

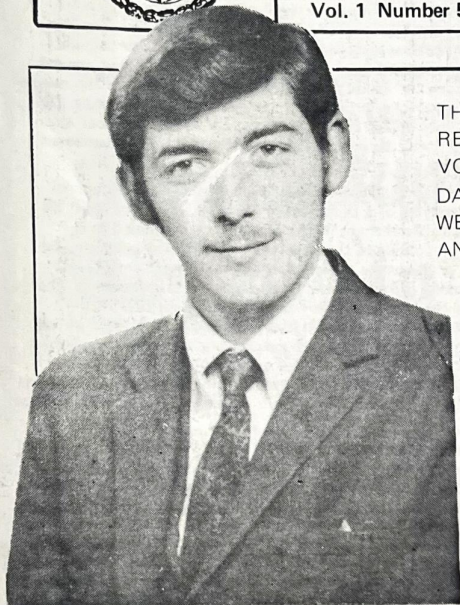


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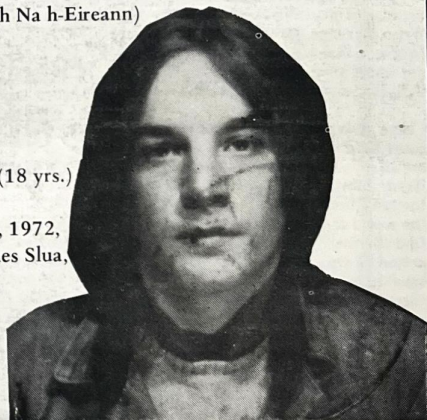
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THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF REPUBLICAN NEWS DEEPLY REGRET THE DEATHS OF **STAFF OFFICER PATRICK MAGUIRE**, VOLUNTEERS **JOSEPH McKINNEY**, **JOHN DONAGHY** AND **DANIEL McAREAVEY**, KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. WE OFFER OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THEIR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND TO THEIR COMRADES IN OGLAIGH NA hEIREANN.

STAFF OFFICER PATRICK MAGUIRE (24 yrs.)
SECOND BATT'

(Joined the **Republican Army** in Dec. 1969 as a volunteer in 'A' Coy. Was a member of 2nd Batt. A'S.U. for a year. Was an officer on the Battalion Staff, Oglagh Na h-Eireann)



VOLUNTEER JOSEPH McKINNEY (18 yrs.)
"D" COY, 2nd BATTALION
(Joined the **Republican Army** in May, 1972, was founder member of Charles Hughes Slua, Na Fianna Eireann)



VOLUNTEER JOHN DONAGHY (19 yrs.)
"D" COY, 2nd BATTALION
(Joined the **Republican Army** in May 1972 - prior to this was in Na Fianna Eireann from March 1972)



VOLUNTEER DANIEL McAREAVEY (19 yrs.)
"D" COY, 2nd BATTALION
BELFAST BRIGADE.
OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN
(Killed in Action - Friday 6th October, 1972)

EDITOR IN COURT ON TV CHARGE

The Editor of the Welsh Nation (official organ of Plaid Cymru - the Welsh Nationalist Party) 29 year old Mr. Clive Betts was fined 10 pounds by Cardiff magistrates recently for not possessing a TV licence.

He told the court that the battle for the Welsh language was now being fought in the living room. A similar sentence was imposed on teacher Miss Marion Williams of Cyncoed, who stated in court that she did not intend to pay.

Mr. Betts told the court: "I mentioned that the British Government only acts on Welsh language demands when forced to by ordinary law abiding people suddenly breaking the law in a symbolic fashion. The Welsh Language Society claims that such methods have transformed the language situation in the past 10 years, and I do not think that many people could honestly disagree.

If the British Government takes notice of the demands for a Welsh language TV channel, running side by side with the present English ones, it will not be because of Westminster's love of the Welsh language, but because sufficient people in Wales have shown they are not afraid to defy the law now in their fight for justice for a language.

I have never been in the dock in a court before in my life. But when I see an injustice as terrible as that over Welsh television, I am forced to break the law, just as others throughout the world fighting other injustices find themselves forced to take similar action. I am not the first English-speaker to appear in the dock in these circumstances. I undoubtedly will not be the last."

EDITORIAL NOTE: When are Republicans in the six counties going to take militant action to get our national language its proper place

★ STATEMENT FROM THE ANN PARKER, SINN FEIN CUMANN. LOUGHMACRORY

The members of the above cumann wish to declare our condemnation of the activities of the so-called soldiers of the British Army in the Carrickmore area of Co. Tyrone. The troops use the 'Garden of Remembrance' for landing purposes for their helicopters. The general public donated money to fund raising functions for the erection of the Garden in memory of the men who were brave enough to give their most treasured possession, their lives, for their fellow Irishmen; not for the scum of a foreign country to use as and when they please.

The Cumann also asks the people to keep their children from school in support of the Belfast children whose schools are occupied by the British. Pupils are asked to abstain from school each Friday.

