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## Sinn Fein Ard Fheis

THE ANNUAL Ard Fheis will take place in the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin on Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd October commencing each day at 10.00 a.m. sharp. Delegates should be in attendance before that time to ensure a prompt start.

All delegates and visitors to the Ard Fheis who require billets, please call to No. 5 Blessington Street before 7.30 p.m. on Friday 20th or Saturday 21st.

Republicans filled Derry's Guildhall Square last Sunday. (for report see centre spread).



## REPUBLICANS MARCH - LOYALISTS DON'T

# NOBODY FOOLED

LAST SUNDAY ten to twelve thousand people marched from Derry's Duke Street to the Guildhall Square to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first Derry civil rights protest. But the driving sentiments behind last Sunday's victorious Sinn Fein march were not just fond memories of a decade ago, as was falsely implied by the media.

The motive force of the march was the demands of today: Defend POW status! Brits Out! In fact the huge march was yet again an impressive demonstration of popular support for the armed struggle of the revolutionary Irish Republican Army.

For last Sunday's march to follow the planned route of the original batoned march was a tremendous victory for the Republican people. Today our strength forced the Brits to take a step backwards rather than just let loose their wrath upon us.

But nobody will be fooled by this manoeuvre. Although the Brits allowed us to march unimpeded, whilst they held back the Loyalists, they have not suddenly "gone soft" on Republicans.

Ten years on, the reason the RUC did not try to baton us off

Duke Street, once again, was that to do so did not suit their imperial masters. The British feared bloody comparisons with '68 being shown on the international T.V. screens of '78. On this day the hated RUC were made to be on their very best behaviour for the eyes of the world media.

"Normality" and "Democracy" are the glossy pictures that the desperate British want to paint over this dirty war that they are waging against Republicans in their sectarian orange statelet carved out of one corner of Ireland.

But the cover of "normality" clung to by their 'torture trio' Mason, Newman and Creasey needs lifting only a little to find underneath the stark reality of



Marching for freedom.

British rule in occupied Ireland, today.

Not only are we faced with the increasing deprivations of unemployment, inadequate wages, appalling housing and collapsing social services but we suffer the day-to-day barbarities of their mercenary war machine, of sadistic screws, perverted peelers and bestial Brits.

A contents list of the first few pages of this week's 'Republican News' gives an indication of the true meaning of British rule in Ireland today:

- Harassment of political activists, namely: Belfast Sinn Fein Leaders (see p.1.), Short Strand RAC Activists (see p.2.), Markets RAC Activists (see p.4.) and our Editor (see p.5.).

- RUC corruption and torture cover-up, namely: Hassards Revelations (see p.2.) and The Brigadier (see p.5.).

- RUC brutalisation and degradation of interrogation victims in Castlereagh: Turf Lodge Victim Urinated On (see p.2.).

- The infamous H-Blocks of Long Kesh and the brutalities inflicted on the POW's: Prisoners Scalded (see p.2.).

- Murder of children on our streets: Brian Stewart's Second Anniversary (see p.3.).

- Cold-blooded assassination of Republicans: The Brit U.F.F. 'counter gang' and the I.F.F. (see p.3.).

- So much for Brit "normality"!

Nobody is fooled!

## BELFAST SINN FEIN MEMBERS RELEASED

FOLLOWING THE release on bail of the former Chairman of Belfast Sinn Fein, Gerry Brannigan, on Wednesday 4th October, three other members of Sinn Fein were given bail on Tuesday 10th October.

Those released were Tom Hartley, former P.R.O. of Belfast Comhairle Ceantair; Danny Devoney, former member of 'Republican News' staff; and Billy Davidson, a prominent member of Clonard Martyrs Sinn Fein Cumann.

All four were arrested during Brit/RUC swoops on Sinn Fein and 'Republican News' in April.

Since then they have been interned-on-remand in Crumlin Road Gaol.

Still in gaol is Malachy Foots, Sinn Fein's North Belfast Organiser. His bail application is due within a few days.

## H-BLOCK INFORMATION CENTRE OPENS

AS CONDITIONS inside Mason's Hell-blocks continue to worsen Belfast Sinn Fein have opened an H-Block Information Centre on the Falls Road. This centre will assist anxious relatives seeking news about their imprisoned relatives.

All enquiries should be made to 170A, Falls Road, or ring Belfast 46841 ext. 9.



RUC, backed up by Brits, busy polishing up their new 'neutral' image. In the background they face the Loyalists; in the foreground, Republicans.

STOP THE H-BLOCK NIGHTMARE!

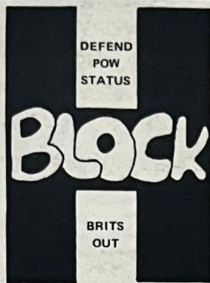
## March to Long Kesh

SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER

Assemble 2 p.m. Kennedy Way Roundabout, junction of Andersonstown Road and Kennedy Way

ORGANISED BY BELFAST CENTRAL RELATIVES ACTION COMMITTEE





PAPER CARTONS  
AND  
PAINKILLERS

by P.R.O. H-Blocks 3 & 5

ONCE AGAIN the screws have come round our cells, hosed us down with high powered hose, soaking us and bedding. We still receive one disposable paper carton each morning for our tea. When we finish our breakfast we dispose of it by throwing it onto the rubbish heap in the corner of the cell.

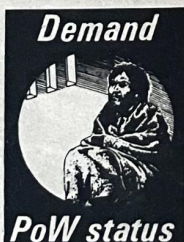
The screws come around at tea time, lift the disposable filthy carton from the rubbish heap, fill it full of tea and place it in our cell. At supper time the filthy carton is once again taken from the rubbish and refilled with tea which we are unable to drink because of the state of the carton.

There is a lot of sickness in the block: jaundice, ringworm, dermatitis and a host of other illnesses and rashes that we cannot determine. A lot more exist but those who are ill will not complain for fear of being dragged out for a forced bath which is the practice here if you become ill.

There are an exceptional number of men passing blood, several men have taken fits of vomiting, bringing up blood. A lot of men are taking black-outs, migraine and tension headaches, toothaches are numerous. No medication or treatment is given. The only way to get treatment or hospital attention is to be carried out on a stretcher via a forced bath.

We have reached the stage where we now smuggle back pain killers from our monthly visits to help alleviate the suffering of those in pain. Several men have been caught with painkillers coming back from visits and were put on the boards and some were beaten.

Due to the fact that we are only receiving one small paper carton, coupled with the fact that we are being starved and simply not given meals at times, has increased headaches and illnesses because in our present physical state and living conditions, having to miss food is a catastrophe.



Statement by P.R.O. H-blocks 3, 4 & 5

## BLANKET MEN SCALDED

FOLLOWING the hosing down of prisoners and cells, 16 Republican prisoners are now in urgent need of medical attention. Immediately after the hosing, the cells of some Republican prisoners were invaded by prison orderlies and screws who threw boiling water injuring a number of prisoners. Of these 4 have serious burns. They are as follows:

Gerry Dowdell, Gerard Jackson, Martin Kavanagh, and John Doyle. Another prisoner Tony McFeely from South Derry, who has been on the boards many times in recent weeks is being starved of proper food and suffers continuous harassment by the orderlies and prison officers.

## SCREWS DEMAND MORE MONEY FOR H-BLOCK WORK

In a statement about the strike last Saturday by screws in jails in the six-counties Sinn Fein have said that it is as a result of the H-Block issue:

"THE PRISON Officers action last Saturday in refusing prisoners their visits and parcels was in demand of an extra £2 per day because of their type of work in the notorious H-Blocks. The N.I.O. has offered them 35 pence. This real reason has been played down by both sides. To give the prison officers more than they have already been offered, the N.I.O. must break the 5% pay policy.

"Meanwhile the statement from the H-Block men describing the scalding they got, and which was denied by the N.I.O. has been verified by Father Faul who saw one scald mark on a prisoner. The scald mark measured 12 inches by 5 inches.



Screws killing flies in cell.

## "POLICE AUTHORITY" MAN CLAIMS TORTURE COVER-UP

ROY MASON knows people are being tortured in interrogation centres and is using the 'Police Authority' to whitewash the cases of brutality and ill-treatment.

This allegation has come from a member of the 'Police Authority', Jack Hassard, who is also a Justice of the Peace and a Dungannon Unionist councillor.

He said Mason was using a small clique on the 'Police Authority' to cover up brutality by 'plainclothes detectives in the RUC.'

An example of this, he said, came after Amnesty International had called for a full public inquiry into torture allegations and the 'Police Authority' met and unanimously decided on the wording of a statement.

Mr Hassard claimed when this was eventually released after

some delay a sentence and a word both of which could have been considered critical of the British Government's attitude, were omitted without consulting members of the 'Police Authority'.

Mr. Hassard claims it was agreed that uniformed RUC men should periodically patrol the corridors of the interrogation centres and look through peepholes to see what was going on inside.

"But then the detectives in the interrogation cells started sticking chewing gum over the peepholes, and without any consultation with the Police Authority the patrols in the

corridors were withdrawn," Mr. Hassard claimed.

He said that, as a member of the 'Police Authority's complaints committee', he had — over a period — asked to see eight medical statements dealing with specific complaints made by interrogation victims and submitted by doctors who had examined them after they claimed RUC men beat them up.

He said he had never seen the files although he was fully entitled to inspect them.

Mr. Hassard has also been pressing the Director of Public Prosecutions to decide whether or not RUC men who tortured Dungannon man James Rafferty of Aghnagar almost two years ago will be charged or not. James Rafferty was held in

## Torture Trio



Torture chiefs Mason, Newman and Greasy

## Turf Lodge man brutalised and humiliated in Castlereagh

THE LATEST victim in our file of Castlereagh brutality is Eddie Brophy of Ardmagh Gardens, Turf Lodge. He was arrested on Monday 25th September under Section 12 (seven days) and taken to Castlereagh. He was charged three days later with the La Mon bombing.

When his family eventually saw him he was in a state of deep depression and physically shaking.

During his four day stint at the notorious torture centre he received nothing to eat. The first bit he had was when his wife brought sandwiches to him after his first court appearance.

