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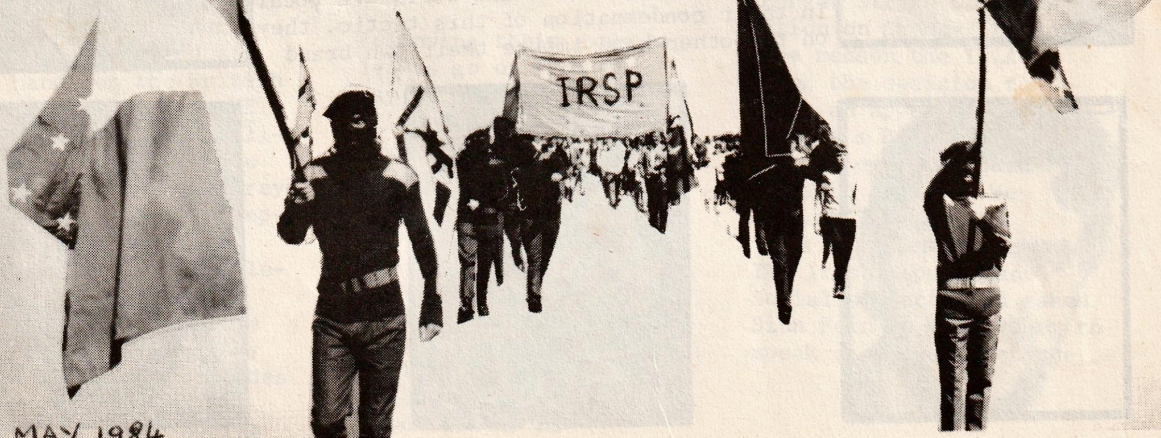
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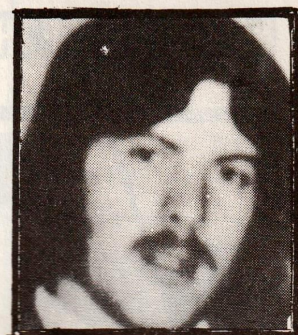
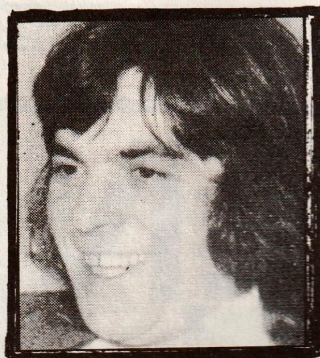
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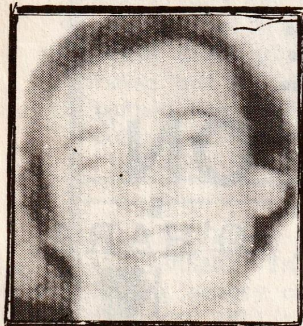
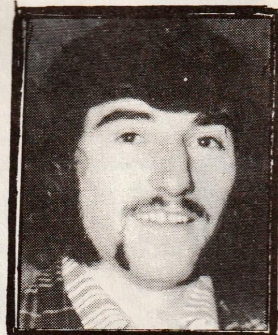
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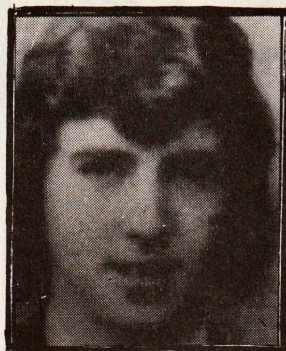
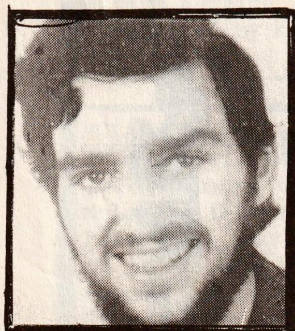
# I.N.L.A. STATEMENT ON HUNGER STRIKE COMMEMORATION



The Irish National Liberation Army are forced to make this intervention, owing to the refusal by Sinn Fein to accord speaking rights to the Republican Socialist Movement on this, the third anniversary of the deaths of the ten heroic Freedom Fighters in Long Kesh Concentration Camp



