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THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

THROUGH THE PORTHOLE



Sean Convery

On board the prison ship Maidstone, one cold winter's night,
Seven of the lads disappeared — clean out of sight.
Said the Captain to the warders, "What can be the matter?"
Said the warders, "Sir . . . er . . . there's seven in the water."

While the searchlights beamed all over the Lough,
Inside the ship 'they' were all the talk,
The Captain tore a strip off the Sarge,
"We're all for the high jump with these 'uns at large!"

The hapless Sarge took it out on the rest,
"How could you miss them in pants and vest?"
Too many 'comforts for the troops'
Has turned yis into nincompoops !"

"They can't be in the water, it's full of pollution,
"Of course!" said the officer "I have the solution!"
"Seal off the place and do as you're told."
"They won't get away, it's far too cold."

Said the detainees "Sarge, why all the fuss?"
"Our boy's won't be cold — they'll hijack a bus."
Dad's Army set up a hue and a cry,
Our boys in the markets were eating a fry.

Amid all the din and the great disorder,
Our warm-and-dry heroes slipped over the border.
But the way that Brian is making a fuss,
You'd think that the 'screws' were working for us.

But doesn't your heart swell and fill with pride,
To know they can't keep the lads inside,
If a security ship they can't abide,
Why, they just escape with the very next tide!

The Four Green Fields



Martin Taylor



John Toland



Peter Rogers



Thomas Gorman



Thomas Kane

Ireland and the Common Market

THE articles of agreement for Ireland's entry into the European Economic Community (the Common Market) were signed on Saturday by Dr. Hillery. Fortunately this is not the last word on the matter, the people of Ireland will be given the opportunity at a referendum in March to make their own decision on this vital question.

Republicans have taken a stand against entry for several reasons. We believe that entry involves the loss of national sovereignty to some degree. Pro-marketeters will argue with some justification that all international treaties involve a voluntary diminution of sovereignty on the part of the contracting states and that all the members of the European Community are similarly affected. We believe that Ireland's case is somewhat different. Through the Irish Constitution states that the national territory consists of the whole main land (32 counties) its islands and territorial waters, the Southern government writ extends only to the border. Britain has a counter claim maintaining that the six north-eastern counties of Ireland form a part of the United Kingdom. Thus we have two governments, at variance on a major issue, both seeking admission to the Community.

FIANNA FAIL SELL-OUT

But while the main function of the Common Market is to form an ECONOMIC entity it has other more sinister aspects. Member countries must respect the territorial boundaries of one another and in certain circumstances must be prepared to defend the territorial integrity of any other member country which is attacked. It is obvious that the Lynch government, in negotiating for the 26 Counties area only, is once again disregarding the Constitution while it is equally obvious that Mr. Heath has already been accepted as the legitimate spokesman for the six county area. It can therefore, scarcely be denied that the recent speeches of Mr. J. Lynch, stressing the claims of his government to jurisdiction over the whole country are but another example of the hypocrisy and duplicity for which

successive twenty-six county governments have become notorious.

RIGHTS AS CITIZENS

It is, therefore, up to us Northerners to claim our legal rights as Irish citizens and so test Mr. Lynch's sincerity. One practical step we can take is to flood the appropriate government office in Dublin with our requests — nay our demands—to be allowed to take part in the coming plebiscite on entry to the Common Market. It is an issue which vitally affects us all so we must ensure that our voice is heard. It should be borne in mind that there are no measures yet in force to allow secession from the Community once membership has been established. Even if such measures were in force, the whole economy of the country would be already geared to the trading conditions as laid down by the EEC and the description that would ensure from withdrawal and the subsequent sanctions would probably result in economic chaos.