During the interrogation sessions in Castlereagh, one of which lasted thirty hours without a break he was brutally assaulted and humiliated.

His torturers forced him to sit in a squad position for hours on end.

During one of these sessions a branchman urinated and spat over him. Not since the darkest days of internment swoops in 1971 have we heard reports of this disgusting and sickening activity.

Pressurised by their political overlords the torture trio (Mason, Newman and Greasy pictured above) Eddie Brophy's tormentors sank deep into the quagmire

of barbarity.

They forced him to stand spreadeagled against the wall and to stand on his tip toes.

While in this position his trousers were pulled down and he was beaten about the privates.

During another attack, his arms were held behind his back and he was repeatedly punched in the side and stomach. The RUC men poked their elbows into different parts of his body especially his ribs.

They forced his head down with one arm around his throat and one arm at the back of his head until he nearly passed out.

They forced him to do press-ups while they walked up and down his back.

When he didn't answer their questions quickly enough he was slapped repeatedly across the face.

On Wednesday 27th two days after his arrest he was removed to hospital. He suffers from a bad heart condition.

RUC custody at Omagh interrogation centre for three days, and then — at the insistence of two doctors — rushed unconscious to Tyrone County Hospital where he was held for three days and was still being treated, for his injuries six months later.

At Mr. Hassard's insistence, an investigation was held. Rafferty identified one of the peelers concerned, and a surgeon who examined him drew up a two-page list of his wounds.

"There has still been no action whatsoever in spite of continued pressure by me on both the Secretary of State and the Department of Public Prosecutions, and I'm beginning to fear that there is some form of collusion in which the Police Authority is being used as a cover-up for organised and Government-backed torture", he said.

Mr. Hassard has already withdrawn from the 'Police Authority' over its lack of action.





## WAR NEWS

IN SUPPLIED statements the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the following attacks:

Wednesday 4th October

### LURGAN

Several shots were fired at an RUC land-rover on the Derrymacash Road.

Thursday 5th October

### BELFAST

A bomb attack on Ewatts Mill on the Crumlin Road devastated the ground floor.

### DUNGANNON

A member of the SAS was shot and seriously injured while he was on plain-clothes surveillance duty, near a car park in Anne Street. He had been under observation by a local IRA Intelligence Unit for one week before being shot.

Friday 6th October

### BELFAST

For the second time within a week another active Service Unit successfully bombed the Customs House. The I.R.A. statement pointed out that "Once again we have shown our Active Service Units can penetrate the massive security net thrown around Belfast by the British forces."

### NEWRY

A UDR Captain shot by the I.R.A. on Monday died of injuries received.

Brian Stewart

## A BRUTAL MURDER RECALLED

ON THE 10th October 1976 young Brian Stewart, 13 years old, died in hospital a week after being hit on the head by a plastic bullet. The murder was the culmination of a series of incidents involving the Brits in West Belfast. *Republican News* feel it is important to recall the catalogue of terror which led to the brutal, and cowardly, murder of Brian Stewart, on this the Second Anniversary of his death.

It was on the 10th September 1976 that the outrage in the Ballymurphy Working Men's Club (Sloan's) occurred. Members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and Green Berets entered the club in force. After insulting a number of people they withdrew firing live rounds to cover their retreat.

Less than a fortnight later seventeen year old Sandy Lynch from Turf Lodge was shot in the back and seriously wounded by

members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB's). The shooting was a clear case of attempted murder.

A week after the shooting of Sandy Lynch a 23 year old girl who lived with her parents in Horn Drive was badly injured by flying glass when a drunken soldier fired into her car. Many locals came forward to testify that the Brit patrol had been drinking from cans of beer for over an hour before the

## BRIT "IFF" CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

OVER SEVERAL weeks now there have been fictitious claims made by the so-called "Irish Freedom Fighters" (I.F.F.) following bombing operations and shooting attacks by the Irish Republican Army. Although ignored by most of the media, Belfast's "Downtown Radio" have continually broadcast the claims (telephone claims which cannot be verified), and thus sustained the fiction of the I.F.F.

But, in fact, as already made clear in public statements issued by the I.R.A., there is no such organisation at the I.F.F.

The consistency, rapidity and six-county wide nature of these claims, tends to rule out the possibility that they are the work of a prankster, and increasingly suggests a more sinister hand at work: the Brits themselves.

There are immediate benefits for the Brits in doing this. Their fictitious claims are intended to cause confusion and demoralisation by suggesting a split in the ranks of the I.R.A.

Also they could detract from the I.R.A. gaining full credit in the eyes of the people for their operations. An example of confusion-spreading (black propaganda) occurred on Friday 29th September after a civilian searcher was shot dead by the I.R.A. in Derry city.

Immediately the I.F.F. (Brits) issued an "apology" stating that the shooting was an "error". This was not the case. The I.R.A. have repeatedly stated that these (armed) "civilian" searchers are a part of the Brit war machine, releasing more heavily armed "ordinary" Brits for other duties; I.R.A.'s Derry Brigade claimed responsibility for this operation.

### NEW TACTIC

This Brit tactic of conjuring up the I.F.F. fits neatly into their current military strategy. This strategy is also marked by Mason's increasingly desperate attempts to destroy the Republican Movement through pin-pointing activists, and then either imprisoning us, or killing us; either brutalising us on to the H-Block conveyor belt, or shooting us in S.A.S.-type stake-outs.

But the shoot-to-kill stake-out policy has badly backfired with the two most recent victims of the blundering S.A.S. being civilians: 16-year-old John Boyle at Dunloy and duck-shooter Jim Taylor at Lough Neagh.

So the Brits may well be looking around for another tactic for disposing of Republicans.

shooting.

It was just after 6 p.m. on the 4th October that a British soldier, without provocation, took aim and fired a plastic bullet at Brian Stewart's head fatally wounding him.

On the 10th October Mrs. Joan O'Donoghue was shot and wounded by the British army.

Two days later the O'Donnell GAA club in Rockmore Road was burned down. Six witnesses to the blaze testified that British soldiers were responsible. However the Brits issued the following statement which was given prominence by the oblig-

Of course the Brits have had, and do have, no hesitation in just assassinating Republicans in cold blood, even when their victims are not in a "compromising" position of handling arms or explosives, such as they were at the Ballysillan slaughter.

### THOMPSON GUN

The most infamous assassination case occurred as far back as May 1972, when the attempt was made on the life of a then leading Belfast Republican. Machine-gun bullets from a speeding car in Finaghy Road North narrowly missed their target but killed a local man, Patrick McVeigh, and wounded four others. It later came out in the Belfast Magistrates Court that two plain clothes Brits had used a Thompson sub-machine gun to do the shooting.

In this case the weapon chosen was intended to lay the blame for the shooting on the I.R.A.

Today the Brits still need a cover for their dirty work. So why not invent a splinter group — the I.F.F., or at least put the suggestion into people's heads that such a group might exist, then shoot dead a couple of leading Republicans. Publicly the Lisburn-Brit propaganda office would say nothing but in private briefings journalists would be told that the I.R.A. had split and this was a Republican "feud". Further shootings could then be carried out by the Brits, while the media trumpeted forth about "tit-for-tat" inter-Republican shootings.

### STICKY SITUATION

The need for the Brits to conjure up such a non-existent "feud", becomes clearer when the sticky situation is examined. The I.R.A. leadership have publicly taken a firm and principled stance against allowing any more "feuds" to develop despite continued despicable pro-Brit antics by the slaving sticks. (For

example, Tom Moore organising last Thursday's unsuccessful Brit propaganda stunt in Newry.)

To carry out their fictitious "feud" the Brits might use two different kinds of unit. Either one drawn from their English middle-class elite regiment, the S.A.S., or more likely a specially created "counter gang", or "pseudo gang" (to use the words of Brit counter-insurgency expert General Kitson).

### COUNTER GANGS

Members of the "counter gang" would be treacherous members of the local population, bought, blackmailed or won over by the Brits.

Their local knowledge and ability to blend in (e.g. accent) would be invaluable, as they assassinated Republicans in their homes or in the streets.

That the Brits might be hatching such schemes might be possible when we remember that such locally recruited "counter gangs" (the theory of which were developed twenty-five years ago by Kitson in Kenya) have been used before by the Brits in Belfast.

In fact members of the Brit-controlled "Ulster Freedom Fighters" drawn from the nationalist population, were executed by the Belfast Brigade of the I.R.A. two and three years ago, namely Vincent Hetherington and Seamus O'Brien.

Apart from assassinating Republicans, another possibility for bringing to life an actual I.F.F. "counter-gang", would be to carry out fake "Republican" military operations (e.g. random bombings putting civilians at risk) causing confusion and seeking to discredit Republican forces.

In the face of such I.F.F. — Brit possibilities, then not only Republicans but the Nationalist people should increase their vigilance regarding individual and community safety.

Also, we should beware of any "feuds" which would definitely be the Brits mixing it.

Lastly, we should continue to be on our guard against future Brit tricks up their sleeves and should continue hardened in our resolve to get them out by whatever means necessary.

ing media:

"These allegations (about the arson) are another example of the exploitation of recent incidents in West Belfast which is part of a deliberate propaganda campaign to discredit the army. There were no soldiers in the vicinity of the (O'Donnell) club at the time of the fire."

An article from the 'Irish Times' (15/10/76) read:

"Eight British soldiers appeared in court in Belfast yesterday charged with setting fire to a GAA club in the city on Tuesday."

Lie upon lie was issued by the

Brit propagandists in Thiepval Barracks following the shooting of Brian Stewart. The original statement claimed that a crowd of 'about 500' were stoning the patrol involved and that the Brits had "fired a number of baton rounds to extricate themselves." An officer from the regiment, the KOSB's, appeared on TV and claimed that Brian had been a leading stone-thrower.

What actually happened was that shortly after 6.00 p.m. when a patrol of Brits moved down Norglen Road, a few



# BELFAST R.A.C. COUPLE VICTIMISED

BELFAST couple, Frances Lamour and her husband, were recently arrested by members of the Loyalist Militia, the U.D.R. and hauled off to Castlereagh, both are active members of the Markets Branch of the Relatives' Action Committee.

