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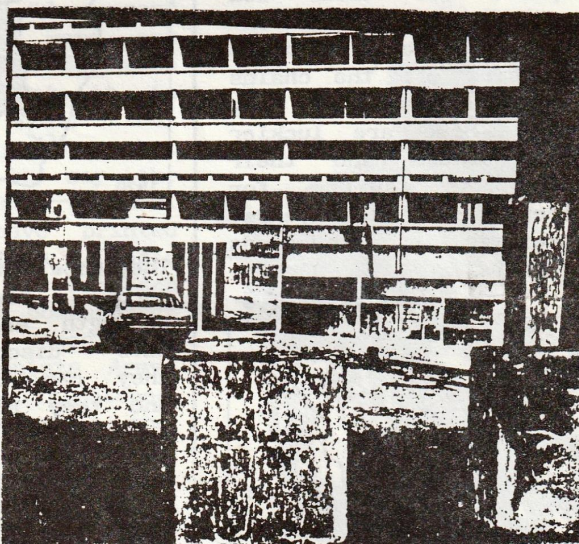
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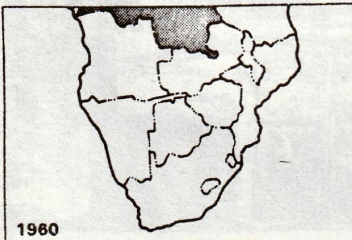
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# SOUTH AFRICA- THE AWAKENING GIANT

## THE AWAKENING GIANT

The tragedy unfolding in South Africa at the moment is nothing new in our "Civilised" world. It has happened before, in Mozambique; Kenja; Zimbabwe and in countless other countries dotted around the globe where evil men have enslaved whole races of people to exploit for their own personal gain. Unfortunately, the struggle to shirk off the chains is not always an easy one. Some are luckier than others and their fight is swift, for others it takes years; sometimes hundreds of years.



There must not be another situation in the world, like the one that prevails in South Africa. 24 million black South Africans lorded over by 4 or 5 million white people with such racist laws that the devil himself couldn't defend them. But things are changing and P.W. Botha and the white racists know they are changing. The new awareness sweeping South Africa is on both sides, black and white. The blacks are beginning to realise that it is within their

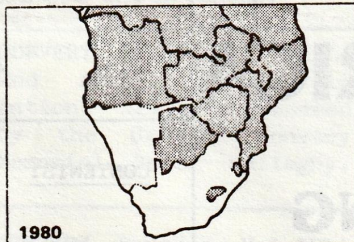
grasp to really change things not just superficial changes but changes in the fundamental set up in the ruling of the country and essentially that means majority rule.

For the white's part they now realise that the myth of their supremacy is no longer their shield.



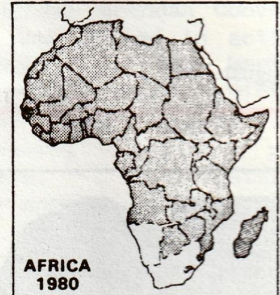
They know that the black people realise their strength and that they have discovered that they can change things and they are determined to do it.

Meanwhile the western countries prevaricate sitting on the fence to see which way the winds of change blow, afraid to make a clear, definitive and absolute condemnation of South Africa's apartheid system.



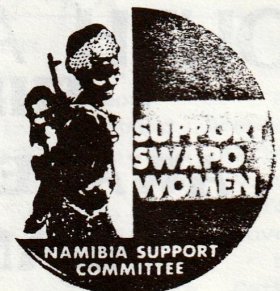
Britain for instance is more interested in export/import figures

than the plight of fellow human beings, and are content to be merely concerned or apprehensive.



The weak protestations only serve to show them up for the hypocrites they are.

We on the other hand who have suffered oppression and subjugation at the hands of tyrants should have no hesitation in identifying with, and totally supporting, the black people struggling in South Africa.



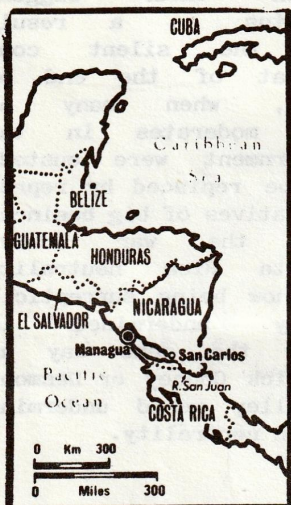


# NICARAGUA

## 6 YEARS OF REVOLUTION

### NEW TACTICS FROM IMPERIALISTS RECOVER NATIONAL TERRITORY

The hallmark of the second quarter of 1985 in the military affairs of Nicaragua has been the resounding rout of counterrevolutionary bands from many parts of the national territory by the popular Sandanista



Army. Most notably, the clearing of areas along the northern border with Honduras and the southern border with Costa Rica has been achieved with a success made possible by months of strategic planning and increased military efficiency.

In provinces such as Nueva Segovia and Madriz in the north, large numbers of peasant families who were constantly in danger from mercenary attacks by the counter revolution bands operating from Honduras were granted

lands and facilities in interior regions during the first few months of the year.

