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## CRUMBS FOR THE NATIVES

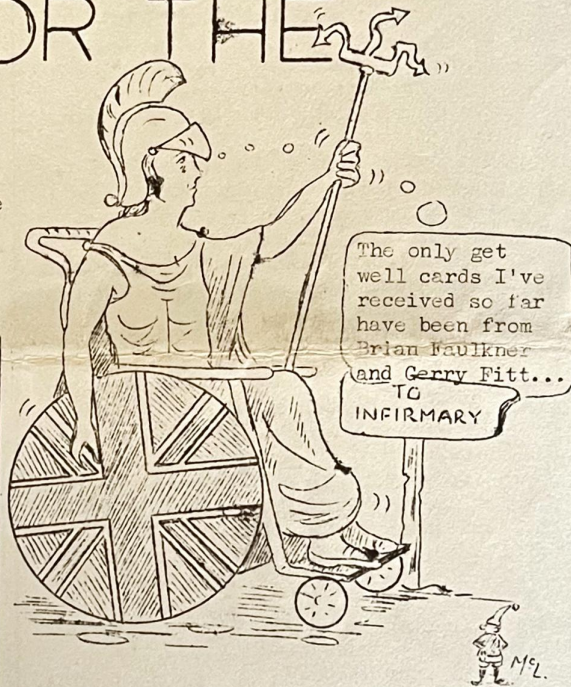
"The White Paper does not represent a genuine or realistic basis for solving the problem" ...the two sentences above from the Sinn Fein statement issued on Thursday evening sum up the feeling of the Republican movement.

British capitalism is on its last legs, the world monetary crisis is having a traumatic effect on "Dame Britannia", the Irish problem must be solved. So Britain have conceded that they must eat a little crow, more than is good for their figure. Thus the White Paper, crumbs for the natives. The ramblings of the imperialist press represent the views of the Tories, "a genuine attempt by the Government to solve the Irish question," like Hell it is.

The whole White Paper is based on a giant gerrymander which was perpetrated in the 20's, if Heath released the county by county figures recorded in the "Border Poll" we would see that only two of the six occupied counties have a majority in favour of the "British Link". Whitelaw, after leading the S.D.L.P. and their kindred political backers up the garden path over the "Irish Dimension" has taken cold feet and retreated, Fitt's party don't seem too disappointed over this.

The greatest problem amongst the Catholic population at the moment is the continuation of internment, Whitelaw has shown no sign that he favours the release of the political hostages. No mention of an amnesty for prisoners has been made, despite the appeals of many organisations including the C.C.D.C., the Association for Legal Justice, Amnesty International and other bodies.

In the proposed Assembly Whitelaw will assume the powers of a virtual dictator, he will represent the interests of the British ruling class. Already he has indicated that the oppressive ban on Sinn Fein and Republican Clubs will not be lifted, this is in



sharp contrast to the clause in the White Paper's "Charter for Human Rights" which purposely leaves the way open to retain the ban despite grandiose promises to "freedom of political expression"

The Orange Unionists welcome the Paper, the ruling class hacks in the Alliance Party welcome it, various shades of extremist Protestant opinion welcome it, how then can the S.D.L.P. pretend to the public that the Paper is anything other than another Westminster Whitewash.

Sinn Fein may well fight the forthcoming elections, both Local Government and to the new Assembly, but only on the policy of continuing opposition to imperialism in Ireland.

Whether the "ban" on Sinn Fein is lifted or not makes not the slightest difference, we will campaign on working class issues, and surely the greatest issue to the people at the moment is the continuing presence of British militia on our streets and the evil of internment. We say NO to the White Paper, it offers absolutely nothing to the people, Sinn Fein stand firm on their demands for self determination.



# THE IRISH TRADE UNIONS AND SECTERIANISM.

The trade union movement in Ireland has, for the past twenty years anyway, been a dismal failure. Political manoeuvres by men who should be above party politics have completely discredited the whole union movement, this applies particularly to the North.

