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VICTIMS
OF MAFIA-
STYLED
THUGS

BRIGADE DECLARES WAR ON GANGSTERS

"MURDER, ARSON,
INTIMIDATION, &
GANGSTERISM."



THE BELFAST BRIGADE, OGLAIGH NA hEIREANN HAS TAKEN ACTION AGAINST A MAFIA-STYLED CRIME RING WHICH HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SUSTAINED CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AGAINST THE NATIONALIST PEOPLE.

The decision to smash the crime ring was taken after a new wave of incidents in which one young man, Sean McNamee, was brutally murdered and a garage, owned by a small co-operative concern in the Whiterock area, was gutted by arsonists.

Part of the Brigade statement issued on Wednesday evening read:

"Action has been taken against members of a criminal group whose activities have brought terror to the nationalist community. The group, a pseudo-revolutionary clique who masquerade under the name of the 'Official Republican Movement,' are at present engaged in a campaign of murder, arson, gangsterism and intimidation against the working-class peoples of the anti-unionist areas.

"The anti-social behaviour of the Mafia-styled clique culminated in the cowardly murder of a young Andersonstown man, Sean McNamee, several weeks ago.

As a follow up to the killing a garage, belonging to a small co-operative concern in the Whiterock district, was burned to the ground. Numerous petty robberies and attacks on innocent civilians have also become the trademark of the pseudo Republicans.

"The Belfast Brigade now warn the leadership of the 'NLF' that further acts of Urban gangsterism will bring immediate action from the Irish Republican Army. We will not tolerate any group aiding the British forces in their campaign of terror against the Nationalists people."

It is thought that the decision to smash the Belfast crime syndicate will be rigidly enforced by the Active Service Units of the Belfast Brigade.



The photographs, to the right, show three of the victims of NLF savagery. They are, top to bottom: 15-year-old Marie McAlea, Mrs. Ann Callaghan, (who has severe head, arm and facial injuries) and Mrs. Josie McAlea. The women were attacked by a gang of cudgel wielding NLF thugs.

Inside Ard Fheis Full report

A FULL REPORT OF
THE OGLAIGH NA h-
EIREANN AND PRESID-
ENTIAL SPEECHES AT
THE 71st SINN FEIN
ARD FHEIS IN DUBLIN
LAST WEEK.

BRITS CENSUS

Don't give information to British troops if they call at your home. For 'census taking,' as the Brits call their intelligence snooping at people's doorsteps, is banned by the terms of the truce.

And the Director of Republican Incident Centres in Belfast has advised that British troops calling at homes in the city should be given no information whatever about the house or anyone living in it.

A statement from the Incident Centres Director says that information collected this way in the past was subsequently passed on to Loyalist murder gangs by British occupation forces.

"Census taking, by the British army, is a violation of the bi-lateral truce. If British troops come to your door demanding details of your family refuse to give them this information.

"Any attempts at census taking should be immediately reported to your nearest Incident Centre, or to Central Office," he said.



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Provisionals

Christmas



CABARET AND CEIL

DUNDALK.

Edentubber Night.
Sunday, 9th November,
1975. - Town Hall,
Dundalk.

Admission : : : : £1.00

Another picture of
Mrs. Ann Callaghan,
beaten by NLF gang-
sters in an unprovok-
ed attack.



BRITS EYE VIEW

You are, like me, a soldier.
I'm a soldier of the Queen
You're a volunteer in the I.R.A.
We're engaged in battle mean
Yet there's one thing which I notice
It can't escape my inner eye
And it's peculiar to your Army
A very special quality.

I thought at first, they're Irish
That explains their courage and

Their single-minded purposeness
How they'll endure to any length
The tortures we've inflicted.

The jails and concentration camps
The sneers, the slurs and starvings
And reject the bribery attempts

But then I saw the Donnelly's
The Devlins and the Fitts.
'Came crawlin' out as S.D.L.P.
Supported by us Brits.

Saw them undercut the Judos cate
Watched their sickly fawning smile
And wondered how you're motherland
Could have spawned this bastard child.

How striking was the contrast
Between your courage and their shame
How magnificent the sisters Price
As they lay in Brixton jail.
What I see is sadly missing,
In the Fitts and Donnelly's too.
Is the spirit you call Freedom.
That's why I bow my head to you.

LAUGH — I NEARLY DIED

BY DAVE MORLEY,

CAGE 12

Everytime you switch on the T.V. and tune into an English variety show you will hear, when the comedy slot is on, what are known as 'anti-Irish jokes'. These are usually the 'Paddy the Irishman' type; stupid he is and how drunk he can be at all hours of the day. You know the stuff - like the one where British troops are explaining to a newcomer to the six counties that if he should see a pin flying towards the air he should run like hell, there is an Irishman nearby with a grenade in his mouth! All great stuff (?), especially when delivered in a rich Irish brogue with plenty of emphasis on the touch of the forelock, and so on. You will already have seen plenty of this humour but are you aware of the reasons behind this image building and the constant projection of the Irish as being stupid, thick and rebellious, and capable of nothing other than digging holes and living off the dole? Like everything the British do, there are reasons behind the most innocent of moves and everything has an ulterior motive which is not always obvious, until one takes the time to probe into the depths of why something should be as it appears.

The British are, by nature, the most humourless of people, a fact known and stated by people from all parts of the World. The deadly seriousness with which the average Brit approaches life and all its aspects is reflected in their love of pomp and circumstance and their divine wish to take part in ceremonies which are a throwback to mediaeval times, complete with costumes and dress from that particular period. This approach to life, coupled with the earnest belief that they are still a World power and a force to be reckoned with (General De Gaulle just turned in his grave)¹¹ mean they are slow to accept the funny side of life.

Another facet which inhibits a sense of humour is that the British do not easily communicate with each other. Even those who live in the same street in any town in England for the biggest part of their lives are not fully aware of just who lives at the other end of their street. Only a short time ago it was reported that an elderly man who died of old age in a certain city in the Midlands of England lay undiscovered for weeks and his body was badly decomposed when found. When a neighbour who lives only a few doors away was asked if she knew the deceased, she stated that she had lived 40 years in that street and had never seen the old man let alone talk to him. Imagine that happening in Ireland. It just could not happen here because we are a race who communicate with each other and it is only those who communicate with each other who are capable of a sense of humour. The British way of life does not allow that people should get together, to talk to examine and understand each other's point of view, so how can they be expected to have a home-grown sense of humour?

By comparison, take the situation which exists in any town in Ireland, North or South. There you will see that everyone knows everyone else and that the inhabitants of that town talk freely with each other free from inhibition and free to laugh and joke, knowing that offence is rarely caused and that things are taken in

the spirit in which they are intended. That's a facet of life which belongs to the Irish alone and it is a quality not appreciated by other races who adopt a holier-than-thou attitude with the stiff upper lip thrust forward in a menacing manner, defying anyone to laugh when they shouldn't. The Irish, by other standards, could be described as a simple race, but not the simple which is implied in the 'Paddy the Irishman' jokes mentioned above. Our simplicity lies in the fact that we can laugh at ourselves and see the funny side of situations and events that would have the average Brit speechless and serious with embarrassment.