BRITISH TORIES

Another reason for Republican Opposition is that entry to the EEC would make it impossible to establish the Republic we visualise wherein all the children of the nation would be cherished equally. The present government in Britain has been described as the "first real Tory Government of this century." That it has earned this condemnation we in the North know well. We are acutely aware of their cynical disregard for their pre-election promises resulting in a phenomenal rise in the cost of living accompanied by a staggering rise in the unemployment total. We have watched their sell out of the black

Rhodesians. We have seen their attempts to crush the trade unions with their Industrial Relations Act. And here at home we have seen them pour endless millions into the shipyards in an attempt to keep the support of misguided and prejudiced Orange workers while in Scotland they attempted to make thousands of militant workers from the Upper Clyde shipyards redundant just when that industry WAS proving viable.

CAPITALIST GREED

So we see the type of Government in power to-day in Britain and we must remember that this Government has fought tooth and nail, to be allowed into the EEC. Why? We can forget the precious argument and pious platitudes about their concern for the welfare and defence of Europe as a whole and since we have seen the degrading effects of their policies on the working class of Britain we are just as enthralled to reject as false, their claim that it is for the good of Britain as a whole. It is based on the natural desire of the capitalist class to get a foothold in a bigger, more profitable capitalist system where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

IRISH TORIES

If the Heath administration is the only real Tory system this century Jack Lynch's government must have the dubious distinction of being its closest rival. Again we see the same callous disregard for the welfare of the workers. Unemployment has reached crisis level. Men on the 'dole' have had the meagre pittance arbitrarily withdrawn. While giant office blocks mushroom and proliferate, the workers are largely confined to slums. And nowhere in Europe is the distinctions between the classes — the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' — more noticeable.

It is not therefore, surprising to find the Fianna Fail party just like its British counterparts, completely com-

mitted to entry into Europe. A huge propaganda campaign is about to be mounted by Fianna Fail to achieve its ambition. We shall be fed on 'facts' over the next few weeks to prove that the EEC is the best of all worlds and that outside it Ireland cannot survive.

REPUBLICAN ANSWER

The Republican Movement and the Trade Union Movement must ensure that such propaganda is adequately countered. We must prove to the people that the policies we have adopted will work better in the interests of the people. We must propagate our ideas of regionalism much more fully and prove conclusively that even in a small country like ours, we need less centralisation — not more. We must show the people from Donegal to Kerry that if their interests have been shamefully neglected by a native parliament in Dublin, they would be unwise to expect any great improvement from a cosmopolitan gathering in Brussels. It native capitalists invest money only in areas where it is likely to show a profit regardless of the needs of the people is it likely that foreign investors are going to be more philanthropic

In Ireland we need a form of government which places people before profit, which regard the rights of private property as secondary to the needs of the people. We need a government which is interested in preserving the cultural heritage of our people and not one that envisages our gaeltacht areas rich in native tradition, as a playground for foreign tourists. We need a government which accepts that everyone has a right to live and work in his own country for a wage adequate for his needs and responsibilities — in short — we need a government in tune with the political and economic philosophy of the Republican Movement, the movement which will spearhead the attack on the Common Market question and to which we are confident you will give your support.

Liam Mac's Page of News and Views

I.C.T.U. TRAINING OFFICER

Some of the results of the Northern Ireland Committee of the I.C.T.U. acceptance of Stormont's offer of £10,000 per year for five years are beginning to be seen by the further development of the training and information service set up by the Committee. The newest recruit is a training officer, Terry Carlin, an ex-school teacher, a Derry man now living in Bangor. Terry Carlin has been a very active trade unionist in his own teacher's union and by the way is the son of a one time secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators. Although the acceptance of the grant from Stormont was severely criticised at the time, the motion of Blease was adopted — the only member of the Committee who opposed it was Andy Barr. I only hope that the new training officer gets a free hand in educating the local shop stewards on how to bargain with management on the shop floor, but the most important point in their education is to see that there is true democracy among trade unionists. There is no point in educating trade unionists merely to be able to fight for higher wages inside factories which carry out methods of discrimination — such as Mackies or Sirocco, or keep ones eyes closed to the percentage of Unionist workers employed in the shipyard as against Catholics; and then boast of 'peace inside industry.' I suggest Carlin's most important job is to show how it is in the best interests of Unionist workers that they fight against all forms of discrimination in employment.

