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The much vaunted, much talked of S.D.L.P. — Heath meeting yielded nothing except scones and jam from the British Prime Minister last week. After a two hour session Heath had nothing conceded except a few scones, jam and a shake hands as well as a small pen for John Hume. The overall result of the meeting was nothing gained. Why then did the news media, particularly RTE seek to cloud the truth in a welter of verbiage? Why did RTE try to mislead the public into believing that something had in fact been achieved?

The explanation lies in the fact that Dublin politicians have guilty consciences resulting from their betrayal of the Northern campaign. They know they have let the people down. Lynch knows that he has collaborated on numerous occasions with the British Government and British army in conducting a campaign of terror against the anti-Unionist population. He knows that he and others co-operated in the "Motorman" operation when Whitelaw smashed down the barricades of freedom and ploughed his fifty-ton tankers into the Bogside and Creggan. He further knows that the Republican Movement have massive popular support, that the SDLP who have

stood idly by with Lynch, have lost credibility with the people. Lynch can see the political gyrations of Hume and Co. Few will forget or forgive their exploitation of the stage-managed deaths of five civilians, 2 soldiers and 2 UDA men on 21st July in order to issue a statement saying that they were going to see Whitelaw. The fact that they had to withdraw from this is a reflection not on the SDLP's loyalty to the internees but rather their fear of the people who have supported the anti-Internment demonstrations so loyally and courageously. The men whom Lynch has identified with are clearly seen to have no support among the anti-Unionist community in the North. They



Heath concedes nothing to S.D.L.P. except scones

have been clearly seen to have been kicked around by the Republican Movement and other radical forces during the past 12 months. They were clearly kicked out of Stormont by the Republican Movement. They were not allowed to return to Stormont by the wrath of the people which followed internment and by the great civil resistance campaign of which the Republican campaign was its dynamic. They were shamed into breaking the ban on marches by the Northern Resistance Movement and its leaders. Austin Currie although he had the arrogance to speak did not take part in the first banned march which he attended on January 2. John Hume, Currie, Fitt, O'Hanlon or Paddy Devlin were not on the Bloody Sunday march. Ivan Cooper broke his Party's rules by being present. Lynch has therefore clearly lined up with men of like mind and temperament, with men who did not play their part in this campaign.

Lynch in order to save himself must try to boost the stock of his collaborators. He must use all the weapons at his command into bullying the people of the anti-Unionist community of the North into believing that the SDLP speak for them. In fact, they

speak for 7% of the Northern population as recorded at the last general election. Lynch's efforts to use the media — especially RTE to beat the Republican Movement and boost the SDLP has been a dismal failure. Republicans have made mistakes as any organisation must do. The efforts of Lynch, and SDLP to exploit their mistakes have exploded in their own faces. The community at large can see that unlike Lynch and the



SDLP the IRA are a band of selfless men and women, prepared to risk everything, life and limb, to liberate a down-trodden people. No suffering has been too excruciating, no exploit too dangerous, no sacrifice too great for these men to make for the cause of freedom which they serve. Many of them have made the Supreme



Sacrifice. Their sufferings and sacrifices will not be in vain. In the words of Pearse:

"They shall be spoken of among their people,
The generations shall remember them,
And call them blessed."

Oliver Plunkett Rountree, Colm Murtagh, Ann Parker, Dorothy Maguire were all "faithful and they fought."

Lynch and his collaborators who were so yellow and traitorous will be despised by future generations as the men who tried to sabotage the fight for Irish freedom, the men who put their own selfish positions before the good of their country and especially the plight of their fellow down-trodden Irishmen in the Six Counties. Future generations of Irishmen will disown all those who have collaborated with the enemy during

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BREAKING THE CHAINS!



The programme **THE BRITISH EMPIRE**, recently featured on BBC-tv revealed an awful lot of scandal about England and the methods she used in the establishment of her now crumbling empire. One choice item was the fact that during the reign of Queen Victoria, last 60 years, the British carried out 70 wars! most of them her own making.

These wars took place in far-off lands like INDIA, BURMA, CHINA, NEW ZEALAND, AFRICA, AFGHANISTAN. At the height of her military endeavours in these impoverished countries her proud boast was that the sun never set on her empire.

England as the conquering nation sought to rule the world and as a military power she almost succeeded. Her methods of conqueror have rarely changed down through history, they included the old maxim of divide and conquer, the impoverishment of the natural inhabitants, the enslaving of women, the butchery into complete subjection of manhood. England found that the safest way to maintain her hold was through the indoctrination of the youth, breeding into them HER traditions, stripping them of their own nationalism, the eradication of their language and the substitution of the British tongue. Always in her desire to rule supremely, England caused a

nation's life-blood to flow red and thick, down the streets, in the fields. Always her army was sent in to beat down the people to prepare them for political teaching, to impose Imperialism. However, just as England overpowered half the world, so now is she being overpowered by one commodity which she could not stop - TIME. Time they say heals all wounds, but time has seen the march of nations against England

and her army, and her politics. All over the world nations once imprisoned are breaking their chains of bondage, and the last of these is IRELAND. Slowly but surely these past three years, a National desire for freedom has been taxing the British might. This desire has stirred in the veins of the Irish people and no longer are they content to sit back meekly and accept the repression handed out as concessions by the British Crown.

The Irish people in the North of Ireland are arisen and actively engaged in vanquishing the hated foe of 800 years. The people's army are engaged in a last ditch battle with the British Forces of Occupation, a battle which is necessary to win this last war of independence.

