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## BELFAST—



## ONWARDS TO VICTORY

## —BIRMINGHAM



### HERE TO STAY!

### HERE TO FIGHT!

Within one week of being removed from his job in repressing the Nationalist community in Ireland, Douglas Hurd, the new Home Secretary, was given a sharp reminder that the lessons of Ireland are being well learned over here. The Black and Asian youth of Handsworth in Birmingham, following in the footsteps of their Irish brothers and sisters, took up the revolutionary weapons of the brick and petrol bomb and attacked the police - the front line force of British state oppression.

Readers of IRELAND'S WAR should be clear of two things. One, this was not a 'race riot' as the gutter press would have us believe. This was not the Afro-Caribbean community attacking the Asian community. Nor was it the Black and Asian communities against the white community. No, the actions of the Black and Asian youth were a direct response to the repeated and never-ending harassment they are subjected to at the hands of the police; a response to the institutionalised state racism of immigration controls and discrimination in housing, health care, education and employment; a response to the growing numbers of racist attacks on Black and Asian people being carried out by the fascist thugs of groups like the NF

and the British National Party. And, indeed, far from this being any sort of 'race riot', the revolutionary assault on the police in Handsworth united Black, Asian and white youth, many of whom are Irish, in opposition to the poverty and deprivation which affects the whole of Handsworth's poor, working class community.

Secondly, the Black and Asian youth have demonstrated yet again that they will take revolutionary action to defend themselves and their communities and to destroy the forces of racism, imperialism and exploitation. Armed with the slogan "HERE TO STAY! HERE TO FIGHT!" the Black and Asian youth have stepped onto the revolutionary path, the path to freedom. And, as Handsworth demonstrated, the Black and Asian youth, as a vanguard revolutionary force, were able to win support from white working class youth in opposition to oppression.

It is for these two reasons that all IRELAND'S WAR readers, all progressive people must give resolute support to the Black and Asian youth and their emerging revolutionary organisations. The struggle of the Black and Asian community, like the Republican struggle in Ireland, is the struggle of all oppressed and exploited people.

If we are to be believed when we say we stand for an end to British imperialism and the establishment of freedom and justice then we must say that wherever and whenever British imperialism is attacked we are with those forces of freedom. The Black and Asian youth are our allies in the struggle against British imperialism. Do not be fooled by racist propaganda. Do not fall into the British state's 'divide and rule' tactic. Stand with your Black and Asian brothers and sisters and extend to them the hand of revolutionary solidarity. Furthermore, man the front lines of revolution alongside the Black and Asian youth. Together we can smash British imperialism once and for all.

HANDS OFF HANDSWORTH!

FULL SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY  
BLACK AND ASIAN YOUTH!..

**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
**NATIONAL 13.4%**  
**BIRMINGHAM 20%**  
**HANDSWORTH 50%**  
**HANDSWORTH'S**  
**BLACK YOUTH 95%**



# Vol. Ray McLaughlin

It is with great sadness that we report the death of IRA Volunteer Raymond McLaughlin. At the early age of 33 he died on holiday while swimming with his wife and 11 year old son.

Raymond McLaughlin lived in England for some years and while there he took up the cause of Irish freedom. He was captured in Coventry after a premature explosion in which his comrade James McDade died. Raymond was imprisoned for nine-and-a-half years, being released in December 1983.

Inside and out of prison Volunteer Raymond McLaughlin remained an Irish patriot and Freedom Fighter. While in English prisons he took part in many protest actions in defence of Prisoners' rights, on behalf of both Irish and non-Irish Prisoners.

Despite being refused the right to repatriation while a Prisoner, on his release the British state, operating its double standards, served an Exclusion Order on him and sent him back to Ireland where he immediately became active as an IRA Volunteer.

Raymond McLaughlin was buried with full Republican military honours. On Thursday 12 September an IRA firing party paid their final tribute to him and on Friday 13 September he was buried in Buncrana, Co. Donegal. The funeral cortege was led by an IRA Guard of Honour and hundreds of Republican people turned out to pay their last respects. However, even in death Raymond McLaughlin was to suffer state harassment. Hundreds of Garda in riot gear tried to disrupt his funeral and his family and the mourners were subjected to scenes of intimidation normally associated with RUC provocation at Republican funerals in the occupied 6 Counties. It is to the credit of his family, friends and comrades that, despite this, Volunteer Raymond McLaughlin was buried with dignity and pride. Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams MP, paid tribute to Raymond McLaughlin at his graveside telling mourners that the best way to honour his memory was for people to go back to their own areas and organise.

The Republican Movement and freedom loving people across the world have suffered a great loss in the tragic death of IRA Volunteer Raymond McLaughlin. However at this time we especially send our sympathy and condolences to his wife Mary, his son Patrick and his family circle..

MD. SCRP.



## POWs relatives organise

On Monday 22 July, at a meeting in West Belfast, relatives set up a Committee to build support for the 5 Demands of the POWs held in England.

The relatives will campaign for:

1. REPATRIATION, ON DEMAND, TO JAILS IN IRELAND.
2. RELEASE OF PRISONERS FRAMED BY THE BRITISH POLICE.
3. AN END TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND SPECIAL CONTROL UNITS.
4. RELEASE OF PATRICK HACKETT ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.
5. ABOLITION OF THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT.

The Committee will also highlight the plight of Prisoners' relatives in travelling to and visiting their loved ones, held as political hostages by the British state.

All IRELAND'S WAR readers should give their full support to the 5 Demands of the Prisoners and the work being done on their behalf by the Relatives of POWs in England Committee. To quote a letter recently published in AN PHOBLACHT/REPUBLICAN NEWS:

"THE FORMING OF A COMMITTEE BY THE RELATIVES OF REPUBLICAN POWS HELD IN ENGLISH PRISONS IS WELCOMED BY THE REPUBLICAN POWS IN HM PRISON, LONG LARTIN.

"IT IS MORE THAN 12 YEARS SINCE THE FAMILIES FIRST BEGAN, IN MOST CASES, THEIR YEARLY PILGRIMAGES TO ENGLISH PRISONS AND, DURING THAT TIME, THEY HAVE ENDURED MANY HARSHIPS AND SUFFERED MUCH INDIGNITY AT THE HANDS OF THE BRITISH STATE. THEY HAVE SUFFERED ARREST, STRIP-SEARCHING, INTIMIDATION, AND ABUSE AND, ON THEIR RETURN HOME, HAVE TO COPE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COST OF THEIR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, ETC.

"STILL THEY COME, YEAR AFTER YEAR, TO REFUE OUR SPIRIT, OFT TIMES LOW, WITH THEIR INSPIRING EXAMPLE OF ENDURANCE AND LOYALTY IN THE FACE OF GREAT ADVERSITY.

## IRISH POWS

"The POWs are paying a terrible price for the dream of a united Ireland".

With these words a relative of an Irish POW in England was introduced at a recent public meeting organised by the Glasgow Irish Republican POW Committee.

Speaking as a member of the recently formed Relatives of Irish POWs in England Committee, Marie outlined the 5 demands of the POWs, using examples to highlight the need for the Prisoners' demands to be met. The problems of visiting the POWs, strip-searching, cancellation of visits, the cost of travelling (£200 and more from the North to £600 from the South) hammered home the need for repatriation. The solitary confinement of Vince Donnelly was an example of the need to end solitary confinement and the Control Units. Marie outlined the cases of the framed Prisoners and the demand for their release. The demand to repeal the PTA was graphically illustrated by a detailed account of the Act by a Labour Committee on Ireland speaker. Marie stressed the need to campaign on the case of Patrick Hackett and drew the link between the British government's horrific treatment of him and the Southern Irish government's similarly horrific treatment of Mick Kinsella in Portlaoise jail. A member of GIFAC speaking from the audience reminded those present that Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer, on remand in RMP Brixton, were being subjected to constant strip-searches and that everyone should write to Douglas Hurd, the new Home Secretary, in protest.

Marie finished her excellent and moving speech by thanking the Glasgow Irish Republican POW Committee for their support and concluded by saying:

"The British have never given us anything. Anything we have, we have taken!"

KC. GIFAC..

The Glasgow Irish Republican POW Committee would like to thank all groups and individuals for their donations for the holidays for the children of POWs and hope for continued support on behalf of the Prisoners. Anyone wishing further information should contact: TONY O'NEALA, c/o PO BOX 4, DUMBARTON.

### THE FIVE DEMANDS of the republican POWs in English jails are:

- Repatriation, on demand, of Irish political prisoners to jails in Ireland.
- The release of prisoners framed by the British police.
- An end to solitary confinement and special control units.
- Release of Patrick Hackett on medical grounds.
- Abolition of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

"SUCH ENDURANCE HAS ENSURED THAT THE POLICY OF ISOLATION PURSUED BY SUCCESSIVE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS HAS FAILED AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF IRISH FREEDOM LIVES ON IN ENGLISH JAILS.

"WE HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL GROW SO AS TO INCLUDE THE RELATIVES OF ALL REPUBLICAN POWS IN ENGLISH JAILS AND THAT RELEASED COMRADES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE OF THE HARSHIPS INVOLVED, WILL LEND ASSISTANCE TO THE AIMS OF THE COMMITTEE.

"FINALLY, WE CALL UPON ALL REPUBLICANS, SOCIALISTS AND PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE TO SUPPORT THE FIVE DEMANDS BEING ADVANCED ON OUR BEHALF BY THE RELATIVES COMMITTEE AND THAT, PENDING THE ATTAINMENT OF THOSE DEMANDS, THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE ALLEVIATION OF THE HARSHIPS ENDURED BY THE REPUBLICAN POWS' FAMILIES."