"ERNE SENSE"

In October 1971 we printed a letter from Aidan Corrigan which had appeared in the Fermanagh Herald. The letter was in reply to Erne Sense of that paper who had carried out week after week in his columns an attack on Sinn Féin and the I.R.A. Now this week (15th January) our Erne Sense is at it again, instead of utilising his space in attacking Faulkner and the British Army and standing up with all those fighting for freedom and democracy, he gets hysterical against Miss Bernadette Devlin, a young girl who has done more for her people in the past few years than this individual will do even if he lives to a ripe old age. But for the benefit of or readers let us recap some of the things Aidan Corrigan wrote about Erne Sense so that we will remember who he is

"Erne Sense is known to be a priest, Father Peter Livingstone of St. Michael's College, Enniskillen. A London oriented liberal Unionist, he stoutly supported the two Unionist candidates Archdale and Henderson in the last general election against the P.D. candidates at Lisnaskea and Enniskillen.

When one reads the above remarks, then one can understand the hysteria of Erne Sense against Bernadette when she speaks out for the right of the Republican Movement to be heard in any talks or settlement and her hope that one day the Irish people will build a Democratic Socialist Republic. Remember the words of James Connolly, *"Ireland as distinct from her people is nothing to me. The man who is bubbling over with love and enthusiasm for Ireland and remains unmoved by social wrongs is a fraud.*

Or the words of Ruairi O Bradaigh, Sinn Féin President . . . *"There are many calling themselves Republicans who would be perfectly satisfied with the name of a Republic for all 32 Counties, while leaving the present social, economic and cultural system unchanged — or worse still, integrating it with the rampant capitalism of the E.E.C. They are deluding themselves and deluding others. For the Republican Movement only a struggle on many fronts will achieve the Republican objective of restoring the 'ownership of Ireland to the people of Ireland."*

Our people should watch the so-called liberal thoughts of columnists such as Erne Sense. When the crunch comes they become enemies.

TRADE UNION ACTION AND THE L.A.W.

It is good to see that the Trade Union Movement has now realised the danger of the Loyalist Association of Workers — yes it has now changed its name from the old Loyalist Workers Association and a new set of rules for membership has been issued and posters have been plastered in every workshop in the Belfast area. The shop stewards have discussed the dangers of this organisation and the ways to combat its propaganda, but surely the method adopted by certain shop stewards is not going to be very effective if they are on the same lines as say John Freeman, the senior shop steward and executive member of the A.T.G.W.U. who in the Communist Party Paper 'Unity' wasted the space of a whole page in dissecting the rules of membership of the L.A.W. Who the hell is interested in the rule book of a reactionary organisation. It is a pity John who is also Senior Shop Steward in the Aircraft Factory did not give concrete ideas for fighting this very dangerous organisation.

D.A.T.A. AND THE L.A.W.

When the executive of the Draughtsmens Union (D.A.T.A.) decided to subscribe £100 to the Internees Dependents Fund and announced the fact in the monthly journal, many of its members in the Belfast area thought it was a Christian action in helping innocent women and children who have become victims of the Faulkner policy of internment. But not the Loyalist Association of Workers, who within one day of the announcement of the subscription to the fund had printed petition forms in every office in every engineering works where D.A.T.A. members are working. The petition called on all 'loyal' workers to sign their name against the Union in giving money to such a 'rebel cause' demanding that the executive apologise and withdraw the subscription until the Belfast members had got a chance to discuss the issue. If these demands were not accepted by the executive then all loyal members would resign from the union. The opposition these petition hunters received was surprising and by that same afternoon they had compromised to the extent in that 1. They did not object to the giving of the £100 to the fund as it was merely a charitable act. 2. Their objection was now merely based on the fact of not being allowed by the Belfast branch to discuss the question and allowed to vote on it. But surely the most despicable part of the whole affair must be the attitude taken up by Brian Anderson the executive member from Belfast, who is the chairman of the Belfast branch, and chairman of the union committee in Shorts. He denied taking part in the executive decision as he had left the executive meeting early to catch a plane. This man has really debased himself to get out of an awkward situation. Even the members of the L.A.W. with whom I discussed the matter agreed that they would have had more respect if he had stood up and fought them on the right of the executive to take the action they did. If Anderson is kicked out of his union position it will be because the members have lost all respect for him. And to think of it, this character is a member of the N.I.L.P. executive and was chairman of the Labour Party in 1970-71.