Their ordeal began on Monday 25th September as the couple were on their way by car to the family doctor. At about 5 p.m. a U.D.R. roadblock pulled the car to the side and checked out the occupants.

After about 30 minutes the R.U.C. arrived and arrested them under 'Section 11' of the Emergency Provisions Act. (This enables the R.U.C. to hold them for up to 72 hours). Three hours later the husband and wife were both admitted to Castlereagh Torture Centre.

Frances Lamour was taken to a cubicle, her husband was brought to a separate one, they didn't

see each other again until their release. Frances' chief worry following her arrest was for her young children who had been left alone at home. However her husband's mother arrived at the home and tended to the children.

During her admission procedure to Castlereagh Frances refused to hold the board bearing her name and address, forcing the cameraman to order a peeler to perform the task.

During her imprisonment in Castlereagh Frances Lamour refused to eat the food although one peeler told her, "It's ok, I eat it myself". Looking at him she felt her refusal was a wise decision.

During the next two days Frances Lamour went through the usual ritual of interrogations interlaced with harassment in her cell. She reported hearing screams during this period from an interrogation room above.

Members of the R.U.C. Special Branch attempted to force her to admit to membership of the IRA although she was questioned at length about the activities of the Relatives Action Committee.

This arrest and detention of two active members of the RAC is a typical piece of Brit harassment directed against political activists.

But as Frances herself says, as far as the women of the R.A.C. are concerned in the struggle for political status: "We'll put up with anything they can dish out to win the battle".



## Belfast Welfare Group Appeal for Children's Toys

THE REPUBLICAN PRISONERS WELFARE GROUP INTEND TO OPEN A CHILDREN'S NURSERY IN THE BEECHMOUNT AREA OF BELFAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE NURSERY WILL CATER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WHILE THEIR MOTHERS ARE VISITING RELATIVES AT LONG KESH. TO HELP MAKE THE SCHEME A SUCCESS CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND TOYS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED. ANYONE WISHING TO HELP OUT SHOULD SEND TOYS AND BOOKS TO 85b FALLS ROAD, BELFAST.

## INTERNMENT-BY-REMAND: THE CASE OF TWO DERRY MEN

THE PRESENT internment-by-remand system was well illustrated by the recent case of two Derry men, Hugh Brady and George McBrearty. Hugh Brady was arrested and charged in February 1977 with "possessing documents" but he got bail a few weeks later. While out on bail both he and George McBrearty were arrested, one year later in February '78. They were jointly charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion. Hugh Brady's original charge of possessing documents was dropped in June; the second charge against both men was

dropped in August.

Both men had been interned-on-remand for six months. When leaving the court George McBrearty was re-arrested and charged with commandeering vehicles. In all probability he will spend at least another six months interned-on-remand.

Both men had previously been interned in Long Kesh. Hugh Brady twice, for seven months, from September '73 to April '74 and for fourteen months from October '74 to December '75, and George McBrearty from September '74 to April '75.



The notorious Castlereagh Interrogation Centre.

# SDLP CONDEMNED AT LURGAN

ON SUNDAY 1st October several hundred people took part in a protest in Lurgan in support of Political Status for the prisoners.

The crowd assembled at Kilwilke and Teghnevan housing estates and marched off headed by women in blankets and relatives carrying placards bearing the names of eleven local prisoners who are "on the blanket".

Sinn Fein and R.A.C. banners headed both parades and contingents from Belfast took part.

The parades marched to the top of the Portadown Road/Francis Street junction where a rally was held.

PETER COREY of Lurgan Sinn Fein chaired the meeting and introduced the first speaker, JOE HAUGHIAN of Lurgan Sinn Fein. He stressed that the people of Lurgan again showed that they stood by the prisoners in their demands to be treated as Prisoners of War and that over

the last decade street protests had been successful and they were still an essential part of the struggle for freedom.

Next to speak was MAURA McCORRY of Belfast RAC. She was greeted with loud applause when she said that the prisoners would never give in to the British criminalisation policy.

She went on to attack the S.D.L.P. who she said were out for one thing only and that was votes. She continued: "for too long the S.D.L.P. have climbed to so called power on the backs of the prisoners and the working people of the six occupied counties but those days are at an end. Now the people realise the futility of pro-British politicians taking part in and proping up the British Establishment". Finally Maura stated that the only solution was the Irish people to run their own affairs.

Next to speak was BERNADETTE O'HAGAN of Lurgan R.A.C. who has a son "on the blanket". She stated that her son like many others was an Irish Republican Soldier captured by the British occupation forces and she would never let anyone classify him or his comrades as anything other than Prisoners of War.

MARIE MOORE of Belfast Sinn Fein spoke next and outlined the continuing torture which is taking place in Castlereagh. She stressed that the fight which was being presently waged from within the prison walls was one of the greatest fights of all time. She equated it with the sacrifices of Terence McSwenny and Frank Stagg, who had given their lives in the cause of Irish freedom.

The last speaker was LIAM HADDOCK of Lurgan Sinn Fein.

## "NEVER FORGET,

## NEVER RETREAT,

## NEVER AGREE"

"H" Block

With big steel gates,  
And naked men within,  
Left to rot,  
Although far away  
Never forgot.

For we the people,  
Will never retreat  
For us the shamrock is too sweet.

On and on the fight will go  
The price to pay we do not know.  
Even the children yet unborn  
Will prick England with it's thorn  
For the rose and the shamrock  
can never agree,  
And the fight will go on until Ireland is free.

— Patricia D. Mone, 13 year old Armagh girl.

DUBLIN

Saturday, 28th October

PROTEST in support of POW's denied political status in H-Blocks and Armagh gaol  
MARCH leaves ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN 3.30 p.m.  
going to a

RALLY at G.P.O. O'Connell Street

Defend POW Status!

Brits Out!

Organised by Dublin Sinn Fein



# RUC ADMIT SEIZING CONFIDENTIAL FILES

THE RUC have now finally admitted that they have been seizing under warrant information given to Social Security and Welfare workers by people whom the RUC consider politically suspect. The Northern Ireland Office and the RUC initially denied knowing anything about the seizures. These denial were carried on the radio and in the "News Letter" on the 3rd and 4th October.

Under Section 19 of the Emergency Provisions Act (1978) the RUC have absolute powers to interfere with people's privacy:—

*"Any member of Her Majesty's forces on duty, any constable or any person specifically authorised to do so by or on behalf of the Secretary of State may, if authorised to do so by or on behalf of the Secretary of State —*

(a) take possession of any land or other property;

(b) take steps to place buildings or other structures in a state of defence;

(c) detain any property or cause it to be destroyed or moved;

(d) do any other act interfering with any public right or with any private rights of property, including carrying out any works on any land of which possession has been taken under this subsection."

The RUC used these powers when seizing from the Public Records Office, Sinn Féin documents and correspondence which were lodged in "the freezer", a 30-year old embargo. Two years ago when Richard Crossman's diaries were published (infringing the "freezer" code) there was an outcry from British Government officials enraged at the con-

A spokesman at RUC Headquarters said, "We have absolutely no knowledge that policemen are removing confidential files from any social security office."

*The RUC denial which appeared on the front page of "The News Letter" on the 4th October.*

fidential revelations. But the same hypocrites are daily engaged in seizing not just internal party political documents but documents containing very personal and intimate details of people's problems and illnesses — information which could be used to blackmail political activists.

Jim McCusker, General Secretary of the Public Service Alliance, whose members work in Social Security offices, has denied that his members were willingly handing over confidential documents. He said RUC detectives were seizing the information using warrants. However, Mr. McCusker only went public on this RUC activity when the matter came to a head three weeks ago. Last winter the RUC confiscated a Social Security file on the former RPO of Belfast Sinn Féin, Tom Hartley, who has been in jail since April. Leaders of the PSA knew of this inter-

"MAIREAD and I would gladly continue to travel abroad for the movement," said the woman who promised you peace-in-six-months, twenty-six months ago! That's the

ference and yet there was no public statement. Tom Hartley only found out when he was confronted with the documents in Castlereagh interrogation centre.

The Editor of this paper, Danny Morrison, last week issued a statement saying that "spokesmen at the RUC headquarters are lying to their backbone when they say that they have absolutely no knowledge that policemen are removing confidential files from Social Security Offices.

"On the 9th September in Castlereagh police headquarters Det. Serg. Michael Braithwaite and Det. Serg. John Middlemiss showed me two seized documents taken earlier this year. The first was a 'sign-on' card (dated 1974) seized from a Labour Exchange which the RUC alleged contained my signature, and which presumably a NUPE or P.S.A. official witnessed being signed. The other was a confidential letter (dated 1976) to the Ministry of Health and Social Services (now the D.H.S.S.) about a sickness and a claim."

"But", finished Morrison, "this information cannot be used in political trials unless PSA officials verify it in court, for example, identify handwriting with a person. What I want to know is what advice Mr. Jim McCusker would give his members placed in such a position?"

***Ah well!***

ly continue to travel abroad  
the woman who promised you  
six months ago! That's the  
degree of their commitment.  
Foreign tours and T.V.  
appearances.

Yes, the "big three" have ingloriously stepped down from the leadership without taking a red-face. It is impossible to state accurately how many million pounds they went through but the treasurer at last week-end's Annual Conference stated that after their newspaper was paid for they would have £36,000 left (Betty and Mairead personally kept their Nobel £80,000 at Ciaran's insistence).

"The Irish News" stated that 200 delegates attended the Europa conference and "The Irish Times" said 100; but when a vote was taken on support for "Emergency Status" for H-Block's "blanket-men" (which caused an angry division) 55 were in favour, 28 against and there were 6 abstentions - 89 delegates in all!

Ciaran McKeown, the man who created their phoney ideology, said on resigning that if asked to continue Editorship of *"Peace by Peace"* he did not know what he would answer:

"I have a young family



Unionist Conservative McLaughlin takes the reins of a bankrupt crew.

and have to consider my responsibilities to them after 26 months devotion to the peace people." So much for his even treacherous resoluteness. He did inestimable damage to the cause of peace; for a period confused and demoralised the nationalist people, and travelled the world mouthing Brit propaganda after British soldiers murdered Danny Lennon and the Maquire children.

