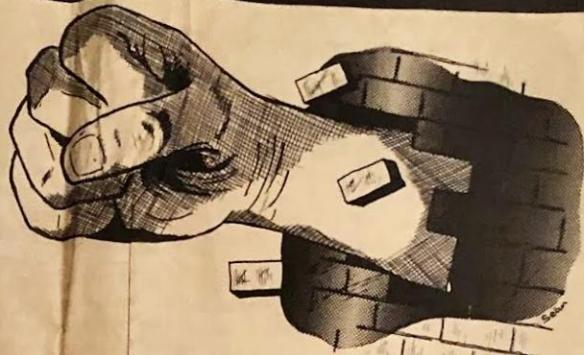


SMASH H-BLOCK!

POLITICAL STATUS
FOR POW's

(including repatriation of those in enemy gaols)
PENDING A GENERAL AMNESTY



BRITS OUT

MASS MARCH AND RALLY

DERRY

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 1978

Assemble Free Derry Corner 3p.m.

MARCH OVER THE SAME ROUTE TAKEN TEN YEARS AGO
BY THE FIRST DERRY CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH ON 5th OCTOBER 1968



THE PAST ten years have seen many changes on the political scene in the Six Counties: the abolition of Stormont, the disbanding of the "B" Specials and the introduction of one-man one-vote, to name but a few. But one thing has become absolutely clear in the past decade: that while British imperialism rears its ugly head in our midst Irish men and women will never enjoy the freedom for which they yearn.

After nine years British troops have failed to defeat Irish resistance to the British occupation of the Six North Eastern Counties. The war of national liberation continues despite British murder, despite internment without trial, despite internment by ramrod, despite the savage sentences handed out to Republican activists through the juryless Diplock Courts, despite suppression against Sinn Fein and despite the attempted suppression of 'Republican News'.

March 1st 1976 saw the implementation of the British policy of denial of P.O.W. status in Occupied Ireland. In September 1978, 320 Republican P.O.W.s defy the British criminalisation policy in H-Block, Long Kesh, with a contempt and defiance unparalleled in any country in the world — as they sit in naked solitary confinement, supported by their sisters in the struggle — the girls on lock up in "B" Wing, Armagh Gaol. On the success of their criminalisation policy rests Britain's plans for future control of Ireland. The P.O.W.s are giving us the lead — we cannot and we will not allow Britain's plans to succeed.

Sinn Fein asks for a massive turn out in Derry on October 8th to show solidarity with the invincible men and women in protest against the British criminalisation policy and to demand that the British get out.

MARCH AND RALLY ORGANISED BY SINN FEIN