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# SALUTE TO A HERO



● Volunteers of the IRA's Derry Brigade fire a volley of shots over the grave of their fallen comrade, Richard Quigley, on Tuesday, April 24th

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# 'Armed struggle linked to political action will end British rule'—IRA

**T**ODAY we commemorate and honour the patriots of Easter Week 1916, who — with no blessing or mandate other than that inherent in the natural right of all nations to national sovereignty and self-determination — went out to do 'bloody and deadly violence' against our enemy whose susceptibility to reasonable persuasion is as absent today as it was then.

We also take this opportunity to reflect, with pride, on all our fallen comrades, who gave their lives that our people can be free and can live in peace. Pre-eminent in our thoughts, and with a great sense of loss, we naturally remember our contemporaries — comrades, countrymen, women and children — whose lives have been taken in action, in the prisons and in the streets North and South by the murder squads of the British and loyalist paramilitaries. Their memories we cherish and the anguish of their relatives and loved ones we share, especially Brian Campbell, Colm McGirr, Declan Martin and Henry Hogan, who were killed in action within the last five months.

Our thoughts today are also with our political prisoners and their families. Many have already begun their 12th consecutive year of incarceration in the living death of British prisons — consigned there, at this point in time, for over half of their adult lives, by a British judiciary and legal system whose active role in this war, in the words of English Brigadier-General Frank Kitson — the architect of modern British oppression — is no more "than a propaganda cover for the removal of unwanted members of the public".

On this, the 68th anniversary of the assertion in arms of the democratic rights of our nation, we send greetings to all republican activists, to our supporters at home and abroad, to our solidarity groups in the USA, Australia, Europe and Britain, to the Irish people, and to struggling peoples everywhere.

The Irish Republican Army welcomes the continuing political successes of our comrades in Sinn Féin in the electoral field and in the party's enhanced organisation, membership and influence. Sinn Féin's emergence as a major political force in the occupied six counties has provided a political focus for the socially and economically disaffected nationalist working-class, and other sections of the nationalist community who do not necessarily support the armed struggle, as well as giving an effective political voice to those who actively support the ideal of the Irish Republic.

The Irish Republican Army recognises that armed struggle linked to political action will end the British connection.

## Paid perjurers

In the North, Britain's paid-perjurer tactic remains a major but discredited weapon in their armoury, aimed not only at removing those Irish men and women whom they deem hostile to British interests in Ireland, but also aimed at demoralising and fracturing the solidarity of the nationalist community.

But let us beware. Just as the loss of internment was compensated for by torture, and its loss in turn compensated for by the use of the paid perjurer, so also, when this current inequitable practice becomes untenable, compensation will be found in some equally corrupt 'legal' practice.

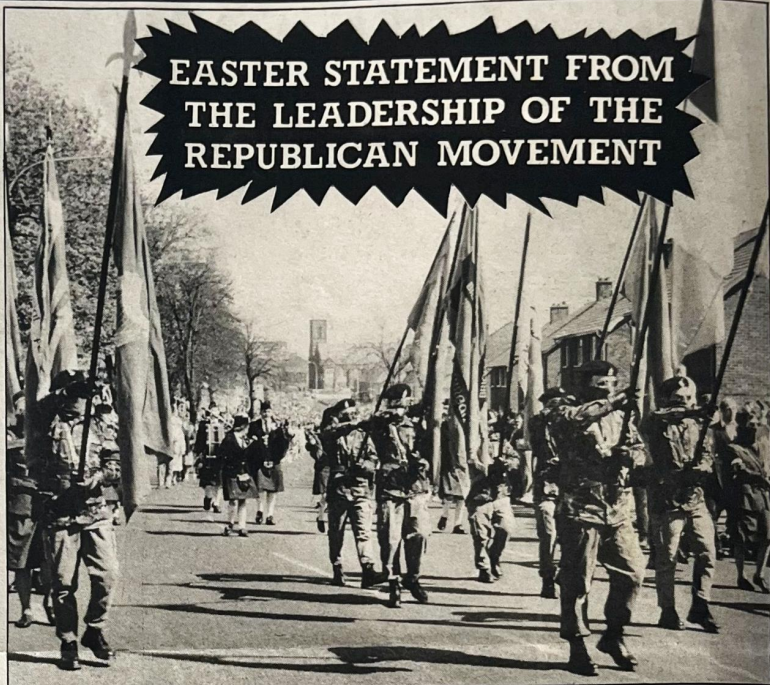
The Diplock judge goes through the farce of self-administered warning before consigning the life of a young Irish man or woman to a British jail. Each time he does it, let him also take warning from us: the IRA deems him as guilty as the crown forces murderers whom he consistently returns to our streets.

The shoot-to-kill policy, with its periodic legal sanction from the British judiciary and, in the absence of condemnation, its moral sanction from the Catholic and Protestant hierarchies, continues abreast with the paid-perjurer tactic in an attempt to break our will to resist.

The Catholic Hierarchy's role in Irish history, in relation to the liberation struggle, is well-known. The Catholic Hierarchy has a duty to adjudicate on moral issues for its flock. But if it is to have a moral position on the use of force it must be on indivisible morality and not a selective one. Selective morality can only be judged to be ideologically motivated and political in substance and aspiration.

We therefore pose this to Bishop Cahal Daly who has maintained a series of pro-SDLP, politically motivated

## EASTER STATEMENT FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT



attacks on us. Will you — as publicly and as stridently — demand similar moral caution from the British Catholic hierarchies to their flock in relation to the vast majority of British politicians and all three major political parties who have refused to condemn the several hundreds of murders committed by crown forces in Ireland? For, surely, Catholic morality is universal and indivisible. Will you — as publicly and as stridently — demand a similar moral caution from the hierarchies and leaderships of the Protestant denominations in Ireland and Britain in this regard? For, surely, what is concerned here, in an era of attempted ecumenism, is Christian morality.

The refusal to answer these questions should leave no one in any doubt as to which side Bishop Cahal Daly is on.

The IRA's use of revolutionary force results from the inescapable fact that we are left with no peaceful or democratic alternative by which to achieve the national rights of our people.

It is a reluctant course of action for any oppressed people to take because of the repression unleashed by such a vicious imperialist power as Britain. But we will not lie down. We cannot lie down. Our martyrs, our people, our children and the unborn generations demand that we pursue this struggle to a successful conclusion and end this evil forever.

South of the British-imposed border, the politicians of Leinster House continue to defend their self-interests above all else and ignore our national rights and the lives and well-being of Northern nationalists.

While, in their poverty, idleness and seeming lack of purpose in life, the unemployed youth of our cities fall victim to the escapism of deadly narcotics, the Leinster House politicians continue to spend tens of millions of the tax-payers' money in protecting the British-imposed border, harassing republicans and bugging each other. Over-flights by British army helicopters — into an allegedly sovereign state — continue with open official sanction while the special units of the British army and RUC, with murder their objective, use the state's territory with the covert sanction of the authorities, and when they are discovered there are merely squeaks of protest.

The ever-increasing spiral of collaboration with the crown forces reached a new peak in March with the indecently-hurried extradition of Dominic McGlinchey in an act of treachery unparalleled in Western Europe since the French Vichy government handed over members of the French resistance to the Nazis.

In desperation, they cite the IRA as justification for

increasingly draconian legislation. Let us again be categorical in this matter: the Irish Republican Army is not out to overthrow the twenty-six counties by force of arms. Assertions to the contrary by Free State politicians and gardai are based only on their fear of the growing political popularity of the republican cause in Ireland as a whole.

## Forum report

The much-heralded Dublin Forum report seems to be coming adrift. Conceived originally by the SDLP's John Hume as a means of boosting that party's political profile in the North's nationalist community, it was readily accepted to be by the major Leinster House parties in an attempt to bolster the SDLP's flagging electoral appeal in the face of Sinn Féin's republican alternative at the polling booths in the North. The Forum's first act, in the anti-democratic tradition of imperial Britain, was to disenfranchise the 100,000-plus nationalists who voted for Sinn Féin — by excluding Sinn Féin. But they have been caught in a trap of their own making. And it is now clear from the negotiating and bickering over compromising on Ireland's nationhood that the true heirs of this tradition, of the men and women of 1916, are the Republican Movement, its activists and its supporters.

The Forum report, whatever its content, will be dismissed by unionists safely ensconced in their British-guaranteed veto while the British government itself will toy with it if it provides a harmless diversion — such as the Constitutional Convention of 1974-76 — or if such toying will provide some benefit for the SDLP in the forthcoming EEC elections. Little has changed since Pádraig Pearse first wrote in 1914: "After all, there are in Ireland two parties: those who stand for the English connection and those who stand against it." Nor will it ever change if the managers of this island and its people are allowed to prevail. But change it must, and change it will. The age-old demand of the Irish people for political independence is, in this generation, fast reaching irresistible proportions. That aspiration can only be justly fulfilled in the democratic, socialist republic for which we all strive — the republic of Pearse, Connolly and Mellows.

And the first part of our struggle — Britain getting kicked out of Ireland — will be achieved through the force of arms of the Irish Republican Army, supported by the oppressed people of Ireland and by the ongoing strides of Sinn Féin on the political front.



WAR NEWS...WAR NEWS...

# Derry Volunteers undaunted

**DERRY BRIGADE IRA Volunteer Richard Quigley (20) was tragically killed on Saturday night, April 21st, as he and other IRA Volunteers ambushed British troops in Foyle Street, Derry.**

Volunteer Quigley was a member of one of two IRA active service units who at around 10pm on Saturday night, commandeered a van and then loaded it with 45 gallons of petrol, concrete blocks and a sophisticated blast-incendiary device.

The van was driven to Foyle Street and parked with its rear doors open.

IRA Volunteers, including Richard Quigley, armed the device and then took up positions around the area.

As two British army jeeps passed the van, Volunteer Quigley detonated the bomb from a vantage point of 50-60 yards away and a massive fireball engulfed the two jeeps, with fragments of concrete filling the air. Unfortunately, pieces of this deadly shrapnel struck Richie Quigley, killing him instantly.

Shortly after this attack, RUC sources claimed that only three enemy soldiers had been slightly injured, a claim disputed by Derry Brigade in a statement issued by them after a second attack on British forces on Monday night, April 23rd, when Derry Brigade launched a devastating ambush on Brit forces in the city.

## BOMBARDED

As two jeep-loads of British troops drove along Bishop Street, six IRA Volunteers bombarded their vehicles with gallons of petrol, turning them into flaming infernos.

The Brits, some of whom were ablaze, were forced to abandon their jeeps and, as they did so, an additional three heavily-armed Volunteers, using two automatic rifles and one semi-automatic rifle, opened fire. One soldier was killed and, according to the IRA, several others were seriously wounded.

The IRA hit out at media reports that local young people had been used in the operation and insisted that Monday's operation was "planned, organised and carried out by two units of Derry Brigade".

## COVER-UP

In a further statement, the IRA highlighted attempts by the RUC and Brits to cover up the real extent of casualties inflicted on the crown forces. In their statement, they said:

*"It should now be clear that the RUC is deliberately feeding the media false information about casualties suffered by crown forces. Naturally, the*

*media swallows these stories, but even the most cursory examination of them by journalists would show that there is an undoubted cover-up operation at work here.*

*"The British undercover agent killed in the Gransha area of Derry three weeks ago was accompanied by four colleagues who were all injured. That has gone unreported.*

*"There were serious casualties inflicted on British soldiers in Saturday night's bomb ambush, as eye-witnesses can testify, and the petrol and gun attack on the British army on Monday night left six soldiers wounded and one dead. Again, eye-witnesses can testify to the seriousness of the injuries inflicted.*

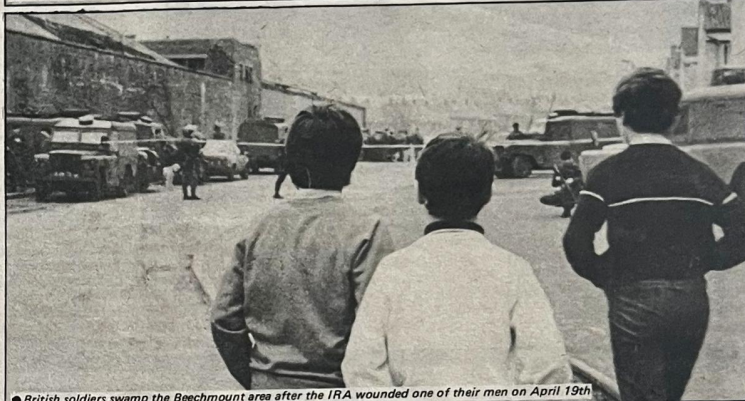
*"Both the IRA and young people in this city have caused numerous casualties to the crown forces in attacks this past year and the RUC plays down these figures, figures which reveal the extent of resistance to British rule in Derry."*

## BELFAST AMBUSH

British soldiers panicked and ran for cover, leaving a wounded colleague screaming for help, when an IRA Volunteer fired a single shot, hitting one soldier in the chest. The ambush occurred on Thursday, April 19th,



● One of almost 40 shops damaged in this week's commercial bomb attack in Lurgan



● British soldiers swamp the Beechmount area after the IRA wounded one of their men on April 19th

as a British army foot patrol, supported by others in adjoining streets, made its way along Mica Drive in the Beechmount area of West Belfast.

At around 3.15pm, an IRA Volunteer, operating from a house commandeered earlier by an IRA active service unit in Beechmount Grove, fired a single shot from a high-velocity weapon. Although the distance was considerable, the IRA Volunteer hit his target, inflicting a serious injury. The other members of the patrol fled in all directions for the nearest cover, leaving their injured colleague writhing on the ground in agony and screaming for assistance.

One of the patrol fired a single shot in the air and was immediately fired on by members of a second Brit back-up patrol, who thought they themselves were under attack.

A few minutes later, British soldiers in another patrol in nearby Beechmount Drive fired a

burst of shots at a Ford Cortina car being driven by two youths and which subsequently turned out to be stolen. According to one eye-witness:

*"There were stacks of people, especially children, on the street. The Brits just fired indiscriminately. They were shaking with fear. It's a miracle no one was shot."*

The car was hit a number of times but apparently neither of the two occupants was hit.

The Brits and RUC immediately sealed the area off and carried out a large number of raids. However, all Volunteers safely left the area.