The joke of the conference was the "election" of ex-Unionist M.P. Peter McLachlan to the post of Chairman. This dandy got the job because nobody else wanted it. The first thing he said was that he would not be available to members of the media for an interview "*this weekend*". Later he stressed that they would find his style of leadership one of withdrawal from the public eye! How convenient.

'Well we ain't got a  
barrel of money

Don't you lot find that funny!

But we're travelling along  
Singing our song  
Bye, Bye, Bye!"

# CARVE THEIR NAMES WITH PRIDE

*by the Brigadier*

IT IS with great pride that I can announce for the first time the monthly RUC 'Tip of the Iceberg' award. This is given for work over and beyond the call of duty or even pleasure to some of our highly skilled torturers.

These men who, through dedication, devotion to the call of expediency and single minded aspiration have answered Newiman's call and, though of course deriving no pleasure from it, have tortured, bullied, assaulted, mocked and even hanged prisoners at Castle-reagh, Strand Road Derry, Gough Barracks, Springfield Road and other centres of entertainment. Now, in a splendid gesture

Now, in a splendid gesture of self abnegation, to say nothing of arse-licking, they have allowed themselves to be chosen, by lottery, as brave thugs and let's salute—

DS Neville McCoubrey. Castlereagh.

DC John Bohill. Castlereagh.

DS James Ian Wilson.  
Derry.  
DC Robert Millar. Derry.  
DC Austin Wilson. No  
fixed abode.

Those who read of their case when they beat up Patrick Fullerton at Castle-reagh last November will appreciate it when I tell you they're really getting it tough!

And let's not forget:-  
DC Robert Haydock.  
DC Thomas McConville.  
and DC John Brannian.

The Portadown three, as they're known in the violence — or force as you'd call it — have all been remanded accused of assaulting Anthony Maguire of Craigavon last April. All these men have shown the utmost dedication and deserve all the praise they'll undoubtedly get from their colleagues, but let us not forget their comrades, the gallant lads and lasses of the RUC and UDR who, day in and day out, quietly

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go about their duty persecuting, torturing and looting with no reward other than a lot of money. Surely when there comes a day of reckoning here in our proud wee province they will not be forgotten?

And finally, may I award a few black marks to Paul Robinson and Stephen Best of the British Rhine Army who have just got seven

years apiece for murdering a German town councillor Hans Mucha in Bielefeld. How many times do I have to tell them? Join the SAS if you want to go in for this kind of thing. Then you can get to kill paddies of all kinds without a chance of any repercussions.

Bye for now,  
Your old chum,  
The Brigadier





Mary Nellis  
(Derry RAC)

## ***"The S.D.L.P. have sold the people out"***

SHE HAS two sons in gaol, one on the blanket almost two years, the other on remand. She recently sent her other son south of the border because of threats by the Brits.

"Free people of Ireland, its a long time since this square has been filled to the capacity it is today. Your turnout is testament to the unquenchable support the prisoners on the blanket have. When they hear about this turnout they will be overwhelmed."

"The last ten years of our freedom struggle has changed my life entirely. On October 5th '68 I had my two sons, Denis who was then 10 and John who was seven at confessions in the local chapel. I was praying that that days demonstration would be successful. You all know what happened. You alone know that out of the events of October '68 the SDLP were born."

"I was once a member of that party, because I believed they were a party for the people."

Johnny Johnson  
(Rally chairman and  
chairman Derry Sinn Fein)

## ***"The march that couldn't take place"***

THE MARCH that couldn't take place 10 years ago happened today. The reason why it happened today is because the Brits couldn't stop it. With all their soldiers, guns and tanks they couldn't hold down the risen Republican people.

"We must maximise our efforts to end British tyranny. At the present minute they are building a massive gaol at Maghaberry near Long Kesh. There will be 2,000 cells in this prison. You know who will fill these cells — Your sons and daughters. We must end British rule to end the perpetual misery Republicans suffer, every generation, of going to gaol."



But I now know they are not. They have repeatedly sold the people out for meagre crumbs from their masters table. They have aided the torturers of our sons and daughters. Their statement on the 'H' Blocks a few weeks ago was apologetic for the Brits torturing our sons. You know what they have done to the suffering Republican people.

I appeal to you never again vote for them in any election.

"John Hume has closed his eyes and ears to the British torture. He thinks he is getting a seat in Europe. Well I have a message for John Hume, I am an ex-member of your party will see to it that you will be defeated in the European election. You won't get a vote from the mothers or fathers of the victims who have been tortured by the British forces."

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# **TODAY WE MARCHED FROM DUKE STREET**

"THEY'LL HAVE a job on their hands today if they try to stop us marching on Duke Street".

That was typical of the comments made by those gathering on the undercarriage of the Craigavon Bridge, Derry, on their way to join the Sinn Fein demonstration to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Civil Rights march on October 5th 1968.

Ten to twelve thousand Republicans from all over the Six Counties and from Dublin, converged on Derry last Sunday to once again reaffirm their opposition to British rule and to support the demand of 'Political Status' for Republican P.O.W's.

The sun blazed down on the assembled marchers as they lined up to cross the Craigavon Bridge, which spans the River Foyle separating the Republican Bogs from the Loyalist Waterside, wherein lay

Duke Street. The mood of the marchers was militant and determined.

Speculation was rife; some pointed to the heavy presence of 'blackmen' (RUC) to confirm their suspicions that the march would probably reach half way over the bridge before being stopped.

Derry Veteran Republican Barney McFadden added some words of reassurance: "We'll march until we reach our destination" he declared.

The RUC were out in force facing Republican demonstrators as well as Loyalist counter demonstrators. The 'English Bobby' type image that Mason and Newman are trying to give the hated RUC was obvious. Although only a few yards away from Republican demonstrators they didn't wear riot gear.

In fact the Brits were so sensitive to anything that would show that the RUC of today are the same crew as the baton wielding thugs of '68 that they didn't even allow them to carry batons or shields! But true to form the RUC spat at the demonstrators from the top of Craigavon Bridge.

The smell of victory became stronger as the crowd surged towards Duke Street. Anti-RUC slogans echoes out of the tunnel.

People gave the fascist salute and chanted 'S.S. RUC' and 'Death to the RUC'. The demonstrators left them in no doubt that they despised them as much as ever.

A Loyalist mob waving Union Jacks had gathered at the top of Spencer Street in the Waterside. When the Tri-Colour was unfurled to lead the Republican parade the Loyalists surged forward injuring 70 RUC

men in a pitched hand-to-hand battle.

The Tri-Colour headed the parade followed by 'blanket clad' women and then the main body of demonstrators assembled behind 43 banners representing Sinn Fein Cumann, RAC committees and other anti-imperialist groupings.

The jubilant demonstrators left the scene



The platform party. From left to right: Johnny Johnson, Mary Nellis, Eamonn McCann, Anreas O'Callaghan, Kevin Agnew, Michael Farrell is out of the picture.

Eamonn McCann (Original organiser of Derry civil rights march)

## ***"Today our eyes are open"***

OVER THE last few days those of you who have had the singular misfortune to be listening to the news reports or reading the newspapers would think that this march today had nothing to do with the one ten years ago, but on this platform and in this crowd are the original organisers of that march.

"The people like Hume, Cooper, and Fitt who claim that the struggle today is different were nonentities when we set out on the first march. They climbed to power on the backs of the suffering people. They didn't invent civil rights, civil rights invented them. They have stablled the people in the back.

But some things have changed. "The demands of the protesting people are different today than ten years ago. Then we were naive. We asked for simple basic things like houses and jobs, we were bated into the ground. Then our eyes were closed, today our eyes are open."

"We now realise that the six county state is irreformable, it must be smashed. Ten years ago Catholics couldn't get houses because of Unionist controlled

councils. Today the Unionists are on the march to stop Catholics being housed in West Belfast. Led by Molyneux, they haven't budged an inch. This statelet preserves their privilege.

"There cannot be any dispute that to the fore in trying to smash British imperialism in this country is the IRA. They are the inheritors of the struggle which began in Derry city on October 5th, 1968."

**POLITICAL STATUS IS A RIGHT**

# **DERRY - TEN**

Kevin Agnew (Ulster Executive Sinn Fein and original organiser of Derry civil rights march)

## ***"We are victorious"***

FELLOW REPUBLICANS of the North, ten years ago a small dedicated group of people set out to march from Duke Street to this Square in defiance of a ban slapped on the march by

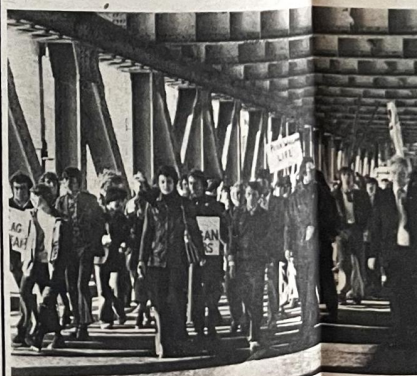
the Orange junta ruling from Stormont. They were batoned into the ground having walked only two hundred yards.

"Since then we have marched in defiance of British rule all over the occupied North. Today we marched again in defiance of the British, but today we are victorious."

"We have shown the British and their Loyalist allies

that we are more determined than we were ten years ago to end the injustice of their occupation of our country."

"To those who claim things have changed we say, open your eyes, face reality, today we have more repression than ever before. Hundreds of men lie naked in appalling conditions, every RUC barracks is a torture centre and hundreds of







Jubilant Republican protestors at Duke Street.

in a pitched hand-to-hand battle. The Tri-Colour headed parade followed by blanket clad women and in the main body of demonstrators assembled 43 banners representing Sinn Fein, RAC committees and other anti-imperialist groupings. The jubilant demonstrators left the scene

where it all began ten years ago. For the first time since partition the Republican people of Derry marched successfully out of their ghetto into an area traditionally preserved for Orange order. This Republican victory was made possible only because the struggle which began ten years' ago in Derry for houses and jobs

progressed into a nationwide struggle to end British rule in Ireland. The scene of a Tri-Colour led march crossing Craigavon Bridge to the Guildhall Square was a sight for sore eyes. To the oppressed people of Derry it was a day to reassert the 1968 slogan of 'Derry Began and Derry Held On'.

