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OLD BAILEY SHOW TRIAL

POLICE FRAME UP EXPOSED

The following statement, compiled by a member of the Clonard Martyrs Cumann, Sinn Fein, was issued within an hour of the murder.

MURDER OF FRANK MOYNA

In an orgy of raiding and arrests in the Clonard area commencing early this morning the Parachute Regiment concluded by murdering a Clonard resident, Mr. Frank Moyna of Bombay Street. The raiding commenced in Brown's Leoville Street, then Bell's Kashmir Road, O'Riordan's of Clonard Gardens, and then Kelly's Clonard Gardens.

The raid on the Moyna home commenced at 4.15 p.m. when a foot patrol of Paras cordoned off the house, then 3 jeep loads of paras with a dog, and 3 Saracens loaded with soldiers arrived to commence the search. They forced their way into the home in which Mr. and Mrs. Moyna were about to have their tea. Mr. Moyna took ill at this time, whilst Mrs. Moyna was escorting the Paras on their search of the upstairs bedrooms. She shouted to the neighbours who had gathered that her husband had taken ill but was dragged away from the window by the Paras. She came downstairs to find her husband gasping for breath and the Paras shouting at him to shut up. She ran to the window and asked the neighbours to get him some GTN tablets and a doctor and a priest. Again she was dragged from the window the Paras telling her husband in his last breath to shut his mouth. When a priest, Father Peter Burns of Clonard arrived at the scene he was refused admittance to the home and eventually forced his way through. Mr.

Moyna was dead by this time, 4.40 p.m. and Mrs. Moyna came out to tell the people. The people went berserk, one woman making an attempt to grab one of the Paras who immediately threatened her with arrest for 'obstruction'. On hearing that the man was dead they ran like wild men into the jeeps and saracens and made out of the district. In their haste their dog fell from a jeep and was dragged for a considerable distance along the Kashmir Road. A 9 months pregnant woman was also threatened with being shot by these soldiers.

The Clonard District has been the scene over the past month for many vicious and brutal attacks from this regiment and only last week another Clonard man, Mr. Moore was almost killed in an unprovoked incident. The death of Mr Moyna we believe will be the first of many to be caused by these soldiers. We demand, in the name of the people of Clonard for these soldiers to be removed immediately before some more innocent people are seriously injured or murdered. There is no doubt in our minds that their attitude to Mr. Moyna in refusing him medical attention contributed to his death and as such these soldiers are guilty of murder. The Moyna family have come in for particular harassment, one of their sons being framed on two occasions and having to serve time. Their case is at present being investigated by the Association for Legal Justice.

BRITISH SPECIAL BRANCH INVENTED 'IRA' PERSONNEL

Last Monday (24th January) the trial of four young Irish Republicans began in the Old Bailey, London. Three of the young men bravely stood up in court and admitted bombing soldier-pubs in Guilford and Woolwich in October 1974 and for which innocent people were serving life imprisonment.

These dramatic admissions sent shock-waves through the establishment in England, exposing the frame-up tactics of the British police, and bringing into relief the 80 or so convictions of Irish people sentenced on 'conspiracy' offences and on 'confession' evidence.

In the autumn of 1974 two English pubs frequented by British soldiers in Guilford and Woolwich were bombed. It is now known, by active-service units of the Irish Republican Army. IRA units proved so elusive that the English police and Special Branch invented IRA personnel and arrested three Belfast people resident in England and

an English girl. They were interrogated and tortured for seven days and forced to sign false confessions admitting the bombings.

These four people—Paul Hill, Gerald Conlon, Patrick Armstrong, and Armstrong's girlfriend Carol Richardson—were found guilty on October 22nd 1975 on 33 charges, including seven of murder. It was one of the biggest farces British justice has so far produced. No evidence (apart from extracted statements) or witnesses for the prosecution identifying the accused were produced. The trial had a strong anti-defendant bias from the 'Judge' Lord Donaldson.

An English pop-group were performing a concert on the other side of London when one of the attacks occurred and for which English-girl Carol Richardson was sentenced. The group gave evidence stating that she was with them, and produced a photograph of them together taken in the dance hall. The Judge ignored this.

Two months after these people were sentenced four young Irishmen gave themselves up after the six-day siege at Balcombe Street. They were cornered there after a gun attack on a London restaurant frequented by the rich, and a police chase through city streets.

Joseph O'Connell (Ennis, Co Clare), Edward Butler (Castleconnell, Co Limerick), Harry Duggan (Feakle, Co Clare), and Hugh Doherty (Crossbank Road, Glasgow) have been indicted on 25 charges which include the assassination of right-winger Ross MacWhirter and Bomb attacks on the home of war-criminal Edward Heath, former Prime Minister and Tory Leader.

Upon their arrest they were isolated and interrogated for over a week. The Special Branch drew up a list of 48 incidents which they believed the ASU had been responsible for. However, things began to go wrong for the Branch when Eddie Butler, Harry

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ANOTHER BRITISH MURDER?



Sean Campbell, on hunger strike for 12 days as we go to press, has been moved to the prison hospital wing in Albany Prison. Sean was seriously injured when almost beaten to death by Prison Officers in September. He was placed in solitary confinement when he recovered sufficiently to walk. While in solitary he was again beaten by Scurves. Since then permission has been refused Sean to see his solicitor in regard to the terrible beatings. It is ominous that both Michael Gaughan and Frank Stagg were transferred to the hospital wing at about the same stage in their hunger strikes. Both died rather than bow the knee to the corrupt prison administration which acts on the orders of the British Home Secretary, now Marilyn Rees.

All efforts will be made by the Republican Movement to see that the British Government do not allow Sean Campbell to die as they did Volunteers Gaughan and Stagg. Resistance will be organised against the latest act of Brit savagery.

by BROWNIE (second from the left)

THE MOLES

The tunnel from Cage 7 was inching its way towards the perimeter fence. It headed, at a worms pace, towards the area where the H-Blocks now stand. By John Joe's reckoning it was eighty foot long. In Cage 8, a shorter tunnel was started in the grass verge. It had only to cover thirty odd feet but as it was being worked in the open, right under the screws' noses, progress was much slower. In Cage 22 as well, a shaft was sunk, and the men began to edge along, underground, in an effort to join up with the others.

Digging tunnels isn't much crack. In fact it's scary, because even in Summer it's impossible to stay above the water level. Dry digging is impossible and the constant seepage, as you may guess, makes sudden shifts in the ground inevitable. Even the shoring is unreliable and prone to collapse at the slightest touch. The water seeps in everywhere because Long Kesh is built on a bog.