NATIONALITY

"A healthy nation is unconscious of its nationality as a healthy man is of his bones. But if you break a nation's nationality it will think of nothing else but getting it set again. It will listen to no reformer, to no philosopher and no teacher until the demand of the Nationalist is granted. It will attend to no business however vital, except the business of unification and liberation.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

(in his preface to John Bull's Other Island)

A Northerner's Jottings

POOR MR. MAUDLING

Poor Mr. Maudling is in quite a fix . . . nobody will talk to him about the Six Counties, so he has asked Mr. Wilson to help him out and to see if Wilson can get the S.D.L.P. to that table he is always talking about . . . you know the one that Faulkner says he is still sitting at . . . by the way somebody should tell Faulkner, that seeing he is going to sit alone at that table for a hell of a long time: should he not get away from it and take a bath, even on television the other night he smelt very badly. But Mr. Maudling is getting worried according to the Economist of January 15th 1972.

"He is saddled with internment and the longer it has to go on the more he will become completely identified with it: the time eventually arrives when the chance to put through a change of policy requires a new man. The worst thing of all would be if he now felt himself that N.I. had become an albatross for ever around his neck."

And Mr. Maudling is haunted by the fact that: *"Britain has become steadily more ashamed of internment, stories of the British atrocities have built up in the Press and on television, the deaths and injuries among British troops in such a thankless cause are increasingly questioned."*

THE TRUE EMPIRE

"This critic was schooled on that red-splotched map on which the sun never set . . . and the gentle, pervasive and devotedly religious mission which made Britain the top nation of all time. This new television series of which we are promised no less than 13 parts, looks like dispelling the golden legend forever in the minds of all of us. Britain we are told now, fought no less than 70 colonial wars of conquest in 60 years — the 60 years from Queen Victoria's accession to her Jubilee. In that period the Empire multiplied its area by nine and at its peak, occupied one quarter of the earth's surface. In the wake of this ferocious expansion there followed pestilence, exploitation, famine and genocide. Well who would have thought it? And yet it seems they are prepared to prove it to us."

TACITUS in Sunday News 16-1-72

It's a pity this character never read his Irish history. He would have been able to appreciate why his fellow countrymen have been fighting British Imperialism in its first colony. He also might have understood why the British storm troopers are occupying the Six Counties, trying to prop up the last remnants of that "Great" Empire.

THE BIG DEMOCRATS

Democracy is not, to be frank a word which one automatically associates with the Conservative Party. It is and always has been an uneasy mixture of despotism tempered by assassination and oligarchy. Softened by inefficiency it gives the most absolute powers to its leader, on the strict understanding that the knife will be plunged unceremoniously into his back the moment he shows the slightest signs of becoming a liability.

DAVID WATT, Political Editor, Financial Times 14-1-72

AND THE LITTLE DEMOCRATS

"The Grand Lodge pledges itself to a policy of disobedience should the powers of Stormont be further deminished or the constitution changed."

Central Committee, Grand Orange Lodge

PROPHECY STAKES

"Well what kind of 1972 would you like? . . . We are joking of course . . . It will depend on some Provisional I.R.A. leader . . . He will tell us, sooner than later."

