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WHILE Prime Minister Brian Faulkner was boasting in London that this time the I.R.A. were definitely on the verge of collapse, two members of the "almost defunct" organisation calmly walked into the premises of Carpets and Linoleum Ltd., Dublin Road, unhurriedly placed two charges and after informing the employees of the firm that they had ten minutes to evacuate the building calmly walked out again and disappeared

Ten minutes later, the evacuation completed without the second. Once again Faulkner and his cronies were forced to swallow their worn

out phrases and utterances, for this time the Republican Army had dealt the most serious single devastating blow since their destruction of the Daily Mirror plant early in the summer.

Two factories, over a dozen shops and offices disappeared in what has officially been described as Belfast's most serious fire since the war time blitz. Over 100 yards on each

side of the complex was evacuated as the inferno raged on, destroying in a rush of flames, the firms of J. S. Brown, Linen Manufacturer's, the Northern Furnishing Co., Munton Bros. Shirt Manufacturers and a host of lesser firms.

Conservative estimates so far put the damage incurred at the one million pound mark

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A Comedy of Errors

"INFORMATION is now flowing in a steady stream." For weeks now we have been brain-washed by these words from every British political and military spokesman as they attempt to destroy our morale. Every operation carried out by the British Army is now the result "of information received," and even those of us who ought to know better find ourselves at times half-believing some of the preposterous claims which are daily poured out through the mass-media.

But even a little thought soon shows where the truth lies. None of us are likely to forget August 9th. We remember the massive round-up of innocent men, many of whom never had any connection with the Republican Movement and many others who had severed all connection a generation ago. Obviously the lack of good intelligence was the "fly in the ointment" as far as the "authorities" were concerned.

Then came the brutality, the beatings etc. etc. as they tried to force information out of the prisoners. And we know the result. The campaign intensified, the bombings and shootings multiplied and the Volunteers moved about as they pleased.

Everyone blamed Faulkner, and condemned the internment policy as a complete and utter failure. Faulkner pleaded for

more time and ordered the British Army to continue their policy of trying to round-up "wanted men." In the circumstances it was inevitable that he would eventually succeed in capturing the odd Volunteer. But real success was not forth coming so Brian invented it. If you say a thing often enough people eventually believe it, so Brian kept telling us of the wholesale arrests of "top IRA men," and "high ranking IRA officers," who had been captured.

We were assured that internment was working, and information was rolling in. Unfortunately for Faulkner even his constant repetition of "major successes" sounded less convincing than the daily repetition of shootings and bombing.

It was just too much to believe that all the operations

were planned in Long Kesh. So in spite of the genuine and reliable information pouring in from the Catholic ghettos a new policy had to be tried. Thus we had the "cordon and search" operations involving hundreds (sometimes thousands) of British troops who saturated an area in a vain attempt to achieve a breakthrough. Of course the propaganda experts used all their skill in co-operation with this latest tactic. The banner headlines in the Press and the TV announcements of "50 terrorists captured" and "30 more suspects held," built up the morale of supporters of the Faulkner regime.

They were not told of course that 90% of those arrested were released within twenty-four hours. But the British and Unionist top brass know the truth and influential British journalists know it and as the criticism of Faulkner and condemnation of internment mounts once more, he is forced to try something new, something which only Faulkner could stoop to. His new policy — "Round up the children."

Our regular readers will remember that we pointed out several weeks ago the possibility of action being taken against young boys. The British Army tried to condition public

opinion to the necessity for such action by spreading the stories of boys of 12 and 14 firing Thompson machine-guns

Now we see the reason. In the past few days young boys have been taken from their beds in the dead of night, hustled into Saracens and subjected to treatment designed to terrify them into providing Ulster's scarcest commodity, "information."

But Faulkner has backed another loser. He can't seem to remember that this is 1971 not the forties or the fifties, when he could do as he pleased to Republicans and nobody cared very much. He keeps forgetting that at least 40% of the people are now Republicans and that even respectable middle-class people like the principals of schools have a nasty habit nowadays of speaking out against injustice and, if necessary taking appropriate action.

