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Simply Disgusting Lackey's Party

The SDLP have finally made their statement on the Hunger-strike, and, characteristically, have shown their willingness to bootlick to Thatcher. Instead of primarily attacking the British government, who have for 7 months shown a murdering callousness at Long Kesh, the SDLP attacked the National HBlock/Armagh Committee.

SET UP

The statement comes at a particularly bad time, when the media is trying to quash the Hunger-strike once and for all, and when the loyalists are poised to launch an assassination campaign. This is particularly so of John Hume's statement that "The Provisional IRA and the INLA are constituent parts of the National HBlock/Armagh Committee".

As a political party, we have already experienced the murder of HBlock Committee members Noel Little and Miriam Daly, who were not members of the INLA or IRA. Now, especially after the sectarian murder of Eugene Mulholland, and after reports in the Irish Times of a new UDA death list, we fear that the SDLP has set up members of the National HBlock/Armagh Committee for the UDA.



John Hume, SDLP.

"ONE JUST DEMAND"

Hume goes on to say it is time to unite behind "one just demand-stop the murder". We ask John Hume, where was your "one simple demand" when Eugene Mulholland was murdered or when the UDR murdered the Miami Showband?

The SDLP analysis is simplistic and wrong. The root cause of death and the cause of injustice here is the Northern state itself. As long as the border remains, it will remain possible for a small group of bigots and moneybags to divide and conquer. As long as the British army remains (and the UDR and the RUC) the cold-blooded plastic-bullet murders will continue.

We therefore make our own "one just demand"- destroy

the murderous sectarian statelet of Northern Ireland. Bring down the bigots in the housing administration, the employment offices, the corporation boardrooms, and the police barracks. We want our freedom.

New Brit PRIORity

Another British Secretary of State has come and gone and still Britain persists with its death policy on the H Blocks.

POLITICAL GAMES

The week previous to Prior's appointment as Secretary of State for N.I., he had openly leaked to the Press the fact that he didn't want the post; that he wouldn't take it. All he was doing was playing political games. He was showing with what contempt the British ruling-class hold the whole Irish question and the plight of the H Block prisoners in particular. When Thatcher finally gave him his post, he accepted meekly.

BUNKER MENTALITY

His appointment coupled with other moves in the Tory government was a defeat of the 'wets' or so-called 'moderates'. It was a move to the right in Tory policy and as such a consolidation of the 'bunker mentality' the Tory government is rapidly assuming. It

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LIAM McCLOSKEY BLIND

After 52 days on Hunger-strike INLA volunteer Liam McCloskey is now blind and has difficulty holding down water. Liam is now the most serious of the hunger-strikers suffering under the death policy of Maggie Thatcher. The prisoners will not be broken by Thatcher.

ORGANISE TO WIN!

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strengthened Thatcher's direct control over the Irish question and the HBlock crisis. Speculation from various sources that Prior is liable to 'grasp the H-Block nettle' and solve it of his own accord is an illusion that could be dangerous.

TONY BENN

But this apparent move to the right in British policy was countered recently by Tony Benn's recent statement on Ireland in which he came out more forthrightly than ever for British withdrawal and a democratic solution in Ireland. Coupled with this is the recent gains made by Benn in his campaign for deputy leader of the Labour Party and in particular the support of the giant TGWU. In deepening crises, the British social system is polarising into two clearer choices; Thatcher and the ruling-class which represents poverty, unemployment and repression in Ireland and the radicalising policies of the British left which are seeing the need for clear socialist policies and a democratic solution in Ireland. In a statement during the week the Belfast Comhairle Ceannair of the IRSP commented on Tony Benn's analogy with Zimbabwe and said the loyalist population could do well to dwell on this and on the fact that only a year before independence white settler leader Ian Smith had declared that the whites "would rule for a thousand years".!