BRITISH ARMY LIES

In what is now a well documented incident, Daniel Rooney was shot from a passing car in the Rodney area of Belfast late on Thursday night. His friend was critically injured. The British Army said that a plainclothes patrol came under fire from a prepared ambush position. The patrol returned the fire, and two gunmen were seen to fall. There were five soldiers in the saloon car. They were armed with pistols only. How five men crammed into a car armed only with handguns were able to annihilate a prepared position with no casualties to themselves was so self-evidently improbable that British Army press officers accounted the official version of the incident with more than usual diffidence.

If the British Army believes that story, nobody else does
6th October, 1972.

(HIBERNIA)

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER JAILED

The Rev. William Bryn-Roberts, a Presbyterian minister of Wrexham in Wales, is the first person to be jailed for not having a TV licence in protest at the lack of a Welsh language TV channel. He is at present in Walton Jail, Liverpool. His son Ifan, said that his father did not intend to pay the fine because of his principles.

READ THIS: SCOTTIES IN THE BRITISH ARMY

"Scotland has no ambitions which would require the offensive backing of armed forces — our overseas wars since 1603 (and they have been many) were the result of association and subsequent integration with an imperial England.

"With Scottish independence, such adventures and aggressions will be over and done with. Defence will mean defence. A free, independent, Scotland could not afford materially or morally to spend on anything but true defence."

(Arthur Donaldson — Scots Independent).

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Socialism without National Liberation is a Farce

Success for the true revolution will come about through a pursuance of the continuous revolution of the mind, no less than the revolution of the streets. Given that principles cannot be metamorphosed into convenient tactics, the revolutionary, however, cannot cease to examine the validity, morality and justification of the means he employs to see these principles enshrined in political reality. Depending as it does on the commitment of the lowest member as on the leadership itself, the revolution will succeed if all are convinced that the ultimate end is still through the use of present tactics.

It should be clear to all that our ultimate aim is the safe establishment and prospering of a Democratic, Socialist Republic for all Ireland. The institutional shape of this Republic is contained in the philosophy and policies of the Eire Nua concept. Any solution, British imposed or otherwise, which does not take cognisance of our particular remedy is flying in the face of the lessons of history. The aspirations of the Irish people towards unity is a political reality which all the sham talks at Darlington . . . all the farcial local government elections . . . and all the undemocratic referenda on the Border cannot gloss over. Any anti-Unionist organisation which does not have this aim, and which fails to stress it through its every day actions is outside the pale of real influence and power. Whether that influence is obvious or not is irrelevant.

While democracy is an end in itself, it is also a means towards socialism, and national independence. These latter objects, under the right conditions of preparedness of and acceptance by the people; dedication and integrity of leadership, and non-alignment with other power blocs, can be synonymous. Under the present capitalist system only a certain amount of headway can be made towards constructing socialism and while this in no way minimises the importance of socialism, we should accept that the prime consideration must be the war of National Liberation. Socialism without national liberation is a farce; national liberation without socialism leaves the struggle unfilled.

This particular philosophy, and the priorities it entails, leaves the Republican Movement at variance with other groups. Most other anti-Unionist groups in the North today are concentrating their energies on trying to achieve democracy within the confines of the Six County Statelet. While we also want civil rights and democracy, and while we admire their dedication, we must also stress that we believe these groups to be misguided and working from a false and unsound promise. We hold that with present mentalities (the legacy of 50 years), it is impossible to create democracy within a basically undemocratic state. This is why we pressed for and achieved the abolition of Stormont, and it is the reason we will oppose any restructuring of Stormont within the Six Counties. The democratic rights of a nation are of basically more importance, and constitute essentially the guaranteeing of personal rights and liberty. The point here is that we should delve to the root of the problem, and do a complete overhaul. The idea is similar to that in some socialist circles as regards the rich. They should not merely be taxed, but abolished.

The great danger about working within the Six County system is that it dulls the penchant for complete change in the ranks of the ordinary people. Reforms which superficially better the lot of the people make it far harder for them to see that they are still being discriminated against. Britain has been forced to concede reforms — some in principle, and some in fact, the reason being that Britain is fast feeling the effects of a light and still leaking pocket. And this is, after all, what motivates Britain or any imperialist power — the wealth she stands to gain or lose from a colony. Previously Britain may have been motivated by an emotional sense of patriotic duty as well as a greedy interest in this area, but Unionist antics have ensured that times have changed. Britain's interests will now be best served by implementing imperialism under the cloak of reform. The backfiring Whitelaw regime was intended to give imperialism a new face. No longer does the armed soldier stand alone. He now stands aside the suave English gentleman and the intelligent young business man.

If nothing else, the minds of the members of the Republican Movement have not been dull to recognise these facts. We wanted a change of system, not a substitution; a change of type, not form. While we have achieved much, we have still not achieved this. The war, therefore, must continue in principle, and who can deny that the tactics employed are effective.

THE TRUE FACTS:

WE PUBLISH BELOW A DETAILED LIST OF INJURIES INFLICTED ON DEFENCELESS PRISONERS IN COMPOUND SIX OF THE MAZE PRISON CAMP ON 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1972.

This grim list was compiled by Father Faul and three of his colleagues. These clergymen note in the text of their statement . . . 'our feelings of hopelessness at the way such inquiries are conducted . . . ' (if any are given at all). In the interests of human decency, such acts of sadism as committed on the 22nd September, should never be hidden. Everyone must be made aware of the fact that innocent men in jail should not become the outlet for the viciousness and sadistic tendency of their captors.

