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LET US HAVE PEACE

WITHDRAW TO THE PEACE-LINE
DECLARE YOUR INTENT TO WITHDRAW
COMPLETELY
DECLARE A GENERAL AMNESTY



THEN WE CAN END THIS AND TALK

THE WIDGERY REPORT

or English made meaningless

(1) The Tribunal was not concerned with making moral judgements (Page 1 para. 1). The limits of the Inquiry, in time, were the period beginning with the moment when the march first became involved in violence and ending with the deaths of the deceased and the conclusion of the affair (p. 2, par. 3).

FIRST CONCLUSION: There would have been no deaths in Londonderry on 30th January if those who organised the march had not thereby created a highly dangerous situation in which a clash between demonstrators and the security forces was almost inevitable. (Page 38).

Soldiers who identified gunmen fired upon them in accordance with the Standing Orders in the Yellow Card (page 38, para. 8).

The Standing Orders in the Yellow Card are satisfactory (Page 38, para. 9). None of the deceased or wounded is proved to have been shot whilst handling a firearm or bomb. Some are wholly acquitted of complicity in such action; (Page 38, para. 10).

Flashback: Derry, 30th January, 1972



Continuing Conspiracy of Silence

In a further statement from Long Kesh the internees make it clear that their plight has not been alleviated in the slightest by the new Whitelaw Administration.

They complain that last Tuesday (24/4/72), British troops were again used to intimidate and harass the inmates of one section of the camp. All the obscenities, abuses and degradations which many people associated with the Faulkner regime were again heaped on ninety defenceless men. Of course the British army hasn't changed apart from having become more expert in practising brutality which is understandable since they are gaining experience every day. A change of political leadership does not change a system.

The new master may be more subtle than the old one but for the unfortunate victims his liberal mouthings and posturings only add to their helplessness and frustration. Action speaks louder than words and the action at Long Kesh last Tuesday should speak very loudly to those who were being misled by the current propaganda battle on behalf of Whitelaw and his 'Initiatives.'

For no reason at all men were forced to leave their huts and line up against the wire. (Bats and alsatian dogs were substituted for the reasonable arguments which Whitelaw reserves for more public consumption). After humiliating and degrading searches accompanied by the usual obscenities, the men were kept in the canteen under guard and were deprived of their evening meal. When they were eventually allowed to return to their huts they discovered that one particular hut had been given special treatment. Personal belongings had been wantonly destroyed including painted harps, handkerchiefs and Celtic Crosses on which they had spent many hours of painstaking labour. Foodstuffs had been destroyed while one valuable watch and many cigarettes had been stolen.

So Orange Law or Whitelaw is still British Law and British Law for Irishmen means tyranny and injustice.

LIAM MAC'S PAGE OF *News & VIEWS*

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

WHAT CAN ONE SAY of an organisation that, when two of its members are interned, refuses to fight for their release on the principle that, if they do, then they are helping the nationalist-minded people to further their aims of doing away with Stormont. It's true nevertheless, it actually happened with the Irish Communist Organisation. When I approached one of their members in August just after internment, he told me, "That was the Party line, and the two internees would have to put up with it.

By the way the fact that Faulkner interned two members of this organisation showed how stupid his information was, as the I.C.O. is a real true-blue Unionist organisation, standing for the union with Britain. They are the purveyors of the "Two State" theory, boasting that they thought it all out themselves, forgetting that the whole Orange-Unionist history of the right to rule the North was based on this theory. What fools they must be.

So from last August all they could do was sit in their small office in Athol Street and in between cups of coffee, theorise on the world about them and its problems without an idea how to take part in curing those problems, they would then just sit and stare at their navels and give their poor minds a rest.

But things did move outside Athol Street — all over the Six Counties men, women and children fought for a better society and the right to live better civilized lives until Heath in a last desperate bid to save the union dismissed his hiring Faulkner because he failed in his efforts to smash the resistance of the Republican people. The I.C.O. suddenly realised their two state theory was in ruins, they must fight and the heroes did.