By contrast with the and serious with embarrassment. By contrast with the British image as straitlaced serious, we have the deserved reputation of being a friendly and happy people who readily extend the traditional hundred thousand welcome to visitors to our shores. (Note that the hundred that the hundred thousand welcomes is extended to visitors. The exact opposite occurs in the case of invaders and those who would dominate and subject, then the hundred thousand would refer to bullets dispatched towards the unwelcome 'visitors' from the guns of the Provos). A true Irishman has the stated quality that he can laugh at himself and share with others the necessary humour which must be a part of life.

Unless people are prepared to laugh at themselves then it is wrong for them to laugh at others. This is where the Brit falls flat on his face. That race makes jokes about the Irish, the Jews, the Pakistanis, about the West Indian, the Africans, the Germans, our very rarely, if ever, about themselves.

By now you will be realising the point behind the Irish jokes now in great favour with the British comedians, in the palace of West Minister, and the other type who appear on stage, T.V., films, etc. This veritable flood of 'jokes' has only begun in earnest since the war between the Provos and the British Army kicked off in this decade. Even bearing in mind that they were always 'Paddy' jokes originating from the British 'mainland,' it is evident that the present campaign is cleverly designed to portray the Irish who are stupid and thick -

at a time when the Irish (or rather, those Irish who are in the Provisional Movement) are intent upon driving the British out of Ireland for all time. This anti-Irish drive by the British comedy script writers is a reaction to the war being waged by the Provos and is meant to counter the admiration now being expressed by many countries who are cheering the Provos on in their fight for freedom. What better way to boost the sniggering morale of a dejected Nation than by continually projecting the 'other lot' as drunkards, layabouts and labourers one and all?

When next you hear the 'Paddy the Irishman' jokes on T.V., you should smile - not necessarily at the joke itself - but at the pathetic attempt at image propaganda which is the real reason for the exercise. The Irish sense of humour is something they could not begin to understand, all it's 'not cricket' to self criticise oneself, old chap.

To finally prove my point that the British are humourless, let me tell you a TRUE story which you will not have read in any newspaper, and which occurred quite recently at Knock R.U.C. Barracks (The R.U.C. are, of course, by their very loyalties, British). The constables who were on duty at the barracks were just settling themselves down in front of the T.V. to watch the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament when suddenly the set went on the blink. A few hefty thumps and kicks did not cure the ailment or cause it to behave in a reasonable manner (just the way the boot failed with the Provos, Jamie!). A call was then made to a local T.V. repair shop and they said they would send a few men around to look at the set.

Two men duly arrived at the Barracks and went through the customary search procedure before being allowed in. After a cursory examination the two men shook their heads and announced to the agitated audience that the set would have to go back to the shop for deeper examination. The set was carried out to the waiting van and the duty constable waved to the men as they disappeared up the street in the van.

Five minutes later, the same duty constable opened the station door for the two real repair men!!

Luckily the Wimbledon results were announced each night on the radio, because the two 'repair men' and the T.V. set have never been seen since.



Laugh? I nearly died!! If the Britishers had a sense of humour the above story would have been broadcast to the World - but it was kept secret! The embarrassment was too great to allow them even a little smile, whereas a true Irishman would most probably have fallen about laughing at the very idea of being taken on so. Game, set and match, to the Irish.

Savage attack

A Chara,

The activities of the Special Branch have always been pretty much a grey area, into which the public have rarely, if ever, gotten a glimpse. We in Long Kesh are on the other end of this scale, for we are only too well aware of their activities and methods. (Experience pain fully gained). Even with out first hand knowledge however, we never cease to be amazed at the depths to which they are willing to sink to obtain their pound of flesh. A person could be forgiven though, for thinking that having put away hundreds of men, using every conceivable method i.e. non-jury courts, in-terment orders, etc. that they would be content to leave it at that, but no, the harassment and intimidation continues.

The 'interest' that the RUC still have in the men in Long Kesh was highlighted recently through their involvement in the denial of compassionate parole, now a much more sinister and fright-ening aspect of their involvement has emerged. A few weeks ago in Newry, the father of a Re-pub-lican prisoner noticed that he was being continually followed by a special branch man whom he knew as McFarland. Putting this down to their usual tactics, he thought very little more about it. A few nights later, as he was leaving a local pub, a yellow Datsun car pulled in to the kerb and he was asked if he wanted a lift home. On entering into the car he immediately recognised the driver as McFar-land. The car was driven for approximately 400 yards and pulled to the side of the road. McFarland produced his pistol and began beating the elderly man about the head. He then opened the door, half pushed him out and accelerated away, flinging him to the road. He struck him on the road-side and now lies seriously ill in a state of semi-coma.

Following this, a number of new factors emerged including the fact that McFarland had question- ed local people about this Re- publican prison, his rank inside Long Kesh etc. This savage attack could have had but one intended purpose, to intimidate even further, men who have been looked away a number of years by striking at their families outside. The entire population of Newry is aware of these happenings and they have served to further strengthen their determination to resist for all times, these sectarian thugs with a licence to do as they will.

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WATCH IT

Sir,

I would like to comment on the photo in the 'Irish News' 29/10/75, of Mr. Rees accept- ing a gift of Crossmaglen lace from Newry District Council.

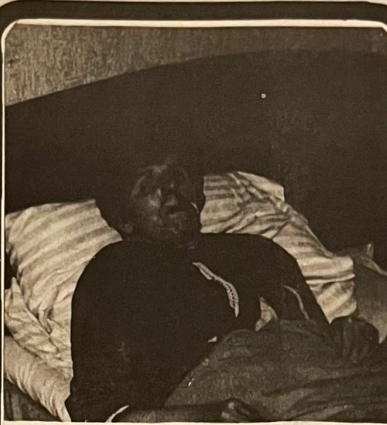
I see that Merlyn Rees was all smiles when he received a gift of Crossmaglen lace from Newry District Council the other day.

I'd watch it Merlyn!

You know them 'uns from Cross. They're dead crafty at inventing new weapons.

The lace may look lovely on your table in the candlelight, but if you spill your soup you may end up saying your 'Grace After Meals' in heaven.

Yours,
WORRIED.



BRITS LIFT WOMAN FROM SICK BED

On Monday a Brit raiding party broke into the home of Mrs. Pearse, a 58-year-old chronic invalid who is bed-ridden with Parkinson's Disease. Mrs. Pearse has only recently recovered from a stroke.

The raid took place at 1.30 a.m. on Monday last, during the search, which proved, as usual, to be fruit- less, Mrs. Pearse had another stroke.

A doctor arrived and gave the old lady an injection to revive her, locals, in the meantime, stoned the Brits from the street.

Not to be outdone the Brit- ish ghouls swooped on the Pearse home at 5.30 a.m. the following night. On this occasion the Brit mer- cenaries lifted Mrs. Pearse from her bed to search it.

Views expressed here, by letter writers, by regular columnists and in other signed contributions, are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the publishers.



ROTTING APPLES

Sir,

Tonight on T.V. I saw a moun- tain of apples. No, it was not a sight to gladden my heart, as Hallow'een approached.

This mountain of European apples would never be touched by human mouth. These Gold- en delicious apples would rot on their mountain.

Apparently it is all tied up with the Capitalist system under which we live.

The people who have large agricultural holdings, cannot stand to have a good harvest because then they must sell cheaply. So if the good Lord or a benign climate gives a good harvest, fruit must be stock- piled to keep up the price.

By the way, stockpiled, means left to rot.