PLEASE SEND ABROAD TO YOUR RELATIVES AND TO THE MEDIA

Repression Of The Catholic Minority In Northern Ireland

● List of injuries sustained by Remand Prisoners in Compound 6, Maze Prison, Long Kesh, on Friday, 22 Sept 1972

BRUTALITIES inflicted on Remand Prisoners in Cage 6, LONG KESH, The Maze, by Prison Warders and British Army Personnel on Sept. 22nd, 1972. The protection and care of prisoners in custody is a matter of grave concern to the Community. Only by restraint and the attentive discharge of duty in an unprejudiced way will police and soldiers and prison staff win the confidence and trust of the community. Good examples of this prudent, calm and disciplined conduct were seen in England recently during the National Prison Strike. It is sad to record our belief that soldiers and Prison Officers do not behave in this fashion on all occasions in Northern Ireland. On Friday night, 22nd Sept., according to reports, an incident was contrived in Cage 6 of Long Kesh and the soldiers and prison officers indulged their sadistic and revengeful instincts in the most savage way on innocent men who had no means of self defence and who are prevented by the customary wall of prejudice, ill will and Red Tape from making effective complaints to the public authorities in Northern Ireland. On behalf of these prisoners and to prevent a repetition of the cowardly and shameful actions of these terrorists in uniform, we feel compelled by our evangelical duty ("I was in prison and you visited me") to report the details of this case and supplementary medical evidence to the International Red Cross Prison Chaplains, meeting at Rome 8th October. The sad details of these allegations we now put before the public as a further addition to the long list of official and illegal brutalities committed against the Catholic community in Northern Ireland by men in the uniform of the British Crown. We hope that there will be an official inquiry into these allegations although we feel bound to record our feelings of hopelessness at the way such inquiries have been conducted. We ask the people to appeal to European public opinion and the good will of civilised nations who abhor such conduct.

FR. T. CONNOLLY; FR. DENIS FAUL; FR. RAYMOND MURRAY; FR. JOHN MCKEAN

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| James Stewart, Mayobridge—Bruising to back, chest, legs, and arms split, head requiring stitches. | T. Campbell, Belfast—Aged 55. Head wound requiring stitches. Bad bruising to back, arms, and legs. | ing, privates. | F. McCurry, Belfast — Both knees badly cut. Thighs swollen, back and chest badly swollen and bruised. |
| M. J. Hone, Derry — Severe bruising to legs and body, privates badly swollen. | M. Finnegan — Injuries to head requiring stitches but refused treatment by the "screws" also back, ribs and eye badly swollen and bruised. | G. McGuire, Belfast — Arms, legs, back bad bruising, hair pulled out. | M. Gorman, Belfast — Right knee cut and swollen. Bruises on both thighs and left shoulder, fractured left leg. |
| T. Mullan, Dublin — Badly bruised left shoulder, head and stomach. Dog bite on right shoulder. Bruised left leg. | B. Russell, Belfast — Head wound, 6 stitches, badly bruised about back, arms, hips left eye cut and swollen. | J. McLoughlin—Thighs scraped, arms, shoulders bruised. | J. Wilson, Belfast —14-years-old. Right arm badly swollen, right leg badly bruised also head and privates. |
| P. McKearney — Face, leg, head, arms and back injuries. Badly bitten by Ward dogs | F. McAuley, Belfast—Injuries to back, legs and face. | P. McEnanin—Shoulder blade bruised. | D. McCorry— Badly bruised arms, legs, head and hands. |
| Bernard Morgan, Belfast— 60-years-old. Injuries to legs, head, back. Badly bruised ribs. | D. Burt, Belfast —Injuries to back, legs and arms. | T. Gornian—Burst knee cap, badly bruised right knee, elbow and hands. | J. McGeown, Lurgan — Badly bruised legs, arms, back and chest. |
| T. McKee, Belfast—Split and badly bruised head, arms and ribs. Cut eye, injured legs and knees. | L. McCurry, Belfast — Head injuries, cut twice back of head bruised, back arms, legs received no treatment. | R. Feeney, Belfast—Backsides and kidneys badly bruised knees badly swollen. | F. Dodds, Belfast — Arms stitched (2) legs, back and chest badly bruised. |
| P. J. Quinn, Tyrone— Badly bruised ribs swollen ankles and leg. Kicked in privates Head bruised. | G. Brady, Newry—Injuries to arms, legs back and privates left elbow dislocated. | H. Fitzsimons, do.—Arms, legs kidneys, back, knees, elbows, all bruised. | M. McCorry, Belfast— Badly bruised ribs, arms, legs head, black-out following, bruised chest and back. |
| G. McChesney, Newry—bitten and badly scratched by dog, arms, back and legs also covered in baton welts and bruises. | Kevin Trainor, Armagh—Dog bites on legs and arms, refused treatment by doctor. | S. O'Neill, Belfast—Arms, legs kidney, head, ribs, broken arm | G. M. Donnelly, Tyrone — Badly bruised arms, head, legs, ribs, 2 fingers broken. |
| G. Doherty, Derry — Severe bruising to head, legs, back arm and body. | T. O'Kane, Derry —Injuries to ribs, legs, knees and ankles. | H. Gowdy, Belfast— This man is recovering from back operation. Back, kidneys, shoulders, arms, legs, knees bruised. | M. McDonald, Newry— Split head, bruises to legs, back and arms. |
| T. Worskey — Head wound, requiring stitches, but was refused medical aid, severe bruising to back and legs. | J. Rooney, Belfast— Left leg, ankle, thigh, back, fingers and feet. | F. O'Kane, Derry—Side, arms back, chest, knees all bruised | Bradford, Belfast—Bruises to legs and back. |
| S. Johnston — Severe head injury and bruised eye, arm, leg and back injuries. | S. McGill, Belfast— Left knee busted, spine and arms bruised. | J. Robson, Derry—Legs, arms, back, all bruised. | J. McCormick, Newry — Bruises to legs, ribs and arms. |
| T. McCracken —Back of head shoulder, back and legs all bruised and swollen. | Joe Donnelly— Side bruised, knee busted, shoulders, arms, right hip bruised, hair pulled out. | T. Carroll, Armagh — Split head, stitches. | T. McCoy, Newry—Bruises to legs, ribs and arms. |
| | J. Williamson —Broken arm, split head, bad body bruising, privates. | R. C. O'Neill, Derry—Battered on the head, black outs on Saturday night, 2 on Friday night, medical attention (2 Panadol). | J. Gallagher, Derry—Bruises to legs, shoulders, fingers and spine. |
| | | J. Johnston, Dublin—Left arm badly bruised and swollen. Back badly welted and both knees cut and swollen. | B. McGown, Belfast —Bruises to wrist, left side left shoulder, left thigh, right kidney, right thigh and spine. |
| | | P. J. Smyth, Belfast — Both knees badly cut and bruised, head split, arms and legs bruised. | |