You read about them in the Press. Not for them a hunger-strike or a march or a confrontation with their beloved British Army. Ah, no, they would go far away so that there would be no danger of getting shot by the Paras in Derry. They decided Dublin was the safest place to go so they went and demonstrated against Jack Lynch — that great Republican. They met a friend of theirs while they were in Dublin — who also believes in the 'Two State' theory, the one and only — John Bull Cruise O'Brien, who stood by them when he was needed to stand bail. No wonder the crowd of onlookers in the Court laughed their heads off when John — I mean Conor — introduced himself to the Judge as a good understanding man of letters to show he could stand the financial racket if they boys took faint heart and flew back to their haven in Athol Street, Belfast.

But once again the boys of the I.C.O. have changed their minds since wee man Brian left the castle on the hill. In their 'Workers Weekly' 1/4/72, they tell us not to worry about Stormont being done away with. They now take their place alongside Faulkner and Paisley and unless Stormont comes back with full powers then they don't want it; instead they will settle for total integration with Britain.

What a sorry end to their wonderful theories, to finish up just another appendage to either Paisley or Faulkner in their last struggle to prevent the inevitable — the unity of the Irish Nation.

P.S. I wonder whatever happened to the two members interned? One thing is certain — if and when they come out I doubt they will appreciate the 'Party line'. They will have realised that their freedom has been paid for very dearly by the struggles and sacrifices of the ordinary Nationalist and Republican men, women and children who by their efforts have smashed Stormont and made the road clear for the final effort.

P.P.S. Just to keep the record straight the I.C.O. has now changed its name to 'The Workers Association for the Democratic Settlement of the National Conflict in Ireland.'

Secrets by the dozen

When statesmen and generals retire they usually write books on their activities while in office, at least they do so in other countries, you remember Harold Wilson knowing the racket got in first with his book.

In the six counties it seems its going to be different for our retired statesmen from the house on the hill at Stormont. Maybe they never could fill a book with their experiences so instead they intend to make speeches which will reveal secrets they know and that we lesser mortals should also know, now that the balloon has gone up on Stormont.

The first of the breed to open his mouth was Captain Willie Long who in the discussion on the Scarman Report on television declared that Scarman was stupid in not agreeing with him and Chi-Chi Clark that the reason for the horrors of August '69 was that the I.R.A. had begun an uprising. So all right, we know how stupid our Willie is and that was his swan-song.

Now we have the one and only Roy Bradford who asked "what the hell is everyone moaning about Direct Rule for, when in fact for the past three years Westminster has had full control of the six counties and that all the major security decisions and most of the minor ones right down to the details of police deployment had been 'totally' in the hands of London."

Is it any wonder the average Unionist worker is flailing about not knowing whether he is standing on his head or his heels. One day Brian tells him he has resigned because Heath wanted to take over security from Stormont and turn Stormont into a coconut colony, and then our Roy now says we have been a coconut colony for a very long time.

I wonder who the next boyo will be to open his mouth and put his foot in it?

Any guesses? . . . well my money is on Harry West or John Taylor. Both of them have still to receive the blessing of their new pope . . . Cowboy Craig, and they will have to make a splash to get a headline or two by revealing other dark secrets of what went on behind the doors of the Cabiner room — other than a game of poker.

by the score

"At a private meeting to discuss the formation policy and principles of the Democratic Unionist Party in the Ulster Hall on, I believe Saturday, October 30th, 1971, which I attended, Dr. Paisley exposed the Westminster plan to introduce Direct Rule in a matter of weeks. The platform party included Dr. Paisley, Dessie Boal, numerous councillors and others.

Dr. Paisley's words were that we were finished, a United Ireland was virtually certain, we couldn't do anything about it, we should act now and negotiate the best possible terms for a United Ireland, armed resistance would be futile, etc. Desmond Boal also spoke on this line and condemned the idea that violence should be used to resist. It was after this date that the D.U.P. overtunes towards the South became more public." (Ian Major's letter in the Newsletter on 19th April, 1972).

As the fight goes on between the Vanguard Movement and the Paisleyites they wash more dirty linen in public. Keep at it boys. But wait until Brian starts. Between the three of you maybe the unionist workers will suddenly waken up and see how many skinheads are fighting for his loyalty.