I'VE ALWAYS AVOIDED GOING DOWN TUNNELS

The name itself comes from 'Ceis Fhada' which translates from the Gaelic as 'the long ditch' or 'basket'. Even the new Brit term, The Maze, comes from the Irish 'An Ma', which means the plain. Methinks it should have been called 'An tUisce' (the water). At any rate for all these reasons, I've always avoided going down tunnels.

I was perfectly willing to bale out water, hide dirt, wash clothes, clean up, cut shoring, make tools or keep watch. I was even prepared to undertake the awesome job of digging through two feet of concrete floor, with only the most basic of home-made chisels. Anything as long as I didn't actually have to go up the tunnel. And anyway I was no good at digging, none of this made any difference of course because orders is orders. They say you can ask questions afterwards? So there was I feeling foolish in a pair of shorts, letting on to be indifferent to the death that surely awaited me, asking casually to your man. There was no way out of it.

Your man went down first, disappearing slowly as the shaft swallowed him up. I followed reluctantly, feet first. Things got a bit tight when I was waist-deep in floor. There wasn't enough room to get my arms through and I forced my body into position 44, (yoga of course). And then down I slid.

STRANGE KIND OF FEELING

There were two inches of water in the base of the shaft, cold water which lapped, in little waves, around my ankles. The tunnel mouth was only two foot square and as I hunkered down I could see it narrowing as bags of returned dirt belled their way out from the sides. Your man's feet, toe-deep in silt, glared back at me as I resignedly began my journey.

It's a strange kind of a feeling crawling up a tunnel. Complete quietness punctuated only by laboured breathing and little splashes as crumbs of dirt plopped their way into the water. The shoring, strengthened by my prayers, seemed sound enough and in my initial excitement, fear and

in the scramble to regain the security offered by your man's feet, I forgot the cold.

We were soon hard at work. Slow tortuous work. He scraped at the face with a home-made shovel and I lay on his legs, holding him steady, doing my best to minimise movement, wishing I was somewhere else.

We were only down for twenty minutes. I think I could have stuck it longer, lying there petrified, then yer man let off ...phew! I don't want to make it sound melodramatic but in the cramped space, far below Long Kesh's tarmac'd and concreted surface, I panicked. Anyhow it was as good, original and as serious an excuse, as any other I'd had, so we shuffled our way backwards, towards the shaft and the abnormality overhead.

THEY NEVER LET ME GO DOWN AGAIN

They never let me go down again. Nobody said anything of course. They just put me to hiding dirt. I looked disappointed, suspected your man of

backstabbing and offered a prayer of thanksgiving to St. Jude.

Things continued above and below ground and by the end of the second week we were feeling pretty hopeful. Cage 7 had almost reached the perimeter, 8 had survived a heavy fall of rain and we had scraped through two scare raids. John Joe, over in 7, was even planning a holiday in France, Cedric had sent all his clothes out and your man talked of the propaganda value that his return to war would warrant. I thought, quietly to myself, of the safety of West Mayo and spoofed along with the rest.

On Saturday we were moved. Sin No warning. We tried to talk our way out of it of course but you know the score yourself. 'We move or the Brits move us.' We moved. As a sort of a consolation we left our gaping hole in the floor unmarked and unhidden with a note for Davy Long (Head Security Screw) poking out of its mouth. That, at least, would get somebody into trouble. The Screws are supposed to stop us digging, you know.....

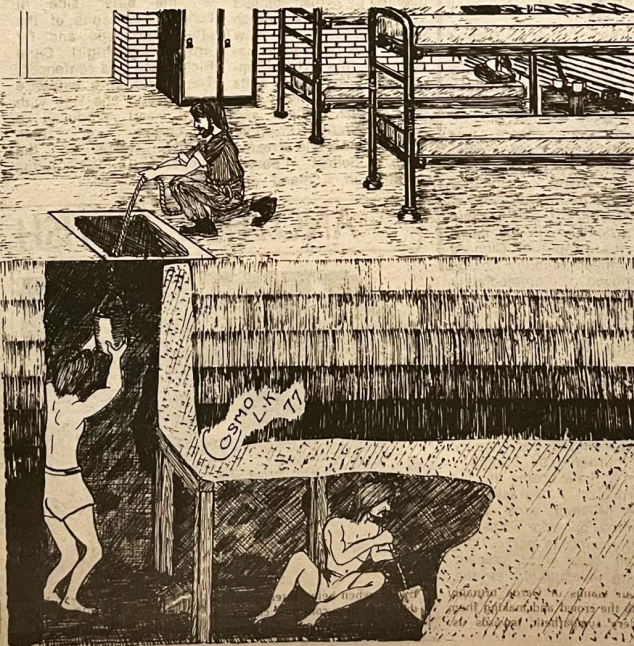
Our second day back here saw the start of another tunnel. The one in 7 looked a sure thing and none of us wanted left behind. We didn't get as far this time of course. The shaft was only finished when it was caught. Cage 8's collapsed a few days later. It nearly killed the screw, who disappeared into it while patrolling the yard.

And the one in Cage 7? The water got it. It filled up to the ceiling, one night, along its complete 100 feet length.

It was bound to happen you know. Winter's no time to dig. The heavy rainfall turns the ground to silt and apart from anything else it's a devil to hide.

Now in the Summer? The Summer's different. Your man reckons if we just keep below the hard core that we should be okay. He thinks we can manage to stay above the water level that way. Mind you, it just might work you know if we hit clay we'd be flying. The thing to do is to keep at it. Like we've nothing else to do anyway, have we?

And now, dear readers, I must go. Your man's calling me. He's got this idea about using hot air balloons. You never know. Beir bua, Slan agus bean-nacht. Brownie P.O.W. Long Kesh



CAMPAIGN TO HAVE TERROR ACT REPEALED

In March this year, Parliament will have before it for the fifth time the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, first introduced in November 1974.

The British public were led to believe that the Act was an unpleasant but necessary temporary measure, required to end the activities of mad bombers. It was hailed as the forerunner of peace in Ireland.

Since its introduction, over 2000 people have been arrested, and 1900 have been detained without charge or trial for up to 7 days, or up to 12 days if they were picked up at embarkation points. Relations and friends have been left in complete ignorance of detainees' whereabouts for the duration of their being held. 80 or so have been

deported to Ireland, without having any right to know why.

Those held have included a pregnant girl, a 13-year-old child, the committed pacifist Pat Arrowsmith, who was awarded £200 damages for wrongful arrest by the Hampshire police, and many others quite beyond suspicion as far as violence is concerned.

Meanwhile the killing in Ireland has continued.

All along the British Government's policy has been to crack down violently on those Irish men and women who ardently wish for peace in a united Ireland free from British interference.