murder in the north

LOWER FALLS This weeks occupation of the Lower Falls area has resulted in the deaths of two more young people, one an innocent young girl, murdered by the SAS and the other young Daniel McAreavy shot dead by the British Army. This young IRA volunteer was shot in the hand by soldiers of the Anglian regiment, then riddled to death as he took shelter under a car. The grief that a people has to bear is sometimes so heavy that ones heart feels like stone. To the bereaved families of these young people we in the Republican Movement tender our deepest and most profound sympathy.... "The fools, the fools, they have left us our fenian dead, but while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree will never be at peace...."

EAST BELFAST Yet another Catholic youth from this area has been found murdered. Patrick McCartan was found hooded, most cruelly tortured, and shot in the head. It was reported that he had been returning home from a party with a Protestant friend when he was intercepted by his murderers. Another mystery death for the never-ending list.

ST JAMES' Following the cold blooded killing by the British Secret Service of Daniel Rooney and the wounding of Brendan Brennan, the people of the area have been maintaining vigilant patrols in order to prevent recurrence of such a terrible murder. The people of the area are to be congratulated in this endeavour; we hope their stand will result in the saving of young lives.

LISBURN The all-night seige at a Catholic-owned bar by UDA members while the RUC and British Army looked on must strike a note of disgust in the minds of civilised people. These thugs in para-military uniform had earlier attempted to take three Catholic men from the bar. Failing in this more of their cronies took up a position outside the bar. It was not until the RUC had given the UDA their own way for several hours that the occupants were eventually escorted from the premises. No doubt the RUC would have preferred to have left these unfortunate people to the tender mercies of the Ulster Defence Association.

PORTADOWN Another bloody murder in this area. The killing during the week of Patrick Connolly in the Deramore area of Portadown is yet another name to be added to the never-ending list. This young man died when a grenade was thrown through the front room of his house. The first statement issued by the police would have one believe that the bomb went off inside the house; but the story died a natural death when it was later revealed that this man had been the victim of a bomb attack on his home. His death suddenly became one of the 88 odd mysteries we have around these days.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hut 23, Cage 3,
Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

A cara, please allow me to express my utter disgust at the gutter remarks being made by the NLF and the CRA.

These champions of British justice, rights and reforms in Ireland, have earned themselves a place amongst Faulkner, Whitelaw, Alliance and Women Together by their gutter-type statements against the IRA freedom fighters.

Because of the popular support that the IRA maintain, the NLF and the CRA attempt to capitalise on some regrettable incidents in order to stem the large ebb from their own incompetent organisation. The people want freedom from British repression, laws and its ways. After several years of British brutality against peaceful demonstrations, they have witnessed every passive effort frustrated by Unionist batons and guns, and later by the British Army of Occupation.

The time has long since passed for Ghandi-type heroics, thus the support that the people have afforded the Republican Movement in order

to achieve a permanent lasting solution and not a British imposed one. The British have demonstrated that there is only one thing they fear in the progressing Irish dilemma; that is, and ending to their exploiting business interests here. The British follow the code of international capitalism; if profits diminish or exploitation of the working class because too hazardous, get out fast. Many British financial interests have got out of the six counties already; more will surely follow. The economic campaign being waged by the Republican Movement is directed against the British, as the NLF, and CRA well know, and as they falsely allege against the Protestant working class. It would seem that the NLF support almost every revolutionary freedom movement except the Irish Republican Movement. These pen and ink revolutionaries of newspaper fame, have carried out (in Protestant eyes) the biggest acts of sectarianism against them by the attempted assassination of the Protestant leader, John Taylor. The bomb explosion that killed Senator Barnhill had a similar effect. The 'unfortunate' killings by the NLF car bomb at Aldershot can hardly have aligned the support of the British working class behind their organisation. I doubt if there was a 'mandate' from the people to carry out such an act in their name.