Since our inception, we have suffered alongside our comrades in the Irish Republican Army, death, torture and imprisonment at the hands of the British occupation forces and the reactionary forces of Loyalism. Together we have struggled against, and defied these tactics. We are united in a common cause, that being, the freedom of our country, but ideologically we have a different perspective, this has to be seen and heard as such. What we cannot accept, while on one hand Republicans are censored by British and Irish state controlled media and world are vocal in their condemnation of this tactic, they on the other hand impose their own brand





of censorship on the politics and actions of the Republican Socialist Movement. Example being the refusal to allow us to distribute our political literature in Republican Social Clubs and areas, the non recognition worldwide by spokespersons of the Republican Movement that there is indeed another Army of National Liberation fighting the war in Ireland, public condemnation by elected representatives of INLA operations, a hitherto unheard of action in Republican circles and continued refusal for speaking rights on platforms both in Ireland and Britain.

The Republican Socialist Movement reiterate our position, that only by anti-imperialist unity are we, as a people, going to defeat British imperialist occupation of our country, unity is essential, as was witnessed in the H Blocks and on the streets of Ireland. We, today are faced with a concerted attempt by capitalist interests both in Britain and Ireland through the New Ireland Forum, to sell out the Irish people who for generations have suffered at the hands of the British and their lackeys. WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT allow this to succeed, to do so would be to betray all that the Irish people have suffered and died for. Again we plead for unity as was shown when the supreme sacrifice was given by our three brave comrades Patsy O'Hara, Kevin Lynch and Micky Devine



ARMED I.N.L.A. VOLS. AT SUNDAY'S HUNGER-STRIKE COMMEMORATION

alongside their brave IRA comrades, Bobby Sands, Francis Hughes, Raymond Mc Creesh, Joe Mc Donnell, Tom McIlwee, Martin Hurson and Kieran Doherty who were united in their struggle and in death.

Following their example, let us go on from this day forward with unity of purpose. The Irish National Liberation Army pledge to the Irish working-class to continue the armed struggle not only until the Brits leave Ireland but until we achieve the ultimate goal of a 32 County Socialist Republic.

Tiocfaidh Ar La

#### FURTHER CLARIFICATION

##### BY THE INLA.

The statement above was to be read out at the Hunger Strike Commemoration on Sunday 6th May. The reason the INLA took the decision to make an appearance at Sunday's Parade was not an opportunistic move in anyway. We decided to read out this statement after The Irish Republican Socialist Party had asked Sinn Fein to allow them to speak since we had three



Volunteers who died on Hunger Strike and since it was a Hunger Strike Commemoration we could not see any reason for Sinn Fein's refusal. We have heard Sinn Fein's reasons by way of the media that it was a Sinn Fein organised parade. We have checked on this and not one of the leaflets issued for to publicise the parade mentioned Sinn Fein, none of the Posters spread throughout Belfast had any mention of Sinn Fein, so we question the statements issued through the Press. When the I. R. S. P. approached Sinn Fein, one of their representatives told the IRSP that Dublin had refused permission for them to speak and the only people who were invited to speak were the Troops Out Movement. The INLA then decided that a statement should be read out asking for the same UNITY as was in progress during the Hunger Strike. Also Sinn Fein stated that no other Political group was asked to speak, mentioning the P.D.

by name, We ask Sinn Fein what other political or military group has hundreds in prison in Long Kesh, Magilligan, Armagh, Portlaoise, Limerick and Crumlin Road? Also how many political or military groups have had volunteers die on Hunger Strike in the fight for recognition as political prisoners.

We the Irish National Liberation Army again ask for Unity as was shown when the Volunteers of the INLA and IRA gave the supreme sacrifice together.