PRO, Republican POWs, Long Lartin.

SUPPORT THE 5 DEMANDS!

VICTORY TO THE PRISONERS AND THEIR RELATIVES!

KC. GIFAC..



# Soviet Youth support Irish freedom

July 27 to August 3 saw the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students take place in Moscow around the theme "FOR ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY, PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP". Hundreds of thousands of people from over 153 countries attended this major event, including a 120 strong delegation from Ireland.

Among the Irish delegation were victims of British repression including, ex-Armagh prisoner Brieghe Brownlee of the anti-strip-searches campaign, Brenda Downes (widow of plastic-bullet victim John Downes) of the United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets, and Desi Breslin of the Stop the Show-Trial Committee. These 3 representatives received messages of solidarity from delegations from Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chile, Grenada, India and Cuba. The leader of the Soviet Youth delegation, speaking at a tribunal on anti-colonialism, condemned British repression in the six counties.

## CENSORSHIP BACKFIRES.

A group from the Irish delegation had intended to display the BELFAST EXPOSED photographic exhibition, (which portrays the reality of life in the occupied City), in the Exhibition Hall where each delegation had a stall. However in an attempt to censor the truth on Ireland the "Workers Party", Fianna Fail and Fine Gael members in the Irish Youth delegation demanded that the BELFAST EXPOSED exhibition be removed. This attempted censorship backfired when the Soviet Youth organisation, in an outstanding act of proletarian internationalism, agreed to show the BELFAST EXPOSED exhibition in their own headquarters. As a result many more people saw it there than would have seen it in the Exhibition Hall.

Despite the attempted censorship by the other Irish groups, and thanks to the solidarity of the Soviet Youth delegation and other anti-imperialist delegations, the six-county delegates and the Republicans who attended the festival were satisfied that they had got the truth across in the true spirit of "ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY, PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP".

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

## BARLINNIE

Desmond Tighe of Wishaw, Scotland, spends his summers at the same 'hotel' every year. From 1979 to this year, courtesy of the Wishaw police and HM's government, Desmond has been sent to HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow to spend 3 months - June, July and August - on remand. Each time, apart from one occasion, the charges brought against him have been thrown out of court. And on the one occasion he was found guilty the charges were dismissed on appeal.

In the latest incident Desmond reports that on June 21 this year the police, without a warrant, smashed in his door at 2.45am. His 2 young children were absolutely terrified by the police's banging, kicking and shouting and his 18 month old daughter almost sustained injury at the hands of these plain clothes thugs. Desmond's initial thought was that his house was under attack and he took steps to defend himself and his family. This resulted in him being charged with 'police assault'. Once again the police, minus a warrant and in plain clothes, smash into someone's house and then charge their victim with 'police assault'.

Desmond asked GIFAC members to visit him in Barlinnie and to publicise his case. We fully support him and demand that the police end this campaign of harassment against him. The police should note - this type of behaviour on their part in Toxteth and Handsworth has led them to run for their lives!.

KC. GIFAC.

## SPSC

Only a mighty voice will break down the wall of silence that surrounds Scotland's prisons. If you want to be part of that voice then join the Scottish Prisoners Support Committee today. Our prisoners must not stand alone.

I wish to join the SPSC.

Name.....

Address.....

I wish to support the work of the SPSC by making a donation of £.....

Write to FOOTPRINT (SPSC), PO BOX 219, GLASGOW G31 4DZ.

Cheques/POs payable to SCOTTISH PRISONERS SUPPORT COMMITTEE.

# WORDS AT WORK

BY FIONBARRA O'DOCHARTAIGH. £2 (POST FREE). AVAILABLE FROM PO BOX 24, DERRY BT48 6AZ, IRELAND.

A SERIES OF PAMPHLETS ENTITLED WORDS AT WORK IS BEING COMPILED BY FIONBARRA O'DOCHARTAIGH OF DERRY WHICH REFLECT ON MANY IRISH ISSUES PAST AND PRESENT. THE SERIES IS BASED ON A SELECTION OF MR. O'DOCHARTAIGH'S WRITINGS OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. PAMPHLET NO.1 CONTAINS A FOREWORD BY FATHER JOSEPH McVEIGH, A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE ANTI-STRIP-SEARCH CAMPAIGN, AND PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS PUBLICATION WILL BE DONATED TOWARDS THIS CAMPAIGN.

PAMPHLET NO.1 CONTAINS FOUR ARTICLES CONCENTRATING ON DIFFERENT IRISH HEROES: ANNA DEVLIN, WHO WAS ROBERT EMMET'S HOUSEKEEPER AND ONE OF IRISH REPUBLICANISM'S FIRST HEROINES; WILLIAM THOMPSON, WHO IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE FORERUNNER OF KARL MARX AND THE FIRST WRITER TO TALK OF "SOCIALISM"; PADRAIG PEARSE, ENTITLED "ROMANTIC OR REALIST", IN WHICH MR. O'DOCHARTAIGH EXPOSES THE PROPAGANDISTS WHO WOULD BURY IRELAND'S GLORIOUS PAST LEST GREAT MEN INSPIRE US TODAY; AND JAMES CONNOLLY, AN APPRECIATION OF THE MAN AND HIS WORK. THE PAMPHLET ALSO CONTAINS SONGS AND POEMS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES, FOR INSTANCE "THE BOLD ROBERT EMMET".

FIONBARRA O'DOCHARTAIGH WRITES WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND BRINGS TO LIFE THE CHARACTERS HE DESCRIBES. HE EXPOSES THE UNDEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND WHICH OPPRESSED THE POOR FOR COUNTLESS DECADES AND CONTINUES TO OPPRESS THE WORKING CLASS TODAY. TO QUOTE JOSEPH McVEIGH IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE PAMPHLET "WORDS CAN BE USED TO RAISE AWARENESS OR TO CONTROL. FIONBARRA USES THEM TO LIBERATE AND INSPIRE". THIS PUBLICATION PLACES THE PRESENT STRUGGLE IN ITS PROPER CONTEXT - THE STRUGGLE OF THE POOR FOR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM.

AMONGST THE ARTICLES IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF WORDS AT WORK MR. O'DOCHARTAIGH WILL DISCUSS INTERNMENT, BLOODY SUNDAY, THE MEDIA AND REPRESSION WITHIN PRISONS. WORDS AT WORK WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO YOUNG REPUBLICANS AND SUPPORTERS OF IRISH FREEDOM IN GRASPING THE HISTORY OF THE MORE RECENT ASPECTS OF THE STRUGGLE..

F.McG. GIFAC.

## I.W. Supporter on the run.

WEARING A 'SPIRIT OF FREEDOM' T-SHIRT ALEC, THE IW PRISONERS' FUND MARATHON RUNNER JOGGED HOME IN STYLE TO THE FINISH OF THE GLASGOW MARATHON ON 22 SEPTEMBER, HIS TIME 4HRS. 44MINS. A GOODLY SUM WILL BE RAISED IN THIS WAY TO SEND POLITICAL PAPERS, BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS TO PRISONERS IN SCOTLAND, IRELAND AND ELSEWHERE. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALEC, YOU PUT INTO PRACTICE THE PRISONERS' OWN SOLIDARITY SLOGAN "We are here for you, you are there for us".

## RECLAIM THE MARATHON:

THE 11,000 RUNNERS IN THE GLASGOW PEOPLE'S MARATHON AS WELL AS MANY OF THE 40,000 SPECTATORS SAW STARS WHEN THE STARRY PLOUGH, JAMES CONNOLLY'S FLAG OF THE 32 COUNTY SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WAS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE RACE AT 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OVER THE 26 MILE COURSE. IT IS FITTING THAT GLASGOW, HOME OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST MARATHON RACE AND HOME ALSO OF ONE OF THE STRONGEST IRISH REPUBLICAN SUPPORT MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE IRELAND, SHOULD FLY THIS FLAG TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESSIVE RUNNERS OF ALL KINDS AND TO DISMAY THOSE RUNNERS WHOSE ALLEGIANCE IS TO BRIT STATE REPRESSION.

THE STARRY PLOUGH WAS GREETED WITH DELIGHT BY DOZENS OF PRO-REPUBLICAN RUNNERS PROVOKING EVERYTHING FROM THUMBS-UP SIGNS TO FULL-BLOODED CRIES OF "James Connolly" AND "Up the Re!"

THE GIFAC CONTINGENT GREETED THEM ALL WITH SHOUTS OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN KIND, AND ALSO SHOUTED FOR ALL PROGRESSIVE RUNNERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING FOR 'Aid for Nicaragua', WHO SAID AFTERWARDS HOW MUCH THEY HAD NEEDED AND APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT.

LIKewise GIFAC DID ITS BEST TO MAKE ALL THE UNION JACK BEDECKED AND ARMY AND POLICE RUNNERS UNWELCOME. ANTI-PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE ON A PEOPLE'S MARATHON! BOOS, CAT-CALLS, SHOUTS FOR 'Brits Out!', 'Remember Ballykelly!', AND FOR THE MINERS WERE THEIR DISHEARTENING SHARE. A SERVING UDR SOLDIER, WHOSE SINGLET PROCLAIMED HIM AS 2ND. BATTALION UDR, ARMAGH CREPT BY ON THE OTHER SIDE. WHILE A GANGLING LOONY IN A BUTCHER'S APRON SINGLET RAN ALONG SHRIEKING "Rule Britannia ya bastards!" AT US. A SURVIVOR OF THE LAST CENTURY WE SUPPOSED.