We have had the longest wait of all England's colonies for freedom, but ours when achieved, will be the sweetest freedom of all.

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE

Well, well, well, what do you know, the English too had a plan for a guerrilla force on standby lest she lost the last war with Germany. Stockpiles of weapons and men were set aside for this very important task, the off-chance that Britain may have fallen under the might of the Third Reich.

Specially trained men were picked for this very important mission. These men would have been trained in the specialised art of guerrilla warfare, attacking the enemy from the shadows, from the rear, any way but head on: sniping on German soldiers would have been given priority; blowing up military and commercial targets would have been a prime object, and what do you know there would probably have been a highly sophisticated resistance to the occupying nation. We may well have seen the birth of the E.R.A.

This underground movement would of course have had the popular support of the British people against the German forces of aggression, as has the Irish Republican Army. A propaganda war too would have emerged; they may well have had an English-style REPUBLICAN NEWS, or the VOLUNTEER, or may be even THE TATTLER.

German attempts to coerce the British people would have met with the same resistance that British attempts to coerce the Irish have met. No doubt the

Germans would have had to 'intern' a few thousand Brits

In a Long Kesh style concentration camp, to break their spirits, and to quit their wailing.

Maybe there would have been a form of Hollywood for a taste of good old, down to earth, 'in-depth' interrogation, Gestapo or Stormont style. We could say that this resistance may have lasted for as long as 800 years, and many innocents would have perished along the way.

But alas, this was only a myth, a supposition, for Britain did not fall to Germany, but Ireland did fall to Britain, and we all of us know (Heath and co take note), what's good for te proverbial English goose is good for an Irish gander.

DUNGANNON RUMOURS

Several residents of the Newell Rd and Ardbeg housing estate have approached members of our cumann regarding a statement referred to a recent issue of a local newspaper. The statement accuses them of having served tea to British soldiers from which the people took great offence. We have been asked to put the record straight by making it publicly known that the British Army have never been nor ever shall be made welcome in this estate.

GUN CRAZY LOUTS

Once again we have to report on the brutal excesses of the Royal Green Jackets in the Clonard Area. Over the weekend this regiment ran amok. Many of the duck patrols were seen to stagger about in a drunken state. They threw empty beer cans at the local people as they patrolled in a saracen. Now that they are more familiar with the area they race round in their Saladin armoured tanks at top speed.

On Saturday they lifted for screening purposes every man they could find. One 16 year old was lifted twice in 24 hours and taken to the North Howard Street billet. On Sunday afternoon they arrested a young girl and took her and her mother to Springfield Road barracks. Two young boys, aged 14 were arrested and charged with riotous behaviour. WOMEN WHO TRIED TO INTERVENE TO ASSIST THE YOUTHS WERE SPRAYED WITH GAS BY A POLICEMAN WHO WAS CONCEALED IN THE SARACEN. It is not the first time that a policewoman has visited that a policewoman has visited the Clonard area in the back of a Saracen. Another young man, an ex-internee was lifted on Sunday afternoon and taken to Castlereagh Station. This was his second spell of interrogation, the previous one lasting 57 hours.

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STATEMENT FROM CRAIGAVON

The following statement has been issued by the newly formed Robert Emmett Cumann, Sinn Féin (Craigavon). Now that the British Army have moved into Craigavon they are continually harrassing the residents. A few nights ago two men returning to their homes after a night out in Lurgan were verbally abused and threatened by these so called peace-keepers.

The people of this area having moved from troubled parts of the country where they were burned and intimidated out of their homes now find that the occupation forces are trying to destroy their lives altogether.

Britain's Ghost Regiment

"With such a background of involvement in guerrilla wars in other lands the outright denial of SAS activity in Northern Ireland seems surprising.

If SAS men are not operating here then this would mean a major departure from accepted British military tactics".

So ran the interesting article on the Faceless Battalion called the SAS in this weeks SUNDAY NEWS. This article reiterated the view carried by Republicans for over two years - the SAS are indeed an active unit in the six counties.

The article also revealed the many activities of the SAS in other lands: *"Later in the troubles in Kenya, SAS officers working in pairs, blackened their bodies and led 'pseudo-gangs' of Africans to counter-terror raids".* Could the same not be true of the six counties.

The article pointed out the fact that the IRA know of the existence of this 'ghost troop' in the North.

"And the incident which sparked off the recent controversy about an alleged SAS patrol in the Bawnmore Estate on Belfast's Shore Road still remains something of a mystery. When a civilian car was stopped in the estate by vigilantes two of the men in it spoke with English accents and claimed to be members of the security forces, but refused to produce proof of this. A third man in the back seat was pulled out of the car and was found to be carrying an Army issue Browning automatic in a shoulder holster.

The vigilantes then tried to get the other men from the car, but a shot was fired from the vehicle which sped off. Before the men of 40 Marine Commando arrived on the scene to take the remaining man away, it is claimed that he sat on the edge of the pavement, gave his name and said he was a member of the SAS.

We would concur with the view of the SUNDAY NEWS reporter that *"it is incidents like this which add to the rumours of yet another undercover army being at work in Ulster today".*

Letters

From Long Kesh

from Hut 31, Cage 4, Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

A cara, It is, as ever, difficult to know where and how to start writing to your paper. One is instantly confused, what is it that the people want to read? Is it about Long Kesh? No! they must surely be fed up with that. Well then is it the views of the men of Long Kesh? Is that fair. Who are we to comment on the activity of all you people outside? You must know what I mean when I say it is difficult to know where to start. Just in case you hadn't noticed we are started, and about time too!

