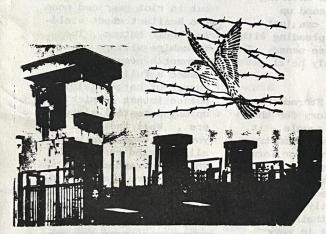
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Recent comments by Labour spokesperson, Peter Archer on various repression issues here(showtrials, stripsearching) and the vote against the review of the Emergency Provisions Act by the Labour Party in Westminster marks an improvment on Labour's position on Ireland since the draconian days of 'Mad Midget' Mason. reflects both a shift in the political spectrum in Britain and also the years of good work done by supporters of British withdrawal in the Labour Movement. The shift to the left in the Labour Party grass-roots and the intensifying levels of class struggles in Britain (complete with police repression and 'legal bending')can only increase the receptiveness of the voice for withdrawal in the Labour Party. Of course Labour is no revolutionary Party and the official line seems to have latched on to the Forum Report as the way forward which could only be a basis for consolidating the capitalist system in Ireland. have to expose the reactionary nature of the Forum Report to the Labour Movement in Britain in the near future.

#### SLIPPERY FISH

SDLP leader John Hume is slipping about from one shady meeting to another, Margaret Thatcher at Westminster, Molyneaux and the Official Unionists here and then Prior himself. Feeling cocky after

# Inside Column

his Euro Poll 'triumph', Hume seems intent on having something to show for the Forum Report in which he has invested so much personal prestige. But what will it be? an all Ireland Economic Council made up of obscure civil servants waffling about even more obscure discussion papers, white papers and expense accounts. And the price he must pay for this irrelevancy? - well nothing less than entering a slightly dressed up Stormont. I can just imagine him pleading with Paisley to see sense. I know the reply he'll get too.

The fall of Stormont was a great victory for the Nationalist people - it must never be reconstruct ed in any shape or form. The insistence by Sinn Fein to contest the 1982 Assembly Elections can only be partly overlooked because of their electoral It is very success. dangerous to give any credence at all to a British inspired plan to ressurect Stormont. The issue of the new Stormont becomes lost in the obsession to beat the SDLP. What then will the Sinn Fein view be to new Assembly elections if and when they materialise?

On the SDLP side, any attempt to re-enter Stormont could see the 'Green' Mallon faction reconsidering their position inside the Party. But Hume has it reckoned up that what he loses electorally from that element, he will gain from the Catholic



Alliance voters who switched to him in the Euro-election. In the longer run, any attempt by the SDLP to re-enter Stormont will inevitably mean their demise. There can be no 'internal solution' to partition.

#### FAMILAR NEWS

I see that the 'violence' of the North has eventually spilled into Britain in the form of police riot squads fully geared out in riot gear and none too hesitant about wielding their batons. The Yorkshire village of Hemsworth recently witnessed a full scale charge of baton-wielding police intent on picking up any potential picketers . Well the local vouth at whom this was all directed reacted and the police ended up getting more than they'd bargained for. Well it all goes to show that a cop is a cop is a cop.

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### NICARAGUA

#### LONG LIVE THE NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION

Five years ago, the Sandinistas swept to power in Nicaragua smashing the corrupt regime of Somoza. The struggle was long and hard and many gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

The Somoza regime, like other right-wing dictatorships had resorted to death and terror as a means of holding on to power, many disappeared never to seen or heard of again.

There is no doubt that the American C.I.A. were the architects of the murder squads. They still use the same tactic in many other countries today, the most publicised being El Salvador.

But on July 25th,1984, thousands of Nicaraguans lined the streets of Managua waving the black and red Sandinista flags to celebrate their freedom and demonstrate to the world that despite American 'dis-information' the people fully support the Revolution.

#### REVOLUTION UNDER ATTACK

Since Somoza was overthrown, the Americans have been terrified that the downtrodden masses in other surrounding countries will see in Nicaragua a beacon of light and hope for their own liberation. American fears seem to be well founded for there has been an upsurge in revolutionary activity in a number of countries in the area. Guatamala is a prime example were the Americans thought they had smashed the revolutionary movement by the use of massive repression and terror. In El Salvador the FMLN guerrillas hold a large section of the country.

To counter this, the Regan administration has pumped millions of dollars into building an army of CIA mercenaries and former Somoza supporters. Honduras which is the poorest country in Central America and which borders Nicaragua has been turned into a vast American military base.



# 5 years On

Military airfields have been built on the Nicaraguan border and a vast road improvement scheme has been undertaken. The only purpose behind these moves would be to facilitate the movement of American troops in a direct invasion of Nicaragua. America has recently mined Nicaraguan ports (an act of war in itself). She has stationed Aircraft carriers off the Nicaraguan coast. She prompts the the Contras into attacks accross the Nicaraguan border itself.



But what the Americans fail to realise is that these acts of intimidation and aggression will fail to destroy the solidarity of the Nicaraguan people. On the one hand the contras have suffered massive defeats but on the other hand Reagan is stepping up the propaganda war against the Sandinista government. They have reacted to this pressure by scheduling free elections for November 1984. The Reagan administration is using every means available to undermine the Sandinistas including in recent months the power of the Catholic Church.

#### ROLE OF THE CHURCH

The role of the Catholic Church all over the world has always been to uphold the status quo. In Central and South America this has led to the disgusting spectacle of the Catholic hierarchy openly supporting some of the most blood thirsty regimes imaginable. This has led to a serious split in the church with some priests actually supporting the violent overthrow of these regimes and agreeing that their church was becoming too tied to the capitalist system and more interested in defending property than the people.

In Nicaragua the same split is very evident today. In a recent pastoral letter the Nicaraguan bishops called for dialogue between Somoza supporters, C.IA. mercenaries and the Reagan administration

is working hand in hand with the American CIA. Recently a priest was caught after being found in possession of explosives. He was caught red-handed dealing with the contras by the Nicaraguan authorities. Subsequently another ten priests were expelled for leading a protest march against their deportation.

Recently Ronald Reagan claimed that the Pope supported his stand on Nicaragua and judging by the Pope's attitude to Ireland there is no doubt that this is true.