INLA prison statement

STATEMENT FROM O/C INLA PRISONERS, LONG KESH TO NATIONAL HBLOCK/ARMAGH CONFERENCE, 6 SEPTEMBER 1981

On behalf of the INLA protesting prisoners in the H Blocks of Long Kesh, I would like to thank the National HBlock/Armagh Committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of the protesting prisoners in the H Blocks and Armagh. The many demonstrations of solidarity and support shown by the National Committee, the local action committees, and the Irish

More harassment of Divis family

If it weren't enough to shoot Sean Tumelty (Divis Flats) at point blank range in the head, the Royal Marines have now decided to harass his family. On Saturday morning, 12th September, two Woolworth's workers were moving furniture into the flat of Eileen Tumelty, Sean's wife, when a patrol of marines arrived.

The Marines informed Ms Tumelty that she would not be receiving any new furniture and began kicking the new furniture and shouting abuse about Sean, who still lies in hospital after the attempt on his life by the British army.

The RUC also arrived and Ms. Tumelty produced a re-

The RUC also arrived and Ms. Tumelty produced a receipt to prove that the furniture belonged to her, but the two Woolworth's workers were arrested by the marines, who held them for 2-3 hours before releasing them.

Following the recent clean-up campaign of Divis, it may be cleaner than before but the ongoing incidents of harassment by the Brits /RUC prove that the area is still infested with the worst kind of filth. We hope that Divis can regain some of its former militance and do something about these British rats.

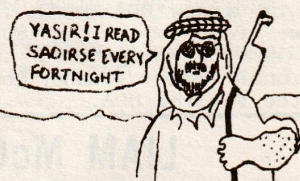
Brit criminals break in...again

The IRSP offices at 392 Falls Road were entered early in the morning of 15 September by the British army and RUC, who sledged the door open, causing damage to the offices. Political literature was scattered all over the floor, the electricity meter was ripped out and floorboards in the attic were torn out. The back door was left lying open.

When a complaint was made, the police claimed that the building had been entered by the N.I. Electricity Board to cut off the power supply. This, however does not explain the heavy army presence, the occupation of the office for 6 hours (the meter could be taken out in 6 mins), or the extensive damage done. Floorboards were ripped up in the attic, which is nowhere near the electricity meter.

We are very interested to see that the army is now an adjunct of the electricity board, and we will be interested to see if they are used on other "electricity raids".

The raid was just one of a long line of raids on political offices in Belfast. It seems to be an attempt to disrupt the activities in support of the Hunger Strike campaign and to disrupt the councillor's advice center which also operates from the IRSP premises. The electricity meter was a side issue.



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turf lodge rats

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A major epidemic of rat fleas hit Turf Lodge maisonettes last week, with disastrous consequences for several families. Conditions became so bad that, after six months of constant bickering the Housing Executive was finally persuaded to come into the area to clean up the mess

The trouble began on Friday when several children were sent home from Holy Trinity school because they were infested with fleas. Several other people from the same area of Norglen Parade have been suffering illness because of the rats.



TURF LODGE FLATS PROTESTORS BLOCK ROAD

After the Housing Executive and the Health Department were contacted by the office of Councillor Gerry Kelly, they finally agreed to look into the situation. What they found was an area totally coming down with rats, and the health inspector immediately ordered an evacuation of several maisonettes while fumigation took place.

Among those affected was Ms. Hale of 217 Norglen Parade. Ms. Hale told Saoirse that she has lost 2 stone in the past month due to sickness caused by the rats. In addition, her daughter is just out of Purdysburn hospital where she spent several weeks recovering from a rat-related disease.

Ms. Hale described to us an incredible picture of her flat - rats were teaming out of every conceivable hole in the walls, were in every cabinet, in every bed...in short, there were rats everywhere. An unbelievable story for "Britain", the bed of modern civilisation...but we saw it ourselves.

We were also told that the Housing Executive had refused to act until now because the maisonettes concerned were in rent arrears. They told certain occupants that they "can't help until your debt is cleared".