# TEN YEARS

Original organiser  
civil rights march

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we are more determined we were ten years ago to the injustice of their occupation of our country. To those who claim things changed we say, open your face reality, today we more repression than ever. Hundreds of men lie in appalling conditions, RUC barracks is a torture and hundreds of

LAST SUNDAY ten to twelve thousand Republicans retraced the steps of the original Derry civil rights march on October 5th 1968.

On these two pages we print extracts from all the platform speeches given in Derry's Guildhall Square plus an introduction 'Today we marched from Duke Street'.

people are arrested and dragged off to gaol on trumped-up charges. All of this is carried out to keep these Six Counties British.

'We are told by the scavengers of the SDLP that things have

changed. For them yes, they have. Now they can sit in the Guildhall with their Loyalist cohorts, dividing the spoils from the tax paying people of this city, but the flag that flies over this building is still the Union Jack and as long as that is so nothing will have changed.

'Ten years ago our battle cry was "We shall overcome"; today it is "Up the Provos".



Pictured above is Michael Farrell on last Sunday's platform.

Our picture, left, is of the Republican protestors surging across the lower decks of the Craigavon Bridge towards Duke Street.

Our picture, right, shows the thousands of protestors assembling in Derry's Guildhall Square.

Andreas O'Callaghan (Ard Comhairle Sinn Fein)

## "You stood and fought"

WHEN I saw the film of the baton wielding thugs of the RUC beating marchers into the ground ten years ago I was at college reading about the period of 1916-21. I said to myself; these people can do one of two things, they can either lie down under the jackboot of repression and fawn for mercy or stand up and fight and hit back. I'm glad to say, you did just that.

"No one in this country seriously believes that the struggle being waged today is simply about houses and jobs. In '68 the issues of housing and jobs were the most blatant areas of neglect. By challenging them as the marchers of '68 did, brought out the true nature of the struggle. Namely that of a colonial war, against an occupying army. The Brits' have been kicked out of their other colonies and we'll see to it they're kicked out of here. "The Republican Movement has remained invincible and has grown in strength over the last ten years because it could not be bought on the question of our country's freedom. The motto of our movement to quote the greatest Irish revolutionary Republican Socialist this century, James Connolly, is

Words when words suffice, arms when arms demand'.

as today's and with the active assistance of a few M60's we'll finish the job once and for all."

"We have not let the men of 1916 down nor the struggling masses of '68. Our struggle for freedom today follows a line of continuity dating back to the 1916 period and beyond. And you can rest assured that with a few more demonstrations as big



Michael Farrell (Original Organiser of Derry civil rights march)

## "A logical continuation"

TODAY'S STRUGGLE is the logical continuation of that begun back in '68. The reaction from the carpet baggers in the SDLP to the growing resistance on the streets is typical of a party who no longer represent the interests of the working class people of this area.

"The experience the people have had over the last ten years especially of controlling their own lives during the 'no go' area in Derry and Belfast threaten the power politics the SDLP engage in. They try to cover this

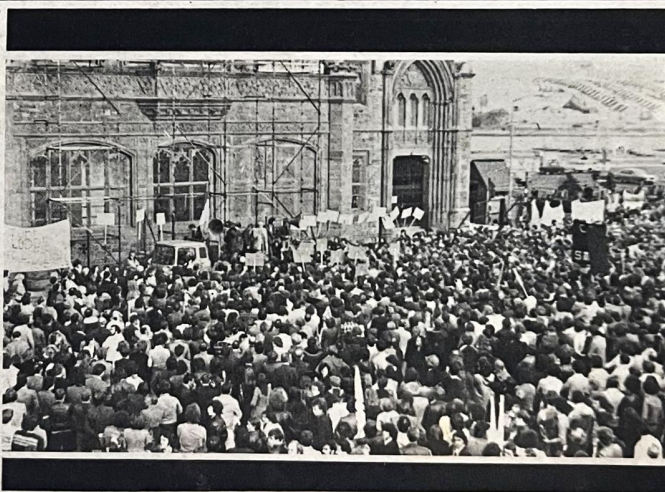
by claiming that the struggle is different.

"But remember the SDLP didn't start the civil rights movement. It was a handful of Republicans and socialist activists.

"The SDLP climbed to power on the peoples back. The SDLP fear you more than anything else, they are terrified of the people taking decisions on their own and coming out on the streets.

"H-Block struggle has brought the people back out

again. We must ensure that the struggle to end the prisoners misery is successful and is the foundation to move forward to and British rule in this country."





# MASON'S MEMOIRS

by Parker, POW H5 Block

*I've been here two years now and it has been so long,  
Every single thing I've done has always turned out wrong,  
Maybe at first I was too rash in decisions that I made,  
But I always thought I was a cut above the Rees and Whitelaw grade.  
At first I played with statistics in my propaganda machine,  
I told everyone I was winning, my success would soon be seen.  
My Castlereaghs were thriving, I packed full my H-Blocks and gaols,  
And I clamped down upon the media, so no one heard the tales,  
But I'd no sooner done that than a greater problem arose.  
The Provos whom I called criminals, refused to wear gaol clothes,  
And then came 1978, I said something I would regret,  
I said: "I'd choke the Provos when I tightened up my net".*

*Just when I thought I had them, when I thought I'd secured the place,  
They bombed and shot my statistics right back into my face.  
With a political initiative, I know I have not tried,  
For I came here to fight a war, don't you see my hands are tied?  
And things never really changed for me, in fact grew worse than had already been,  
Those damned dirty Provos, even tried to bomb my Queen.  
Around the world I had sent my peace people with the rest of my fold,  
The S.D.L.P., O'Brien and Cosgrave, they all did what they were told.  
But still I couldn't get on top and things looked really bad,  
So there was only one thing for it, I played the best card I had.  
I sent in my S.A.S. men to kill as many Provos as they could,  
And there's method in my madness only I was misunderstood.*

*You see I had nothing to lose, I had to stop the rut,  
If things didn't work out, the link we'd have to cut.  
My SAS men went to work to try and turn the table round,  
But Kitson's men blundered bad, they really let me down.  
Then came Strasbourg, Maguire, O'Fiach and trouble,  
My whole world collapsed around me as I became bogged down in the ruggle,  
My colleagues and I, decided to try and salvage some of our pride,  
We wrote the Mirror Editorial, to try and stop the slide.  
Better 'independence', for our investments to maintain.,  
For if the Provos do like Connolly said, we'll never see our money again.  
So now I write my memoirs, I must confess to you,  
Ireland's become so big an issue, that there's nothing I can do.*

*My H-Blocks and Castlereaghs are spoken of throughout the world,  
My political career is fast sinking and I can find nowhere to get a hold,  
The Russians and Americans, the Maltese and the Asians,  
Have all spoken out on my H-Blocks on several occasions,  
Now it seems to Jim and I, when putting these things in recollections,  
That it would not be good politics to call an early election,  
And I hear it said in circles by certain politicians unknown,  
That I am going to be replaced by that roamer David Owens,  
So it looks like I'm finished, but from me you've not heard the last,  
For the world of politics is very strange and political climates can change real fast.  
THAT'S RIGHT ROY, ESPECIALLY IRISH ONES !*

## ELECTRICITY BULLY-BOYS COULD GET A SHOCK

THE Masonic policy of tightening the screws on the people of Republican areas continues in all fields. Draconian legislation is constantly used by the army of lackeys employed by Stormont to collect arrears. Bureaucrats of the Brit' Civil Service confiscate death grants, old age pensions and family allowances in order to pay for electricity, Gas and rent arrears.

One Falls Road man had his invalidity pension reduced by £8 per week to pay arrears.

In recent weeks complaints have been made to Sinn Fein Advice Centres in West Belfast confirming that teams of bully boys from the Electricity

Service are operating in the area. Their activities have led to mounting concern among the people.

They usually operate in pairs, intimidating women when their husbands are out of the house.

One team using a Red Austin

Maxi have been bullying people in Ladybrook. One woman answered her door to find two men, dressed, she said, "like businessmen". They asked to look at her metre as there was a fault in the area. After working at the electric box for several minutes they hurriedly left saying, "Perhaps you'll pay your pills now." It was only then the woman discovered her electricity supply had been cut off.

An Andersonstown woman in Commedagh Drive was visited, but she refused to admit the men. She was threatened by them before they ran to their car and drove off.

The Republican Movement in Andersonstown, where most of the incidents have been reported, view the activities of these hired bully boys with disgust and are aware of their movements. Intimidation and harassment is rife enough from

uniformed British thugs without being added to by the collar and tie section.

In future electricity bully boys could get a shock while tampering with the electricity supply of the oppressed people.



## BELFAST CAR DEATHS WERE MURDER

THE DEATHS of two Andersonstown men on Thursday night, 28th September, has been passed off as another statistic in the spiralling road death toll. Yet both men were effectively murdered by the British army.

It was shortly after 11.30 p.m. when the two men, accompanied by another friend, left a Glen Road club to catch a taxi home, as they crossed the darkened road a red Cortina, reported by witnesses to be travelling at some 60 mph, ploughed through them. One man died instantly and another en route to hospital, the third man was thrown over a hedge and miraculously survived.

The Glen Road has become a virtual death trap, regular incidents are reported involving both drivers and pedestrians on the highway known as 'Brand's Hatch.' Why is this particular stretch of road so treacherous? The answer is quite clear.

Following 'Operation Motorman', when every Republican area in the occupied Counties were invaded by the British army the street lighting was switched off. The reason given by the Brits was that it afforded their members greater protection against IRA sniper fire. The Brit, with his standard Night Sight was able to observe normally after dark.

Since then the accident

rate has escalated, attempts have been made to lay the blame for the mounting toll at the door of 'drunken drivers.' While drink has played a part in the mounting car deaths the lack of proper street lighting has played an even greater part.

The stretch of road where last Thursday's death crash took place is enveloped in total darkness after about 8 p.m. All the lights in a 200 yard run have been vandalised by the Brits because of the presence of three clubs. Patrons to the clubs are observed from the shadows by teams of Brits.