The Bishops in Nicaragua are obviously



Reaction from the people to this pastoral letter was swift and bitter, hundreds of letters poured into the daily 'BARRICADA'. To quote from one letter from Rubia de Siu, the mother of a woman guerrilla fighter, Arlen Siu murdered by Somocistas in 1975:-

"In my view the notion of dialogue is absurd......It is an affront to the bloodshed for the freedom of Nicaragua"

It is quite evident that a large section of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua

of the same ilk as those who celebrated a mass of thanksgiving in a football stadium in Chile on the overthrow of Allende. From this same football stadium an estimated twenty thousand people were tortured and murdered. On the other side of the coin the Nicaraguan government boasts three priests who are ministers. The most recent appointment has been that of Fernando Cardinal as Minister of Education. This appointment has come under criticism from the Vatican who say that his position is incompatible with his religious status. Many other priests defy their superiors and openly and wholeheartedly support the Revolution.

#### CONCLUSION

The Sandinistas, in their short term in power have achieved tremendous results. In a massive drive to cure the chronic illiteracy problem thousands of enthusiastic youth were sent into the countryside to teach the peasants and learn from them also. New schools, hospitals, have been built in a country that has never known such amenities. All this has been achieved despite an economic blockade in an attempt to destroy the economy of the country.

Five years have proved that despite Reagan's policy of aggression, the Nicaraguan people are winning and consolidating the revolution. The threat of a US invasion if Reagan wins his reelection fight is a very real one. All revolutionaries throughout the world must unite to condemn American intervention in the affairs of this small country.



### I.P.P.C.F.

The Irish Political Prisoners' Children's Fund brought 69 Republican and Republican socialist prisoners' children to America for a three week holiday this summer. The children and the their chaperones returned to Ireland on August 1st, each of them with a unique story to tell about their experiences in various parts of the United States. Some of the states which children stayed in include New York, Rhode Island, Minnesota, California, New Jersey, Oregon and Illinois. Two children spent their holiday on the Pine Ridge Reservation, near the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre in South The American Indian family they statyed with found much in common to relate. Their visit was recorded by an American film crew, and a feature length documentary will be produced as a result. The importance of the IPPCF was clearer than ever, since the children experienced a holiday from

the war, and did so as proud relatives of men and women resisting British rule.

There was only disappointment associated with their trip. Two of the chaperones who originally planned to make the journey with the children from the North to America were denied their visas on the grounds that they were ex-prisoners, had suspect "political affiliations", and were not "sufficient ly rehabilitated". The organisers of the IPPCF in America voiced their protest loud and clear to the American Embassy here, as well as numerous elected officials and friends of the fund. A letter writing campaign was begun to express the outrage felt by many in America about this autocratic and reactionary decision by the Reagan administration.

After the children returned home, there was a free social held for parents and relations of the children participating. Over 150 people were in attendance at the West Social Club in Belfast on August 2nd. A good time was had by all, and an extraordinary feeling of solidarity between the organisers of the IPPCF in the States, five of whom were present, and the prisoners and their families was evident. A



harp from Long Kesh made by Patsy
McNiece, a Republican Socialist prisoner in the Cages, Long Kesh was presented to George McLaughlin, on behalf
of the IPPCF Steering Committee in
New York. A statement from the prisoners was read by Ronnie Spence, recently
released from Long Kesh, and it was
warmly appreciated by the IPPCF members in the audience, which included

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Liz Murphy calls on all concerned bodies to protest to the Governor and British Government over Jackie and her baby's harassment and demands an end to the strip searching of all women prisoners in Armagh.

# STATEMENT FROM REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PRISONERS ON REMAND IN ARMAGH JAIL

24th July 1984

We the Republican Socialist Prisoners on Remand in Armagh Jail feel it necessary to issue this statement about our comrade Jackie Moore who has recently had a baby. Since Jackie has had the baby they have both had nothing but harassment from the screws here in Armagh jail. For example:-

- Jackie and the baby are searched before and after visits, everyday when Jackie goes to the yard they are searched again. In total, the baby is searched 26 times per week.
- 2. Jackie has got nappies sent into the prison, she must request them as she needs them, ie. go and ask for a clean nappy, this Jackie won't do so she has to buy them from the prison shop at £4 per week.
- 3. The Prison Authorities have told her the child has too many toys. The baby only has 6 Teddy Bears, they have told Jackie some of them will have to be sent out.
- 4. Jackie's mother, Anna, who is also on remand here, asked the Prison Governor could she spend one night per week with Jackie and the baby, but she was refused.

The above are just a number of the hardships and harassment that Jackie and her baby are facing in here at the moment. We call on all concerned bodies to protest to the Governor and British Government over Jackie and her baby's harassment.

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Republican Socialist Prisoners On Remand Armagh Jail

### R.U.C. HARASSMENT

Seemingly even the RUC are not satisfied with the justice being dished out by the British courts in the six counties. On Tuesday 311st July they arrested IRSP member Micky Kearney who is currently out on bail having been charged on the evidence of the tout Harry Kirkpatrick. The RUC told Micky that they were not happy that he was out on bail and they were charging him with possession of a book which was found in the flat in which Bonanza McCann died.

Micky is once again in Crumlin Road Jail at the whim of the RUC on the highly questionable evidence of a fingerprint.

Congratulations to Jackie
Moore on the birth of a
baby girl Dominique in
Armagh Gaol. The Republican Socialist Movement
sends its best wishes.

Congratulations to Liam
Berkery on remand in
Crumlin Road Jail on
achieving his gold fainne
Go h'an mhaith, Tiocfaidh
ar la.

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Cathleen Crowley, Denis Hanratty and Cathleen O'Halloran. A ballot was held for a Portlaoise Harp, the proceeds of which will go to the prisoners Welfare Department. Liz LaGrua, Prison Welfare Office for the I.R.S.P. told the large enthusiastic audience that the fund hoped, with Fay McAllister's and her own help, to send 100 prisoners' children on holiday next year. Entertainment was provided by Battering Ram, and families and prisoners were encouraged to continue writing to sponsor families in America, since permanent connections between families and prisoners is one of the IPPCF's primary goals.

#### INTERNMENT

The 9th of August 1971 was heralded with the early morning raids that took hundreds of Republican activists from their families and dumped them into the various interrogation/torture centres dotted around the six counties. Then began the brutal torture that was to shock the world and be condemned by the European Court of Human Rights.

Internment was an issue that brought together people of many differing points of view and united them into a strong formidable force dedicated to the destruction of internment and the legislation that allowed it. The antiinternment movement was successful in that internment was ended but one of the ill-effects was that the British Government had to find something to replace it; they had to find some way to keep the activists off the streets. That something was the H Blocks. They built H Blocks but the nationalist people were not exactly queuing up to get into them so the British did something they are world famous for; they changed the rules of the game.