Agnes Doherty of 69, Monagh Road is another example of the human misery heaped on the people of Turf Lodge by the rottenness of British policy in Ireland. Six months ago Agnes noticed rats in her cupboard and reported it to the Department of the Environment for the Pest Control to come and lay poison or whatever was necessary to deal with the rats. Nothing was done and no-one from the Dept. of Environment came near her. In desperation Mrs. Doherty contacted a social worker, Geraldine Tierney from Beech Hall, to pressurise the D.O.E. But nothing happened. Meanwhile the rats became more numerous and more aggressive and they began running over the stove and around the kitchen. It reached such a stage where Mrs. Doherty was unable to make food for her children in the house and she had to bring the children to a neighbour's house for their meals.

Finally, the situation got so bad that, debt or no debt, the fumigators came in. The maisonettes will now be under fumigation for a period of six months which means that now and then the residents will be

evacuated for a period of hours as they were last Friday.

In a statement about the maisonettes, the Miriam Daly IRSP cumann, Turf Lodge, condemned the barbaric conditions the people of the maisonettes were forced to live in and pledged to support any action the residents might organise to obtain humane housing conditions. The statement was followed up on Sept. 16th by a well-attended protest of local residents, led by IRSP

residents, led by IRSP councillor Gerry Kelly who led a delegation of doctors, welfare workers and journalists around the flats, to show them the intolerable conditions. "They talk about 3rd World conditions, but they have as bad on their own doorstep and won't do anything about it," Councillor Kelly said.

Of course, the only answer to the situation is that the Turf Lodge flats and maisonettes must be torn down for once and for all. New, decent housing must be put in its place, with proper facilities for collection of waste and other rat-proofing precautions.

INTERVIEW

TONY O'HARA

the forces of law, are unjust. They have attacked the representatives of the State because the state is unjust. The so-called crimes of Republican political prisoners are the ultimate in unselfish acts.

Q. What is the attitude of the prisoners to the outlook of the hierarchy towards the Hunger-strike?

A. We deplore the attempts of the Church hierarchy to sell us out. They are determined to get an end to the hunger-strike even if it means the prisoners don't get the 5 demands. If they are so interested in saving lives, they must help in the Hunger-strike in the only constructive way-by forcing the brits to concede to the five demands.

Q. How many protesting INLA blanket-men are there?

A. We now have 27 prisoners on the blanket. 2 prisoners have been released recently, myself and Paul Kelly from Beechmount. And of course, 3 others have been murdered in the course of the hunger-strike.

Q. What is their attitude at present regarding the Hunger-strike?

A. There is complete agreement that the Hungerstrike must continue. There is no question of accepting less than the 5 demands. Our fight is a political one, and we are political prisoners.

Q. There was a lot of media speculation about how the INLA prisoners had finished the Hunger-strike. What is your reaction to this?

A. I know that the low numbers of INLA on the blanket caused certain speculation to arise. But the media twisted reality in its usual way. There is no question about INLA prisoners supporting the Hunger Strike. Our 3 dead prove this, and Liam McCloskey is now on Hunger-strike longer than anyone.

As for the Dundalk statement, because we are only 27 we would lose all of men in a matter of months if everyone volunteered and we stuck to the 3 to 1 ratio (PIRA to INLA). We simply decided to lower ration. May I also remind you that of the 10 dead from hunger-strike, 3 were INLA volunteers. That is close to 2 to 1 ratio of deaths. The INLA have done more than their part in the hunger strike -no one can question that-and we shall continue our active support.

Q. Do the INLA prisoners see an end to the protest?

A. We see an end when the Brits give in. And we are confident that enough pressure can be accumulated to break the stalemate. But

let us remember, the real burden falls on the people outside of Long Kesh and Armagh. The prisoners inside are doing everything in their power-they are the ones who are dying for the cause, and what more can you do? The outcome depends on the determined efforts of the Irish people and of freedom-loving people throughout the world to fight this struggle on all