ÉIRE NUA

THE
DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC
TO BE

A 32-County Sinn Féin Government, would be in a position to allocate funds for agricultural investment into projects which would strengthen the farmers' own organisations and encourage the growth of production and marketing co-operatives. Guaranteed prices and market stability would enable investment to be properly planned. Subsidies would be tailored in such a way as to reward small-farm enterprise to develop a broad, well-balanced and diversified agriculture. The existing 'Dole' would be consolidated into a 'depressed area' subsidy which would remain, irrespective of increase of production, becoming relatively less important as the areas became economically weakened. (This latter point also a short-term objective, alisable by agitation within the present framework, and the positive consequences of strengthening the national co-operative movement if successful.)

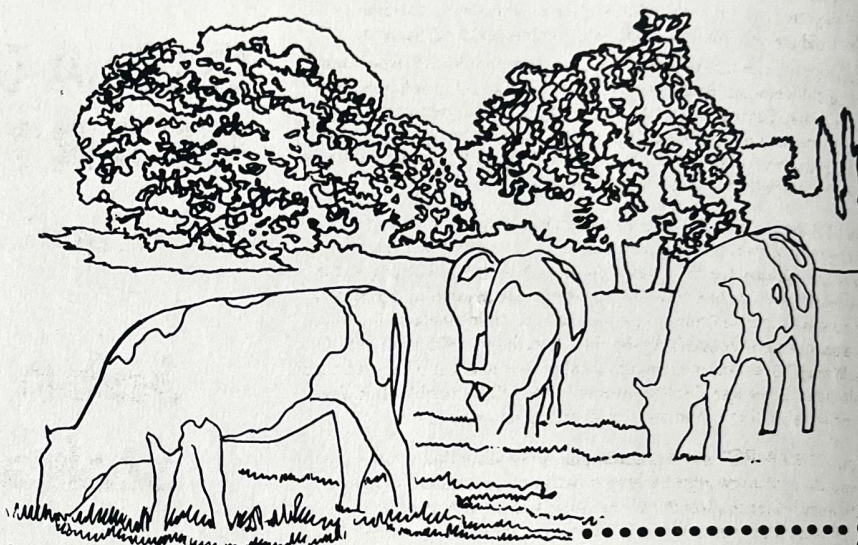
The 32-County Government would be concerned with the redistribution of land to those who needed it and were capable of working it. Large farms at present at a low production level would be taken over. There would be established a maximum amount of land to be owned by any citizen. In all cases, where the state takes over land, which is naturally a productive unit, these would be leased to families who would work them as co-operative units. These would act as pilot schemes to help the spread of the co-operative idea.

Absentee Landlords

The land of absentee landlords would be subject to compulsory purchase by the state; where the absentee is an emigrant small farmer he would be encouraged to return and participate in co-operative development; if he did not wish to do so, he would be given the option of taking the purchase price in the form of a pension fund for retirement to Ireland when he wished.

The state would assume immediate control over marketing arrangements and would establish a guaranteed price system for all agricul-

PART TWO — OUR PROGRAMME ON AGRICULTURE



tural produce. At the same time, the formation of marketing co-operatives would be encouraged so that the profits at present enjoyed by merchants, (these often accumulate into personal fortunes which are invested abroad against the national interest) would be ploughed back into farm enterprises under co-operative control.

Credit Facilities

Existing scientific services (soil-testing, etc.) available to farmers would be extended and popularised. Credit facilities at nominal interest rates would be provided for farmers. The maximum support would be given to the development of regional markets under co-operative control. Likewise, the supply of local industry with suitable crops for processing would be organised on a co-operative basis. The pattern of production would be mainly oriented towards intensive livestock production and fodder-crops, as well as horticultural type developments. This is quite consistent with growing enough wheat for the home market while a situation of underdevelopment exists in the country. Cheap imports of such com-

modities would be in the national interest only in a state of full development when they could be bought with Irish exports without an adverse balance of trade. Meanwhile, the trend would be to supply most needs of an expanding industrial home market and to export only certain specialist products commanding high prices, such as processed food of all kinds and dead meat.