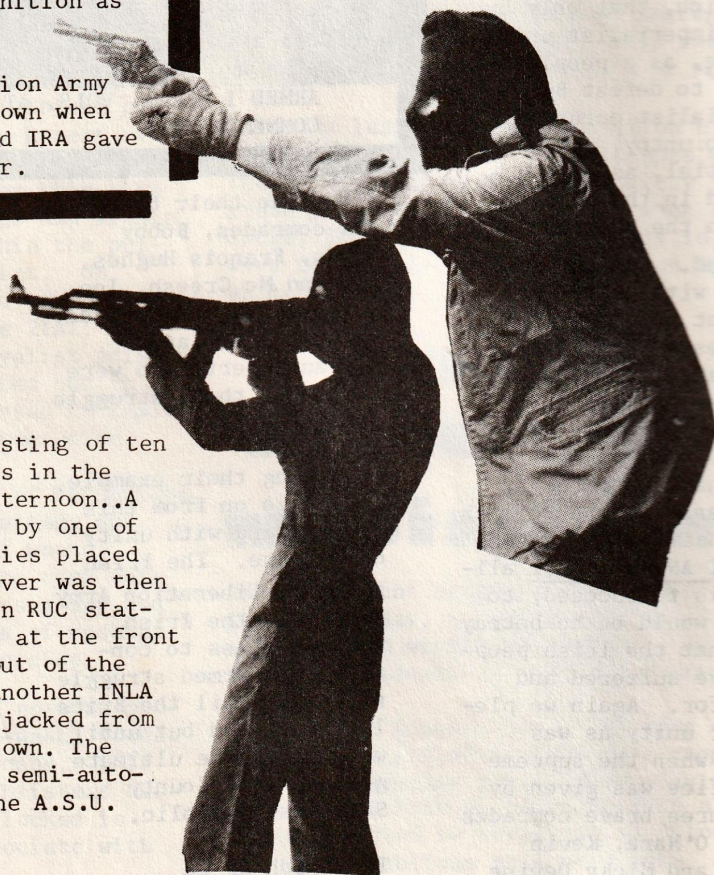
# War News

WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL

An INLA Active Service Unit in a well planned operation, took over a house in the Ladybrook area on Wednesday 18th April. The five man A.S.U. took a car from the house and four members of the A.S.U. drove to Senior RUC man George Nelson's house in Finaghy Road South area. Three of the A.S.U. armed, knocked on the front door of Nelson's home. When it was not opened, the A.S.U. kicked the door off its hinges and entered the house. Nelson's wife went hysterical but the A.S.U. remained calm and searched the house and waited for an hour for Nelson to come home. When it seemed that the A.S.U. had overstayed their invitation, they left and returned safely to base. Nelson's car was parked outside his home which gave the A.S.U. reason to believe that he would not be far and would return at anytime.

FRIDAY 4TH MAY

Two Active Service Units consisting of ten Volunteers took over two houses in the Stewartstown area on Friday afternoon. A Gas delivery van was hi-jacked by one of the A.S.U's and three incendiaries placed amid the Gas Bottles. The driver was then instructed to drive to Woodburn RUC station. As soon as it was placed at the front gate, Brits and RUC men fled out of the Suffolk Road side gate where another INLA A.S.U. was waiting in a car hijacked from one of the houses in Stewartstown. The A.S.U. fired six shots from a semi-automatic at the RUC and Brits. The A.S.U. then returned safely to base.





The first ever I.R.S.P. Easter Commemoration was undoubtedly a great success, despite encountering a host of organising problems which were inevitable considering it was our first time and the fact that a number of March organisers were arrested leading up to the march and indeed on the day of the march itself. Everyone involved in the organisation of the march was delighted with the turnout. One organiser told Saoirse that they were planning to at least treble the size of next years march.



The march started off from Dunville Park amidst a massive show of force from the RUC and Brits. A civilian colour Party headed the Parade carrying the Starry Plough, the Tricolour and the Red Flag. This was followed by the flags of the four Provinces. Three bands took part, the Neil McMonagle Flute Band, the Micky Devine Flute Band, the Brendan Convery Band. More bands had wished to participate in the march but were refused permission by the Band Alliance whose spokesperson stated that there was only one Easter Commemoration march in Belfast and that was Sinn Fein..

I.N.L.A. COLOUR PARTY SALUTES REPUBLICAN SOCIALISTS PLOT



As the march reached the IRSP headquarters, an INLA colour Party joined the civilian one to cheers and applause from the spectators. They carried the Flag of the Belfast Brigade I.N.L.A.

I.N.L.A. COLOUR PARTY SALUTES I.R.A. PLOT

As the march entered the cemetery, the flags were lowered and the bands fell silent as a tribute to those who had died in the

cause of Irish freedom.