In a report by Lord Diplock he recommended the abolition of jury courts and changes in the rules governing the acceptance of evidence. This gave the RUC Special Branch and CID the green light to brutalise people to obtain confessions. The H Blocks soon filled. This continued unabated until people outside of Republican circles began to comprehend the extent of the beatings and apply pressure on the British Government to end them. A Police doctor, Doctor Irwin, was instrumental in having an investigation into police interrogation techniques. This resulted in certain safeguards being built in to the way in which interrogations are conducted. The RUC were incensed because they were now unable to beat prisoners to the same extent as previously, consequently the rate of people being charged dropped



dramatically.

Obviously something would have to be done to boost the RUC's flagging morale and increase the charging rate for the Secretary of State's six monthly security statement. The new initiative was the 'paid perurer' system. With promises of immunity from prosecution, large sums of money, smaller sentences, the RUC set about recruiting informers who would supply the sole evidence to convict anyone the police wanted to imprison. Large numbers of men and women were again being rounded up and imprisoned, many of them charged on the evidence of a man they didn't even know. Lengthy periods of remand became the in thing with some men on remand for over two and a half years. Internment had returned under the new guise of the 'converted' terrorist. Occasionally a 'supergrass' would have a twinge of conscience and retract his evidence but there would be no release for those imprisoned by his evidence because the RUC would quickly find someone to replace the reluctant 'Informer'.

The paid perjurer system cannot be seen in isolation to the overall British strategy of repression which includes shoot to kill, plastic bullets, torture and extradition, against the nationalist people's struggle for liberation.

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As a result the 'informer' strategy cannot be defeated in isolation. It must be treated as just one weapon, albeit a major one, among the whole arsenal which the Brits have at their disposal. What is needed is a concerted campaign directed against all the different aspects of British oppression. A campaign which demands justice for nationalists.

# KEVIN LYNCH COMMEMORATION

On Sunday, 5th August the people of Dungiven and from around the country turned out to honour INLA Hunger - Striker Kevin Lynch. As the 3rd Commemoration march started off led by a number of flute bands including the Kevin Lynch Memorial Band, Dungiven, the Wolfe Tone Flute Band from Scotland, the Brendan Convery Flute Band from Bellaghy and the Neil McMonagle Flute Band from Derry. As the parade wound its way through the County Derry village, people lined the streets.

In the graveyard, solidarity greetings were sent from home and abroad and many wreaths were laid including ones on behalf of the INLA, IRSP, the Republican Movement and Kevin Lynch's family. Graveside orations were given by Mr. Kevin McQuillan on behalf of the Ard Comhairle IRSP and Danny Morrison on behalf of the Republican Movement. A statement was also read read out from the GHQ Staff of the Irish National Liberation Army.

STATEMENT FROM THE ARD COMHAIRLE

We are here today to pay honour and tribute to Volunteer Kevin Lynch INLA A man who along with his nine other comrades paid the supreme price in the struggle for the freedom of his people and his country. Three years ago this week, the death of Kevin was announced on British TV and radio as the death of yet another "Terrorist" due to per sistant refusal to accept any food, Much play was made of the so called "offences" that the POW's and the Hunger Strikers in particular were incarcerated for the war and the prisoners, the Hunger Strike irreversably this myth. It disintegrated the cover ups and the fabrications that the British had been perpetuating and nurturing for decades. The struggle of Kevin and his comrades showed the world in stark reality just what the Irish nation at the hands of the British has been suffering for hundreds and hundreds of years, and that constantly throughout our occupation Irish men and women have shown no hesitation in the taking up of arms to assert our national independance.

The support for the guerrilla soldiers of the INLA and IRA was all too clear to be seen as they engaged the enemy on the streets of the six counties. Never before in Irish history has such spontaneous demonstrations in support of the prisoners been recorded. Hundreds of thousands of people worldwide showed their solidarity and oneness with the prisoners and their five demands.

Since the death of Kevin and his comrades on Hunger Strike the struggle for National Liberation and Socialism in our country has progressed on all fronts. This progress and our eventual victory is due in no small way to the supreme sacrifice given by Kevin Lynch and his comrades. The Republican Socialist Movement comprising of the IRSP and the INLA has built and consolidated its position in Ireland and now we are seen as a threat to all people who oppose true freedom and socialism in Ireland because we stand for all that embodied the cause Kevin Lynch lived and died for, not our selves alone but the Irish people united as a surging force to drive Maggie Thatcher and her army from our shores.

As the British rightly assess the situ-

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Dominic McGlinchey's extradition was a charade as now it is almost certain that he will be found innocent of the charge that he was extraditied for, and that he will be charged with other political offences. The law being yet again twisted to suit imperialist interests.

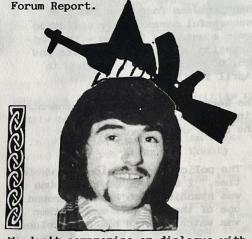
The willingness of the Free State government to please the Brits was yet again seen in the case of Hugh Torney, who was arrested and charged in the North while fighting an extradition order which the Free State government granted to the RUC solely on the word of a paid perjurer Harry Kirkpatrick.

The latest act of treachery in which Seamus Shannon was placed in the hands of the RUC is to be viewed with the disgust with which it deserves and this policy of collaboration with Britain must be met with the full might of the Irish people's resistance.

Centinued from Page. KEVIN LYNCH ation, they have a very bleak future ahead here in Ireland, so their policy will be and is one of containment rather than a conqueror on the offensive. This policy has many facets, shoot to kill, plastic bullets and more recently Paid Perjury and free State collaboration with the extradition of Republican activists.

This year marks the 13th Anniversary of Internment and to commemorate it would be wrong, we have still to protest against it. At this moment over 300 people have either been sentenced or are currently being held on remand on the sole word and largely uncorroborated evidence of paid liars. This form of internment, internment by remand, is now part and parcel of the conveyor belt system with the end result being lengthy sentences for menial and unproved charges. At this moment three remand prisoners have each served the equivalent of a six year sentence, but according to the British is not internment, this is their due process of law, the great British legal system, innocent until proven guilty??, not if you are a nationalist

We stand here and rightly condemn the British for the continuing atrocities on our nation but we don't have far to look among our own race to find their partners in crime, and it's not the quislings of the sticky Workers Party that I am referring to this time, but rather Garrett Fitzgerald and his free State lackeys. The shameful extradition of Dominic McGlinchey and Seamus Shannon, once again shows how readily they will compromise themselves to appease the 20th century's answer to Cromwell, Margaret Thatcher and try to gain her approval for the unacceptable recommendations of their New Ireland



We don't compromise or dialogue with Britain Fitzgerald. We want the Brits out of our country. The Free Staters betrayed and sold the six counties out once before. If they want to try it again and persist in pushing Republican Socialists into a corner and a repeat performance of 1922 is the result then he can be assured of a very different ending.

