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The S.D.L.P. claim that all the internees will be free by July has been received with contempt by the internees themselves.

It is clear that Britain want a breathing space because of their internal problems.... inflation etc. No-one believes that Whitelaw will keep his word.

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## PRICE SISTERS

Many people will, no doubt, have assumed that the front page of the VOLUNTEER will have followed the example of the national and international press by analysing the new Tory Assembly. We consider the case of the Price sisters and their comrades in English jails to be infinitely more important than the fact that Paddy Devlin will be earning £150 a week.

Dolores and Marian Price are rotting in a mens' high security prison somewhere in England. The two Andersonstown girls and their comrades are undergoing the worst type of mental and physical strain imaginable.

Both girls were subjected to inhuman treatment during their interrogation at the hands of English pigs from Scotland Yard's Special Investigation Branch. They were stripped naked, forcibly fingerprinted, refused access to a telephone, denied a solicitor, questioned for four days during which they got no sleep.

When they finally made the courtroom at Winchester they were subjected to the most despicable barrage of venomous press by the English dailies.

Most of the British media condemned the Irish group before the jury had been sworn in. The poison press had a decisive effect on the "twelve honest men".

Since their conviction the Irish group have been virtually exiled. Their families have been refused news on the condition of the prisoners.

Many people in the Andersonstown area knew Dolores and Marian well. They were familiar figures at demonstrations against repression in Ireland. Dolores in particular had a promising future ahead of her. Her love of children and her natural aptitude for making friends with everyone she met assured her of a prominent place in the teaching profession.

Like many people in the Falls/Andersonstown area Dolores didn't hesitate when volunteers were called for to look

after the hundreds of families who streamed into the area after the 1969 pogroms.

Dolores could be found most nights in the schools and church halls consoling weeping women and children.

The events of 1969 convinced Dolores that British rule in Ireland could not be reformed, she looked for an alternative. The programme which the Republican movement proposed, regional government within a socialist Republic, appealed to Dolores. She dedicated most of her spare time to furthering the republican cause, many young people from the Andersonstown area can remember Dolores' impromptu lectures on political education.

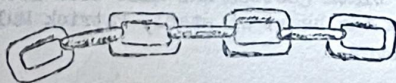
Her younger sister Marion was an equally dedicated and intelligent girl, she followed the example of her sister and father by joining the Republican movement and embracing socialism.

While Gerry Fitt and his crew of political gangsters were grinning alongside Brian Faulkner, the architect of repression in Northern Ireland, the Price girls and their compatriots were beginning a life sentence in English high-security jails.

We in the Republican movement dedicate ourselves to helping the Irish prisoners in England and Scotland to gain political status and the right to return to their own country pending their release.

The dream of Dolores and Marian was to see the imperialist structure in Ireland smashed, North and South. Imperialism has taken a new face with the implementation of the Tory Assembly plan. British rule in Ireland must be smashed, whether it is represented by Brian Faulkner, Liam Cosgrave, or Gerry Fitt. We call on the people of Andersonstown to join in the protest to have the political hostages in British jails brought back to Ireland to serve their sentences. (pending their eventual release)

Send a Christmas card to the Price sisters, let them know they are not forgotten....



# GEORGE JACKSON

When George Jackson was 18 he was given a sentence of one year to life for stealing 70 dollars from a petrol station. He was to spend over ten years in various American prisons. In 1970 the 28 year old Jackson was charged with the murder of a screw in the Soledad Prison and faced the death sentence if convicted. On Aug. 7th, 1970 days after he was transferred to the notorious San Quentin.

While in custody here his young brother Jon, just 17 year old, invaded the San Rafael courthouse single-handed. Jon was armed with a satchel full of handguns, an assault rifle, and a shotgun which he had hidden under his raincoat. Jon and three black convicts he had armed left the courthouse with five hostages, as they left the main court Jon shouted "Free the Soledad Brothers by 12.30".... a few minutes later Jon was dead.