PRO-REPUBLICANS OF GLASGOW, DON'T LET THIS GREAT GLASGOW EVENT BE MISTAKEN FOR A GLASGOW HUN-RUN. MAYBE NEXT YEAR THERE'LL BE LOTS OF PROGRESSIVE FLAGS AND BANNERS TO WELCOME THE RUNNERS - IRISH, SCOTTISH, PLO, ANC, ANYTHING YOU LIKE. THEN THE ANTI-PEOPLE WON'T BE SO KEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT SHOULD BE A REAL WORKING CLASS CELEBRATION OF SPORT AND FITNESS - THEY'LL BE RUN OFF OUR STREETS..

GM. GIFAC.



# Mr. James (77) charged with PTA

## STRIP SEARCHES

In IW 14 we reported on the arrests and charging under the PTA, of 14 people following raids throughout Scotland and England.

11 of those arrested are being held on remand in HMP Brixton, London and they report that they are suffering constant harassment at the hands of the screws.

The cases of the two Irish women being held, Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer and Irishman Gearóid mac Domhnaill, illustrate what they are being subjected to.

On 11 September Ella O'Dwyer reported that she and her comrade Martina were being strip-searched on an average of 7 times a week. By the end of September they had undergone a total of 86 strip-searches and 216 body searches. The women also report that they receive very little association and cell checks are carried out 'very often'. In August Ella was put on 'punishment' for 7 days for speaking to a fellow Prisoner through her cell window. And the following week she and Martina lost 1 week's association for speaking to a Prisoner in another block.

On 29 August Gearóid mac Domhnaill was forcibly moved to a cell whose window was covered by perspex sheets with half-inch drill holes for air. Behind that was an old steel window frame then 2½ inch broad bars running across, other bars down. Behind that wire grill allowing very little visibility then another grill, more bars and three feet away, a double sheet of mesh wire fencing! Gearóid reports that the lack of natural light forces him to have his cell light on even if the sun is shining giving him constant headaches. He is almost totally isolated and reports that the male remand Prisoners arrested with him are also being strip-searched.

This treatment is not carried out for 'security' reasons. Where's the 'security' problem in allowing a Prisoner fresh air and sunlight? Where's the 'security' justification for strip-searching Prisoners who are almost totally isolated from all but screws? To quote Gearóid mac Domhnaill

*"It's all harassment, just like the strip-searches on the women (and us too) - they're not security - I could see it maybe being that once in a blue moon, but not this regular routine which amounts to torture/inhuman and degrading treatment and a sadistic treatment of any human being, male or female. It's visual rape and the women POWs deserve great praise for their courage and dignity in the face of such attacks on them."*

We must make our voices heard in support of these Prisoners. Write to Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, at the Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London to protest on their behalf. Do not let them stand alone.

The Prisoners report they are in good spirits despite the harassment. As Ella O'Dwyer says:

*"THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM LIVES ON!"*

KC. GIFAC..

On Saturday 24 August a 77 year old man, Mr. James, was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act in connection with IRELAND'S WAR during a Republican march in Carfin, Scotland.

The march, organised by the Wolfe Tone Flute Band, Craigneuk and the Spirit of Freedom Flute Band, Cleland, was around 1,000 strong with a large uniformed police presence before and during it.

Despite his age and frailness Mr. James was held over the weekend by Bellshill police and appeared in Hamilton Sheriff Court on Monday 26 August charged under Section 2 of the PTA that:

*"He carried and displayed a document entitled 'Ireland's War' in such a way and circumstances as to arouse reasonable apprehension that he was a member or supporter of a proscribed organisation, namely the IRA, contrary to Section 2 of the PTA."*

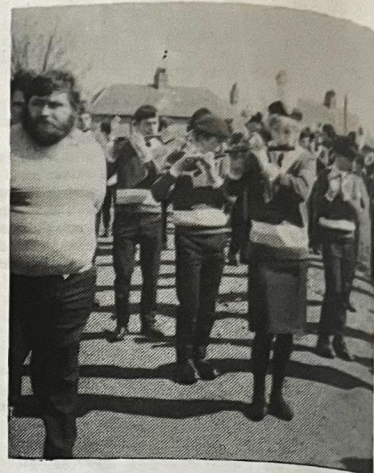
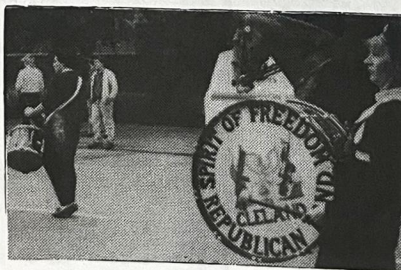
During his detention over the weekend the police told his family, his lawyer and Joan Maynard MP that they had dropped the PTA charge against him - THIS WAS A LIE!

### LABOUR MP CONDEMNNS STRATHCLYDE POLICE

Joan Maynard MP condemned the arrest and phoned Strathclyde police on the Saturday night to demand Mr. James' immediate release. She expressed her extreme concern at recent attacks on the democratic rights to free speech and in particular the right to speak out on Ireland. She drew the link between the arrest made under the PTA and the banning of the BBC's 'Real Lives' programme - both were attacks on the democratic rights to free speech and the freedom of the press, she said.

### PTA ISOLATION BROKEN.

Throughout the weekend Bellshill police station was inundated with phone calls from friends, family and supporters of Mr. James. GIFAC contacted the press and individuals and organisations throughout Scotland and England, all of whom expressed concern at Mr. James' arrest. A lawyer was contacted on his behalf and full marks go to the Wolfe Tone Flute Band who constantly phoned the police all weekend, ensuring that the usual isolation that surrounds PTA victims was broken and that Mr. James was not standing alone. Indeed, so aware were the police of the strength of support for Mr. James that when he asked if he would have a lawyer for his Monday morning court appearance, they commented that not only had a lawyer already been in touch with them but so had hundreds of other people! They didn't foresee any problems in his having a lawyer in court!



### RESISTING POLICE INTIMIDATION.

Despite his weekend in police custody Mr. James emerged in a fighting spirit. He gave his full backing to a public campaign in his own defence and in defence of IRELAND'S WAR. So GIFAC decided that at the first available opportunity it was important to be on the streets selling IRELAND'S WAR. On Saturday 31 August GIFAC members supported by the Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG) and an observer from the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties turned out at the Celtic v Rangers football game at Celtic Park to show that we had not been intimidated by the police. Apart from minor police harassment GIFAC and the RCG sold their newspapers and re-stated the right to free speech on Ireland and the right to sell anti-imperialist literature..

## Mr. JAMES

### LIFE LONG REVOLUTIONARY.

Mr. James joined the Communist Party of Great Britain in 1932 and remains a member to this day. During his lifetime he has remained a consistent activist, communist and supporter of all progressive struggles across the world.

During the 1930s Mr. James was a local organiser for the National Unemployed Workers Union and a member of the Union's JOHN MACLEAN FLUTE BAND.

He fought with the 15th. INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE in the Spanish Civil War, was captured at the battle of Jarama and held as a Prisoner of War by the fascists for several months.

During World War 2 he served with the British army in India and in his free time worked with the Communist Party of India. He joined the GIFAC two years ago and is a supporter of the Scottish Communist Republican Party. He is currently active in the Glasgow Anti-Cuts Campaign..



# DEFEND IRELAND'S WAR.



## IRELAND'S WAR UNDER ATTACK.

WE REGARD MR. JAMES' ARREST AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY THE POLICE TO CENSOR IRELAND'S WAR. THE ARREST FOLLOWS ON TWO OTHER ATTACKS ON IRELAND'S WAR IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS: ON A RECENT IRISH REPUBLICAN MARCH IN GLASGOW THREE IRELAND'S WAR SUPPORTERS WERE ARRESTED FOR SELLING THE PAPER WITHOUT A 'TRADER'S LICENCE'. ALTHOUGH A LICENCE IS NOT NEEDED TO SELL NEWSPAPERS IN GLASGOW. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE SUNDAY POST CARRIED AN ATTACK ON IRELAND'S WAR AND STRATHCLYDE POLICE OPENLY DECLARED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE GLASGOW HERALD, THAT THEY WOULD 'COME DOWN HARD' ON ORGANISATIONS WHICH SUPPORT THE IRISH CAUSE OF FREEDOM - AND NOW THIS MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED UNDER THE PTA.

## NEW WAVE OF REPRESSION.

SINCE THE HUNGER STRIKE IN 1981 SUPPORT IN SCOTLAND AND IN ENGLAND FOR THE IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT HAS GROWN. THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN THE WEST OF SCOTLAND HAS ORGANISED ROUND THE REPUBLICAN BANDS. AND NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS IRELAND'S WAR HAVE GROWN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

IN RETALIATION THE STATE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW WAVE OF REPRESSION AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD SPEAK OUT ON IRELAND. RECENT ATTACKS ON IRELAND'S WAR MUST BE SEEN AGAINST THE BROADER BACKGROUND OF ATTACKS ON THE IRISH COMMUNITY: THE BANNING OF THE BBC'S 'REAL LIVES' PROGRAMME; BBC MANCHESTER RADIO'S 'IRISH LINE' PROGRAMME RUN BY THE IRISH IN BRITAIN REPRESENTATION GROUP (IBRG) HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE BBC BECAUSE IT WAS TO DISCUSS ISSUES SUCH AS THE PTA AND STRIP-SEARCHING IN ARMAGH; THE BANNING BY THE POLICE OF AN IRISH CONCERT IN BEDFORD ON THE PRETEXT THAT IT WOULD BE USED AS A VENUE FOR COLLECTIONS FOR THE IRA; A RECENT INCREASE IN THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF IRISH PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND UNDER THE PTA AND POLICE OPPOSITION TO THE LEEDS IRISH CENTRE BEING USED BY THE IBRG FOR IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES. ALL THIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CRUSH THE GROWING AWARENESS OF IRISH PEOPLE HERE OF THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITY, THEIR GROWING CONFIDENCE IN SPEAKING OUT AND TO STEM THE TIDAL WAVE OF SUPPORT FOR IRISH FREEDOM.