It is around these issues which are tools to oppress and imprison our people that the lessons and unity that was learned and used to such a strong effect during the Hunger Strike is once again needed. It is at least hypocritical and at worst a betrayal to our dead imprisoned and long suffering people to publicly call for mass mobilisation and yet privately refuse to become involved in united campaigns and actions. To conclude, let the last words of another great Republican Socialist Martyr and Hunger Striker ring loud and clear to Irish quislings and British oppressors, "Let the fight go on".

# Quotes Of The Month July

#### QUOTES OF THE MONTH JULY 1984

John Robb, Chirman of the New Ireland Group in replying to Tory MPs Sir John Biggs Davidson recent anti-Irish remarks said:-

- "Has Sir John forgotten the most successful paramilitary operation ever mounted in Ireland - the importation of 1 million bullets and 25,000 rifles through Larne in April 1914?"
- The Tory Mp had accused Governments in the South of being tainted with the sniff of gunpowder.
  - "The police were outside the whole time. I saw four of them. One was standing with his arm around one of the atackers and another was watching with his arms folded".
- Mr. Cathal McGuigan describing RUC "protection" as loyalists attacked his home in Limavady on 11th July 1984.
  - " If the IRA disappeared tomorrow, the problem would still be here. If the British Government went tomorrow, the IRA would disappear".
- Gerry Adams on 'Brass Tacks' BBC2
- "In line with Connolly, we can assure our capitalist bosses and imperialist powers that neither the IRSP nor the INLA will disappear on the British military leaving Ireland".
- Kevin McQuillan Vice-Chairperson,
   Ard Comhairle IRSP commenting on
   Gerry Adams's remarks on 'Brass Tacks'

Asked whether he had become too political in the Phillipines, Fr. Niall O'Brian said:-

"The main way of beoming politically involved was by remaining silent in the face of injustice".

# Intimidation

Once again the Nationalist people living in loyalist towns and villages throughout the occupied six counties have been attacked in their own homes by rampaging loyalist mobs under the watchful eyes of their protecters, the RUC.

The worse incident occurred this year in the County Derry town of Limavady where families were subjected to hours of terror at the hands of these thugs.



Two families in particular were singled out in Benevena Drive. Mr. Cathal Mc-Guigan had his windows broken under a a hail of missiles. Mr. McGuigan said after the attack that the RUC stood by and allowed the attackers to pelt his home with stones, bottles and paint bombs; he went on to say "the mob came into the street and I heard them chanting "We want McGuigan". They were armed with bottles, bricks, cudgels and there were at least 300 of them. They just hit us with everything they had. The police were outside the whole time. I saw four of them , one was standing with his arm around one of the attackers and another was standing with his arms folded watching". Mr. McGuigan's brother-in-law Dermot O'Hara had a similar tale to tell.

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areas to be wary of these gutless attacks and to form together as nationalist communities to repel these attacks. We still call on people to take such action as the threat of attacks such as happened this year in Limavady and Ballymena still exists.

# Sectarian Murder

On Monday 9th of July in the run up to the annual Loyalist demonstrations, Catholic Cafe owner Tony McAtarsney was shot dead by sectarian loyalist gunmen in the Millfield car park. Despite attempts by the RUC to connect the murder with protection rackets, Mr. McAtarsney's wife Anne McAloon is convinced that her husband was murdered for no other reason than he was a Catholic. During the week she said



"We were never approached by either Catholics or Protestant asking for money. If this had of been the case I would certainly have known about it. I owned the business and know about all the finances".

The IRSP view Mr. McAtarsney's murder as sectarian, he was an easy Catholic to kill as he worked and parked his car in loyalist areas.

# R.U.C. Attack Funeral



THE DEATH OF IRA VOLUNTEER WILLIAM PRICE

In the early hours of Friday the 13th of July IRA Volunteer William Price was killed in action at Ardboe County Tyrone.

On Sunday the RUC and British Army ruthlessly attacked Vol. William Frice's funeral cortege, seriously injuring a number of mourners. Around 200 RUC men flanked the hedges from William Price's home to St. Brigids Chapel, Brockagh. 12 RUC Land rovers headed the crtege and 12 behind it. Scuffles broke out as the RUC attacked mourners in an attempt to remove the tricolour flag from the coffin. During the attack one mourner was hit on the head by an RUC thug with a plastic baton gun.

The silence of the Clergy and Politicians after this callous attack on a defenceless people was deafening. This was in stark contrast to the Public outcry by these same people a few months ago when a group of school children shouted jibes at a funeral cortege of a UDR man.

## Too Little Too Late

The British Army have been dictating these past ten years how new Housing Estates should be set out, examples of this dictate can be seen in Poleglass, Falls Road and lately Gortnamonagh.

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These estates have one way in and one way out, the houses are built in Culde-sacs, the British can throw up a road block and the whole Estate is effectively cordoned off. There are no such things as playgrounds where children can play in safety so the only place left to play is on the main road.



An accident happened on the Monagh By-Pass when a child of 5 was knocked down by a car on this busy road. The residents of Gortnamonagh under the leadership of Mrs Thibideau staged a protest and blocked the By-Pass. Mrs. Thibideau pointed out there had been numerous requests to the N.I.H.E. to have a small access to the By-Pass blocked, warning of the dangers to small children wandering onto the busy By-Pass. Her warnings went unheeded and now this tragic event has taken place. The child Niall Mallon died soon afterwards.

The Housing Executive take their orders from the N.I.O. and the British Army.

WE SAY THE BRITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CHILD'S DEATH AND LAY THE BLAME FULLY IN THEIR INTERFERENCE ON HOW NEW HOUSING ESTATES SHOULD BE BUILT.

The Ronnie Bunting Cumman IRSP (Greater Ballymurphy) demand no British interference in the way new Housing Estates are built and offer deepest sympathy to the parents of young Niall and to the Mallon family circle on their tragic loss.

# I.R.S.P. Protest At Treatment Of Jackie Moore

Liz Murphy, Welfare Officer of the IRSP slammed the further ill-treatment of Jackie Moore, a Remand Prisoner in Armagh Jail. As lately as last week, Jackie Moore, who is still recovering from having a baby four weeks ago and has yet to have a post-natal examination, was strip-searched on her way to the remand court.