While the statisticians will pass off the death of both men as a regrettable road casualty in fact the British army have been responsible for two more murders either through their 'lights out' policy or even more directly.

For after initial reports that the killings resulted from a 'hit and run' accident, the R.U.C. issued a statement that the driver had reported to the Andersonstown barracks. Local people believe that the car may have been manned by members of the Crown forces.

## H-Block comparisons

*Carpeted Room — Cold Stone Floor  
Blue Summer Sky — Thick Steel Door  
Rough Hewn Plank — Warm Cosy Bed  
Dish Water Soup — Four Course Spread  
Stares of Hate — Childrens Smiles  
Ten Foot Cell — Views for Miles  
Putrid Stench — Clean Fresh Air  
Thin Worn Blanket — Suits to Spare  
Solitude — Friends Galore  
Enclosed and Stifled — Open Door*



# BRUSSELS:— LEGITIMATE TARGET

IRISH Republicans have struggled long and hard to bring about the inevitable withdrawal of British domination and influence from this island.

But, the Republican Movement is well aware that it is no longer enough just to rid ourselves of British imperialism.

Our enemy is not just British imperialism, but imperialism in any form, and especially the new and dangerous imperialism of the EEC which challenges our right to Irish nationhood in a much more subtle way than the Brits ever did.

Republican opposition to the EEC is well known. We have pointed out the fallacy of meaningful economic 'co-operation' between the industrially-advanced and the poorer underdeveloped nations. That sophisticated 'European identity' we are encouraged to welcome can only be achieved by denouncing our own identity. The price we will be forced to pay for our 'Europeanism' is our Irishness.

It is more and more obvious that the EEC is based on a philosophy of exploitation and subjection to the demands of increased profits. This primary motivation of Brussels even goes so far as to create unnecessary

artificial competition (resulting in butter mountains and wine lakes) in order to ensure a continuing rise in profits for big business.

Our fishing grounds are no longer Irish fishing grounds but "EEC waters" to be used as barter by the larger European nations to gain access to the fishing areas of other non-EEC countries. Our uranium is not Irish uranium but EEC uranium and control over it rests with Brussels.

Our clothing and footwear industries are being allowed to die because it would be a breach of the rules, and blatantly un-European, if we imposed tariffs on the foreign goods flooding our markets. Inflation and unemployment continue unabated. We are being robbed of our resources on a massive scale and the EEC grants, though well-publicised, are but paltry hand-outs that can never repay us

for the loss of our natural riches.

What then would be the point of chasing the Brits out of Ireland if our future is to be surrendered to the whims of Brussels? Is it worth getting the British out at all if we can only look forward to domination by this newer and highly organised imperialism from Europe?

The Republican Movement and the people of Ireland have fought for many years to achieve their aim and, despite the sufferings and sacrifices, will continue to fight until victory is won. But all will be in vain if a new kind of Ireland does not arise from the ashes of our struggle.

Eire Nua cannot be achieved while Britain still wields power over our country or our people and, likewise, the New Ireland we are fighting for will remain only an empty dream if the new imperialism of the EEC is allowed to continue its offensive against the separate identity and future potential of our people.

European interference in the affairs of Ireland must be halted and the threat of EEC imperialism must be removed. The neo-colonialist forces of Brussels are increasingly becoming as much a threat to our aspirations and our victory as are the British businessmen that reap the rewards of our labour and British soldiers that patrol our streets.

# News from English Prisons

RAY McLOUGHLIN (Donegal), is now in his seventh week 'on the blanket' to highlight the campaign for repatriation to an Irish jail. In the early stages of his protest Ray was accompanied by three other comrades for one week in solidarity, they being Michael Reilly (Belfast), Tony Clarke (Belfast), and Patrick Armstrong (Belfast).

Wakefield without doubt is a most vicious prison and has always been very harsh for the P.O.W's but the worsening conditions have brought about the present protest. There is obviously a high-level conspiracy between the prison governor and British Home Office officials and psychologists to intimidate and illtreat the P.O.W's, using sensory-deprivation techniques and other, less subtle methods (i.e. beatings, drugs).

Ray McLoughlin has had his fair share of beatings in Winslow Green, Hull, and Wormwood Scrubs, also long periods in a solitary, yet never yielding, but always ready to challenge the prison authorities when necessary, especially when defending or supporting another comrade, the 'Hull Ritts' being one splendid example. In recent letters smuggled out from the prison (from which we have already printed extracts) it has been stated that as a result of the protest John Hayes and Vincent Donnelly have been moved to Leeds Prison where they are being held in solitary confinement under Rule 43.

Jimmy Ashe and Paul Norney, have been sentenced to a month in the officially closed control units for breaking cell lights which are left on all night. Paul is being held in a cell without furniture with lights kept on 24 hours a day. Wakefield's F Wing is in reality the 'control unit' which the British Home Office claims was closed down, following a public outcry over their use. The only change is that the words 'control unit' are no longer officially used, and the building is now known as F Wing.

The P.O.W's are awakened every morning at 6.30 by screws kicking the doors, and all cells are unlocked with beds removed. Strict silence is enforced, with loss of daily exercise as punishment if the silence rule is broken. Meals are always served cold, and it is common practise for the screws to steal the prisoner's rations, which exposes the type of screws who work in the 'control unit'. In support of the 'blanket protest' UTOM LEEDS, with supporting groups, have held pickets outside the prison, families of prisoners were there in numbers.

Last month, U.S. Bishop Most Rev. Thomas Drury, of Corpus Christi, Texas, applied to the British Home Office for permission to visit Fr. Fell, a POW held in Albany prison, Isle of Wight. His application was turned down flat. The American prelate said later that he had never been refused permission even once to visit a Federal prison in America. Bishop Drury was in no doubt for the reasons for refusal, the conditions the prisoners are forced to endure there.

Eddie Butler and Hughie Doherty (two of 'The Balcombe Street Four') have now been in solitary seven months, both were moved out of the security unit in Leicester in February, Eddie to Strangeways, and Hughie to Durham. During this 7 months both have been held under Rule 43, which allows prisoners to be held indefinitely at the discretion of the prison governor for reasons of 'good order and discipline'. Under this notorious rule, Irish P.O.W's have served periods of up to two years in solitary.

Record players have been placed in their property, and their own collection of books denied them on the grounds that they are not their property but that of the prison they were sent. Both have refused visits because of humiliating searches on their visitors, and 'closed' degrading visits which Irish P.O.W's alone endure. Eddie had one 'Closed' visit with his mother, and sister who travelled from U.S.A., he was not allowed to even shake hands.

(Reports courtesy of AN CUMANN CABHRACH/PRISONERS WELFARE GROUP BIRMINGHAM).

## SOLIDARITY MEETING IN BELGIUM

SIXTY PEOPLE met on Thursday, 5th October in the Belgium capital of Brussels, to listen to the report of two Belgian lawyers, on the right of the Irish Republican Prisoners of War in H-Block and to discuss building support for the Irish resistance against British occupation. A report was also given by the Paris based solidarity group "Irlande Libre".

The meeting decided to send a message of solidarity to the Republican Movement and expressed their total support with the heroic struggle of the 350 protestors in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh and Armagh Jail.

Speakers stressed that they were determined to work in Belgium to break the wall of silence on this struggle.

It was decided to set up a support committee for the prisoners and for the Irish resistance struggle.

## UNITED TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 21st and 22nd October  
City Polytechnic, 102 Whitechapel High Street,  
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"A working conference to build the U.T.O.M.

Groups and individuals interested in working with U.T.O.M. should write for information to:

U.T.O.M., 182 UPPER STREET, LONDON N.1.

## A BRUTAL MURDER

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children were standing near Monagh Crescent corner. As the patrol neared the children one of the Brits lifted his baton round gun and deliberately, and for no reason, fired a plastic bullet at Brian Stewart. Brian fell to the ground fatally wounded. One of the Brits then ran over to the dying boy and grabbed him by the legs in an attempt to drag him with them, but seeing the damage they had done he let go and retreated.

Within hours of the shooting the mothers of the Turf Lodge had organised a meeting and issued a statement exposing the tissue of lies released by the Brit PRO. The statement ended:

"The mothers of Turf Lodge will not be deflected by this detestable incident from their goal of protecting their children from the murderers of the British army..."

# SECRET BRIT TRAINING IN WEST GERMANY



"TIN CITY" in Germany. Built for Brits to try to recreate conditions that they encounter in the occupied Six Counties.

Note the Belfast street name Cromac Street, originally in the Markets Area of Belfast. Also the Saracen, the car with boot lid blown open and mock RUC man on the right by Brit Saracen.

Above is a mock IRA funeral. The 'IRA men' are Brits dressed up. Venue is a secret Brit training base in Germany.



# THE RADIO WAR

## The silent war against liberated peoples

MORE THAN one third of the world's population have now freed themselves from the grip of imperialism, a fact that the Western capitalist powers refuse to accept. At the present time a radio war is being waged by the Western NATO block against the people of the socialist and third world countries. A network of radio stations now operate along the frontiers of the anti-imperialist nations.

Many millions of wealth which could have been used to greatly improve the living conditions of the peoples of the Western bloc, have been squandered in attempts to bolster the new 'cold war.'

Radio stations have sprung up throughout the world's confrontations areas. The purpose of these stations is to purvey black propaganda concerning the internal and external activities of the government of whichever country is the target for the particular station.

Below we examine some of the stations and their position in the war between socialism and imperialism.

**RADIO LIBERTY:** A Munich based station controlled and financed by the American CIA. The format of this station is based on the most bizarre black propaganda. The propaganda is directed solely against the socialist countries of Europe/Asia. It broadcasts daily for an incredible 375 hours in 18 languages. Seventeen 'Radio Liberty' transmitters are currently in use in West Germany, Spain and Taiwan.

**RADIO FREE EUROPE:** (RFE) Another aggressive United States radio base in foreign territory with its headquarters in Munich, RFE

is assigned with the mission of bombarding the neighbouring socialist countries with distorted news concerning US involvement in Europe/Asia. RFE uses 30 transmitters scattered throughout the world and broadcasts 77 hours daily in Polish, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian.