Whatever action the parents and teachers take against this mean and despicable policy of a mean and despicable man, the policy itself proves one thing clearly — there is no steady flow of information. If there was even Faulkner would not stoop so low.

Our heartfelt sympathy

"I FELT a pain in my back, it seemed to come from the direction of the window." A quote from one of the wrecked bars injured customers. Eight year old Joseph McClory described how he watched a man place a parcel in the door-way of the bar, light the fuse and then drive away.

He shouted a warning which has since been verified by a man who was going into the bar, the warning saved his life. Despite these and many other statements from people on the spot Government sources are still endeavouring to blame Republicans for the blast at McGurk's bar, which claimed the lives of 15 innocent people. None has been more indictive or callous in his remarks than John Taylor, junior, Minister of Home Affairs. He claims "the Protestant people have matured in the past six months," so no matter what devilish actions have been carried out by right-wing extremists prior to this,

he absolves them of this crime because they have suddenly matured. To advance his theme of argument further he then stated "It would have taken considerable courage for it (the Empire Loyalists) to carry the 50lb bomb into a Roman Catholic bar."

In his view then if Orange militants engage in the use of explosives they are courageous while others who do so are thugs and gangsters. Mr. Taylor in admitting the existence of the Empire Loyalists makes a liar out of his police force, who claim they have never heard of such a force,

despite their claiming responsibility for bombing a youth club on the Springfield Road, a few months ago. British Army spokesmen say "If this proves to be the work of a Protestant group it will put an entirely new light on the security picture."

Presumably they also wish to cover up the slightest hint of the existence of extremist Orange groups. To do otherwise would be to admit that all their policies to date have been wrong. What cannot be denied is that 15 people have died, died in an explosion that bears marked similarities to that which demolished the Four Step Inn on the Shankill Road.

On each occasion no warning was given, no time allowed for civilians to escape, behaviour in marked contrast to that of Republican Volunteers, some of whom have lost their lives, eg Vol. Crosse of Lur-

gan, ensuring that innocent people have sufficient time to leave safely. Absent on this tragic occasion too, is the Government inspired propaganda that lasted for a week or more on the heels of the Electricity H.Q. explosion.

Gone is the 'horror' and indignation expressed day after day by the B.B.C. and I.T.V. No hospital interviews this time, showing maimed or disfigured people. Why? This is the most horrific single act of terror carried out to date, could it be that it has filtered through to all these various organisations that someone other than Republicans are responsible for this cowardly and inhuman act.

Could it be then, that unofficial censorship has been brought into play, that the order to "play it cool" has gone out so that the Govern-

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Liam Mac's Page of News and Views

MAKING ROOM FOR INTERNEES

John Taylor got himself into one hell of a row at Stormont when it was dragged out of him by a simple but innocuous question from Paisley who wanted to know about the early release system of criminals from Crumlin Road Prison. Poor John had to admit that from August 9th — Internment Day — in order to make room for those detained or interned they made sure they had enough space by allowing out 359 prisoners who still had periods of imprisonment to serve, from a few days to 51 weeks. Paisley and Beattie had got him in their net alright, they then began to hit him with facts and figures showing that one of these prisoners released was charged within a few hours with the crime of murder . . . that another one was being hunted by the police on a very serious charge, others who had been refused the Royal Prerogative were released, in some cases on the very same day.

Big John said: "I was not aware of all this." Hansard 30-11-71

So you see my friends political opposition to Faulkner and his regime is more dangerous than having 359 members of the criminal classes walking about the streets.