## GOLF CLUB WRECKED

In the early hours of Friday morning, April 20th, four armed Volunteers placed seven blast-bombs around the Warrenpoint Golf Club in South Down. According to the South Down

Command of the IRA:

*"At 1am, four heavily-armed Volunteers of the South Down Command approached the golf club with the intention of taking it over. The Volunteers were unable to gain entry to the club and, after ensuring that the staff were safe, placed the blast-bombs on the outside of the building. The Volunteers then withdrew safely to base."*

The IRA explained that the club was bombed because it is "a well-known drinking spot for members of the Special Branch and, recently, a golf tournament held at Warrenpoint was attended by heavily protected members of the judiciary". The statement continued:

*"The IRA have given several warnings in the past about collaboration. We will not tolerate this behaviour."*

## LURGAN BOMB ATTACK

North Armagh Brigade inflicted substantial damage to almost 40 shops and offices in Lurgan in a bomb attack around 10pm on Monday night, April 23rd. The target was the High Street shopping arcade, which is in Moore's Lane.

The arcade opened only 13 months ago and local businessmen moved into it hoping to avoid IRA attacks. As an extra 'security measure', heavy iron shutters are put up at the front of the arcade at night to prevent access. However, such precautions were entirely wasted on Monday when the IRA simply placed a large bomb on the outside adjacent to the wall of the 168-seat cafe-rum bakery.

The bomb, when it detonated, ripped through a two-foot thick concrete wall, devastating the restaurant and blowing the floor out of an upstairs hairdressers. Shops along High Street, including fashion shops, were badly damaged by the blast.



● Warrenpoint Golf Club: another well-known haunt of the RUC Special Branch and judiciary destroyed by the IRA



BY JACK MADDEN

**THE DEATH** of six-year-old Mark Kershaw, who drowned after falling into a water-filled crater near his home at Killinarden, Tallaght, County Dublin, has caused widespread anger in the local community and calls for a public inquiry.

Running through the heavily populated Tallaght area is a series of such craters, left behind by a construction company which is building a new aqueduct system between Saggart and Ballyboden.

Gaping holes, some more than 15-feet deep, have been left at intervals of about 200 yards, with little or no protection around them to stop children falling in. During periods of heavy rain these craters have filled with water, adding to the danger.

With this in mind, local community groups have spent months trying to persuade both the construction company, Clonmel Enterprises, and Dublin County Council to have the craters filled. Only last week an assurance was given that the job would be done on Thursday — two days before the death of Mark Kershaw.

### BLOCKED

Angry at the tragic death and determined that such an incident would not recur, a group of residents blocked the main Blessington Road over the weekend; gardai took the names of some of these protestors.

And on Tuesday morning last, a number of residents picketed the Saggart depot of Clonmel Enterprises.

Makeshift chicken-wire fences have now been erected around some craters but these are an inadequate response, according to John Noonan, Sinn Féin community worker in Tallaght and Dublin candidate in the forthcoming EEC elections:

*"Now that the tragedy has happened,*

# TRAGEDY IN TALLAGHT



● A young child plays near a water-filled crater in Tallaght which is cordoned off by a flimsy chicken-wire fence

*security measures have been taken which are completely ineffective. A public inquiry should be held, not only to discover the circumstances of Mark Kershaw's death, but to make sure that steps are taken to avoid such incidents happening again."*

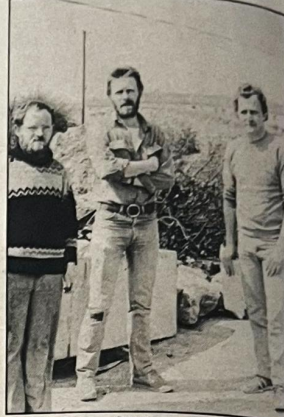
### INCIDENTS

And in the Brookfield area of Tallaght, residents held a public meeting on Wednesday, April 18th, to voice concern at a

series of incidents in the area around Fortunestown Lane.

Since last August, when two young boys were sexually assaulted in a tunnel which runs under a nearby road, locals have demanded that the tunnel be sealed. Since the landscaping around the tunnel has not been completed, it is not used anyway.

Fortunestown Lane itself was sealed recently by residents who were worried at the danger posed to their children by



● John Noonan (right) with protesting residents at a blocked Fortunestown Lane

speeding cars which travelled the road. The road was temporarily re-opened to facilitate the completion of a new housing development in the area.

Following last Wednesday's meeting, Paul Harrington and Bill Fleming of the Brookfield Community Group won an assurance from the building contractor that he would reseal the road, thereby preventing it being used as a dump and removing the danger of further sexual assaults.

# ARDOYNE ANGUISH

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

**AN ARDOYNE WOMAN** with five children has taken legal proceedings against the Housing Executive for breaking their promise to rehouse her in her original home, which she moved out of during alterations.

Isobel Burns (33), a single parent, originally lived in the mixed Alliance Avenue area of Ardoyne, North Belfast, amid extremely damp conditions. She began agitating six years ago to have a double extension erected which would give her another bedroom and bathroom to cope with the requirements of her growing family. Last June, the Executive finally agreed to the extension but moved Isobel into one of several dilapidated mobile homes situated at the corner of Jamaica Street.

### PROMISE

Unsure of her rights, Isobel accepted a verbal promise from Housing Executive woman Margaret McGlone that she would re-occupy the house as soon as the extension was completed. However, almost a year later,

with the work finished, albeit not in accordance with the original plans, Isobel Burns heard indirectly that another family — unknown to them — had been allocated her home.

Although Isobel has been offered alternative accommodation in Ardoyne, the fact remains that the Executive acted without considering their obligations and responsibilities to Isobel and her children, the youngest of whom, 2½-year-old Jane, suffers from bronchitis. Isobel told AP/RN:

*"I feel I have been treated disgracefully. It's not the other family's fault, they didn't know I was waiting to move back in but the Executive certainly did. They think they can treat people like dirt."*



● Isobel Burns with her children Mark (5), Jane (2½), Sharon (10) and Alan (7)

# ASBESTOS ANXIETY

**THE ANXIETIES** of residents of Divis Flats, in West Belfast, who have long been convinced that the only prospect of alleviating their grim housing and environmental problems lies in the complete demolition of the decaying flats complex, were further increased last week by the arrival of workmen, dressed in protective clothing and brea-

thing-apparatus, to remove asbestos from one of the token two blocks scheduled for demolition.

Although the Housing Executive last Thursday, April 19th, issued a disingenuous media statement alleging that residents face no danger from asbestos dust, which is cancer-causing, for several days they left the Whitehall Block open to children — while

asbestos was being removed. Only last Friday did the Executive belatedly block Whitehall off from the adjoining St Brendan's Block, which is occupied.

Despite significant safety measures extracted by the residents' association, local people remain anxious at the potential health risks, both from partial demolition and from the significant amounts of asbestos present in their own homes.



● The Executive's claim that residents are in no danger rings rather hollow when its own workmen wear protective clothing in the flats



# Unionist bid to save Hume

A MAJOR rescue bid to stop the electoral slide of John Hume's SDLP has been launched by the Official Unionist Party, confirming the republican argument that Sinn Féin is a real threat to the Northern sectarian state.

OUP secretary Frank Millar, in an appeal on Thursday night, April 19th, called on loyalists to "do all they can" to prevent the collapse of the SDLP, warning of the dangers of the "demise of constitutional nationalism" and the "emergence of Sinn Féin as a representative of mainstream minority opinion".

Millar said that, following the publication of the Dublin Forum's report, unionists should "refrain from rhetoric" and show themselves both "reasonable and generous".

## INTERNAL

The SDLP, he felt, might be interested in an 'internal solution' and it was "not for the majority to bolt the door against them". He went on to urge that unionists produce proposals for a Stormont government "which, within the constraints of democracy and consent, afford real opportunity for involvement to politicians and political parties across the political and religious divide".

Millar's speech was endorsed the following day by OUP leader James Molyneux.

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

The implication for unionist voters is clear: tactical voting next June in order to help the SDLP against Sinn Féin. And while many unionist voters may not go as far as that, it is worth remembering that Fitt's performance in June 1983 was boosted by West Belfast loyalist votes.

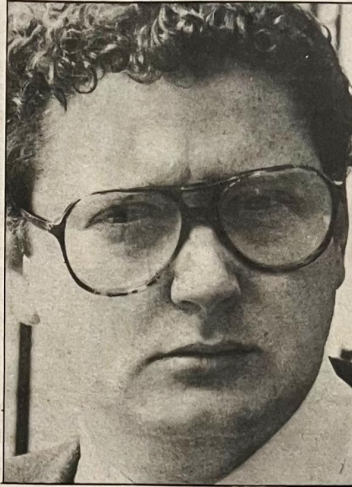
The OUP's electoral tactic in support of John Hume only differs in style to that already adopted by the DUP.

In February, in his first EEC campaign speech, DUP leader Ian Paisley stated that his over-riding purpose would be to heavily defeat Sinn Féin in June.

## CONCILIATORY

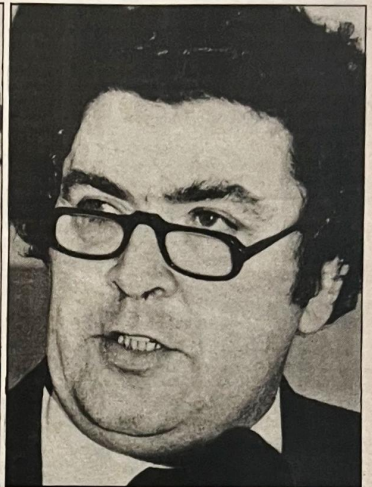
The apparently conciliatory attitude on the part of the OUP shows not a unionist change of heart but simply the different tactics adopted by the two unionist parties in pursuance of the same aim.

Whilst the DUP is intent on the 'not-an-inch' line, full of plots, threats of sell-outs, and staunch



● Official Unionist Millar: calling to save the SDLP

posturing, the OUP has chosen a more laid-back attitude, based on the justifiable confidence that Thatcher would ignore the Forum report and that the SDLP would soon find itself in a political dead-end, possibly having to reconsider



● John Hume: looking to stave off the Sinn Féin challenge

its own Assembly boycott.

In any case, unionists are agreed that the SDLP is no threat to British rule in Ireland. They believe, as Sinn Féin's Danny Morrison commented, that the "union with Britain is secure

with John Hume at the helm of the nationalist people" — while Sinn Féin now alone of the nationalist parties, stands uncompromisingly for an end to British rule, an end to the loyalist veto, and complete reunification.

# NEW LODGE NIGHTMARE

BY JANE PLUNKETT

A YOUNG COUPLE making their way home to the nationalist New Lodge Road area of North Belfast in the early hours of Friday morning last, April 20th, were the victims of a series of unprovoked beatings by the RUC.

Shortly after 1am, Colette and Sean Stanton stopped off at the Five Star Restaurant on the Antrim Road, not far from their Hillman Street home, for a Chinese take-away. Two RUC men were already inside ordering food who, on hearing a customer remarking on the preferential treatment they were receiving, arrogantly responded by physically lashing out.

Mother-of-two Colette Stanton was hit repeatedly as she struggled to defend herself, suffering a large bruise on her forehead, and was then kicked and pulled off of the premises by the hair.

A large force of RUC arrived and she was trailed into a landrover. As Sean Stanton attempted to accompany his wife, he was grabbed by the hair and searched. The jeep drove away and he was then thrown into an RUC car and

viciously kicked and punched repeatedly by three RUC men.

Sean Stanton was then taken to Antrim Road RUC Barracks, where he was again assaulted. Stanton, who lost one tooth in the attacks and suffered bruises and cuts to his face that required stitches, made a formal complaint at the RUC's brutality. Sensibly, he insisted, despite RUC bullying, that he would not make a full statement on the incident until he had consulted his solicitor. He also refused to be intimidated by the RUC's hastily concocted threats that they would press trumped-up assault charges.

## SEXUAL ABUSE

Meanwhile, a frightened Colette Stanton, who suffered further assaults and sexual abuse in RUC detention, suffered additional anxieties because the RUC obstructed her efforts to ensure that her two children, aged nine and six, were being cared for. She recalls:

"I wasn't allowed to make adequate arrangements for them. I had no bag and when I asked could I have some money they just started to laugh at me. They were very smug and making a fool out of me and trying to degrade me. They wouldn't let me use their phone, or reverse the



● Sean Stanton lost a tooth and needed stitches to cuts after being beaten up by the RUC

charges. At the same time, they were threatening me that my children would be put into a home."

At around 6am, Colette Stanton, bruised

and aching all over, and her husband Sean were finally released, without having been charged.

# Dunloy assault

THE RUC in Dunloy, North Antrim, viciously assaulted two women last Saturday, April 21st, one of them the sister of Volunteer Henry Hogan who was killed in action in February.

Twenty-year-old Margaret Hogan and her friend Mary O'Neill (19) were arrested and thrown into an RUC car while they were participating in a sponsored walk in aid of the newly-formed Hogan/Martin Independent Flute Band. Both women were badly

bruised and Margaret O'Neill received several cuts to her arm and had her watch broken while being forced into the car. Similarly, Margaret Hogan, whose family have been singled out for intimidation since her brother's death, had her arm twisted up her back.

They were both arrested and questioned for two hours, during which time they were again verbally abused and informed that they would be charged with assaulting three RUC men.

Meanwhile, harassment of Sinn Féin members in the North Antrim area was stepped up with the early morning raid on the homes of two Sinn Féin workers in the

Loughgiel area on April 17th. Seamus McNaughton and Seamus McMahon, brother of Sinn Féin constituency representative Pearse McMahon, were arrested and taken to Castlereagh Interrogation centre. They were exclusively questioned about Sinn Féin activities and Sinn Féin's EEC plans for the North Antrim area. Both were released the following day, April 18th.



# EASTER 1916-1984

## Antrim

IN ONE of the most impressive commemorations held in recent years in Belfast, thousands of people turned out in glorious sunshine for the annual Easter commemoration, conclusively demonstrating the growing popular support in nationalist areas for the two-pronged political and military struggle of the Republican Movement in opposition to British occupation.

Predictably, the Brits' answer to such massive public support — increasingly threatening the stability of the Northern state — was yet more repression and more intimidation.