It would be the aim of the 32-County Republican Government to increase rather than decrease the rural population, which stands at the moment at the lowest in Europe. It would be socially desirable to encourage village settlements rather than isolated individual farms.

Next week: Fisheries



Tactics and Strategy

You remember the boyo Brigadier Kitson? the man who put down on paper in the form of a book the tactics to adopt to win an urban guerrilla war. One of the main tactics was to hand out concessions to those involved so that a split would occur by those who thought the concession was enough or you couldn't get any more, as against those who had entered the conflict with the certain knowledge that the going would be tough, but could be won as long as they carried out the struggle on their own terms. People should not forget Kitson or his theories, as we are at present seeing part and parcel of Kitson's theories being put into operation.

Creidim fein go bhfuil tri rial ordha ann a chaithfeadh dli coir ar bith a choimhlonadh le go mbeadh dilseacht an phobail tuillte aige agus is iad na tri rial sin na

- (1) Treise
- (2) Trua
- (3) Trocaire

Is ceart go mbeadh an dli comh trean sin nach dtiocfadh leis an duine is cumhachtaí sa tír imeacht saor air da mbeadh coir deanta aige agus leis an fhirinne a dheanamh da cumhachtaí e an duine is amhlaidm is deine a be choir do'n dli a bheith. Ni h-amhlaidh a bhi an coras a bhfuil muid tar eis eiri as. An te a rabh neart de mhaoin an tsaoil aige is caol seans go rachadh an dli ina choinne in am ar bith. Is iad lucht "maoin ar bith" a mhothuigh treise an dli i dtolamh. Iad sin is lu a rabh se de achfuinn ionnta troid ina aghaidh is mo a mbeigin doibh an troid a dheanamh.

Bheinn ag suil as go mbeadh a athrach de sceal amhlaidh sa choras ur ata muid ag dul a bhumu. Beidh treise an dli a chur ibhfeidhm ar chuile dhuine is cuma ce h-e. Fagann sin go mbeidh se riachtasach ag lucht stiurtha an dli a bheith neamhspleach go h-iomlann ar gach bru agus tionchur o'n taobh amuigh agus go m beadh siad freagrach do'n phobal mhor amhain agus chan do polaiteoiri mar a bhi go minic go dti seo.

Se an "TRUA" an dara rial agus ma ta aird againn ar dhinit an duine ba cheart go dtuigfimis an rial seo go furust. Is diol trua e go firinneach an te a bhfuil coir deanta aige ar a chomh chreatuir fein, coir b'fheidir a d'fhag a chomradai thios de bharr buntaiste a bhaint amach do fein. Is ar scath a cheile a mhaireann na daoine a deirtear agus ma ta sin amhlaidh is ionann coir a dheanamh ar an chomhludair ina mhaireann muid agus ar nead fein a shalu agus is trua cad an choirpigh da bharr. Ar an abhar sin is ceart duinn a ghlacadh leis gur mar gheall ar aineolas no easbhaidh tuigbheala no laige a rinne an te an droch ghníomh agus ni mar gheall ar olcas.

Is e an "TROCAIRE" an rial is tabhachtaí orthu uilig b'fheidir. Aon uair amhain ata an fianaise ulig cloiste agus machtnamh deanta air agus an breithiunas le tabhairt seo an t-am do'n trocaire. Ta dinit an duine le glacadh isteach san aireamh in cibe breithiunas ata le tabhairt ar an choirpeach is measa amuigh fiu amhain. Ta glactha leis ag lucht leastha dli in moran tiortha frid an domhan nar cheart duine a chur chun bais is cuma caide an coir ata deanta aige agus ma's maru duine eile fein ata deanta aige. Is fada an sean reacht suil ar shuil agus fiacail ar fiacail ligthe chun dearmad agus is maith e. In aimsear chogaidh mar a bhfuil muid beo ann i lathair na huaire ni feidir achaoon rud a bheith mar a d'iarrradh ar mbeal a bheith agus go minic ni feidir an dli a fheidhmui mar a dheanfaimis e in aimsear na siochana ach is ceart go mbeimis ag iarraidh a dheanamh comh maith agus is feidir.