By definition, no British strategy can pacify the Irish situation. As long as Britain clings to its first

and last colony, the violence will go on.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act represents a complete denial of basic civil liberties. It bodes ill for trade unionists, student militants and political activists in England, who have already witnessed how viciously the state is prepared to act against people involved even in normal trade union activities.

The Act is a shameful attempt to intimidate and harass the Irish in Britain to the extent that none will dare express legitimate republican opinions. This applies to conversations in private, not just to overt political activities, because the Act openly encourages

Irish people to inform on one another, and denies them the right to be silent when questioned.

The Trade Union Committee against the Prevention of Terrorism Act was set up primarily to fight for the release of people detained, and to defend the Irish community against harassment. It is now involved in a national campaign to have the Act repealed.

Money is desperately needed to finance the production of literature and the organisation of activities leading up to the Act coming before Parliament in March. We are making March 'Month of Action'.

Cheques should be made payable to the Trade Union Defence Committee, 37 Middle Lane, London N8.

SIT-IN OF 'IRISH NEWS' OFFICES BY UNIT FLATS R.A.C.

The offices of the 'Irish News' were taken over last Friday by the Unity Flats RAC and the following statement issued.

Today's Sit-In of these offices by the friends and relatives of the Unity Flats POW's is to highlight once more the growing concern of the people against the inhuman treatment being meted out to the Republican Political Prisoners in Crumlin Road, H Block, Long Kesh and Armagh.

Our presence here in a newspaper office is in no way meant to be an infringement on the freedom of the media,

but rather is a protest against such infringements as carried out by the media on the subject of 'POLITICAL STATUS', under direction from the British administration.

'POLITICAL STATUS' is a burning issue, and is the POW's by right, and we will continue through every avenue to highlight the right of political prisoners to political status, pending a general amnesty.

To the Irish News and to all the media outlets we

say, papers and broadcasts may be censored by the British, but the voice of a risen and resolute people cannot be gagged, and will continue to be raised in anger against the injustice that is Roy Mason's attitude towards the Republican Prisoners of War.

Unity Flats stand firmly behind the prisoners in their just demand to be treated as political prisoners and not criminals until it is met in full.

BRIT GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO SEE PRISONERS KILLED IN ORDER TO MAKE POINT

A march organised by the Short Strand Relatives Action Committee took place in the area on Sunday January 23rd as a protest against the action of the British government in refusing political status to anti-unionist prisoners in H Block Long Kesh, and to the women prisoners in Armagh.

One speaker pointed out that the government was inconsistent by insisting on one hand that the political prisoners should be treated as ordinary prisoners, yet they still tried political prisoners before the Special Diplock Courts, this placed political prisoners in a special category by the very fact that they are tried in a special court.

At a meeting held afterwards speakers on behalf of the R.A.C. stressed that the attempt by the British government to portray the political prisoners as criminals was part of the propaganda exercise of the government to deny that a struggle for National Liberation was being waged in the 6 Cos.

The Relatives Action Committee has demanded as a first step that the Republican prisoners be immediately segregated from Loyalist prisoners in Crumlin Road Jail.

If this is not granted it seems that the British Government is prepared to see prisoners killed to make a sterile point.

BRITS HIT SCHOOLBOY WITH BRICK



A twelve year old Andersonstown boy was rushed to hospital last Thursday after being hit with a brick, thrown from a Brit Land Rover. The boy, Anthony Melliduff from Gleneveigh Drive, was standing at a bus stop on the Glen Road after leaving his school, the C.B.S. Two Land Rovers approached and a brick was hurled from the second vehicle hitting the boy on the face. He was knocked out and sustained a black eye and lacerations on his cheek. Spectacles which the boy was wearing were broken. Andersonstown Advice Centre have appealed to the lady who came to Anthony's aid to contact them at the centre, or phone Belfast 622904.

WOMEN BEATEN BY BLUESHIRT POLICE

On Saturday the 15th of January North Dublin Sinn Fein held a picket protest in the centre of Dublin. The protest was to high-light conditions in Portlaoise Prison.

The hundred strong parade took the Gardaí by surprise when they blocked O'Connell St. The Gardaí brutally attacked the protest in an attempt to disperse it. They continually struck and threw people to the

ground and shocked the large crowd when they were seen viciously assaulting women and dragging them to the pavement. Due to the passive determination of the protesters to remain they failed miserably. They succeeded however in verifying our claims of Garda brutality to the crowd and making them very sympathetic towards us. On their way home seven members of the Patrick McAdory and a member of the

McNulty Cannon Cumainn Sinn Fein were arrested under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers Act. They all immediately went on thirst and hunger strike until charged or released.

'The Morale was fantastic!' Except when being interrogated they kept up a continual chorus of rebel songs and of course roars of 'Up the Provos' until their release around 4.15p.m. on Sunday.

BELFAST COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR, SINN FEIN

BRITS OUT — PEACE IN

A true and enduring peace must be based on justice. Where there is injustice their cannot be peace.

To establish a lasting peace in Ireland the national rights of the Irish people must be respected and the basic cause of violence must be removed.

This can only be achieved by a British commitment to withdraw from Ireland forever and by the establishment of a just and economic system which will give everyone a living in dignity and happiness.

The British declaration to withdraw must be given

now. This is the only basis for peace and prosperity in Ireland. A new 32-County system of government on federal lines with community government would guarantee the rights of all.

Such a structure would provide for the right of all the Irish people to sovereignty.

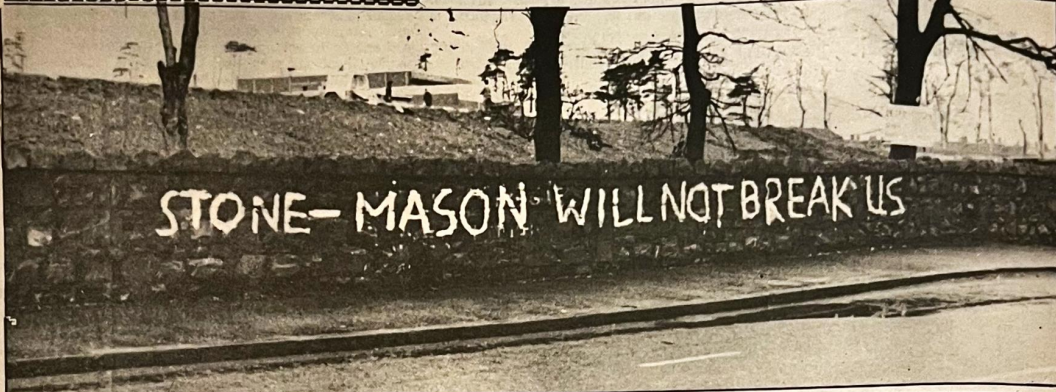
Only selfish politicians oppose this withdrawal, they would rather condemn us all to an indefinite continuation of strife.