## PTA REPRESSION EXTENDED.

THE PTA IS NOW BEING EXTENDED AND UNDER NEW MEASURES OVERSEAS MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO), THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) AND THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIBERATION FRONT (JKLF) TO NAME BUT A FEW, COULD BECOME PROSCRIBED ORGANISATIONS. THUS SUPPORT GROUPS FOR SUCH MOVEMENTS WILL FACE THE SAME HARASSMENT AND PERSECUTION AS HAS BEEN METED OUT TO THE IRISH COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT.



Wolfe Tone Band on St. Patrick's Day 1985

## WIDESPREAD IMPLICATIONS.

The charge under the PTA is an extremely serious development with widespread implications affecting all progressive organisations. Mr. James, at the age of 77, faces a possible prison sentence and/or a large fine. If the police are successful in criminalising Mr. James then all IV sellers will face the possibility of similar charges. These are the direct threats facing Mr. James and IRELAND'S WAR.

## IRISH SOLIDARITY UNDER ATTACK.

However, the British state is not simply trying to silence IRELAND'S WAR. It wishes to censor all publications which tell the truth about Ireland. It wishes to stop all manifestations of anti-imperialist solidarity with Ireland. If the police are able to get a conviction using the PTA against IRELAND'S WAR then it may provide a legal precedent which could be used against all Irish solidarity newspapers ie. TROOPS OUT: all Irish Republican publications ie. AN PHOBLACHT/REPUBLICAN NEWS, and all anti-imperialist papers ie. SOCIALIST REPUBLIC which give coverage to the struggle for Irish freedom. This attack on IRELAND'S WAR is therefore of grave concern to all those who wish to speak out on Ireland. The campaign to defend Mr. James and IRELAND'S WAR needs the support of all those who defend free speech on Ireland.

## ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY UNDER ATTACK.

The recent decision to extend the PTA from a purely anti-Irish law into a law aimed at all revolutionary movements throughout the world is also of concern. We have already seen Kashmiri anti-imperialists arrested under the PTA. If the police can establish that giving coverage in newspapers to the Struggle for Irish freedom is illegal under the PTA then, by extension, dozens of publications which support overseas revolutionary movements could face similar charges. The attack on Mr. James and IRELAND'S WAR is therefore of grave concern to all those who wish to speak out on ANY revolutionary anti-imperialist struggle.

## ALL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK.

During the Miners Strike we saw a whole range of repressive legislation used against Trade Unionists and their supporters. Once the police have powers then they will be used against every group who rise up against their oppression. The attack on Mr. James and IRELAND'S WAR's democratic right to free speech is therefore at one and the same time an attack on everyone's democratic rights.

## YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

IRELAND'S WAR calls on all its readers, on all supporters of the Irish Republican Movement, on all anti-imperialists and on all democratic-minded people to help us to defend Mr. James and IRELAND'S WAR - to defend the basic democratic right to freedom of the press, to defend free speech on Ireland.

THE IRELAND'S WAR DEFENCE CAMPAIGN urgently needs cash to mount an effective defence of 77 year old Mr. James. We urge you to rush donations to us at: FOOTPRINT (IWDC), PO BOX 219, GLASGOW G31 4DZ, SCOTLAND. (Make Cheques/POs payable to GIFAC).

We need volunteers to help in the work of the Defence Campaign. If you think that you can help in any way then write to the above address.

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# USA corroded



Beneath the gilded exterior of Constitutional rights and "Justice for All", the American establishment is corroded. An American citizen is "free" to speak in favour of the Contras (counter-revolutionary t e r r o r i s t s in Nicaragua - Ed.), to recruit soldiers and even supply them with funds and weapons; but the same activities on behalf of the Sandinistas, or the Irish Republican Army bring harassment and prison sentences.

The Reagan administration has demonstrated its ideological opposition to civil liberties by intimidation and entrapment of those who actively support the Irish freedom struggle. Perhaps the most difficult burden is borne by those who are in prison in America for their dedication to Irish freedom. The list included Irishmen who came to America to escape the injustice of the Diplock Courts, Irish and Irish-Americans who were "set-up" by the FBI and are now serving sentences for weapons violations, and an American citizen, Liam Quinn, whose active support for Irish freedom led to his arrest in 1982 at the urging of the British government. Liam was charged in the shooting of a London constable, and although an Appeals Court judge ruled in 1983 that his actions clearly fell within the political offence exception provision of the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Britain, and ordered him released within 10 days, Liam Quinn is still in prison. Members of the legal profession have expressed outrage over the extent the government is willing to go to keep Quinn in jail. And to ensure that he and others like him never have the chance of gaining freedom, the U.S. Senate is now considering a change in the treaty (already signed by Reagan and Thatcher), which would eliminate the political offence clause altogether. This proposal is retroactive.


A number of bills have been introduced in Congress during Reagan's second term which purport to define and punish "terrorism". Definitions are given in the bills, but the authority to determine what people, groups, and/or nations fall under these definitions is given to the Department of State. Thus anyone whose thinking runs contrary to that of the DOS would be subject to the punishments outlined in this repressive legislation. A defendant would not even have the right in a court of law to challenge the State Department's classification! All classifications would necessarily be politically-motivated.

Intimidation by the executive department - the State Department, CIA, FBI, Immigration and Naturalization, and other bureaus, has been unrelenting. We were questioned in our shop by an FBI agent last year about our activities for Ireland. Under the Privacy Act, citizens may request copies of files kept on them by government agencies. Therefore, we requested our file from the state office of the FBI. They denied this request, on the grounds that "it would hamper law enforcement proceedings" and that "the investigation was still pending" - the FBI, however, refuses to say what offences we are suspected of. Following standard procedure, we appealed to the Justice Department in Washington. They also denied access to the file on the same grounds, and released only a copy of a newspaper article about our publication THE IRISH AMERICAN VOICE, which appeared in a local paper. Other activists across the country have been questioned, followed, and had their telephones tapped. There have been numerous incidents of attempted entrapment.

## Mosquito Press

Mosquito Press is an independent anti-imperialist organisation whose members and supporters are active in IRELAND'S WAR Support Groups, the Korea Friendship Committee, and other anti-imperialist organisations and activities. Mosquito Press publishes anti-imperialist literature, including books, pamphlets and news releases on Ireland, Black Power, Korea and other issues.

For further information, and a full list of publications, write to: MOSQUITO PRESS, 27A OLD GLOUCESTER STREET, LONDON WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND.



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The government has tried in the past to force Irish Northern Aid to register as an agent of a foreign principal. Numerous allegations have been made by the authorities and the media that Irish Northern Aid is involved in weapons shipments, although not a single piece of evidence has ever been brought forward to document these insinuations. Noraid spokesmen have been denied entry to occupied Ireland, just as representatives of the Republican Movement have been denied visas to visit the U.S. Recently, two American women activists were detained and harassed by the RUC and British Army, one of them being an elected representative in the State of Massachusetts.

The threat to civil rights will increase. In December 1981, Reagan signed an executive order (which does not require congressional action and is almost impossible to lobby against), permitting the intelligence agencies to spy on Americans not even suspected of breaking the law. With another executive order, he moved to ensure that violations never see the light of day, by changing the criteria for classifying government documents, making it easier to keep "secrets".

But despite these encroachments on our rights, Americans will continue to speak out for freedom. As one New York supporter stated:

"I feel a sense of outrage that I'm not supposed to get involved in the liberation of my ancestral homeland, while such activities by other ethnic groups are allowed, even blessed by the U.S. government. Any attempted publicity by activists is deliberately censored or reconstructed by newspaper editors in order to minimise the credibility and destroy the impact of the truth. It makes me more defiant."

Brian and Georgia Fleming - Irish American Voice..

## READ THE TRUTH

### AN PHOBLACHT/REPUBLICAN NEWS.

Weekly paper of Sinn Fein, from AP/RN, 44 PARNELL SQUARE, DUBLIN, IRELAND.

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# NEWHAM 7: self defence is no offence

In April 1984 Asian youth bravely fought white racist thugs in Newham, East London, in an operation carried out to defend the East End's Black communities from fascist activity in the area. The local police immediately arrested and charged seven Asian youths in connection with the incident.

Parvaiz Khan, his brother Zafar, Bahadur Khan, Mohammed Hanif, Rathar Chaudri, Amjad Ali and Jothi Rajappan were charged with affray and conspiracy to cause criminal damage. Only three white youths were arrested and charged by police, even though white racists had provoked the confrontation.

