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## CORRUPT COURTS

The survey of the "Northern Ireland" judicial system which was carried out by two N.I. University lecturers should expose once and for all the blatant bias of the Orange Courts.

The lecturers, Paddy Hillyard and Tom Hadden, put two years of work into the document; "JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND....A STUDY IN SOCIAL CONSCIENCE". Tom Hadden is a lecturer in law at Queens, he is also joint editor of the liberal Unionist publication, *NIGHTWATCH*, so he can't be accused of Republican propaganda.

The report shows how the judicial system in the six occupied Counties is weighed heavily against the Catholic population.

Figures from the Belfast City Commission survey of 1973, which covers more than 1250 counts against over 300 defendants, found extreme discrimination in the granting of bail.

59% of defendants identified as Protestants were granted bail compared with only 27% of those identified as Catholics.

The sectarian nature of the R. U. C. is highlighted by the figures detailing charges brought against people caught with firearms.

36% of Protestants caught with firearms in searches of motor vehicles were charged with the less serious offence of "having a firearm without a certificate" compared to only 15% of Catholics.

40% of Protestants found with a gun on them were charged with "possession" as against 12% of Catholics.

The authors forward the view that Catholics are more likely to carry arms for offensive purposes while Protestants carry them for their own protection.

A look at the number of assassinations carried out by Loyalist murder groups will discredit that assertion.

The survey also points out that judges give bigger sentences to Catholics than to Protestants charged with similar offences.

No one could seriously argue with this accusation.

Some sentences handed out this year alone have been inhuman.

SEVEN YEARS for being a member of the IRA.  
A £50 FINE for being a member of the UVF  
TEN YEARS for having a gun (A Republican)  
SIX MONTHS for having a small arsenal (A Loyalist).

One disgusting aspect of the corrupt system in force in the six-Counties is the frequent arrest and internment of Catholics found "not guilty" by a judge and jury.

The Tory Government defend internment by claiming that if it was possible to bring Republicans before a normal court there would be no need for internment without trial.

Yet when men are found "not guilty" by a so called "normal court" they are rearrested by Special Branch pigs and interned in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

The National Council for Civil Liberties said that the report by Hillyard and Hadden provides strong support for abolishing sectarian discrimination in judicial systems.

We believe that the only real solution to the abuse of the judicial system in occupied Ulster is the complete abolition of the puppet state. While British imperialism maintains its stranglehold on part of Ireland there can never be justice, in or out of court.

"JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND A STUDY IN SOCIAL CONSCIENCE" adds to the growing volumes which are a damning indictment of British gunboat policies in this sector of Ireland. Only the establishment of a Socialist Republic can guarantee a future based on justice.



# CHILE

The people of Ireland must have been sickened by the news from Chile that the military dictatorship have murdered thousands of socialist workers.

The policies of the Tory Government in the six-Counties have been adopted on a much greater scale by the generals. Internment, assassinations, daily raids, the seizure of literature...all the trappings of a fascist state which the British administration have perpetrated in this country are occurring now in Chile.

All the former nationalised industries, copper mines etc., have been sold to the highest bidders, American and Latin American speculators and land sharks have moved in to obliterate the last trace of socialism.

Several middle and upper class citizens of Chile told reporters that they were quite happy to live under a military dictatorship...."It's better than living in a socialist state" ...no doubt the money will start to roll in again.

## ART

A true story is going around the area about Big Art...he came home at 2.00a.m. one morning recently and told his mother that he had been held in one of the Forts for several hours. His mum said "Poor Art" and put the frying pan down.

When challenged by his mate the next day as to what Fort he had been in, Art replied.... "The White Fort" .... well, it's his mother's fault for not asking.

## BIG DOC

The DOC is eighteen year old on Tuesday 16th October (aka eighteen)

Kieran is a resident guest of Willie Whitelaw in Cage 4 at Long Kesh. We have been asked to say a big Congrats from all "Doc's" friends in the Andytown area and from his mum and dad.

"We're keeping your seat at the Fort warm"

## ALF

A Private Member's Bill has been tabled in Westminster blaming Sir Alf Ramsey for the situation in Ulster.

Brian Clough speaking on the Bill said, "Sir Alf could have picked a much better team, Willie Whitelaw should have been Right Wing, Harry Tuzo should have been left back, and Gerry Pitt should have been left off"

"The policy of attacking the Provo United has failed, we could not hope to beat their rearguard, we should go defensive"

# ROADS

The Sean McCartney Cumann which covers the Riverdale/Ladybrook area are to take action to bring to the attention of the public the dangers of speeding in built-up areas.

