

THE TATTLER

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AS RUDAI BEAGA FASANN RUDAI MORA

The Tattler wishes to congratulate the recently formed "Rock Knitwear Group" who have just received their first order for nearly a hundred pounds worth of knitwear goods. We hear that the order has given the group more than enough work for the present and that members will soon be able to invest some of their profits into the co-operative which they hope will emerge from their present structure.

Talking of co-operatives, let's hope that the initiative of the Rock Knitwear Group will point the way forward for other groups in the district. What Westrock can do maybe Ballymurphy can do better.....?

JUSTICE

We have all heard the phrase - Justice turns a blind eye. Here, in the North of Ireland, justice has turned a blind eye so often that she has developed a squint - in fact she now qualifies as an eighteen carat example of British justice which is a special brand of justice. What an Irishman would call Justice Mar Dheadh!

As an example of what we mean, Lord Brown paid us a visit the other day. Whilst he was here he gave us some rather good advice; don't let these thugs be seen on television. He didn't say don't do them, but don't let it get out.

So you see, George was able to turn a blind eye - to the bigotry, to intolerance, to injustice.

We're sure it wasn't a bad day's work for Geordie Brown, when he can get it. They must be cutting the lords out of the hedges these days. But let us not turn a blind eye to the plight of our people in prison. Remember it could be your turn next!

WHAT NEXT

The grand old Dame, Britannia can certainly call on a great variety of methods in persecuting the people of these six northern counties.

First we had the British Army as defenders of the people ---

Then we had the young chap at the corner of the street, just dying for a cup of tea

Then we had Wee Tommy from the end of the street playing with his rubber bullets ---

Then we had the Riot Squad ---with their guns and drums and drums and guns ---

Then we had the duck squad --- Black faced comedians ---

Then we had the jack boot squad, these of course were for the women and children only

Now we have the Special Branch ---

They're on a rather mucky wicket --- old boy. We have to use the pick-pockets, the thieves, the racketeers; you know --- the old protection racket.

Well, after all, we may be special --- but we can't be particular.

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

We wonder when a stick becomes a weapon. It is a weapon if it is carried as a protest by a member of Sinn Fein, by a woman or girl. It is a weapon when it is carried to protect a funeral from a mob of bigots who are at the same time protected by the British Army.

But it is not a weapon when it is carried to attack Catholic dwellings. It is not a weapon if the bearer also carries a Union Jack, nor was it a weapon on the Springfield Road recently when the British Army, directed by Special Branch men, stopped and searched people passing up and down this side of the road, while on the other side mobs were standing armed with cudgels and what have you.

CUMANN GERARD O'CALLAGHAN

WILL HOLD A
PROTEST MARCH

FROM
BEECHMOUNT AVENUE TO DIVIS TOWERS

ON
SUNDAY, 2ND. MAY

AT
3:30 p.m.

COME TO THE HENRY TAGGART
FOR LOVELY FRESH DUCK EGGS

ON SALE DAILY

APPLY: MAJOR EDWARDS

REPUBLICANISM AND UNIONISM

According to Roy Bradford, old style Republicanism and old style Unionism are both out of date. He seems to think that Unionism is the Protestant version of Republicanism. This is just not so. In the first place, there is no other kind of Republicanism other than that of Tone, McCracken and Rossa.

We know that there are other people who would agree with Mr. Bradford, namely Mr. Cathal Goulding, Mr. Fitt, Mr. Hume, etc. But the principles of Republicanism are clear and distinct.

For the benefit of younger people who may have been brainwashed to accept the doctrine that there is such a thing as new style Republicanism, we quote from a speech made by P. H. Pearse at Bodenstown, 1913, "Let us make no mistake as to what Tone sought to do — to break the connection with England, the never failing source of all our political evils and to assert the independence of my country; these were my objects, to unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of past dissensions, to substitute the common name of Irishman in place of the denominations of Catholic; Protestant and Dissenter. These were my means", and again at the grave of Rossa, "We know only one definition of freedom: It is Tone's definition, it is Mitchell's definition, it is Rossa's definition. Let no man blaspheme the cause that the dead generations of Ireland served by giving it any other name and definition." "The clear true eyes of this man almost alone in his day visioned Ireland not free merely but Gaelic as well, not Gaelic merely but free as well."

Surely these are clear and solemn words in simple language, easily understood. How then can men stand up beside the grave of Tone and acclaim his doctrines while they are propagating a different definition of freedom than his.

We cannot blame Mr. Bradford for his ignorance of Tone's definition of freedom. But we can blame those who persist in calling themselves Republicans. Everyone has the right to form his own definition, but let us not hear him claiming that this is Tone's definition or Rossa's definition.

There's a paper in this district
And the Tattler is its name,
Though made for Ballymurphy
Now all Ireland knows its fame.

It tells an open story,
The way things really are,
Explains Sinn Fein's position
And how we fight the war.

It points out Ireland's troubles,
And how the British try
To turn all men against us,
With the power of their lies.

So if you're looking "stop press"
And the latest in top ten,
The Tattler tells the story,
And will, until the end.

READ AN PHOBLACHT AND REPUBLICAN NEWS
THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT

"WE'RE SOLD OUT — YOU'LL HAVE TO COME EARLIER
IN FUTURE"