Sinn Fein calls on everyone to demand a British withdrawal now! so that we may have-BRITS OUT & PEACE IN.

IRA KNOW NAMES OF THUGS

Some of the assaults have taken place during raids, for cash, on the homes of the old people on both sides of the

border. Those responsible, some of whom have already been identified, were masquerading as members of the Irish Republican Army. The North Armagh Command make it clear, in a supplied statement, that no member of the Republican Movement is involved in the despicable crimes and that stern action will be taken against those responsible.



At 5 a.m. on the morning of Monday 10th January 1977 the Twinbrook Community Centre was burned to the ground by gangsters. As a result of this act of aggression the people of Twinbrook have now, lost the only Community Centre the estate had.

The loss of this amenity came as a savage blow to the people of the area, as the centre was quite extensively used by the Local Tenants Association, as a meeting place for the Old Age Pensioner's Baby Clinic, Family Planning Clinic Irish Language Classes, Football and Boxing Teams, both the ladies and the working men of the area, and also

provided Social Entertainment for many of the younger people of the area who now have nowhere to go.

The FennellMcDonnell Cumann, on behalf of the Republican Movement in Twinbrook wishes, to state quite bluntly its utter condemnation of those thugs, who were responsible. The people of Twinbrook will not be fooled. They have suffered for far too long under the reign of terror, perpetrated, in Twinbrook Estate by these counter-revolutionaries.

The beatings of young boy's and girl's and married women, are not easily forgotten by the

working class people of Twinbrook. This local 'organization' of hoods and criminals, will no longer be tolerated. Their denials won't do them any good. The people know who are responsible.

The above mentioned organization' had long since realised that its credibility, in the Twinbrook area was on the decrease in the wake of bully-boy tactics, the constant harassment of local people and their participation in numerous armed robberies. Newsagents, Insurance Men, Milkmen local shops etc, have been the victims in these robberies.

The time has come to say enough is enough. This anti-people activity must and will stop.

The Fennell/McDonnell Cumann offers its condolences to the local Tenants Association. We realise that they have put a good deal of time and energy into trying to represent the peoples grievances at Community level, and we're sure that the vast majority of the people of Twinbrook will join with us, in congratulating them on their work in the past. As for the future, we anticipate that they will continue to work with the same vigour for the people of our estate.

It is widely believed that this counter-revolutionary organization, could not stomach the fact that, some local people had decided to genuinely try, and assist the local population and provide the many services which were beginning to flourish, in the area-the Community Centre, of course, being the focal point of these activities. The loss of the Community Centre, is the last straw for the people

LETTER FROM A REPUBLICAN IN H-BLOCK , LONG KESH

The Annual General Meeting of the above Committee was held in the usual venue. Delegates from all areas were in attendance.

The chairman in his address thanked all organisations, business men, clubs and shopkeepers for their magnificent help during the year which resulted in the raising of considerable finance for assisting needy Prisoners incarcerated in British and Irish jails.

He continued, "Although authorities have been placing obstacles in our way i.e. The denial of Political Status. We would still with the help of the people, carry out our duties to all our Political Prisoners."

He thanked the delegates for their help and assistance to him during his term of office.

Sec. 1 report was read and adopted. The report of the Election of officers took place.

"I will do my best to tell you all the sceal [news] in this. Well, about the Connolly Brady beating. As you know we were not taking any food at all on Christmas day. The screws were verbally abusing us all day, calling us "Bastards" at every opportunity. But we knew they were trying to provoke us.

“At tea time they came round with the tea and they wererewere really drunk by this time. They were going to fight with a few of us but were pulled back by another screw. When they came to Connolly Brady’s cell the screw called Bob McTyntyre through the foot and the floor and told him to pick it up. Connolly refused and then two other screws joined McTyntyre.

They went into the cell and gave Connolly a bad beating. These screws were Phil McCormack and Norman McIntyre.

"Two loyalists from 'B' wing seen it all and are going to back him up on it. We don't leave the cell at all only to go to mass on Sunday. We get washed in the cell now that we have got a bath-towel; after going three weeks without a wash. We don't shave. We eat, wash, go to the toilet and sleep in the cell. If we want the doctor or Welfare, we would have to put on the Prison clothes and we won't do that. The Welfare is in the same wing as us. They could come up to the cell but they

won't do it, so you see they are all part of the prison set-up. "The food on some days is cold because the screws McIntyre and McCormack make life real hell. A few times McIntyre wouldn't give us nothing for the supper. He threw it in the bin.

A few of the prisoners seen him doing it and told us. We are only allowed Holy books and nothing else. We get one letter every month, in and out. The letter that comes in has to have no more than four pages. If there is any more than four pages, it is confiscated. We were allowed one Christmas card, and they confiscated that on Boxing day.

"The cells are freezing. We have pains in our legs but there is not much we can do about that. As far as we know 'H' 2 go out in the nude.

'Before I forget we want to thank the men on remand for the great reception we get every Sunday. It really makes our day. Will you tell the men in 'B' to shout over the news as we never hear anything and its the only thing we look forward to. Your Comrade

P.S. They have moved me into 'D' wing and put all the other blanketed men in 'D' wing instead of 'C' wing. So I'm on my way over here for a while. That means I'm O.C. Ha, Ha.

REVOLUTIONARY DEMAND FOR PEACE?

THE STICKS CLAIM 'PEACE' IS NOW A REVOLUTIONARY DEMAND. BUT TO WHOM DO THEY MAKE THIS DEMAND FOR 'PEACE'? TO DEMAND PEACE FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ONE THING. FOR THIS IS TO SAY THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH ARMY OF OCCUPATION IS THE WAY FORWARD TO PEACE. HOWEVER TO DIRECT A DEMAND FOR 'PEACE' TOWARDS THE PROVOS IS REACTIONARY RUBBISH WHICH HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IT IS TO SAY TO THE BRITS AND THEIR LOYALIST ALLIES: "OK, WE GIVE UP, YOU HAVE WON!"

by
PETER
DOWLING

For the Provos to lay down arms would be for them to turn their backs on all those who have fallen in the last seven years. It would be to turn their backs on those in the front line-the hundreds of prisoners in jail in both Ireland and Britain. Even more, to give up the resistance struggle now, would be to accept the rotten system of sectarianism and exploitation which infects this island.

For both these movements were directed against Imperialist armies seeking to keep down oppressed nationalities. These peace movements did not direct their demands against national liberation movements.

'Peace' was one of the main banners under which the Russian people fought in order to throw off the shackles of Tsarism.