A year later George Jackson was murdered in the course of a prison riot, his writings are a lasting memorial to the lad who was killed by the system, the same system that the Provisional guerrillas are fighting to smash in Ireland. The same system that holds large sections of the Earth in bondage. Only the colour of George's skin distinguished him from the freedom fighters in Ireland, men who rose from the ghettos in 1969, determined to resist imperialism with everything in their power, over 100 of them were, like George Jackson, to become legends in their time.

Some of Jackson's writings sound uncannily like the writings of James Connolly:

"The slaver was and is the factory owner, the businessman of capitalist Amerika, the man responsible for employment, wages, prices, control of the nation's institutions and culture. It was the capitalist infrastructure of Europe and the U.S. which was responsible for the rape of Africa and Asia. Capitalism murdered those 30 million in the Congo. Believe me, the European and Anglo-American capitalist would never have wasted the ball and powder were it not for the profit principle".

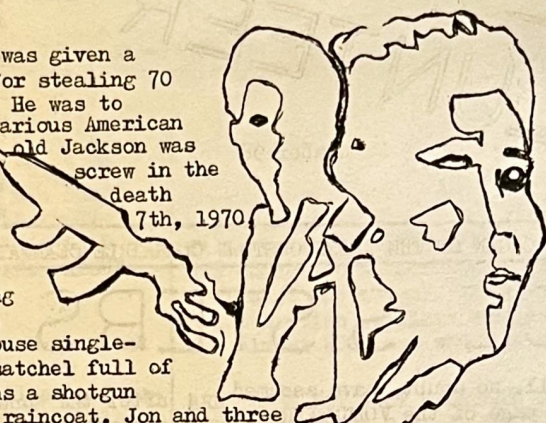
Jackson, speaking of the revolution, spoke in terms that showed his understanding of situations like Ireland, his view is shared by the Provisional revolutionaries:

"One does't wait for all conditions to be right to start the revolution, the forces of the revolution itself will make the conditions right".  
Che Guevara may have said something similar before Jackson, either way, the armchair revolutionaries of the Officials should take note. If they wait for the "proper conditions" (i.e. the union of the Catholic and Protestant working class in joint action against imperialism in Ireland) then the "revolution" as envisaged by the Officials should burst forth on the world some where around the year 4000.

Several Republican prisoners in Armagh Prison have asked for Jackson's books to be sent in; we wonder does his thoughts on the female revolutionary have anything to do with the request?

In a letter to Angela Davis he said: "In our last communication I made a statement about women, and their part in revolutionary culture (people's war). It wasn't a clear statement. I meant to return to it but was diverted. I understand exactly what the woman's role should be. The very same as the man's. Intellectually, there is very little difference between male and female. The differences we see in bourgeois society are all conditioned and artificial".

Jackson is gone but his spirit lives in the form of his writings, in several years time the writings of many imprisoned Irish revolutionaries will no doubt be documented sent to all parts of the world where oppression exists. Freedom Fighters in many countries will debate the thoughts of the Irish revolutionaries during the struggle for liberation in this island. People in the oppressed countries will talk with awe of the men who will live forever. The revolutionary can be killed in body, his spirit lives on, Che Guevara, little known outside Cuba during his life, is a legend in death. George Jackson, the boy from the black ghettos has also been immortalised in death. Brave Jim Bryson, Billy Reid with the heart of steel, Patrick Mulvenna who never flinched,...they all will live forever.



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# TWOMEY TALKS

Last week Seamus Twomey gave his first interview since his incredible escape from Mountjoy Prison. He spoke at length to Boerries Gallasch, editor of the German magazine DER SPIEGEL:

YOUR HELICOPTER ESCAPE FROM MOUNTJOY IS THE TALK OF IRELAND AND ALSO OF BRITAIN AND THE CONTINENT. EVEN PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE IRA MAKE JOKES ABOUT THE "ESCAPE OF THE CENTURY". IT IS SAID THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THE ESCAPE BEFOREHAND.