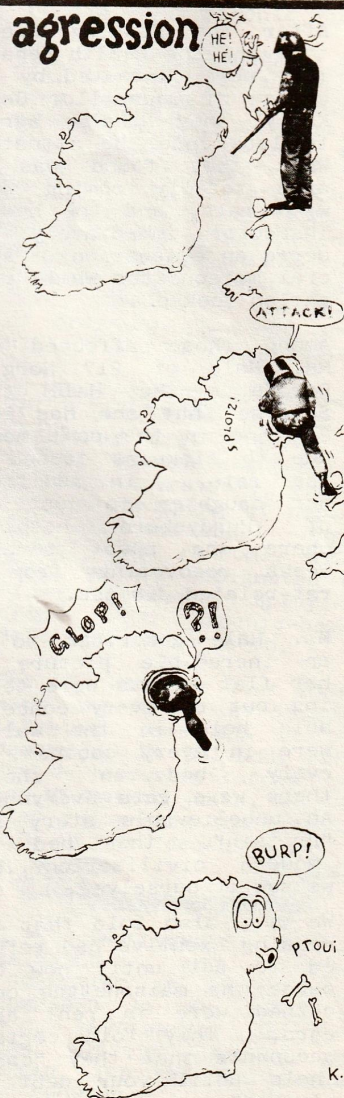


TONY O'HARA MEETS MEMBERS OF PATSY O'HARA YOUTH MOVEMENT ON RELEASE FROM LONG KESH

fronts. Of course this means in pickets and marches pressurising clergy and politicians. It also includes more militant forms of struggle. After all, this is why these men and women are in prison, for engaging in more militant forms of struggle.

Q. What do the INLA prisoners mean by the term, Political Status?

A. Political Status is a status equivalent to that prisoners in the cages of Long Kesh. It is recognition that the prisoner is a POW and not a criminal. In the Sunday Tribune recently an American professor babbled on about there being no basic difference between IRA/INLA prisoners' crimes and other crimes. But there is a very basic and obvious difference- we did not break the law, if we broke it, for personal gain but unselfishly for the good of our people. Political prisoners have broken laws because the laws, or



Sticks attack SAOIRSE sellers

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Over the past issues we have sadly had to report a number of violent attacks by members of Republican Clubs (sic) the Workers Party (sic) - sticks for short. Violence by the sticks has now accelerated even further, and has been directed against the IRSP itself.

The latest incident began on Saturday 5 September when 3 members of the Patsy O'Hara Youth Movement entered McEnaney's Pub, opposite Andytown barracks, to sell SAOIRSE. The three were kicked about and thrown out of the pub by known sticks from Turf Lodge. The RCTWP members were at the pub celebrating a local wedding.

Later in the evening an American journalist and H-Block activist entered the same pub with an IRSP member, again to sell SAOIRSE. The two were confronted at the door by two very drunk sticks, who manhandled the woman, and told the American he would "have his ballocks kicked in." However, after a doorman intervened, the two went upstairs and sold papers.

As they left the pub, the paper sellers were confronted by the drunken sticks. Two approached the woman and told her to "give us a paper." She asked for 10p, whereupon the man (?) said he had only 4p, and then grabbed her papers and threw them about the street. One of them held the woman against the wall, yelling threats at her.

Meanwhile, several sticks attacked the American, who was by this time sitting in a car. His head was slammed



LATEST VICTIM OF RCTWP VIOLENCE

repeatedly against the steering wheel and he was knocked unconscious. A brick was used to smash the windows of the car.

Five RCTWP members then pulled him out of the car and kicked him about the head for several minutes. They left him for dead on the street and hurried away. Toward the end of the beating, according to witnesses, a man of about 50 waddled into the street and took a few gratuitous kicks at the lifeless American.

While the savage beating was in progress, Martin Lynch (yes, the playwright and well-known stick) came out of McEnaney's Pub onto the scene. He was asked by the woman IRSP member, "where is your worker's party now - do you see what they are doing?" Lynch looked in the other direction and replied "I don't see anything."

