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THE VOLUNTEER



I WOULD VISIT THE FALLS MORE OFTEN
... IF I COULD REMEMBER HOW TO GET THERE



THE FIVE MINUTE FIGHTERS

The U.D.A. have broken off relations with the British Army.....
....the U.D.A. have resumed relations with the British Army.....the U.D.A. have broken off relations with the British Army.

And so it goes on, the extreme Protestants have promised their supporters that they can, and will, defend their areas against any attack..... they have failed to live up to their promises.

Time after time, the British Army have beaten the working-class people of the Shankill and East Belfast into the ground, time after time the U.D.A. have shown themselves to be willing tools of the British capitalists. Not for the U.D.A. the rigorous defence of the Protestant areas, the Irish Republican guerrillas have over fifty coffins in the hallowed plot at Milltown Cemetery to show that the spirit of resistance still beats in the hearts of true Irishmen.

Any person who criticises the Provisional I.R.A., any person who asks, "Why don't they stop?" any person who yearns for an end to the conflict should ask themselves, "Do I wish to pass the legacy of blood and hate, down to my children?"

There is nothing whatsoever to stop each and every Volunteer in the I.R.A. from "packing it all in" and saying, "I'm all right Jack". Nothing, that is, except the wish to see the end of British Imperialist

local Disco, dancing with his girlfriend without a care in the world, instead he spends his nights crawling through wet fields and putting his life at stake every minute, day and night.

The guerrilla is taught to treat the enemy with respect, "Don't fire on Red Cross Saracens", even though he knows that armed mercenaries are carried about in them.

The British enemy is told, "Shoot at anything that looks suspicious", "If you happen to kill any innocent civilians, don't worry, these things happen, you won't have to answer for your mistakes"

Do any of our readers remember even ONE British soldier being charged with murder, the answer is NO..... ..because the Imperialist forces have complete immunity against arrest. Not a week passes without the invaders killing some "gunman", yet the evidence of Irish eyewitnesses is ignored, the evidence of the British 'Tommy' is impeccable, he NEVER tells lies.

While the cowardly UDA/UVF threaten the murderers, the Provisional IRA resists. While innocent Protestants are mowed down, the Protestant Armies of the Fueher Craig pose.

Gusty Spence, the man who has become a legend on the beleaguered Shankill, is typical of the Imperialist lackie who has been put in charge of the Protestant resistance groups. While in the Crumlin Road Jail last year.

oners to go on hunger strike for political status. He told the men, "I can't join you, I've a bad heart."

Previous to this, Gusty had went on hunger strike for the grand total of 12 days, he then collapsed and was whisked off to the Mater Hospital where he was certified "completely fit" by the Doctors, he then told them of his bad heart, and was examined by a specialist who laughed at the claim.

After his cowardly "escape" from the prison (which stopped all future paroles being granted to Loyalist prisoners) Gusty took over as the head of the UVF, he rejected this claim because he was afraid that if he was recaptured he would face additional charges. He left the job of "Paper Chief of Staff" to an idiot from Argyle Street. Gusty is typical of the cowards who lead both the UDA and the UVF, many Protestants are Dual members, belonging to both. The tragic deaths of several innocent boys has'nt seemed to have got through to the Protestant people. No doubt, relations with the Britishers will be broken for a week or two, the UDA/UVF cowards will then start licking English arses again.

M.D.

IRISH UNIONS

During the past three troubled years we have seen changes in every sphere of life in the 6-occupied Counties. The political arena in particular has changed beyond pre '69 recognition, monolithic institutions like the Unionist Party, once the only voice of Protestant opinion here, have disintegrated into pieces.

We have witnessed the emergence of the powerful Provisionals and their pseudo counterparts the U.D.A.

New Catholic and Protestant ghettos have appeared in Belfast, the result of sectarianism, one of Belfast's oldest and vilest ills.