Cuireann sin me ag meabhu ar riaradh an dli sna "saor ceantracha" i mBeal Feirste agus in aiteanna eile. Ni leor an dli a chur i bhfeidhm, is gadh go mbeadh se da chur ibhfeidhm go poibli go so fheicthe agus go cothrom. Ni leor duine a thabhairt ar shuil faoi choim na h-oiche agus an cas a shocrú in gainfhios do'n tsaoil mhor. Is iad a chomharsanaí fein go firinneach ar cheart breithiunas a dheanama air (ce is fearr a dheanfadh e a iad). Is coir go dtuigfeadh an saol mor gur cuireadh triall air go foscaillte i gcuirt an phobail agus gur tugadh breithiunas air da bharr. Agus an pionus fein nior cheart go sarfadh se dinit an duine no go rachadh, se, in eadain na daonachta.

Se "ara agus cleiteacha" an pionus traidisiunta sna ceantracha imBeal Feirste ariamh anall agus ni h-e an pionus is measa e i gcomortas leis an tearma fada faoi ghlas a chuifidhe ar dhuine ag na h-udaraí "shibhialta" ata in ainm as a bheith ar rialu ach se an locht ata agamsa air na go maslaíonn se dinit an duine. Ma's gadh duine a nairiu os comhair an tsaoil mhoir mar bhagairt deantar e gan droch ide corportha. Is feidir go rabh seo ionglactha inaois eile nuair an bhi an comhludair nios gairbhe i gcoitinne ach ni doigh liom go bhfuil se ion ghlactha anois ar chor ar bith. Ni gadh go ndeanfaimis rud eigin cionnus go dtear ar n aithreacha romhainn e, gan tract ar faill a thabhairt do lucht bolscaireachta Arm Shasana a usaid.

Aimsear chorach gan amhras an aimsear a bhfuil muid beo ann agus ta cuid mhor nithe aisteacha ag tarlu nach mbionn miniu orthu. Ta S.A.S. Arm Shasana gniomhach gan amhras agus is ceart gan breithiunas a thabhairt ar mhoran ata ag tuitim amach gan fanacht. ach ta rudai ann nach ndéantar i lar cogaidh fein.

DIALANN DEACAIR

DLI AGUS CEART

John
Stokes M.P.

No Truce
for him

When John Stokes Tory M.P. made his blood and thunder speech on Friday 14/4/72. on how to cure the problems of the six counties, he was simply repeating the speech he made at Westminster (see Hansard 29/4/72 pages 528-31)

He started off well "I hope than an Englishman can still speak in this Chamber and raise the voice of England." After that one can expect the flag to come out and so it did. We are at war, says, he and something tells me we are not winning that war against the I.R.A. There is a real chance of this war coming over here to England and our large cities. So what are we going to do about it?

John's first idea would be to force Jack Lynch's arms up his back to have a go at the I.R.A.' Then those 4,000 soldiers who are sitting in Germany having an easy time of it, bring them to the six counties, send them into Catholic gettoes and dont let them out until they have shot every Republican - man, woman, or child.

Well John do you think that will cure the problems of the North?

No, says our John with his usual idiotic grin, but it sure will keep the Motherland—Old England safe and sound and teach those Irish bastards a lesson.

P.S. Need I mention the fact that John Stokes is a great friend of Reggie Paget.

John Stokes should also ask for the report from Brigadier Pat MacLelland Commander of the Infantry Brigade in Derry who after his last attempt of invading the Bogside and Creggan area, informed his higher command that the capture of the two areas would involve Briti troops in the biggest land battle since the Korean war.

A NORTHERNER'S JOTTINGS

They seek him here: They seek him there . .

On Friday 21/4/72 the Vanguard movement issued a long statement on all the things they are against. Among all the wild words they stated that they knew Martin Meehan and 'Dutch' Doherty were in Belfast and they named the street where the two of them were now living.

The pity of this hunt for cheap publicity was shown up on the same page of the Belfast Telegraph as the Vanguard statement, where the readers read that on that same day Martin Meehan was further remanded in custody at Carrickmacross Court and 'Dutch' Doherty was facing a jury at Dublin Central Court, who found him not guilty of the charge against him.