We can only guess what Jim Larkin, James Connolly and the many other great trade union pioneers would have to say if they could see 10'000 "trade unionists" marching behind fascists to attend a meeting at which various shades of capitalist boss-men would speak.

A complete restructure of the whole T.U. movement must be a prerequisite to any hope of defeating imperialism in our country.

Men like Craig, Ardill, Faulkner, Taylor, Brooke, etc. must be completely rejected by the working class, these people have always been the strongest opponents of the trade union movement which they now manipulate at will.

People like Harkin (in Ireland) and Feather (in Britain) have sold the people down the river, it is obvious that a place on the New Year's Honours List is the over-riding desire of these traitors.

There are many people who have the interests of the working class at heart within the various movements, it is the duty of Sinn Fein to work towards having these men elected to positions where they can unite the workers.

Sinn Fein stand for a Socialist Democratic Republic where sectarianism will die an ignominious death.

"We shall be told that Jim Larkin is dead. don't believe it.

He still speaks to you and to me; to every man and woman who toils for a living in office, factory, field and workshop, and to all who go down to the sea in ships... Whenever the workers gather to solve a problem there beside them will be the big figure of Jim Larkin ready to help them solve it. Whenever the workers march forth with band and banner to demonstrate the great hope that is in them, there will be the big figure striding at their head.

He speaks still from a platform in Pearse Street, O'Connell Street and Cathal Brugha Street. His fine head is still framed in the old window of Liberty Hall and the voice echoes throughout Beresford Place and whirls down on the waters of the Liffey.

It is to us to finish the work that Jim began so mightily and so well!"

(Sean O'Casey)

Sadly, Big Jim has been missing from the marches from the Shipyard to the City Hall.

# THE WOLF EVERY TUESDAY.

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## I DON'T BELIEVE THAT

Father T. Ory, who made the "Some Provos are better off now than they ever were" speech last month again hit out when he returned from his three week tour of Southern France.

"My home was broken into when I was away" he said.

"And I have positive proof that the men who stole my colour television set were in the Provos!"

The giant aircraft carrier "Eagle" was hovering off the coast all week ready to let her aeroplanes full of troops swoop on the Protestant population if they showed signs of getting out of hand. Where was the "Eagle" built?....

Harland and Wolff's of course...

## HELP!

We have been asked to put in an appeal this week for two record players for the boys in Long Kesh. If you have an old pick up which you don't need, perhaps you could leave it in either the Andersonstown Social Club or the C.E.S.A. Club in South Link.

Records are also getting scarce in the Hell Hole, so if anyone has gramophone records which they don't need, they would be very welcome. We are told that anything from the Flying Column to Alice Cooper is listened to in the Kesh. So get busy.... the Andersonstown News office in Owenvarragh Buildings will also accept the pick-ups.

## WHATTA BILL



Thursday, 12th of April is a date to note, the Andersonstown Social Club will be running a fantastic Variety Bill in aid of charity.

The adorable (Eecuk!) Wolfhound, Paddy Leonard, Eamonn (you gotta treat a cigar like this with respect) Largey and many other stars will be on view, book your seat now.



# RED MOLE RED FACES

RED MOLE, the paper of the International Marxist Group has a full length article in the current edition by Bob Purdie. It is the last in a series of analyses on Irish political organisations and features the People's Democracy.

Purdie attacks the P.D. for failing to back the Official Sinn Fein (NLF) candidates in the recent elections.

The writer tells how the Revolutionary Marxist Group gave their full support to the "Stickies".....

"By supporting the Official's election campaign, and at the same time projecting their own independent slogans, agitation and propaganda, the RMG was able to intervene within the ranks of Sinn Fein, and explain the weakness of their election campaign, pose an alternative political methodology, and at the same time get close to that rank and file!"