One change which has saddened many people, has been the transformation of certain Trade Unions into nothing less than political pressure groups. Men like Billy Hull have mobilised the workers in support of the policies of power mad capitalists like William Craig. Industrial action, once the main weapon in the workers' armament, is no longer used as a lever for better conditions and fair wages. Instead it is used for purely political ends, mass stoppages of labour can be called at the whim of a bourgeois political hack like Craig.

It is an established fact, that during the recent "black-out" caused by the walk out of workers in Power Station West, William Craig packed his German born wife off to France while he himself retired to the luxurious surroundings of the Europa Hotel. The people worst hit by the stoppage were the working class families in the slums and ghettos of Belfast, the families of the striking Power workers were, of course, in this category.

The class war, which once a clearly defined case of the worker versus the capitalist landlord, bourgeoisie versus proletariat, has now taken on a bizarre look in Belfast. The flagrant political misuse of the Trade Unions has made them breeding grounds for sectarianism, the bosses and racketeers gloat as worker fights worker.

The Irish Trade Union movement, which was NEVER Socialist, (It allowed firms like Sirocco, H & W, Ormeau Bakeries etc. to employ the work force on purely religious grounds) has now passed the point of no return and the workers must surely consider the future carefully.

Prominent T.U. leaders, who have taken a wholly one-sided stance politically, are to blame for the complete polarisation of opinion in the Labour movement.

When the Tories introduced Internment at the request of Brian Faulkner (a capitalist boss AND a landlord) the Trade Unions kept quiet, even though many hundreds of its members were incarcerated without a trial. When the families and friends of the innocent men went on a rent and rate strike, which was completely spontaneous although all anti-Unionist groups backed it, certain Trade Union representatives attacked the civil-disobedience campaign and called on the people to pay their rents. When a donation of £100 was offered from within the T.U. movement as a gift to alleviate the hardship caused to the families of the internees, prominent Trade Unionists caused such a stir that the gift was refused. In any other country in the world, the Unions would be at the forefront of any protests against repression of the working class, in Belfast the opposite is the case.

When one watches thousands of working men leaving their benches to march behind Billy Hull in support of the policies of a motley bunch of Capitalist leeches like Craig, Faulkner and Ardill, then the time has come for a reappraisal. The working class Trade Unions must embrace the Socialist ideal, the past three years have shown that the present leadership of the T.U. here is incapable of representing the worker. The wages and conditions of the average worker here, is far behind those of his brother in England, yet the age old war cry of the Loyalist is, "We are as much a part of Britain as Birmingham or London" unfortunately a look at comparative wage packets belies that fact.

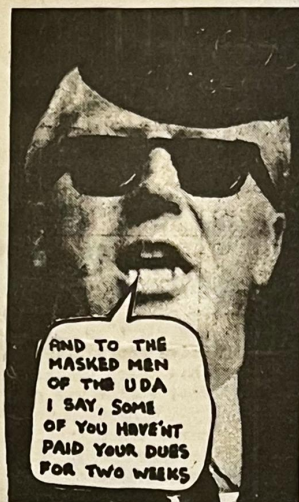
The seemingly endless stream of new political parties springing up (Much to the delight of Britain) can be attributed directly to one point, James Connolly summed it up in his essay, INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL UNITY.

"Everyone who has the interests of the working class at heart should strive to realise industrial unity as the solid foundation upon which alone the political unity of the workers can be built up and directed towards a revolutionary end. To this end, all those who work for industrial unionism are truly co-operating even when they least care for political activities."

THE

volunteer

Any readers who have any articles, poems, songs etc. should give them to any of the paper sellers from whom they will find their way to me. All free drink gratefully acknowledged.....EDITOR.



EYE

The English satirical magazine, PRIVATE EYE, has the following story in the current edition.

The "Sunday People" of 1st. October reported the death of Francois Lane, a Belfast student, who was found shot dead on a patch of wasteland.

The "People" quoted a police spokesman who said that the murder may have been connected with the fact that the boy's father Dr. Patrick Lane, a surgeon in the Mater Hospital, was a former British Army officer, in other words, it looked like an I.R.A. job.