In a message smuggled out to the IRSP from the Republican Socialist Prisoners PRO in Armagh Jail, she said that Jackie was very distraught when she returned to the wing as she is still bleeding and wearing breast pads as her child is only four weeks old and she is worried about herself taking an infection due to the strip searches.





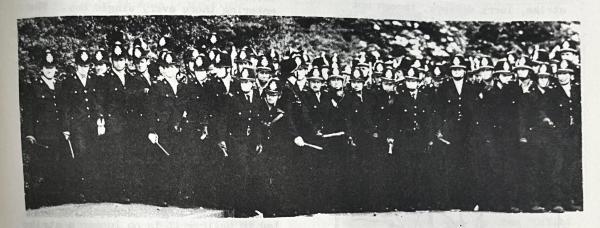
Jackie's cell is infested with insects and had to be fumigated. She has seven teddy bears in her cell for the child but the Governor in line with his policy of harassment, has told her that she has to send some of the toys out as there is too many.

Jackie's mother, Anna, who is also on remand here, asked the Prison Governor could she spend one night per week with Jackie and the baby, but she was refused.

On her way to and from the remand court, the police driver deliberately slams on the brakes thus throwing Jackie onto the floor, and in her present physical condition this could have serious consequences.

The above are just a number of the harassment that Jackie and her baby are facing in here at the moment.

# Miners Strike The Violence Continues



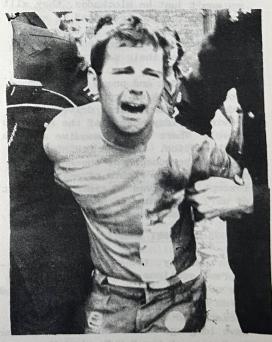
Protesters are dragged away by baton wielding police officers. Figures, blood streaming down their faces, run for their own safety frantically tryin to avoid the police charge. No, not another scene from a riot in Belfast. Rather it is a by now familiar scene. outside some coal pits in Britain. For over twenty weeks now, the National Union of Mine Workers (N.U.M.) has been conducting the most significant industrial strike in Britain for over a decade. The central issue at stake is very simple - the right to work. Were the National Coal Board's (N.C.B.) plan of closing the so called 'uneconomic pits" to be successful, over 20,000 miners would face redundancy.

#### WHAT IS AT STAKE?

However the essence of the miners' strike goes far beyond the important issue of jobs. Really at stake is the whole future of British Trade Union Movement. All sections of the establishment, the government, the N.C.B. the police, and the media are pooling their weight in an attempt to smash the back of the Unions in Britain. Thatcher is working hand in hand with coal boss Ian MacGregor to defeat the N.U.M. The miner's dole is being cut because of strike pay they in practise don't get. Arthur Scargill, N.U.M. President, has been subjected to continual torrents of abuse from all sides of the media. Huge numbers of

police are massed outside picketed pits to protect scabs.

At a time of vicious anti-working class cuts in public expenditure, a small fortune is being spent ferrying an army of police constables around the country-sometimes by air-to break the strike. Striking miners, who naturally enough want to stop scabs working because their whole future is at stake, are met with police brutality and a viciously hostile press. Compare



the violence used against miners to the police attitude to lorry drivers at Dover Port. Because of the dock strike, lorry drivers, though not tourists, were not allowed onto the ferries. Determined to break the dock strike, the lorry drivers blocked the whole Port of Dover off, preventing



tourists from travelling. Were they battered out of the Port by the police for this? Did the press label them fascists? They openly threatened violence. Their spokesperson was quoted in the Sunday Times of July 22nd as saying:

"If the drivers can't leave, they will burn the place down. It won't just be blockades, they will go on the rampage. And it won't stop at the port. If there are women and children around I can't guarantee their safety."

The government and press so concerned about the right of scabs to blackleg didn't howl about lorry drivers depriving holiday—makers of the right to travel. There were no massive arrests by the police. WHY THE DIFFERENCE? Because the concern of the establishment is not the rights of anybody, (except themselves to exploit the rest of us!) but rather to smash the working—class movement.

#### LABOUR MOVEMENT RESPONSE

Unfortunately, the unity among the different sections of the establishment has not been mirrored by a united trade union defence of the miners. Steel workers and transport workers could have long ago ended the miners' strike in favour of the N.U.M.- had they

effectively supported the miners. Instead steel colleries like Ravenscraig are working away. 300 lorries, ie. 10,000 tonnes of iron ore and coal, are entering there every single day. The N.C.B. has also succeeded in dividing miners to some extent. It should of course always be remembered that despite the BBC, ITV etc., a majority of miners DO support the strike. The media are more interested in 5 or 6 workers walking into a pit at the beginning of a shift every morning than the hundreds outside who support the strike.

By the use of bonus schemes and targetting certain pits for closure, the coal bosses can on occasions turn miner against miner. Suddenly we are led to believe it is no longer a strike between workers and their bosses, but a dispute between workers who do and don't want to work.

Mac Gregor has embarked on a letter writing campaign to every member of the N.U.M. trying to get them to break the strike. The Dock Strike, though called independently of the miners' strike, was a great help to the miners. Little wonder the week of its duration was Thatcher's worst week. With its collapse the government was let off the hook.

Instead of throwing their weight behind the miners, Kinnock and the rest of the Labour Party leadership have only given lukewarm support. Theirs is the hallowed middle ground, outside the pits fully supporting the miners is not their piece of cake. Keeping one foot in the miners' camp, and one in the N.C.B.'s they give little effective aid to the strikers.



#### MINERS' DETERMINATION HAVING AN EFFECT

Despite all this, the miners have held out for 20 weeks. Recently MacGregor has been forced to make concessions because of the militancy of N.U.M. members. Revising his March closure plan, he offered to allow 5 threatened pits to stay open, if other pit closures were accepted. Naturally this offer has been rebuffed by miners. Nevertheless it shows that the N.C.B. is not in the commanding position that the media would have us believe.

#### THERE AND HERE

Finally the level of police violence at the pits will surprise nobody in the nationalist community. The three and a half thousand arrests by the end of June will cause few raised eyebrows. Powers which enabled the police to restrict the movement of pickets won't be considered abnormal here. But if the behaviour of the police and the media censorship should cause some miners to consider again and draw comparisons with the situation over here—who would complain?

# Nicky Kelly The Fight Continues

NICKY KELLY - IRSP VICTIM OF THE CORRUPT 26 COUNTY STATE.