Outraged by the British state's attempt to criminalise the 'Newham Seven' Black youth and other anti-racists mobilised to support the Newham Seven Defence Campaign. Militant demonstrations and pickets were organised by the Campaign and attacked by the state. When police attacked the two massive demonstrations held in Newham earlier this year, Asian and Afro-Caribbean youth armed themselves with bricks and bottles and fought back. (See IW 13 - Ed.) Such was the militancy of the support for the Newham Seven that when the case finally came to the Old Bailey in May this year police, (a number armed with handguns) swamped the area in a fashion that began to resemble the trials of Irish Patriots and frame-up victims in England.



Throughout the trial the Newham Seven Defence Campaign staged pickets outside the Old Bailey. Supporters chanted 'Newham Seven innocent - self defence is no offence' and 'Whose conspiracy - police conspiracy'. As the pickets grew stronger the police carried out brutal attacks and indiscriminate arrests of demonstrators. Such brutality was not restricted to outside the Old Bailey. On the first day of the trial Old Bailey screws attacked and beat up Newham Seven defendant. Parvaiz Khan.

The trial of the Newham Seven exposed a series of police 'irregularities' and cover ups, further exposing the collaboration between the state and out of uniform fascist thugs.

As the trial drew to a close in July the Newham Seven Defence Campaign stepped up its demonstrations of solidarity with the defendants. The Defence Campaign claimed a 'moral victory' when the largely white jury delivered its verdict after a deliberation lasting more than 13 hours. Rathar Chaudri, Amjad Ali and Jothi Rajappan were acquitted of affray, causing criminal damage and possessing offensive weapons. The four other Asian youths were, however, found guilty of affray and were later sentenced to 100 hours community service each.

The three white defendants - Roy and Robert Lellow and Stuart Young - were found guilty of common assault and fined £100 each.

Bahadur Khan noted that the state had failed to imprison the Newham Seven and commented with reference to the confrontation in Newham:

"If a situation like that happened again we would once again be forced to fight back. With all these petrol bombings going on the tension is rising and rising, and we can now see what kind of racist attacks are going on in East London. I wouldn't be surprised if something boils up to a really large scale and a riot occurs."

Parvaiz Khan added:

"We knew that the verdict would be something like this and I think he (Judge Denison) knew that if he had given a heavy sentence there would have been alot of trouble."

Umresh Desai of the Newham Seven Defence Campaign pointed out that the victory of the Newham Seven:

"demonstrated the strength and success of a defence campaign; not just the strength in terms of individuals, but also in terms of turning the case into an issue, which is the right of Black people to defend themselves from attacks using any means necessary."

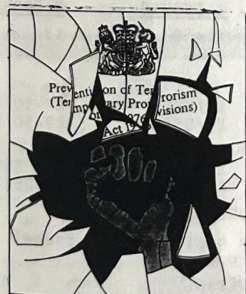
As the trial of the Newham Seven concluded racist arsonists murdered Shamira Kassam and her three children at their home in Ilford in Essex. Mrs. Kassam and her three young sons, Zamir, aged six, Rahim, five, and Alim, 1 died after their home was set alight by arsonists in July. Ilford police refused to admit that the massacre was the work of racists and thereafter a campaign of arson attacks was carried out against Asian families living in London and other English cities.

Racist attacks on the homes of Asian families were reported from Leyton and Newham in East London, Bromley in Kent, Birmingham and Brixton. One victim of a racist arson attack in East London, Mr. Kayani, was brutally interrogated by police a few hours after escaping the blaze at his Leyton home.

"I felt as if I had committed a crime. In eight hours they (the police) didn't even offer me a drink of water."

As IRELAND'S WAR went to press racist arsonists had carried out a further attack on an Asian property in Brick Lane, East London..

DS. London.



## SMASH THE P.T.A!

In IRELAND'S WAR No.6 we drew attention to the struggle of the Kashmiri people for independence from Pakistan and India. Over the past year Kashmiri people over here have regularly suffered from police harassment, raids and so on.

In early September the Kashmiri community came under attack yet again. In a series of dawn raids six members of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) were arrested under the PTA. The arrests took place in Birmingham, Lancashire and Luton. Zafar Khan, a spokesperson for the JKLF, stated that the raid in Luton was a military-style operation with a staggering 30 police turning out to arrest 1 man!

Eventually 5 of the 6 were released but Amanulla Khan of Luton was charged with 'causing criminal damage'.

Just as we condemn the use of the PTA against Irish Republicans and Irish Solidarity activists, so we must condemn its use in this case also. The PTA is a police weapon of terror and must be smashed..

ES. GIFAC.

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# PRISONERS — Voices Over The Wall



## Proud & Free

Dear Ireland's War,

Congratulations are definitely in order to all IRA and INLA personnel and Volunteers who through their determination, pride and the strong will to be free of British rule, successfully attacked the Newry Courthouse, the Newry RUC and the Hawthorne Bar in Portlennone. Keep up the good work for you make us all very proud.

I would also like to take this moment to give my condolences to the family and friends of the Volunteers who have given their young lives to fight the injustices of British occupation. Their deaths will be avenged one hundred fold. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

To the Irish Prisoners of War, I tip my hat. You have shown the world population that the Irish man's determination and will to

survive is a determination that the British imperialist will have to deal with. You are true Martyrs of present day whose struggle for independence shall grace all history books. Fight on brave brothers and sisters. Keep your faith and your head held high for your freedom and the freedom of Ireland is forthcoming.

I too am a prisoner. A prisoner of modern day America. Conditions in the prisons of the United States are no better than those of England. We too have solitary confinement, other wise known as Isolation.....the Hole.... Segregation.....and the Dungeon, where a person can be and has been known to have been held for years at a time for no apparent reason.

We too have had drugs, anti-psychotic drugs forced upon us. Namely Thorazine which in a short time deadens the brain of otherwise healthy men and women so that they can no longer think for themselves. Shock treatment in some parts of the country is still used to make those who fight oppression more manageable.

We too are physically beaten and mentally downgraded for standing up for our basic rights as human beings. Rights that I will continue to fight for.

We too are strip-searched on a daily basis. It is a barbarian tactic used to humiliate and demoralise not only the prisoner, but the visitors of prisoners as well.

So I can sympathise and understand completely what my fellow Irishmen and women are having to experience and live with in the English prisons.

## Portlaoise

A Chara.

Hope you are all keeping well and fit as we are here. This is just a note to thank all our supporters in our protest for better visiting facilities. As you may have heard, "open visits" - with physical contact with 1 between visitor and prisoner - have been in operation for some weeks now. It works out roughly one visit a month per prisoner with physical contact; and any other visits in between that period must be taken with wire separating visitor and prisoner. Hopefully in the future, the remnants of this barbaric "security" measure will be discarded also. The lads seem reasonably pleased with this good

start at improving the visits. Many thanks to all who campaigned and highlighted conditions here. Every little bit played a strong part as the next and forced the States to move.

No doubt you'll pass on greetings from us here to prisoners reading IW. Keep reading it and any other half decent paper that comes along - pass them on and discuss them with other prisoners. Discuss Fleet St. and how it insults us in their papers - should we support those who do not have our interests at heart? Be they clergymen, politicians, papers, on whatever.

Slán, Tiocfaidh Ár Lá.  
Philip Campbell,  
Portlaoise Prison.

Prior to my confinement in the Arizona State Prison I worked for a large US City as a Fireman and Paramedic. But now because of a small mistake on my part and my subsequent incarceration, I shall never be allowed to use my skills again for a Fire Department. A man who comes from a lower working class family had climbed the ladder of advancement much too quickly for the likes of the oppressors. I am now their prisoner. They are jubilant.

Thank you IRELAND'S WAR for a great publication and for opening my eyes a little more to the problems we all

face. If I were not a prisoner I would make monetary contributions. But as it is, I can only contribute my thoughts, feelings and prayers. If at all possible I would like to receive future issues of IRELAND'S WAR, and all anti-imperialist, anti-Brit, anti-Thatcher publications.

May God be with you all. The eyes of Ireland shall witness victory..

Your comrade and brother,  
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USA.

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## Long Kesh

On Monday 5 August myself and a member of the Wolfe Tone Flute Band (Craigneuk) went to Long Kesh prison on a pre-arranged visit.

Long Kesh, situated just outside Lisburn amidst tight security, is a place well known to those involved directly or indirectly with Ireland's fight.

Myself, being Irish, have been harassed on previous visits. However, because of the presence of a Scottish person we were given the 'softly softly' treatment by the prison officers as part of the British propaganda; we, however, were not fooled by the facade.

We were shown to a waiting room after a humiliating search of our persons, and the taking of our possessions. Just to prove the mentality of the screws, the silver foil was taken from our cigarette packets and we were only allowed a striker and 3 matches.

We were locked in the waiting room for half an hour, then called and shown to a mini-bus which was to transport us to the compounds; again we were locked in.

After being shown through numerous security points we reached the final waiting room only to be told that our arranged half hour visit was cut by 10 minutes. No explanations were forthcoming.

However the spirits of the person we were visiting were high even although the Prisoners are under constant pressure from the screws. The men in this place kept on smiling and made the visit worthwhile.

PLEASE KEEP ON SENDING SUPPORT TO THESE MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES!.

D.McG. GIFAC.



# KEVIN LYNCH REMEMBERED

THE WOLFE TONE FLUTE BAND HELD A COMMEMORATIVE MARCH THROUGH CRAIGNEUK IN HONOUR OF INLA VOLUNTEER KEVIN LYNCH ON THURSDAY 1 AUGUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR IRELAND TO TAKE PART IN THE OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION.