On reaching the Republican Socialist plot, relatives of the dead volunteers and supporters were met by a crowd of camera and gun toting Brits and RUC on a hill overlooking the plot. The Brit helicopter duly

descended in an effort to drown out the voices of the speakers. Kevin McQuillan, chairperson of the Belfast Comhairle Ceanntair chaired the meeting and Jim Lane, National Chairperson of the I.R.S.P. delivered the oration.



# I.R.S.P.

## Easter Statement

Today we in the IRSP pay tribute to the women and men of Easter Week 1916. Also we remember those who have died since then in the struggle for a 32 county Socialist Ireland.

Over the last 12 months three Republican Socialists have given their lives for their ideals. On this day we remember in particular these three comrades - Gerard Mallon, Brendan Convery and Joseph Craven. Once again we extend to their family circles our deepest sympathies. We will ensure that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

1984 makes the 10th anniversary of the founding of the IRSP/INLA. The need which led to our founding figures then forming a separate movement - the Republican Socialist Movement still exist. Today as then there is a burning need for a movement who will not cease or compromise its struggle until Ireland has a 32 county Socialist Republic.

The last year has witnessed many political developments. Numerous column inches have drivelled from the pens of bourgeois journalists in recent weeks about the much vaunted New Ireland Forum. This represents no more than a last desperate attempt by the establishment in all parts of Ireland to keep alive constitutional nationalism in the occupied six counties. It is designed to draw support away from militant republicanism. As in the past the only body which will gain from this political initiative is the British Government. All that remains of Sunningdale is the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Bill. Extradition goes hand in hand with the strategy of the New Ireland Forum. On the one hand the establishment use the Forum to desperately try to lead nationalist people to support the SDLP. On the other the Free State administration use extradition to hammer Republican Socialists.

That the Free State administration have gone the whole way and extradited Dominic Mc Glinchey should surprise

nobody. In doing so they serve primarily their own interests as well as that of British Imperialism. They fear the radical politics which is gaining ground among youth, not just in the occupied 6 counties, but in the Free State also. They recognise that the militancy of Republicans, Socialists and progressive people pose the greatest threat to the capitalist system of the 26 counties. For this reason it should come as no surprise when the supposed "neutral" Gardai and Army show blatantly their pro-imperialist colours. At their recent conference the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors expressed grave concern about the struggle here, not because of the torture of innocent nationalists but because of the increasing threat of so called subversive organisations. These sentiments were echoed by Lt. Gen. Louis Hogan - retiring Chief of Staff of the Free State Army earlier this month.

At present many comrades are incarcerated in A and C wings in Crumlin Road Jail. The sole evidence against them are the lies of a paid informer. Some of our comrades have been in jail on remand for over two years. They are in on their fifth informer. Yet this gives no qualms of conscience to the supposedly just British Government. In the recently purchased report by Sir George Baker they spoke about "the overall benefit to the community" of the informer system. As a sick joke he proposes changing the title of the P.T.A. to the "Protection of the Peoples Act" as if that would change the blantly anti-Irish, oppressive nature of that piece of legislation. A week earlier the same system of justice could acquit Constable John Robinson of murdering Seamus Grew. Despite revelations that their was no road block, that Seamus Grew and Roddy Carroll were unarmed, the RUC had lied about the whole affair - Robinson was acquitted. Such are the double standards of British Justice, which the Free State administration is supporting hand in glove.

This year marks the centenary of the



Gaelic Athletic Association. The IRSP recognise the importance that Irish culture plays in our overall struggle. For this reason we would like to complement the GAA today. We strongly condemn the Free State Governments neglect of our language and culture. Day by day they allow the Gaelteacht areas of the country to be further decimated.

The IRSP would like to pay tribute today to the bravery and tenacity of the Volunteers of the Irish National Liberation Army. This organisation has a central and major role to play in the struggle for Socialism in Ireland. The statement by the Tory Party's Micheal Mates earlier on RTE that:

"As long as British Soldiers and British Citizens are being killed, Northern Ireland will be high on Mrs. Thatchers priorities."

demonstrates the importance which British Imperialism attaches to the armed struggle.

We pay tribute today to all Republican Socialists who have died in the present phase of the war. We also remember our incarcerated comrades in jails throughout Ireland and America. Our thoughts especially to our particularly harrassed comrades in Armagh Jail.

To conclude on this our 10th Anniversary we reaffirm our committment to the Marxist vision of James Connolly.