An ambulance was finally called to take the victim

Royal Victoria Hospital for treatment. He received a number of stitches about the face and was held for observation. He is now suffering from a dislocated jaw and what seems to be a permanent hearing loss. He was told doctors that he was "very lucky to be alive" as he was nearly kicked to death (an obvious drunken oversight).

These recurrent attacks are obvious death spasms by the sticks. No longer politically relevant, they continue to exist merely through force and fear. They have no working-class politics and are run internally by a gang of undemocratic ringleaders.

Their attacks on other left-wing political parties have gone unreported. However, the IRSP is unwilling to allow attacks by RCTWP to go unreported especially since many of them are addressed at H Block supporters and obviously aimed at discouraging and undercutting the hunger-strike campaign. The sticks are banking that the liberation armies will not enter into a feud while the hunger-strike is on - no matter how hard they are pulled.

We encourage the people of the areas infested by sticks to treat them in the appropriate manner - as common criminals, thugs, enemies of the people and reactionaries. They are giving a bad name to those of us who are genuinely interested in peace with justice, conscious working-class politics, and socialism. They cannot be tolerated.

SAS Stakeout

The residents of Divis Flats have become very alarmed at the discovery that a British Army undercover unit has been staked out in a derelict flat in Pound Row for several days observing people in secret. They were discovered last Thursday crawling out of their stake-out with blackened faces and fully armed with automatic Heckler Koch rifles. By the amount



of tinned food scattered about, they had been there for several days.

In a statement the Loughran/McLarnon IRSP cumann, Divis Flats, said that this discovery was particularly sinister given the recent upsurge in Loyalist assassinations and threats by Marine Commandos to people in the area. "Perhaps the recent clean-up campaign could also include these particularly nasty form of vermin", the statement ended.

Che Guevara on Armed Struggle

This article is the beginning of a new series in Saoirse called "Voices of the Revolution". There are many lessons which we can learn if we only look to the work of other revolutionaries... and there are many pitfalls which we can avoid. In each issue we will take a short, important quote from a revolutionary of the past, and discuss it briefly and in simple terms.

This week's quote is from the great guerilla leader and socialist, Che Guevara. Che's most important contribution to the theory of the revolution was his theory of the guerilla "foco", outlined below. Che's ideas are different, and indeed refreshing, when compared to most of the world's Communist Parties and even to Lenin, who insist that a "revolutionary situation" must exist before armed struggle can begin. These Communist parties opposed guerilla struggle in every situation, even Cuba, in Latin America, and history has proven them wrong. They also opposed guerilla struggle in Ireland. The following extract comes from Che's "Lessons of the Cuban Revolution".

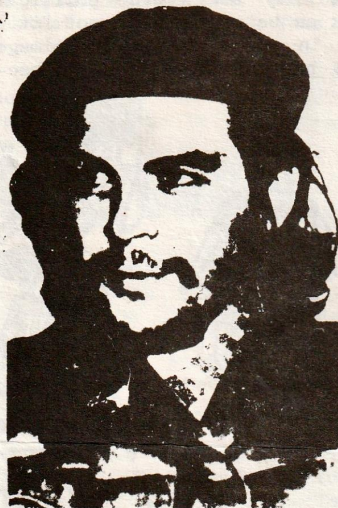


"The armed victory of the Cuban people... showed plainly the capacity of the people to free themselves by means of guerilla warfare from a government that oppresses them. We consider that the Cuban revolution contributed three fundamental lessons to the conduct of revolutionary movements in America. They are:

- (1) Popular forces can win a war against the army.
- (2) It is not necessary to wait until all conditions for making revolution exist; the insurrection can create them.
- (3) In underdeveloped America the countryside is the basic area for armed fighting.

"Of these three propositions the first two contradict the defeatist attitude of revolutionaries or pseudo-revolutionaries who remain inactive and take refuge in the pretext that against a professional army nothing can be done, who sit down to wait until in some mechanical way all necessary objective and subjective conditions are given without working to accelerate them.