From early morning, hours before the main parade assembled at Beechmount Avenue, hundreds of Brits/RUC, both in the air and on the ground, launched an intense surveillance operation, with roadblocks, delays to traffic and people being stopped and questioned. In the side streets in Beechmount Avenue where Sinn Féin, National Graves and other groups were forming up, the Brits/RUC moved to within yards of their ranks but the quick reaction of stewards ensured that a section of the crowd poured into Beechmount Avenue, causing the Brits to think twice before advancing.

An IRA colour party, consisting of 16 Volunteers in full military uniform led the parade, directly followed by the Píobí Uíadh Band, National Graves Association, wreath-bearers and numerous bands from Scotland and Belfast.

There was a large contingent of Sinn Féin cumann from Lagan Valley, West, East and North Belfast followed by other contingents from the Felons Association; Roddy McCrory Society and lines upon lines of supporters.

A vociferous and hearty welcome greeted the Volunteers from the crowds lining the route, with on occasions stewards finding themselves unable to cope as people enthusiastically swelled out onto the road as the Volunteers approached. The only element marring the dignified atmosphere of the parade was the very real threat that, given the intense Brit/RUC presence, an attempt would be made to disrupt the proceedings if not to try to apprehend the colour party. RUC and Brits took up positions inside the cemetery walls and on top of a nearby gravel pit overlooking the platform but the huge crowds provided them with little possibility of such an eventuality, pressing around the Volunteers at the Republican Plot.

Chaired by National Graves Association member Alfie Hannaway, the commemoration began with the reading of the 1916 Proclamation by a woman Volunteer followed by the lowering of flags and Last Post. Wreaths were laid on behalf of GHQ Staff O'Leigh na hEireann, Belfast Brigade IRA, Cumann na mBan, na Fianna Éireann, Sinn Féin, relatives, prisoners and other groups.

An IRA Volunteer, amid sporadic interruptions of loud applause, read out the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement while a Brit helicopter hovered yards above his head.

Danny Morrison, Sinn Féin EEC candidate in the North, began his oration by sarcastically jibing at the Brit presence in the graveyard saying:

"I'd advise them to stay up there for a week or two because that's as close to heaven as they're going to get."

He traced the historical links and parallels with the 1916 Easter Rising and the present struggle against British occupation and attacked the artificial Free State border saying:

"We can see exactly how disgracefully the Free State has developed in that it allows British army



● Belfast Brigade IRA colour party at the Republican Plot in Milltown Cemetery

helicopters to fly over the border, allows the RUC/Brits to use it as a base and just recently it committed its most disgraceful act yet, with the extradition of Dominic McGlinchey."

Throughout the jails North, South and in England, he said, republicans would stand to attention in memory of generations of Irish men and women who had died in the fight for freedom but added that, in years gone by, Milltown Cemetery was not always as packed as today. He paid tribute to the veteran republicans who marched on Easter Sunday despite harassment and attacks because he said:

"Those people kept marching until the apathy of the nationalist people disappeared in the 1960s and under the banner of the Civil Rights movement and supported by the Republican Movement, our people got off their knees and called for civil rights."

He outlined the Brits' response to civil rights — oppression, curfews, internment and Bloody Sunday — saying:

"We could see there was no way forward under peaceful protest, under political or constitutional action... The only message, the only weapon the Brits would listen to was the armed struggle of the Irish Republican Army and despite everything, all the measures they have thrown against us, our people have gone from strength to strength."

The hunger-strike of 1981, the election of Bobby Sands and the sacrifice of the ten H-Block martyrs had, he continued, succeeded in mobilising and channelling people's frustrations into action against the British presence:

"It is through these very forces that we will have freedom in Ireland and we will see the Brits out of Ireland through the armed struggle and the political struggle of Sinn Féin."

Bobby Sand's election, he said, had given the Republican Movement the courage and encouragement to endorse an electoral strategy which "has frightened the wits out of the British government, the Dublin government and the SDLP". He criticised the hypocrisy of the SDLP's fated New Ireland Forum and their attempts to woo the unionists and the British government by selling out the nationalist people.

He concluded by reminding the crowd of the innocent republicans and nationalists struck down by pro-British elements and ended by saying:

"All the violence in the country, all the war and all the suffering, the people who are suffering in jails, even the deaths of British soldiers and RUC men, are all attributable

to the political situation in this country. The British government have got to realise, and will realise that we mean to be free, we are going to be free, and I would give every one of you a final thought to take away from here today, it is to remember the cause and the price of the sacrifice of our people, not just in this decade, but in all the decades down the years."

## ARDOYNE

Approximately 2,000 people gathered in Ardoyne on Tuesday, April 24th, in brilliant sunshine to pay tribute to the dead of their area.

As the parade started to form up, the RUC made an announcement that the parade they were

about to take part in was illegal — their protestations were drowned by jeers and roars from the crowd.

The parade was led by a colour party of seven, followed by approximately 50 wreath-bearers, two bands and the general public.

The ceremonies were held in Northwick Drive, where the Roll of Honour was read by Mrs Murphy, a mother of one of those who had been killed in Ardoyne. It was chaired by Mary McGuigan, a prominent Ardoyne republican and the oration was given by Sean McKnight, Sinn Féin city councillor, who concluded his speech by calling on the people of the area, and particularly the youth, to join the Republican Movement and play their part in Ireland's struggle for liberation.

## NEW LODGE

MONDAY, April 23rd, saw the annual Easter commemoration in the New Lodge area of North Belfast. The parade was attended by approximately 800 people who were led by a colour party and accompanied by two local bands — the O'Neill/Alsopp and Billy Reid bands — and two visiting bands from Scotland.

The parade assembled at Pim Street School and walked to a plaque in Duncrain parade, erected by the local Sinn Féin cumann in memory of those who had died in the area. Councillor Sean McKnight, Sinn Féin elected representative for Belfast Area 'F', gave the oration.

Despite the intimidatory presence of the RUC, the ceremonies went off quietly and without incident.

## DUNLOY

OVER TWO HUNDRED people attended the Easter commemoration at Dunloy's St Joseph's Cemetery, held at the graveside of Volunteers Henry Hogan and Declan Martin, killed in action in February this year.

Following a short address by Pearse McMahon, North Antrim Sinn Féin constituency representative, who chaired the proceedings, wreaths were laid on behalf of GHQ Staff IRA, North Antrim Sinn Féin and individual Sinn Féin cumann throughout North Antrim.

The 1916 Proclamation was read out and was followed by a supplied statement from North Antrim Brigade IRA which firmly reiterated the IRA's determination to continue in the tradition of armed struggle in opposition to British rule in Ireland which has been handed down by the leaders of the Easter Rising. The statement paid special tribute to Volunteers Martin and Hogan, who were killed by the SAS in February of this year, adding:

"Today, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Henry and Declan and also with the fam-

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● Bands start to form up for the New Lodge commemoration on Easter Monday



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ities of all our Volunteers who have given their lives in the war, waged down the centuries, for Irish freedom.

"It is this surety of purpose of generations, exemplified by your presence at this commemoration, which will ensure the victory of the ideals of Wolfe Tone, James Connolly, Patrick Pearse, Henry Hogan and Declan Martin."

## TOOME

Several thousand people thronged the County Antrim village of Toome on Easter Tuesday for the unveiling of a large marble Celtic cross dedicated to the memory of 1798 republican Roddy McCrory, who was hanged at Toomebridge.

An orderly march, which included up to a dozen bands, made its way from a local football field to the memorial, which stands defiantly opposite an RUC barracks and in full view of the main Belfast to Derry traffic. The previous memorial was destroyed in a loyalist explosion in January 1969.

The unveiling was performed by Mrs Betty Noone, a veteran republican from Maghera, to whom a presentation was made by a young man also called Roddy McCrory.

Among the speakers was Denis Conroy, vice-chairperson of Cork County GAA Board, who made a rousing speech and drew direct parallels between the Tan War and today's struggle. Other speakers were Danny Morrison, Kevin Agnew, Martin Galvin, Seamus Kearney and Seamus Clarke.

## CARGIN

In the hamlet of Cargin, County Antrim, around 100 people attended a wreath-laying ceremony at 1pm at the graveside of Volunteers Martin Lee, John Bateson and James Sheridan, killed in action on December 18th 1971.

## Armagh

THE COMMEMORATIONS in South Armagh started on Saturday, April 21st, with 200 people assembling in Mullaghbawn to march to the Republican Plot in the local cemetery.

At the graveside, a wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement, and a decade of the rosary was recited by Pat Murphy.

The Roll of Honour for South Armagh was read and followed by the 1916 Proclamation and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement.

In his oration, Padraig Malone, of Limerick, attacked the collaboration of the SDLP and the Free State parties. He said that they could never claim to be the heirs of the men and women of 1916.

Calling on people to support Sinn Féin in the forthcoming EEC elections, he said that it would be a choice between those who stood steadfastly for the ideals of 1916 and those who had betrayed them.

The proceedings were chaired by Sean McCoy of Carrickmacross and the parade was accompanied by the St Patrick's Band from Cullyhanna and the Crossmaglen Patriots Band from Scotland.

## LISLEA

At Lislea, on Easter Sunday, there was a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Volunteer Michael Bennett who died in 1923. It was chaired by Jimmy McCreesh of Camlough, and a decade of the rosary was recited.

After the reading of the Proclamation, a pipe played a lament.

## CULLYHANNA

A large crowd attended the annual commemoration at the Michael McVerry Memorial in Cullyhanna on Sunday afternoon. The parade from the GAA grounds was led by a Cumann na mBan colour party, and the local St Patrick's Band and the Crossmaglen Patriots Band, Scotland, took part.



● Denis Donaldson, flanked by Annette Heaney and Brendan Curran, gives the oration in Lurgan

At the start of the commemoration ceremony, Michael McVerry Senior presented the Michael McVerry Memorial Cup to the Silverbridge football team, who had won the final of the seven-side tournament held earlier in the day.

P.J. Carragher, chairperson, then proceeded with the meeting and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement, the McVerry family, local Sinn Féin cumáinn and the local GAA club. The Proclamation was read by John Taylor, followed by the Roll of Honour and the statement from the leadership.

In his oration, Padraig Malone compared Michael McVerry and his comrades with the Volunteers of 1916, saying that they were in the same tradition, fighting the same fight.

## BELEEKES

On Easter Monday, 150 people marched to the graves of Volunteers Sean Boyle and Peter Cleary in the local cemetery, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement, local Sinn Féin cumáinn and the Boyle and Cleary families.

The Scottish Crossmaglen Patriots Band played a lament after the reading of the Proclamation and the Easter statement from the leadership.

The ceremony was chaired by Jimmy McCreesh, who thanked the Scottish band in particular for their participation in all the parades, and Padraig Malone again gave the oration.

In the afternoon, the venue for Killiens commemoration was held in St Michael's Cemetery at the graveside of Volunteers John and Thomas O'Reilly and Volunteer Peter McGinnity, all three taken out of their homes in Cloughogue and murdered by a pro-British raiding party in July 1921.

The Sinn Féin colour party was led by a piper and Donal O'Neill, a cousin of the O'Reillys, read the 1916 Proclamation while Laisha Brennan recited a decade of the rosary in Irish. Sarah Murphy, of Sinn Féin, chaired the ceremony and wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogleigh na hEireann and Sinn Féin, followed by a lament from the piper.

Giving the oration, Tony Fields, from Armagh Sinn Féin, recalled events of 1921 and the circumstances which led to the murder of the three Volunteers, drawing the parallel with present-day activities

of members of the crown forces involved in assassinations of republicans in shoot-to-kill operations.

In particular, he referred to the recent, disgraceful acquittal of an RUC man for the murder of Armagh man Seamus Grew and the outrageous release of a UDR man on bail charged with the murder of Martin Malone, saying:

"There was no justice for nationalists in 1921 and there is none now, nor will there be until we rid this country of the evil British presence and their evil agents, the RUC and UDR."

## CAMLBOUGH

In Camlough, at 9.30am on Easter Sunday morning, two hundred people attended a commemoration ceremony at the Republican Plot in St Malachy's churchyard, Carrickcruppin, where hunger-striker Volunteer Raymond McCreesh is buried.

Brendan Lewis, of Cullyhanna Sinn Féin, gave the oration.

## DRUMINTREE

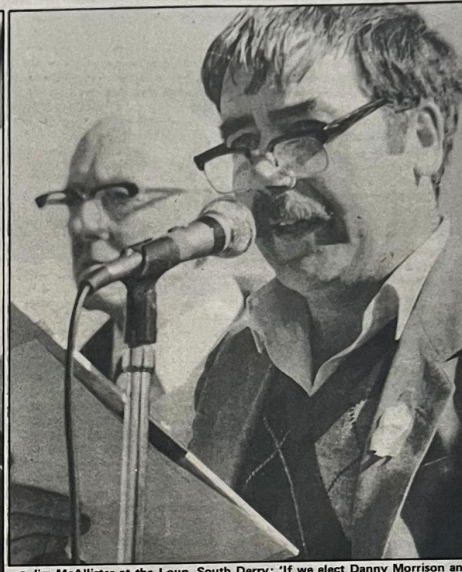
Drumintree Cemetery was surrounded by a large force of Brits and RUC with all main access roads leading to the church sealed off from early Sunday morning in an attempt to disrupt the annual Easter commemoration ceremony.

Everyone entering the churchyard was photographed while crown force members disrespectfully took up observation positions inside the cemetery, surrounding the participants.

Nevertheless, despite their petty intimidatory tactics, the Drumintree people turned out in larger numbers than in previous years to the graveside of Volunteer Jim Lochrie, where wreaths were laid from Ogleigh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the Lochrie family. Sarah Murphy, of Sinn Féin, read the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement and Joe Cunningham read the 1916 Proclamation.

Tony Fields, of Armagh Sinn Féin, gave the oration and attacked the recent statements of Bishop Cahal Daly whom, he said, "lost no opportunity to publicly condemn those struggling for justice and freedom but who was silent about the atrocities committed by the very people who can be seen today openly intimidating the Drumintree people".

Eamonn Larkin, chairperson of Beanna Uladh Executive Sinn Féin, who chaired the ceremony, commended the crowd for their refusal to be intimidated and, on leaving the graveyard, every car was stop-



● Jim McAllister at the Loup, South Derry: 'If we elect Danny Morrison and reject the collaboration of John Hume and the SDLP in June, it will be one of the final nails in the coffin of British imperialism'

ped, searched and the occupants questioned.