Now what is this word 'MANDATE' which the NLF and the CRA bandy about so frequently these days? I believe that the IRA has a bigger mandate for its actions than, say for example the leaders and men of Easter Week 1916. It

will be remembered that they were spat upon by some people in Dublin after the rising. Many at the time also condemned the insurgents as trouble-makers and even red revolutionaries. James Connolly was one of the Republican leaders falsely condemned.

The gallant men of 1916 are now national heroes and held in reverence by some members in Fianna Fail. We shall achieve our freedom only when the six counties becomes too much of an economic burden for the British exploiters to continue to finance it in order to milk it.

The unity of the working class, Protestant and Catholic, shall only be achieved when the British haul down their blood-stained rag, the Union Jack from the Irish mast. At present as in the past, the divisions and splits among workers is a bonus to the British capitalist. They created the fears and mistrust. They fostered the 'them' and 'us' in the workers minds. These fears shall remain while the British remain in Ireland. The struggle for Irish National Freedom, must therefore, get priority. Afterwards, the real social and economic revolution may then begin in earnest. It is time that the NLF became realistic on this issue.

If the NLF and the CRA wish to contribute towards the Irish struggle, let them cast aside the pen 'revolutionaries' amongst them who slander the greatest guerrilla force, quoted to the most humane, that Ireland has ever seen.

Mise le meas,

PHIL McCULLOUGH

YES OR NO?

"These two men stopped by our road check", said a UDA spokesman "were members of the SAS". This statement must have about knocked Whitelaw for six, coming in the wake of the execution by the IRA of Sapper Stuart in a laundry van in Twinbrook. Considering the deaths of the two agents on the Antrim Road it could not have come at a worse time.

However, British spokesmen have claimed that the two men intercepted by the UDA were off-duty soldiers. If they were indeed off-duty soldiers, where were they going with all the highly dubious literature they had in their car?

Whitelaw must know the game is almost over. It has had a long innings. Everyone knows that the Whitelaw regime have been behind very many of the murderous bombings and killings of the last month. The CIVIL RIGHTS group have made public their evidence concerning the activities of the SAS; the UDA are now adding more wood to the fire; the Republican Movement are dealing practically with these secret service gangs. How many, Mr. Whitelaw, more innocent people are going to have to die at the hands of the SAS before you call it a day?

We would like to dedicate this beautiful poem sent in to us, to the memory of young JIMMY QUIGLEY shot dead only one week ago.....

For Jimmy who volunteered his life
For Jimmy, a young friend

Hush Autumn, he is dead.
And in your sighing heart
Whisper his name.
And with your brown crushed leaves
Lay him to rest.
Let your grey skies
Be his shroud
And your rains
The tears for his years.

Hush Autumn! he is dead
And with your rusling winds
Lull him in his sleep.
And with your tall black barks
Make his guard.
In the soft brown earth
Which has given up its harvest
Let him be
That he will grow in peace.

Hush Autumn! he is dead
The winter comes on
Without him,
Thinking itself free from his nourishing word
Which he kept in his heart
As a vision untouched
Save by the mystical seed
Sewn in his sacrifice.

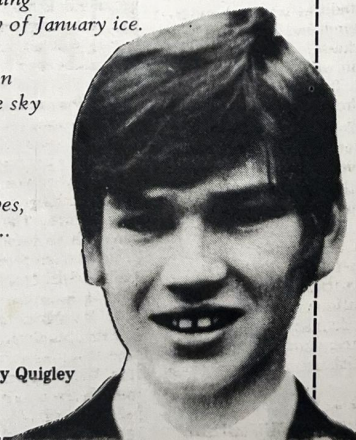
Hush Autumn! he is dead
In your quiet nights
Of warmth and still
His dream goes on, a torch
Lighting the fires of heaven
Which brighten the skies
And show the way
Beyond the passing clouds
Hush Autumn! he lives.

Hush Autumn! he lives
In our hearts
And the not far summer
When the young sapling
Bared in the tyranny of January ice.
Shall green again
And reach for the sun
From its roots to the sky
From dark to light
And live.

Hush Autumn! he lives,
he lives.....

"MISE EIRE"

Jimmy Quigley



Profile of a "Terrorist"

He was only 14 years of age when the British Army came here in 1969. He and his friends watched and marvelled at the might of this Army of England as it marched, bayonets fixed down the Falls Road: to save him and his people from the burnings of that terrible year. He like so many others cheered aloud at the arrival of these troopers from across the sea. As a child he had spent horrifying nights watching houses burn and people die from bullets fired by the B-Specials RUC and Orange extremists; impressions in the mind of a child, not easily forgotten.