**DEUTSCHE WELLE:** (W. Germany) Multilingual Propaganda broadcasts are transmitted daily to the Third World and socialist states. Another station network which should be mentioned is the **DEUTSCHLAND-FUNK** (also based in West Germany). This station is chiefly engaged in agitation against the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Deutschlandfunk is probably the most extreme of the imperialist stations broadcasting 'lord Haw-Haw' type programmes which are designed to blacken the advances being made within the socialist states.

The two American broadcasting services, 'Radio

Liberty' and 'Radio Free Europe', both labelled as 'private stations' have received a staggering 500 million dollars from the CIA in the past fifteen years. At present they are being financed from the official American budget. Billions of dollars also come from the pockets of tycoons like Rockefeller and Ford of America, as well as foundation set up by the large American monopolies. The press secretary of Radio Free Europe, Ernst Langendorf, once said:

*"It is necessary to make sure that the people to be influenced are not struck by news they can disprove on the spot. In times of war you are free to spread lies and falsehoods, the point is not to be caught in the act of doing it."*

False or distorted information and slander remain the foundation of the imperialist powers in their unremitting

battle against the oncoming tide of national liberation struggles and the establishment of socialism.

### THE THIRD WORLD

The directional arials of the propagandists radio stations are aimed not only at the established socialist states, but increasingly at the Third World. Their goal is to prevent these states from pursuing their anti-imperialist policies and to hinder their independent development.

### A UNIQUE AID

**THE USA VOICE OF AMERICA.** This station uses over 120 transmitters and broadcasts in 40 languages.

**THE BBC OVERSEAS SERVICE, (OS),** London, bombards the world with black propaganda via 85 transmitters in over 40 languages. The war in Ireland is generally ignored but the rubbish peddled after a Brit is killed or major acts of economic sabotage are carried out by IRA units against Brit property. A common claim made by the BBC (OS) is that the 'IRA terrorists' have killed some 2000 innocent people. Bloody Sunday, internment, Long Kesh, H-Block, the Strasbourg findings and the Amnesty International report are among subjects which have never been broadcast through the station network.

**DEUTSCHE WELLES,** broadcasting via 14 transmitters and in 33 languages. This station is mainly concerned with anti-Soviet propaganda and never mentions the war in Ireland.

### IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION

What is involved in the radio war could be termed 'ideological aggression', pursuit of plans to engineer the downfall of the socialist system is incompatible with international law. Such policies are violations of a United Nations (UN) declaration passed in 1965 on the 'inadmissibility of interference' in the affairs of other states and the protection of their independence and sovereignty.

It also shows disregard for the appeal made by the UN General Assembly to all states:

*"...to refrain from broadcasts representing unfair attacks against any people. Herewith they should also commit themselves to a moral behaviour in the interests of world peace and give a truthful and unbiased account of the facts."*

British broadcasting stations have repeatedly been in violation of the UN declaration in their coverage and interpretation of the struggle in Ireland. Unqualified support for British army/RUC excesses and the attacks on the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg for daring to condemn Brit torture methods spring to mind.

British colonial policies in Ireland are strengthened by the existence of counter revolutionary forces within the Republican ghettos. Statements issued by the 'Sticks, the SDLP and the 'peace people', have repeatedly given credibility to the tirade of black propaganda released daily to the world in attempts to silence the voice of the Irish revolution.

## Brit "self-infliction" in Argentina

NOW WE have all heard of the Republican prisoners in Castlereagh who injured themselves so as to be able to blame it on the poor peelers. The Brits in another part of the world have come up with an even better one.

The English paper in Argentina the Buenos Aires Herald, recently developed a novel theory on the thousands of "disappeared" people. It turns out that when the Argentinian army raids a house and beats up or kills the occupants, this is usually due to guerrillas who have infiltrated the armed forces of the state! This they do so as to create a bad image for the regime. Sometimes they even go further, and a whole group of guerrillas pretends to be an army unit, so as to be able to kidnap and murder its own comrades!!

If it was not so tragic we could laugh at these fabrica-



tions, but the truth is that some people do believe this type of story. In countries run by a military dictatorship one of the first repressive measures is the

by Juan Sosa

muzzling of the press and smashing of the revolutionary papers. The "truth" becomes moulded to the interests of the military.

In Ireland we have the lies and the repression, but the truth still comes out. For one, the actions of the revolutionary IRA are difficult to ignore when they are so "forceful" and also 'Republican News' has attempted to provide a shining beacon of truth. Now H-Block is a live issue which no one can ignore.

While the lies of imperialism must continue to be firmly nailed, we can take comfort that "the truth is always revolutionary".

### An Cumann Cabhrach (England)

THE COMMITTEE and members of An Cumann Cabhrach in England wish to acknowledge with thanks the following donations received during September in aid of Irish Prisoners of War in British gaols:-

Isabelle Lazic, Inverness, Scotland (£10).  
Jackie Horgan, Bromley, Kent (£5).  
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Michael Holden (Cisteoir).



# SOUTH AFRICA: THE STRUGGLE INTENSIFIES

WHILE THE liberation forces of South West Africa Peoples Organisation, SWAPO, in Namibia and the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), play guerrilla activity in the heartland of racist supremacy — South Africa itself — is becoming a force to be reckoned with.

"Urban terrorism has come to stay for the foreseeable future," said former South African Prime Minister Vorster on a visit to a state police 'anti-terrorist' training centre last year.

Guerrilla activity involves attacks on white urban areas against property, action against black collaborators and informers, and rural infiltration by guerrillas. The first bombing campaign was in the early 1960s following the banning of the major black political organisations. A new phase began in December 1976 with several incidents in white urban areas, none involving loss of life. State Police Minister Jimmy Kruger publically

warned that "Large numbers of people" who had left the country for guerrilla training were now returning, and police were on a 'round the clock' lookout for them.

In June last year two warehousemen were killed when three guerrillas carrying automatic weapons and grenades took refuge after being spotted in Johannesburg. Since then over twenty bombing incidents have been reported including one in the centre of Johannesburg. Petrol bombs and dynamite have been used. In July 1978 a black police detective was shot dead.

In April this year the 'Security

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Foreign Affairs Bureau

Police Chief' admitted there had been several gun battles between guerrillas of the African National Congress and police in a rural area near the Mozambique border. Shortly afterwards the establishment of a new army base in the region was announced.

The recent largescale intensification of guerrilla activity is closely linked with the victories of liberation forces in neighbouring Mozambique and Angola, and their imminent victory in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). South African freedom fighters now have training and support nearer home. However they avoid directly engaging South African forces to avoid reprisals against the states supporting them, and spread their activities over as wide an area as possible.

"It is an extended onslaught we are fighting," stated the Police Chief, who gave 2,200 as the number of 'potential terrorists' brought to court since June 1976 under 'security legislation'.



What apartheid means to the people of South Africa.

Meanwhile from January 1978 all white South African males over the age of 16 are required to register for two years military service followed by at least 30 days a year for the next eight years. The country is less attractive now to white immigrants who will now become liable for conscription after two years unless they wish to forfeit their residence and work rights. Industry is already worried about effects on apprenticeships and manpower, and committees have been established abroad to help young people who have left the country to avoid the 'draft' and the severe penalties for not serving. Ominously the stage is being set for Africa's 'Vietnam'.

## West Germany

# THE GLASS CONVERSATION BOX

WE HAVE often reported in 'Republican News' on the international development of increased repression; of how Western European states exchange and develop different torture techniques, and more subtle means of controlling their dissidents, as they slide jointly down the repressive road to becoming police states.

Over recent years one of the most obvious spheres of co-operation has been between the West German and British states over how to "break" political prisoners.

The Germans have their specially built Stammheim prison of sensory deprivation units within which they have already murdered four revolutionary prisoners.

The British have their H-Blocks specially designed to isolate and "break" Irish Republican prisoners in the Six Counties.

But it is with respect to the treatment of Irish POW's within jails in England that most similarity occurs. We have reported previously on the harassment of these Republican POW's and their visitors. In particular the visiting conditions of metal grills partitioning visitor from prisoner allowing no touching and limited vision while screws sit in and disrupt the visit.

Now German prisoners receiving a visitor are placed into a 'conversation box' with a double glass partition. Below we print extracts from one of these prisoner's letters:

"Last week I had the pleasure of having a visit under the new rules for the first time. Wonderful! You can hardly imagine greater perversity. Apart from the totally barren atmosphere and the impossibility to experience any emotion, the small hole in the glass partition is of great influence on the conversation. It



functions so badly that you have to shout to be heard by your visitor. You can also hardly see your visitor because the glass reflects too much. It is just sheer luck when you manage to catch his eyes once in a while. "Under such inhumane conditions a visit becomes very depressing. You are stuck with feelings of powerless rage and hate-filled powerlessness and helplessness.

"The comrade who was visiting me had the same feelings.

"All visits with terrorist monsters like me are held in this way now. They don't even make an exception for our lawyers. It is a hard-to-beat horror when you realize what a handshake, a smile, not to mention a kiss would mean to those of us who are incarcerated under such dreadful circumstances.

"The glass partition has no function at all as far as security is concerned. The smuggling of useful but banned items is already forestalled by the scrupulous careful search every visitor has to suffer upon entering the

Stammheim prison, the West German equivalent of H-Block. In the foreground is the court-house specially built to try Andreas Baader, Ulrike Meinhof and their comrades.

prison. During the visit at least three or four pigs are present and are busy writing down every spoken word (sheer nonsense of course, because you can rest assured they had listening devices built in) and are watching every move you and your visitor make.

"I forgot to mention the unworthy change of clothes every prisoner has to undergo before and after the visit (you have to undress four times a day anyway). As yet it is not exactly clear, whether this new outrage is a purposeful step of the powers that be, on the road to total physical and mental destruction of the politically motivated prisoners, who are already weakened by segregation and artificial stress, or only a new product of the baranoid fake logic of the rulers. I think it could easily be a mixture of both...."

## A NEW DAY IS BREAKING

by a POW  
Armagh Gaol

On a cold, dark and wintry night,  
The wind did roar with all its might,  
The rain it pored, trees did sway,  
'Twas by the fireside all did stay.  
As the men of old their stories told  
Of darker days gone by.