TRAVELLING WITH THE BAND TO IRELAND WERE 2 MEMBERS OF GIFAC AND A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH ANTI-ZIONIST ORGANISATION - PALESTINE SOLIDARITY (BAZO-PS). WHILE THE BAND STOPPED OVER IN BELLAGHY, THE MEMBERS OF GIFAC AND BAZO-PS PAID A VISIT TO THE NEWLY ERECTED GRAVE STONE OF KEVIN'S FELLOW HUNGER STRIKERS FRANCIS HUGHES AND THOMAS MCELWEE.

ON THE SATURDAY THE WOLFE TONE BAND JOINED THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM BAND TO MARCH THROUGH THEIR HOME TOWN OF PORTADOWN. THE BANDS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO FLY THE TRI-COLOUR ON THE MARCH ALTHOUGH WHEN THEY RETURNED TO OBINS STREET THE TRI-COLOUR WAS HOISTED AND PARADED IN FRONT OF THE RUC.

ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEY TO DUNGIVEN THE BAND MARCHED IN TRADITIONAL FASHION INTO THE TOWN WHERE THEY WERE MET BY A NUMBER OF RUC WHO TRIED TO UNSUCCESSFULLY HALT THE BAND. DEFIANT AND PROUD THEY WENT ON TO MARCH UP AND DOWN DUNGIVEN'S MAIN STREET FOR HALF AN HOUR.

THE DAY AFTER THE BAND HAD HAD THE HONOUR OF TAKING PART IN THE KEVIN LYNCH COMMEMORATION MARCH, ON THEIR RETURN FROM CO. DONEGAL THEY ONCE AGAIN MARCHED INTO DUNGIVEN. AND ONCE AGAIN THEY WERE MET BY THE RUC. THIS TIME THE BAND MARCHED FOR AN HOUR OUTSIDE THE RUC STATION.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHILE TRAVELLING HOME TO SCOTLAND, THE BAND AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WERE STOPPED AT A SPECIALLY SET UP ROAD-BLOCK BY AROUND 50 MEMBERS OF THE RUC ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS, RIFLES AND PISTOLS. THE RUC BOARDED THE BUS AND ARRESTED 12 PEOPLE INCLUDING THE GIFAC AND BAZO-PS MEMBERS. THE 12 WERE TAKEN TO LIMAVADY RUC STATION WHERE THEY WERE CHARGED WITH 'ORGANISING/CONDUCTING/ AND KNOWINGLY TAKING PART IN AN ILLEGAL PARADE'.

WHEN ONE OF THE TWELVE ASKED TO MAKE PHONE CALL DURING HER DETENTION, FIRST OF ALL SHE WAS REFUSED AND THEN TOLD SHE WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE CALL BECAUSE IT WAS A CALL TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

THE 12 APPEARED IN A SPECIAL COURT SITTING WHERE 4 WERE FINED £20 EACH AND ALL 12 WERE BOUND OVER TO KEEP THE PEACE FOR A YEAR..

F.McG. & A.F. GIFAC.

## John Bowden

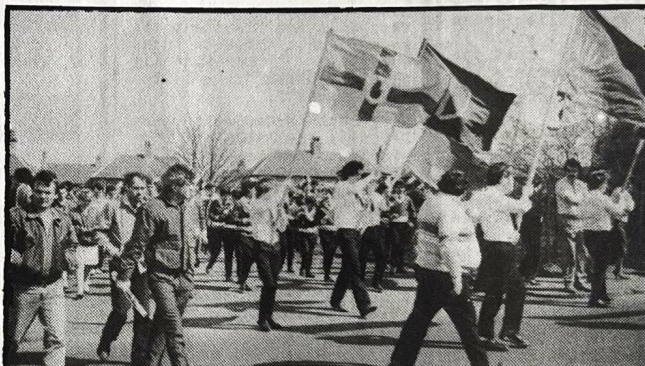
IRELAND'S WAR NO.13 ANNOUNCED A CAMPAIGN TO END THE 31 YEAR ISOLATION OF JOHN BOWDEN, ENGLISH PRISONER, OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER OF IRISH LIBERATION AND POLITICISED OPPONENT OF THE BRIT PRISON SYSTEM.

SINCE THAT TIME JOHN WAS MOVED TO ONE OF THE 2 WORST CONTROL CELLS IN ENGLAND, NAMED BY PRISONERS AS THE 'WAKEFIELD NUTCRACKER SUITE'. THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT FOR PRISONERS WHOSE SPIRIT CANNOT OTHERWISE BE BROKEN. SENSORY DEPRIVATION AND TOTAL ISOLATION ARE USED TO CONFUSE AND DISORIENTATE THE PRISONER. WITHIN THE CELLS ARE TOILET, WASHING AND TV FACILITIES, HUMAN CONTACT BEING ALMOST TOTALLY DENIED AS THE ULTIMATE DETERRENT FOR MILITANT PRISONERS. THE PREVIOUS OCCUPANT OF JOHN'S CELL WAS KEPT THERE FOR TWO YEARS!

ON SUNDAY 4 AUGUST TWO MEMBERS OF THE GIFAC PROUDLY TOOK PART IN THE 4TH. ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION MARCH IN HONOUR OF INLA HUNGER STRIKER KEVIN LYNCH.

THE STREETS OF KEVIN'S HOME TOWN OF DUNGIVEN CO. DERRY, WERE CROWDED AS 6 REPUBLICAN FLUTE BANDS MARCHED TO THE CHURCHYARD. THE KEVIN LYNCH BAND LED THE MARCH WITH A SLOW DRUM BEAT, THEIR DRUMS CLOAKED IN BLACK AS A MARK OF RESPECT. THE WOLFE TONE BAND, CRAIGNEUK IN SCOTLAND, THE BRENDAN CONVERY BAND OF BELLAGHY, THE RISING SONS OF IRELAND BAND, LIMAVADY, THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM BAND OF PORTADOWN AND DUNLOY'S HOGAN, MARTIN, PEARSE BAND ALONG WITH KEVIN'S FAMILY AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FOLLOWED IN SLOW PROCESSION.

AT THE GRAVESIDE A MOVING CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED AND NUMEROUS MESSAGES OF SOLICARITY WERE READ OUT INCLUDING THOSE FROM GIFAC, THE SCOTTISH COMMUNIST REPUBLICAN PARTY, PRISM AND JOHN BOWDEN (HMP WAKEFIELD) BEFORE WREATHS WERE LAID ON BEHALF OF THE INLA, IRSP, KEVIN'S FAMILY, THE KEVIN LYNCH MEMORIAL HURLING TEAM, THE WOLFE TONE BAND AND MANY, MANY MORE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.



Wolfe Tone Band on the march.

FROM THE OUTSET JOHN DECIDED TO RESIST THIS TORTURE REGIME WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING LIKE A 'self-contained bedsit floating around in space'. AND ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER THE ENTIRE TWO-CELL UNIT WAS WRECKED. JOHN STATES THAT:

*"Things sort of came to a head at Wakefield during the days leading up to the destruction of the 'Nutcracker Suite', and I eventually began to feel the wall at my back. So I went on the glory trail and broke their prestigious little toy. They are now obviously very angry.....so life will probably be a little difficult from now on."*

JOHN HAS BEEN MOVED TO HMP DURHAM AND PLACED IN SOLITARY. HE HAS SOME DEEP CUTS ON HIS HANDS AND IS OBVIOUSLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM. HE STATES HE IS FEELING "absolutely shattered in every way" AND IT IS CLEAR FROM HIS LETTERS TO GIFAC THAT YOUR SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT WOULD GIVE HIM A MUCH-NEEDED MORALE BOOSTER.

WRITE TO JOHN AND SEND HIM CARDS AND MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY TO: JOHN BOWDEN B41173, HMP OLD ELVET, DURHAM DH1 3HL.

GM. GIFAC.

GRAVESIDE ORATIONS FOR THIS FEARLESS HERO WERE GIVEN BY SEAMUS MULLAN FOR THE IRSP, AND SEAMUS KERR, SINN FEIN CHAIRPERSON OF OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL. BOTH MEN SPOKE OF KEVIN'S COURAGE AND INTEGRITY BOTH AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER AND AS A PRISONER OF WAR. THEY PAID THEIR TRIBUTE TO KEVIN'S FAMILY WHO NOT ONLY GAVE THEIR SUPPORT TO HIM DURING HIS HUNGER STRIKE BUT TO THIS DAY INSPIRE THOSE AROUND THEM WITH THEIR DEDICATION AND CONVICTION.

THE MARCH BACK THROUGH THE STREETS OF DUNGIVEN WAS SPIRITED AND DEFIANT. POLICE HARASSMENT IN DUNGIVEN HAS INCREASED LATELY, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE LYNCH FAMILY WHO ARE CONSTANTLY BEING VICTIMISED. THE BANDS EACH STOPPED OUTSIDE THE RUC STATION PLAYING LOUD AND DETERMINEDLY, THEN MARCHED ROUND DUNGIVEN TO PLAY A SECOND TIME IN FRONT OF THE RUC STATION.

KEVIN LYNCH WAS HONOURED AS A REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST FREEDOM FIGHTER SHOULD BE - WITH DIGNITY AND GREAT PRIDE. THE COMING DAWN OF IRELAND'S FREEDOM WILL PROVE THAT HE AND HIS NINE BRAVE COMRADES DID NOT DIE IN VAIN..