On July 17th at approximately 5pm, Nicky Kelly was released from Portlaoise Prison having spent just over four years incarcerated for a crime he did not commit - a stark victim of the 26 county corrupt judiciary. However Nicky Kelly's ordeal goes back much further than his four years in Portlaoise. It goes back to 1976 after the Sallins Mail Train raid, when he along with 40 members of the IRSP (Seamus Costello included) were arrested It was the biggest such arrest operation in the 26 counties for decades. It was a contrived conspiracy by the State to finally discredit and smash the legally registered Irish Republican Socialist Party in its infancy - the Party, which

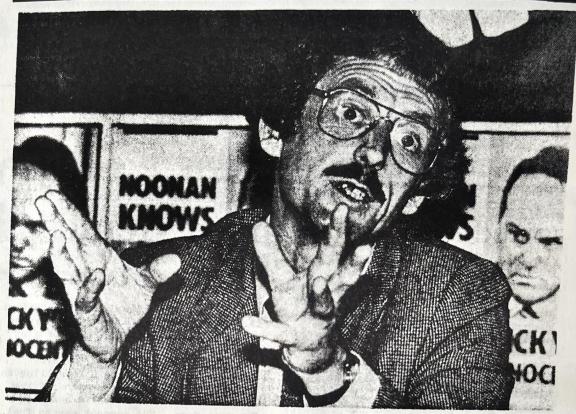
at that time, posed the biggest threat to the State because of its true Revolutionary potential.



Taking their "cue" from the then "Offici ials" who attempted to smash this young Party by physical attacks and force of arms — the State embarked on the same tactic in 1975. Following the UVF attempt to blow up a train travelling to Bodenstown, ten leading members of the IRSP were arrested in Dublin and held for some days. The concept was to fuel suspicion of IRSP involvement and to discourage the new recruits which were fast flocking to this young Revolutionary Party.

Following the failure of this major attempt to smash the Party, frame-ups, charging and sentences continued both in the six and twenty six counties, eventually accumulating in the big onslaught in 1976 after the Sallins Train Raid.

This was a golden opportunity to finally destroy the IRSP. It was a policy initiated by the State who gave 'Carte Blanche' to the now 'infamous' Heavy Gang - "obtain confessions by whatever means it takes and will ensure the judiciary does the rest". There followed the most brutal interrogation process, the likes of which had not been witnessed in the 26 counties for over 20 years on the 16 members who were detained. In the week following the arrests, Seamus Costello called a Press Conference in Dublin and reporters heard directly from IRSP members who had undergone this brutality, the facts of their ordeal and most importantly , those present at the conference saw the visible bruises and marks on the



bodies of the IRSP members.

When the news broke, it caused a
National scandal. A broad mass of
people from all walks of life both at
home and abroad called for a Public
Inquiry. As a result of this publicity
Amnesty International became interested
in the case and so set up its own investigation, the results of which were
later published and which stated clearly
that those detained had been not only
ill-treated but denied their Civil
rights while in custody. They requested
a meeting with the Government and were
refused.

The tenacity and ruthlessness by the State to achieve their goal ie. the destruction of the IRSP can be borne out by the events which followed in the ensuing years.

The IRSP four were eventually charged before the non-jury Special Criminal Court, despite the fact there was no evidence whatsoever against them, only three signed confessions achieved after 40 hours of intense brutality. The medical evidence at the trial was totally rejected, instead the notorious

Special Criminal Court accepted the inference made by the 'Heavy Gang' that the four had beaten each other up.

The State were prepared to go to any lengths to win the convictions. It was the lengthiest and costliest political trial in the history of the State, costing over £1 million of tax-payers money.

Eventually three members were convicted (the three who had signed) and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment - Nicky Kelly in his absence, having jumped bail, realising therewas no "justice" for him under the corrupt judiciary. In 1980, following the successfull appeals (won only because of a technicality), the Appeals Court still refusing to accept the brutality charge - Nicky Kelly's two co-accused were released.

Nicky immediately came back to clear his name — despite advice given to the contrary — that the State were not going to give up, Nicky would be a prime scape—goat, after all "if he was inno cent, why did he jump bail"? The "Release Nicky Kelly Campaign" which followed in the next four years during Nicky's incarceration and which during during wide-spread support throughout the country, came up against a continthe wall of silence by the State. pespite appeals made by various organipespins eg. Amnesty International, Commission for Justice and Peace, Prisoners Rights Organisation, Trade Unions, individual Trade Unionists. academics, prominent individuals etc. etc. - the State refused to budge. Nicky Kelly's release is due solely to the magnificent campaign mounted to secure his release and to his own enormous consistent persistance including a heroic 38 day hunger-strike.



# IRSP MEN TORT AND FRAMED

From left to right: Joe Stagg, Maire Comerford, Fr. Piaras O'Duill, Miriam Daly, Bernadette McAliskey

THEY WERE NOT ABOUT TO STATE THE WHOLE JUDICIARY WAS CORRUPT.

The fact that he was released almost immediately after Fr. Niall O'Brian was released from the Philippines — the point having been hammered home by the Release Nicky Kelly Committee — highlighting the total hypocrisy of the Irish Government who had campaigned for Fr. O'Brian's release, has to be considered.

Nicky Kelly has now been released but his unjust treatment, incarceration and suffering over the past eight years must be vindicated. Nicky himself is calling for an Independent Public Enquiry and this must be supported by all freedom loving people.

The hopeful note in the whole of this case is - the 26 county state has failed in its objective. The IRSP has not been smashed and for the first time since its inception, the Special Criminal Court has been called into

question.

The Ard Comhairle of the IRSP in a joint statement released by JIM LANE National Chairperson and KEVIN MCQUILLAN Vice-Chairperson said today that the release of IRSP member Nicky Kelly was to be welcomed. The IRSP went on to say that they viewed the release of Nicky Kelly not as the Government has stated because of humanitarian grounds but Nicky's release was due to the untiring hard work by concerned people and the especially hard work done by the Release Nicky Kelly Committee.

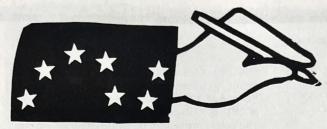
In ending their statement Mr. Kevin McQuillan said that although Nicky Kelly has been released the fact remains that he was wrongly imprisoned for four years and he has yet to be exonerated.

### COLLABORATION



The Free State Government's position on Extradition has dramatically changed within the previous six months with the extradition of Dominic McGlinchey and Seamus Shannon into the hands of the RUC, whose reputation for abuse of civil liberties and sectarianism is internationally famous.