Tales of our heroes dead and gone  
In our memories they live on  
Pearse, Plunkett and brave Wolfe Tone  
Fought for freedom to claim their own,  
And though their hearts were surely set  
The war goes on and we're not free yet.

The storm still blow, our strength it grows,  
Each day it is a fight.  
But a new day is breaking, the sun is  
awakening,  
And the morn it dawns new light.  
Those men have gone, we still carry on  
Fresh hope once again inspires  
The suffering and pain, will not be in vain  
One day we'll gain what our hearts desire.

So give ear you young men from city and  
glen,  
In your hands our country will be  
For in days to come, many a song will be  
sung  
Of your bold and brave gallantry.

Each man to his part, right from the start  
Till our battle is over and won  
Then we'll all camp down, peace and laughter  
around  
Under a new born sun.

— By a P.O.W. Armagh Gaol

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# OBITUARY

## TRIBUTE TO MICKY POLAND



IT WAS with deep regret that I learned of the death of Micky Poland on the 1st October 1978. Micky won the friendship and respect of all those who knew him. He will be sadly missed, not only by his loving wife Eileen and family, but by the Republican Movement to whom he gave life long service.

In 1939, as a young lad of nineteen years, he answered his country's call and joined the I.R.A., and was very active until his internment in 1943. He spent two years in prison.

Shortly after his release, he married Eileen Barnes and moved into a small house in Albert Street, where they had four children, Thomas, Michael, Christine and Rory, who were each blessed with their Father's love of his country.

The Poland family moved to Andersonstown, where they again became active in the Republican movement. Their home was perhaps the first in the city to be opened to the refugees of 1969. It was common at these times for Micky and Eileen to make dinner for up to twenty people at a time. No one was ever turned away from the Poland household.

Micky went to prison for his beliefs again during this campaign. It was at this time that I had the pleasure of becoming his friend while we were both interned in Crumlin Road Jail and later in Long Kesh. I will always remember him for his light hearted approach to the hardship of being in jail. He was the king of practical jokes. Everyone in

Long Kesh during Micky's time knew him. He was always able to lift even the lowest of spirits. I was able to see the other side of Micky. The side that was warm and sincere. He was always ready to give comfort and advice to his comrades who were not able to shoulder the hardship of imprisonment. He had the great gift of making people realise that there was always someone worse off than themselves.

After his release from Long Kesh, ill health forced him to reduce his activities within the Republican Movement. But Micky and his wife Eileen were seen at every Republican protest along the Falls Road, especially those for the H-Block prisoners.

There was always a special place in Micky's heart for our lads in England's Jails because he knew from first hand experience, how much they need our support on the outside. Each man and woman in England's jails were Micky's sons and daughters.

The warmth and friendship that he spread was reflected at the large turnout for his funeral to Milltown cemetery. Every chapter of Micky's life was represented at his funeral from his boyhood as a Republican to those workmates from the Autolight factory where he worked until his recent illness. From my memories of Micky Poland, it is fitting that I last saw and spoke to him on the annual commemoration to Wolfe Tone's grave, at Bodensstown. I will always remember him as a true Republican, but most of all as a true friend.

— A comrade.

## \*\*\*\*\* One year on the blanket Solidarity Greetings \*\*\*\*\*

FITZSIMONS, Michael H4. One year on the blanket October 4th.  
It does not take this special day to bring you to my mind.  
For a day without a thought of you, is very hard to find.  
Lots of love, Anne.

FITZSIMONS, Michael. One year on the blanket October 4th.  
No one could be prouder,  
Than we are of you today,  
And this message comes to tell you,  
That we are with you all the way!  
All the best from Joe, Paul, Pat, Noel.

FITZSIMONS, Michael. One year on the blanket October 4th.  
A blanket for a pillow  
A blanket for a gown  
A blanket for companionship  
A blanket cold and brown  
There's a prayer on our lips today  
And pride in our hearts  
As one year on the blanket ends  
And another cold year starts.  
God bless you Michael and all your comrades.

Love Father, Mother, Theresa & Gerard also Uncle Tony, Wakefield.

FITZSIMONS, Michael. One year on the blanket October 4th.  
To have you for my boy-friend  
is cause enough for pride.  
I could never find your equal  
even if I tried.

There's nothing I could say today,  
that I haven't said before,  
Except to just repeat again, each day  
I miss you more.

All my love Theresa.  
(See other pages for more greetings)

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## \*\*\*\*\* Two years on the blanket Solidarity Greetings \*\*\*\*\*

FLYNN, Ned (Brendan). Two years on the blanket.

Solidarity with our dear son Brendan, who is entering his third year on the blanket.

Your courage and determination are a source of inspiration for your comrades and a source of pride for us. We are bless to have given birth to such a son, U.T.P.

Mother and Father, Imelda, Ann-Marie, Oliver and Denise.

FLYNN, Ned (Brendan). Two years on the blanket.

As you and your second year on the blanket we salute you and wonder at your courage and determination.

The Mason regime have you in a fortified hovel — we have you in our hearts.  
Brother Michael, Roisin and little niece Brenda.

FLYNN, Ned (Brendan). Two years on the blanket.

On your second year on the blanket we salute with pride, your valour and dignity.

Ireland has seen many great men but none so noble as you and your comrades. Victory is assured!  
From Sister Deirdre and Frankie, Michelle, Frankie Junior & Jodine.

FLYNN, Ned (Brendan). Two years on the blanket.

Thinking of you as you enter your third year on the blanket. God Bless you and your heroic comrades.

Brother Adrian, Linda & Seana.

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## Sympathy

TWOMEY, Moss. Chief of Staff I.R.A. 1927 to 1936. Died on 6th October, 1978.

Very deeply regretted by his friends and comrades of the Belfast Battalion of 50 years and we express our sympathy to his sorrowing family.

He remained faithful to the last. He was faithful, and he fought!  
Dis Sean Troicair sr a anam.  
Liam O Maolcailain.

## IN MEMORIAM

McKINNEY, Joseph (6th Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of my dearest Nephew, Volunteer Joseph McKinney, also his comrades, John Donaghy, Paddy Maguire, 'D' Coy, 2nd Battalion, Ogligh na h-Eireann, killed on active service, 10th October 1972. R.I.P. Masses offered. Our Lady Queen of the Gael, pray for them.

"While Ireland holds these graves  
Ireland unfree shall never be at peace".  
Always loved and remembered by Uncle Joe.

McKINNEY, J. MAGUIRE, DONAGHY. (6th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Volunteers Paddy Maguire, Joe McKinney, John Donaghy, 'D' Coy, 2nd Batt, Ogligh na h-Eireann. Killed on active service 10th October, 1972. R.I.P.

Mary, Queen of Ireland, pray for them.

Remembered always by the Lower Falls Commemoration Committee.

McKINNEY, Joseph (6th Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of my dearest Nephew, Volunteer Joseph McKinney 'D' Company, 2nd Batt. Ogligh na h-Eireann, killed on active service, 10th October, 1972. R.I.P. Masses offered. St. Joseph pray for him.

"May heaven keep the men who sleep.  
From the ranks of the Old Brigade."

Always loved and remembered by his Aunt Lizzie.

## IN MEMORIAM

FITZSIMONS, Francis (2nd Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of my husband and father Francis, killed on active service, 16th October 1976. R.I.P.

I lie here in my bed at night and just before I sleep,

I say a prayer to God that you shall rest in peace.

For the cause for which you died, it meant so much to you,

To see your homeland a free and better land.

Always remembered by your loving Wife Ann and sons Harry and Martin.

FITZSIMONS, (Francie) ( Second Anniversary. Killed on active service October 16th, 1976.

Always remembered by the Herdman Family.

FITZSIMONS, (Francie) (2nd Anniversary.

In proud memory of a dear friend. Killed in action October 16th 1976.

Always remembered with pride by Kata Deery.

MARLOWE, SURGEONER, FITZSIMONS. Killed on active service. Always remembered by the Fitzsimons and Family.

The road to freedom is paved by sacrifice.

MAGUIRE, McKINNEY, DONAGHY. (6th Anniversary).

The comrades and members of the Lower Falls Martyrs Band, remember with pride, Volunteers Paddy Maguire, Joe McKinney, John Donaghy, 'D' Coy, 2nd Batt. Ogligh na h-Eireann, killed in action 16th October, 1972. R.I.P.

Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for them.

McDERMOTT, Terence (7th Anniversary).

In proud memory of Volunteer Terence McDermott R.I.P. Killed in an explosion while on active service on October 2nd 1971.

Mary, Queen of Ireland, pray for him.

Always remembered by the Brigade Staff, Officers and Volunteers Ogligh na h-Eireann.

O'CONNELL, Sean (1st Anniversary).

In proud memory of Sean O'Connell, who died in Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight, October 1877, a victim of tyranny and hate.

An Cumann Cabhrach (England).

JENKINSON, Noel (2nd Anniversary).

Remembered today with pride, a gallant and brave comrade.

Murdered, Leicester Prison, Sasana, October, 1976.

An Cumann Cabhrach, England.

McAREAVEY, (Sixth Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of my Brother, Volunteer Daniel McAreavey, 'D' Coy, 2nd Batt., Belfast Brigade, Ogligh na h-Eireann, killed on active service, October 6th 1972. R.I.P.

Always remembered by his loving Brother Paddy, (H6 Block, Long Kesh).

McAREAVEY, (6th Anniversary). In proud memory of Volunteer Daniel McAreavey, 2nd Battalion, Irish Republican Army. Shot dead on active service by the British army, October 3rd 1972.

These boys fought for a cause and never feared danger. Mary of the Gael, keep them in peace.

Proudly remembered by the Brigade Staff, Ogligh na h-Eireann.

McKINNEY, Joseph, (6th Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of my dearest nephew, Volunteer Joseph McKinney, D Coy, 2nd Battalion, Ogligh na h-Eireann. Killed on active service 10th October, 1972. R.I.P. Masses offered. Our Lady Queen of Heaven pray for him.

He's laid now in a grave  
Where the willows sadly wave  
Oh Son of Erin brave  
Farewell to thee!

Proudly loved and remembered by his Aunt Mary, Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Joe.

## NOTES BY CORMAC