To take events as they come into my head, the first is the mayhem that the Tory Observer is trying to create, the view taken here is that it is a bit of a Jackanory Story, someone had the idea of making sensational headlines and Miss McGuire had the idea of making a few thousand pounds. The leadership of the Republican Movement have little to fear if that is the best the Brits can dig up. I could write a better yarn myself (and you know the liar I am). The whole item is best ignored, I feel sorry tho' for the girl, she has made a mess out of her life, shows you what loose talk can be turned into!

The forthcoming talks are next on the agenda, not the visit to Heath, but the proposed round table conference (why do they always pick a round table?) which is supposed to settle the future of our Nation. It will be a farce, if it ever gets off the ground, that is, because in our eyes any conference which omits any branch of Irish political views is doomed to failure before it starts. I was rather amused tonight to hear Archbishop Ramsey say, on TV that he frowned on any country or group holding hostages to gain publicity for their cause, just what the hell are the 250 men doing here in Long Kesh? If they are not political hostages then I'm Archbishop Ramsey!

Sinn Fein down here has taken a new lease of life, thanks to the interest created by the open discussions on the Eire Nua concept, and we have discovered a lot of hidden talent among the men here for political debates and lectures. I am still puzzled by the refusal of the powers that be to permit us any

of our own papers; after all the British Army read them, so they must be well worth reading. It is awkward without them as we miss the opinions going on outside and to be honest THE IRISH NEWS leaves out an awful lot tho' I suppose they do their best. The morale and spirit here is as high as ever and in some ways higher than ever, there is nothing like a bit of controversy to get the men worked up and the NEW IRELAND idea has done just that, and in no uncertain way.

Is mise, SEAMUS LOUGHRAN
Faoi Ghlas ag Gallaibh.

From Co. Clare

Dear Sir, May I through the medium of your paper comment on what appears to be an almost callous indifference to the sufferings of of two million ordinary working people by their 'brothers' in the South!

One gets the impression that the

Six Counties should somehow be chopped off the main body, preferably into the sea whilst we here in the South, at the instigation of our rulers would be free through continuous shoe-lucking, to share in the collecting of coins from the Common Market poor box!

For example, we have Jack Lynch and Morning Cloud Heath discussing our future with little or no regard for the plight of the innocents North and South of the Border. By innocents I mean those who have been gulled and sold out in the North. Minority having been thrown to the north wind by "We shall not stand idly by" Lynch. Protestant people used as pawns on the Westminster chess board in the common interest of the Common Market. However, while the struggle for justice and human dignity continues, wherever it is seen to be lacking in this island of hypocritical Saints and Scholars, we can rest assured that our Common Marketters will enjoy the Olympics in the Common Market of Sunshine in Munich under the benign smile of Brussels.

SEAN McGRATH,
Moher View, Lisdoonvarna.

NO PEACE WITHOUT COMPLETE FREEDOM

Patrick H. Pearse

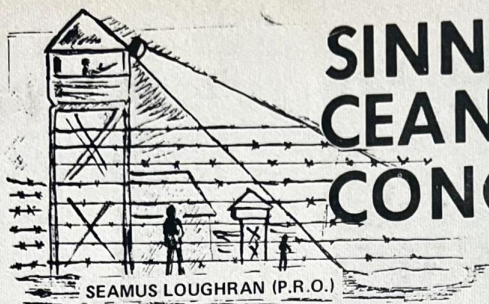
We owe to our country all fealty, and she asks always for our service; and there are times when she asks of us not ordinary but some supreme sacrifice. There are in every generation those who shrink from the ultimate sacrifice but there are in every generation those who make it with joy and laughter, and these are the salt of our generations, heroes who stand midway between God and Men.

Patriotism is in large part a memory of heroic dead men and a striving to accomplish some task left unfinished by them. Had they not gone before, made their attempts, suffered the sorrow of their failures, we should long ago have lost the tradition of faith and service, having no memory in the heart, nor any unaccomplished dream.

The generation that is now growing old in Ireland had almost forgotten our heroes. We had learned the

great art of parleying with our enemy and of achieving nationhood by even negotiation. The heroes had trodden hard and bloody ways we should tread soft and flowery ways. The heroes had given up all things; we had learned a way of gaining all things - land and good living and the friendship of our foe. But the soil of Ireland, yea the very stones of our cities have cried out against our infidelity that would barter an old tradition of nationhood even for a thing so precious as PEACE.

This the heroes have done for us; for their spirits dwell in the places where they lived and the hills of Ireland must be rent and the cities levelled to the ground, and all her children driven out upon the seas of the world, and this before those voices are silenced that bid us be faithful still and make no PEACE with England until IRELAND IS OURS.



SINN FEINN COMHAIRLE CEANNTAIR LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP

In view of the efforts of the British Army and her helpers to coerce the people of the six counties into the acceptance of an imposed solution, the following points should be remembered. With the negative success of Operation Motorman and the failure of the British to achieve any sort of peace from their callous intimidation and brutality we asked ourselves - what next? The spate of arrests, accompanied with the inevitable brutality, the further detentions, again reiterated on TV as the way out for Whitelaw, he has interned no one, all point in one direction, very soon, if it has already been put into operation, the Heath/Whitelaw/Lynch solution for the Irish race will take place.