# THE FORUM.

THE FORUM REPORT HAS RECEIVED WORLDWIDE PRESS COVERAGE. IT HAS BEEN HAILED AS "HISTORIC". IT HAS UNLEASHED A VERITABLE ORGY OF SPECULATION ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF IRELAND. AMIDST ALL THE CLAMOUR, POSTURING AND PONTIFICATING, CALM REFLECTION OF THE REPORT POSES MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE IRISH WORKING-CLASS.

The Report does not call for British withdrawal, the first fundamental pre-condition for peace in Ireland. It was always unlikely that it would do so for the "green republicanism" of Fianna Fail is for show only and not something to be taken seriously by politicians. No-one should be taken in by the alleged disagreements between Fitzgerald and Haughey over the unitary state idea or the joint sovereignty concept. After all, both are bourgeois politicians interested in ensuring that the essential capitalist nature of the states in Ireland remain economically unchanged, regardless of what minor or major political changes are made.

The unitary state idea so assiduously pushed by Haughey and Seamus Mallon is seen by them as a bargaining counter. Principles have no place in this debate. After all, Haughey in December 1980, in return for the British developing the beginnings of a joint sovereignty authority was prepared to offer a joint defense pact. So for some slight concessions by the British, Haughey was prepared to jettison Irish Neutrality which is supported by an estimated 84% of the Irish people. This "historic" breakthrough of Haughey's kept him quiet during the Hunger Strikes as he was unwilling to offend his British friend Margaret. Unfortunately for Haughey, Thatcher's ("I will not negotiate with Airey's Neave's killers") intransigence cost him the election so he resorted to his verbal republicanism.

The Forum Report's "unitary state" idea is the highest expression of Fianna Fail Republicanism. It is a bargaining counter, no more, no less. Those unfortunates who still harbour illusions in Fianna Fail ignore sixty years betrayal by that party, of Irish sovereignty and independence.

Fitzgerald was quick after the Report, to placate British opinion by appearing on its TVs and writing in British newspapers that the Report fully accepted majority rule in the North. His brand of politics is determined solely by what pleases Britain. Indeed it is thought by many that the sole purpose of the Forum was to prepare people in the South for the final abandonment of the North by the removal of clauses 2 and 2 in the 26 County constitution which claims jurisdiction over the 32 Counties.

By accepting the Loyalist veto and by not once dealing in the Report with the question of Irish neutrality, it is clear that we are being prepared for a fundamental political assault on Irish sovereignty and independence. Couple this



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# HARASSMENT OF I.R.S.P. CONTINUES

## THE FORUM CONTD.,

with the re-writing of history by bourgeois revisionists downplaying the republican struggle by the manipulation of the Irish media by pro-British elements and by the careful fostering of pro-imperialist illusions and we can see the strategy outlining itself.

Prior has floated the idea of joint sovereignty over matters such as security That would only formalise what already exists. Dominic McGlinchey arrested by Irish police, is in a British gaol for opposing British imperialism That's the British concept of Joint Authority.

Irish workers will wonder what the report has to do with them. Everything. For it is our masters deciding how best to rule us. Any real examination of the Irish Question must start from the recognition that Ireland is exploited by Imperialism, that its working-class is deeply divided and that foreign troops shore up a fundamentally reactionary situation.

By refusing to face up to the sectarian states North and South, by underplaying the mass unemployment and poverty North and South and overplaying "nationalist" and "unionist" traditions, the Forum is trying to blind Irish workers to reality. It cannot, must not, be allowed to shore up a rotting system. It is the duty of all republicans and socialists to uphold Irish independence, sovereignty and neutrality. Only when we as a class, control this country, can there begin the task of solving the fundamental problems our class faces.