Fortnight Magazine, 12th January 1972

IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD

We have heard of and read the many different and sincere reasons for the ending of internment by people who may disagree with the Republican Movement, but to whom internment is wrong. But the Alliance Party really takes the prize for their reason why internment should be ended — wait for it — it is because the Republican Movement would hate to see it ended. No, I am serious. This Alice in Wonderland statement was made by Bob Cooper at a meeting in Antrim (Ulster Star 15-1-72). Now I know that he has to allay the fears of his castle Catholic and middle-class Unionist membership, who have criticised the A.P. in opposing internment in principle, so now they have put their position in such simple terms that even their membership can excuse the leadership for being opportunists. The A.P. leaders have done and said many stupid things in their short political life, but this insult to all those people in the Six Counties who have sacrificed so much in fighting internment, the people who have been brutally beaten by the police and army, the many thousands who are engaged in the civil resistance and disobedience campaigns, and most of all the internees and detainees who are suffering inside the prisons and concentration camps.

I only hope that this stupid statement will be remembered by the people and it will be looked back upon as the death knell of the Alliance Party.

"I have not been an avid reader of the Newsletter at least since it stopped printing news way back in the fifties."

Pat Jordan, Fortnight Magazine

"Soldiers do what they are told to do. Don't blame the soldiers, they're just hired assassins who do what they're told."

Sir Gerald Temple

" . . . informed sources around Ormeau Avenue suggest that already a cold, hard eye has been turned on 'The Magic Roundabout' which, it is felt has obvious undertones of political satire on the Northern Ireland situation."

Sean Breslin, Irish News T.V. Critic 11-1-72

"The British have lost in Northern Ireland just as the Americans have lost Vietnam."

Malcolm Muggeridge

This remark by Muggeridge set the cat among the pigeons alright as far as that liberal journalist Alf McCreary of the Belfast Telegraph was concerned. His remarks in his television column 15-1-72 was to the effect. *That kind of remark by Muggeridge is as effective as a political speech. If you say something often enough and quietly enough people will begin to believe it."* Can we expect an article in the Telegraph in the near future by Alf on the new 'Subversive Muggeridge'?

Our Alf soon got over his scare when on Tuesday night he turned on the programme, 'The British Empire' and he felt so proud to be given 'the philosophy of the men and women who created the greatest Imperial power the world has known their duty was to carry light and civilisation into the dark places of the world . . . it helped to give some idea of what it meant to belong to such an Empire. Well, well, well, and people always thought we were joking when we called the members of the Unionist Establishment the last/imperialists.

"Lord Pearce turned up in Salisbury on Tuesday with an assortment of former colonial administrators who now help to run British organisations as varied as a gas board and the London Zoo."

The Economist 15-1-72

DR. PHILBIN TAKE NOTE

A group of Irish and American priests studying theology in Rome last Monday issued a statement appealing to Irish Church leaders "not to prejudice the issue of violence nor engage in sweeping, and, therefore, misleading condemnations. The statement was made by the "Roman Association of Priests for Justice in Northern Ireland," based on the Collegio San Alfonso in Rome. A letter accompanying the statement said :

"As professional theologians, we feel that the selective condemnation of violence in Northern Ireland has been unhelpful. Not only does it fail to analyse the causes and nature of that violence, but taken in themselves these statements can seriously distort Christian teaching, thereby causing grave crisis of conscience."

The statement itself, suggesting that 'sweeping condemnations of violence in the Northern Ireland minority community . . . have been used for propaganda by the B.B.C. Overseas Service,' continues :

"It is not true to say that armed resistance to aggression can never be justified. It is not true to say that only bishops or priests can decide when armed resistance has become lawful. It is not true to say that only the 'elected' leaders can decide when to resist aggression and brutality by force. The Christian has always recognised man's right to defend himself against unjust attack. The Christian tradition has always recognised the right of an oppressed community to rebel against aggression and gross injustice. The Christian tradition has always recognised that a rebellion which has the support of the people is lawful."