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# LETTERS

I.W. Got it wrong

Dear Ireland's War,

I feel I must write in response to an article published in your paper (Issue No.14) from T.L. of London on Liverpool Football Club.

I am an Irish Catholic and Republican and have stood on the Kop for some years now. Liverpool F.C. have at present five Irish Catholic Internationals playing for them. Their ex-manager, Joe Fagan, is of Irish Catholic lineage as is the First Team Coach.

It is a widely held but incorrect notion that as regards the city of Liverpool, Liverpool F.C. are the protestant team and Everton are the catholic team. Anybody who has ever been to a Merseyside Derby will tell you that supporters of the opposing teams go to the match together and dog each other and that's as far as it goes. Usually, families are split by their allegiances to either club. I would go as far as to say that the majority of supporters of both teams are of Irish Catholic descent.

It is a fact, however, that a very small section of the Liverpool support are Orange and that the majority of Liverpool FC's supporters clubs in the six Counties are Orange. In spite of this, there is also considerable support in the six Counties for LFC amongst catholics. It is also a fact that Liverpool FC are the best supported team in the Irish Republic (along with Glasgow Celtic).

As regards the Heysel Stadium disaster (at which I had the misfortune to be present), I would say there were 3 elements involved:

1. The presence of the fascist NF most of whom had cockney accents. These were the ones with the Union Jacks (which are a rare sight at Liverpool games). I saw this scum in Brussels on the day of the match doing nothing but provoking trouble.

2. The condition of the stadium and lack of security.

3. The growing acceptance of violent acts as being normal by and amongst our young people today. This has as its root cause unemployment and the boredom and despair associated with it, as does the heroin epidemic. Young people are, in effect, being brutalised by this Tory government. The way to defeat this 'normality of violence' and despair is to defeat Thatcherism and Toryism.

As regards anti-black racism at football grounds, it is a sad fact that there is an awful lot of this about at most clubs in Britain, although some are worse than others.



## THANKS

Dear Comrades,

We the undersigned wish to acknowledge with thanks your cheque for £33.70 for tickets sold towards the 4th. Anniversary Draw organised by the Michael Devine Memorial Flute Band in Derry. We thank all your readers, members of the Republican Bands and those in GIFAC among others who have helped us out financially at this time of strain on our limited resources. A full list of winners will be forwarded to your magazine in the coming weeks after all the prizes, which consist of POW handicrafts, are out of the jails and in the post. As we cannot hope to thank everyone individually please publish this letter on our behalf.

Margaret McCauley (nee Devine), on behalf of the Michael Devine Memorial Flute Band, Derry..

## IRA T-Shirt

Dear Ireland's War,

I wish to order the "Onwards To Victory IRA" T-Shirt.

I would also like to pledge the support of the Larne Shamrock Celtic Supporters Club to the work being carried out on behalf of the Republican struggle by the people in Scotland and other parts of the world. It's greatly appreciated and we wish to thank you all..

Tiocfaidh Ár Lá,  
L. O'F. Lanne.

T.L. is undoubtedly right about the gutter press of Fleet St. stirring up hatred of other nationalities and cultures as epitomised by the Sun's headline "Gotcha" when the Belgrano was sunk in the Malvinas War. As an Irish Catholic and Republican I am perfectly aware of Fleet Street's poisonous influence on British working class people. However, he is terribly wrong to label Liverpool supporters as having anti-Irish, Orange ideas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate "Liverpool Supporter" on his/her excellent article on the Militant Tendency and their position as regards Ireland. This was a knowledgeable and well-researched article unlike TL's of London..

Yours sincerely,  
Liverpool Irish.

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## Militantly racist

The Labour Party Militant Tendency member and Deputy Leader of Liverpool City Council, DERECK HATTON, was sent sprawling when he visited Toxteth early in August. The trouble broke out as Hatton entered a hall at a local Law Centre to defend the appointment of a Londoner, Mr. SAM BOND as community relations adviser in favour of local applicants.

The appointment started a dispute with Toxteth Black pressure groups who vigorously opposed Mr. Bond's appointment, claiming quite rightly that he doesn't understand the people of the area.

More than two hundred people attended the meeting which had at first refused Hatton admission. He was struck across the ear from behind by an angry resident. He fell stunned to the floor, cutting his ear and cheek in the process.

Mr. Sam Bond is also a member of the Militant Tendency. Toxteth's community leaders claim he had turned up at a meeting of 600 residents in Toxteth sports centre accompanied by 12 'minders'. These 12 Militant disciples proceeded to attack people at the meeting throwing chairs around, drawing knives and howling down speakers - in other words acting in the time-honoured fashion adopted by loyalists who attack meetings. Police are now investigating an allegation that the Militant Thug Squad were paid £2,400 by Sam Bond to attack the meeting.

In IW 14 we stated that the Militant Tendency is 'militantly' pro-British and 'militantly' anti-Irish. We can also now state that they are completely racist as their antics in Toxteth have shown. Hence our revolutionary comrades in Toxteth's Black community support their Irish comrades, admire their courage and determination and realise the Militant Tendency is opposed to revolutionary struggles.

Our Black comrades are therefore to be congratulated for their defiant and revolutionary actions..

D.McG. GIFAC.



# war calendar

JULY

5 IRA (STRABANE)

SEPTEMBER 23 IRA (NEWTOWNHAMILTON) Mortar destroys RUC Training Depot. 19 hurt

JULY

5	IRA	(STRABANE)	Van-bomb attack injures 3 RUC.
9	IRA	(WEST BELFAST)	Bomb attack on Brit mobile patrol.
17	IRA	(DERRY)	Rifle and grenade-launcher attack on Brits.
26	IRA	(DERRY)	Anti-personnel mine attack on Brit patrol.
28	IRA	(BELFAST)	Bomb wrecks 2 courts and fire-station.
31	IRA	(WEST BELFAST)	Car-bomb attack wrecks Greenan Lodge Hotel.
31	IRA	(BALLYNABINCH)	Bomb causes £1 million damage.
2	IRA	(EAST TYRONE)	Bomb damages Brit/RUC frequented bar.
2	IRA	(SOUTH ARMAGH)	Booby-trap bomb severely injures one Brit.
2	IRA	(DERRY)	Booby-trap bomb attack on RUC.
3	IRA	(NEWRY)	Mortar attack on RUC station discovered.
6	IRA	(DERRY)	Attack on enemy patrol.
7	IRA	(NEWTOWNHAMILTON)	Bomb in Creamery causes serious damage.
7	IRA	(COUNTY TYRONE)	Landmine attack injures one UDR soldier.
7	IRA	(BALLYCASTLE)	Golf Club seriously damaged by incendiary.
18	IRA	(DUBLIN)	Building contractor collaborator executed.
20	IRA	(STRABANE)	Car-bomb destroys Woolworths.
21	IRA	(NEWCASTLE)	Mortar attack on RUC barracks.
21	IRA	(COOKSTOWN)	Bomb attack on car showroom.
21	IRA	(PLUMBRIDGE)	Lorry-bomb destroys RUC barracks.
22	IRA	(MAGHERAFELT)	Collaborating builder's yard attacked.
22	IRA	(MAGHERA)	Boutique bombed.
22	IRA	(MAGHERA)	Hoax warnings cause widespread disruption.
24	IRA	(BELFAST)	Punishment shootings carried out on 4 men.
29	IRA	(DERRY)	RUC man shot and seriously wounded.
29	INLA	(BELFAST)	Cross border train bombed. 5 RUC injured.
30	IRA	(SOUTH DOWN)	RUC Inspector executed.
3	IRA	(CASTLEDOWN)	2 incendiaries placed in hotel restaurant.
4	IRA	(ENNISKILLEN)	Mortar destroys RUC Training Depot. 19 hurt.
5	IRA	(OMAGH)	Car-bomb placed outside Bank of Ireland.
7	IRA	(WARRENPOINT)	Anti-personnel mine attack on 2 RUC cars.
8	IRA	(BELFAST)	2 informers executed.
10	INLA	(KILLEEN)	1 informer executed.
12	IRA	(DERRY)	Drug-supplying pub bombed.
12	IRA	(NEWRY)	Restaurant used by crown forces bombed.
13	IRA	(STRABANE)	Tyre Depot damaged extensively by 4 bombs.
13	IRA	(OMAGH)	Commercial premises damaged by van-bomb.

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BOTH THESE MOTIONS FELL WITH 4 VOTES FOR, 10 AGAINST. AT THE SAME MEETING RCG DELEGATES SECURED THE PASSAGE OF AN RCG-INSPIRED RESOLUTION "CENSURING" PROLETARIAN FOR NOT PUBLICISING THE ISM'S PLANNED 5 OCTOBER EVENT AT PROLETARIAN'S RECENT PUBLIC MEETING HELD TO SHOW THE UNCENSORED VERSION OF THE BBC FILM "AT THE EDGE OF THE UNION". IN REPLY PROLETARIAN POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING THE UNFAVOURABLE REVIEW OF DAVID REED'S BOOK IN IRIS AND THE RCG'S CHAUVINIST RESPONSE AND THE CONTEXT OF THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF A SINN FEIN SPEAKER FOR THE ISM'S 5 OCTOBER EVENT, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE MAINSTREAM LIBERATION FORCES IN GENERAL AND THE IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT IN PARTICULAR DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RCG. CORRESPONDINGLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF TAKING SPECIAL ACCOUNT OF THE NATIONAL FEELINGS OF THE LIBERATION FIGHTERS IN THE OPPRESSED COUNTRY, WE BELIEVED IT TO BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM TO EXCLUDE ALL REFERENCES DIRECT OR INDIRECT TO THE RCG IN SPEECHES FROM A PLATFORM SHARED BY GERRY MACLOCHLAINN.