This happens not only with fruit, but also with vegetables, wheat etc. On T.V. tonight I also heard that the only way to make it a paying proposi- tion for apples to be grown

was to get rid of a lot of Euro- pean orchards.

Well, we constantly hear that the population of the world is overtaking the arable land, and unless we control the popula- tion explosion, we shall all starve.

Also we are aware of the fact that countless thousands of people are already starving. I for one, would like to know why this can be, while mountains of food are left to rot.

I am reminded of the Bible story of the garden of Eden: "God gave a fruitful land enough and plenty of every- thing. The serpent came in — and they had nothing."

In our present day world we could have everything; with our scientific methods of culti- vation we live in a veritable Garden of Eden. But, enter the serpent of Big Business Monopoly and we are left with nothing.

Yours,
G. KELLY, Belfast 12.

THE TORTURE POLICE

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Mr. Tom Donnelly of the Social and Democratic Labour Party called for "full accept- ance of and unconditional support for the Royal Ulster Con- stabulary" and said that "Catholics should join its ranks."

"The R.U.C. were no longer un- der the control of any political party in Northern Ireland" states this member of the SDLP under whose nose, barely one month ago, the Rev. Ian Paisley could publicly and with impunity, wave secret documents relating to police security and divulge the contents.

"There have been many chang- es in the past five years within the RUC," claims Mr. Donnelly, "and the standard of training was extremely high" — quite so indeed, as can be testified by the many victims who have ex-

"The RUC is an anti-Catholic para-military force. The RUC must take much of the blame for the present sectarian strife in the North of Ireland — backed up by

all the troglodyte elements in the several Unionist parties it has successfully resisted every attempt to reform it — since 1971 the RUC have put the finger on 2,000 Catholic men and 31 Catholic women for immoral internment. They have marked out 4,000 Catholic men for arrest and general brutal treatment under special and emergency pow- ers — RUC brutality was admin- istered practice, of the RUC from effective prosecution (il- lustrated a serious level of corrup- tion in the Force."

One of Mr. Donnelly's reasons for his shining new view of the RUC (quoted on BBC radio) was "that he was moved to make



perceived the new torture pro- cedures administered by groups of RUC men who were spe- cially trained by British Army ex- perts. The boot and baton were replaced by the more sophisti- cated and more destructive weapons of modern torture — a fact admitted in the British Government Parker-Gardiner Re- port.

Even a British newspaper, the "New Statesman," was led to say (in 1973) of the RUC — "far from being a cleaned-up force. it was the old guard restored and ready for new work."

He "had studied the RUC for several years," said Mr. Donnelly, and "has come to be- lieve the overwhelming major- ity to be sincere and unbiased in the performance of their duty.

RUC TO BLAME FOR SECTARIAN STRIFE :

So, too, has the same force been studied since 1969 by three Catholic priests (Fr. Faul, Murray and Brady) and in a well-documented publication, out just this year, entitled "The RUC. The Black and Blue Book," they state their findings, opin- ions and conclusions very clear- ly indeed.

the statement by Bill Craig's recent pronouncements" — a more likely reason, and a more typical SDLP reaction to any opening from any source that promises power.

Hot on the heels of Mr. Donnelly's statement came the SDLP pronouncement — "Mr. Don- nelly's views did not represent those of the party." But "a large majority within the SDLP secretly agree with me but have not publicly admitted it," said Mr. Donnelly who went on to point out that the SDLP have not published any policing policy. "The policing policy docu which came before their Annual Conference last year had been referred back to the Committee," he added, "and there it rests." And, needs be, that is where it must rest as long as its purpose is being used as a bargaining counter by the SDLP.

The significant difference be- tween the view of the SDLP and that of Mr. Donnelly on the police is that Mr. Donnelly asks for "unconditional support" and for the SDLP, as Gerry Fitt has made it so clear, so many times, "power, sharing is the price for our acceptance of the RUC



MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

The traditional message from the leadership of the Republican Movement was read out at the 71st Sinn Féin Ard Fheis last Sunday. The speaker, a life long member of the movement, was given a standing ovation following the speech.

He re-stated the three main objects of Oglagh na hEireann which are the prerequisite of any settlement.

- (1) The overthrow of British rule in Ireland and the establishment of a Democratic Socialist Republic.
- (2) A general amnesty for all political prisoners in British, English and American Jails.
- (3) "The main demand of Oglagh na hEireann is for a British declaration of intent to withdraw from Ireland and give the Irish people the right to control their own destinies."

Delegates at the Ard Fheis stood when the speaker outlined the terms of the truce agreement, they erupted in spontaneous applause when he went on:

"Whenever the British forces step over the agreed line of the truce, retaliatory action will be taken against them."
The will of the Republican Army to achieve their demands was evident in the words of the statements:

"Today, Oglagh na hEireann is in a very strong position with the ability to win through to final victory. Let it be recorded that this is the last phase in Ireland's long fight for freedom. The British have had enough and they know that we can give them such more if they ask for it. Let each of us go forward from this Ard Fheis with the steadfast determination to give our utmost support to the Republican Movement, so that in the words of Terence McSwiney we may be able to say:

"Our future history shall be more glorious than that of any contemporary state, we shall rouse the world from a wicked dream of

material greed, of tyrannical power, of corrupt and callous politics to the wonder of a regenerated spirit and we shall establish our state in a true freedom that will endure forever."

On Saturday last, 26th October, two young Truf Lodge men were going through a "security" barrier at Castle Street. One of the youths had a religious badge in his lapel which a British soldier asked him to remove, he rightly refused. A copy of Republican News was found in the pocket of the other youth by a Brit who showed it to a female searcher, she looked at the paper then began to scream abuse at the lad, the serial number on her tunic was 993.

A Brit, who seemed to be in charge told the two to stand spread-eagled against a wall, they refused, he then sent for a Land Rover which took them to East Belfast. The Brits made the two lads get out near a crowd of Loyalist teenagers while yelling, "Here's two Fenian bastards." The boys were stoned but managed to run to safety.

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O'BRADAIGH MAKES IT CLEAR THAT A BRITISH WITHDRAWAL, NOW INEVITABLE, IS ONLY THE BEGINNING STRUGGLE FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

A chathaoirleach, a theachtai, is a chairde ar fad.

Once more we are gathered in national convention in historic surroundings for the 71st Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin. On behalf of the Ard-Comhairle it is my very pleasant duty to welcome you here, especially those of you who have been released from prison in the past year.

In the course of the thirteen months which have elapsed since the Ard-Fheis of 1974, the struggle to which we all have dedicated ourselves reached a new and higher plane and took on a greater significance; I refer of course, to the fact that constant and unrelenting pressure on the enemy forced him to the conference table, not just for one meeting but for many.

As you well know, the unilateral Truce of goodwill on the part of Republican forces over the Christmas and New Year period did not meet with any worthwhile response from the British occupation Forces and therefore was not extended by the Republican leadership.