The IRSP condemns this action as traiterous and as a travesty of the Irish people's constitution in that these men are political activists and are being used as an inducement to Britain to accept the recommendations of the new Ireland Forum report.



# Letters

A Chara,

I would like to express my thanks to the IRSP and the Irish Political Prisoners Children's Fund for the holiday they arranged for my daughter and also the other 68 children of political hostages and dead volunteers. I would also like to say thanks to the sponsor families who took the children into their homes and looked after them so well during their three week stay and helped make their vacation off school a lot happier and peaceful this year.

Without the party and the I.P.P.C.F. it would have been impossible for the children to get the long deserved break away from the war going on in our own country due to British rule. Words cannot express what this holiday means to a P.O.W. to know that their families and children are being looked after. It is a great comfort to me imprisoned in my oppressor's country. This gesture of solidarity and support most certainly strengthens my resolve and furthermore yet again dispells the attempt by Britain to criminalise our struggle for national liberation. Finally I would like once again to tke this occasion to thank the organisers of the I.P.P.C.F.

Yours in resistance and solidarity,

Paul Hill, Irish P.O.W. Gartree Prison, England.

A Chara,

With the prospect of yet another round of "party talks" due to begin in the wake of the Westminster debate on the Forum Report, it is worth focusing Nationalist opinion on the REAL issues involved in Ireland today.

Despite talk of majori-

ties, minorities and consent, the issue at stake now, as always, if the liberation of Ireland and its people. In truth, the only REAL "minority" in Ireland, is Britain, It has been their invasion and exploitation of Ireland over the centuries that has given rise to what are now termed, "Ireland's Troubles. This most recent "historic" debate must be set against all the previous atempts by Irish establishment forces to sell Ireland to British imperialism and its international allies in Europe and the U.S.. As such, these forthcoming talks have nothing to offer the Irish people. Britain cannot escape her murderous colonial past as even today it authorises the summary execution of nationalists and sees its laws as just

another weapon in its

The only future which encompasses the Irish people is one of liberation and the creation of a socialist republic. John Hume nor Garret Fitzgerald are any more likely to advocate this solution in the course of these talks than Ian Paisley. As we await their inevitable failure we must continue to organise and build for our future. These words of the socialist philosopher Karl Marx have special significance for us at this time in our struggle; "The emancipation of the working-class is the act of the working class itself". Mr. Hume and others would do well to remember the "material role of history" rather than working some inverted version of it for their own political ends.

In Solidarity,

Jimmy Brown IRS? Remand Prisoner Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast

A Chara,

The District Electoral
Areas Commission has
published a report making
recommendations on
electoral wards for future local government
elections. 40 additional
wards are being created.
These changes may well
help change the composi-

# Letters

tion of local district councils following the 1985 local government elections. Already political parties are gearing up for those elections. Political statements are now emanating from unheard of branches of the SDLP from everything to wild dogs to unemptied bins. The media is playing up the contest between Sinn Fein and the SDLP and the British Government has agreed to some political movement before May 1985 to strengthen the SDLP against Sinn Fein.

But lest we all get too involved; remember this, Local Government in N. Ireland perpetuates sectarianism, encourages tribal head-counting, stifles anti-imperialism and maintains the British structure of government in the six counties. The experience of antiimperialists in local government since 1981 has not been good. There is no reason to believe that a few dozen Sinn Feiners in local government will make any difference. Its one thing to fight elections, it's another to work the system.

Perhaps the time is ripe for an ongoing discussion on the attitudes of anti-imperialists to local government. The adoption of an aggressive boycott of councils is one option which should be considered.

Is Mise, John Martin



# Snippets by Red Mole

Only one member of the Irish Labour Party,
Mervyn Taylor made any contribution on the reressive new Criminal
Justice Bill in the Dail
during the past few months.
Labour voted for the BillSome democrats!

Western Intelligence sources believe that Argentina is developing a new missile that could hit Port Stanley in the Malvinas from the Argentinian mainland. Yipee!!

The British Govenment has admitted that the Property Services Agency which allocates Government contracts etc. has refused contracts to certain firms and individuals, particularly concerned with power stations.

Those discriminated against were NOT involved in the 1974 lock-out at the power stations.

The Fire Authority hired 88men in 1981. 71 were protestant and 17 catholic.

No charge of discrimination was levelled against the Fire Authority.

The day after F.E.A. report on the Fire Authority the British Government gave £6 million to develop the F.A. headquarters.

Lesson: Discriminate against catholics and the Britis give you extra money!

The non-existent !!!
Official IRA have three
recognised young prisoners
in the Kesh<sup>3</sup>

Loyalists have been responsible for the deaths of 655 people since 1969<sup>3</sup>

The U.D.R. responsible for only 6!!?

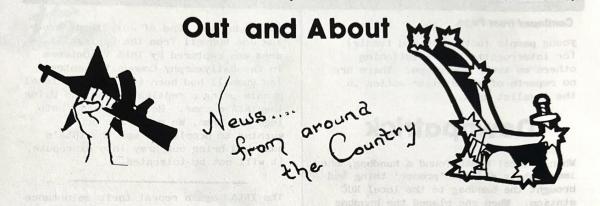
The RUC responsible for 35.

The British Army responsible for 213.

Former member of the Police Authority, Mr. Terry Carlin, opposed the I.C.T.U. resolution on the use of informers. He wanted it quietly dropped. However, the resolution was passed against the advice of the leadership of the ICT.U. It's extremely unlikely that I.C.T.U. will actually do anything

15 out of 20 High Court Judges have been openly associated with the Unionist Party.

about the resolution.



# **Armagh**

On Thursday 14th of July, local man MALACHY TRAINOR recently released from prison was arrested under Section 11 and taken to Gough Barracks. Whilst in Gough Barracks he was questioned about his activities with the local IRSP cumann. Mr. Trainor said that detectives warned him that if there were any INLA operations in the area that himself and another ex-prisoner would be shot. An attempt was also made to bribe him into becoming an informer, Mr. Trainor said that he was not interested.

On his release Mr. Trainor made a complaint to the chief Constable and contacted the IRSP to publicise his case. The local IRSP cumann said that in view of what happened to Seamus Grew and Roddy Carroll, that the RUC threats against Malachy must be taken seriously.

### **Antrim**

The IRSP condemned the arrest of one of their members Mr.Garry Adams from Antrim outside the Crumlin Road Courthouse on July 23rd, after he had been released from the remand court.

Gary Adams was arrested in the Free State last year and agreed to be extradited to prove his innocence on what proved to be unfounded charges.