## CROSSMAGLEN

One of the largest crowds in years took part in this year's Easter commemoration in Crossmaglen. The marchers assembled at 10.45am at the Rangers GAA Hall and then, led by a colour party of Cumann na mBan and Fianna, they marched through the town centre, past the Brits and on to the Republican Plot in St Patrick's Graveyard.

The crowd, estimated by locals at close to 2,000-strong, were accompanied by two bands, one of which was from Glasgow.

An IRA Volunteer read the statement from the leadership and then a local statement from the IRA in South Armagh, which warned civilians to keep well away from Brit patrols and stated that several recent IRA operations in the area had had to be called off because of the proximity of civilians. The statement also told any informers that they had ten days to leave the country or suffer the consequences of their actions.

Owen Carron, Sinn Féin elected representative for Fermanagh/South Tyrone, was the main speaker.

## JONESBORO

Wreath-laying ceremonies took place on Easter Sunday morning at the Edentubber Martyrs Memorial and at Jonesboro at the grave of Volunteer Francis Jordan.

## KILCURRY

In Kilcurry, South Armagh, an IRA Volunteer, in full military Uniform, led the colour party and was given a rapturous welcome by several hundred people attending the commemoration ceremony at the graveside of Volunteer Sean Campbell, Paddy Lennon read the 1916 Proclamation, followed by the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement. In his brief oration, Tony Fields referred to the fact that "for every Volunteer captured or killed by the crown forces, ten more will step forward to replace them in the fight for freedom".

## BALLYMACNAB

A crowd of several hundred, led by three girl pipers, marched on Easter Sunday morning from Ferriagh Crossroads to the Republican Plot at Ballymacnab Cemetery, defying the large UDR/RUC force who ostentatiously mounted surveillance at every access road.

At the graveside ceremony, which was chaired by Seamus Trainor of the National Graves

Association, a wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement.

The 1916 Proclamation was read by Des Cox. The statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read and then an oration was delivered by Belfast City Councillor Alex Maskew of Sinn Féin.

## PORTADOWN

Attendances at many of this year's Easter commemorations in North Armagh reached record levels. In Portadown, around 500 people assembled at the Hurston Park Estate, a crowd estimated to be the largest since such ceremonies began in the town 11 years ago.

This large attendance surprised the RUC who had gathered in strength on the Garagey Road with the evident intent of preventing the parade. As the marchers, led by seven flag-bearers and the local Young Ireland Flute Band, came into view, a loudspeaker-toting sergeant standing on the roadway hastily directed the RUC landrovers to withdraw.

The parade continued without incident to St John's Churchyard, Drumcree, where Ned Tennyson, of Portadown Sinn Féin, chaired the ceremony. At the grave of Cumann na mBan Volunteer Julie Dougan, wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogleigh na hEireann, Sinn Féin, the relatives, the National Graves Association and Green Cross.

The 1916 Proclamation was read by Carl Mercer, of Portadown Sinn Féin, and the statement was then read on behalf of the leadership of the Republican Movement.

The oration was delivered by Denis Donaldson who, emphasising the socialist objectives of the Republican Movement, pointed out that, following a future British withdrawal, much work will still need to be done to ensure that the Irish people gain real social, economic and cultural benefits from independence.

## MAHERY

At noon, a well-attended wreath-laying ceremony took place in Mahery at the graveside of Volunteer Seamus Robinson. Charlie Laverty, of the National Graves Association, chaired the proceedings, at which wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogleigh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the National Graves Association. The 1916 Proclamation was read by Ronan Ruddy, of Lurgan Sinn Féin, and John Little, of Brownlow Sinn Féin, delivered the oration.

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## DERRYMACASH

Shortly after mid-day, around 100 people, led by three flag-bearers and a local band contingent, marched the short distance from the gates of Derrymacash Churchyard to the graveside of Volunteer Michael Crossey, who was killed in November 22nd 1971, the first North Armagh Volunteer to die in the present phase of the struggle.

Despite the conspicuous presence of the RUC, the proceedings, chaired by Jim McCrystal of the National Graves Association, proceeded without incident.

Amongst the wreaths laid was one on behalf of the Republican Movement for friends and supporters buried in the cemetery. After a minute's silence and the playing of a lament, the 1916 Proclamation was read by Paddy McLeary, of Brownlow Sinn Féin. The Easter statement of the Republican Movement was read and Martin McLeary gave the oration.

## LURGAN

Several thousand people gathered at Francis Street to parade the three miles to the Republican Plot in St. Colman's Cemetery, which contains the graves of seven IRA Volunteers. Led by seven flag-bearers, the St Mary's Accordion Band and the Young Ireland Flute Band, the crowd marched along Edward Street, where they stopped briefly at the family home of Volunteer Eugene Toman.

The parade then marched along North Street, passing a large Brit/RUC force including Special Branch photographers, who had blocked off the town centre but made no attempt to intervene. In the Kilwilkie Estate, the parade again paused outside the family homes of Volunteers Sean Burns and Terry Brady.

At the churchyard, the proceedings were chaired by Brendan Curran, of Upper Bann Sinn Féin. Amongst the numerous wreaths laid on behalf of branches of the Republican Movement and relatives of the dead Volunteers, there was one laid on behalf of the Republican Movement for friends and supporters buried at St. Colman's.

A minute's silence followed, ended by a lament played by a lone bugler. The 1916 Proclamation was then read by Annette Heaney, of Lurgan Sinn Féin, and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read. East Belfast Sinn Féin's Denis Donaldson gave the oration.

## ARMAGH CITY

A crowd estimated at over 400

marched in Armagh City, headed by a colour party and then the Portadown Independent Accordion Band. Although the RUC maintained a heavy presence throughout, no attempt was made to stop the parade on its route from the Moy Road/Banbrook Hill Junction.

At the churchyard ceremonies, which were chaired by Stephen Fields, of Sinn Féin, wreaths were laid on behalf of the IRA, Sinn Féin, the National Graves Association and Republican POWs.

The 1916 Proclamation was read by Des Cox of the National Graves Association, and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was also read.

The oration was given by Alex Maskey who, reminding his audience of the litany of oppression suffered by Northern nationalists, pointed out:

*"The total collapse of any form of credible judicial system North or South as witnessed by the continued use of the paid-performer and show-trials systems, as well as the process of extradition, has shown that the Northern state is non-viable, and can only be maintained by force and coercion."*

## Cavan

THE ROUSING music of the Bunnoe Brass Band, following a flag-bearer carrying the national flag, led a large crowd from the village of Milltown, near Belturbet, to Drumlane Cemetery for the annual Easter commemoration in Cavan.

Republicans from all over Cavan assembled at the grave of Volunteer Sean Mac an tSaor — who died on June 4th 1921 — in the historic cemetery with its 11th century round tower, and in the shadow of the massive walls of the church built by Augustinian monks nearly 1,000 years ago.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from both national and local organisations, followed by the reading of the Proclamation and the Easter statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement.

Chairperson Peadar Neary then called on Charlie Boylan, Sinn Féin elected representative on Cavan County Council, to deliver the oration.

## Clare

A CROWD one hundred strong marched from the cross at

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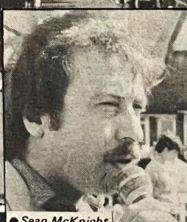
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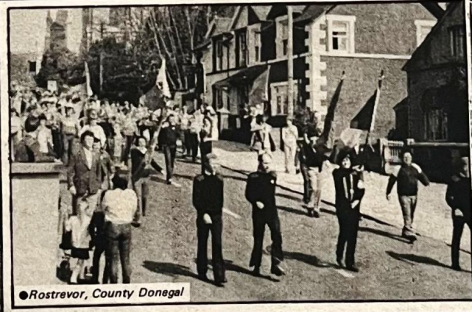
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●The Roddy McCorley Memorial is unveiled in Toome on Easter Tuesday



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**Spencil Hill to the graveyard of Clooney at the main commemoration in County Clare.**

At the graveside of three republicans who gave their lives in the War for the Defence of the Republic, people from all over Clare assembled.

The commemoration was chaired by Michael O'Connell, the Proclamation was read and a decade of the rotary said. Wreaths were laid and the statement from the leadership was then read.

Michael Mac Conmara, who gave the oration, attacked the handing over of Dominic McGinley by the Free State authorities into the blood-soaked hands of the RUC and the Orange judiciary. He also condemned the widespread garrulous harassment of people in Clare during that period. The Criminal Justice Bill is designed, he said, to give increased powers to a discredited police force.

## SHANNON

The commemoration in Shannon held in the morning was led by a three-man colour party in full battledress. The fifty-strong crowd heard Michael Mac Conmara declare that the twenty-six county state could not lay claim to be fulfilling the words of the Proclamation:

*"Who can say that the children of the poor — the children of the travellers, the children in the clutches of the drug-pushers — who can say they are being treated equally with the children of the rich?"*

A short wreath-laying ceremony also took place at Drumcliff Cemetery in Ennis.

## Cork

**VETERAN REPUBLICAN** Gerold Mac Carthaigh was one of the organisers of the Cork commemoration held in the city on Easter Sunday. Peadar Beecher, of Cork Sinn Féin, chaired the meeting at St Finbar's Cemetery after the march from the National Monument and also read the Proclamation.

Two pipers and a Fianna colour party headed the parade to the Republican Plot, where wreaths were laid from the Republican Movement and local cumann.

In his oration, Sinn Féin vice-president and Leitrim County Councillor John Joe McGilp paid tribute to the two former lord mayors of Cork city, Thomas MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney, who both gave their lives in the fight for freedom that continues today. He went on to warn the people of the danger of allowing the gardai to create a virtual police state if the provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill went through Leinster House unchallenged.

The Easter statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was then read.

## COBH

At the Easter commemoration in Cobh on Monday, a lone piper led the marchers to the Republican Plot in the Old Cemetery.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of East Cork Command of Ogligh na hEireann, the leadership of the Republican Movement and the Cobh Sinn Féin cumann. Kenneth O'Connell, of Cobh Sinn Féin, chaired the proceedings and the Proclamation and Roll of Honour were read.

A minute's silence was followed by the reading of the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement and the oration was given by John Joe McGilp.

## Derry

**APPROXIMATELY 5,000** people attended Sunday's Easter commemoration ceremony in Derry. Thirteen IRA Volunteers provided the colour party and led the procession and, as a mark of respect for IRA

Volunteer Richie Quigley, killed the previous night, the five republican bands attending the parade did not play their usual defiant tunes but beat a slow drum tattoo until the march had left the Bogside, where Richie lived.

The march, substantially larger than in recent years, was noticeable for its discipline and the sense of determination among the marchers. In the cemetery Barney McFadden chaired the proceedings. John Coyle from the PDF Committee read the Roll of Honour, Brid Ni Corrain read the Proclamation and a uniformed Volunteer of Ogligh na hEireann read the army message.

Bugler John O'Hagan played the Last Post while veteran republican Gerry Doherty lowered the flag in honour of Ireland's dead. Paul Doherty, John Starrs cumann, laid a wreath on behalf of Sinn Féin and Susie O'Hagan, Shantallow Sinn Féin, and Minnie O'Hagan, a life-long supporter of the Republican Movement, laid a wreath on behalf of the Army. Wreaths were then laid by the relatives of Derry's fallen dead.

Also on the platform was veteran Derry republican Sean Keenan. Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams gave the oration at the Republican Plot and compared those of 1916 to today's struggle, saying:

*"The Volunteers who proclaimed the Irish republic in 1916 fought for the right of the Irish people to national self-determination and sovereignty and for an Irish republic as enshrined in the 1916 Proclamation. The IRA Volunteers who fight today, and those Volunteers of the Derry Brigade of the IRA, whose remains are buried in this graveyard, fought for the same objectives and for the same aspirations. Their actions were not, and are not, governed by self-interest. On the contrary, those men and women who struggle for Irish freedom today are motivated by an unselfish wish to see the Irish people and the SOLR, it will be one of the final nails in the coffin of British imperialism and oppression in Ireland."*

He saluted those who, in spite of a campaign of vilification against Sinn Féin, have voted for Sinn Féin saying:

*"Those brave people who voted for Sinn Féin and who are voting for Sinn Féin in increasing numbers are not voting merely for a political party. Despite the hysterical propaganda campaign of moral blackmail waged against them, they are demonstrating that they are free and, despite the lack of material freedom, that they at least have won for themselves the intellectual, moral and spiritual courage to declare their freedom in the same way as Padraig Pearse declared the establishment of the sovereign and independent Irish republic of 1916."*

On the role of the Catholic Hierarchy, Adams was critical of Bishop Cahal Daly of Down and Connor and his one-sided comments on the use of force. He said:

*"You and I are both blessed by a Bishop Daly, with my Bishop Daly in recent times acting as spokesperson for the Catholic Hierarchy on the question of the use of force, republicanism and allied subjects. He has, you will have noticed been uncharacteristically silent on the question of the British presence and the evils which spring from it. While we, for our part, are the direct inheritors of a long republican and separatist tradition, for his part, Bishop Cahal Daly is in the long and inglorious tradition of Irish church leaders who if nothing else have been consistent in their condemnation of any radical, separatist or republican organisation which threatened the status quo."*

## THE LOUP

South Derry's principal Easter commemoration, at the Loup, attracted an impressive turn-out, several thousand strong.

Beneath a cloudless blue sky,

the crowds assembled on the Ballyronan Road. Shortly after 3pm, led by a seven-strong republican colour party, the parade marched to St Patrick's Churchyard. The presence of seven bands plus numerous banners of South Derry Sinn Féin cumann, heightened the almost festive atmosphere, with the confident and dignified mood of the crowd clearly apparent.

In the churchyard, at the graveside of IRA Brigadier Sean Larkin, who was executed by Free State forces at Drumboe on March 14th 1923, wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogligh na hEireann and Sinn Féin. The crowd then observed a minute's silence, which was followed by a lament, *Farwell to Bellaghy*, played by an Aghoghill band.