"Naturally, it is not to be thought that all conditions for revolution are going to be created through the impulse given to them by guerilla activity. It must always be kept in mind that there is a necessary minimum without which the establishment and consolidation of the first center is not practicable. People must see clearly the futility of maintaining the fight for social goals within the framework of



civil debate. When forces of oppression come to maintain themselves in power against established law, peace is already considered broken.

"In these conditions popular discontent expresses itself in more active forms. An attitude of resistance finally crystallizes in an outbreak of fighting, provoked initially by the conduct of the authorities."



We will pass over the third point about rural guerilla warfare, because it is questionable whether it applies to Ireland, that will be the topic of a future column. However, we strongly agree with Che's first two points. The objectives of the INLA and IRA, if we are totally honest about them, are not really to create the revolution, at least not yet. That will be done in time. We are still in a stage where we must create the conditions for revolution. The liberation armies can do this 1) by showing the people of Ireland that they can defeat the oppressive occupying Brits and the sectarian orange state, and 2) by being a

political army which consistently points out that the people will be better off if they control their own affairs (ie. under socialism). The present situation does fulfill Che's condition about the futility of civil debate. Most nationalist people here realise that the Northern state is irreformable. However, it is our political task to strengthen this belief, and to clearly show the contradictions within the Northern state.

Finally, we must not be discouraged when there are defeats, as there most certainly will be. The revolution is not just around the corner, and our strength will be gained through the lessons of setbacks as much as through the lessons of victory. In this vein we quote Che again, on the crushing defeat and death of Hugo Blanco and his guerilla movement in Peru:

"One time, when we were preparing to make our landing from Granma, and when there was a great risk that all of us would be killed, Fidel said, 'What is more important than us is the example we set.' It's the same thing. Hugo Blanco has set an example, a good example, and he struggled as much as he could. But he suffered a defeat, the popular forces suffered a defeat. It's only a passing stage."

TO WIN, OR EVEN TO LOSE BATTLES
WE MUST FIRST FIGHT THEM.

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--CHE

Thoughts from Chairman NIXY P.7

The battle begins in the morning the dormant weaknesses emerge and present themselves for their daily engagement, challenging and taunting my resistant spirit, my mind rallies to the front "You must continue your exercises, it's necessary! think about your health and strength!" My body, in its usual silent manner makes its message felt. "What health! What strength! Forget about your daily exercises-I'm wrecked", it cries. "There's always tomorrow" But well my mind knows tomorrow brings another battle. "Get up and get stuck into them", cajoles my mind, "don't let the system beat you, this means your survival or are you a cabbage?", it taunts me. I make move to rise out of the bed, it's cold out there, looking round the cell I see the dreariness on all four walls, drab grey concrete, here and there the remnants of the white emulsion that once covered them. I lie down again, why

should I get up, "lie on", cries my body, my mind at me again, encouraging, cajoling "remember what George Jackson done every morning without fail. He knew he was beating the system, he stressed the importance of exercises for body and mind! Have you forgotten? Call yourself a revolutionary, you are becoming institutionalised".

That's the last straw! Up I get and wrap the towel around my waist. I look at my body. Despite my exercises it has signs of emaciation. I put my mattress against the wall and lay a blanket on the cold bare ground. I don't know how my feet have not been affected. Three and a half years, walking up and down in the cell on bare feet. I examine them, the instep has almost disappeared, how will I get used to shoes again? It's cold but outside the sun is shining. I can't see the sun from the side of the block but at least I can console

myself with the blue skies. "Start with a few easy ones", my mind urges me. I walk up and down the cell, my body has not fully awakened. Every morning my body must readjust itself to these stinking, rotting, depressing conditions. I go to the window and inhale some fresh air. A feel my head going light, my mind is beginning to stir. After a few more "laps" up and down the cell I begin my exercises. A few light ones, side bends and neck curls. I can feel myself coming to life, the sap rising in the veins. After ten minutes running on the spot I can feel the strength surging. I'm starting to enjoy them now! maybe not as many as I used to do but better than lying in bed like a cabbage. They won't fucking institutionalise me!", says my mind. **BATTLE WON**

JOHN NIXON
Republican Socialist P.O.W.
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Do you remember the article in the last issue of SAOIRSE about the attack on paper sellers by members of Republican Clubs? Well rumour has it, to put it no stronger than that, that one of the attackers was unfortunate enough to suffer an accident up near Twinbrook and is now in hospital nursing cracked ribs and so on. Our full sympathy goes out to him.