"NORTHERN IRELAND LABOUR PARTY"

You must hand it to Brian Garrett of the N.I.L.P. and pity him at the same time. He seems to be the only member of the party who has the nerve to keep pushing the idea of a Community Government and also at the same time to keep wriggling and squirming about when someone asks him the N.I.L.P.'s attitude on internment. If this policy of trying for a community government fails then Brian and the rest of the membership realise the party will disappear from the political scene. Look at its present predicament. Mrs. Delap Stevenson of Derry Labour Party, who has been nominated to fight John Hume at the next election, has been expelled by the Derry Labour Party, which in turn has been itself expelled by the N.I.L.P. executive. The secretary of the Coleraine Labour Party has resigned because Wilson has even suggested that he is in agreement with the idea of a united Ireland. The Newtownabbey Labour Party who at one time thought they had something in common with the revolutionary thinking of Eamonn McCann of Derry, has now been taken over by their new member, Eamonn O'Kane, (a one-time member of P.D.) and the Irish Communist Organisation and now call themselves — wait for it — "The Workers Association for the Democratic Settlement of the National Conflict in Ireland . . . isn't that beautiful, it's true nevertheless. What did the man say. A rose by any other name . . . but the name still smells the same as the N.I.L.P. Why the hell don't they join the Unionist Party and be done with this hypocrisy.

ANOTHER PROPHET !

"If in doubt, fiddle about. But don't actually do anything. That seems to be the Heath-Maudling method of treating Ulster . . . The more it drifts, the worse it gets the shorter gets the British patience with the whole Ulster problem. It is almost possible to reach the conclusion that this is the way the Tories want it — to give that troublesome province enough rope to hang itself with . . . Then they could somehow extricate themselves from the mess — do a Rhodesia, in other words. Certainly the message of Wilson & Co in the Labour Party rang out loud and clear for me — they want out, with as honourable an exit as possible."

Barry White B.E.T. 2-12-71

POOR BIGOTS

"The search for suitable accommodation is proving a difficult task. Many estate agents are not keen on having tenants like us, who may again attract the bomber. Others feel that the existing tenants would not welcome an organisation such as ours.

Ulster Protestant, Dec. 1971. Apologising for lack of premises

TRADE UNION NOTES

I am sure the workers employed at the Tilley Lamp Co. in Dunmurry must have laughed their heads off when they read in the Press, that their managing director Norman Whitaker had received the O.B.E. at Buckingham Palace on Friday, (3-12-71). This factory is one of those type where discipline is army style, and it has been known for the supervisors to snoop on the workers even in the toilets, one story being of the foreman who put his head under the opening of the door to find out who was in the box and got a boot in the face.

But even the loyalty of the supervision does not give them security, one of their foremen who was absent for several weeks due to an accident, had his cards sent to him. It is about time the workers in this factory began to get off their knees and fight.

The recent wage awards to Clerical Workers and Technical Staff of most of the engineering works in the Belfast area have been agreed on the basis that the unions allow the managements to bring in representatives from Consultant firms to make a survey on greater efficiency in the industries relating to staff workers. For instance DATA in agreeing a £4.50 rise agreed that £1 of it was for this purpose. The Clerical Workers in their £2.50 rise agreed that 75p of it was for this purpose also. This is ridiculous at a period when there are 65,000 unemployed in the Six Counties. No union should agree to what in effect is really that more of their members should join the unemployed. But it is up to the members themselves to see that these agreements don't work.

A BLESSING FOR THE POOR

"Overeating is a growing problem in affluent Britain's higher income groups, the result is that more people are dying from diseases related to over excessive food consumption. The report also indicated that people on lower incomes, such as old age pensioners and the unemployed were less likely to suffer from obesity and other consequences of over-eating

News Item 3-12-71

VERY REAL

"How many pensioners will die before the winter is over from lack of heat and the rising cost of food.

Letter B.E.T. 4-12-71

"SATIRE"

"I am delighted at the success of the Comforts for the Troops Fund and especially the generous response from the O.A.P.'s. This gives the lie to all the moaners who complain that old people are not receiving enough to live on. They cannot be in such dire distress as we are led to believe by welfare workers, ministers, trade unionists etc.

Letter B.E.T. 4-12-71 from teenager who sees through the propaganda of the Fund raisers in suggesting that even the O.A.P.'s are giving to it.

MUTINY ?