But don't blame the skinheads of the Vanguard movement at seeing Martin Meehan in every stranger they meet; even the security forces are jittery as the Newsletter 22/4/72 front page relates: "At the Royal Avenue Hotel, a man seen dancing was spotted as Martin Meehan. Police and Army rushed to the hotel and sealed off the building. But it transpired that the suspect was prepared — he had with him his fingerprints proving that he was not the wanted man. He resembled Meehan and had previously been mistaken for him — which explained the fingerprints."

What was that they used to say about the Scarlet Pimpernel? . . . They seek him here . . .

Orange Influence

"Rafton Pounder was the selection of his colleagues for the leadership of the eight Unionist Westminster MPs, but the Orange Order decided otherwise and Captain Orr was elected leader." (David Holmes, Westminster this Week, BBC 2 22/4/72).

Well it's nice to know the establishment is still active and can advise their representatives on the way to go.

NO COMMENT

"Sir. I'm sorry to disagree with Dr. Cruise O'Brien in his assumption that the I.R.A. had nothing to do with the change of events in the North. He is often described here as the 'only sane voice left in Ireland' this praise must have gone to his head. He must be the only man left in Ireland who thinks that the drastic changes in the North were due to peaceful persuasion." Mrs. O'Brien, London.

(Letter in Irish Press, 14/4/72).

"Sir. It was with great horror that we heard on TV news that our valiant troops are no longer welcome in some Protestant areas."

(True Loyalist, Letter in Newsletter 19/4/72)

"Even former Premier Lord Brookeborough has joined the 'Stormont is finished' brigade." (Mervyn Pauley, Newsletter 21/4/72).

LOYALTY TO WHOM?

"Recent events have made it necessary to call in question the use of the term Loyalist. LOYALIST TO WHAT AND TO WHOM?"

ENGLAND HAS SHOWN NO LOYALTY TO ULSTER. An Ulster man and an Ulster woman have far more in common with the Scots with whom they have closer associations than they ever had with the English, who have always assumed the role of the master race in these islands. In the 19th century Scotland was the wealthiest nation in Europe. The 1914 war changed all that, Scottish blood along with Ulster blood was shed like water for the greater glory of England. After 1918, through mismanagement and downright sabotage wealthy Scotland was reduced to beggary.

If only Scotland and Ulster would combine to cast their common ex-

ploiter off their backs. This would enable them to plan and develop their economy for their own benefit." (John McKeague Loyalist News 22/4/72).

I agree with you John but the same things can be said for the whole of Ireland, why look to Scotland for unity and a means of getting England off our backs?

Take off your blinkers and see where you should be going — alongside the Republican Movement in fighting to overthrow British Imperialism and allow our whole country to be united both politically and economically so that the resources of this whole island will be exploited for all the people of the island, and we can then all take pride in the rebirth of the Irish Nation.

Be honest John, admit that you and Craig and all those inside the Vanguard Movement are running out of ideas and so-called solutions to be blunt you are running around in circles looking for a solution. Why not try our solution, you will be surprised how big a welcome the rest of the Irish people will give you when you become part of the struggle with them in the fight for freedom and dignity.

WIDGERY!

"I have personally seen the British Army in action against terrorist organisations in Cyprus, Aden, Ulster and the like. I have never seen one soldier commit an act of which any of us need ever be ashamed . . . I WAS NOT IN LONDONDERRY ON BLOODY SUNDAY." (Donald Seaman, Daily Express 20/4/72).

"To those of us who were in Derry on that ghastly day — who lay in gutters and behind walls and saw the blood and the terrible grief of it — the report will come as a profound disappointment. The good and impartial judge comes to conclusions which disagree fundamentally with those most of us came to."

(Simon Winchester, The Guardian, 20/4/72).

"I suppose we are lucky he did not find that the 13 committed suicide." (Eddie McAteer).

I think Eddie has summed it up and his should be the last word on Widgery.

Cruelty to children

"Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Campbell of Montreal St on the birth of their twin sons who are to be named Carson and Craig Campbell." (W.D.A. Magazine 24/4/72).

Redundancies

This item continued from Liam Mac's Page.