Everything has been tried by Whitelaw, he now hints that the British people are fed up subsidising this part of our island, and one has to agree that 300 million pounds per year is a lot of loot, that is everything except the obvious. The one force that has caused this situation to come about, the one set of people who can guarantee peace, the only organisation with enough political forethought to plan for the whole island as a Nation, these are the people that have been ignored. We refer, of course, to the Republican

Movement. The fact that they have in the past six months called two ceasefires from their supporters and Volunteers and made them work is ample proof of the control that is exercised by the leadership of the Movement. The last truce, a bilateral one, was broken by the British Army at the behest of the UDA who found probably that peace did not suit them at all, a fact encouraged by the assassinations that took place since the beginning of the truce. There was no reason why the truce should have gone at Lenadoon, no reason at all.

The British Army were 'in control' of the area and should have insisted on the right to put those unfortunate people in the homes given them by the Housing Executive, instead of accepting UDA pressure and backing down to their demands, which incidentally, have proved worthless as the Protestant people have moved out of South Lenadoon anyway, a fact not given too much coverage these days. The point here is to

prove that the Republicans were right, their demands that the people be housed, even if it took a little time to prove that they were right in their assumption that the Protestants were going to use the situation to move out anyway. The Army of the People is still there intact, and obviously intent on carrying on the war, the only way the war can be stopped is by direct talks with the representatives of the Movement and by an agreed guaranteed truce, pending more talks for an immediate and definite settlement of the problems. Republicans are not two-headed monsters, as some would have the people believe, they are dedicated Irish people, dedicated to seeking the unconditional freedom of their people, whatever the price be that they have to pay.

It may well be that some people cannot understand this dedication probably because it has not crossed their minds that the people of this land want or need their freedom, but it must be obvious after the events of the past four years that all is not well with the minority of the people of this area. Bearing in mind that the leadership of the Republican Movement can have only one aim, that being the setting up of a Socialist Democratic Republic of 32 counties, it is amazing that there has been so little discussion along these lines from any of those who claim to speak for members of the minority.

The fallacy of the SDLPs talks with Heath must surely be a firm indication that the British Government do not want to hear anything that does not coincide with their already formulated plans for us.

The time has come for all members of the community to seriously study the prospects of a future in Ireland, a future fraught with strife, of a future welcoming an effort by all our people to re-establish the way of life so badly wanted and needed by all of us. We here in Long Kesh are as eager for a solution as anyone else, maybe more so, but an imposed solution will not work, will not be acceptable to most and will only by its creation sow the seeds for further revolution and trouble for our country, a country which has already suffered

more than enough. We as Republicans, have no objections to anyone practising a particular creed or faith; we have no objections to the freedoms we all so earnestly desire, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to lead our lives as we see fit within the laws of a just, fair and democratic society. We see no sense in giving up the struggle when none of these things have been achieved, and it would be foolish of anyone to suppose that we are otherwise.

The creation of the type of society we seek is amplified by our programme, EIRE NUA, the New Ireland, and in it are set down the ideas for the new society we envisage within the programme. It is only a pool of our ideas, quite open to discussion and if necessary amendment, but it is concrete, the suggestion that we are politically bankrupt goes to the wall when one reads these suggestions from us; when one considers that we have already dropped from our war, various points that we found or thought we found would not be acceptable under any circumstances, to certain of the Irish peoples.

We have proved by the truces, that we can control the war, that we are prepared to listen, who listened harder than we at Lenadoon? What did we achieve from all that listening? Nothing, only a step back into the endless grind of war.

Our people are fed up with war, we know that, no-one likes war, we do not like fighting that deprives of our freedom and our normal way of life. But the war must go on until sense is seen by the invader and those who support him. The minority have had all they are going to take. There will be no more acceptance, as an every day thing, of discrimination, of oppression, of bigotted rule, or of anything which is not totally fair to one and all. It is not up for speculation what way the war may go, only the facts, hard as they are to accept that the war will go on until someone listens to what we, as spokesmen for the minority, demand.

There is no future in talking around any point, better by far to say what you have to say so that all will know what it is you want. The aims of Ogligh na h-Eireann are pretty straightforward as we have

already said. The ideas formulated and now printed in the booklet, EIRE NUA, are all part of the policy of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic. We realise that we cannot have all we want, we are prepared to negotiate on each and every point, as long as there is a future in entering those talks. We are sick to death of hearing about the callous leadership which seems to be pitiless. What a fallacy. Our present leadership is the strongest and best supported, we in the movement have ever had. They have proved that they are capable of directing this war, funny thing is the British and their hirelings have been much more brutal and have been seen to be so (thanks to TV and unbiased reporting). We are not backing down on anything that any Republican holds dear, we are not by nature a callous or indifferent people, we are not a vengeful people, witness the refusal to engage in sectarian warfare despite the weight of the assassinations on our people.

In the final analysis, it is to be hoped, because hope springs eternal that the powers that be in their wisdom will soon see their way clear to open negotiations with the leadership because any talks that take place without our representatives are bound to be fruitless, simply because they would not have our point of view, and it has already been decided that all points of view must be heard. Heath and Whitelaw would appear to be the men in the middle, the men that hold the nay and year of it all. It is up to them, if, as they say, they are interested in solving this problem once and for all. At 300 millions per year it is essential.