"Seven troopers of the Life Guards at Hyde Park Barracks who refused to groom their horses when ordered, but went for a night out instead, were given between five and twenty eight days detention.

News item Irish Times

Watch it boys or you may be sent on foreign service to the Six Counties just to teach you a lesson.

A Northerner's Jottings

GEORGE ALLPORT & THE ULSTER TIMES

This monthly newspaper printed and published by George Allport, a small town unionist politician who has never really made it in the political field, but has struggled for the last ten years in trying to make his broadsheet the official newspaper of the Unionist Party, and thereby become a man of influence in the making of policy which would give him the outlet for all his frustrations at playing second fiddle to the crop of stupid people who are, according to George, making a mess of his beloved 'Ulster.' Since he has been selected as the Unionist candidate to fight Bertie McConnell M.P. for Bangor at the next Stormont Election, George believes he is on his way, and now suggests in his paper that it is the voice of 'Official Unionism' and is now being sold at Glengall Street. This has not been denied by any officials of the Unionist Party although they must realise that this anti-Catholic newspaper does nothing to help their new image of trying to attract the Catholic support. But then as Allport has said, the competition from Paisley's Protestant Telegraph and McKeague's 'Loyalist News' both of which have now dropped politics and concentrated on anti-Catholic hate, and seeing there is a limited market, "can you blame me for also getting down in the gutter with them." Two quotations from the Ulster Times will help our readers to see the type of writing of the future M.P. for Bangor. Sorry mates. If there ever is another election. "That slimy little politician, Harold Wilson was photographed lunching with Hume and pals in London on Thursday, 2nd September. Do you recall the fable about the tramp and the pig lying down together? A passerby was head to remark — 'You can tell a man who boozes by the company he chooses, at that the pig got up and walked away.' Doubtless the problem at the London luncheon was that neither party knew who should 'get up and walk away.'"

Ulster Times, November 1971

"There are certain British habits which we deplore, but we have to live with them. There is for example an old British custom of letting down one's friends in order to be nice to one's enemies. If during the war, Churchill could have won over De Valera by handing over to him Ulster, he would have done so, and the British public would have been largely incredulous towards any suggestion that this was not a right thing to do."

Ulster Times, September, 1971

JOHN D. TAYLOR

"Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. John D. Stewart is a well-known propagandist for anti-Ulster elements in N.I. Readers should not be deceived by Mr. Stewart's introduction of himself as Commissioner, Overseas Civil Service (Retired) and a person with the same religious background and the same training and profession as myself . . . Perhaps Mr. Stewart reveals himself better by his own words when he deliberately refers to the British Army as 'Your Army' rather than our army . . . However I repudiate entirely Mr. Stewart's suggestion that firearms certificates and permits were handed out 'wholesale' after the disbandment of the USC this is not true.

John Taylor, Minister of State, New Statesman 3-12-71

I agree that the word 'wholesale' may be wrong. If John D. Stewart had used another word to describe the issuing of the certificates and permits to the ex-B Specials, such as that they paid the regulation price for them, Taylor might not have objected, you see he has already admitted at Stormont that there are 123,000 guns owned legally by his friends.

Anyway I am thinking that if Taylor gets so hot under the collar over a letter from John D. I hope he reads the article in this issue by Paul Johnston, he'll either die of a heart attack, or get arrested for beating the wife.

CAPT. ROBERT (FOXY) MITCHELL M.P.