Among the authorities it quotes in support of these propositions the statement lists Pope Pius XII, the World Council of Churches' Conference on Church and Society, Karl Rahner, J. B. Metz, Emil Brunner, Jurgen Moltmann and Thomas Merton. "In view of this official teaching of the Churches both Protestant and Catholic, and in view of the considered opinion of the leading theologians of the Churches, we appeal to our colleagues in the ministry in the Churches in Ireland not to prejudice the issue of violence nor engage in sweeping and therefore misleading condemnations. If a desire for peace leads us to abhor violence of every kind, concern for truth must lead us accurately state Christian teaching, and love of justice must make us untiring in our search for a final solution to the problem of injustice and violence in Northern Ireland. In the search for justice we must listen especially to those who have suffered most from injustice. Those who, by position or power, are immune to the injustices of a system are not always the best informed to give guidelines to the oppressed."

A spokesman stressed that the statement represented the Christian tradition in a way that it might not necessarily be represented by a priest or a bishop making sweeping condemnations of violence. Priests and bishops speaking on this topic, he said, should be more concerned with solutions and causes to the problems than with sweeping condemnations of violence.

ELECTION BOYCOTT IN DUNGANNON

IT HAS been announced that seven Opposition members of the Dungannon Council who had previously withdrawn from office as a protest against internment have now resigned en bloc and intend to contest the resitting election. Their strategy is that they will use the election machinery not to re-enter the council chamber but to entitle them to sit as "elected representatives" in the "people's assembly" the alternative assembly set up by the S.D.L.P.

The people of Dungannon have already rejected this tactic. "Elected representatives" withdrawn from the system may be a grand sounding title but in spite of what Maundling Wilson, Faulkner and Lynch

may think and say such a title authorises no one to speak for the people. The people have which has granted such a status and have rejected all the implications of the system.

FAULKNER'S BAN

In the face of all respectable opinion Faulkner has once more thrown down the gauntlet to his adversaries and imposed a blanket ban on all marches in the six counties for the next twelve months.

Of course we are not so naive as to believe that Brian really intends to ban the Orange parades so dear to his heart. We suspect that he intends to crush the civil resistance marches and the Republican parades at Easter while the British Army continues its campaign of saturation and of terror in the Catholic ghettos. As he showed on August 9th Brian is always willing to take a chance (what's a few hundred lives here or there?) and he is now hoping against hope that the light at the end of the tunnel will be in evidence before July so that he can find reasons for lifting the ban by that time. In any case he does realise that if his policies have not succeeded by then that he will go the way of his predecessors so that he has really nothing to lose.

Already the ban has been defied and there are growing signs that the defiance will be continued. Faulkner must be made to understand that we who are denied the most basic of human rights, have nothing to lose either. Living, as we do under the threat of indefinite imprisonment for no crime whatever, we are hardly likely to be deterred from exercising our right to protest by the threat of a six months mandatory sentence.

They are adamant that any election called by the Stormont administration to fill seats in any local government body must be boycotted.

For fifty years the Unionist administration has operated under a veneer of democracy because the Opposition was split between participation and abstention. Those days have gone and the people are as one in their determination not to yield any voluntary submission consent or allegiance to any form of British imposed system ever again. Let those who would seek, for any reason, however plausible, to break that solidarity, beware. This present unity was won by the

WOMEN'S ACTION

Dear Sir,

I would like to pay tribute to the women of Northern Ireland, who over the past two and a half years have played an increasingly more important part in the struggle against oppression in this country. Women like Rita O'Hare, Pat Murray, Maria Drumm and countless others who have suffered much at the hands of the British Army and R.U.C.

In any other country in the world Rita O'Hare could have stood trial and been acquitted but not here. The British Army have no qualms about producing soldiers who will perjure themselves to ensure that women like these are convicted. They have no fear of the British thugs in fact they display open contempt for them. Therefore they must be put behind bars, it is obviously the British who fear them.