TSARISM OUT - PEACE IN

Tsarism was striving by means of the First world War to increase the number of nations oppressed by Russia, and thereby to undermine the struggle for freedom of the Russian people themselves. Thus on the part of Russia the war was marked by its profoundly reactionary character, its hostility to national liberation. This means the Russian Peace Movement of sixty years ago was

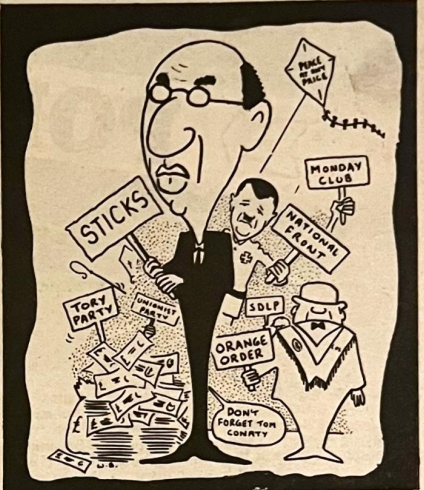
In solidarity with movements for national liberation, not opposed to them.

YANKS OUT - PEACE IN

Fifty years later the banner of 'Peace' united American radicals and socialists against the Yankee devastation of South-East Asia. The American Peace Movement did not demand that the Vietnamese National Liberation Front cease fighting. Far from it. The opposite happened. Increasing numbers of the American Peace Movement came out in open support for the right of the national liberation fighters to wage war.

BRITS OUT - PEACE IN

Revolutionaries and socialists throughout the world have recognised the difference between the violence of the oppressor and the violence of the



oppressed. The Irish people have a right to strike back at British imperialism. This means the Irish Republican Army has a right to shoot dead any British soldier in Ireland. Whereas the British Army has no right even to set

foot in Ireland, let alone to carry out their current campaign of terrorism against the people. With confidence we can say that 'Brits Out' remains the only road leading towards a 32-County Socialist Republic.

UNITY FLATS CALL REMAINS 'RUC OUT'

Attempts at present by the British to reimpose the sectarian RUC on the people of Unity Flats will fail and fall miserably.

Over this past week, under the slightest pretext, RUC have made incursions in the Flats complex, and we in Sinn Fein make it plain that they are not welcome as they represent all that is evil under the present regime. In Unity they are not seen as police, but rather as an extension to the other British orientated sectarian gangs-UVF & UDA.

The McKeown led

phoney 'Peace' people speak of the friendly neighbourhood Bobby.

To this description we answer, "...There has never been such a thing in an RUC uniform, instead a more honest description of them would be a 'Loyalist' Force' geared specifically to put down with the utmost of brute force any opposition, no matter how passive, to the Six-County Establishment and all the evils that spew forth from it.

Unity Flats rid itself of the evil of the RUC and is better for it, and will continue to live free from the jackboot tactics offered by them. The call remains RUC OUT!

STICKS SING 'RULE BRITANNIA' AS SINN FEIN PAPER SELLERS ARE HARASSED

The reformist policies of the Sticks, so evident at their annual grovelling session last week-end in Dublin, led to the ejection of REPUBLICAN NEWS papersellers from a club in Halifax(England) this week.

Members from the Midlands and North of England branches of Sinn Fein had been breaking new ground by selling the papers in the Halifax area. Visits to local clubs and public houses had met with a warm reception from patrons, permission to sell the papers had been sought, and granted, from the management in every instance.

One of the clubs visited was the Irish Democratic Club' where one patron, a veteran Belfast Republican, told the paper

sellers: 'You are like a breath of fresh air in here.' Copies of REPUBLICAN NEWS were then sold. After some time a group, claiming to be committee members, approached one Sinn Fein member and asked him to leave, when asked the reason for the intrusion one of the committee members replied 'We don't want any more of those bloody papers sold in here.'

The paper sellers were then manhandled by the group who said they were 'members of the Officials'. The Sinn Fein members offered no resistance and left the club to sell REPUBLICAN NEWS on the pavement outside. This angered the Sticks who began to verbally abuse the group, one stick shouting 'We're getting a good living from this

country, so take yourselves back across the water where you came from.'

The reformists then began to sing 'Rule Britannia'. One young lady, who was leaving the club, commented on the sticks, 'They're Union Jack bootlickers so don't waste your time talking to them.'

Another patron stopped to say, 'If they(the sticks) had a good brain between them they would be dangerous.'

Members of the Frank Stagg Cumann, present with the paper sellers, have told REPUBLICAN NEWS that the job of bringing the truth of the Irish struggle to England will continue with increased fervour, despite the activities of the reformists from Gardiner Place.

DERRY NEWS

A picket of some 50 women gathered outside Derry County Court as a number of Republican remand prisoners appeared. The demo was part of the continuing campaign for the retention of political status. A van, carrying the Republican prisoners,

was surrounded by the picket as it stalled when leaving the court grounds. A spokesman for the local Relatives Action Committee, said that similar pickets would be placed on every court in the city where Republicans appeared.

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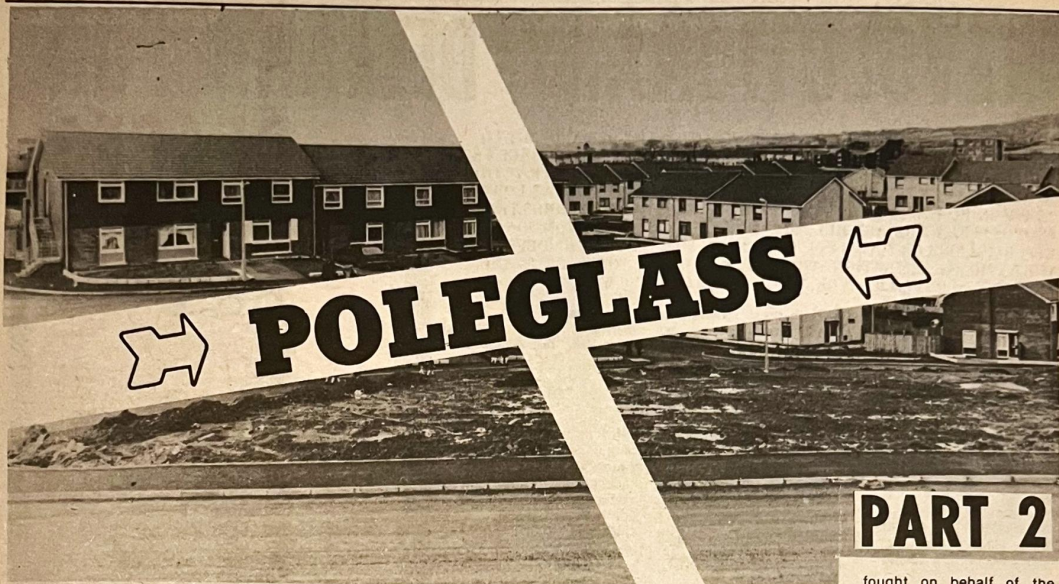
From next week 'Republican News' will be carrying a weekly book list giving full details of all the material available at An Siopa Eilaine. A wide range of Republican/revolutionary literature is available. Details can be obtained by dialling 0944 555555.