However, it did have the effect of bringing together face to face the duty accredited representatives of the Republican Movement — your movement and the rep-

resentatives of the British Government. During the weeks of renewed hostilities a bi-lateral Truce agreement was worked out and accepted on both sides. Hostilities were once more suspended and Truce Incident Centres were opened by both parties and operated as the most practical arrangement possible to prevent an unintentional breakdown in the new situation. Discussions were then embarked upon towards securing a permanent peace in Ireland and for the Republican Movement this meant and still means:

- (a) a British withdrawal; (b) a New Ireland negotiated by the Irish people themselves; and (c) a general amnesty for all Irish political prisoners

In short, what we have been saying to the British is this:

if you intend to leave Ireland then we will do everything possible to smooth your path and make it easy for you; but if, on the other hand, you intend to remain in Ireland and to re-structure British rule here, putting a more acceptable and perhaps more human face on it, then if this is your intention make no mistake about it — we will contest every inch of the ground with you. And we shall win, because we regard British disengagement from Ireland now as inevitable.

The Truce was marred in its early stages by breaches on the part of the British and by a deliberate and planned campaign of sectarian murder. On May 15 in the British Parliament Mr. Merlyn Rees admitted (and I quote Hansard Vol. 892, No. 126, col. 628): "In the past three months the amount of IRA violence has been negligible," yet it emerged in the subsequent discussion that scores of people had been victim of sectarian murder in the same period.

It was about this time when a claim was made from a source outside the Republican Movement that a declaration of intent to withdraw had been agreed upon at the talks, that a spokesman for the Alliance Party — that paragon of peace at all costs regardless of injustice — stated publicly that "the bullet and the bomb were preferable to political concessions to the Provisional IRA." Apparently their brand of peace is akin to that of Mr. Paisley — "Peace through victory," British victory, of course.

Later in the year when the scope of sectarian murder gangs had been extended outside of Belfast and the Murder Triangle of Portadown, Pomeroy and Augrath where alone 40 people have died — and when the toll went into three figures, the UUUC had the temerity to issue a statement saying that the figure of "one hundred and twenty deaths since the Truce" was not acceptable! But who caused these deaths, the vast majority of them sectarian murders? Was it not the paramilitary friends of the UUUC and are not those paramilitaries themselves in some cases members of the UUUC?

Likewise the "peacemongers" as they have been called, many of whom are quick to carry their crosses and finger their Rosary beads in public last Christmas and on other occasions, were exposed by the Truce for the arrant hypocrites they are. In typical one-sided fashion there was not a squeak of protest from them as 50, 60, 70 and even 80 uninvolved and innocent people were methodically cut down in the early months of the Truce and the Nationalist people of the North were being driven demoralised with fear. No, no ministers of state or highly-placed churchmen rushed to picket UVF headquarters on the Shankill Road or UDA headquarters in East Belfast when the McKenna family were slaughtered or Bleary darts club was machine-gunned, resulting in a multiple tragedy. It would appear that they find it much more congenial to beat their breasts under police protection outside our offices at Kevin Street, Dublin.

Similarly, the British Government did not rush extra troops from England in response to these outrages, they did not close off gaps in the Peace-Line in Belfast or surround and protect isolated pockets of Nationalist people in East Antrim. Also in the face of continuing sectarian murder, Mr. Rees was swift in releasing all remaining Loyalist internees, even those whom he himself had said were responsible for the greatest massacre and loss of life this genera-

tion has seen; I refer to the deliberate killing of a young person in a single evening in Dublin in May 1974 in support of an al strike which was taking place at

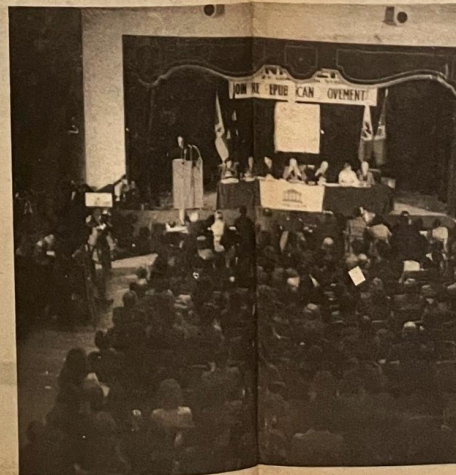
Only a small number of highly-conscientious people have diligently documented the sectarian violence and exposed it to the world, attempted to break down the Truce, the Nationalist people into acceptance of settlement which would restore the status quo. To these men of integrity but the great majority of the alleged peace-lovers have been shown up as two double standards who rush to condemn Republican resistance while ignoring the British Army killing is either ignored or the record." It was only when they began to retaliate against the British the Truce, including the shooting of civilians, the resumption of general harassment of the "peacemongers" appeared on the scene very self-righteous fashion.

Just as contemptible on the part of the attitude to the Truce were the those who persistently for peace, yet when the Truce was entered into the criticism and condemn. They att-



A view, from the balcony, of some of the delegates at the Ard Fheis.

Over 1000 members, from throughout the 32 Counties, attended the Conference.



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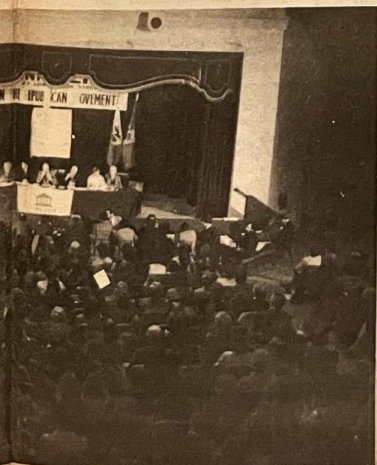
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Only a small number of highly-courageous priests diligently documented the sectarian murder campaign and exposed it to the world as a systematic attempt to break down the Truce and pressurise the Nationalise people into accepting a political settlement which would restore Loyalist supremacy. To these men of integrity every credit is due but the great majority of the alleged "peace" cur-saders have been shown up as two-faced people with double standards who rush to condemn by word and action Republican resistance while Loyalist and British Army killing is either ignored or just deplored "for the record." It was only when the Republican Army began to retaliate against the British for breaches of the Truce, including the shooting dead and wounding of civilians, the resumption of torture of prisoners and general harassment of the people that the "peace-mongers" appeared on the scene one more time in very self-righteous fashion.

Just as contemptible on the political front in their attitude to the Truce were the SDLP who called so persistently for peace, yet when an agreed and honourable Truce was entered into they were the first to criticise and condemn. They attacked the Incident



Some of the Sinn Fein leaders pictured at the Ard Fheis last Sunday, during Ruairi O'Bradaigh's speech, include Joe Cahill, Maire Drumm, Walter Lynch and John Joe McGirl.

Centres, the very legs on which the Truce stands, saying that the Republican Leadership had "sold out for six telephone numbers," and this from the politicians who in an effort to cling to temporary power fined the rent and rates strikers 25 pence per week and sent the bailiffs and the peelers to seize an ex-internee's cattle! But the attempts to wreck the Truce were not confined to the U.V.F., the U.D.A., the U.U.U.C., the Alliance Party, the SDLP or even the British Tory party, hungry as ever to make political capital out of Irish suffering and death. South of the border there was no response whatever to the new situation from the Dublin Government or opposition. The hunger-strike in Portlaoise Jail ground on for forty-five days until victory was wrong from a grudging and vindictive administration by the starving men, whose dedication wins our warmest admiration and support.

During the escape attempt on St. Patrick's Day, Republican prisoner Thomas Smith was shot down in cold blood and his funeral here in Dublin made the occasion for a highly provocative and over-bearing show of force by the Fine Gael and Labour Coalition. The fourth anniversary of internment was seized on to confront a Sinn Fein demonstration outside Portlaoise Prison and to [baton] the participants in a most brutal fashion worthy of the RUC in their hey-day before the ordinary people subdued them.