There are very many women of this calibre in the North today, women who have no thought of self, who are prepared to take any risk to ensure that this fight is won.

A word of thanks is also due to those women who although not actively involved have helped in other ways. Those in whose homes a welcome is always found. A bed is always available. These women too are playing their part and a very important part it is too.

To all of these women wherever they may be — in prison, in hospital all over these Six Counties, I congratulate you — while you continue this good work we can never be defeated

Yours etc.,
Mother of Four

blood and sacrifice of the ordinary people of the Six Counties. He takes on a grave responsibility, he who scorns that sacrifice and refuses to recognise the mood of the people.

Future representatives will be elected, not at the whim of Brian Faulkner, but as they are needed, sheet by sheet, district by district until all those who have signified their detestation of Unionist mis-rule are represented on the Northern Resistance Committee, and can then take all necessary decisions on future policy which will lead to their ultimate objective a Socialist Republic.

Dialann Deacair

SUB (AQUA) HUMAN ANIMALS:

Ta Arm Shasana tar eis raiteas a eisiuint mar gheall ar ealu na bpriosunach as an charcair sin ar snamh cloch na h-oighe, (Maidstone?) An geineral "Torso" fein a thug an raiteas do na tuairisceoirí agus e gleasta in elde aimireal an chabhlaigh. Duirt an geineral "mar gheall ar imeacht na bhfear seo as an Maidstone bhi a fhios againn le tamall anuas go raibh cabhlach ag na "terrorists." Ta fir faisneis 's againne ag fiosru an sceil le cupla mí, indialdh duinn dha pheire "flippers" a thail i dteach aithrid a dtearn muid ruathar air i "Iolste na monadh." Ta coimhead gear da dheanamh againn ar aibhneacha Bheal Feirste mar ata an Lagan, an Flush, an Blackwater etc. Ag duil as go bhfuighimis cuid da mairnealair ar bord loinge ach indialdh fuireacht fuar fada ta muid de'n bharuill go bhfuil ceann amhain de tri rud fíor

1. Go bhfuil cabhlach de bhaid fo thoinn acu.
2. Go mba iad a ba chuis leis an gantanas mor uisce a bhi i mBeal Feirste le fada mar gheall ar an traíneail ata siad a dheanamh sna folcadain i dtithe i gceantracha aithrid i mBeal Feirste. Ni h-íomadh seo sna ceantracha ceadna mar is gnach leo gual a choinneail sna folcadain.
3. Go bhfuil siad ag usaid an choraís shearachais le h-imeacht o'ait go h-ait agus ní gan fath a thug mo chara Brian Faulkner "sewer rats" orthu.

Agus muid ag gniomhu ar eolas a fuarthas o'n phobal d'eiri linn aimireal an chabhlaigh mí-dleathach seo a ghabhadh i "Waterford Street." An tseactain seo thart. D'eiri muid amhrasach nuair a chonnaic muid mna ag stealladh uisce ar fuinneoga an tí seo. Duirt na mna nach dtiocfadh le fear an tí dhul a choladh gan turgan na dtonn ar na fuinneoga. Bhi an t-aimireal amaideach amsaíoch amhlanta seo ina leabaidh luascaín agus ghabh muid e gan troid. Scaoil se cuid mhor eolais linn agus do'n chead uair ariamh thig linn a innse díbh calde an díobhail ata deanta ag an chabhlaigh damanta duibh-eaganach, dur croidheach, danardha dolba seo.