The crowds then thronged into the carpark opposite, where Malachy Larkin read the 1916 Proclamation, Kevin Agnew, of Sinn Féin, who chaired the proceedings, then introduced Sinn Féin elected representative for Armagh Jim McAllister. In the course of his oration, McAllister stressed the determination of the Republican Movement to press on to victory over the forces of British imperialism in Ireland. In this context, emphasising the central importance of Sinn Féin's electoral strategy, McAllister said:

*"When the Irish people came out in their thousands to support the hunger-strikers of 1981, a turning point was reached in our history. The hunger-strike itself and the mass support for the hunger-strikers proved to the world that republicans were in earnest, that republicans were not isolated, and that they certainly were not the thugs and criminals that Britain pretended they were."*

Having reviewed the far-reaching effects of Sinn Féin election successes to date, McAllister continued:

*"This June we will all have a chance once again to prove to Britain, the Free State and the world what we think of British rule in Ireland. If we put Danny Morrison in, in the British-occupied six counties, and reject the collaboration of Hume and the SOLR, it will be one of the final nails in the coffin of British imperialism and oppression in Ireland."*

## DUNGIVEN

Earlier, in brilliant midday sunshine at Dungeness, several hundred people attended a wreath-laying ceremony in St Patrick's Churchyard.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement, relative to on behalf of Sinn Féin by Paddy Lynch, father of murdered H-Block hunger-striker and INLA Volunteer Kevin Lynch, who is buried in the graveyard. Interred close by are IRA Volunteers O'Carolan and Kilmartin, who were murdered by the Specials in May 1922.

The 1916 Proclamation was read by local Sinn Féin activist Mickey McGonagle and then Mickey Hasson, also of Dungeness Sinn Féin and chairperson of the proceedings, introduced Jim McAllister, who delivered the oration.

## DRAPERSTOWN

In Draperstown, early-morning wreath-laying ceremonies took place at the gravesides of republicans buried in Straw Chapel and Moneyneenan Chapel. The speaker at both commemorations was veteran republican Charlie Laverty. As well as family tributes, wreaths were laid on behalf of the Hughes/Hegarty/Laverty Sinn Féin cumann, Ballinacree.

## BELLAGHY

Ceremonies also took place at Newbridge and Bellaghy, where wreaths were laid at the graves of IRA Volunteers and H-Block hunger-strikers Francis Hughes and Thomas McElwee. Benedict McElwee led a decade of the rosary in Irish, after which the crowd of around 100 observed a minute's silence in memory of Ireland's republican dead. The simple commemoration was chaired by Mich-

aël Mulholland of Bellaghy Sinn Féin.

That evening, the Hughes/Connolly/McElwee Memorial Band and the Brendan Convery Memorial Band, both locally-based, paraded through Bellaghy, defying the heavy RUC presence in the village.

## SWATRAGH

There was a large turnout for Swatragh's commemoration on Easter Monday. Led by a colour party, a crowd of over 500 people, interspersed by up to six bands, marched from the Keedy Road through the small village.

At Granagh Churchyard, where Volunteers Danny McKullan and James Bradley are buried, wreaths were laid on behalf of the IRA, Sinn Féin and relatives of the dead Volunteers. The 1916 Proclamation was read by James Convery, of Swatragh Sinn Féin, and the oration was given by veteran Liam Mulholland, of Belfast, who stressed in his speech the continuity of the republican struggle and the crucial importance of the armed actions of the IRA.

## Donegal

**THE ANNUAL Donegal Easter** commemoration, honouring the memory of four IRA Volunteers shot by Free State forces in 1923, attracted a crowd of over 1,000 people who marched from Stranorlar to Drumboe, where the four men were executed.

Three bands took part in the parade, the Limavady Pipe Band, the Strabane Pipe Band and the Letterkenny Accordion Band. The marchers, headed by flag-bearers, stopped at the Republican Monument in Stranorlar, erected in memory of the Drumboe Martyrs, where wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogligh na hEireann, Donegal, the Donegal Commemoration Committee, and Donegal Sinn Féin. The Sons of Ireland Band from Limavady also laid a wreath.

Joe O'Neill, Sinn Féin councillor for Bundoran, chaired the meeting in Drumboe, where the oration was given by Martin McGuinness, Sinn Féin elected representative for Derry.

The Proclamation was read by Raymond McLaughlin, a recently released POW from English jails, and Eddie Houston, of Letterkenny Sinn Féin, read the Donegal Roll of Honour.

## Down

**IN SOUTH DOWN** the annual Easter commemorations went ahead despite provocation by a heavy RUC and UDR presence in and around the Downpatrick and Castlewells areas, where roadblocks were set up and people delayed for long periods on their way to the ceremonies.

Led by a Sinn Féin colour party and supported by four local bands, several hundred people marched from Bann Road, Castlewells, to the spot where Volunteer Paul Magorrian was shot on August 14th 1974. There his mother unveiled a plaque to his memory, renaming the park Paul Magorrian Park.

The commemoration began with Jim Quail reciting a decade of the rosary in Irish and the Proclamation being read by Jim McClements, followed by the message from the Republican Movement leadership. Ex-Armagh POW Silé Darragh, from East Belfast, addressed the crowd, followed by a brief wreath-laying ceremony.

## DOWNPATRICK

Silé Darragh also spoke at the Downpatrick commemoration which assembled in Irish Street and was attended by 300 people and two local bands, the Thomas Russell Band and the Magorrian/Rice/McAnulty Band. Sinn Féin members provided the colour party.

At Killough Road Cemetery, the Proclamation, read by Martin Gough, preceded the reading of the Roll of Honour and a minute's silence.

Earlier that morning, there were wreath-laying ceremonies in Ardglass at the grave of Lao O'Hanlon and at Tyconnest at the grave of James Carlin. A wreath was also laid on the grave of Thomas Russell, *The Man from God Knows Where*, by members of the Lao O'Hanlon Sinn Féin cumann, Downpatrick.

## ROSTREVER

Easter Sunday afternoon saw the first of what is planned to be an annual Easter commemoration in the small seaside village of Rostrevor.

Seven flag-bearers led the parade from the assembly point at Newtown Road along the coast road to the village square. The crowd, estimated at over 400 people, included bands from Castlewells, Newry, Derry and Glasgow.

At the ceremony, there was attentive silence as the 1916 Proclamation was read by Majella Baxter, of South Down Sinn Féin, who chaired the proceedings. Statements were then read out on behalf of the leadership of the Republican Movement and on behalf of the South Down Brigade.

Jim McAllister, who spoke next, appealed to supporters to join Sinn Féin and the Republican Movement, pointing out:

*"Everyone has a part to play and every role, properly fulfilled, is equally necessary and important."*

This theme was taken up by Brendan Curran, of Upper Bann Sinn Féin, who in the course of his oration stressed the importance of continuing Sinn Féin's electoral successes. Predicting that, with the help of the people, Danny Morrison could be elected in June, Curran added:

*"The EEC elections present us with a challenge, but it is one which the Republican Movement is capable of meeting, as we have met other challenges in the past. Nevertheless, we remain fully aware of the limitations of electoral politics. Only through revolutionary struggle, which includes armed struggle, can we achieve our aim — a democratic socialist republic."*

## NEWRY

In celebration of the 68th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, thousands of republicans marched through Newry to St Mary's Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning. Led by the Newry Sinn Féin Flute Band and uniformed colour party, and with the support of the Newry Frontier Band, the Gowan Shamrock Band, Glasgow, and bands from South Down and South Armagh, the colourful cavalcade made its way out along the Warpoint Road.

Speaking at the graveside, John Stewart of Newry urged the assembled crowd to remember that just coming out to parade on Easter Sunday was not in itself going to achieve our ambition of a free and united socialist Ireland. He urged the people to come forward and join Sinn Féin and play an active role in pursuit of that objective.

After the reading of the 1916 Proclamation in Ireland by Brian Clarke, the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read.

Wreaths were then laid on behalf of a number of organisations and individuals. After a minute's silence in honour of all those who have given their lives for Ireland, the parade re-assembled and marched back to Newry, where it peacefully dispersed.

## Dublin

**JOHN NOONAN**, Sinn Féin candidate for Dublin in June's EEC elections, chaired the commemoration in Dublin at the Republican Plot in Glas-

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## nevin Cemetery.

Over 300 people marched from Cathedral Street in the city centre behind a colour party of the Fianna. At the graveside, a wreath was laid on behalf of Dublin Brigade Óglaigh na hÉireann.

Joe McDonagh, of the Dublin POW Department, read the Proclamation and was followed by Aine Ní Gowan reading the Roll of Honour. A member of the Fianna Éireann's Dublin Brigade read her organisation's Easter message and then the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read.

The oration was given by Rita O'Hare, head of Sinn Féin's Women's Department, who praised the work of Sinn Féin in Dublin in their support for working-class people who were becoming increasingly aware of the corruption of establishment politics and politicians who made them beg for what was theirs by right. In particular, she pointed to the work of Christy Burke and John Noonan in the anti-drugs campaign.

Concluding, she said that the EEC elections in June gave the Irish people the first chance since 1918 to vote for Sinn Féin candidates throughout the thirty-two counties and that it was vital that all members and supporters seized that chance to show the reality of Sinn Féin support on an all-Ireland basis.

## DUN LAOGHAIRE

A Fianna colour party led the parade of about 150 local members and supporters from Baker's Corner to the Republican Plot in Dean's Grange Cemetery on Easter Monday.

Our Lady of Victories Pipe Band, from Sellynaggin, headed the march. At the graveside, Deasún Breathnach conducted the meeting in Irish and recited a decade of the rosary.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement and the statement from the leadership read, followed by a minute's silence in memory of the dead Volunteers. The Roll of Honour was read by Ann O'Sullivan, of Dublin Sinn Féin, and the Proclamation by Michael Reilly.

John Noonan, Sinn Féin candidate in the June Euro-elections, gave the oration in which he said that the Irish people in this generation have as much right to assert their independence from British rule as any generation that went before them.

## Fermanagh

IN A DISPLAY of sectarian bigotry, hundreds of RUC personnel swamped the small town of Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, last Sunday, to prevent nationalists parading through the town in the annual Easter commemoration.

The RUC had dubbed Newtownbutler a "flash-point" area a day earlier when journalists asked them if they expected any trouble during the Easter commemorations in the six counties. As it turned out, it was the RUC who came looking for trouble as they tried in vain to provoke Fermanagh republicans who remained disciplined throughout.

Shortly after mid-day, dozens of jeeps, minibuses and unmarked cars ferried the RUC both to Newtownbutler itself and to all the access roads to the town. On the Clones Road a convoy of jeeps drove continuously in a wide circle at the entrance to a nationalist estate, while other RUC men tried to enter the local cemetery where the commemoration was to be held.

As crowds began to assemble for the 3 o'clock commemoration parade, armed RUC men were clustered in the centre of the main street and at street corners.

Parade organisers were told by RUC Inspector Basil Elliott that the parade would not be allowed on the grounds that permission had not

been obtained, and were also told that the RUC had come to 'protect' the people.

In this overwhelmingly nationalist town, the RUC have consistently demonstrated who they are 'protecting' by stopping every nationalist parade, whether cultural or political, over the years. When, in the 1950s, they were defied by local republicans such as Canon Maguire who simply walked past them and the RUC attacked each event, causing riots.

Again, on Sunday last, the RUC were clearly hoping that trouble would begin. Recognising this, the parade organisers waited until the crowd had assembled, and until the three bands attending the commemoration had played a selection of republican airs, before announcing that rather than allow the RUC to disrupt the commemoration people should simply walk past them and re-assemble at the cemetery.

This the people did, and after passing the fortified RUC roadblocks on the main street, they again walked along the roadway despite the threats of a line of RUC personnel who attempted to grab cameras belonging to individual marchers. And in a further act of intimidation, the line of marchers was filmed by local RUC Detective Sergeant Montgomery.

At the cemetery, the marchers formed a cordon to keep the RUC back while the Mountain Road Pipe Band, the Three Ks Accordion Band and the newly formed Canon Maguire Memorial Band, re-assembled on the roadway. This was the first public appearance of the Canon Maguire Memorial Band.

To the huge cheer from the crowd, a colour party of Fianna Éireann appeared and these led the parade into the cemetery to the grave of Volunteer Jimmy Connolly.

Chairing the commemoration Patricia Keenan urged the crowd not to be goaded by the RUC and to maintain the dignity of the occasion. Wreaths were then laid on behalf of Óglaigh na hÉireann, Fianna Éireann, the Connolly family, Fermanagh Sinn Féin and Newtownbutler Sinn Féin. The Proclamation was read by Sean McKiernan and a member of the Mountain Road Pipe Band played a lament.

Delivering the main oration, Tom Hartley, of Sinn Féin and comhairle, said that the RUC had been looking for trouble, adding that included amongst all the RUC personnel in Newtownbutler was "a man called Crutchley, a man who was head of the RUC in West Belfast and gave the order for the murder of Nora McCabe who was killed by a rubber bullet". Hartley continued:

"If anyone here wants to see clearly the power of the message of 1916, then it can be seen in the efforts of the RUC to stop this march."

## DERRYLIN

In Derrylin, 300 people attended the commemoration which took place, after 11am mass, at the graveside of Jim Murphy, an IRA Volunteer in the 1950s and a founder member of Sinn Féin locally in the early 1970s, who was assassinated in Easter 1974. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the family and Sinn Féin and the oration was given by Vincent Martin, of Fermanagh Sinn Féin's comhairle ceantair.

## Galway

SEAMUS O'MAILLE, the last of the 77 republicans executed by the pro-Treaty forces during the counter-revolution of 1922-23 was commemorated at a ceremony in Oughterard, County Galway, on Easter Sunday morning.

Chairperson Pat Gibbons introduced Mary McGing, one of Sinn Féin's three candidates for Connaught/Ulster in the EEC elections, who gave a short address.

At the main Galway commemoration in the afternoon at Donaghpatrick, 350 people joined the



● Kerry republicans march to Cahirciveen Cemetery

parade to the Republican Plot, led by a Sinn Féin colour party and the Cahirciveen Band.

Frank Glynn, Sinn Féin councillor on Galway County Council, presided, and wreaths were laid by representatives of local Sinn Féin cumainn and Galway comhairle ceantair. He paid tribute to veteran republican Michael Hughes, who died just before Christmas.

Murtagh Qualter read the Roll of Honour and Joe D'Arcy then read the Proclamation. A decade of the rosary was then recited by Peadar Hughes.

In his oration, Mary McGing spoke of the nine victims of the Civil War who were buried in that cemetery, saying that the same issues faced the Movement then as today.

Speaking about the electoral intervention in the EEC elections, she said that Sinn Féin was fighting on an anti-EEC platform.