HARASSMENT CONTINUED

No relaxation in harassment of Republicans or collaboration with the British took place. Quite systematically the Dublin Cabinet set up a special squad of the political police in April to hunt down our Vice-President Daithi O'Connell and privately promised "head-money" as a reward to whoever would arrest him. Three months later he joined two others of the Foakle peace-makers, J.B.O' Hagan and Kevin Mallon in Portlaoise. And so in a year when we welcomed home Ard Chmhairle members Barney McFadden and John Joe McGirl, our Vice-President was removed from the scene at a most vital stage and Mary McGuigan was returned to Armagh Jail for resisting RUC incursions into Ardoyne during the Truce.

A word of appreciation is due to the ordinary people who manned the Incident Centres 24 hours per day and to the Sinn Fein members who assisted them; your work was out of the public eye but was an indispensable component in making the Truce work. In addition excellent work every many long hours was done by Sinn Fein members in staffing 20 Citizens Advice Centres throughout the Six Counties, thus forming links with the ordinary people and assisting them in their many problems of day to day living.

These Advice Centres which have set a head-line for the whole 32 counties, the sale of literature, records, tapes and the showing of the special political education lecture for public viewing are the surest way to build political support among the people and prepare for the day when Sinn Fein will appeal to the electorate in every corner of this island

This is vital work and the testing time may come sooner than many people think. Let us get ready. If we fail

to make our mark with sufficient strength, then the situation may be gone beyond recall and the shape of the New Ireland may crystallise into a 32-County Free State.

As a follow up to our success in having 26 local councillors elected last year and to make good the deficiencies which the campaign exposed a pamphlet, confidential to members, was brought out, entitled, "A Broad

Base; the need for local involvement." This publication and the Publicity Handbook are ready-made weapons to be used in building local support. In addition, the booklet "Mining and Energy" joined the "Quality of Life in the New Ireland" and "Eire Nua" policy documents in outlining the kind of Ireland we want to build when the British have left our country.

We mourn the deaths in that Long Kesh on internees Hugh Gerard Cooney and Jim Moyné; we welcome the repatriation of Dolours and Marion Price, Hugh Feeney and Gerald Kelly after their grim-ordeal of hunger strike and forced-feeding for over six months; we also aim at securing the transfer to prisons in Ireland pending their release of the other four Winchester prisoners and all their comrades in English jails; inhuman ill-treatment, torture, forced confessions and savage sentencing of Irish prisoners in England.

The re-writing of Irish history continues unabated, and, unfortunately, some highly intelligent people in the media, have prostituted their integrity in this regard also. The trend is evident in everything from the rehabilitation of certain historical personalities, to the selection of persons for commemoration on stamps — to actual sanction of text-books in Irish schools which try to comfort young and confused minds with an assurance that this country was not always even a province, or, a dependent neo-colony, but in fact a fully-fledged part of the United Kingdom and the Empire.

It will be interesting to see what attention, if any, will be officially given to the commemoration of the 1916 Rising on the diamond jubilee next Easter: Easter Week has been politely dropped from the official calendar in the past two years, by people, whether they like it or not, who owe whatever pomp power and offices they possess today directly to the heroic and selfless sacrifices of the men of that Rising. But of course this situation will not continue. The national re-think which sprang, particularly among the youth, from the commemoration of 1966 was in some measure responsible for the development of events in the North since 1969.

Try as they may, North and South, the Leinster House establishment cannot turn back the clock or ignore the risen people. No country can allow the type of amoral official tyranny we have experienced in the attempt of recent years to suppress truth, justice and reality to continue indefinitely.

Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien, Dr. Fitzgerald, Justin Keating and other "intellectuals" of the regime would, no doubt, scream to high Heaven if a writer, imprisoned for whatever reason and after the most immaculately fair trial, in any part of the world, had his books and papers destroyed and his private possessions, including religious objects, smashed for spite. Except, of course, if it happens to be somebody like Eamonn MacThomas. But

republican news

THE VOICE OF REPUBLICAN ULSTER



Wednesday October 22nd

Last tonight John Taylor, Official Unionist Convention member for North Down, in a speech in Derry strongly advised his colleagues (not to expel Craig from the UUUC).

Taylor hopes to reconcile the growing differences within the UUUC which are a mixture of tactical disagreement and personality struggles.

To date, Craig's proposals for a voluntary coalition are surreptitiously imaginative — for such an agreement would let Britain off the hook of present responsibility and would pave the way for a 'legal' loyalist takeover as and when the SDLP become completely isolated from the minority by their inevitable support for the RUC and UDR.

Taylor said again today that he believed Craig was being "shabbily treated." He also spoke about Paisley and said that he shouldn't be allowed to dominate the UUUC.

The four defendants in the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombs trial were found guilty today in one of the biggest farces British Justice has so far produced. No evidence or witnesses for the prosecution were produced and yet in such a trial — which had a strong anti-defendant bias from the 'judge,' and which ignored the evidence of English people who had obviously no axe to grind — all the defendants were

found guilty and sentenced to: Paul Hill — Life, Life and 20 years for conspiring to cause explosions (whatever that means); Patrick Armstrong — 35 years, Life, 10 years for conspiring to commit murder and 20 years for conspiring to cause explosions; Gerard Conlon — 30 years, life and 20 years for conspiring to cause explosions; and Carole Richardson — Life and Life. The sentences were decided by an English Tory wearing a wig — a Minister Donaldson.

SDLP councillor and collaborator Tom Donnelly today called on all Catholics to support and join the RUC "police service". Of course Donnelly's bourgeois politics grant him immunity from interrogation and torture by these uniformed loyalists. But he has seen the inside of the torture chambers — Yes, on his many banquets with the RUC when he supped well and discussed "community relations," whilst in one of the dingy back rooms some of his 'constituents' were getting the kidneys punches out of them.

Yesterday whilst Donnelly was 'licking his lips and awaiting another invitation UDR man, William Workman, and was in court charged with possession of a Sterling sub-machine gun (UDR issue) and with being a member of the UVF. Both the UDR and the RUC are heavily dominated by loyalist interests

(in fact, 12 police officers are associated with the Ulster CIA — a UVF body). Donnelly's call was so blatantly collaborationist that an embarrassed (and more subtle) party official insisted that the view did not represent SDLP policy.

In a statement today Sinn Fein stated that the alternatives open to the people in the Six-counties. They were a return to a Protestant Parliament for a Protestant people or;

"That offered by the Republican Movement, the New Ireland. A federated nation founded on socialist policies, where the Protestant people would retain significant political control through the machinery of provincial government but where the corrupting influences of British imperialism and sectarian politics would be effectively neutralised and destroyed."

Almost 150 farmers from the border area of Castleblaney and Crossmaglen attended a meeting in Co. Monaghan to form a committee for the organisation of opening cross-border roads which have been cratered and blocked by the British Army.

At the council-house siege in Monasteraven — where the kidnapped Dr. Herrema is being held — the Free State Government called in Scotland Yard officers. They brought along technical equipment, probably highly sensitive audio-monitoring devices. That Scotland Yard should be privy to a Free State police operation typifies the progress the Free State has made since the War of Independence.

Late tonight a bomb was planted in a cafe in Magherafelt for the second time this week.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23rd

The Mid Ulster Battalion of the UVF today threatened aggressive action at the British Army, and certain CID and special Branch men in Lurgan who are alleged to have harassed UVF members. They also justified "the executing of innocent Catholics."