1. Pholl siad na badaí pleisura ag "Bellvue" agus chuir go toin iad. Ta garda dian a dheanamh orthu sin anois ag an "U.D.R." ach ta Reisimint ur le bunu gan moill leis an tasc seo a dheanamh "U.M.A.R." Duirt na fir bhui go raibh siad sasta time Action Reglment). Aithneoidh sibh iad sin mar caithfidh siad "Life Jacket" ar bharr an "Flack Jacket" (a fine 'body' of men gan amhras).
2. Chuir siad na lacha flaine chun scaoil i "Lady Dixon Park" agus deir urlabhraí ar shon na lacha nach bpillfidh siad gan cosaín la agus oíche o "U.M.A.R." duirt na fir bhui go raibh siad sasta na lacha a chosaint ach o tharla gur "Bombay Ducks" iad ní raibh muinín acu as na fir bhui.
3. Bhi plean acu an Maidstone a ghabhail agus a thabhairt aníos an Lagan go dtí "Long Kesh" gach mac mathara a chur ar bord agus as go brach leo go h-lur Cinn Tra, Loch Carlainne agus saoirse. D'iarr muid ar "Sean O Loingseoir" (26 Co) an da corvette 's aigesean a usaid leis an teorann farraige seo a chosaint ach deir se go bhfuil na badaí a chuairtú poltín ar Oilean Gola i dTír Chonaill agus nach mbéidh siad ar fail go cionn tamaill. Deir Mr. Heath go dtabhairfidh se an "Morning Cloud" ar iasacht leis an impireacht a chosaint ma's ga. Ma chaill muid seachtar o'n "Maidstone" choinnigh muid 507 nuair a fuair muid a t-eollas sin o'n aimireal. Ba bheag an chaill iad an seachtar a d'ealaigh. Ní rabh ionnta ach caifín loinge amhain agus seisear mairnealach coiteanta.

Sula gcuiridh muid deireadh leis an agallamh seo ba mhaith liom tagairt a dheanamh do rud ata ag cur buartha orainn uilig se sin go bhfuil siad anois ag usaid paistí beaga lena n-obair shalach a dheanmh. Ar na mallaibh tugadh fa dear go bhfuil cuid mhor paistí i gceantracha aithrid ag caitheamh

"Sailor suits." larracht conasach e seo le tabhairt orainn scaoileadh leo agus ach a be tradisiún uasal, uaibhreach Cabhlach na Sasana bheirfidhe ar chuid acu an "planca" a shuíl. Ní isleacht go dtí iad, na mairnealaigh bradacha seo mar sin, ce nach maith linn a dheanamh ta cosc iomlán as seo go cionn bliana ar "sailor suits" "flippers," ar chanadh an amhrain "the Sailor took a dive" agus "the Sailor's Hornpipe."

DANNY O'NEILL,

Volunteer, "C" Company Belfast Brigade, IRA

Died : 7th January, 1972



The wind and rain were not kind to the thousands of mourners who came to say a last farewell to young Danny O'Neill as his cortege made the last journey to Milltown Cemetery. Young Danny met his death at the hands of our oppressors. Not being content at the brutal slaying of this young Irish soldier these ghouls attempted to desecrate the funeral procession. However all attempts at this outrage were prevented by the stalwart Irish women who protected the coffin. The British Army continued their harrassment of the mourners as they left Milltown Cemetery but all attempts by the Crown Forces at provocation were resisted. To Danny's sorrowing family we in the Republican Movement extend our heartfelt sympathy. We extend our grief to Liam, Danny's father incarcerated at Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

Go ndeanaidh Dia trocaire ar a anam

*The Fools, the fools,
They have left us our Fenian dead,
But while Ireland holds these graves,
Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.*

CIVIL RESISTANCE CAMPAIGN

Armagh Resistance Council

Anti-Internment March

Armagh, Saturday, 22nd January, 1972

Speakers :

F. McMANUS, M. FARRELL, A. CORRIGAN

ASSEMBLY POINT — KILLYLEA ROAD

TYRONE RESISTANCE COUNCIL

Anti-Internment March

COALISLAND to DUNGANNON

3 p.m. Saturday, 29th January, 1972

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7 Escaped detainees stopped and questioned near border by British troops. They were allowed to proceed because the British said "They had nothing on them."

Clo-bhuailte daobhtha agus curtha amach ag Clolann Ghaelach, Dun Dealgan.