One of the many odd-ball characters who sit at Stormont is Capt. Robert (Foxy) Mitchell M.P. for North Armagh. When this character opens his mouth to ask a question you can take it, he is on his usual hate campaign against anyone who opposes even moderately the unionist regime, and as far as Catholics are concerned, well just murder them at birth and carry out a genocide campaign on the present generation. It is not so long ago he called on the British Army to start using flame-throwers in the Catholic enclaves in Belfast and Derry. This week he asked Mr. Long, Minister of Education 'In view of the considerable expenditure which is incurred in the training of teachers, does he not consider that some of this money is wasted, when so many teachers after they leave the training colleges seem to devote much of their time to evil purposes?' In the unemployment debate at Stormont (30-11-71) he pointed out that Stormont was not to blame for the high unemployment in the North. No. The real reason was that unemployment benefit was too high and too easily obtained. In the places with high unemployment such as Derry, Newry and Strabane where the young boys throw stones at the troops, he would direct these characters to the necessity of joining the Army, Navy and Airforce, where they would receive good healthy and well paid employment. Anyway there will be plenty of work once the government defeats the I.R.A. and their supporters some of whom used to sit on the opposite Benches. But the main contribution to the high unemployment in the North was that people were living too long. Even Paisley in reply to the debate lashed this nincompoop in sarcastic terms hoping that the people of North Armagh would read Mitchell's remarks and find out how stupid he really is.

WE AGREE

"If the Compton Report and the reaction to it, does not make you sick, then you deserve to live under a Tory government."

Friends Magazine 29-11-71

IRISH MAFIA

On Wednesday 8th December, according to the Press. Lord Moyola (Major James Chichester-Clark) will have been introduced to the House of Lords. His sponsors, the Marquess of Donegall and Lord Templemore who are both his kinsmen. Lord Donegall is head of the Chichester family. His title is Irish and sit in the Lords as Fisherwick, the only one of his titles which is British. Lord Templemore is heir-presumptive to Lord Donegall and sits in the Lords in his own right.

WITHOUT APOLOGY

They always say in this House that they will not speak to gunmen. What hypocrisy. They will not talk to men of violence. These people who maintain a standing army of professional gunmen will not talk to people of violence. What happened in Aden and Cyprus? Did they talk to them there? Yes they did. What is so different in Ireland?

No one in this House is neutral. I have explained the nature of the I.R.A. and the nature of the community from which it comes. I want to make my position clear without apology to the House. If it is the intention of the House to take on the community from which I come, to take on the people who I represent. Nor am I neutral, I do not ally myself to the British Army. I see them as the forces of imperialism . . . THIS HOUSE TAKES SIDES WITH THE BRITISH ARMY AND I, WITHOUT APOLOGY, TAKE MINE WITH THE I.R.A.

Bernadette Devlin 29-11-71

Onward Christian Soldiers

HAVING failed lamentably in every sphere of action against their elusive opponents (the Republican Army) the Security Council composed of Government Ministers and representatives of the impartial R.U.C. and the peace keeping British Army, have decided (regretably) to implement the next stage of their campaign against the subversive elements of our society. Stormont and British traditions and of course their sense of fair play, dictates that it be implemented in a very humane manner, therefore only the Catholic minority will reap the benefits of this new programme.

Phase 1 well organised and co-ordinated is already under way, under the guidance of Civil Servants and employees of various Government agencies, including the Maternity Benefits Department of the Ministry of Social Security. These kindly public servants are determined to see that no one stays outside the law against their will, therefore they are with-holding the Maternity grant of £25 to all new babies who enter the state without notifying the customs or security forces. To qualify for this distinction, one has to kick with the right toes or be the offspring of rebellious parents who against their wishes are engaged in nefarious civil disobedience campaigns.

Coming as it does at this season of the year, Christmas the new campaign bears a striking resemblance to that waged by Herod against the original "innocents." Mr. W. Fitzsimmons, the Minister responsible, when interviewed however, denied that Herod was an ancestor of his. Roy Bradford is reportedly deligh-

ted at the money recouped in this manner so far, and has called for Catholics to have bigger families. Catholics how ever are reported to have bought up all stocks of birth control pills.

Phase 2 is the result of "information received" by an un-intelligent officer of the Glorious Gloucesters, Major James Kellie of their 1st Batt. The red hot tip he deceived, enabled him to break up a conspiracy between toy manufacturers and two other persons.