We consider the article to be the greatest damnation yet of "Official policy", the fact that such diverse groups as the Communist Party of Ireland (Stalinists) and the RMG (Marxist-Leninists) support and infiltrate the "Official Sinn Fein" organisation is a sign of how bankrupt their policies are.

The revisionist political stance of the MacGiolla group is anti-revolutionary, Betty Sinclair's Communist Party who ape the "Officials" in their reformist utterances have consistently proved themselves to be imperialist lackeys. The fact that two organisations with widely differing policies have infiltrated the Gardener Place group is no surprise to the Republican movement. Recently Des O'Hagan played a prominent part in the disgusting charade organised by the LAW controlled trade union movement here. Together with the Official "Godmother" Betty Sinclair, O'Hagan parroted the Alliance cry for peace and stood shoulder to shoulder with Mike O'Shea, the man who needs a road map to find his way through the Andersonstown estate.

The revolutionaries of the "Official Sinn Fein" or "Republican Clubs" (depending on what part of the border you are standing on) have shown themselves to be nothing less than revisionist lackeys. They are about as revolutionary as the Salvation Army, their policies must bring a smile to the face of reactionaries everywhere. The liberal use of "sectarianism" and "working-class" in their many press statements can't disguise the fact that they running dogs of the Tories.

# TAKE CARE

The attempted assassination of Paddy Moane on Monday night should serve as a warning to anyone who thinks that "it can't happen to me."

Paddy is one of the few people to come out of a "Loyalist" stronghold alive after being kidnapped and shot. Mr. Moane made a run for it after the taxi in which he had been held prisoner stopped in Sandy Row, he was hit in the back but survived.

Keep away from dangerous areas, never attempt to drive through them even to save time, the price you may have to pay could be your life.

## disgusting

For those who think that Ian Paisley has changed into a liberal, read the following from this week's Protestant Telegraph:

"At a recent funeral of a defunct papist busman, at least 3 double decker buses were in evidence as part of the cortege. Many people are interested in the question of whom paid for the use of these buses, and on whose authority they were allowed to leave the Corporation premises...a busmen's strike being on at that time. In addition, many busmen attended the funeral in uniform which is public property, supplied to them for use in their employment. Undoubtedly, many thousands of pounds worth of Corporation property was used in this flamboyant display, and the point is, who footed the bill?"

The above is the most disgusting piece of guttersnipe press I have read in years.

## RAMPS

After months of agitation by local groups, ramps were placed in Finaghy Road North, the scene of two assassinations.

But, as the ANDERSONSTOWN NEWS pointed out, there are no warning signs for motorists telling of the ramps.

As the lighting on this road is almost non-existent the dangers to motorists is obvious. Sooner or later a stranger who is not aware of the ramps will hit them at speed with fatal consequences. The Sean McCartney Sinn Fein Cumann will discuss the idea of putting warning signs on the ramps themselves at their weekly meeting.

## FRA AND MARIAN

THE NEWS HAS REACHED OUR OFFICE THAT FRA AND MARIAN HAVE HAD ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY ADDED TO THE FAMILY.

FRA WILL BE PLEASED THAT THE NEW BABY WAS A PINT DRINKER.

RUMOUR HAS IT THAT A MAD PARTY IS PLANNED IN THE FOX HOUSEHOLD, ANYONE WANTING THE ADDRESS DROP US A LINE.

CONGRATS FROM ALL AT THE VOLUNTEER.



## WHITE PAPER SOME POINTS WORTH NOTING

The White Paper, while seeking to give the impression that it safeguards the elementary human rights of the individual, actually contains sections which are the negation of democracy.

In the CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, (Part 4, Sections 91 and 92) there are definite signs of the Tory's Bonapartist thinking:

i.e. in 91(b) which purports to:

"the right to protection under the law, so that freedom is not taken away or diminished by violence, oppression or intimidation by others;"

is followed a few lines later with the qualification:

"the right to protection under the law can only be maintained by a willingness to observe the law, including laws with which the individual may disagree, and to support the authorised agencies of law enforcement;"

Interesting, isn't it?

