JUNE

SPEAKER:

Martin McGuinness DERRY

CHAIRMAN

Ruairi O'Bradaigh ROSCOMMON

CHIEF MARSHAL

Eamon MacThomaís DUBLIN

No one will be allowed to take photographs without an official permit. These can be applied for in field.

Assemble in field at Sailins, 2.15 p.m.

FREE WITELAWS POLITICAL HOSTAGES

"Long Kesh was conceived and built by the British to destroy our Men's minds. Sooner or later, minds would snap and now it has happened in the case of young Gallagher. How many more minds must snap or how many more coffins must leave Long Kesh before that hell hole is closed once and for all?"

"Are we going to let our men, our boys, our girls be destroyed by the British in their hell holes? Are we going to let them die... these patriots who love Ireland and her people?"

"Some of our young people who fought did not go to Long Kesh, they went to the Republican Plot... they give their blood. Those in Long Kesh, will come out sometime."

"Let us make sure that children let those at this meeting tonight will live in a better society than we have ever known. The young people of this generation are far better than we ever were. If the people of the last generation had gone out and fought like the young people are fighting today, we would not be slaves today."

"An appeal went out today to the I.R.A. for a ceasefire. No appeal went out to the British Army to stop their shooting and killing. Why is this? I ask you to examine this yourselves. I am sure you will find the correct answer."

"We stand behind the men behind the wire, we stand behind the girls in Armagh. What's more, we stand behind the Freedom Fighters. For the benefit of those British soldiers on the other side of the road who are spying on us with their binoculars, I repeat, we stand behind the Freedom Fighters."

"I would ask the young people here before I finish, don't get involved in a confrontation with the British Army leaving here. Not that I care about them but I do care about you. We have had a wonderful parade and rally here this evening which proves that the men behind the wire are not forgotten nor the girls in Armagh. When you get the chance, don't forget to send them a letter or a card. It can be lonely in jail, a little thought on your part can help to lighten their suffering."

MR. JIM MCCORRY, Editor of the 'Andersonstown News' said: "That internment is a symbol of a rotten system and that we cannot talk about destroying internment unless we also mean ending the corrupt system that produced it. It means not only freeing the men behind the wire but also freeing the people of all Ireland from exploitation and injustice. This has to be our job and this has to be our mission."

"Let the message go forth from this monster meeting, that those who believe in freedom and justice, those who believe in the rights of man, have no other choice but to follow the course of resistance. We will make no other choice but to resist completely any attempts by the British and Unionists to force us to return to a so-called normality that denies us freedom and justice in our own land."

BRITISH VIOLENCE IN LEESON ST

SEE PICTURES ON PAGE EIGHT

At 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, British Army Units raided the home of Miss Bridget Hannon, at 1 Leeson Street. Recently Miss Hannon has been allocated a flat in the Beechmount area and was in the process of moving her effects to her new home. Her flat in Beechmount was one of those that suffered severe structural damage in the course of a British Army raid, the previous night.

Nothing was found in either case. Local residents were appalled at the destruction caused by these vandals in

British Army uniform. Floor boards were ripped up and strewn around. Walls torn apart, door taken off their hinges, fireplaces destroyed, a 3 foot hole dug in the yard.

The local population, incensed at this senseless destruction protested, throughout the day, blocking traffic in Leeson Street and Falls Road. What was a peaceful demonstration was turned into a near riot when Ferret armoured cars raced through the crowd attempting to overturn two prams that were on the roadway.

British soldiers then tried to drive a Saracen through the crowd, but the people refused to move, even when a rubber bullet was fired. Noticeably absent from the scene were those "Public Representatives" who are continually deploring violence.

Is British Army violence considered legitimate? The answer was given by the people of the area on Tuesday. They are to be highly commended for their show of solidarity with a much respected neighbour.

IT HAPPENED IN ARDOYNE

BY MR. J. LYNCH

I was approached recently by a Mr. Hughes, who has a serious heart complaint. He was being threatened by the Paras and he told me they threatened to shoot him on sight. They claimed they had his photo in their saracens.

Mr. Hughes was in Long Kesh Concentration Camp and was in hospital for a minor operation since his release. He told me if the paras picked him up that it would kill him and that he lived indoors in constant fear.

Mr. Hughes dreaded the paras making a census in case they discovered his place of abode. I decided to go with Mr. Canning to the paras to try and get them off the man's back. We went to the British Army post in Flax Street. We spoke to the Major there and complained about the harassment meted out to Mr. Hughes. He told us if Hughes came to the post to answer a few questions that he would be unharmed.

I asked for a guarantee that he would be released and not held on account of his heart condition. We were given this assurance. We relayed this information to Mr. Hughes. He agreed to go to the post and asked me to go with him.