With the advent of the EEC it is absolutely essential. We want peace with justice, England must guarantee peace with justice. Unionism must accept that their reign is over, they did not do too badly for themselves, and understand that peace with justice is a guarantee for them too. The world in general is in the best position to see if our demands are unfair or uncalled for. Let us be at it, think of all the energy and power that is directed at the war effort, imagine that same energy and power directed to the creation of an EIRE NUA, a new Ireland, fit for all persons to live in freedom from oppression, war, bigotry - an Ireland worthy of the race who live here.

FRUSTRATION

A categorical 'no' was Whitelaw's answer to Ian Paisley's demand for a public and impartial inquiry into the killing of two loyalist men on the Shankill Road recently. Paisley's threat that if he did not get his inquiry, he would withdraw from the 'conference' did not deter the Whitelaw decision. Still the answer was 'no'.

The frustration of this situation is not a new thing to the Nationalist population. Many, many of our people have been killed by British soldiers under highly questionable circumstance, but we never got an inquiry.

Seamus Cusack and Desmond Beattie, two young Derry men were murdered in the Bogside, and against a wave of public feeling, including the withdrawal from Stormont of the minority MPs, the British refused an inquiry. Only an inquest months later went some way to vindicating these young men. Three young

boys from Newry were gunned down walking along the street eating chips. Post mortem revealed that undigested chips were still in the mouths of these lads. Still there was no inquiry and we had to suffer the indignity of slander that these three young men were IRA men.

Let there be no doubt that only the magnitude of the slaughter on the streets of Derry on the 30th January 1972; only the fact that the TV media of many countries revealed the terrible truth of that day of carnage, did we get the ill-fated Widgery inquiry (and what good did that do us). Ian Paisley would do himself a favour in examining the following reports: SCARMAN, COMPTON, WIDGERY, and WHITELAW, only then will he really see that an inquiry into the killing of these two Protestants would only serve as a vindication of the Paratroopers.

LURGAN

STATEMENT FROM
THOMAS HARTE
SINN FEIN CUMANN

The Thomas Harte Cumann Sinn Fein, Shankill (Lurgan) in a statement say that since "Operation Motorman" when the Shankill area of Lurgan was saturated with the occupation forces young children have persisted in playing around military vehicles despite warnings from adults. We strongly advise parents to exert proper control over their children; they are being used merely as protection by the British Army and the responsibility for any ensuing casualties among these children rests with the British Forces and not with the Irish Republican Army.

We take this opportunity in view of the recent slanderous attacks made by Miss Maria Maguire to express our complete confidence in the Irish Republican Army under the leadership of Sean MacStiofain.

DID YOU KNOW THAT
FROM the 26th March, 1972
68 Catholics have been
murdered by assassinations
squads. The number of
protestants murdered in the
same period is 26.

FINN

(by W.J. CLARKE)

*I have watched our little boys
Grow fast to little men,
Everytime they climb the slopes
Of Bracken and of fern*

*Sliding down the heather
Rushing through the glen
Baptised in our mountain
streams
In morn at 6 a.m.*

*Marching to the rhythm
Left, right, left, right again
Their little bodies offered
In sacrifice amen.*

*So when in club or pub
Don't forget the plea
To arm our little soldiers
Who fight for you and men*

*The Fianna have the mission
To take the place of men
For in the youth of Ireland
Lies our freedom once again.*



PATRICK PEARSE SAID:

"There are only two ways of righting wrongs: reform and revolution. Reform is possible when those who inflict the wrong can be got to see things from the point of view of those who suffer the wrong."

BELFAST

SINN FEIN
DAIL CEANNTAIR

PRESS RELEASE

On September the 14th, a Press Conference was held in a downtown hotel by Sinn Fein.

Mr. Eamon Caughey, chairman, Belfast Co-Ordinating Committee, opened the conference and referred to the British denials of brutality towards Remand Prisoners as "vicious lies" concocted to save Whitelaw's face. He called for the abolition of the Military and RUC guard on prisoners who were being transported to Hillsborough Court house and their replacement by Prison Officers.

Evidence was given to members of the press by female relatives of some of the men held in The Maze Prison and afterwards answered questions put to them by reporters. One lady, Mrs. E. Higgins was visibly upset during the recounting of the happenings at the Maze. At one stage during her evidence she bared her arms to show bruises she personally received at the hands of an RUC constable. There were approximately twelve ladies present and there were twice that number of Press and TV representatives.

A statement was read by Mr. Caughey which had been received that morning from the OC of the internees, Mr. Liam Hannaway, in which he described the events within the prison, as witnessed by him. The ladies then produced various articles, including two guitars and a transistor radio, which had been sent out from the prison after the cowardly attack on the defenceless 'remands'. The guitars were broken in several places and the radio bore the unmistakable imprint of a rifle butt on its twisted cover. It is hoped that the wide coverage which the Conference received in the daily papers will be instrumental in ending this type of behaviour by the enemy.

SIGNED: Liam O'Muirí,
Press Officer.

ARMAGH

STATEMENT BY
ARMAGH COMHAIRLE
SINN FEIN

The Armagh Comhairle Ceantair representing 8 Sinn Fein Cumainn wholeheartedly pledge our support for the leadership of the Republican Movement both North and South.

SIGNED: Press Officer,
Armagh Comhairle Ceantair.