"including laws with which the individual may disagree"..... Internment?

"...and to support the authorised agencies of law enforcement" ..... the UDR?

So, we are guaranteed the right to protection under the law as long as we are prepared, in return, to give the Tories the thumbs up on internment (detainment). Obviously NO member of the minority (and quite a section of the majority) could possibly agree to this.

When told that we must support the authorised agencies of law enforcement we can assume that it means our unqualified approval for the sectarian U.D.R. an organisation with close links to the UDA/UVF. Even in the past few weeks we have seen UDR members hand over their weapons to the UDA/UVF.

Many of the White Paper "concessions" are followed by a clause seeking to ensure that Republicans help maintain the system. As we are now witnessing happening in England, Heath has set himself up as a dictator, his arrest of the pickets under an ancient law, his arming of the police without the knowledge of Parliament, his disgusting anti trade union legislation, Ireland will now be governed by Heath's standards of "democracy"

## WIND IN THE WILLOWS

At a recent meeting of the Alliance Party, one of their representatives from the Andersonstown area spoke of "Provo" intimidation, in Lenadoon, Riverdale, and Willowbrook. We still have'nt found out where Willowbrook is, the Alliance won't lend us their road map.

## BRENDA

Ireland has always been down the table in international gymnastics, there is a criminal lack of both qualified coaches and proper equipment, especially in the North. The achievements therefor of young Brenda Reilly from Ardmonagh Gardens, Turf Lodge, make welcome reading.

Brenda, 14, is the present Irish champion at her age, in many other competitions she has beaten girls much older than herself. On Wednesday evening she pulled off the finest show of her life when she lifted EVERY prize in a competition in Queen's University.

Taking into account the troubled times, it is even more incredible that she can reach such high standards.

So when you hear someone in the queue in front talking of the vandals in Turf Lodge, remind them of children like Brenda who are bringing a new side of Turf Lodge to light.

## RATS

The current issue of the Alliance Party's paper, ALLIANCE, carries a story slamming those who have asked for an amnesty for political prisoners.

It says; "I utterly reject Ivan Cooper's appeal for an amnesty, for all political prisoners. This is a ridiculous state of affairs. Does he intend that those who have been tried for perpetrating acts of terrorism should go scot free?"

We remind the Unionist controlled Alliance Party that the murderers of 13 people in Derry walk "scot free" the killers of Andersonstown men Pat McVeigh and Desmond Healy are enjoying an amnesty. Over 20 of our people have been murdered by plain clothes army squads, no one has ever been charged.

An Ardoyne man is serving TEN YEARS for possessing a gun, scores of other men have had small sentences (six months) or fines imposed for the same "offence"

Sinn Fein are likely to contest the forthcoming Local Government elections, we can then see how people like "Moneybags" O'Shea will fare against Republican candidates. It is almost certain that O'Shea will fight the Andersonstown Ward, in the coming weeks we will continue to expose the Unionist style policies of the Alliance Party.

Bob Cooper has raved in the past about the "ballot box", we will shortly see just how much support his pseudo-Unionists have in the country.

Sinn Fein hope to run a "Sports Day" for the kids in the Commedagh-Bingnian area. There will be many prizes for assorted events: running, cycle races, high jumping, egg and spoon race etc. Next week we will publish more details and, we hope, a date.



# GIANT LONDON RALLY

## SINN FEIN PRESENT

by Sean Morris,  
Andersonstown Comhairle  
Ceanntaire.

On Sunday March 11th, the biggest anti-Tory Rally since the Conservatives came to power in June 1970 was held in the Empire Pool, Wembley, London.

It was the first "show of strength" by the Socialist Labour League, a breakaway group from the Young Socialists who have become completely disillusioned with the way the Labour Party have become nothing more than puppets for the Tories.