Twomey: That's not right. Kevin Mallon and Joe O'Hagan who escaped with me knew about it. Also the other Republican prisoners knew, so that they were able to help us in the decisive moment and if unexpected difficulties should come up.

FOR HOW LONG HAD YOU PREPARED FOR THE COUP?

Exactly five weeks.

DID YOU EVER FLY IN A HELICOPTER BEFORE?

I remember the only other helicopter trip. It was in July of 1972 when I travelled aboard an RAF helicopter on the invitation of her British Majesty... in order to visit Mr. Whitelaw in England for a discussion of the Northern Ireland problem.

THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE IRS. TODAY, HARDLY ANY LEADING POLITICIAN LIKE WHITELAW WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH YOU.

That's right...for two reasons. Number 1: He is not allowed to any longer. I have called Whitelaw a liar during an interview with Der Spiegel and the same thing happened again shortly afterwards. When he was asked by Enoch Powell in the British Parliament to produce the ceasefire agreement signed by him he told his own parliament a lie.

HE DENIED EVER HAVING SIGNED SUCH A DOCUMENT?

But he did sign it. And the M.P.'s knew it. But they let him get away with it that time. He only had to promise that he would never talk to us again. That is the reason why Whitelaw is now a political nobody. He made them wrestle away from him the word "never"...the only word a politician should not use if he intends to remain a credible partner for negotiation. He stood with his back to the wall. He was allowed to continue "on probation". But he is not allowed any longer to really negotiate.

PERHAPS THE BRITISH ARE NOT FORCED ANY LONGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOU. THE NUMBER OF IRA ACTIONS HAS REDUCED CONSIDERABLY. THERE IS A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN SIGHT....

....IS THE I.R.A. BEATEN?

Beaten? Beaten? How can a people's army, a guerrilla organisation, ever be beaten? It is true that the nature of our actions has changed. The car bomb alone is not sufficient any longer. And regular reports about British soldiers being killed, so far almost 200, are wearing thin.

ARE THESE NOT JUST EXCUSES? DO THEY NOT HIDE THAT THE I.R.A. IS SEVERELY INJURED? THAT THEY HAVE FEW WEAPONS LEFT?

No! We still get weapons. But every war also has a psychological side. We must be careful that the people don't get used to a certain degree of war. We increase the fear of war...then, if and when we think it's right we reduce it for the same reason.

AND YET IT'S UNDENIABLE THAT OVER 1'500 IRA FIGHTERS ARE INTERNED IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN IRELAND, THAT TIME AND AGAIN ARMS CACHES ARE FOUND.

As far as the interned are concerned, a great portion are simply upright Republicans, patriots, but not members of our fighting units. Sure, I admit our medium units, the structure of our army, at a N.C.O. level, was severely affected at the beginning of the year.

BECAUSE THE MORALE OF THE TROOPS HAD BEEN AFFECTED?

Because the Brits had succeeded in forcing information from some of them by torture, and because they bought up informants. But that is over, since we, for instance in Derry caught two informers...it is quiet there, not one case of treason...not a single one.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?

They were given a death sentence by IRA courts and shot dead. This fact was made public by the IRA.

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THESE PEOPLE HAD ACTUALLY SPIED?

We have improved our counter-espionage. We do that centrally now, not any longer on the level of individual units. By the way, Der Spiegel has written a lot about the Claudia affair. The arms transport with this German freighter from Libya to Ireland was also betrayed. We have proof and therefore have handed down two death sentences.

# YEUK!

"I don't know whether to laugh or cry....  
...one reaction to the Fitt/Faulkner  
alliance.

"I have tremendous respect for Brian and  
I know that he has the same respect for  
me".....Yeuk!