We in the I.R.S.P. have consistently called for a Broad Front of all progressive groups in support of independence. Now that the bourgeoisie and the imperialists are uniting, is it too much to hope for that Republicans and Socialists can also unite in putting before the people the only FORUM capable of solving our fundamental problems

The daily harassment of IRSP Members continues with the usual drive and gusto expected from the murderers of the RUC Special Branch who were in charge of the most recent arrests of IRSP members in Belfast and Newry. Six members of the IRSP in Belfast were arrested in Easter week, two of them on Easter Sunday. These arrests were at the whim of the Special Branch who are going hysterical in their attempts to get people to turn informer. The Special Branch are not interested in people turning 'supergrass' but are more into people working for them inside Republican groups so that active Republicans can be set up for the Special Branch to murder in the same way as they murdered Roddy Carroll and Seamy Grew in Armagh. Three of the Belfast members have been arrested and took to Castlereagh for a 7 day period continuously in the past three months, one of the three has been in on no less than six Section 12 orders since released from prison on a trumped up charge in January. All the arrested men were told by the Special Branch that they did not want any of them to end up in prison but they wanted them dead and with John Robinson being cleared it was a free hand to kill as many IRSP people as they liked with no chance of being imprisoned themselves. Many of the arrested men have had their homes completely wrecked by the raiding RUC, with water pipes being torn out and furniture wrecked. The man who has been given the most attention by the RUC is from the Divis Flats area and his home is totally wrecked and has now got nowhere to live. The IRSP take these threats very seriously and have warned all members to be on their guard against being followed by the Special Branch and to take precautions in their homes.



# The Fight For Segregation Escalates



Segregation of political prisoners within the H Blocks is one of the original five demands of the Blanket Protest prisoners.

With the ending of the Hunger Strike in 1981, the British Government conceded two of the demands, segregation was not conceded and the demand still stands.



In 1982, the INLA and PIRA political prisoners warned the British Government of the explosive situation in both Long Kesh and Magilligan. The N.I.O. at this time chose to ignore these warnings and within two months the situation within the prisons had reached breaking point. On October 20th, rioting erupted in Long Kesh and in Magilligan on the 21st. In Long Kesh, Republican and Loyalist prisoners were immediately segregated but in Magilligan the authorities tried to implement a policy of forcible integration.

During the rioting, a number of Republican prisoners received brutal beatings and were hospitalised for several weeks. Republicans in the rest of the camp were locked in their cells 24 hours a day and denied the basic human rights of washing and toilet facilities and exercise.

Loyalist prisoners started a no-work protest which graduated to a no-wash protest for segregation from Republicans. This protest had fizzled out by Christmas but Loyalist prisoners remained locked in their cells, refusing to associate with Republicans.

Through the whole of 1983, numerous attempts were made by the N.I.O., Governors and prison officers to forcibly integrate Republicans and Loyalists in Magilligan. These incidents usually entailed the blackmailing of Loyalist prisoners. The usual approach being the refusal of parole if they did not associate with Republicans. These incidents usually ending up with fighting and scuffles breaking out and Republican prisoners involved receiving brutal beatings from the screws.

In January of this year a bomb exploded while Loyalist prisoners were using the ablutions in C Wing H Block 3, Magilligan causing minor injuries, widespread assaults on Republican prisoners followed this and the re-introduction of the degrading mirror search. Again the authorities were warned that if political segregation was not introduced it could only result in serious injury to prisoners or prison staff.

Over the last month the situation has deteriorated due to further attempts by the prison authorities to forcibly integrate prisoners. In the last week of April, four Republican prisoners in H3 were beaten unconscious by Prison Officer Riot Squads.

## BRUTAL ATTACKS IN MAGILLIGAN

In a statement smuggled out of Magilligan on Tuesday, a Republican Socialist spokesperson within the prison listed further incidents of assaults on Republicans.

"Since last Tuesday, 1.5.84, attacks on Republican prisoners have been stepped up. On Wednesday 2.5.84, two Republicans were forced into an exercise yard already occupied by Loyalists in H Block 2, the two Republican prisoners were attacked by the Loyalists, both men re-





ceived severe cuts and bruises and in the prison hospital were charged with assault by the authorities. On Friday, in HBlock 3 the prison officials went ahead with the same procedure used in H 2 with the same result.

In recent press releases by the N.I.O. they have stated that they have concrete proof of collusion between Republicans and Loyalists. We hereby state that the Republican prisoners lying in Magilligan prison hospital are concrete proof of collusion between Loyalist prisoners and Prison officers to smash the resolve of Republicans. Let the N.I.O. take this warning, through the Blanket Protest, No-Wash Protest and Hunger Strike we couldnot be broken, and our resolve should not be broken shall not be broken now. ANYTHING LESS THAN TOTAL SEGREGATION WILL BE RESISTED."

