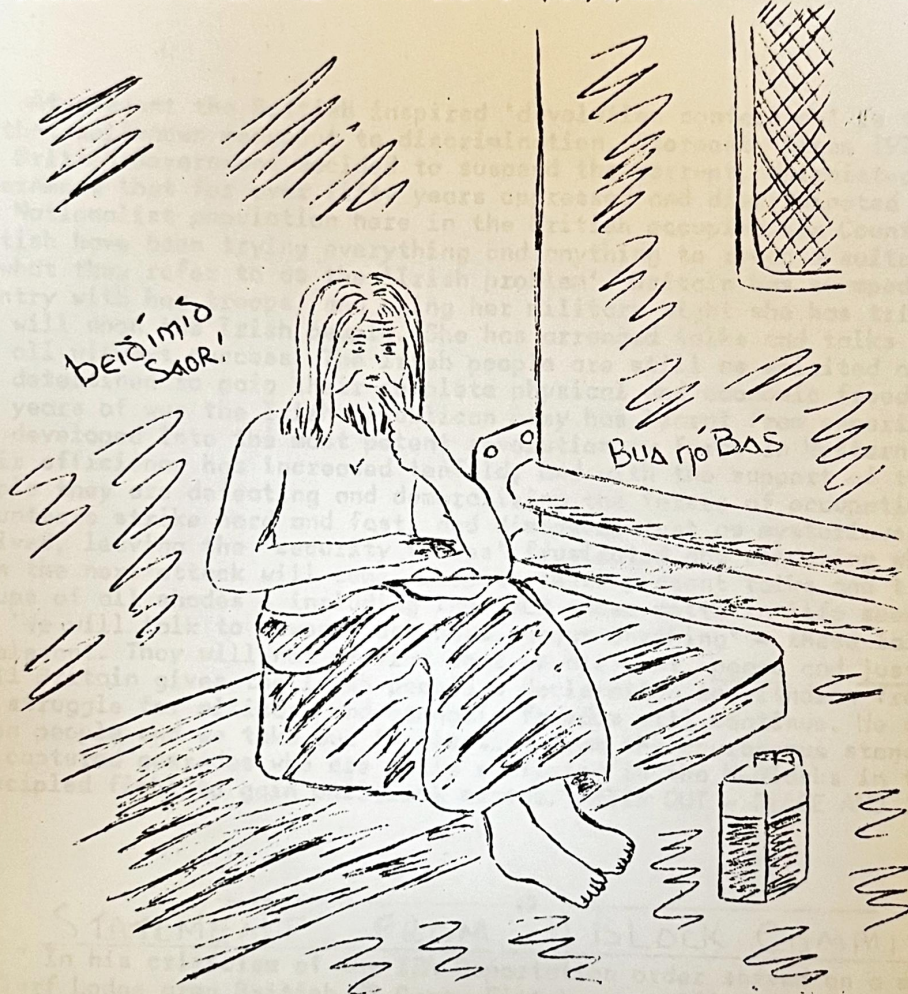


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## OUR COURAGEOUS BLANKET MEN BY 1980.

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(Please note; this list has been forwarded to us; if there any name omitted please inform us and we shall rectify this immediately.)

On yesterday, 4/1/80, saw the first release of a BLANKET MAN, James Duffy in 1980. The sentence served by James was 3 years and 3 months, which if he had not been on the BLANKET (seeking true Justice) James would have been released 18 months ago. For the determination of the BLANKET MEN we vow to continue our struggle to obtain POLITICAL STATUS in 1980.