None of the newspaper reports mentioned that Dr. Lane is a Catholic, whose work at the Mater Hospital often embarrassed the British Army and the Northern Ireland authorities. On the 19th. August 1971, Dr. Lane wrote to the Secretary of State for Defence stating that, "with regret, and with a deep sense of shame, I wish to sever any connection I have with the British Army in view of the conduct of some members of the forces in Northern Ireland."

Since then Dr. Lane has made statements which have formed the basis of the Irish Government's torture allegations against the British Government at the European Commission of Human Rights. Dr. Lane has also given evidence in many criminal cases alleging mistreatment of suspects by the Army or Special Branch in Northern Ireland.

He did most of the work substantiating allegations of electric shock treatment and publicised his evidence in the press and to the BMA. The "World in Action" programme of 25th Sep. about the mistreatment of internees and suspects quoted Dr. Lane's findings prominently.

In other words, the father of Dr. Lane's son looks rather less like an IRA job.

FROM THE PRISON

We recieved the following press release from the Belfast Prison Comhairle Ceanntair, it was signed by the P.R.O. Gerry O'Hare.

With the gaining of political status for the Republican prisoners of 'A' Wing, Crumlin Road Prison, a massive reorganisation of Sinn Fein has taken place. Before political status was granted, there was only a single Cumann with about 40 members. Since then, another 5 have been formed, each with an average membership of 24. The Cumainn are formed on an area basis, within the City boundary there are 4, another 2 cater for the rest of the Province. Here is a breakdown of the Cumainn and their names.

the Terry McDermott/ Martin Forsythe covering the Andersonstown Comhairle Ceanntair area.

the Danny McAreevey/ Jimmy Quigley, covering the Belfast Central Comhairle Ceanntair area.

Two Cumainn were formed for the Belfast North-East Comhairle Ceanntair area.

No. 1 covering the New Lodge/Ardoyne/Oldpark/Newington district is called the Rory O'Connor/David McAuley/Louis Scullion Cumann.

No. 2 covering the Ballymacarret/Markets area is called the Tony Nolan/Joseph Fitzsimmons Cumann.

The Colm Keenan/Eugene McGillen Cumann was formed for the area covering Antrim/Tyrone/Derry/Donegal.

The Sean Caughey Cumann was formed for to cover the Armagh/Down/Louth area.

A Comhairle Ceanntair was formed with the following Officers being elected; CHAIRMAN.....Fronias McAirt. EDUCATION OFFICER.....Tony Fields. SEC/TREASURER.....John Quinn. P.R.O.Gerry O'Hare.

The Comhairle Ceanntair instructed all Cumainn to begin an immediate study of the EIRE NUA programme and encouraged the members to involve themselves more fully with the politics of Sinn Fein.

A new prison newspaper is to be started shortly, with the editorship alternating between the different Cumainn. The Cumainn will also be taking an interest in the problems of their respective areas, this will include regular articles in the local newspapers or bulletins, TATLER, PATRIOT, SAORISE, FREEDOM FIGHTER, and of course, the VOLUNTEER.

Members will also make contributions to the PDF, by way of handicrafts, they are fully aware of the heavy demands on the finances of the PDF and are most grateful for the help their families are receiving. A message will be sent on the 1972 Ard Fheis, expressing their full support for the leadership.

At a time when Republicans are being incarcerated in British prisons, we note that the arch-traitor Jack Lynch is trying to drive Sinn Fein out of

existence, and we congratulate our comrades in the South for their resistance, despite the harassment and imprisonment they are faced with.

We hope that Lynch's Special Branch Quislings make him aware of our efforts, so that he will see, that even from the prison cells, the voice of Republicanism rings loud and clear. Neither Jack Lynch nor his Tory allies in London will ever silence that voice.

Yours etc.

Gerry O'Hare,
P.R.O.

Belfast Prison Comhairle Ceanntair.



