

# VOLUNTEER

30TH OCT '72

## THOMAS CLARKE SINN FEIN CUMANN - TAGHNAVEN:

In the past, The Volunteer was published fortnightly by the Thomas Harte Sinn Fein Cumann; henceforth it will be issued weekly and serve the Cumainn in the six areas of Kilwilke, Shankill, Taghnaven, Craigavon, Derrymacash and Portadown. Each Cumann will submit articles for publication in connection with its own area and as we want to reach as wide a public as possible, The Volunteer will now be free.

Our first call from the Thomas Clarke Sinn Fein Cumann, must be a warning. Strange cars have been seen prowling around our Estate and we earnestly beg our people to be on their guard at all times. It would be a good idea to carry a piece of paper and a pencil and when something unusual takes place, just jot down the number of the car involved and give it to any member of the Cumann or your paper-seller. **KEEP AWAY FROM ALL SUSPECT CARS** - especially if the drivers beckon to you. We **DON'T** want any funerals from Taghnaven of dead heroes.

Furthermore, there is too much careless talk and rumour circulating and please remember, careless talk can cost lives. If you accidentally see or hear something concerning the defence of the Estate, forget it immediately and don't gossip about your own people.

Heed the warnings you've been given and stay off the main roads after nightfall, especially since Bill Craig, the mentally-deranged, alcoholic leader of the Vanguard and his side-kick, Billy Hull, the obese, inarticulate LAWman from the shipyards and their minions have decided to shoot 1,000 of us for Christmas. Make sure you aren't one of the thousand.

P.S. It has been learned from reliable sources, that friend Craig has gone into hospital to be "dried-out"!! Funny how a man who drinks so little could get so wet!!!!

## ROBERT EMMETT SINN FEIN CUMANN - CRAIGAVON:

**BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS**- Over the past few years, much has been gained by our Military and Civil Resistance Campaigns. After great suffering we have at last smashed the Orange-Fascist State and rid ourselves of Stormont.

Our subjection to British terrorism has not conquered the will or spirit of the Irish people.

Now, by political manoeuvring, (part of which, is to hold Local Government Elections), the Brits are trying to snatch our victory from under our very noses.

This so-called "solution" **MUST** be rejected. Casting a vote in these elections will only aid the British - **AID THEM TO KEEP LONG KESH OPEN!**

If Long Kesh is to be closed, we must boycott **ALL** British "solutions".

**D O N ' T V O T E**

## THOMAS HARTE SINN FEIN CUMANN - SHANKILL:

It was plainly evident that last Monday's raid on the T.A. Camp was deliberately set up by a person or persons within the camp. There are only two possible explanations (a) individual U.D.R. men in the camp passed on information and willingly allowed themselves to be held up or (b) the raid had top-level British Army approval. While the former appears to be the more plausible, there is evidence that the latter may have been the case. For instance, despite British Army statements that a tight security ring was thrown round the area, there was no road-block on the Lurgan-Gilford Road at approximately 8.15 a.m., on Monday, less than four hours after the raid!

Does the British Army not know that bullets from "friendly" guns can kill as easily as the bullets from I.R.A. guns? Why does Britain have to learn the hard way? All she has to do, is turn back the pages of Time and History will show her that when arisen people say "Get Out", they mean it.



- Sunday - 15.10.72 - Volunteers fired on British Army and R.U.C. personnel on Victoria Street. No hits claimed; volunteers returned safely.
- Monday - 16.10.72 - Volunteers fired on British troops outside R.U.C. Barracks. Two hits claimed and confirmed; volunteers returned safely.
- Friday - 20.10.72 - Volunteers fired on a U.D.R. personnel manning a road-block on the Old Portadown Road. No hits claimed; volunteers returned safely.
- Saturday-21.10.72 - Volunteers fired on R.U.C. road-block in Lower North Street. No hits claimed; volunteers returned safely.

#### JULIE DOUGAN SINN FEIN CUMANN - PORTADOWN:

As this is our first contribution to The Volunteer, we would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Portadown people for their loyal support to the Julie Dougan Sinn Fein Cumann and for their generous donations to the Green Cross.

We are sure you are all aware of the Hunger Strike that is taking place in Long Kesh, which started on 1st October, 1972. As usual, the British Government is trying to play it down, even though they know these brave men intend to stick it out to the end if necessary. It is their only way of putting the truth across to the people, about the brutalities that are carried out daily in this abominable Concentration Camp by sadistic thugs in uniform. We urge our people to protest vigorously on behalf of these heroic men, in whatever way possible, especially by means of 'phone calls, letters or telegrams to members of the "Government" or anyone else in authority, showing how much you care for your fellow countrymen. Remember them also in your prayers and Masses. Any information you need, regarding telephone numbers, please contact our Cumann.

#### JOIN YOUR LOCAL SINN FEIN CUMANN

#### UP THE REPUBLIC

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have not received the expected copy for inclusion in this copy of The Volunteer, from Kilwilke and Derrymacash. However, we look forward to being in a position to publish their contributions next week.

Christmas will be a very sad time in many homes throughout the land this year again, due to internment, unjust imprisonments, deaths, destruction and other heart-breaking causes. However, the children do not understand and still look forward to this great Festival with pleasureable anticipation and to enable parents to give their little ones even a modicum of pleasure and joy, the Thomas Clarke Sinn Fein Cuman have opened a toy shop in Taghnaven. Its only really a garage near the Tandragee Road in the Estate, but we have done our best to get and sell the toys as cheaply as possible. So before buying toys elsewhere, please call at our toy-shop and we will be pleased to help you with your requirements at rock-bottom prices. This is a non-profit making scheme, used solely for the benefit of our own people.

The most striking feature in Willie Whitelaw's unusual face (God between us and all evil), is his large, protruding, rather frog-like eyes, that always seem to be on the verge of popping out of their sockets. We have always, rather naively, attributed this eye-popping appearance to some glandular disturbance, but we have come to the conclusion that Willie's odd appearance is really due to his lying words sticking in his throat and choking him!!!! Not one promise that he made in the interests of justice or fairplay for the anti-Unionists has been kept by him or his Tory masters and cohorts.

We in the political wing of Sinn Fein as well as the military wing are doing our best for all that we believe to be in the best interest of our island home and for our people. That once again we will be the masters of our own land, taking orders from no foreign masters and being servile to no conquering hordes. Sinn Fein means "ourselves alone" but we recognize that alone we can do nothing - we have a Master who will decide when our time of enslavement shall end. Therefore we ask those among us who are suffering; the old and infirm; those who can not help in a physical capacity, to help us by their prayers and sufferings. They will be to us in the political and military fight, what the roots are to the trees, the essential storehouse of our power. When the going is tough and we have reached the dregs of our own physical strength and endurance, we want to be able to call on the strength engendered for us by the prayers of all our shut-ins; thus fortified, we shall be invincible.