UVF headquarters in Belfast rejected the threats and said they represented a very small fraction. After this statement was issued the North Down Battalion announced its support for the Mid-Ulster group and said it "refused to accept the new leadership in reference to last week's announcement that the leadership has once again changed hands. In fact, we may be witnessing the beginning of an imminent split).

In Keady, Co. Armagh, an IRA bomb badly damaged the Carnage House Hotel. According to an IRA statement the hotel was bombed because it had been "frequently used by the British Army and RUC for intelligence activities."

Around 8 p.m. Mr. Peter McKearney and his wife Jane, a Catholic couple in their sixties, were found shot dead in their home at Listanlet, Moy, Co. Tyrone. Mrs. McKearney had been shot dead when she answered the door and her husband was machine-gunned to death at the kitchen table. Loyalist extremists using weapons of 9mm calibre (UDR machine-gun) were responsible.

A man shot on October 2nd (the day of widescale UVF violence) in Belfast died in hospital today. Thom Balfour thought shot in the head managed to run out of Casey's Wine store in Millfield, Belfast, and raise

the alarm but three other murders had taken place.

Shortly after 9 a.m. this morning a bomb exploded under the car of

Conservative MP, Mr. Hugh Fraser, outside his home in West London. A passerby, Mr. Gordon Fairly, a leading British cancer specialist, was killed when apparently he noticed a suspicious object underneath the car which it is thought he tried to remove.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th

Three Internees were released from Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

At a UUUC meeting 24 members voted for the expulsion of Messrs Craig, Trimble, Barr and Greene. Three Official Unionists (Taylor, Morgan and McKay) abstained from voting and a fourth — Orange Order leader, Martin Smyth — stayed away.

The Vanguard leader, we may presume, may well now feel free enough not to back the final UUUC majority report, but to pursue his voluntary coalition idea.

The UUUC, however, is under severe strains — Paisley threatened to leave the coalition unless it agreed to such a degree that an amalgamation of the SDLP, UPNI, NILP, Alliance, Vanguard and "Official" Unionists could produce a slender majority. But nevertheless a majority.

Such a majority would undoubtedly have the support of the British Government who would possibly sue war again on the mathematics of consensus by parliamentary democracy. However, the SDLP are not a credible party and certainly do not give direction to the politics of the ghettos. They speak for no one but themselves.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th

A 26-year-old Catholic was shot and seriously injured by three youths outside a bar in east Belfast tonight.

Earlier in the evening in the Ormeau Road district of Belfast a beer-keg bomb exploded in the entrance to the Parador Hotel. Windows were blown in and a nearby chapel was damaged.

The massive intimidation programme directed against Catholics in the northern suburbs of Belfast and

originally initiated by the UBA continues on a nightly basis. A shot was fired into a Catholic home in Rathfern Way, Newtownabbey. The RUC arrived, investigated ("Do you have any idea why anyone should want to do this to you?"), guaranteed protection and departed. Less than two hours later the intimidators threw a brick through the downstairs window of the same house.

Later three shots were fired from a car into a house in Kallagan Bend, Cregagh Estate.

Sinn Fein published the results of a public opinion poll today which had been carried out over the past

two weeks in Belfast's nationalist areas.

People questioned were not aware of the identity of the research team. To the question "Do you think the SDLP has represented the Catholic community adequately 56% said "No" and 37% said "Yes" 5% were uncommitted.

Several weeks after the UVF declared the Irish Congress of Trade Unions among its "legitimate" targets the Official Unionists in a party conference appealed "to all Loyalist workers not to support the

ICU and to urge their Unions to disaffiliate from that organisation."

This motion, it is hoped, will thus bring the OUF into phase with parliamentary opinion and shows oblique support for the fascist "Ulster Workers" Council (U.W.C.).

The UWC hasn't made any gains, or improved working conditions for the workers. Instead it is the bones of an extreme right-wing political "trade-union" whose preoccupation of witchhunting "Republicans and Communists" makes exploitation much simpler.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th

Between 300 and 500 people using bulldozers re-opened three closed crossings in South Armagh which had been blocked by the British Army.

A party of British soldiers who were secretly observing and photographing the defiant crowd were set upon by a group of militant youths.

They stoned the soldiers who retreated to the top of a hill. The showering of bricks and stones created panic on the Brits who radioed for help. They fired shots before being comically whisked away helicopter.

At the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis in Dublin Ruairi O Bradigh was again elected President. He said that: "Republican Movement still demanded a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland; a New Ireland negotiated by at the Irish people themselves and a general amnesty for all Irish political prisoners.

"What we have been saying to the British Government is this: if you intend to leave Ireland, then we will do everything possible to smooth your path and make it easy for you; but if, on the other hand, you intend to remain in Ireland and to restructure British rule here, putting a more human face on it, then if it is this your intention, make no mistake about it — we will contest every inch of the ground with you.

"We want a socialist federal Ireland where the small community flourishes

and exploitation of man by man is no more. We want all to enjoy the fruits of their labour and of our natural resources as well as of our cultural heritage."

Paddy Devlin sat by his phone tonight and issued statements by the dozen. In a prelude to SDLP claims of incontestable and extraordinary proof of RUC "impartiality and fairness" the RUC announced that it was questioning seven British soldiers about alleged "falsification of incriminating evidence." The soldiers, who have been occupying Andersonstown for the last four months, are members of the Black Watch Regiment.

The news media even carried reports (from Devlin or the RUC) that included in the questioning were soldiers of the patrol who murdered Leo Norney on the 13th September. Devlin, speaking about the activities of the Regiment said "Everything indicated that it includes quite a bad set of boys." Spoken like a granny.

Paddy was chuffed with his press scoop. He isn't particularly worried about the story slowly fizzing out — it is first impressions which count and the RUC were reported as doing a fine job. Next week we'll be called upon to support them in the light of their recent record.

However, we doubt if any soldiers will be charged, and even if they are charged they are certain to be released (like Private Gary Sturge of the 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment acquitted last November acquitted last Wednesday of assaulting two Catholic brothers).

At midnight tonight the Perenna factory at Limerick re-opened despite the kidnappers' original order that it should remain closed. Meanwhile the siege at Monasteraven entered its seventh day. The kidnappers remained adamant about their demands.

Trouble broke out and a riot started in the Loyalist Mourneview and Grey Estate in Lurgan apparently as a result of British Army activity in the Estates. They don't like their homes being searched. Three soldiers were slightly injured by stones and bottles.

There was proof that the Army had fired indiscriminately into the Protestant estate, but the standard loyalist comment to the same incident in a Republican area (the Army was only shooting at IRA men was conspicuously absent).

When later in the night there were two shooting incidents a jeep was hit three times and a British soldier

was wounded

STALINIST GARBAGE

Those interested to read the October edition of the "United Irishman" will hardly be surprised by the simplistic, reformist 'solutions' of the anti-Republican, pro-Stalinist organisation while issues this political garbage sheet.

We are told that —

1. "The disbandment of the UDR.
2. The establishment of a credible, impartial police service, capable of dealing effectively with sectarian murders whether Catholic or Protestant.
3. The withdrawal of the British Army to barracks.
4. The introduction of a comprehensive Bill of Rights."