FINALLY IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE CHAUVINISM OF THE RCG LEADERSHIP CLEARLY EXPOSED IN ITS RECENT CONTEMPTUOUS DISMISSAL OF THE VIEWS OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, IS REPRODUCED IN ITS ARROGANTLY PARADED DETERMINATION TO IGNORE THE CALL MADE IN LONDON ON THE 3 AUGUST BY JOHNSTONE MAKATINI, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), FOR UNITY OF THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION OF THE ANC.

NOTWITHSTANDING LEADING RCG DEMAGOGUE DAVID REED'S FARCICAL ATTEMPTS (SEE FR'1 SEPTEMBER 1985) TO CHARACTERISE AS 'CHAUVINIST' THOSE HERE IN THE OPPRESSOR NATION WHO UPHOLD THIS CONSIDERED AND SERIOUS POSITION OF THE FIGHTING VANGUARD OF THE OPPRESSED SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT IN THE LONG RUN NO GENUINE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT CAN AFFORD TO IGNORE THE VIEWS OF THE MAINSTREAM WORLD LIBERATION FORCES.

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## RCG Chauvinism and Proletarian Internationalism

AT THE NATIONAL DELEGATES MEETING OF THE IRISH SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT (ISM) HELD IN LONDON ON 14 SEPTEMBER, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE MOVED BY PROLETARIAN:

1. This National Delegates meeting notes the unfavourable review of David Reed's book "Ireland: the key to the British revolution" in IRIS the magazine of the Irish Republican Movement.

This National Delegates meeting condemns the failure of the Executive Committee of the ISM to convene a National Delegates meeting over the last 10 months, a breach of the ISM's constitution, reflecting the anti-democratic essence of RCG sectarian arrogance and political cowardice.

2. This National Delegates meeting condemns the position put forward by the RCG in their paper FIGHT RACISM! FIGHT IMPERIALISM! in reply to the recent unfavourable review in IRIS of David Reed's book, that, we quote: "Comrade McAteer and the Republican Movement have every right to assess developments in Britain from their own standpoint and act upon that assessment. But neither the Republican Movement nor opportunists in Britain claiming to act in its name have any right whatsoever to demand that the RCG and other British anti-imperialists must accept that assessment and any conclusions that flow from it". (FR'1 September 1985). This National Delegates meeting resolves that this position is a chauvinist position.

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# IRELAND'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS

## BELFAST COURTS WRECKED.

Just after midnight on 28 July the IRA proved once again their ability to move large quantities of explosives into "high security" areas this time no less than Belfast City Centre. A 1,000 lb. bomb wrecked the Belfast Records Court and the Ulster Tavern opposite, seriously damaging the Petty Sessions Court and the Fire Station. Buildings within a 500 yard radius were damaged as these symbols of oppression turned to rubble.

## COLLABORATOR EXECUTED.

Crown forces have to use Irish-based contractors, builders and supplies for constructing, repairing and modernising the apparatus of repression. On 15 August the IRA warned that it would not tolerate any of their activities and had extensive information as to who was responsible:

".....We would remind such collaborators that we view their activities as mercenary - making money at the expense of the oppressed nationalist people of the six counties. No amount of argument or self-delusion can obscure that fact. To continue leaves us with no option but to take armed action.

"Furthermore, following the issuing of a similar warning in one locality recently, the businessmen involved approached us with an offer of £100,000 in return for a 'non-aggression' pact. Our attitude is clear on bribes - we are not interested!

"We are of the opinion that the contractors involved are assisting the British in reinforcing their illegal and immoral presence. They are building fortresses and interrogation centres which are being used to oppress our people and subject them to continuing undemocratic rule."

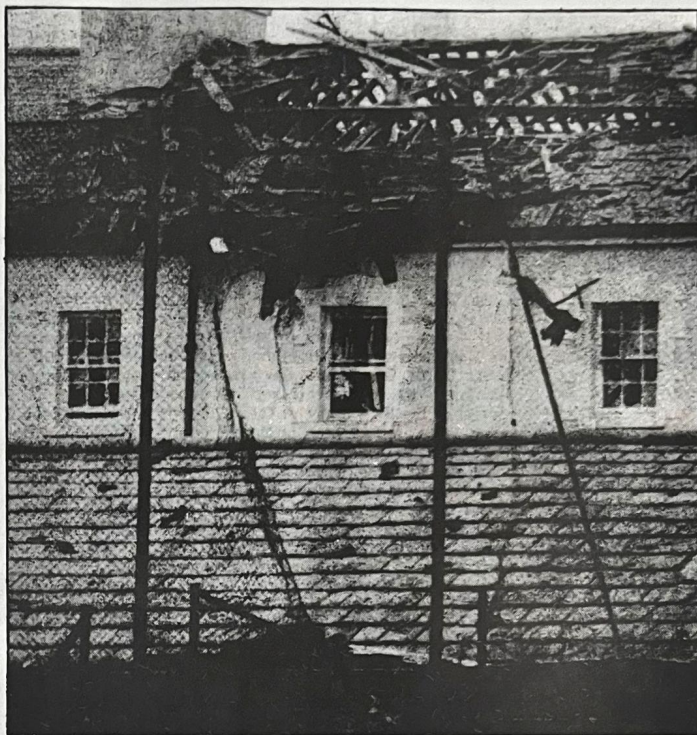
The following week Tyrone Contractor Seamus McAvoy was executed in Dublin having ignored all earlier warnings by phone, letter and attacks on his premises in Coalisland. The IRA statement said:

".....Mr. McAvoy, who supplied Rowan cabins and building materials to barracks and military border posts for renovation work, was not earning an honest day's pay but was receiving ill-gotten gains. From such military bases, operations have been hatched which have resulted in the murders of nationalist civilians and IRA Volunteers. Within such bases, nationalist people have been beaten and tortured. Without such bases, British military power would be severely hampered. There will be no more warnings."

## IRA DEMOLITION SQUADS WELCOME KING.

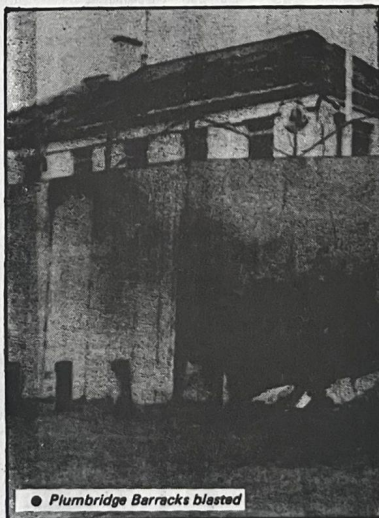
If the present rate of bomb and mortar attacks on barracks continues, squads of homeless Brits/RUC/UDR will soon be cast loose in the world, their houses of hate having crashed about their ears, or having been abandoned as unsafe at any price.

On 21 August the IRA planted a 500 lb bomb in a lorry in the cordoned-off area at Plumbridge RUC barracks, Co. Tyrone. Carefully sandbagged on the outer side, the lorry-bomb could only explode in towards the barracks, which it duly did, totally devastating the place.



And on 4 September the largest ever mortar attack using 18 mortar tubes and nearly 1,000 pounds of explosives was carried out on the RUC Training Depot at Enniskillen. The barracks were severely damaged, an observation sanga destroyed, cars in the car park burned out, 19 RUC personnel injured and the new Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King acclimatised to 'normal' life in the North of Ireland.

Over the recent period Brits/RUC have been forced by repeated mortar and other attacks to abandon totally a number of former bases. One of these, the McCrory Park fort in the GAA Athletic Ground had been occupied by Brits since 1972. The Slieve na Bole observation post and also one on the Newry-Crossmaglen road have also been deserted by these rats as they become unsafe at any price. Next stop the bottom of the sea?



● Plumbridge Barracks blasted

## INLA BICYCLE BOMB.

In a novel approach to the war, the INLA claimed responsibility for a bicycle bomb which exploded on the Dublin-Belfast train on 29 August. The bike was put on the train at Dundalk and a warning given. The train was searched at Newry but nothing found. At Belfast the train was cleared and searched again, during which search the bomb exploded wounding 5 RUC, 2 of them very seriously. On yer bikes Brits!

## NO HIDING PLACE.

On 30 August a 3 person IRA Active Service Unit shot and killed a senior RUC Inspector. The inspector, from Mountpottinger barracks, Short Strand had recently moved from Downpatrick to Crossgar, Co. Down, supposedly a safer area. Nowhere in Ireland is safe for the forces of repression!

## INFORMERS EXECUTED.

All guerilla wars are troubled with informers. Although few in number in the Irish liberation war, they inflict terrible suffering on the nationalist community, and are objects of loathing to all decent people.

On Sunday 8 September two such informers, Catherine and Gerard Mahon of Twinbrook were executed as touts by the IRA. For 18 months, following Gerard Mahon's arrest for unpaid fines the two had been systematically giving information to the Special Branch for monetary rewards. Catherine Mahon passed on information which led to the capture of 3 INLA Volunteers in Ballymurphy. The Mahons offered to look after an arms dump for the IRA in order that the Branch could bug it. They actually attempted to assist in the murder of Volunteers. The fate of the Mahons is a firm lesson that the IRA will not tolerate touts, though it has reiterated that no-one who confesses voluntarily will be shot..