Apparently the plot involved the use of Catholic children, who were being encouraged to go to Christmas parties organised by H.M. forces and substitute perfect plastic S.L.R.'s for real ones. All units are now on red alert, and have instructions to shoot on sight any child "seen carrying or pointing a rifle." Santa Claus has been interned, suspected of gun running to the Provo's, the second person, originally thought to be Rudolph the red nosed reindeer has since been identified as a top Provo in disguise.

GREETINGS

The people of Ballymacarret wish to extend BEST WISHES for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all those victims of British oppression in Long Kesh Concentration Camp, and in prisons both here and in England and assure them of their determination to continue the present struggle until victory is achieved.

Over the Wall

*In the Crumlin Road Gaol, the prisoners one day
Took out a football and started to play,
And as all the warders kept their eyes on the ball
Nine of the players went over the wall.*

*The warders looked up in the wildest surprise,
And the sight that they saw brought tears to their eyes
For one of the teams was not there at all,
They'd all been 'transferred' and gone over the wall.*

*The Governor came down his face in a twist,
Saying "Line up those men till I check off my list."
But nine of the prisoners didn't answer his call,
Said the warder "Please Sir, they've gone over the wall"*

*In the castle at Stormont our Brian turned pale,
When he heard of the men who escaped from his gaol,
"An immediate inquiry I'll just have to call,
And I'll get Edmund Compton to whitewash the wall."*

Belfast Telegraph echoes Republican News

No wonder the British people are confused. Nothing coming out of Ireland seems to make sense any more, and for this the Stormont and Westminster Governments must bear the major responsibility. Mr. Faulkner's line has been repeated so often it is beginning to sound like a long playing record. "The I.R.A. is on its last legs." "Internment is working." "The Green Paper Reforms are the last word." "A Military solution must precede the political solution."

It was questionable when it was played over first, and with every passing month it becomes more and more questionable. The "terrorist" campaign continues unabated.

Editorial, Belfast Telegraph 7-12-71

Information Received

Few if any of the conclusions of the committee set up by Mr. Faulkner to review the Security arrangements at Crumlin Road Prison, are expected to be published. The committee which has already begun its investigations is expected to report its findings to Stormont before Christmas.

Hotly tipped to be one of their recommendations, is a possible proposal to transfer to English Prisons, all Republican prisoners deemed to be "top security risks." Hotly denied is the story that the committee intends to travel to Dublin to interview recent escapees from the prison to see if they could offer advice about the future arrangements in the jail.

This one works

Enquiries at the Ministry of Finance have failed to ascertain whether or not a substantial amount of money was made available during the week to the Home Affairs Department for expenditure incurred in installing a new alarm system in the prison, following the total inadequacy illustrated by the present one during the recent breakouts.

First favoured were bonfires this being scrapped when the residents of Ardoyne objected. Belfast Corporation supplied the most competitive tender which was accepted and officials are now ensuring a quick delivery of a tried and trusty alarm system — dust bin lids. Housing Action Women have turned down offers to coach warders in the intricacies of the system.

An Apology

It has been brought to the attention of the editorial staff that certain persons at present detained in prison mistook the contents of an article published about vandals burning buses as referring to them.

We assure them that the article was aimed solely at vandals, and was in no way intended to reflect on those who were acting under orders.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

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ment line that only Republicans are causing trouble is not exposed, that the apple cart is not upset to the extent where the Security forces would have to engage on two fronts at the one time.

Despite all the soft pedalling and attempts to play things down, the people of the area concerned know who was responsible as one of them remarked on TV "they can't blame the I.R.A. this time." None of this will ease the heartbreak and sorrow that has suddenly been visited on many unfortunate families at this time of year, a few weeks before the feast of Christmas. Homes have been left without fathers and mothers, one is bereft of both, others have lost sons, one a wife and daughter.

All come from areas that have for long suffered under the scourge of unemployment and more recently the reign of terror and intimidation enforced by the Security Forces. To alleviate the hardship and distress incurred by relatives of the dead an appeal fund has been launched, notice of which was carried in the daily Press.

We would urge all those who can to subscribe to this worthy cause, the need is great. To the relatives of the deceased the staff of the Republican News offer their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy at their tragic loss.