IN THE DARK

We have recieved a letter from a reader, signed "In the Dark", who asks, "Is there anything we can do to have the street lights put on again?"

I'm afraid that the chances of having the lights fixed again are just about nil, these lights were systematically broken by the various regiments, "For security purposes". The security of the British soldiers that is, NOT the security of the many senior citizens in the estates. There is one thing that can be done to alleviate the problem however.... If EVERY home in the area turned on their hall lights or landing lights, if anyone with an outdoor porch light would turn it on, then, the estates would sparkle again.

Many old people are afraid to leave their homes after dark because of the blanket of darkness which prevails.

If one or two women from each street would visit every house and get the tenant to agree, then things would be easier on the old people.

Jimmy's 'Lappers'

After the UDA/UVF had blown hell out of the Brits on Monday and Tuesday, the Whitelaw administration took the only course open to them. THEY CALLED FOR TALKS WITH JIMMY ANDERSON AND HIS COWARDLY BUNCH. The UDA/UVF, who are getting notorious for their "lapping" of every challenge thrown down by the pimps of the Shankill, have let their supporters down on numerous occasions.

The people of the Republican areas have dubbed the Loyalist army, "The Five Minute Fighters". Surely the working class people of the Shankill and East Belfast must see that any army controlled by capitalist landlords, (like the UDA/UVF) cannot hope to defend them against attack from the very people who created that army. Only a united working front will ever succeed in driving the invader from our midst.

Late FLASH.... As we go to press we learn that the cowardly church burners, and children beaters of the UDA/UVF, have "called off their five minute war with the Brits. This is the sentence of death on Catholic families living in East Belfast and the Woodvale area. Britain have allied themselves formally with the masked men, we call on everyone to give their full backing to the Irish Republican Army. They are now the ONLY salvation of the minority in Ireland. The British Army have relinquished all pretexts about being impartial.

KESH MESSAGE

WE, THE REPUBLICAN REMAND PRISONERS IN CAGE 6, LONG KESH, TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE OUR BRAVE COMRADES ON THEIR RECENT STAND AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST BRITISH COURTS IN OCCUPIED IRELAND. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN THEM, AND TO HAVE SPENT SOME TIME WITH THEM, HOWEVER SHORT, THEY ARE TYPICAL OF IRISH MANHOOD. THE MILITARY MIGHT OF BRITAIN CAN NEVER HOPE TO CRUSH THE SPIRIT OF MEN LIKE THESE. WE SEND OUR PROUD CONGRADULATIONS TO OUR COMRADES:

MARIE DILLON.
JOAN THORNBURY.
GERRY O'HARE.
E. CARMICHAEL.
G. McDONNELL.
G. CAIRNS.
JIMMY SCULLION.
M. FLANAGHAN.
SEAN FRYERS.
TOMMY DOWNEY.
JIMMY DEMPSEY.

THEIR NAMES WILL BE CARVED IN GOLD WHEN IRELAND'S TALE IS TOLD. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

The Political Prisoners,
Cage 6,
Long Kesh.

Mystery and Imagination

by Nick

A few weeks ago we brought you the best from the pick of the "Loyalist papers". Below we print some of the current funnies....it's not the jokes, it's the way John McKeague tells them.

BOIT YOUR SHUTTERS

A peeping Tom in Bangor has been watching Loyalist homes and reporting to his Rebel friends. The warning to all Loyalists is "KEEP YOUR SHUTTERS CLOSED AND WELL BOITED"

DISCRIMINATION

Stormont discriminating against "Catholics" in housing? You don't believe it? Show me one eighteen bedroomed Corporation or Trust house.

BAILLYCLARE

The Baillyclare Loyalists wish to thank the very kind lady for the use of her Loo.

FALLS ROAD

Two soldiers in Hospital with their whole body covered in sores. The cause was traced to the Lower Falls where it was found that the tea given to them by the rebels had been made with human urine.