DUNGANNON

STATEMENT FROM THE
DOROTHY MAGUIRE SINN FEIN
CUMANN, DUNGANNON

Having read the recent issue of the UNITED IRISHMAN we the members of the Dorothy Maguire Cumann are inflamed by the ludicrous but spiteful attack made by it on our members and army. Under the strain that others are trying to put us, especially the projected statements of a former member by the British propaganda machine and this statement, it is with much pride that we declare our solidarity with our leaders both political and military and we charge the leadership of the NLF of being faceless men blowing in the wind of opinion and thus losing sight of their own professed ideals.

We are but a few of the many people who have not forgotten Bombay Street and the other incidents that occurred at that time when the same self-styled, self-professed leaders and organisation were found wanton in their non-existent efforts to defend the Nationalist people both Catholic and Protestant from the sectarian thugs and murderer who pillaged, wrecked and killed and so furthered the division of our people. But rather than attack these insane maniacs you see fit only to attack by slander the true defenders of the people.

How pathetic can one get when you know only too well that the members of Sinn Fein and the IRA are not and never will be guilty of sectarianism. They have and will continue to attack all those whose interests are served by the division of our people. We will not accept on no account another 50 years of impoverished rule. It would go well for them to remember this. We appeal to the ordinary member of the NLF to dissociate themselves from that organisation because while remaining they are being deceived and corrupted into viewing things in a twisted manner. Your leaders are for the most part thick little nobodys bypassed in the fight for freedom, and having been stung by the reality of this seek to destroy that which gives the only hope for a secure and lasting future for our children. Ireland will rue the day they succeed in destroying this opportunity

Statement

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Canada, without being conscious of the fact, is passing through the greatest crisis in its history. This is the opinion of a Canadian Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism in a report published in October, 1967.

The census of 1961 in Canada reveals the cause of the crisis. It showed that over ten-and-a-half million Canadians spoke English, over five million spoke French and the remaining two-and-a-half million spoke German, Italian, Ukrainian, Dutch, Polish, Scandinavian, Yiddish, Indian and Eskimo.

When the English won Canada 100 years ago the French population numbered 65,000. Since then the French have multiplied, filled Quebec province and spilled over into neighbouring provinces. After the English conquest attempts were made to suppress the French language, but it was not long until bilingualism was accepted in courts and public life in the French-speaking areas. However, up to the present day there have been many instances of discrimination against French, particularly in areas where French speakers have less than a majority. This is the direct cause of the present crisis.

It is only in Quebec Province that the language of instruction in the schools coincides with the mother tongues of the children. Two separate school systems have been built up, for Catholic (French) and Protestant (English) children. Outside Quebec, Manitoba is the sole province where French may be used as a language of instruction. There, specific permission must be obtained and instruction in French is limited to half the school day.

The vitality of the French-speaking community in Canada is apparent from the fact that it has maintained its position at about thirty per cent of the population for the past eighty years. This has been so despite the heavy immigration into English-speaking Canada and the absence of transfusions into French Quebec.

The Canadian language situation can best be described by an account of the work and conclusions of the Royal Commission. Growth of the Quebec Separatist movement led to the setting up of the Commission in 1963. It immediately set about a task for which there were few precedents — acquiring factual information on the problems of language and culture.

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The members of the Commission met many thousands of Canadians at regional meetings in fourteen public sessions each lasting up to four days. Four hundred submissions were received from organisations and individuals. University professors and special experts were employed to supply one hundred and fifty research reports. These included detailed studies of the language situation in Finland, Switzerland, Belgium and South Africa.

A study was carried out among seven large firms and 794 small firms divided between the English and French-speaking communities in Quebec and Montreal. It showed, the report said, that "The differences in viewpoint between the two language groups were significant."

Eleven research reports on Canadian press and television included a content analysis and comparison of the handling of news by English and French language newspapers. Referring to the present crises the Commission's report said: "It is a time when decisions must be taken and developments must occur leading either to Canada's breaking up or to a new set of conditions for future existence."

The Commission inquired in depth into the connection between language and culture and said: "The life of the two cultures (English and French) implies in principle the life of the two languages. Later when we deal with the idea of equality we shall see that at the practical level an attempt to make every provision for cultural equality is primarily an attempt to make every provision for linguistic equality."

On the question of the country's economic life the report says that not only must individual English speakers and French speakers feel that there are no linguistic or cultural barriers to their progress at commerce or industry, but they must also feel that as a linguistic and cultural group they share in the direction of economic life.

"Language is the main instrument of social consciousness" it said. "It is chiefly because they don't share the same language that they don't belong to the same cultural group."

The Commission said that its survey of language rights in Canada revealed "the wholly inadequate way then we must conclude that the

in which present laws give effect to the concept of the country as an equal partnership between two linguistic communities."

It decided to take as a guiding principle the recognition of both official languages in law and in practice, wherever the minority is numerous enough to be visible as a group. It suggested the minority was visible when it reached ten per cent of the population of a particular district. It said: "Living in French must be made possible in every part of Canada where there are enough French-speaking people."

The Commission recommended that English and French be formally declared the official languages of the Parliament of Canada, of the Federal courts, of the Federal Government and of the Federal Administration.

Giving its reasons it asserted: "If we add up the number of times a citizen must use language when dealing with the various agencies of government — if we consider the decisive role language plays in the schools, if we think of the mass media controlled by the State —

CANADA

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influence of public authorities on the use of language is deep and strong."

The report suggest language practices at Federal and provincial level throughout Canada. It said its aim was to encourage an active co-operation among all provincial governments in providing services to the regional minority in its own language.