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In proud and loving memory of Lieut. Peter MacNulty, Irish Republican Army, killed in action on January 27th 1972. Remembered with pride and gratitude by

An Cumann Peter MacNulty Kilcoo. An Cumann MacNulty Magorrian, Castlewells, Comrades, Christine and James Maginnigan. He who dies for Ireland Lives.



PART 2

Throughout the Enquiry very little mention was made, by the Opposition, to housing needs in West Belfast—though some of the more intelligent individuals did try to suggest that there were plenty of vacant unoccupied houses in the North of the city in which Catholics could be housed (could they have possibly failed to realize that it was from those same houses that many of the now homeless families had come?)

After a fortnight the farce was over and everyone went home.

With the Enquiry over, many Loyalist groupings began to issue statements which were simply veiled threats though with some of the statements it took a lot of searching to find the VEIL. The Lisburn Branch of the Vanguard Party issued a statement listing 7 main points why the scheme must not go ahead—these ranged from danger of (a) Provo bases,

(b) Sectarian ghettos, to (c) Danger of pilfering and vandalism on the new site, and (d) Squatting. Mr. Crawford of the Vanguard Party said To go ahead with this project would be an act of extreme folly. Our message to the Housing Executive is clear, proceed with this scheme at your peril.

The Rev Beattie also got in on the act. He suggested that if the H.E. were adamant on going through with this fiendish scheme then he along with 50,000 brave loyal Ulster Protestants would stand up and defend the Protestant heritage—(by preventing any more Teagues getting into the Lisburn area) In fact Rev. Beattie said that if the Provos (Substitute in here, homeless Catholics) wanted Poleglass than they would have to take it from the Loyalists and they would have some trouble doing that.

the total injustice of the statelet allowing it and the complete collaboration between the British Establishment and the reactionary forces of orange bigotry: It is for these reasons that a revolutionary war is being fought by the volunteers of

Oglaigh na hEireann at the present time. And it is because the Republican Movement is fighting for justice that victory will be ours.

Until that day however issues like Poleglass must continually be brought out into the open to be

fought on behalf of the people by the voice of the people—the Republican Movement.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A housing survey carried out in the six Counties shows that 50% of all Belfast housing is sub-standard, 35% of all housing is 'unsound', 19% of dwellings are overcrowded and 85% of rented houses are unsound.

BRIT LIES BEING COUNTERED IN 'STATES

The Annual Banquet Organised by Northern Aid in New York (Fri. Jan 21) was a sell out. This was confirmed by the 'Irish News Service', a Republican information source, in New York.

Writing to 'Republican News' Mr. John Duffy one of its leading members said 'Quote'.

'However, all the

British-propelled distortions about the continuing saga in occupied Ireland, whether from the lips of John Hume or the rest, have been to no avail. This year, the Northern Aid banquet has been sold out quicker than ever because of the published appearance there of Dr. Nora Connolly O'Brien the 80 year old daughter

of the great patriot, James Connolly. She has been swamped already with appeals for her to appear on numerous TV. and radio programmes while she is in America. And this annual function is an accurate barometer of the constant help given Northern Aid during each ensuring year by the generous American public.

SINN FEIN MEMBERS HELD IN FILTH

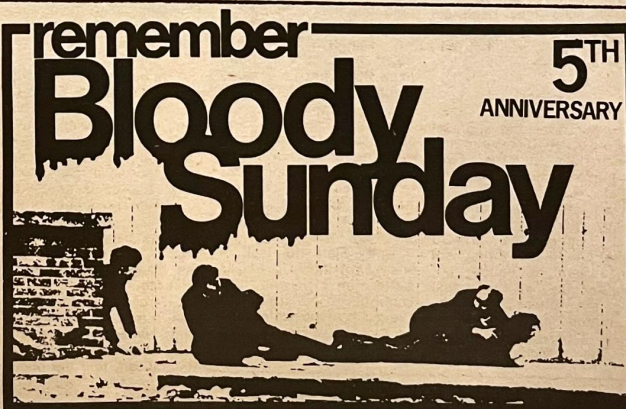
Three members of the McCabe Quigley Cumann were arrested at 6.30 a.m. on Jan 9th while working on the National Campaign of 'Brits Out-Peace In.' They were taken to Fitzgibbon St. Garda Barracks and were charged by Garda Ignatious Grady for defacing public property. They were held for 3 hours and placed in a cell. The unswept cell was filthy. And the floor had patches of wet, stale urine. From the unflushed toilet came a stench. The cell bed had a mattress of stained foam. Two grey blankets were bundled and thrown on the bed.

The Eastern Health Board has been notified of the unsanitary conditions of the above Barracks, and are requested to enquire into the filthy conditions of the Bridavell Garda Barracks, also in Dublin.

At the present time there are over 2000 people on the Housing list in West Belfast alone due to marriages

When the Poleglass Scheme was halved last year due to Loyalist pressure the new scheme (now under review) put forward was one whereby only 2000 houses would be built over a 10 year period with no leisure or industrial sites. This new scheme may, under pressure from the same sources be scrapped completely and Poleglass be forgotten as a bad dream.

These attempts to deny people proper housing on simply sectarian lines will be resisted by the Republican Movement through whatever channels are available. It must be pointed out however that it is because of issues like Poleglass the blatant sectarian discrimination,



Derry Commemorations

SUPPORT SINN FEIN'S COMMEMORATION OF BLOODY SUNDAY: assemble as shops in Creggan, Derry, at 2.30 p.m. Sunday 30th January. All Cumann and bands asked to attend.

ALSO

PUBLIC RALLY IN Hammersmith Town Hall, Sunday January 30, 4.30 PM (Troops Out Movement/Socialist Worker)

POLICE FRAME UP IS EXPOSED

Duggan and Joe O'Connell stated that they were going to make statements admitting the bombings of the Hare and Hounds and Kings Arms pubs in Guilford and Woolwich, and for which the Branch knew they had sent down four innocent people.

The Branch tried to suppress these admissions and did not contact the solicitors of the Guilford Four. This sensational evidence would have been the basis for an appeal, but more importantly would have exposed the English police for fabricating evidence in a murder trial, and would have blown open the cases of Frank Stagg (then on a fatal hunger-strike) and the Birmingham Eight, to mention but a few.