The Riverdale estate has always been a black spot for accidents. Many of the streets in the area are marked by dangerous bends and inclines.

A spokesman for the McCartney Cumann stated during the week that the man who designed the estate must have been drunk when he done so.

"If action is't taken soon I shudder to think of the consequences"

It is thought that the Cumann will distribute leaflets in the area calling for motorists to voluntarily observe a 20 mile an hour speed limit while driving within the boundaries of the estate.

If this does'nt work then action may be taken to lay ramps.

# DEATHS

The recent surfeit of political news journalists who have been chasing the unreported military casualties story. For some time the Provisional IRA has been insisting that the British army is now admitting only a small proportion of the casualties it is suffering. Alone, such suggestions might be dismissed as simple propaganda, but there are increasing reports from medical staffs and eye-witnesses which give credibility to the Provo claim.

One journalist with an English "Quality" newspaper has established, from non-attributable Army sources, that five soldiers were killed in a land mine explosion which the army claimed killed only three.

Another British journalist has tracked down the family of one soldier who died in Northern Ireland, and whose parents were not told the reason nor the place of his death "for security reasons". Several other points have emerged.

Recently, the body of a male patient, admitted in the early hours of the morning to Ward 18 of Belfast's R.V.H. was removed by military medics to the morgue at Musgrave Pk. Military Hospital ...which is a highly restricted area even for soldiers. The Provos claim to have made 14 attacks with fragmentation grenades on British troops in the last 2 months. They claim positively confirmed hits in ten cases...yet only once has the press been told about an attack, and then it was described as a much less lethal "blast bomb". If indeed Provo successes are being covered up for security reasons it will not be the first time this has happened.

(from HIBERNIA, abridged)



# IRISH MUSIC

## AND OUR LOST HERITAGE

by DANNY BURNS

THROUGHOUT the strife-torn history of our tiny Island the resistance campaign has been carried out with the same stubborn determination as is being shown to-day by the Republican movement.

Our forefathers faced the aggressors with a decided disadvantage, there was no television, radio, instant press (the VOLUNTEER?) and mass media in general. The brutal atrocities which were perpetrated against them could not be brought to the attention of the people of the world.

It makes me shudder to think of the murder, rape, whippings and burnings which were carried out against the Irish peasant and which remain unrecorded.

In this short series of articles I hope to tap the most historic source of communication by our ancestors, the bible of the national ballad. For song, more than anything else, reflect Ireland's history with a fidelity probably unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

Maybe then we will find out just what our forefathers have suffered for their legitimate emotions and the unquenchable spirit of freedom which has marked the Irish race.

### AFTER LIMERICK:

How still the field of battle lies,  
No shout upon the breeze has blown;  
We heard our dying countries cry,  
We sit, deserted and alone.  
Ogh Hone, Ogh Hone, Ogh Hone, Ogh Hone.  
Ah! What can women give but tears?

The time being 1652, our army defeated at Kilkenny, Cromwell victorious after his barbaric sacking of Drogheda and Wexford. The rape of Ireland had already begun, the country was destitute with whole counties depopulated...massive confiscations of land and transplanting by a brutal force.....THE ENGLISH LANDLORDS NOW RULED. Our gallant but defeated army were faced with two choices, exile or death! 34,000 men chose service with foreign Kings rather than death on the gallows. Shiploads of them left their wives and families on docksides, never to see them again....the Irish were expendable.

How solemn sad by Shannon's flood,  
The blush of morning sun appears;  
To men who give for us their blood,  
Ah! What can women give but tears?

But our exile sons were to take up arms and fight again, and the Wild Geese, as they were known, were soon to form Irish Brigades in foreign lands. These were to become the most famed and feared soldiers in all of Europe. Patrick Sarsfield had the pleasure to defeat his former victor, William of Orange, at the battle of Landen. As Sarsfield lay dying on the battle-field he whispered..."Oh! that this were for Ireland"

Back home in Ireland the English aggressors were actually excelling their present day counterparts. The children that were left homeless after the battles of 1652 were not interned.....BUT SOLD.

Many thousands of Irish children, orphaned and without a home were forcibly transported in slave-ships to the West Indies where they were sold for cash to the highest bidder.