Mr. Kevin McQuillan, Chairperson of the Belfast Comhairle Ceanntair IRSP stated that the DPP had found that Gary Adams had no charges to answer and directed that he was to be released and yet he was arrested by the RUC directly after his release. Mr. McQuillan condemned this action and said that this was a further example of harassment of Republican Socialists and called for Mr. Adams to be released immediately

Mr. Adams was released two days later, after being verbally and physically abused while in custody.

## Garvagh

On the night of the 11th July, several houses in Garvagh were attacked by stonethrowing loyalists. Windows of Nationalist houses were broken and anti-catholic slogans painted. One protestant women had "Fenian lover" painted on her gable wall. When she complained to the RUC she was told that she really must have been a Fenian lover. The RUC was present during these incidents but took no action. Observed in the mob were several offduty members of the UDR.

## Maghera

In Maghera, loyalists attempted to march into the Nationalist end of the town and succeeded in provoking the youth of the area into beating them back to the lower main street where the RUC came to their rescue. During the riot a police car was wrecked when it was driven into a pole. During the following week the RUC visited many Nationalist homes arresting several

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young people (both male and female) for interrogation and questioning others on their doorsteps. There are no reports of any similar action in the loyalist area.

# **Downpatrick**

When a local woman found a handbag, she immediately did the 'proper' thing and brought the handbag to the local RUC station. When she placed the handbag on the desk, the desk Sergeant immediately stood back and eyed the bag warily and after first refusing to accept the bag then relented and went to get the lost property book which was, guess where?!!...LOST!!!

On Sunday the 22nd of July local hoodlum Joe Russell from the Springhill area was captured by INLA Volunteers in the Ballymurphy Community centre. Joe Russell had been intimidating local people using a replica weapon and using the INLA's name. He was shot in both legs and arms. We reiterate our warning to people who use the INLA's name and bring our army into disrepute, it will not be tolerated.

The INLA again repeat their reluctance to become involved in the policing of Nationalist areas but state that we are coming under increasing pressure from terrorised residents to take some kind of action against persistent offenders. We therefore reserve the right to take action as and when we see fit.

# I.N.L.A. WAR NEWS

On Monday 16th of July an INLA Active Service Unit unit launched an attack with a high powered rifle on a mobile army unit on the Monagh by-pass. INLA volunteers had waited for this mobile patrol for over two hours. No hits are claimed and the ASU returned safely to base.

On Tuesday the 17th of July in a carefully planned operation an INLA Active Service Unit launched an attack on a joint RUC/British Army patrol from the Ballymurphy area. Local people claim that shots were seen to strike the open rear doors of the British Army land rover. No hits are claimed and the ASU returned safely to base.

On Friday 20th of July, the INLA in the Twinbrook area dealt with two well known local criminals. The two people concerned Mark Heaney and Robbie Amrod had been warned to desist from this anti-social behaviour on numerous occasions. They chose to ignore these warnings, and received the people's justice.



#### IN MEMORIAM



The Republican Socialist
Movement comprising of
the IRSP and INLA remember with great pride INLA
Vols. Kevin Lynch 3rd
Anniv., Brendan Convery
1st Anniv., Gerard Mallon
1st Anniv., Rose Campbell
4th Anniv., Michael Devine
3rd Anniv., and IRA Vols.
Kieran Docherty 3rd Anniv
Thomas McElwee 3rd Anniv.
They dedicated their
lives to the cause of
Irish freedom.

LYNCH Kevin, Vol. INLA, 3rd Anniv. always remembered and sadly missed our son Kevin who died after 71 days on Hunger Strike in Long Kesh. He showed no fear of death for his cause was a just one. Mary Queen of Ireland pray for him. Father, mother, sisters and brothers.

LYNCH Kevin, Vol.INLA, 3rd Anniv., always remembered by the Kevin Lynch memorial Band, Dungiven. Tiocfaidh ar la.

LYNCH Kevin, Vol. INLA 3rd Anniv. always remembered by the Wolfe Tone Flute Band, Scotland. Tiocfaidh ar la

LYNCH Kevin, Vol.INLA, 3rd
Anniv. always remembered
by the Brendan Convery
Flute Band, Bellaghy. Onwards to Victory.

MALLON Gerard, Vol.INLA
1st Anniv. killed in
action. Always remembered
and deeply missed by his

family, South Armagh. Mary

Queen of the Gael, pray

for him.

#### IN MEMORIAM



CONVERY Brendan,1st Anniv In proud and loving memory of INLA Volunteer Brendan Convery who was killed in action 12.8.83. St. Martin pray for him. Quietly today your memory we treasure,loving you always,forgetting you never,sadly missed by his father,mother and brothers Matt,Sean,Seamus, Mona and family.

CONVERY Brendan Vol.INLA 1st Anniv., killed in action. Always remembered by the Brendan Convery Memorial Band, Bellaghy.

CONVERY Brendan Vol.INLA 1st Anniv. killed in action, always remembered by the Kevin Lynch Memorial Band, Dungiven

CONVERY, Brendan Vol.INLA 1st Anniv. killed in action. Always remembered by the Mallon family, South Armagh. Mary Queen of the Gael pray for him.

CONVERY Brendan, Vol.INLA 1st Anniv. Always remembered by Jamsie, Sarah and family, Maghera. Onwards to victory.

CONVERY Brendan, MALLON Gerard, Vols, INLA 1st Anniv. killed on active service August 13th, 1983. Lay them away on a hill—side along with the brave and the bold. Inscribe their names in the roll of fame in letters of purest gold. Always remembered by the Tony McClelland IRSP cumann, Armagh.

#### IN MEMORIAM



MALLON Gerard, Vol INLA 1st Anniv. In proud and loving memory of INLA Vol. Gerard Mallon who was killed in action on the 12.8.83. St. Martin pray for him. Let touts and traitors do their worst our flag we hold high, always remembered by Convery family, Maghera, County Derry.

MALLON Gerard, CONVERY
Brendan, Vols. INLA, 1st
Anniv., killed on active
service August13th 1983
Too long the Irish people
have suffered death, famine and destruction at
the hands of British
oppression. We shall
rise, we shall fight and
we shall be victorious.
Always remembered by
Eddie, Oliver, Seamus,
Kiaran, Crumlin Road Jail.

CONVERY Brendan,1st Anniv
In proud and loving memory of my darling husband
Brendan Vol INLA who was
killed in action. Mary
Queen of Ireland,pray for
him. Always loved and remembered by his loving
wife Cathy and daughter
Nichola.

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