The legal representatives of the 'Guilford Four' say that they were not informed of the claim of involvement by Eddie Butler under interrogations until after Joe O'Connell had been interviewed on June 8th 1976 in Wandsworth prison. By this stage the authorities had got an inkling of what was happening.

A fourth Irish lad, Brendan Dowd (serving life in Albany prison) who had been in custody since May 1975 after being captured in Liverpool, and who could not possibly have known the details of the operations unless he had been involved was contacted by solicitors in late September 1976. He was told of the admissions of the others and stated that he too would co-operate and would admit his complicity in the pub-bombings.

Statements were taken from Butler, Duggan, O'Connell and Dowd in prison by a court shorthand writer in the presence of lawyers and were found to coincide in detail with many

of the 4000 police statements taken from witnesses in the Guilford and Woolwich trials, which the police had chosen not to use.

The British Department of Public Prosecution declared that it would refuse to act on this new evidence as it was quite happy with Donaldson's conviction of the 'Guilford Four'.

The prisoners therefore decided to use the trial to put forward the fact that the Guilford and Woolwich trial had been a frame-up by the British police, as in so many Irish cases. They decide that they would also vigorously contest the right of the court to try and judge them for what they had done, and to make clear their position that they regarded the charges against them as acts of war against the country UNLAWFULLY and UNJUSTLY occupying Ireland. And that it is a grotesque perversion of language to charge them with 'crimes' when every day the British Government is guilty of countless crimes against the Irish people.

Many barristers refused to take the case or to follow the instructions which were given them as to the way they should conduct the trial. Less than one week before the trial started, the prisoners still had no leading counsel as one recently instructed and just returned the papers saying he would not conduct the case as the prisoners wanted.

As the trial started armed police launched the biggest ever search and surveillance operation around the court. Even the city sewers were checked, and police marksmen were on surrounding rooftops.

Thus last Monday when the four appeared in the

court they refused to plead because the indictment does not include the Guilford and Woolwich bombings.

Joe O'Connell said, 'I refuse to plead because the indictment does not include two charges concerning the Guilford and Woolwich pub bombings. I took part in both bombings for which innocent people have been convicted.'

Edward Butler said, 'I refuse to plead because the indictment does not include the Guilford and Woolwich bombings for which innocent people have been convicted.'

Harry Duggan said, 'I refuse to plead because as an Irish Republican I won't get justice in a British court and I also took part in the Woolwich pub bombing.'

Hugh Doherty said, 'As and IRA Republican I know I won't get justice in an English court so there is no point in pleading when the Special Branch have packed the jury.'

Despite these dramatic admissions the English public never got to hear of them as the BBC, in the interests of its imperialist masters, and the right-wing press, censored this embarrassing aspect of British injustice.

Revolutionary Publications must give the case of the 'Guilford Four' the widest possible coverage and publicity. The solicitors involved must pursue the case through the courts, though so far it has proved worthless, and, if the DPP's statement is a gauge, will prove fruitless.

The Republican Movement pledges its support and solidarity for those courageous men of integrity the Balcombe Street 4. The struggle continues.

IRA Units strike with impunity in all areas

The Active Service Units of Ogligh na hEireann continue to strike with impunity at the Brit forces. Within the Belfast Brigade area the Volunteer soldiers have struck with devastating effect at a series of targets within the 'Impregnable' security ring in the city centre.

Sniping, grenade and mortar attacks were launched against Brit patrols in all areas. One mortar attack on Fort Monagh, in the Andersonstown area, was an unqualified success. These shells fell within the compound sending groups of Brits screaming in all directions. Three other mortars which landed in waste ground, just outside the perimeter wall, failed to explode. Although the nearest occupied premises are some 50 yards from the Fort the Brits carried the unexploded shells to wall of a house before exploding them.

British soldiers were attacked with grenades in

Twinbrook last Friday, several Brits were injured in the operation.

The following day a patrol in Rosnareen came under heavy fire from an ASU in the area. No confirmation of hits was received. On Sunday a mobile patrol was raked with gunfire, again in Rosnareen, the Land Rovers left the area at high speed.

On Monday ASU's in Andersonstown opened up on a large Brit presence on the main A'town Road.

The Brits panicked and in a later 'follow up' operation two nine year old girls were stopped by the Brits and accused of being in the IRA. In all operations within the Belfast Brigade Active Service Units returned safely to base.

In the rural areas the Volunteer soldiers have been busy in both sniping attacks and in the continuing campaign of economic sabotage.

FIST OF REPRESSION TIGHTENS ON REPUBLICANS IN CRUMLIN ROAD JAIL

A statement, smuggled out from Crumlin Road Jail this week, reveals that Republican remand prisoners are now locked in their cells 24 hours a day. It is general knowledge that many of the Prison Officers in the jail have close associations with Loyalist para-military gangs. The behaviour of the POs since the ending of political status has been vicious and sectarian in nature. The most recent moves to crush Republican resistance within the jail occurred when a group of Screws visited the men in their cells and attempted to coerce them into signing their names to a declaration. The wording of the declaration was framed to end the Republican prisoners' aims of total segregation from the Loyalist groups and free association. Needless to say the men refused to sign the 'book'. Since then the fist of repression has tightened and punitive measures against individual Republican prisoners has increased.

Being locked in their cells, 24 hours a day, the men get no exercise whatsoever. (Recently a delegation from the International Red Cross slammed the Israeli Government for allowing Palestinian prisoners just 2 hours a day exercise

and demanded that the period be increased.) Previous statements from the Crumlin Rd. Jail also revealed that the Screws are threatening the Republicans, using the names of various Loyalist murder gangs. The latest statement tells of continuing sectarian favouritism which allows the Loyalists full use of every facility in the prison.

MEDIA HAVE AIDED EXCESSES

The British and Irish media have aided the excesses within Crumlin Road Jail by their silence. No attempt has been made to speak to the relatives and friends of the Republican prisoners the newspapers and TV accept the fabricated statements from the 'NI Office' without question.

Despite the unprecedented repression within the jail walls the Republican prisoners remain in high spirits and meet the brutality by dedicating themselves to the ideals for which they were jailed. Ogligh na hEireann has already reciprocated to brutality of the Screws, fording the 'NI Office' to black news of ASU attacks. Protests, both inside and outside the Courts, have increased and developed.

BALLYBOFEY

A dance is to be held in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey, by the Seamus Harvey Sinn Fein Cumann, Aghyarn on

Thursday, 10 February

Proceeds in aid of An Cumann Cabhrach, Falte romh cach.

Maire Ui Dhroma Memorial Fund



Maire Ni Dhroma, R.I.P.

A Memorial fund has been set up with the aim of erecting a monument to the memory of gallant Maire Ui Dhroma, so brutally slain last year.