She condemned the Reagan visit and said that Galway could not welcome him on his proposed visit to Ashford Castle.

"Ronald Reagan's administration thinks nothing of cynically manoeuvring the people of Central America into bloody wars in order to protect the interests of American capitalism."

She went on to expose the "frantic security" which has preceded the Reagan visit and is being used as an excuse to harass republicans and anyone opposed to the visit.

## Kerry

TRALEE'S Easter commemoration drew the biggest crowd for years as more than 500 people assembled at the National Monument in the town to march to Rath Cemetery.

A large colour party of Fianna, followed by contingents from Cailini and Sinn Féin, were at the head of the parade, followed by Gill O'Brien's Band.

At the Republican Plot, the proceedings were chaired by George Rice, the Proclamation was read by Sean O'Callaghan and a decade of the rosary was said by Moss Connolly.

Wreaths were laid by Margaret Brosnan from the Cailini, Tim Prendiville, Fianna, John Paul Connolly, an Cumann Cabhrach, Joe Coffey, Sinn Féin and on behalf of Óglaigh na hÉireann. And Behal pointed out that, at the same time as this verdict was being delivered in the North, the head of the RUC federation was

Republican Movement fights on: political, military, social, economic and cultural. She said:

"As well as the armed struggle driving an occupying army of Brits from our land, the struggle can remove the Free Staters from power and win a republic for the people."

In Listowel, about 300 people assembled in the Square on Sunday morning and marched to the Republican Plot, where chairperson Gerry Walsh, Sinn Féin member of Kerry County Council proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Paddy Finucane who died recently.

Wreaths were laid by Mick Kisan, on behalf of the Republican Movement, by Christina Kelleher for Sinn Féin, and by Eleanor O'Sullivan on behalf of all our prisoners in Ireland and England. A decade of the rosary in Irish was recited by Cathleen O'Sullivan and the statement from the leadership was then read.

The speaker was Martha McClelland, who said that it was more difficult to be a republican in the twenty-six counties than in the six. "Republicans in the South can be very isolated because of the years of repression and censorship," she said, and added that this situation had to be reversed. She continued:

"Today in 1984, we, as republicans, face the future as republicans have always faced it - full of determination and the unquenchable will to win."

A MARCH from the Republican Monument to the Republican Plot in the local cemetery in Cahirciveen was led by flag-bearers and two pipers on Easter Sunday afternoon.

Two hundred and fifty people took part in the parade, which was watched by many more spectators, and a wreath was laid at the monument before the parade set off for the graveside ceremony, which was chaired by Tim Garvey, who also read the Roll of Honour.

Richard Behal, Sinn Féin EEC candidate for Munster, gave the oration. Behal condemned the blatant collaboration of the Free State government with its British counterpart, collaboration which ensured a continuation of events such as the murder of Seamus Grew and Roddy Carroll.

"Not only was the RUC killer of these two unarmed men acquitted," he said, "but he was congratulated on his marksmanship!"

And Behal pointed out that, at the same time as this verdict was being delivered in the North, the head of the RUC federation was



● RICHARD BEHAL

being entertained by garda representatives in Wexford.

Focussing on Sinn Féin's electoral strategy, he said that contesting elections had been used as a tactic many times before and would be used in the future.

## Kildare

THE UNVEILING of a plaque to Bob Mullahy, who died in 1980 and is buried in the Republican Plot in Kibbelen Cemetery in Newbridge, was part of the ceremonies at Kildare's Easter commemoration on Sunday.

Matt Conway, of Kildare Sinn Féin, chaired the meeting after the march from Newbridge, which was accompanied by St Joseph's Accordion Band from Portlaoise.

Paddy O'Neill read the Proclamation after wreaths were laid on behalf of Óglaigh na hÉireann, Kildare Sinn Féin and the local Sinn Féin cumainn.

Val Lynch, of Dublin Sinn Féin, gave the oration, during which he condemned in the strongest terms the collaboration of the Free State government in extraditing Dominic McGlinchey whilst ignoring the plight of the nationalist people in the six counties for the past 60 years.

He urged that everyone should get out and work for Sinn Féin's candidates for the area in the EEC elections in June, John Carroll from Offaly.

## Leitrim

SEVERAL hundred people attended this year's Easter Commemoration ceremony in County Leitrim.

The parade assembled at John's Bridge for the two-mile march to Cloonmorris Cemetery. Led by the local Kilbultipe Pipe Band, and watched closely by a large contingent of Free State gardai and Special Branch, the parade set off in glowing sunshine.

A civilian guard of honour of Leitrim republicans marched behind the flag-bearer who carried the Tricolour a short distance ahead of the main body of marchers.

The ceremony took place at the graveside of Val Jimmy Joe Reynolds, who died on November 28th 1938 in a premature explosion at Castletin in County Donegal. Amongst the huge crowd who attended were Charlie and Sean Reynolds, brothers of Jimmy Joe, and his sister May.

The proceedings were chaired by Gerry O'Rourke of Carrick-on-Shannon. A decade of the rosary was recited and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read.

The oration was given by Sinn Féin EEC candidate Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin of Monaghan. He outlined the story of Reynolds' involvement in the republican struggle, declaring that "this courage epitomised the undaunted spirit and determination of the people of this country in the face of oppression, be it inspired by foreign or native elements. The Leitrim people's love of freedom and preparedness to fight for its achievement, is well known and time honoured."

"At this special time of renewal and redemption to the republican struggle, we must pledge to redouble (continued on next page)



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our efforts to defeat those who continue to occupy our country and continue to betray our country and its people. As the tremendous successes of Sinn Féin in the six counties have enhanced our cause, so too will we advance to the day of ultimate victory when we successfully record the rising tide of Sinn Féin in the Free State in electoral terms in June."

Concluding, he declared that "there need be no fears in the hearts of those who have given a life-time of service to the physical force struggle against British imperialism in Ireland. Sinn Féin's position is totally complimentary to the efforts of the men and women Volunteers of the Irish Republican Army. Armed struggle is both a legitimate and necessary part of the ongoing struggle for Irish freedom."

The ceremony ended with the playing of the national anthem.

## Limerick

**ABOUT 250 people followed a Republican Movement colour party from Bedford Row in the city to Mount St Lawrence's Cemetery.**

Eimear Quinlivan, of Limerick Sinn Féin, chaired the meeting at the Republican Plot, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement.

Bill Butler, whose son Eddie is an Irish political prisoner in England, laid a wreath on behalf of the prisoners, and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read.

Maura McCrory, women's officer on Belfast Sinn Féin's regional executive and chairperson of the Stop the Show Trials Committee, gave the oration, saying:

"The Free State has abandoned any official marking of the declaration of the republic which they pretend to be in continuance of in the twenty-six counties. What truly independent nation in the world is afraid to commemorate its independence day? Instead, Free State politicians cover behind Britain's skirts, or a few of their supporters, shamefacedly drag themselves to one or two Easter commemorations."

"The electoral strategy in the North needs to be supplemented by success in the twenty-six counties. The EEC elections represent that opportunity. Nobody should, however, be in any doubt about the limitations of politics - only a revolutionary struggle can break British rule."

The crowd then went to the grave of Sean Glynn in another part of the cemetery, where a wreath was laid by Lily Hickey, who was a friend and comrade of Sean. He was the first prisoner to die in a Free State jail under a Fianna Fáil government.

Maura McCrory was also the speaker at the commemoration in Athea, County Limerick, on Sunday afternoon. A hundred people marched behind the local pipe band and a contingent of Caillini to the Republican Plot in the local cemetery, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement and Sinn Féin.

At Athea, Maura McCrory concentrated on the paid-perjurer and show-trial tactic of the RUC, saying:

"All the repressive measures of the last 12 years are now being backed by the disgraceful use and abuse of the paid perjurer, who is intimidated and bought by the RUC to give well-rehearsed, fabricated evidence in Diplock courts against innocent people."

## Longford

Relatives of IRA Volunteer Pat Farrell, who was killed in May 1921 and is buried in the Republican Plot in Foxhall Cemetery, Lenamore, County Longford, laid wreaths during



● The Newry Frontier Flute Band leads off the Monaghan town commemoration

the Easter commemoration there.

More than 200 people marched to the cemetery where the meeting, chaired by Sean Lynch, Sinn Féin elected representative on Longford County Council, heard an oration by John Carroll, one of Sinn Féin's three EEC candidates for Leinster.

Pat Devine read the Proclamation, and the Longford Roll of Honour, to which H-Block hunger-striker Martin Hurson's name was added, was then read out. Barney Lennon recited a decade of the rosary.

## Louth

**IN DUNDALK'S biggest Easter commemoration parade for years, about 1,000 people marched behind a Fianna colour party to the Republican Plot in St Patrick's Cemetery.**

The Wolfe Tone Band from Newry and the Gowan Shamrock Flute Band from Glasgow led the marchers from the town square to the graveyard, where the ceremony was chaired by Sinn Féin Councillor Fra Browne of Dundalk UDC and Louth County Council.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of O'gleigh na hEireann, South Down, Louth Sinn Féin, local cumann and Monaghan Sinn Féin. After the Proclamation was read, Paddy Mollony, chairperson of West Belfast Sinn Féin, delivered the oration.

He reminded the crowd of the promises to the Irish people in the Proclamation - of cherishing all the children of the nation equally, of prosperity and happiness - and compared those promises to the Ireland of today:

"The only way the ideals of the Proclamation can be achieved is through Sinn Féin."

As the parade made its way back to the town, some of the Special Branchmen present tried to infiltrate their ranks, but had to withdraw when the marchers refused to move until the Branchmen had left.

The parade then marched to the local garage barracks in protest against the arrest that morning of a man on his way to the Drogheda commemoration.

## DROGHEDA

The Drogheda commemoration was held on Easter Sunday morning, with a small crowd gathering to march to the Republican Plot in the local cemetery.

Although small, the parade was a colourful one, led by a colour party of Fianna Eireann and the Lourdes Girls & Boys Brass Band. Two local drum majorette groups lent a lively air to the parade as it made its way through the town.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Easter Commemoration Committee, the local Sinn Féin cumann and O'gleigh na hEireann.

Malachy Foots, of Dundalk Sinn Féin, read the Proclamation and the oration was given by Padraic Wilson of Belfast Sinn Féin.

## Mayo

**MAYO'S Easter commemoration was held in Ballycastle, at the Republican Plot in Dunfeeney Cemetery.**

Two IRA Volunteers from the Tan War, Tommy Neeson and Paddy Winters, are buried there.

Cathal Quinn chaired the ceremony, and a decade of the rosary was said by Eddie Ruane.

Mairtin O'Muilleoir, from Belfast Sinn Féin's cultural department, spoke about the relevance of the coming elections and about the inevitable failure of the Dublin Forum to produce any solution to the plight of the nationalist people in the North.

## KILKELLY

On Easter Monday, about 250 people paraded through Kilkelly, accompanied by the school band, to the East Mayo Brigade IRA Memorial.

There, a plaque was unveiled by Ruairi O'Bradhach to the three hunger-strikers from Mayo: Sean McNeela, Michael Gaughan and Frank Stagg.

The chairperson was 83-year-old John Snee, an IRA veteran.

## Meath

**MORE than 150 people gathered in Drumree, County Meath, to march in brilliant sunshine to the Republican Plot in the local cemetery, where Seamus Fox, a 16-year-old courier who was killed in Dublin in 1916, is buried.**

A Fianna colour party headed the march, and wreaths were laid on behalf of O'gleigh na hEireann, Meath Sinn Féin and the Sinn Féin cumann in Dunshaughlin. Kevin McManus, of the Meath commemoration committee, chaired the meeting and the Proclamation and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement were read.

Dermot O'Hara, of Dublin Sinn Féin, gave the oration, in which he castigated the Free State policy of encouraging the exploitation of Irish workers by foreign multinationals who use the blackmail of job losses and factory closures to keep wages down:

Also amongst the crowd of local Sinn Féin members and supporters were several IRA veterans of the Tan War.

## Monaghan

**THE BIGGEST turn-out in recent years attended the annual Easter commemoration in Monaghan town.**

In brilliant sunshine, the crowd assembled at the O'Hanlon Memorial on the Clones Road and, led by an honour guard of local republicans and the Newry Frontier Flute Band, they marched through the town to Latturcan Cemetery.

Taking part in the Monaghan town commemoration was a colour party from the recently-formed Fianna Eireann slua in Knockatallon.

The ceremony was chaired by Vincent Conlon, chairperson of Monaghan Sinn Féin comhairle ceantair, and a decade of the rosary was recited by James McElwain, father of H-Block escapee Seamus McElwain. The statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement was then read and the Proclamation was read by Sean McCoy.

Wreaths were laid at the graves of Volunteers Fearghal O'Hanlon, Bernard MacCartan Ward and Michael Kelly, all laid to rest within the walls of the 'old cemetery'. Earlier in the day, Padraigh Uí Mhurchu, sister of Fearghal O'Hanlon laid a wreath at his memorial in the town.

Donegal Sinn Féin Councillor Anthony O'Malley-Daly, of Ballyshannon, gave the oration. He emphasised the importance of complementing the ongoing armed struggle with increased political activity and called on all those present to ensure that they cast their first, second and third preference votes for the three Sinn Féin candidates in the Connaught/ Ulster constituency in the EEC elections in June. Continuing, O'Malley-Daly said:

"The Sinn Féin candidate in this area is your own Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, a cousin of Volunteer Fearghal O'Hanlon, whom we commemorate and honour here today. I have no doubt that you will all work tirelessly during the next six weeks that he and the

other two Sinn Féin candidates in this EEC constituency can collectively achieve further electoral successes for Sinn Féin."

Concluding, he urged everyone to remember our POWs, men and women who daily suffer the hardship of prison life, be it in Long Kesh or Portlaoise, Armagh or Limerick, and not to forget the prisoners' dependants.

The commemoration ended with the playing of the Last Post and the national anthem.

## COUNTY MONAGHAN

On Easter Sunday morning, a number of ceremonies took place throughout County Monaghan at the gravesides of all those whose names appear on the County Roll of Honour. Amongst these ceremonies were the following.

In Clara, at the graves of Volunteer Sean McKenna and his nephew Jeff, the oration was given by Fiontan Ó Caoláin and a wreath was laid by Anthony Watterson.