In its recommendations on education the Commission's report says the real stumbling block has been the unwillingness of the English-speaking majority to recognize the right of French-speaking parents to educate their children in French. It recommends that the right of Canadians to have their children educated in the official language of their choice be recognised. In the officially bilingual provinces there would be parallel school systems for English and French-speaking children.

In an obvious reference to the maintenance of Canadian unity the report concluded with this remark: "We are convinced that it is important for Canada to maintain strong and vigorous links in the chain of French language and culture across the whole country."

AMERICAN CONGRESS FOR IRISH FREEDOM

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Dear Mr. Editor,

I never thought I would read a statement like your article published in the Republican News on August 25th. You were 100 per cent correct.

It seems that the Republican Movement is perfectly willing to sit by and watch the British propaganda machine go to work describing Irish patriots as murderers and terrorists. I have been attempting to counteract such propaganda but obviously can do little in this country where I am continually advised that the Irish at home never make the statements I make and so, I must be putting out distortions of fact. I heartily agree that Sinn Fein and the movement has fallen flat on its face. Those men who are bleeding and dying on the streets of Belfast and Derry deserve more. I consider this to be a national disgrace.

Every army should have, and does have in the rest of the world, a department of psychological warfare. The IRA doesn't seem to know the meaning of the words. The British Government has 2 public relations firms working for them in New York City at a cost of about 10 million dollars a year. Not a shilling is being paid to counteract such propaganda efforts by Mr. Heath. We urge you to speak out further on this subject. I enclose some of the literature I have produced recently.

I was in Belfast in July attempting to correct this situation but met with practically no success, I am sorry to say.

Respectfully yours,
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WHEN SMALL NATIONS CLOSE THE MOUTH OF THE MIGHTY BRITISH LION

I never thought I'd see the day, How often have we heard that? More often no doubt from the older generation of our grandparents day, many of whom took the long khaki road to the colonies and the short bloody road back. The old lion has lost her teeth but the illusion still exists.

These Taigs and Republicans are causing this trouble. If it wasn't for them, this place would be a great wee place to live in.

What about them niggers just out of the jungle? Sure aren't they kicking out good hard working Asians, them with British passports too!! In our day we would have fixed them. Them long haired Commies and Wogs destroying the country, we would have fixed them! If it wasn't for this old wound I got in India, I'd show them. Oh by the way, Bill, I've a few old medals lying around the house, maybe you'd drop them into Kavanagh for me if you're in town. I don't like going in now its not safe.

The Six Counties, the last outpost, represents a pain in the neck to Britain when it comes to dealing with old colonies and world powers. These have developed over the past few years a most annoying habit. Every time Britain pokes her nose into their affairs they point the finger at the Six Counties and say: "Look who's talking," and clam goes the mouth of the mighty British Lion.

The leader of West Pakistan during the invasion of East Pakistan with all its horror, when his actions were condemned, pointed to the Six Counties and said: "What about the blood on the street of Belfast and Derry?"

When the USSR were accused of persecuting the Jews they said: "What about the Republicans in the Six Counties?" Now Uganda President Idi Amin tells Britain a few home truths by pointing out that the Loyalists in the Six Counties were planted there, they were put on the hill to look down on the natives just like the Asians were in Uganda.

This game of accusation and counter accusation has been repeated around the world.

We the people of Ireland are being used to lend weight to some of the most disturbing aspects of world politics. Our agony is all too common in the world today and our burden made even worse in the knowledge that the agony they heap on others abroad in areas like Vietnam and Pakistan is seen to be no worse than ours.

Britain has sullied the name of democracy. By their evil doing they have made it possible for others to pursue similar programmes in the name of so called democracy.

We say to the British people — ACT NOW — withdraw from Irish soil or democracy in the world shall find a level so low that you as a people at some stage must fall victim to its new and dark horizons.

Democracy, like a machine, needs attention. It must be well maintained, if one part is allowed to go rusty, one can be left with a heap of junk!!

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES

TAKEN INSIDE LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP

'The men behind the Wire'

RIGHT:

AN INTERNEES' GAELIC CLASS IN LONG KESH — FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS NOT ABLE TO USE FLASH BULBS!



AROUND AND ABOUT BY CON

British Army spokesmen in the Six Counties admit that things have developed 'not quite as expected' since Operation Motorman which Heath saw as the prelude to destruction of the Provisional IRA.

With unusual frankness, a senior officer told the United Press International News Agency that Whitehall was becoming increasingly worried by the mounting expertise of what he described as "unusually accurate IRA marksmen who have come on the scene".

The officer was flustered into confessing that the idea of crackshots who could pick off a well protected soldier with a single bullet had come as a surprise to the top military brass.

He obviously felt our volunteers, faced by such a massive build up in troops, would be rounded up easily, or run into permanent hiding. When will the British learn that guerrillas thrive on hit and run tactics? And did nobody ever mention to the generals that the more troops there are on the streets, the greater number of targets they present?

It follows naturally that the British media are bent once again on dreaming up a new truce, and pretending that the IRA are divided on this issue. While the Tory Daily Telegraph talks of Sean MacStiopinain being stronger than ever in the leadership because of the new UDA threat, of sectarian warfare, the Guardian slips up by saying that Belfast commander, Seamus Twomey described as a hard line Sean MacStiopinain man - has been replaced by Gerry Adams, whom they call 'a moderate, interested in an end to bombing'. Seamus and Gerry must have had a good laugh over the newspaper mix-up. The Guardian's Simon Haggart claims the Republican movement would call a ceasefire if the British Government simply made a statement that "Irish unity was the long-term solution to the Ulster Problem".