He was 15 years of age when he saw the worm turn, when he huddled with his mother, father, brothers and sisters in their small home in the Falls, while the CS gas crept under the door, through the window blinding his eyes, making him sick. He was still only a youngster when he watched four coffins borne along to Milltown Cemetery; people who had died at the hands of the Army who came to 'save'. So here he was, when he should have been playing the games that children play, beginning a new phase in the tortured youth of Ireland, the game of war. Now he asked the question, why.

He was only 16 when he began to realise how rotten the system was under which he had to live; how he had left school, and had just joined the same dole queue which had been inherited from his father. He was, as are so many here, another hopeless case in a depressing situation.

At the age of 17 he came to be a 'terrorist', a 'gunman' still only a child he had accepted the challenge thrown down to him by a foreign government - submit, emigrate or fight. He chose to fight.

He was 17 when he witnessed the round-up of men women and boys. He read of the tortures and the killings of August 1971. This is the boy or man the British call a terrorist. Daniel McAreavy or young Jimmy Quigley would fit this profile

Children in 1969 when it began, they became the freedom fighters of 1972. Some are now dead and gone, like Jimmy Quigley and Daniel McAreavy, some are in prison hell serving time for the love of their country. These are the children born and created out of the sickness that inflicts us all: British domination. Today in 1972, the man who was a child in 1969, watches over the 14 year old who in 3 years' time will be a terrorist.

(by Seamus Loughran, Press Officer)

Sometimes it is good to sit and reflect on what has occurred here in the Occupied corner of Erin, good that is, providing one is prepared to be objective when looking back at the many events and tragedies that have taken place, especially since 1969. It has also been said that it is harmful to dwell too long on the past, as it can have very little to do with the future. On this point I must disagree, though not too strongly, as it is only time wasted if we can achieve nothing from a journey into the past.

The turmoil of our City and the other Republican areas in the six counties, were inevitable, the only question seems to have been when, the Unionist junta that OVER-RULED our people were due to get, as they say, their come-uppence and get it they did. The history of that part of our native Ulster which has remained under 'foreign' domain, for so long, is very rife with trouble, indeed it would appear that the Northerner was fighting when the rest of Ireland had complete peace. However, the period that began as a 'temporary measure' was enforced, that measure was the border, has probably more strife and bitterness built into it than any other comparable period in our history.

This of course, was part and parcel of the plan, the Black and Tans, the Auxiliaries, the RIC, the RUC, the B-Specials, the UVF and all the while the British Army were there to see one end attained, and that end was the division of the Irish people, following the 'divide and conquer' policy that Britain has maintained all over the world all over the once large and famous Empire, which is now reduced to a race against time to join the Common Market in an attempt to once again take a lead among the great nations of the world.

The English are determined to recapture their lost power and they see in the North of Ireland the last vestiges of power being withdrawn from them by a race of people they have always considered as the fodder for their cannon, or to do the labouring necessary to maintain their power. The hold they kept over us, partly because of our own refusal to unite to fight them, was finally prised loose as the people began to realise the power they, the people had. This power was amply demonstrated by the Declaration of Downing Street, the different Commissions set up, the downfall of the hated Stormont and lastly in the feeble attempt to introduce some semblance of 'aul decency' by that better forgotten meeting at Darlington.

All of these things were as a direct result of the power of a risen people, the power to subdue even a biased vicious Government, to prise open the injustices and let the world see just what went on here, all again because the people CAUSED it to happen. Certainly many lives were lost,

SINN FEIN COMHAIRLE CEANNTAIR

Long kesh

CONCENTRATION CAMP

many men, women and children, died, some as part of the war machine some the inevitable accidents that MUST happen, some lost their lives because they did not heed warnings and still more because warnings were not passed on by those in control of such things. War brings all of these tragedies to light, forces the best and worst out into the open.

It is not the war though that we concern ourselves here, but rather the causes of it, the reasons why it becomes necessary, as a last resort to force the arm of the British Government to move on the Irish question, the reason why many people are prepared to suffer the reason why so many people are suffering, the reason why many people will have to suffer. War, not war for war's sake, but a war of a people who have suffered long enough and who have suffered much, a people who are only going to suffer on because they see at long last the end of the road. Britain has caused much pain and anguish all over the world, but aside from India and perhaps Africa, she has wreaked more strife here than in any place else where the Union Jack was flown.

That flag is now badly stained, stained with the blood of countless Irish people and also, because of England's desire to control us, the blood of countless Britons. The bottom of the barrel has been reached in Ireland, we see it, Europe now sees it, all the world sees it, but alas Heath still has his head in the 'morning clouds' and Whitelaw is determined to see that England regains some of her lost prestige before he leaves us. He is a fool. It is a pity he is so, he has been told on many occasions that he is wasting his time, he has been told he is going the wrong way about it all, he has been told the error of his ways, but still he goes on, rather befuddled now, not knowing who to trust, or who to turn