This left open the opportunity to the Revolutionary Government to attack the U.S.-financed FDN and allied groupings with all the military might at its disposal with weapons such as the "Stalin Organ".

The would-be restorers of U.S. "democracy" in Nicaragua were put into disarray to such an extent that it is accepted by all that their ability in combat is limited to say the least. The national newspapers have printed extracts from radio conversation recorded during bombardment of Contra positions by the Sandanista Army. They show how frightened and disorganized the mercenaries are on such occasions, and the alarm as one after another falls injured or dead. The Stalin Organ is a weapon undoubtedly which produces this result, being a battery of pipe-rockets mounted on a truck, and with the particular feature that the missiles come fast and with a scream one after the other.

No wonder then that Ronald Reagan is so anxious to get funds for his criminal friends on the Nicaraguan border.

Despite the 28 million dollars recently voted for the aid of the groups in question,

talk in an unashamedly open way of a direct intervention in Nicaragua by U.S. troops indicates the lack of confidence of the imperialists in the long-term capacity of the counterrevolutionaries to achieve the goal of overthrowing the Revolutionary Government of Nicaragua.

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In the mark of this orchestrated discussion the U.S. regime recently announced that it would directly invade Nicaragua given any of the following three occurrences:  
-An attack on the U.S. embassy in Managua.  
-The appearance of MIG fighters in the Nicaraguan arsenal.  
-Proof that Nicaragua is sending aid to the FMLN guerrillas in El Salvador.  
Events have taken a different turn on the southern border of

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Nicaragua with Costa Rica, but again clearly yet another manifestation of the U.S. imperialists dirty war against Nicaragua. There is also the counterrevolutionary groupings of ARDE have been routed as a result of attacks by the Sandinists Air Force followed by troop advances.

However, in June, a CIA plan of converting this group into an agent-provocateur was put into operation. Once put to flight, the mercenaries shot dead 2 Costa Rican civil guardsmen and the Nicaraguans were given the blame. These followed a campaign of vilification against Nicaragua in the Costa Rica press, and statements by such as the taximen's federation that they were prepared to march to the border "and combat those who are threatening us."

One newspaper stated in its editorial that "The Communist regime of Nicaragua wishes also to take control of Costa Rica. Our sovereignty is in danger."

As a culmination of the whipped-up hysteria among the Pepsi-Cola-adoring ad right-wing Catholic "Costa Rican's", the Nicaraguan Embassy in San Jose was attacked as police stood by. Windows were smashed and flags burnt in a spectacle to be considered diplomatically scandalous.

The irony of the whole course of events is that Costa Rica, who proclaims itself "the Switzerland of Central America" because of

its neutrality has been revealing itself as many times more militarised than Nicaragua. It is said that Costa Rica has no standing army. However the reality is that since the elections which brought right-wing President Alberto Monge to power in May 1982, the Civil Guard, a paramilitary regiment in existence since 1949, has had its numbers well increased from the original 5000.

In addition several new forces have been created to satisfy the jingoist desires of the Costa Rican right-wing. The numbers of these new groupings has been documented during the last couple of years by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies in its annual publication "The Military Balance:"

-The Rural Assistance Force now brings to 15000 the number of what are in fact soldiers along with the Civil Guard.

-The Paramilitary Organization of Judicial Investigation, attached to the Supreme Court, along with the Direction of Intelligence and Security together numbers more than 4000.

-More than 5000 members of the Organisation for National Emergencies have receiving training during the last two years. Although the Costa Rican Population voiced its opposition to this force, the State has got around this simply by a public relations exercise and a name change. It now bears the title "Public Force Reserve"

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The militarist tendencies of Alberto Monge were given their biggest impetus as a result of the silent coup d'etat of the end of 1984, when many of the moderates in the Government were ousted, to be replaced by representatives of big business and the war lobby.

Costa Rica neutrality is now being surreptitiously undermined in much the same way as Patrick Cooney or Desmond O'Malley would undermine Irish neutrality.

The new developments are to the liking of the U.S. masters, as is to be expected.

Thus the Reagan Administration recently sent 4000 new rifles to the Civil and Rural Guards, replacing the dated weapons in the possession of these groups. The U.S. has 20 assessors training 800 Civil Guards in counter-insurgency, and on a general level, the financial assistance to the Costa Rica military has also been increased.

In 1985 the programmed figure is 18 million dollars, but with the

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success of the agent-provocateur policy will undoubtedly rise to much higher amounts before the end of the year.

Despite the menacing results of the Costa defeats, Nicaragua's "Operation Sovereignty" will continue. On the sixth anniversary of the Revolution, the people proclaimed with one voice what General Sandino said during his campaign at the head of the Army Defender of the National Sovereignty in 1934: Nicaragua Victoriosa, ni se vende, ni se rinde... jamas! Nicaragua  
Nicaragua Victorious will neither sell itself nor surrender ever!

**I.N.L.A.**



**WAR  
NEWS**

On Saturday the 11th of August INLA Volunteers fire bombed the Dublin to Belfast train destroying three carriages, adequate warnings were given to safeguard civilians.