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At present the British inspired 'devolution conference' is taking place in that wellknown monument to discrimination, Stormont. Since 1972, when the British Government decided to suspend the corrupt, Unionist-controlled government that for over fifty years oppressed and discriminated against the Nationalist population here in the British occupied Six Counties, the British have been trying everything and anything to reach a suitable solution to what they refer to as the 'Irish problem'. Britain has swamped our country with her troops, and using her military might she has tried to impose her will upon the Irish people. She has arranged talks and talks about talks, but all without success. The Irish people are still as spirited as ever and determined to gain their complete physical and economic freedom. After ten years of war the Irish Republican Army has learnt from experience and has developed into the most potent revolutionary force in Western Europe. Their efficiency has increased tenfold, and with the support of the Irish people they are defeating and demoralising the forces of occupation. The volunteers strike hard and fast, and disappear just as mysteriously as they arrived, leaving the 'security forces' frustrated and wondering where and when the next attack will come. Despite these present talks and treacherous groups of all shades - including the SDLP whose motto in life seems to be, 'We will talk to anyone, anywhere, about anything' - these talks are irrelevant. They will not provide what we all want, peace and justice. Until Britain gives the Irish people a declaration to withdraw from Ireland, the struggle for military and economic freedom will continue. We are a risen people and we take our inspiration from the courageous stand taken by our captured comrades who are daily suffering in the H-Blocks in their principled fight to gain political status. BRITS OUT - PEACE AND JUSTICE IN!

## STATEMENT FROM H-BLOCK COMMITTEE

"In his criticism of the IRA Deportation order served on a man from the Turf Lodge area British MP Gerry Fitt has pontificated over his opposition to Deportation orders served under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

This is in stark contrast to his silence on the conditions in the H-Blocks at Long Kesh where many of his constituents are presently held. Many of the 'men on the blanket' - 70% to 90% according to Amnesty International and the British Government's Bennett Report - are there under dubious circumstances of interrogation and subsequent conviction.

"Processed through the ConveyorBelt legal system which operates here in the Occupied Six Counties, and which is geared to the needs of the British war machine.

"If Fitt is to maintain his alleged high moral standards, then let his criticism also encompass the denial of basic human rights in the H-Blocks and the system of British law which processes men and women along the H-Block Conveyor Belt."

Signed Gerry Browningan.

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# IRA STATEMENT -

" On Friday last, 11-1-80, the Irish Republican Army was forced to implement a Deportation order against a Turf Lodge man, Patrick Cairns  
" Cairns, who for some time now has been involved in organised crime in the West Belfast area, broke a guarantee given to the IRA in 1972 that he would, following similar criminal activity then, leave the Belfast area and not return.

" Early this year Mr. Cairns not only returned but became involved once again in crime.

" Having received two warnings Mr. Cairns is now in no doubt that should he be foolish enough to return, this time the Irish Republican Army will not hesitate in invoking an Execution order.

" Belfast Brigade also claims responsibility for the punishment shooting in West Belfast on 15-1-80 in which two persons, Willard and Grey, were shot. These two men were part of a three man gang who, some three weeks ago, were involved in the robbery and attempted rape of a pregnant woman."

## BLOODY SUNDAY COMMEMORATION (JAN 27TH)

BUSES LEAVE DUNVILLE PARKS 12NOON PICKING UP  
AT ARDOYNE, NEW LODGE, A'TOWN AND SHORT STRAND.

THOSE WISHING TO GO SHOULD OBTAIN TICKETS FROM  
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## ' AWAKEN IRELAND '

The slam of sturdy bolts drawn back,  
The metallic ring of keys,  
Foreign accents of men in black,  
Invade a prisoner's dreams.  
Morning is thrust upon us,  
Another day engaged,  
Forever walking in circles,  
Waiting on a Nation to come of age.  
Reflecting on our struggles past,  
I seek strength in Tone and Connolly's deeds,  
They put their faith in the working class,  
Perceptive men - they foresaw the need  
To treat each person an equal,  
And put an end to capitalist greed.  
Wageslaves caught in an economic trap,  
Ireland, poor Ireland!  
Victim for multi-nationals to exploit and sap?  
The revolution must be complete,  
It depends on you! the proletariat, the man in the street.  
An end to physical occupation is not enough,  
Great nations and dreams are made of finer stuff.  
Meanwhile the prisoner waits,  
Trapped in greyness and surrounded by hate,  
But his heart thumps out a steady beat,  
And he dreams of victory and freedom.

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