to for advice, during his six months here, the British Army have gone about the business of terror with a vengeance. They have been caught on the wrong foot hundreds of times, but will not admit it. Willie has seen the RUC fully armed and ready to shoot to kill, just so long as the guns are pointed at the anti-unionists of the North. He has been told to recognise the Republican Movement as the voice of a large section of the people, but he has refused, he has been asked to release those innocent men now held by 'internment' and 'detention' orders, he has refused, he has been asked to see fair play in the court of 'justice', but he has refused, he has talked to and received a guaranteed truce, he was expected to live up to the terms he accepted, he refused. You name it, ask Willie, tell him you are against the union with Britain, and I'll guarantee he will even refuse it. He must wake up one of these days and realise that he is all up the left, to use modern jargon, he needs must also realise that he has to change his ways if he ever hopes to achieve the reconciliation he tells us he wants to badly. In the near future there will be elections held here to decide the people who will sit on local councils, are we again to be snubbed? Is the Republican Movement to be refused its rightful claim to contest the elections through the political wing of the movement, Sinn Fein. Is the distasteful 'oath of allegiance' to be rammed down our throats again, just because he knows that we as Irishmen, will not accept the necessity for same. I hope not. Thousands of our people hope not, they are looking forward to the opportunity to show how they do feel. We are not afraid of defeat, we are not afraid to hear the people say we are on the wrong track, we are sure they will give us, if they can, a massive vote of support.

STATEMENT FROM SEAMUS BURNS/CHARLES HUGHES SINN FEIN CUMANN.

COLLUSION

Another murderous bomb has exploded in a Catholic area, this time outside the Long Bar in Leeson Street. The bomb was left in a car parked outside the club. No warning was given and it was only because of the vigilance of a few local people that scores of people were not killed. As it was the explosion claimed the life of a 23 year old woman, Mrs. Olive McConnell, married with three small children. It was shielding one of these babies (the one in the photo) that cost her her young life. Numerous people were injured by the blast among them a 9 year old child.

The circumstances surrounding the bomb are that a short time before a number of Saladin armoured vehicles made a reconnaissance of the Leeson Street area. Within a short time two cars drove in, the occupants of one car joined with the others in the first car, leaving the car with the bomb outside the Long Bar. The car rolled forward ending up outside the People's Co-op next door. The bomb exploded spreading shrapnel over a wide area and Mrs. McConnell lost her life.

In the view of the local residents one thing is absolutely certain, this was NOT and IRA bomb in transit, but had been brought in either by the SAS or UDA under British Army escort.

It is a significant feature of these deeds that they are almost obscured in the press. Why? The reason is all too obvious; no blame can be attributed to the IRA so the propaganda value is NIL. It does not matter to the so-called peace-keepers that these bombs are becoming more frequent and more costly in terms of innocent life. Another question - the British Army are still to come to the scene - what happened to them. We have drawn attention to the mounting that the occupants were taken from the bar under escort. No doubt the RUC would have been delighted to leave these unfortunate people to the tender mercies of the UDA.

PEARSE

The political philosophy of Patrick Pearse is especially relevant in these days of crisis in Northern Ireland. British political repression far exceeds that of 50 years ago. Free local elections remain suspended. Internment continues. The Special Powers Act is vigorously enforced. More than 35,000 British troops saturate the Catholic areas of occupied Ireland. Indeed, "British Ulster," is the most heavily occupied area in the world today. Pearse's accurate analysis of British repression and his solutions should be the very cornerstone of Republican efforts to end foreign rule over Ireland's fourth green field.

Towards the Brink

Last week Jack Lynch took a step, guided in the first instance by Ted Heath, in the second by his knowledge of his own forthcoming downfall, when he closed Sinn Fein HQ in Kevin Street, Dublin.

What Lynch expected to achieve by this act of stupidity is not entirely clear. Presumably he envisaged acts to be committed by Republicans in retaliation, whereby he could open his long-coveted concentration camp in the South. However, the most likely reason would be the forthcoming Ard Fheis, which will show the mounting support the people fighting for our freedom have in Ireland. The history of Republicanism has been one of setback after setback in the light of our goal. British politicians have tried, Northern politicians have tried, and quislings like Lynch have tried to disrupt us: but our motto as it was the motto of James Connolly: "We shall rise again".

What the near-sighted Lynch cannot see is the way in which the British are manipulating him (a) first in his degrading mockery of the law through the Special Courts (even the British had not done this), (b) the denial of political rights to Republicans imprisoned in the South (while Heath grants it at Crumlin Road), (c) the censorship of the press media, the complete ban on Sinn Fein members appearing on RTE, and now (d) the closure of Sinn Fein HQ in Dublin and the disgraceful arrest of two people.

Jack Lynch's ignorance of Ireland's suffering is typical of the 'head in the sand' attitude of Free State politicians towards the Northern question. Like quislings down the ages who had the chance to be identified with the Irish people's struggle, they chose the easy way out by shovelling more sorrow and death in our paths.

But now things are different and we are in a position of authority to tell Lynch and his cronies to look before they leap. Closing of Kevin Street presents little obstacles to a peoples march for freedom. Leinster House is no obstacle to a risen people either, we succeeded in abolishing Stormont, the degraded little house in Dublin will present little problem to us when our time is come.

JAMES CONNOLLY SAID: 'the great appear great, because we are on our knees, let us arise'. We arose in 1969; (idly by) Lynch will never succeed where the British Army have failed.

Obituary

FATHER BRADLEY (R.I.P.)