I went with him at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th May. We were stopped at the gate and I was told I could not enter. I told a Captain I would be back for Hughes, and was told he would be out for 11 p.m. I went back at 10.55 p.m. and was told to wait in the guardhouse.

At 11.05 p.m. the major, a captain and Mr. Hughes came to the guardhouse. I asked Hughes if he was alright and he answered, "yes". I said, "O.K. lets go home". When we got out, he told me they gave him a phone number for him to contact them with information about the I.R.A. I told him to ignore that request.

A statement in one of the local papers that Mr. Hughes wanted to give information about the I.R.A. is completely unfounded and is a cover-up of British Army underhand methods and blatant lying propaganda which is being used against the people of Ardoyne.

These dirty methods caused Mr. Hughes even greater worry which because of his serious heart condition could well prove fatal.

They are not all standing idly by

A resolution was passed at a special meeting of the Goss/Gaughran Sinn Féin Cumann, Dundalk, concerning the recent decision of a Free State Court to extradite Mrs. Roisin Mc Laughlin to the Six Counties.

Protest demonstrations in and around Dundalk are being arranged against the court order. The fate which awaits Mrs. Mc Laughlin, if she is handed over to the British, is unthinkable.

Collaboration between the British and Free State armies is becoming closer every day. The village of Greenore was ringed like a fortress by F.S. troops when they allowed the British Army to retrieve a drifting boat.

Here are another few examples of collaboration:

1. Brian Smith was badly beaten by F.S. troops before they took him to the Curragh Concentration Camp.

2. Liam Fagan who got a savage sentence by a F.S. Court in now in the Curragh.

3. Pat Redmond has been torn away from his wife and young family and sent to Curragh for two years.

4. Sean Collins was abducted, delivered to Newry R.U.C. Station from Dundalk and is now in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

5. There have been at least nine incursions by British Occupation Forces into the 26 Counties at Edentubber and Jonesboro with hardly a squeak from Leinster House.

The first Public Meeting against extradition is expected to be held on Saturday, 16th June. The members of the Goss/Gaughran Cumann call upon all organisations and individuals who support freedom, equality and justice, to back up their efforts to keep Mrs. Mc Laughlin out of British claws.

Coventry Prisoners Defence Committee

Coventry Prisoners Defence Committee,
27 Paynes Lane,
Hillfields,
Coventry.

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Enclosed are the latest copies of the bulletin for the Coventry political prisoners. As you may have heard, Patrick Burke, (19 apprentice engineer) was picked up by the police

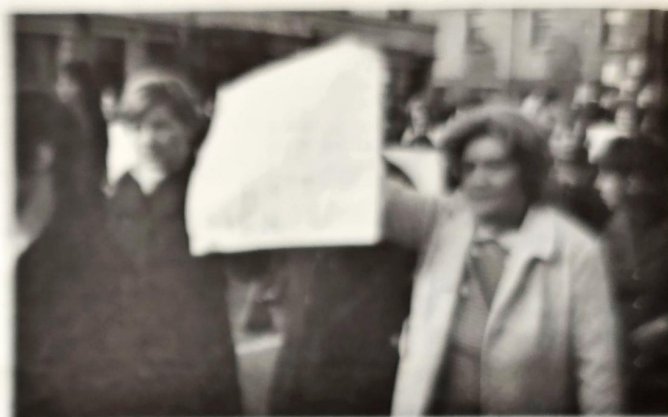
picked up by the police on April 18th, held for questioning all day and then released under section 38 of some act on bail, but was charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage. The police dropped the charges the day before he had to appear at the police station to surrender bail. Since then he has never been questioned and was picked up last Thursday, May 31st. He appeared in court on Friday charged with conspiring with the other 6 prisoners to cause arson, to criminal damage and to cause explosions. He is now out on bail of £225. and has to appear at the police station every day and also has to appear in court when all the others come up. What you will read in the bulletin about a second arrest seems just to have been a rumour.

I do not know if you are aware of the situation in Blackburn (details are in the bulletin). But the men appeared in Court on Friday June 4th, and were charged with possession of two air rifles, a black beret, propaganda leaflets, a child's chemistry set and climbing gear. The prosecution said in court, when they opposed bail that all these things put together could be very dangerous if used in a particular way. We are in touch with Blackburn where attempts are being made to set up a similar defence Committee to that in Coventry.

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Anna Reese

Spoil your vote spoil it early!

MASSIVE TURN-OUT FOR PROTEST MEETING



Leeson Street

Arrangements were being made for another family to move into No. 1 Leeson Street, where British soldiers' actions caused destruction shown in this picture.

Some of the local people blocking traffic on the Falls Road on Tuesday, in protest against severe damage caused to Miss Bridget Harney's home by British Army bullies.



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