At the grave of Volunteer Peadar Mohan, in Clontibret, Padraig Ó Baoighill gave the oration, Jim McAdam laid a wreath, and a decade of the rosary was recited by Owen Smyth.

The annual commemoration at the grave of Aloysius Hand in Clones was attended by 30 people. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Frank McCaughy UDC. Following a reading of the Proclamation by Fintan MacPhillips, the oration was delivered by Brian McDonald, Sinn Féin's assistant director of publicity.

All such ceremonies were well-supported by all the communities concerned.

## Offaly

**OFFALY'S Easter commemoration was held at the grave of Volunteer Liam Dignam in Clara on Easter Sunday. Nearly 100 people, led by a Sinn Féin colour party, marched to the small local cemetery where a wreath was laid by Peter Dignam, a grand-nephew of Liam Dignam.**

The proclamation was read by Liam Walsh of Tullamore during the ceremony, which was chaired by Michael Conway of Daingean. Martin O'Connor said a decade of the Rosary. The statement from the leadership of the republican movement was then read and Oliver O'Connor delivered a short oration.

## Roscommon

**FOURMILEHOUSE was the scene of County Roscommon's annual Easter commemoration last Sunday.**

About 300 people followed flag-bearers and the Raheen Pipers Band to Ballinderry Cemetery, where Volunteer John Conroy, murdered by the RIC in 1920, is buried.

Padraig O'Ryan chaired the graveside ceremony, where the Proclamation was read by Adie Clarke. Ruairi O'Bradhach delivered the oration and urged republicans to live up to and strive for a socialist republic based on the Proclamation. He emphasised that the struggle in the North today is the continuation of the fight for freedom that men like John Conroy died for, and for which the men and women who had given their lives in every phase of Ireland's struggle.

## Sligo

**A LARGE CROWD, estimated at around 400, took part in Sligo town's Easter commemoration which was held at the Republican Plot in Sligo Cemetery.**

The march from the Town Hall was accompanied by the Sligo City Pipe Band and was watched by hundreds of spectators in the brilliant sunshine.

Sean McManus chaired the ceremony (continued on next page)



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emonies and representatives laid wreaths on behalf of the National Graves Association, Sligo Sinn Féin comhairle ceantair, the Noble Six and Joe McDonnell Sinn Féin cuminn, and the Republican Movement.

The Proclamation was read by Helga Keogh, women's officer on Sligo comhairle ceantair, Gerry Kilgallon read the Roll of Honour and Sean McGoldrick recited a decade of the rosary in Irish.

After the statement from the leadership, Eddie Fullerton delivered a hard-hitting oration during which he said that it was pointless getting rid of the EEC as both had eroded the sovereignty of the Irish people. He castigated the Free State's invitation to Ronald Reagan, saying:

*"This international butcher is no friend of the Irish people. His hands, like his friend Maggie Thatcher's, are soaked in innocent blood."*

## Tipperary

AT KNIGHT CROSS in Puckane, near Nenagh, County Tipperary, 350 people gathered for an Easter commemoration at the memorial to John and Thomas O'Brien, who were bayoneted to death by the Black and Tans in 1920.

Amongst the platform party were veteran republicans Dan Gleeson of Tipperary and Tom Kelleher one of the last survivors of Tom Barry's Flying Column.

Chairing the commemoration was Seamus Hogan, the Proclamation was read by Tomas Malone, Geaird O'Brien recited a decade of the rosary and the Roll of Honour of the North Tipperary Battalion was read by J.P. McDonnell.

In the main oration, Dáithí O'Connell outlined the circumstances in which the O'Brien brothers were murdered, and he emphasised the continuity in the chain of republican resistance to oppression from the time when Dan Gleeson and Tom Kelleher fought the British to the IRA struggle today.

Condemning extradition, he spoke of the Conor Cruise O'Brien type of thinking demonstrated by a priest the previous night on RTE's *Late Late Show*. This thinking, which demanded the undermining of Ireland's revolutionary heritage, was, he said, the logical conclusion of collaboration. But like Conor Cruise O'Brien, people who advocated this path would get their answer from the Irish people.

Following the commemoration, a republican reunion dinner-dance was held in Nenagh and was attended by over 200 people.

## Fethard

TWO HUNDRED people assembled at Coolbawn Cross to march to St Johnstown Cemetery in Fethard, where a commemoration was held at the grave of George Plant.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement and Tommy Burns laid a wreath from Tipperary Sinn Féin. Mary Healy from Fethard was the chairperson.

Eddie Doherty, Sinn Féin councillor on Carrick-on-Suir UDC and secretary of the trades council, read the Roll of Honour. He was followed by Richard Fenshy who read the Proclamation.

A colour party from the Republican Movement was at the head of the march to the cemetery, and present at the graveside was George Plant's sister.

Paddy Campbell, of Kerry Sinn Féin, spoke about the importance of working for a good result from Sinn Féin's intervention in the EEC elections.

## Tyrone

THE MAIN Easter commemoration in County Tyrone,

which took place as usual in Carrickmore, was attended by the biggest crowd in many years.

At 3pm the parade, which included seven bands, marched from the Patrician Hall on Main Street through the country lanes on the outskirts of the village. They were led by a 17-strong colour party who were greeted with enthusiastic applause from crowds lining the route. Although the RUC maintained a heavy presence in surrounding lanes, they wisely made no attempt to intervene.

The ceremony at the Garden of Remembrance was chaired by Felix McAteer, chairperson of the Tyrone National Graves Association. Overhead, three British army helicopters constantly hovered but failed to drown out the proceedings.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of GHO Staff and Tyrone Brigade, Ogligh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the National Graves Association. Francis Hurson, brother of H-Block hunger-striker and IRA Volunteer Martin Hurson, laid a wreath in memory of the ten H-Block hunger-strike martyrs. After the reading of the 1916 Proclamation, the oration was given by Martin Galvin of Irish Northern Aid who, drawing parallels between the present struggle and that of previous generations, predicted that Irish-Americans would continue to give moral and material support to the struggle against the British domination of Ireland. As an example, Galvin singled out Joe McGarrity, a native of Carrickmore, who after emigrating to the USA was instrumental in collecting money and weapons for the republican cause.

An IRA Volunteer then read the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement and then three members of the colour party, two men and a woman, fired a volley of shots, to rapturous applause from the huge confident crowd.

## Moy

Earlier on Easter Sunday, at Moy Churchyard, a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the graves of IRA Volunteers Eugene Martin and Sean McKearney, who were killed on May 13th 1974.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogligh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the Volunteers' families. The 1916 Proclamation was read by Francis Hughes of Moy Sinn Féin and an oration was given by Pearse McLaughlin, of Dublin.

## Edendork

Around 200 people attended a wreath-laying ceremony in the small village of Edendork, where churchyard contains the graves of five IRA Volunteers. The proceedings were chaired by Bridget McCartan of Sinn Féin's South Tyrone comhairle ceantair, who gave the oration. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogligh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the Volunteers' families. Symbolising the continuity from one generation to the next, which characterised the present phase of the struggle, the 1916 Proclamation was read by Fearghal Loughran, the son of IRA Volunteer Sean Loughran, who was killed on June 25th 1973 and is buried at Edendork.

The continuing cycle of British repression was illustrated when Fearghal Loughran was arrested two days later, on Easter Tuesday, at his home in Dungannon and detained under a three-day order.

## Coalisland

At noon, over 100 people attended a wreath-laying ceremony at Coalisland Cemetery, where IRA Volunteers Desmond Morgan, Denis Quinn and Colm McGirr are buried.

Paul Campbell, of Coalisland Sinn Féin, chaired the proceedings and wreaths were laid on behalf of Ogligh na hEireann, Sinn Féin and the families of the dead Volunteers. The 1916 Proclamation was read by Brian McBride of Dungannon Sinn Féin.



● Richard McAuley gives the oration in London: 'The British presence, partition and the Orange state are what divides the Irish working-class and facilitates our exploitation by imperialism'

An oration was given by Kieran O'Donnell who, in common with other speakers at commemorations throughout the county, emphasised that Sinn Féin's successful electoral interventions, together with the continuing armed struggle of the IRA, are steadily bringing closer the victory of the war of national liberation.

At a ceremony in Clonoe shortly afterwards, Peter Sherry, of Dungannon Sinn Féin, paid tribute to Volunteers Kevin Kilpatrick, Hugh Conney and Brian Campbell, who are buried in the local graveyard. The 1916 Proclamation was read by Malachy Duffin, of Coalisland Sinn Féin.

Wreaths were also laid at Egligh Churchyard, at the graveside of Volunteer Daniel McAnallen, where the 1916 Proclamation was read by Patricia Campbell of Coalisland Sinn Féin. Paul McCabe, of Aughnacloy Sinn Féin, gave the oration.

Other wreath-laying ceremonies took place in Aghyran, Ardboe, Greencastle, Trillick and Galbally, where a large crowd gathered around the grave of Volunteer Martin Hurson heard an oration by Martin Galvin of Noraid.

## Waterford

A LONE PIPER, followed by a Sinn Féin colour party, was at the head of the Easter commemoration parade in Waterford city. About 150 people gathered in the Glen to Barr to the old military barracks, where two Volunteers were executed by the Free State in 1922.

The marchers stopped at the National Monument on the quays, where a wreath was laid by Sean McKnight, recently elected Sinn Féin councillor on Belfast City Council, then the parade made its way through the city, watched by the thousands of people who were there for the Circuit of Ireland rally, to the old barracks.

Here a wreath was laid by Mick Conlon, of Belfast Sinn Féin, in memory of the two Volunteers. The meeting was chaired by Joe Kelly, of Waterford Sinn Féin, who introduced Kevin Dunphy, a recently-released POW who had spent 9½ years in English jails, to read the Proclamation. The statement from the leadership of the Repub-

lican Movement was then read.

Sean McKnight gave the oration. He reminded the crowd that a Derry Volunteer, Richard Quigley, had died the night before in the ongoing struggle for liberation, and asked that he and the two Waterford Volunteers be remembered by an increased commitment to work for the success of Sinn Féin's aim of a socialist republic.

## Westmeath

A WREATH-LAYING ceremony was held at the grave of Peter Barnes and James McCormack in Ballyglisc Cemetery in Mullingar.

Tom Darby laid a wreath and Ita Dalton, of Mullingar Sinn Féin, gave a short oration on the sacrifice of the two martyrs, both of whom were hanged in Winslow Green Prison, England, on February 7th 1940, and their links with today's struggle.

## Wexford

THERE were two main commemorative ceremonies in Wexford. The first of these was on Easter Sunday morning in Enniscorthy, where 100 people marched from the town to the Republican Plot in the cemetery.

An impressive Fianna colour party headed the parade, accompanied by the St Patrick's Fife & Drum Band.

John Byrne was chairperson and wreaths were laid at the grave of George Keegan, one of the Edentubber Martyrs. The reading of the Proclamation was followed by the statement from the leadership and Sean Crowe, of Dublin Sinn Féin, gave the oration.

## Wexford Town

On Easter Sunday afternoon, nearly 400 people marched behind the Fianna colour party from the Barry Memorial on the quays to St Ibar's Cemetery. The parade included two bands.

Alderman Phil Kelly, of the National Graves Association, chaired the proceedings at the Republican Plot, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement and Sinn Féin. Sean Crowe again gave the oration.

## London

MEMBERS of Sinn Féin (Britain), supported by representatives from several left-wing political parties, took part in the annual Easter commemoration from Hyde Park to Kilburn.

In bright sunshine and carrying several banners, the marchers walked from the centre of London, chanting a variety of 'Brits Out' slogans, and accompanied by a sizeable force of British police.

Kevin Colfer, chairperson of Sinn Féin's national executive in Britain, chaired the meeting. The Proclamation and Roll of Honour were read, and Richard McAuley of Lagan Valley Sinn Féin, Belfast, addressed the marchers. McAuley said:

*"There are those in Britain who claim that our struggle against the British colonial occupation in the North only reinforces the division of the Irish working-class. That is not true. The British presence, partition and the Orange state they defend are what divides the Irish working-class and facilitates our exploitation by imperialism."*

On the Forum, he said: *"Inevitably, the Forum report, given that it will not demand British withdrawal, will prolong the war. It will assist the British because it will not uncompromisingly confront their presence in Ireland but will water down to the point of irrelevancy the national demand of the Irish people."*

## Australia

IN MELBOURNE, Australia, on Easter Sunday afternoon several hundred people, led by a colour party, marched to the grave of the Fenians Brophy and O'Mahony in Melbourne General Cemetery. The crowd then marched to the MacSwiney Memorial where the father of Terence MacSwiney is buried. There, the 1916 Proclamation and the statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement were read.

Sean Lavin gave the oration at the proceedings, at which the chief marshal was Barry Hughes, a brother of H-Block hunger-strike martyr Francis Hughes.