15'000 people, mainly trade unionists and youth, packed the massive Empire Pool to watch the Pageant and Rally which was presented in two parts.

The Pageant consisted of four scenes from the struggle for democratic rights by the British workers. The whole performance lasted for over three hours and was electric, in the reenactment of the Peterloo massacre in which the Chartists, demonstrating for the right to vote, were killed, English voices were heard loudly comparing the grisly scene with Bloody Sunday in Derry.

The Sinn Fein delegation who attended as observers were impressed by the scale and atmosphere of the occasion.

It was evident that neither the Labour Party or the Tories could have equalled it, even with their financial and organisational resources.

A huge Eidophor closed circuit television process flashed pictures on a massive screen at one end of the stadium. A veritable army of technicians and lighting experts helped bring to life the birth of the trade union movement and the struggles it had to go through, the fights with police and scabs (sounds familiar), the union meetings held in secret, they all were vividly portrayed.

## HEATH AND KITSON

After the Pageant ended the S.L.L. held an anti-Tory rally with trade unionists from various branches launching scathing attacks on the Heath administration.

Tom Thomas, a hospital worker, told the audience that the Tories had decided to declare war on his wife and children and that he would fight them to the bitter end. Other speakers voiced much the same opinion, they all agreed that a general strike was the only weapon left which they could use.

The decisions of men like Feather, Jones and Scanlon to use one day stoppages were described as "piecemeal" and most of the people to whom the Sinn Fein delegation spoke were of the opinion that only a strong Labour Party based on the trade unions could pull both Britain and Ireland out of the quagmire. This, they agreed, would entail removing the

Wilsons and the Jenkins, men who had openly collaborated with the Tories in using Draconian powers against the workers.

Gerry Healy, national secretary of the SLL, launched blistering attacks on Heath, Kitson, Clutterbuck, and the rest of the military brains behind the "security" situation in occupied Ireland.

"What we are seeing happening to the people of Northern Ireland to-day could well be repeated in England before long"

Healy claimed that almost every decision Heath made was done so after lengthy consultation with the army "brass".

The Sinn Fein observers mixed freely with the crowd and discussed the problems which we, here in Ireland, have to face. It was rather disappointing to discover that many of the younger people had only a faint idea of what was happening here. Most of the mature trade unionists however, were well acquainted with our problems.

Two of the S.L.L. leadership, Mike Banda and Gary Slaughter, were adamant that the complete withdrawal of British troops and the establishment of a socialist Republic in Ireland was the only answer.

It was pointed out that the S.L.L. were the first organisation to call for the removal of troops from Northern Ireland, this was as far back as August 1969 when their daily newspaper, WORKERS' PRESS voiced the opinion that the deployment of soldiers in Belfast and Derry was a ruse by the British Government to suppress the working class who they seen as a threat to the capitalist system.

After the Rally the Sinn Fein delegation were interviewed by WORKERS PRESS reporters and expressed the Republican movement's desire to see a socialist Republic, based on real democratic lines.

They told him that a strong Labour Government in Britain, comprising trade unionists, would be a giant step towards ending partition here. The launching of a new socialist party in Britain may have traumatic effects here in Ireland, Wilson must now take a long, hard look at his party's attitude towards the workers in Britain and Ireland. It is possible that the next British General Election could see Labour being forced into a coalition with a new revolutionary party who's policies include the removal of British domination in this country.

Sinn Fein are now a little happier in the knowledge that a large slice of British working class opinion are not being taken in by the imperialist press as to what is the real cause of the trouble here.



## BOOK REVIEW

by Hugh Loughran

THE U.V.F. 1966-73

by David Boulton  
Torc Books...50p

Many books have been written about the Irish Republican Army, Tim Pat Coogan and Dr. Pádraig Kirby have had their efforts accepted as "classics"

This is the first attempt to lift the veil off the modern Ulster Volunteer Force (Gusty Spence model).

To anyone expecting startling revelations to come to light from the pages of Boulton's book...forget it.