All donations will be received gratefully by the Treasurer, National Graves Association, Belfast, or Mrs. Marie Moore, 85b, Falls Road, Belfast, or 2a, Lr. Kevin St. Dublin 8.

All contributions over £5.00 will be acknowledged, if donor wishes.

RAPE SOLDIER 'A FINE FELLOW'

A Brit soldier who was convicted of rape at the Winter Assizes in Downpatrick was described by his commanding officer as 'a fine fellow'.

The Brit, Private Roger Surich, had been found guilty of raping a woman in a derelict house in Strabane. Predictably, a lenient two year suspended sentence was recorded so

that the soldier could rejoin his unit, the kings Regiment. Three other Brits convicted of indecent assault on the same occasion were fined £50 and are now back in England.

The Kings Regiment are regular visitors to the Irish war zone as part of the occupying army.

TIME WILL REVEAL TRUTH

Is there any credibility at all to be attributed to statements from the N.I.O.? The history of the last thirty years has taught us that British foreign policy has been one of hypocrisy, deception and double-dealing. In the struggle for national independence, Jomo Kenyatta was vehemently denounced publicly and in government circles as a 'criminal' and imprisoned for alleged Mau Mau activities, yet subsequently honoured at Buckingham Palace tea parties, when another revolution of the anti-colonialist wheel had occurred. In similar fashion, Ghandi was later honoured by a commemorative centenary stamp!

Howls of British disgust were raised when the journalist Peter Niesewand was detained in South Africa: Britain condemned this action on the one hand, yet anxiously and blatantly concealed her own current internment policy.

More recently, alleged political injustice and torture in Russia and Latin America have been the foci of their doctrinal attack. Has not the British government already been found guilty, and is to make a further appearance, for serious breaches of the European Convention of Human Rights?

Acts of violence have been condemned, in massive publicity campaigns yet there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the N.I.O. to conceal the facts in the murders of those innocents, Pat McElhone, Majella O'Hara and Brian Stewart.

Roy Mason has constantly highlighted, at great public expense, the numbers of young persons engaged in 'troubles', whilst he continues to engage thousands of young British soldiers, many of them just left school, in the North of Ireland. According to recent policy, striving for the God-given right to be free is synonymous with being a criminal. What does Colditz escape extraordinaire, Airey Neave, the shadow Secretary of States, have to say to that, being a former Political Prisoner? Is one only a Political Prisoner or Prisoner of Conscience, if one is English?

Will another Lord Shinwell speak of the government as "...having acted in a criminal fashion..." towards Ireland, as he said of their involvement in the 1946 Palestine crisis, when Cabinet papers are revealed in another thirty years?

Time will reveal the truth. Raymond Finlay. Cag 10 Long Kesh.

Derry News NEW LEVEL OF BRIT BRUTALITY SHOCKS EVEN SILENT 'MODERATES'

British harassment and violence continues in Derry on a large scale. It has reached such a peak that hitherto silent voices have been raised in a gesture of protest. In Friday's (21.1.77) edition of 'The Derry Journal' no less than a Bishop and a prominent S.D.L.P. mayor all condemned Brit activity in the city. (So too did Eddie McAteer of the Nationalist Party although it would be unfair to suggest that he has been silent in the past.)

Dr. Daly, Bishop of Derry, complained of 'rough handling and abusive and threatening language'. Michael Canavan, former Convention member, accused the army of 'jackboot bullying' while Dr. Raymond McClean, a former mayor of Derry, spotlighted the case of a fifteen-year old boy arrested by the army and who disappeared for a number of days. The same edition carries the headline-ARMY BEHAVIOUR DISGUSTS CREGGAN COUPLE'.

It should be said that the Republican people of working class areas are well used to constant army harassment. However one can imagine the new level of Brit activity when

such moderates are forced to speak and given front page headlines by the 'Derry Journal', a paper which has provided space for the U.D.R. recruitment campaign.

The latest tactic of the British is one which is well known to other parts of the North-the blackmailing of young people in an effort to get them to inform on Republicans. Two cases of this were reported recently and again highlighted in the 'Journal' (now regarded by the army as a Republican paper since it criticised army behaviour see 'Journal' 21.1.77)

Each of the above mentioned gentlemen has his own reasons for speaking out at the present time e.g. there are council elections this year. However, it is hypocritical and, judging by their past policy, illogical to protest about the actions of Crown forces while at the same time bolstering British imperialism by calling for the return of Stormont under another name. They are in fact prolonging army harassment by collaborating in other fields. Having tea with generals will not stop brutality by the other ranks. Gradually our former politicians are realizing that their opinions

mean nothing to the supremos. They were useful in the past but many have outlived their usefulness.

If they want to do something positive to end this situation let them call for a British withdrawal now! Surely they must realize that army crimes against the people will not cease until the perpetrators are no longer on our streets? Or are they afraid to admit that the Republican movement has been right all along?

It is ironic to say the least that in the same edition of the paper, the Derry 'Peace Women' state the aims of their movement-paramount of which is 'the ending of violence.' If they read their own statements they must have seen on the same page i.e. the front page, the reports showing the chief agents of violence in the North.

If they really want peace and are not merely a branch of the British government's publicity department, then let them join in the nationwide campaign of the Republican Movement and demand peace by demanding the end of British occupation. BRITS OUT PEACE IN.

SOLIDARITY FIRE BOMB ATTACK IN VIENNA

The following statement was received this week from the Anti-Fascist Movement, Vienna.

On Wednesday January the 5th we placed a small fire bomb in the British Council, Vienna, 10 10 4, Schenkenstrasse. The bomb went off the same day, 2045 hours. The damage it did was not too big, but we believe it is important to show the British Capitalist thugs all over the world that the time is

right to leave Ireland. Our action against the British Council is an act of solidarity with the people of Ulster who fight against the British Capitalist thugs 800 years now.

It is an act of solidarity with the struggle of the Provisional IRA.

News of the attack on the British Council was 'blacked' by the Westminster Government.

CAMPAIGN ON CRIME

Intelligence units in all Battalion areas of the Belfast Brigade continued their relentless campaign against organised crime

ings this week. In the Unity Flats Zone Volunteers from the Third Batt. have meted out physical punishment, befitting the crimes, to members of local crime gangs.

A statement from the Third Battalion warns that there will be no let-up until all the crime rings are eradicated and their activities have ceased.

The statement ends by thanking the people for their support and have pledged to work on their behalf.

Greetings

Greetings for 1977 to the steadfast men and women of the Resistance, who stand for Ireland's rights against the great terrain robbers. Cara

To share Paul O'Doherty In solitary confinement at Wormwood Scrubs Gaol London W.12 England. Happy 22nd Birthday dear Shane From all