It seems like only yesterday when Garry  
Fitt, Republican Labour, was barnstorming  
around the Catholic ghettos in the Falls  
and Dock areas. Garry called himself a  
"Connolly Socialist" and regularly made  
militant speeches about "Driving them  
British into the sea". He once made use  
of Glasgow Celtic's success by proclaiming  
"We have beat them (Protestants) on the  
football pitch, we will beat them at the  
polls"

Fitt has now capitulated completely and  
is as unionist as the Alliance, Labour,  
Liberal and, of course, Unionist parties.  
Token releases of internees before  
Christmas have been arranged to bolster  
collaborator Fitt's reputation with the  
Catholic community.  
The men who will be released are the ones  
who were interned for that very reason.

Paddy Devlin, ex Fianna Eireanna, ex IRA  
volunteer, ex Republican Club supporter,  
is now Minister of Health and Social  
Services..... despite his bulky form  
Paddy has proved as able a gymnast as  
Olga Korbut. By becoming part of the  
British imperialist machine Devlin has  
sold out the people of the occupied  
ghettos.

Austin Currie, one of the first people  
to squat in a house and call for the rent  
and rates strike, will now be responsible  
for settling the problem of squatting and  
the ending of the rent and rates strike....  
....if you're confused don't worry, so  
am I.

Britain has attempted to settle her past  
colonial situations in the way that the  
Irish wogs are being treated now. "Multi-  
racial government" with a "Supreme" in  
overall charge is old hat. It didn't  
work in Kenya where the law-men spoiled  
British plans by killing members of the  
quiescent Government, it won't work here.

## P.O. McHUGH

Visiting time at Long Kesh, a harrowing  
experience at the best of times, has  
deteriorated to a new low.  
Women and children who have travelled many  
miles have been refused visits because of  
some minor red tape infringement. A screw  
P.O. McHugh, has been the main culprit in  
the wave of harassment within the camp  
visitor's compound.

He takes a warped delight in pressing  
tired and worn out women to tears. McHugh,  
like the rest of the criminals in  
uniform will have to answer for his crimes.

## THE PROVIE BIRDIE

(airs: The Humour is on Me Now)

On the last day of October, in the year of 73,  
In Mountjoy Jail three rebels were longing  
to be free.

When from the sky, surprise-surprise, an iron  
bird did fall,  
It lifted up the Provies and it took them  
over the wall.

CHORUS:

And it's up and up and higher, the helicopter  
flew,

High over the Dublin spires and over the  
Liffey too.

The length and breadth of Ireland- no finer  
sight to see,

The day the Provie birdie released the  
Mountjoy three.

The guards were all astounded, they knew not  
what to do,

They just stood there dumbfounded as off the  
rebels flew;

And in the Jail the traitors were shocked and  
quite aghast,

When they looked up and noticed the Provies  
flying past.

O'Hagan, Twomey, Mallon, God save the gallant  
three,

Cruel Britain she is fuming, to see our rebels  
free;

But everywhere in Ireland when 'ere the news  
is heard,

The people cheer the Provies and their  
marvellous flying bird.

Sean MacRoibin

## STIVELL

Alan Stivell the Breton folk singer who  
is practically unknown to Irish audiences  
is due to appear this week in Dublin.

Danny Burns of the WOLFHOOD has been raving  
about Stivell for almost a year now.

Danny has two specially imported Stivell  
L.P.'s, one of them: "Live at the Paris  
Olympia". Stivell sings "The Foggy Dew", a  
popular Irish revolutionary song.

In an article in "L'Avenir de la Bretagne",  
the Breton liberation paper, Stivell said  
that he hated Britain because she had tried  
for centuries to destroy all traces of  
Celtic culture, Irish, Breton, Welsh,  
Cornish etc.

Burns hopes to entice Stivell up to Belfast  
for a concert or two in order to give  
lovers of Irish culture a chance to hear  
their cousin from Bretagne.

By the way, the WOLFHOOD are off to France  
soon when they will give our soul brothers  
a taste of Irish traditional and revolution-  
ary music.

At least Brian Faulkner isn't two-faced,  
he couldn't be...otherwise he would'nt  
wear that one all the time.