VOL. ANTHONY NOLAN

Republican sources to-day stated that the young man shot dead in a house in Cranford Street, Belfast was a Volunteer of the I.R.A. Vol. Anthony Nolan, 20 years of age, Staunton Street was accidentally killed while cleaning weapons in preparation for an operation due to be carried out later in the day by Active Service Units.

He died almost instantly, his comrades on perceiving this, removed from the building all weapons that had been there. This accounts for Vol. Nolan being alone when the ambulance arrived. Other details will be released later.

MICHAEL CROSSEY

1st Lieut. Adjutant, Lurgan Company I.R.A.

It was with deep regret that the Republican Movement received the death of their comrade Michael Crossey. This young man portrayed in life all that is befitting a soldier of Ireland. He died as a



soldier and will be cherished the same. During his youth he was a member of Na Fianna and in manhood was a fine example to other young fians. In his death Ireland has lost another fine warrior.

Go ndeanaidh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Clutching at Straws

FUNNY thing about Unionist propaganda is no one believes it, not even the tired old liars of Glengall Street. Remember Captain John (your slip is showing) Brooke and his tragic sojourn as Head of Information? Only the Unionists would have clutched at drowning drunks to save themselves. Pride of place in the glittering array of literary talent employed by John went to a graceless alcoholic with a disturbing neurosis for notoriety and a burly middle aged Teddy Boy, who likes to pose as a political correspondent for a Belfast sectarian rag sheet, which likes to pose as a Daily newspaper.

During Brookes term of office the public were thrilled daily with the traditional unionists substitutes for news. The Border was in danger. The Border was not in danger. The Constitutional Link was being threatened. The Constitutional Link was not being threatened. Ulster was facing Ruin. Ulster was not facing Ruin.

In time the Unionist bosses did not know which lie to repeat in public and began contradicting each other in public. The Newsletter editorial became more and more hilarious as Mister Cowan (Take Taig hostages and shoot them) developed a serious case of the head staggers, not quite sure whether the ghost of Carson was whispering for him to

support Faulkner and to condemn the Bully Boys or to condemn Faulkner and support the Aghadoey Sharp Shooters.

In the end the dilemma was solved naturally by the best liar of all, Faulkner, when he sacked John from his job as head of Information, and promoted him into the Cabinet, just to show that things had not changed and that there still was room for an idiot with money or good connections.

So if you know any loveable old liars or third rate literary hacks with a soul to sell and in need of a few bob, sharpen his pencil and send him off to Glengall Street where the ghost of Carson lies in front of him.

£1m. UP IN SMOKE

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However this accounts only for the premises and machinery destroyed and does not take into consideration the amount that will accrue through loss of trade, wages etc. When completed, total losses are expected to border on the two million pound mark. That this is a serious blow to the prestige of the 'state' is underlined by the frantic endeavours of government Ministers to secure new and suitable premises for the businesses involved.

Their fears are heightened by the distinct possibility that a number of the companies may have had enough and may now close down permanently like so many before them, or else transfer their assets across the sea. The economy is in desperate straits, as Mr. Roulston and Robin Kinahan, two of the North's top banking

and industrial experts pointed out during their visit to England. Both admitted without qualification that no one will now invest in the Six Counties nor would they expect them to do so.

Meanwhile Faulkner himself is in a quandry, first of all the 'terrorists' now possess £300,000 bombs in place of the usual twenty pounders. Secondly, if things continue at their present rate, and certainly Wednesday's events and others since indicate that trend the £50 million grant from Mr. Heath will soon be swallowed up and the weekly deductions from Maternity grants, family allowances and old age pensions will never pay his ever increasing bills.

Daily and nightly the noose tightens, not on the freedom fighters but around those who as a writer to the Telegraph says "are about to be swallowed up by those who feed them" Prophetic words indeed!

Clo-bhuailte daobhtha agus curtha amach ag Clolann Ghaelach, Dun Dealgan.