## DIVIS FLATS

### DIVIS DEMOLITION CAMPAIGN

Since the demolition of the Farset and Whitehall Blocks last year the campaign for the total demolition of the Divis Flats complex has taken a new perspective.

The campaign which is spearheaded by the Residents Association has a new resolve to take the campaign to its natural end "Victory to the Residents of Divis Flats."

It was thought by many at one time that even the partial demolition of Divis would be an impossible goal, but through the hard work and perseverance of the residents Farset and Whitehall were pulled down. Now the Government has earmarked two other blocks for demolition, Pound and St Brendans, though they have made this demolition conditional on the residents associations acceptance of a refurbishment plan for the rest of the complex.

This attempted black mail by the British Government through the Housing Executive will not work refurbish→

This week INLA Volunteers planted a boobytrap bomb beneath a RUC man's car in Banbridge. The boobytrap which contained 4lb of explosive and a mercury tilt device was discovered by the RUC man's son and was defused by the Army.

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ment will prolong the life of the ~~complex~~ well beyond the year 2000. We firmly believe that the stand being taken by the Divis Residents Association to hold out for the total demolition is correct.

The Residents Association after having talks with the shadow Northern Ireland minister Peter Archer that there will be a change of Government in the next General Elections and that a new Labour Government will look favourably on the Residents case of total demolition.

## INTERNMENT 14 YEARS ON

### INTERNMENT 1971

#### PAID PERJURERS

In 1971 with the advent of Internment without trial seen the precedent set for the misuse of justice in the occupied 6 countries in the following 15 years.

The I.R.S.P. view this years anniversary as being especially important from an international viewpoint given recent developments in South Africa and Israel, occupied Palestine.

These events show the ever increasing need for international socialist solidarity to defeat the ever looming threat of imperialist oppression. Our solidarity at this time especially goes out to the Black South Africans who are presently being so viciously

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 oppressed by the apartheid system and the present "state of emergency" imposed by the white South African Government.

The South African Army's brutal attacks on funerals of murdered blacks is reminiscent of the RUC's attacks on the funerals of dead I.N.L.A. and I.R.A. Vols.

This is why this year the I.R.S.P. made international solidarity the theme of our participation in the annual anniversary of Internment Rally.

Meanwhile at home the Paid-Perjurer system has taken an unexpected turn in which the majority of people held under supergrasses have been released as the RUC's cases have folded one by one. What remains to be seen is whether cases already been thrown out, the majority of which have been loyalists have just been a screen thrown up by the judiciary to justify guilty convictions in the on-going Kirkpatrick trial.

Internment without trial when it was brought in, in 1971, was totally indiscriminate the majority of people detained were not connected to a "ILLEGAL" It brought with it bloodshed and oppression, but it also brought a new sense of determination to defeat the British oppressors, a sense of freedom, the croppies would lie down no more.

Internment backfired on the British.

The H Blocks backfired on the British.  
 And so the Paid Perjury system will do the same.

### IN MEMORIAM



The Republican Socialist movement comprising of the I.R.S.P. and I.N.L.A. remember with great pride I.N.L.A. Vols.

Kevin Lynch 4th Anniv.  
 Brendan Convery 2nd Anniv.  
 Gerard Mallon 2nd Anniv.  
 Rose Campbell 5th Anniv.  
 Michael Devine 4th Anniv.  
 And I.R.A. Vols. Kieran Docherty, Thomas McElwee. They dedicated their lives to the cause of Irish Freedom.

LYNCH Kevin, Vol. INLA, 4th Anniv. always remembered and sadly missed our son Kevin who died after 71 days on Hunger Strike in Long Kesh. He showed no fear of death for his cause was a just one. Mary Queen of Ireland pray for him. Father, mother, sisters and brothers.

CONVERY Brendan Vol. INLA 2nd Anniv. killed in action. Always remembered by the Brendan Convery Memorial Band, Bellaghy.

CONVERY Brendan Vol. INLA 2nd Anniv. killed in action, always remembered by the Kevin Lynch Memorial Band, Dungiven.

### IN MEMORIAM



CONVERY Brendan, 2nd Anniv. In proud and loving memory of INLA Volunteer Brendan Convery who was killed in action 12.8.83. St Martin pray for him. Quietly today your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never, sadly missed by his father, mother and brothers Matt, Sean, Seamus, Mona and family.

MALLON Gerard, Vol. INLA 2nd Anniv. killed in action. Always remembered and deeply missed by his family, South Armagh. Mary Queen of the Gael, pray for him.

CONVERY Brendan Vol. INLA 2nd Anniv. killed in action. Always remembered by the Mallon family, South Armagh. Mary Queen of the Gael pray for him.

MALLON Gerard, Vol. INLA 2nd Anniv. In proud and loving memory of INLA Vol. Gerard Mallon who was killed in action on the 12.8.83. St Martin pray for him. Let touts and traitors do their worst our flag we hold high, always remembered by Convery family, Maghera, County Derry.

CONVERY Brendan, 2nd Anniv. In proud and loving memory of my darling husband Brendan Vol. INLA who was killed in action. Mary Queen of Ireland, pray for him. Always loved and remembered by his loving wife Cathy and daughter Nichola.