"... would lay the foundation

for a permanent cessation of violence and the creation of a democratic society."

Notice that no declaration of British withdrawal from Ireland is suggested nor is any attempt made to explain who would control the new "police service," or who would enforce the Bill of Rights.

Such recommendations are consistent with Stickle 'thought.'

They envisage their role as a well paid militant S.D.P. functioning within the British political system, in a reformed 6-county state, a 'republican' RUC imposing their Stalinist politics on a mentally crushed people.

VINDICATOR.

fintan lalor

A recently published book, 'The Readings from Fintan Lalor,' is on sale at the Eire Nua Bookshop, 170a Falls Road. The Book has been published by the Republican Press Centre, and is a must for all Socialists!



MORE SUPPORT FROM GERMANY

Last weekend the West German Ireland Solidarity Committee had a big exhibition at the Fete Rouge in Paris. The Fete Rouge was visited by more than 150,000 people from France and from all over the world.

We alone sold more than 10,000 leaflets in French language about the Irish Freedom struggle and also sold a large quantity of Republican literature than ever before.

The interest of the French people

in Ireland was incredible. But it was also important to have discussions on Ireland with soldiers of the Portuguese SUV, the MIR from Argentina, the ETA from the Basque Country and the people from Brittany.

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AMERICAN EYE VIEW

If the IRA revolutionaries were from any other country in the world, our fashionable liberals would hail them as revolutionary heroes and cheer for David O'Connell (the Arafat of the IRA). As it is, the New Republic recently dismissed them as a few hundred Catholic revolutionaries who want to "cow one million Protestants who are determined to keep Ulster as British as Devon or Lancashire."

Since so little is known by most Americans about the Ulster situation and since the journalism on the subject is so incredibly sloppy, a few points must be made for the record.

The British regime in Northern Ireland is as colonialist as the British regimes in India or Africa.

Historically the regime has

been oppressive. The colonial groups sent by the British to Ulster have oppressed the Catholic groups in the north for more than three centuries.

However, in the 19th century there was, for a time, particularly in the city of Belfast, an era of good feeling in the city of Belfast. Protestants contributed to the construction of Catholic churches, and Catholic bishops were communal leaders. In the Revolution of 1798, Catholics and Protestants in the north fought side by side against the English.

However, toward the end of the last century, the British government, particularly under the leadership of Lord Randolph Churchill, began to stir up anti-Catholic feeling in the north as an excuse for not granting home rule to Ireland. This encouragement of bigotry was especially

strong during the 1916-22 revolution and civil war period.

The British are to a substantial extent responsible for the situation in Northern Ireland and for the persistence of religious conflict.

The conditions at the Long Kesh concentration camp and the torture of prisoners there will compare with anything in the Soviet Union, Brazil, or China.

Finally, historically, the British have played the role of agents provocateurs in Irish conflicts. There is evidence that the bombings in Dublin last spring and in Birmingham recently were not the work of the IRA (which always claims credit for its bombings) but the work of the British secret service. We cannot say for sure, but on the basis of the past performance of the British, government in Ireland, this is certainly a strong possibility.

NIAAA AND LONG KESH

"MAZE PRISON OFFICERS INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS."

On Saturday 18th October, 1975, the Lisnagavey Harriers, Lisburn held a series of Road relays in Wallace Park Lisburn. These relays which are held annually are open to all of Ireland's renegade bodies in Irish athletics, namely the Northern Ireland Amateur Athletic Association (Affiliated to Britain).

1. These are a six county body, who claim they are British and want no part of an All-Ireland (32 County) Irish athletics team.
2. The "Ulster Sports Council" a nine county body founded in 1967, after breaking away from the parent body in Irish athletics, namely the only 32 county body the N.A.C.A.I.-i.e. the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland.
3. B.L.E. a 26 County body founded in 1967 also, after breaking away also from the N.A.C.A.I.

B.L.E. claim to represent Ireland, stating they are a vibrant National body. Their Ireland, as you may guess is Ireland as laid down by England, i.e. a 26 County Ireland. On account of their giving this moral support to Mother England they in turn are given all sorts of sponsorship from various groups whose ultimate aim is to maintain the link with Britain. That link which has been the scourge for so many generations and has sent so many Irishmen to their graves in an effort to rid the Country of this scourge.

However on Saturday 18th October 1975, sponsorship of another nature showed its ugly head for the first time when that "fine body of man", that group of individuals who are constantly torturing Irishmen in Long Kesh, namely the Maze Prison officers. These people actually sponsored the relays in Wallace Park Lisburn under the name of the "Maze Prison Officers Social Club Lisburn."

What this actually means is that these torturers had the audacity to contribute to the enjoyment of children whilst at the same time guilty to the torture of perhaps a brother, father, or some relation in the "Hell Hole" of Long Kesh.

The most serious aspect of it all was that many of the competitors were from Schools in the Nationalist areas of Belfast, who in the past have shown their resistance in no uncertain manner to the "Forces of Occupation". All parents who have children competing for their schools in Cross Country events should examine the credentials of the body under which they are going to compete. Remember if it is one of the above bodies named, then in all probability they are being sponsored by some Anti-Irish group who are solely aiming to undermine the younger generation and are using athletics to further this aim. All Irishmen should say these renegade athletic bodies, yes all three of them, "keep your dirty sponsorship money, we want no part of it." Tell the nation the truth. You are part of Britains plan to keep Ireland divided in Sport and in politics, so why not come out clean and admit it. We know who you are, you people in areas of Lurgan, Belfast, Armagh, Dungannon, Derry, Strabane, yes wherever there has been a history of resistance the foreign rule, there in the midst you will find an anti national athletics body, financed by presumably the above named group or one similar body working for the destruction of Ireland, i.e. To keep it divided at all costs, at Britains request.

Rising Dragon?

A number of threatening leaflets purporting to come from "the military arm of the Cymric nation," are being studied by British Special Branch officers. The leaflets, which were unsigned, were sent to several newspapers in England and Wales yesterday.

Both Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Language Society have condemned the people responsible. An organisation calling itself the Cymric Freedom Army, which no one in Wales appears to have heard of before, has produced the leaflets in Welsh and English.

They read: "As the military arm of the Cymric nation Byddin

Rhyddid Cymru, the Cymric Freedom Army, has been watching with increasing concern the failure of political means to stem the threat to our civilisation from the unrelenting ever-mounting pressure of England upon us. England's continued refusal to recognise our Cymric sovereignty and to reinstate our right to live as a free nation leave us no alternative but to act in the name of freedom.

"On behalf of our patriots of past and present and our generations of the future, we hereby inform betrayers of the Cymric heritage and aliens coming into our midst, that a new phase in the struggle is about to begin."

THE SINGING PEELER

A woman from the Bogside was invited onto UTV's "Lunchtime" programme to discuss the North's contribution to international Women's Year. Before the show began, she engaged in conversation with a singing RUC constable, who believes in Jesus, and who was going on the air to pronounce his beliefs.

In a spirit of ecumenism, they both agreed that there were faults on the sides of both Nationalists and the R.U.C.

The show began. The woman spoke about women; the policeman spoke about the influence of the love of Jesus on his work. "And I would like to end," he said, "by forgiving the terrorists who planted a bomb last year, which went off as I was nearby, leaving me in hospital for a while."