# Imeachtaí

**MONAGHAN BUSES TO DUBLIN EXTRADITION RALLY**  
Saturday 28th April  
11am Church Square

**NATIONAL RALLY AGAINST EXTRADITION**  
Speaker: Gerry Adams MP  
2.30pm Saturday 28th April  
Parnell Square  
DUBLIN

**WELCOME HOME SOCIAL**  
For Pat Treanor (Portlaoise) & Josie Dowds (Armagh)  
Sunday 29th April  
Hibernian Hotel  
CLONES  
County Monaghan  
Bar extension & supper

**DUBLIN NORTH-WEST EEC ELECTION MEETING**  
(Essential that all members & supporters attend)  
4.30pm Sunday 29th April  
Camelot Hotel  
Malahide Road  
Buses 42 & 42c

**SINN FEIN & THE EEC BALLAGHADERREEN FAIR OUTDOOR PUBLIC MEETING**  
Speakers: Owen Carron & Caoimhghin Ó Caolain  
1pm Tuesday 1st May  
BALLAGHADERREEN  
County Roscommon

**SINN FEIN SOCIAL**  
Music by Dew  
Tuesday 1st May  
The Castle Mow  
BALLAGHADERREEN

**IRISH NIGHT**  
Speaker: Richard Behal  
8.30pm Thursday 3rd May  
Shannon Knights Inn  
SHANNON  
County Clare

## BOBBY SANDS COMMEMORATIVE EVENINGS

7.30pm Thursday 3rd May  
Camden Irish Centre  
Murray Street  
LONDON N1  
Speaker from Ireland  
Music, food & bar

Friday 4th May  
Music by Shandy Folk  
Camelot Hotel  
Malahide Road  
DUBLIN  
Taille £2  
Buses 42 & 42c

8pm Friday 4th May  
Featuring Paddy's Dream, Gerry Crilly & Irish dancers  
Old Bawn  
DUBLIN

**TALLAGHT**  
Taille £1.50

Saturday 5th May  
Music by Gypsy Lacey  
Wexford Inn  
DUBLIN  
Taille £2.50 (£2 unwaged)

**SINN FEIN STUDENTS SEMINAR**  
11am Saturday 5th May  
University College  
GALWAY  
Details: phone 091-63134 (6 to 7pm)

**MINI MAY FAIR**  
In aid of Prisoners Dependents Fund  
Wheel of Fortune, Bookstall, Groceries, Bric-a-Brac etc  
12noon Saturday 5th May  
Ballyfermot Community Centre  
DUBLIN  
Taille 10p (children 5p)  
Donations gratefully received at  
44 Parnell Square or  
5 Blessington Street

**DEFEND FREE SPEECH ON IRELAND**  
Picket in support of  
Jan Taylor (Sinn Fein)  
9.30am Wednesday 9th May  
Horseferry Road Court  
LONDON SW1

# BURKE'S AT THE BACK

By Kevin Burke

WHILST the ordinary worker was grateful to get Easter Monday, and possibly Good Friday, off, to enjoy the sudden summer weather, Leinster House politicians were, as usual, a little more generous in awarding themselves a 'well-earned' rest.

Leinster House finished for the Easter Holidays at 5.30pm on Thursday, April 12th, and reconvenes, after three weeks, on Wednesday, May 2nd (late start, 2.30pm). But Fianna Fáil's Bertie Ahern was very anxious that this has meant this year, and before adjourning he rose to tell the house: "I am sure that all members will have noted that the adjournment is a week shorter than the normal recess and that we will get due credit."

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Once the holidays began, Coalition ministers, several with spouses in tow, took off for foreign parts — miscalculating the arrival of the April heat-wave.

John Bruton headed for a ten-day tour of Japan and Hong Kong — where British withdrawal is no problem.

Barry Desmond packed his socialist swimming trunks and headed for the sands of the United Arab Emirates.

Liam Kavanagh forgot the imposition of water charges for a while and jetted to Athens and the blue Aegean Sea.

Jim O'Keefe drew the longest straw and leaves on Monday for five days in Fiji in the beautiful South Pacific.

They're spending our money so let's hope that they enjoy themselves to the full: the days when public funds can be wasted are long gone.

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I omitted from the list Jim Mitchell, the Fine Gael Minister for Communications, Drunken Drivers and Cable Television Contracts.

He left this week for a short stay in Spain and Portugal, where temperatures have only made the high 60s.

But at least before he went he had the patriotic decency to holiday first at home, taking the family by ministerial Mercedes to Ashford Castle in County Galway, where Ronald Reagan will be staying in June.

As the long weekend was concerned with arrangements for the Cowboy's visit, the bill, of course, will be settled by the PAYE tax-payer.

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The other hotel in Connemara which is attracting the best people is the exclusive Renvyle House Hotel.

Bored with the delights of London, Dublin, Strasbourg and Washington, Derry's jet-setting John Hume was to be found there, celebrating in advance the Forum report.

There was a strong rumour in the Bogside that as he was so close he might even pop up home for a visit.

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Meanwhile, the Free State Labour Party leader, Dick Spring, was discovering the delights of capital.

In an out-of-court settlement, he received £170,000 for injuries received when his ministerial car crashed in December 1981.

Spring was suing the Free State's Minister for Finance and Attorney General, both of whom are cabinet colleagues.

The generous compensation, which again will come out of public funds, cannot include loss of earnings since the deputy-premier gets £36,998 per annum and about the same again in perks and expenses (not including the benefit of the fateful Mercedes).

# Looking for credit

Who says that there's nothing in Coalition for Labour?

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Just how seriously the murder charges against Drumadd UDR members are viewed by the UDR and the courts can be gauged from an application before Judge McDermott in Belfast High Court last Thursday, April 19th.

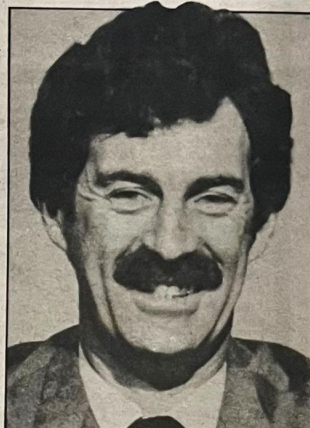
McDermott, who let RUC killer John Robinson walk free earlier this month, varied the bail terms of UDR soldier David McMullan to allow him to leave the North.

McMullan, who is charged with the murder of Armagh man Adrian Carroll in November 1983, will be allowed to attend his battalion's annual camp next month.

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Yet another RUC man has chosen the now common-place way out of his dreadful profession.

RUC man Ronald Lee (31), of Irvinestown, stationed at St Angelo Barracks in Fermanagh, was found dead in his car last



Spring: laughing all the way to the bank week with his pistol lying nearby. He had been in the RUC since 1971.

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And yet another supporter of the Criminal Justice Bill has been hauled before the courts, without getting the publicity he deserves.

Garda Thomas Healey of Castletroy, County Limerick, was remanded on bail by Limerick District Court on Wednesday of last week, accused of 28 offences of embezzlement between September 1980 and July 1983.

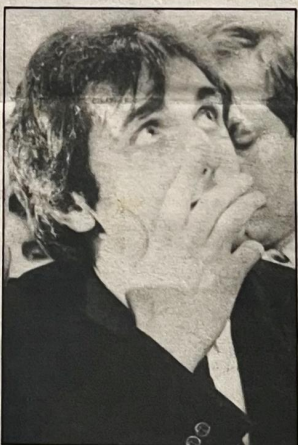
He is also charged with obtaining money by falsely pretending that certain sums were owed to the state in unpaid fines.

Is there no end to this garda harassment?

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Some travel abroad is, of course, essential, and I totally rebut the malicious innuendoes which have been spread about me for getting the usual precautionary injections, during off the passport and obtaining a Libyan visa.

It is only right that my faithful readers be given on-the-spot information about important international developments, whatever the personal sacrifice involved.



Ahern: looking for credit





# Death of William Keeley

# Death of Mick Gilhooley

To his wife Betty, son Pat, brothers Stephen and Danny and sister Mary Ellen the sincere sympathy of the Republican Movement is extended. Ar dheis Dé go raib a anam d'fais.

# Piaras Ó Gréagáin

## A black and white photograph of a man with glasses, wearing a plaid jacket over a white shirt and dark tie, playing bagpipes. He is looking down at his hands. The background is dark and indistinct.

# Irish <sup>(75)</sup> Lesson

**A bheith** (uh veh) – To be.  
**Gan a bheith** (gone uh veh) – Not to be.  
**Cídim** (kyooin) – Quiet.  
**Dána** (dawnuh) – Bold (naughty).  
**Dúirt mé leat gan é dhéanamh** – I told you not to do it.  
**Ní dúirt sé focal** – He didn't say a word.  
**An dúirt tú le Máire gan a bheith ag liúraigh?** – Did you tell Mary not to be shouting?

### PHRASES

1 - **Ní dúirt mé a leithéid** (nee dooir't may eh lehayd) - I never said the like.  
2 - **Cad dúirt tú?** (kod dooir't thoo) - What did you say?  
3 - **Ní dúirt sí bréag a riamh** (nee dooir't shee brayug reeu'v) - She never told a lie.  
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## INDIL CHUMHNE

## COMHBHRÓN

**TOAL.** The John Francis Green Sinn Féin cumann, Castleblayney, County Monaghan, extends sincere sympathy to Tommy Toal and family on the death of his father Thomas (the Senator). A lifelong republican, may he rest in peace.

# BEANNACHT

**ETINGS** to all republican POWs from Bellaghy incarcerated in English hell-holes, Tloctaldh ár lá. From the James Connolly/Francis Hughes/Tho-

## Buiochas

**ADAMS** The wife and family of the late Patrick (Maghera) Adams wish to thank most sincerely the doctors and nursing staff of the RVH, the chaplain of the RVH, also Father Reid for his kind attention, Fathers Mullan and Butler who attended at the house and officiated at the graveside, Father McMullan who celebrated the Gaelic Mass, the McPeake family and Sean Maguire for the beautiful music at the mass. We would like to thank the stewards and the photographer at the

funeral. We thank Richard McAuley for his opening address at the graveside. But we thank for giving the oration, Liam Wiggan for giving the eulogy. We thank the men of the guard of honour who are much appreciated. We thank the members of the Republican Movement, cumann Sinn Féiners and all those clubs who sent wreaths and floral tributes. We would like to thank all old comrades and all those who attended the Mass and funeral. We hope this acknowledgement will be accepted by all. Holy Mass has been said for all your Intentions. From Annie Adams, daughters Maura and Malread, Twnbrook.



# A hero of the freedom struggle

BY PAT DEENEY

**IRA VOLUNTEER** Richard Quigley, tragically killed in an IRA operation against British forces in Derry on Saturday night, April 21st, was 20 years old. He was an active IRA Volunteer for the past 18 months and prior to that had been a member of Fianna Éireann for two years.

Richie was always anxious to get to grips with the enemy and his dedication and determination was quickly recognised by his comrades. As an active Volunteer he was involved in many actions against the crown forces and was always to the forefront, preferring to risk his own life before that of his comrades.

He was always conscious of the danger to civilians in any operation and would deliberately risk his own life to ensure that every precaution was taken to avoid civilian casualties.

Richie became involved in the local hunger-strike committees and that terrible experience sharpened and developed his political awareness. He had recently spoken to his comrades of the dangers they all faced and told them that he was prepared for death, that when he joined the IRA he had been aware of, and confident of, his own ability to face the hardships that are part of the republican struggle.

Richie was constantly vigilant. He never missed an opportunity

to gather intelligence that would be of benefit to Derry Brigade.

He was very security conscious and was never once lifted on suspicion of being an IRA Volunteer. Even his closest friends were unaware of his activities.

## STREET RESISTANCE

As a young lad, he had engaged in street resistance but as he became more politically conscious he saw the futility of much of this type of action. He recognised, however, the value of selective and organised attacks upon crown forces by local youths, and his admiration for the young people's ingenuity and courage was such that he quite recently took part in one of their ambushes, not as an IRA Volunteer but as a friend and admirer of the youngsters. He was part of their struggle as they were part of his.

Always keen on athletics, he had taken part in a number of marathons. He also spent much of his time engrossed in Irish history and the political devel-

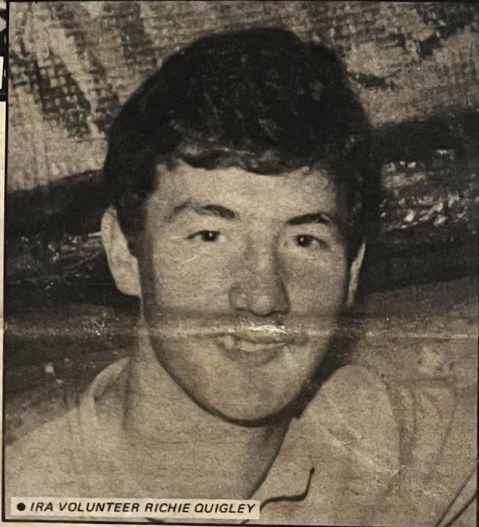
opment of republicanism.

Derry has suffered a great loss in his death and the young people who knew him and loved him have lost a fine and noble friend. Those young people, poor and unemployed, devastated by his death, collected money among themselves and bought a huge Tricolour-shaped wreath to lay on Richie's grave — a moving expression of their deep grief.

Much has already been made in the media about the British soldier killed in Derry on Monday night having just celebrated his birthday, they forgot to mention that Richie had also just celebrated his 20th birthday. That is the tragedy of Ireland and of Britain's continuing presence here: that two young men had to die, one defending colonial interests, the other, IRA Volunteer Richie Quigley, resisting colonial oppression.



● IRA Volunteers give full military honours to Richie Quigley



● IRA VOLUNTEER RICHIE QUIGLEY

# Thousands line funeral route

**VOLUNTEER** Richie Quigley's funeral, from his home in Lisfannon Park, Bogside, was one of the largest seen in Derry for some time, with several thousand people lining the route or walking slowly behind his remains.

At the family's request, Richie Quigley's funeral was private, a request which the Republican Movement respected, although many republicans participated in the ceremony.

Given Richie Quigley's great friendship with the youth of the city, it was not surprising that they turned out in their hundreds to pay their last respects.

In an act of spontaneous solidarity and comradeship, the youth placed black flags and Tricolours along the route of the funeral.

Fr Jimmy Shiels, a cousin of Richie Quigley, speaking at the Requiem Mass in St Columba's Church, Long Tower, summed up Richie Quigley, the republican. He said:

"Those of us who love Richard will remember him as one who was good, was kind, was considerate; as one who was an example to others."

"Richie had made a choice, like so many young people today, whether we



● The youth of Derry turned out in their hundreds to mourn the loss of their friend Richie Quigley

like it or not, a choice which reflects the reality of the times that we must all live in."

On Tuesday afternoon, April 24th, at 3pm, three armed Volunteers of the Irish Republican Army, in full military dress, entered the City Cemetery.

Armed IRA Volunteers were deployed around the perimeter of the cemetery to ensure their comrades' security while the Volunteers at the graveside paid tribute to their fallen comrade.

One of the Volunteers placed a Tricolour on Volunteer Richie Quigley's grave and three volleys were fired in salute. Automatic weapons were used by the firing party.

A Volunteer then gave a short oration at the graveside. He said:

"Today we honour our fallen comrade in the manner he would have wished. Richie Quigley was proud to be a Volunteer and we were equally proud of him. His whole life was devoted to the struggle

to liberate Ireland. He never shirked an opportunity to engage the enemy and his courage and discipline were total.

"Whilst we grieve for our fallen comrade, his death makes us all the more determined to continue our struggle."

"Richie died on Easter Saturday night. He has now joined the heroes of Easter Week and his short but noble life will always remain an inspiration to all of us who want, and will achieve, true and lasting peace and freedom in Ireland."