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And speaking of the Hackney Wicks. It has come to my attention that Moscow's Progress Publishers have "awarded" a contract to Repsol Publishers as sole agents to sell Soviet books in Ireland (Repsol is the stickie publishing house, incognito). I'm told that the new contract will be celebrated by a special edition of the Collected Works of Stalin, including a previously unpublished interview with Uncle Joe in which he reminisces about killing thousands of leftists in labour camps (but not with hurley bats). You can kill the revolutionaries, Joe, but not the revolution.

Well, it won't affect youse much because Soviet books are generally pretty boring (Marxist Principles of Minerology in Minsk for example). But you might fancy the odd tome, so you might as well know where the profits are going.

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"What I want is to lead a crusade - a Republican crusade - to make this a genuine Republic in the principles of Tone and Davis." Who said it? Was it a speech at a Bodinstown rally? Maybe even a speech from the 20s in the South? Not a bit of it. It was

none other than 26 Co. Taoiseach and leader of the faded blues, the party (Fine Gael), Garrett "Heavy Gang" Fitzgerald!! What's happening, you say. Well, maybe he's seen the light or maybe he was drunk. Or maybe even there's a by-election in the offing...

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Some residents of Divis Flats are beginning to wonder exactly what the "Divis Residents Association" is becoming. Formed some months ago, a steering committee was "appointed" until such time as a full committee could be elected. Now a leaflet has been pushed through doors in the flats asking people to fill in a coupon and endorse the steering committee for a year. What's wrong with a full meeting? Or is power raising its ugly head.

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And, finally, what are these strange rumours coming out of Turf Lodge about a brit saracen that careered off the road, down a hill, through some fences, and almost into someone's flat? They say there was "unmerciful screaming" and that half an hour later more brits came in and removed some big black plastic bags from the back of the saracen. Must not have been following the Green Cross code for safety!

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Statement from Crum prisoners

To the Editor,

Over the past number of weeks the prison administration here in Crumlin Road have been attempting to provoke a confrontation with the Republican remand prisoners. No doubt they feel that the reaction they so badly want will help divert attention from the H Blocks.

The screws, acting on the orders of the governor, who is no doubt acting on the say so of his political masters in the NIO have been selecting prisoners for strip searches in the knowledge that those selected will refuse to allow themselves to be degraded by dropping their underpants.

The deliberately provocative nature of these searches is emphasised by the fact that the screws refuse to accept that the underpants be shaken, thus confirming that nothing is being hidden. This the prisoners are prepared to do.

Within the last fortnight there has been an increase in this form of harassment. Eight men were selected for this strip search, all need I add from among the republican prisoners. When they refused to drop their underpants they were taken before a 'kangaroo court' and received 'sentences' ranging from solitary confinement to loss of visits, remission, parcels, association etc. Insult was added to injury when the prisoners who had been given 3 days solitary confinement were then ordered to remove the bedding from their cells and in effect PUT THEMSELVES ON THE BOARDS. This they refused to do firstly because removal of furniture and bedding constitutes prison work—which remand prisoners are not obliged to do, and secondly because they would have been in effect implementing part of their own punishment. Never the less, for refusing to remove the bedding these prisoners were given an ADDITIONAL punishment and lost an additional 14 days remission (al-

though they have not even been sentenced yet!)

At the moment, despite these petty harassments, our main concern is for the brave men in the hell holes of the H Blocks. We understand that they have for years suffered the most brutal treatment and endured the deprivations of the blanket and no-wash protest which led up to the hunger-strike.

P.R.O REPUBLICAN PRISONERS
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