Caught up in the emotion of the moment, the Bogside woman interjected: "And I would like to forgive the policeman who occupied the Bogside during the Civil Rights campaign, during which occupation they caused the death, by batoning, of at least one resident."

The producer leapt on to the studio floor. "Cut the cameras," he yelled; "Stop the show. That's a political comment."

The woman observed that she, like the policeman, merely wanted to forgive and forget.

She was escorted from the studio. The policeman was re-recorded. He was allowed to forgive the terrorists.

Does the Northern Jesus have only one cheek?

ICRA WELCOME

The Irish Civil Rights Association welcomes the declaration from the World Medical Assembly at Tokyo which strictly forbids involvement of doctors in torture, force-feeding and cruelty to prisoners and detainees.

We pay tribute to those whose courage, spirit and will during several long months of brutal force-feeding drew world-wide

attention and made it imperative that World Medical Association should lay down these strict ethical guidelines for members of their profession.

That tribute we pay to—Marion and Dolours Price; Gerard Kelly; Hugh Fenney; Frank Stagg and to the memory of Michael Gaughan, who died under the cruel treatment of force-feeding.

BUS TIME TABLE



Portlaoise

SATURDAYS 8.30 am

24-hour booking necessary for

Magilligan, Armagh & Portlaoise.

Long Kesh

Daily at 9 am, 9.30 am, 1.00 pm and 1.30 p.m.

Armagh

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
SATURDAY 1.30 p.m.

Magilligan

TUESDAY & FRIDAY.
Leaves sharp at 10.00 a.m.

Buses leave 170 Falls Road

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A GOLD WEDDING RING
has been found in the Clonard
Gardens area.

The owner can recover it from
Mrs. Kennedy at the Eire Nua
Bookshop, 170a Falls Road.



So, they put you in gaol
And think it's a nail
To help in your crucifixion.

There are bolts on the door
Cold stone for a floor
To remind you of your conviction.

He sat in his chair
White curls for his hair . . .

(Reality or comic fiction?)

While you stood in the dock
In your prettiest frock
Laughing at their contradiction!

Volunteer 'A' Company, Armagh Ghol.

IRATE EX-CON

The following letter is from
'Weekend Magazine,' we reprint
it without comment.

I was interested to read recently
that the rule forbidding the
entry into the Army of ex-prison-
ers is to be dropped.

I joined up some years ago, only

to be told after three months'
training that although I had the
makings of a good soldier my ser-
vices were no longer required as
I had served a term of imprison-
ment.

It seems ironic in view of the
happenings in Northern Ireland.

Irate ex-prisoner, Ches.

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this will not continue. Sooner or later a halt will be called, and the new barbarians hiding behind their masks of culture, toleration and moderation will be exposed. Sinn Fein's duty is to speed that day.



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Even though the logic of Whitaker economics and the EEC leads in the opposite direction, the political pressure from hard-pressed people on the ground has forced the Government into another "Buy Irish" campaign. Sinn Fein pioneered campaigns such as this and naturally supports it. We doubt however the sincerity of some of those engaged in the campaign — for the same reason as we question the sincerity of those now crying about the EEC Regional Fund. These are the people, who through their political activities, brought about the present situation. Erosion of the Irish home market by outside products of all shapes and sizes is inevitable in the EEC Free Trade situation. Free Trade in groceries is as "natural" as free trade in television channels, given the current outlook of the Free State regime.

The work of the Ulster Executive of Sinn Fein over the past year has been outstandingly significant. On March 25th, the day Mr. Wilson announced in Belfast the date of the new Stormont Convention, Sinn Fein indicated that its attitude would be one of "Boycott." There were two reasons for this:

- (a) the Constitutional Convention was based on the artificial area of Six Counties and would inevitably reproduce the sectarian headcount and predictable result;
- (b) the British Government would have the final say regardless of the outcome.

In the event the Boycott was a resounding success. Every area worked without stint; 350,000 leaflets and 120,000 posters were distributed and extensive advertising engaged in; even

the prisoners from their cells and cages sent out their messages of support and encouragement; public meetings and canvassing took place in what can only be described as an "election outside an election." The SDLP's claim to be the sole representatives of the Nationalist people was shown to be without foundation; the Boycott lost them seats, thousands of votes and they emerged with about 40% of the Nationalist electorate. The remainder boycotted the Convention and for this Sinn Fein takes full credit. Here was the political action — in unorthodox fashion granted — which our opponents cried out for and they did not like it because it was so effective.

Quite frankly, Sinn Fein does not just want the British to go. That is merely the beginning. The Ulster Loyalists must govern themselves in a New Ulster and a New Ireland, so also must the Ulster Nationalists and every other community in Ireland. We want a Socialist Federal Ireland where the small community flourishes and exploitation of man by man is no more. We want all to enjoy the fruits of their labour and of our natural resources, as well as of our cultural heritage.

We realise that even those who are fortunate enough to be well-fed, well-paid, well-housed and physically healthy — and there are many who are not — but even those who are can suffer poverty and deprivation because they do not participate in community and take decisions which govern their own future. As an eminent psychiatrist has said: "We need badly to create units of society brought down to human size where we can again feel and have an existence as human beings, not merely as machine components."

In essence, what we want is the British out, our own way of life and a decent society. Nothing less is worth of the suffering endured or the sacrifices so freely made by this generation. For the first time in hundreds of years it is possible; but we must have discipline, respect for our leadership and the will to work and press home our advantage. Victory is within our reach. Let us move forward with determination and grasp it.

BLACK WATCH FIASCO

The RUC decision to "question" 7 members of the Black Watch hasn't cut much ice with the people of Andersonstown.

The seven, who were stationed at Silver City during their 'tour of duty', are being made scapegoats to cover for the animalistic behaviour of the whole regiment. No doubt several of the Black Watch scum will be eventually found guilty of minor offences and fined a few bob. The killers of Leo Norney and the torturers of hundreds of men will never be the inside of a court. The Black Watch gangsters may have left Ireland, but their crimes will linger in the minds of the people.



TWO CHOICES ONLY

The following is a statement from the Belfast Executive Sinn Fein.

As the Loyalist politicians of the UUUC prepare to submit their proposals for a resurrected Stormont, to the British Government, Sinn Fein draws the attention of the ordinary people to the two major political alternatives of who face them, as represented by the policies of the UUUC and the Republican Movement.

One alternative, offered by the Paisley-dominated UUUC, is an undisputed return to a pre-1968 Stormont, the symbol of Orange supremacy, entailing as it does, the clear necessity for total suppression of the Catholic minority. Are you to the days of 'absolute' Loyalist control, the days of 'a protestant parliament for a Protestant people'.

The other alternative is that offered by the Republican Movement the new Ireland. A federated nation founded on socialist policies, where the Protestant people would retain significant political control through the machinery of Provincial Government, but where the corrupting influences of British imperialism and sectarian politics would be effectively neutralised and destroyed.

As the British prepare to withdraw, the choice facing the people is one between Fascist dictatorship and political and economic freedom. With the active support of our people, the Republican Movement will resist the first and secure the second.

DUBLIN TRIO



Republican News, the Voice of the Republican North, continues to sell throughout the entire 32 Counties. The picture above shows three beautiful young Dublin lassies selling Republican News on the steps of the famous Mansion House during last weeks Ard Fheis.

The Free State Special Branch probably have better pictures of the trio of young Republicans, but nevertheless we publish ours.