The recent death of Father Hugh Bradley has caused widespread regret not only among his beloved people in St. Patrick's District, whom he served so faithfully for over thirty years (23 of these as their administrator,) but also in Republican Circles in Belfast.

Until his retirement (for health reasons) in 1965 and throughout his long life, Father Bradley was an outspoken advocate of the national cause. Older Republicans will remember the 'early and mid thirties' when in the pursuit of National Activities the position was somewhat similar to what it is today, harassment, brutalities, interrogations and imprisonment.

The Gates of Milltown Cemetery were locked on Easter Sunday and hundreds of RUC and B-Specials lined up both inside and outside the railings to prevent Republicans getting near the Plot to commemorate and honour their patriot dead. Nevertheless thousands would gather on the roadside, and the most outstanding figure would have been that of Father Bradley.

He would arrive, together with another great priest from St. Pat's at that time, the late very Rev. Fr. Byrne. They would alight from the 'tram' at the fringe of the crowd which by this would have stretched to the gates of the Falls Park and push their way to the centre. The Proclamation was then read, and Father Bradley recited the Rosary in Gaelic, afterwards he would appeal to the vast assembly to disperse peacefully and quietly now that the dead were honoured. But as always happened the then 'powers that be' had other ideas and baton charges, arrests and imprisonment followed.

Father Bradley, a fluent speaker had an intense love of our gaelic tongue; and at all times encouraged the practice of speaking and learning it. He was the first priest, the writer, heard saying the three 'Hail Marys' after mass in Irish. Likewise the fifth decade of the Rosary at Benediction (a practice of course which is not done nowadays).

On his retirement Father Bradley was the guest of honour of the National Graves Association, at one of their commemoration dinners and was presented with a suitable gift by the chairman (the late Seamus Steele) in appreciation of his life-long support of the Republican Cause.

Truly an unforgettable character. Go ndeanaidh dia trocaire ar a anam.....

No regrets published by British

The British Air Force bombed three German Ships packed with 9,000 concentration camp inmates on 35 on 3rd May, 1945. This war crime is revealed in a book recently published in West Germany, written by Rudi Goguel, the East German author. The little-known air attack on Lubeck Bay left 8,000 dead. The author was one of the few men who survived. Herr Goguel spent years researching the incident, which he says, has never been reported in British accounts of the bombing of Germany.

Eleven thousand badly weakened prisoners from all over Europe were sent from the Neuengamme and Stutthof camps to be loaded in three former Merchant Marine ships lying in Lubeck harbour. Between 20 and 26th April, some 9,000 inmates were taken to the three ships by German authorities according to Rudi Goguel.

Early in the morning of May 3rd the surrounding U-boats and other warships withdrew to the open sea. At 2.30 p.m. low-flying British planes bombed and strafed the defenceless ships for 20 minutes. The decks were crowded with men wearing the striped uniforms of concentration camp inmates. Herr Goguel argues that it must have been clear to the RAF that the ships were not regular German Navy vessels.

To the best of our knowledge there has never been a word of regret from the British about this incident nor any attempt to give a public explanation for this tragic event. Compare this with the crocodile tears shed by British and Unionist politicians when due to some unforeseen incident; innocent people have unfortunately been killed or injured in the six counties.



MRS. OLIVE McCONNELL (24) with the baby she died to save.

(See story page five)

WAR NEWS

Wednesday 15th September

A single shot fired by a marksman wounded a soldier on the roof of Roden Street Barracks.

Thursday 16th September

At 3 p.m. a saracen rammed a car in Leeson Street and the Brits opened fire, wounding an unarmed civilian who was just standing at the corner. An ASU then rushed to the scene and returned the enemy fire. One Brit was hit in the head and seriously wounded.

On Thursday night the British Army opened fire from the roof of the school of Dentistry. Fire was returned and the Brits admitted that they had one casualty.

Friday 17th September

About teatime on Friday a single shot was fired at a Para foot patrol near the top of Whitecock Road. A para was hit in the chest and according to many eye-witnesses died almost instantly, but the Brits did not even admit that they had been fired on. About an hour later another para was wounded near the shops in Ballymurphy and that night the paras went on the rampage.

Sunday 19th September

A single shot was fired at a foot patrol in Springhill Avenue, hit a para in the head. He was later stated to be very seriously wounded.

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THE FUNERAL of young DANIEL McAREAVY of Raglan Street, shot dead by the British Army during last week was violated by the British Army.

A short time before the cortege was to leave the British Forces invaded the area. Senior Army Officers attempted to dictate the route the funeral was to take. The family made it clear in no uncertain terms that unless their wishes were respected the corpse would remain with them until it was borne out in the way they desired.

Two local priests intervened in the situation and eventually after some time bargaining the cortege was allowed to pass unhindered.

However, as it passed Bostock House Nurses Home on the Falls Road rotten eggs were thrown from the upper floor onto the mourners walking below. In spite of this gross humiliation of the dead the funeral proceeded. As it came up to Thames Street two jeeps sped across its path, and into the mourners, scattering the people from left to right.

Again, despite this hideous behaviour the coffin was borne with dignity to its last resting place in the Milltown Cemetery.

The British Army have shown that not only will we be deprived of humanity in life, but also in death . . .