The U.V.F. in fact, don't get as much coverage as the U.D.A., the U.P.V. etc. Ian Paisley could well claim that THE U.V.F. is a biography of his life.

Boulton seems to have gleaned most of his info from paper clippings, court records etc. it is obvious that he didn't succeed in cracking the wall of silence that an underground group like the U.V.F. must have surrounding it.

Most Republicans are well aware of the activities of the men named in the book, so no sensations are forthcoming.

Gusty Spence, Noel Doherty, Hugh McLean, Dessie Reid, George Bigger, Bill Blakely, Leslie Porter, Bob Williamson, "Rocky" Burns, Harry Hayes, "Mina" Brown, .....  
... all old hat.

The book tells of how the U.V.F., under the leadership of "Captain William Johnson" (Gusty Spence) planned to kill all I.R.A. men known to them. The first picked was Leo Martin, Porter, Burns and McLean went to Leo's home to kill him, they had two guns.

When they got to the house they knocked the door only to find that no-one was in. Burns broke a window and started a fire instead. The book also describes an earlier attempt to kill Leo Martin, a Clonard man, John Scullion, was killed instead.

As I said earlier, Boulton dwells at length on the various defence associations which sprung up in the Loyalist areas throughout 1969-70. John McKeague's part in these bodies and his involvement in the O'Neill explosions are told in detail. Boulton suggests that the U.V.F. at this time was several different bodies, McKeague's S.D.A. probably being the one with most claim to the title.

Boulton's book ends with the strange line:

"In the malign scenario, the UDA and UVF will allow themselves to be used to impose, once again, a form of fascism in Northern Ireland, with or without Britain's connivance. In the benign scenario, they are the agency by which Orange fascism is finally discredited and defeated, bringing about conditions in which it is at last possible to envisage the beginning of the end of Ireland's British problem!"

Let's hope he's right:

## MOONEY

Lindsay Jeffrey Mooney became the fourth member of the U.D.A. to die in a fortnight, the second of those four to die as the result of a bomb accident.

It is common knowledge that the Ulster "Defence" Association have been responsible for some of the worst bombings during the past year, the bomb which killed two little girls in the Docks area on Halloween night came from Sandy Row.

The blast in Leeson Street which killed a young mother also came from the Row.

Conlon's Bar, the Distillery Street bombs etc. etc. All were the work of the U.D.A. and all had one thing in common which labelled them...no warning was given.

This is in contrast to I.R.A. bombings which are always preceded with a clear warning.

If Mooney's bomb had gone off as planned on St. Patrick's Night outside Kirk's Bar the result would have been the greatest number of lives lost in a single bombing, even greater than the U.V.F. bombing of McGurk's Bar.

The character of the U.D.A. and the men in control is typified by the rush to disclaim the bomb even though the evidence against them was overwhelming.

Mooney has been disowned by Herron and Co. as he has proved an embarrassment to the political ambitions of that person. U.D.A. leaders have always claimed bombings in the Republic in which no-one was killed, Herron publicly accepted responsibility for three bombings in Donegal and Monaghan and called them reprisals against the Provisional IRA.

The loss of their number one bomb maker is a severe loss to the Protestant extremists, Mooney had been responsible for many previous blasts.

Herron's claim that Mooney was kidnapped and tied to the wheel of the car is the most puerile piece of nonsense ever to emit from the Newtownards Road.

Witnesses seen Mooney drive into the grounds and jockey his car about in an effort to park.

His own car was found in Derry where it had been driven back by an accomplice after the bomb had exploded prematurely.

The evidence of Ivan Cooper has shown the U.D.A. to be spineless liars who have not the courage to stand by one of their Volunteers who lost his life on a mission.

The children in Andersonstown have given up train spotting for the art of "Branch spotting" The Special Branch men ( and women) who daily tour the estate in cars are as obvious as little green me with four legs. (That should be: little Orange men)