The Guardian will have to do better than this. This so-called liberal newspaper knows well

that there are other minimal pre-conditions to any truce, including the release of internees and political prisoners. And a guarantee, neutrally witnessed, that the truce would not be broken by slippery Whitelaw or his Westminster and Whitehall masters.

Incidentally, won't somebody please tell Paddy Kennedy, the oath-bound MP, that the Provisional movement is not interested in joining a new non-conference of the splintered Opposition MPs, any more than it can care a ha'penny damn about Whitelaw's pro-Unionist get together in Darlington next week.

Anyone who knows Darlington will realise why it was chosen for this negative talk-shop. It's one of the neglected towns of North-east England, and must be mesmerised into disbelief by the publicity fanfares that greet the conference to be held there as 'vital to future relations between Britain and Ireland'.

It's a wonder they did not choose that butt of musical comedy jokes, weary-looking Wigan.

UDA

The cowardly UDA attacks on the Catholic ghettos in Larne must surely be psychological. Larne is the last place Unionists see before sailing to Stranrair and the Union Jack homeland. Major Alexander Marrs, shocked by the death and injuries, after the sectarian outbursts in his harbour town, said the UDA were completely out of character, as Larne has had - he says - good community relations. Even protestant neighbours agreed that the Larne Mullarkey was started by men in para-military (UDA) style uniforms).

Larne is the last stop for bigots before they head for Scotland. The UDA must have read how General De Gaulle, disgusted by Frenchmen fighting against the Algerians, warned them they should quit and become citizens of their adopted country, or head for the ports to France.... and retirement from colonialism.

A million Frenchmen took his advice, and Algeria was free. Perhaps the UDA bully boys fear that Larne might become their last line of retreat if Britain, sickened by the crushing money losses and manpower waste of the northern struggle orders the 'loyalists' to keep their traditions, but to give their first allegiance to their native country. IT'S A T HOUGHT.

IRISH REPUBLICAN PUBLICITY BUREAU

We have been asked to release the following statement.....

(1) The hunger-strike by Republican prisoners in the Curragh Military Detention Camp continues, as 11 prisoners enter their 7th day of refusing food.

Due to the fact that the 26-County Government have reneged on its promise to accord full political status to the prisoners, it has been found necessary by the prisoners to commence again a hunger strike in order to be accorded, after all, what was accorded to the Republican prisoners in Crumlin Road Prison Belfast, by the British Government, viz. political prisoner status. Details of the demands of the prisoners have already been issued in a previous statement released on the 15th September.

The living conditions of the prisoners in the Curragh are atrocious. The prison is in a filthy state, with garbage and rotten food posing a grave health hazard. The prison authorities have refused to provide clean delph or cutlery for each meal, and any food that is eaten by those not on hunger-strike is eaten from cardboard, tins, bottles, jam-jars and bare hands.

Again it must be pointed out that the agreement entered into with the prisoners by the 26 County Government has been broken by the latter, who must bear full responsibility for the consequences.

(2) The conditions existing in Mountjoy prison re: remand prisoners are very bad and a protest was staged within the prison to bring attention to bear on these conditions. The prisoners barricaded themselves into three cells. Steel-helmeted and baton-carrying Gardai were called in but the prisoners refused to take down the barricades.

The doors were subsequently taken down and some of the prisoners were brutally ill-treated kicked, batoned and dragged by their hair across the compound. The prisoners involved were then taken to the punishment cells and put on bread and water punishment diet for a fortnight.

SIGNED: P. O'Neill.
RUNAI, I.R.P.B.

Send the Republican News to your friends abroad... let them know the truth!!!!

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On Monday afternoon a negro soldier assaulted a youngster of 4 years. He later said that the child was swearing at him. Standing next to this soldier one could detect a sweet aroma, tell-tale of a certain drug. The behaviour of these troops would certainly make one suspicious of them being under the influence of drugs. As these soldiers patrol the streets, day or night they cannot allow a woman or girl to pass without shouting the foulest obscenities.

As darkness falls early these nights, the whole area becomes blacked out. There are no street lights and the Saracenet patrol at top speed with no lights. Any resident who happens to be driving into the area finds the patrol on bended knee, rifles aimed and triggers cocked. This can be a terrorising hapening. Then you hear the high-pitched voice..... "Get those f.....ing lights out". Failure to do this promptly may lead to a broken windscreen from a rifle butt, or it may even mean DEATH as these troopers are so jumpy. The behaviour of the Green Jackets is not breaking the Clonard peoples' spirit, but constant nights of terror as happened over the weekend makes them wonder who among us will fall victim to these murderous thugs..

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the past few years. I for one can not see how people like Erne Sense will escape prosecution for aiding the enemy when we finally and fully win. He has already said much, too much about Ireland's greatest sons. He has painted them as thugs and fools. He would be well advised to read Pearse's lines:

"The lawyers have sat in Council, the men with the keen long faces, And said: 'This man is a fool' and others have said: 'He blasphemeth,'" And the wise men have pitied the fool that have striven to give a life in the world of time and place among the bulks of actual things, To a dream that was dreamed in the heart, and that on the heart could hold. O Wise men riddle me this: What if the dream comes true? What if the dream comes true? and if millions unborn shall dwell in the house that I have shaped in my heart, the noble house of my thought?