Even to this day there are children in the West Indies bearing Irish names which were taken many years ago from their masters who were descendants of these slave children.

### EDDIE

One of the "top Brigade Officers" arrested by British troops during Wednesday's much publicised swoop, was Eddie Cassidy, a man noted for his work with children and pensioners in the Andersonstown area.

Eddie was shot and wounded from a passing car last year and has been walking with some difficulty ever since.

The people of the area are incensed at the unwarranted arrest of Eddie.

### CHE & ANGELA

Is it true that the Governor of the Crum would not let "Che" Donnelly's poster of his hero in because Guevara was wearing a black beret?

Angela Nelson is fuming because Sean has not sent the life size photo of Steve McQueen in....never mind, the one of Charles Atlas will keep her going.



# SWOOP

What was the reason for the "big swoop" which grabbed the headlines on Wednesday? TOP PROVOS HELD! was the predictable headline, based on British press hand outs.

Most of the men held were living at home, Jimmy Drumm has a sentry box facing his home at Glassmullin Gdns. Every day he entered and left his house under the watchfull eye of a sentry.

His bedroom window is on a level with the box and soldiers on duty regularly waved to Jimmy.

It is believed that Mr. Drumm is the "Brigade Staff" Provo referred to by the imperialist media. This is utterly ridiculous, Jimmy has lived at home since his release from Long Kesh earlier this year.

He has been stopped and "screened" on numerous occasions by British patrols in the Andersonstown area.

Information we have recieved has led us to believe that most of the men "lifted" were political activists and had no connection with Oglai na hEireann. With the annual Simm Fein Ard Fheis only days away it seems probable that the "swoop" was designed to aid Free State Special Branch pigs in their drive against Republicanism in the South.

# BAKER

The harrowing confessions of Albert Baker, the Loyalist assassin, shows how deep the Ulster Defence Association is involved in the sectarian murders which have been increasing over the past year.

So it comes as a surprise to hear various Unionist sources defending that group as "welfare workers"

One such clown appeared on television this week to tell of how the UDA held concerts for pensioners and took kids away for holidays.

We know quite a few Catholic children who were taken for a holiday by the UDA....they never came back.

Baker has been moved to an English Prison at his own request, he fears his life is in danger. A few months ago an Englishman sentenced to a year for criminal offences was moved to England because his family could not afford to visit him in Crumlin Bk. Jail.

Yet Irishmen and women are rotting in jails in England and Scotland. Gerry Ward from Beechmount is in Peterhead Jail, Glasgow, his parents fork out £60 a month to see their son.

# SHOTS

On Thursday night, about 11.00 p.m., five shots were fired at a foot patrol near the entrance to the Green Briar (on the Glen Road)

The shots seemed to be fired from an S.L.R., people coming from the Green Briar were stopped and asked were they thought the firing had come from. One soldier shouted to his companion "The ----- must have had night-sights on" (The area around the upper Glen is pitch black at night)

Speculation is mounting on the whereabouts of the missing Fusilier who killed the UDR man. It is believed that the swoop on Wednesday was directly linked with the missing soldier.

This week's ANDERSONSTOWN NEWS speculates that the soldier is now with the Irish Republican Army.

# CLAIMS

The sound of gunfire is heard nightly in the Andersonstown area, as the Brits complete their evacuation of Casement Pk. the Provo guerrillas step up their campaign.

Sources close to the Provisional's First Battalion are claiming that four soldiers from the 2nd Fusiliers have been killed and over twenty injured since the arrival of the regiment in "Wounded Knee" (Andersonstown)

N.L.F. contacts in the area claim that one member of the Fusiliers was killed by an Official 2nd Battalion Active Service Unit in retaliation for harassment of Republican Club members.

All in all the Fusiliers have taken a pounding, the Provo guerrillas are known to be jubilant with the success of their A.S.U.'s.

# IT

The whole Falls Road is covered with posters telling the world that "IT IS COMING" rumours have been going around about IT! Some say IT is the Commander of the Devon and Dorsets regiment; others say that IT is Jim Sullivan who plans to come up the road on a white donkey while worshippers throw palm leaves at his feet.

But the most reliable story so far is that IT is my owl mate Paddy who will appear in the L.E.S.A. Hall on Sunday at 1.00 a.m. and sing "Annie Laurie" while balancing a pint of Harp on the end of his nose.

(And I am not going to make any jokes about Paddy's nose....so there!"