PRO IRSP POW's  
Magilligan

## SAVAGE BEATINGS IN PORTLAOISE

On the evening of Thursday 3rd May, ten Republican Socialist prisoners made an escape bid from Portlaoise prison. An attempt was made to seize a ladder which was being used for construction work inside the jail. Prison officers were rushed from other parts of the jail and the men were over-powered.

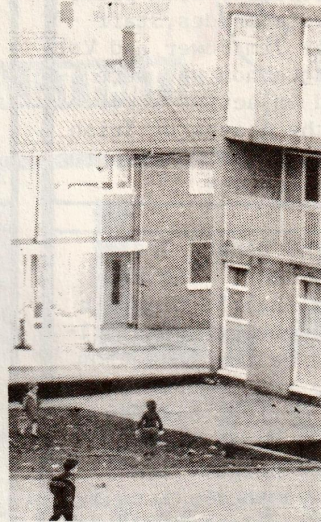
A Government statement stated:

"In the course of the fracas some prison officers and some prisoners received injuries which were treated in prison". In fact a whole number of Republican Socialists were brutally attacked and beaten by the screws foll-

owing the incident. As we go to print many of our prisoners are still being held in solitary confinement.

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## GAS EXPLOSION IN MOYARD

Following the recent amazing escape from death of residents in the Moyard area when a gas explosion followed by a severe fire at 35 Moyard Crescent devastated two flats and caused structural damage to others, the Ronnie Bunting Cumman of the I.R.S.P. has been receiving reports from residents of the fear of something similar happening when people's lives may be lost. Prompt action by the Belfast Corporation Gas Department could have saved these two families from the dire situation of being left homeless and of having their property destroyed, some of which was personal and can never be replaced.

In the situation of fear of similar recurrence, the Ronnie Bunting Cumman of the I.R.S.P. is calling publicly first on the Belfast Corporation Gas Dept to check all feed pipes in the Moyard area and to immediately compensate the affected families for loss of property. Secondly, we call on the N.Ireland Housing Executive to immediately re-house the families concerned and thoroughly inspect the remaining flats in the affected block for structural damage.



# IN MEMORIAM

## POWER/McLARNON 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. Vols and Staff, Belfast Brigade INLA, remember with pride our two comrades, Staff Officer Jim Power and Vol Matt McLarnon who were killed on active service. From the graves of Irish men and Irishwomen springs living nations

## POWER/MC LARNON 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. The Belfast Comhairle Ceantair IRSP, remember with pride the deaths in action of our two comrades, Staff Officer Jim Power and Vol. Matt McLarnon, Belfast Brigade INLA, who gave their lives in the struggle for National Liberation and Socialism, so that our land may be free. Venceremos.

## POWER/MC LARNON 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. The Republican Socialist Prisoners in Long Kesh, Armagh, Crumlin Road, Magilligan and Portlaoise remember with great pride Staff Officer Jim Power and Vol. Matt McLarnon who died on active service. Tiocfaidh Ar La.

## MCLARNON/POWER 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. In proud and loving memory of Vol Matt McLarnon INLA and Vol Jim Power INLA killed on Active Service. Always remembered by Kevin, Joan and Family.

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ANNIVERSARY. In proud and loving memory of Vol Matt McLarnon INLA and Vol Jim Power INLA who were killed on Active Service. Always remembered by Liz, Jim and Ciaran.

## MCLARNON MATT 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. In proud and loving memory of Vol Matt McLarnon INLA killed on Active Service on May 12th 1981. Bid us faithful still and to make no peace with England until Ireland is ours. Always remembered by his friends and comrades Paul, Gino and Desy.

## POWER/MCLARNON 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. In proud and loving memory of Vol Jim Power INLA and Vol Matt McLarnon INLA killed on Active Service. Sadly missed by Ray. They may kill the revolutionary but not the revolution.

## MCLARNON/POWER 3rd

ANNIVERSARY. In proud and loving memory of Vol Matt McLarnon INLA and Vol Jim Power INLA who gave their lives for a just and noble cause. "Onwards to victory" Always remembered by Deidre

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The aim of the Irish Republican Socialist Party is to establish a 32 County Socialist Republic with the working class in control of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

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