VANGUARD LEADERS BEING WATCHED

Due to a report in a British national newspaper a number of prominent members of the Ulster Vanguard Movement are being watched by the security. This is because they are high on the list of the I.R.A. to be assassinated. So if any of them fail to turn up at any engagements you will probably realise the reason.

WONDERFUL NEWSPAPER

A good twopence worth is to buy the newspaper the Irish News any morning. Some of the stories and reports published in it are quite fantastic. Is it any wonder the Rebels of this country have been granted so much. They are confounded liars without doubt.

(We wonder what lies McKeague was referring to? perhaps the untrue stories about British soldiers shooting innocent people, wrecking houses, running men down with Saracens, etc., etc. of course these things don't really happen. John should know that now after the wonderful way the soldiers handled the East Belfast Loyalist riots. They were wonderful, just wonderful, and they showed those Fenians up for liars)

THEY ARE A JOKE

At a public meeting of the Alliance Party in Newtownards, Co. Down. last week, 40 people attended. We ask: How can this party get so much publicity when they have clearly so

THEY ARE A JOKE (continued)

We have reason to believe that they have a number of sympathisers in both the B.B.C. and the Belfast Telegraph.

S.D.L.P. TOO QUIET.

Where has S.D.L.P. M.P. Mr. Paddy O'Hanlon got to. We know the reason he has not been saying too much, Do you?

THEY GET FREE TRAVEL

(By Loyalist Staff News)
When travelling on a Belfast Corporation bus last week to the Royal Victoria Hospital which is on the Grosvenor Rd. Belfast I heard tow young men tell the conductor when he asked them for their fare as they were members of the I.R.A. they did not pay. The conductor could do nothing about it. How many similar cases are there?

SUGAR

There are packets of sugar on sale on many with no makers name, we wish to warn all Loyalists that this sugar is imported from the Republic.

From here on down is genuine VOLUNTEER copy, any similarity to the above is purely coincidental. It never ceases to amaze me how John "Queenie" McKeague can get so much bullshit into four pages. The stories from Queenie's LOYALIST NEWS are printed exactly as I found them, bad grammar and all.

All the stories are credited to, (Our Political Staff or our Political Correspondant).....

....Christ!
I wonder how long it took the staff to find out why Paddy O'Hanlon has'nt been about, and write a 22 word story on him?



During a search of a house last week a message was sent over the Army "Blower" to Major Lloyd. "Hello Major, we're searching a house here and, well, I've got an Armalite. Major Lloyd replied, "Then pour a bucket of water over it"

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You don't get it?
Go to the back of the class, I've got an arm alight" (Armalite)
Ah well! never mind.

WORST JOKE OF THE YEAR



'Courts'

On Saturday last, a man was found shot in the leg near the Avoca Shopping centre. The Irish Republican Army have issued the following statement:

'The local Company of the Irish Republican Army recieved a complaint that a man had been guilty of indecent exposure in the Avoca Shopping area. The complaint was thoroughly investigated and found to be true, the accused was given every benefit of the doubt in the course of the investigations. The seriousness of the case was added to by the age of the girl who was involved, she was only a schoolchild.'

The VOLUNTEER has always realised the shortcomings of punishment of offenders by the I.R.A. Unfortunately there is little alternative at the moment, the ideal solution would be "Peoples Courts" where local people could be called on as jurors, where a legal expert could judge the case, and where the accused could engage a solicitor.

The NRM, the P.D. and Sinn Fein all looked at the possibility of peoples courts, unfortunately the time is not yet right for the implementation of such an idea. In the meantime, there are two choices, either you hand over anyone guilty of serious crimes to the R.U.C., or you rely on the Irish Republican Army to apprehend, try, and punish them. The person who was shot on Saturday would have been sent to Crumlin Rd. Jail, where he would have been kept in solitary to protect him from the other prisoners. As well as that, his name and address would have been plastered all over the news media.

The present method of punishing offenders is, of course, unsatisfactory, but until someone comes up with a better idea, there is