In the Republican News 30/1/72 in reporting the sale of the Sirocco Works to the South African Engineering Group Abercorn we warned the 1200 Protestants workers employed in the firm that it would not be long before the new owners decided to cut their labour force. It seems my fears were only too true and the new firm has been even quicker and more ruthless than I expected as they have now announced a cut-back of their labour force by 25% or around 300 workers from the 1200 employed.

The irony of all this is that almost 200 of them will be members of D.A.T.A., the boys who threatened to tear up their union cards unless the union changed its mind in sending a £100 cheque to the Internees' Dependents' Fund. In spite of this we hope the union will fight to retain them in employment and here's hoping they will succeed.

I am sorry also to hear two other factories which are strongholds of Vanguard supporters are very soon also to face redundancies, namely, Standard Telephone Co. and the I.C.I. at Monkstown and Kilroot. But maybe their leader Cowboy Craig will be able to help them fight unemployment, he is such a good trade unionist.

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To the Editor

Long Kesh Concentration Camp,
Lisburn.

18th April, 1972

Sir. From the still crowded cages of Long Kesh (over 700 men are still imprisoned without trial) we the men in Cage 4 from the Andersonstown and Glen Road Estates send greetings and heartfelt thanks to all those valiant men, women and boys and girls of the Republican Movement and to the many thousands of ordinary people who over the past few years have given us and especially our families so much help in so many ways and yet who themselves have had to stand firmly in the gap of danger against the perpetrators of deeds like Bloody Sunday, the murder of Harry Thornton, the blinding of Mrs. Groves, the killing of young Healey and a thousand and one crimes against the Irish Race.

Indeed our thanks is all that we have to offer at this moment and yet we must ask for even more from you. The pages of our history which you write today in the blood of so many of our people must be the final pages in our struggle for a birth-right. In your fight for independence you have let the Englishman, the serf, the traitor and the knave know just where you stand and exactly what you want. The road to freedom is a long one and most times an unknown one but the end is in sight. This generation is amongst the greatest Ireland has ever known and you shall be victorious. Never again must our children walk in fear of the prison ship, the concentration camp, the baton in the hand of an Englishman or a bullet in the back from his gun.

Remember YOU were born for Ireland; not Ireland made for you, stand with Her in her greatest hour and be a 'Freeman.'

Go mbeidh an bhuaidh againn,

Danny McLaughlin, Gaibrel de Siun, John O'Rowe, F. Fitzsimons, Owen Martin, Peter Mulhall, Seamus O Droma, Richard May, Patrick Livingstone, Liam McKee, Jim Burns, Liam Shannon, Gerry Maguire, Francis Fox, Breandan Mac Crait, Gearard Mac An Croisin, Alec Maskey.

A Chara. As a constant reader I have enjoyed your excellent paper which over the past year has improved enormously. But there is one criticism which I would like to make. There has been too much concentration on events in Belfast; after all, the fight for freedom is being waged in all other areas of the North and this struggle is deserving of wider publicity. Speaking for my own area of Lurgan events here have been played down by the Unionist-controlled news media and I think that the "Republican News" is the only paper which would give a true picture of the full extent of the struggle being waged here. Is Mise,

LURGAN REPUBLICAN

The "Republican News" will gladly publicise the part being played by the people of Lurgan in the National struggle and if 'Lurgan Republican' is prepared to assist we shall be glad to hear from him/her either through the local distributor or at the address published. — Editor.



'I suggest we handle this as the Americans would . . . locate the lieutenant in charge and court martial him!'

British Terrorism Goes Unnoticed

PEACE MUST BE GIVEN A CHANCE. The I.R.A. must call a truce. This attitude bordered on the hysterical following the tragic accident to Mrs. Crawford.

In the past week several deaths have occurred and have been allowed to pass without comment even though they were definitely NOT accidental. Where have all the spokesmen gone? Since so much capital has already been made of events concerning children is it not surprising that the DEATH OF YOUNG FRANCIS ROWNTREE (Aged 11 years) — the latest victim of the British terrorists, should escape comment? Or is it only the violence of the I.R.A. that is worthy of condemnation?

SHOCK RED CROSS REPORT

The mental health of the internees in Long Kesh Concentration Camp has gravely deteriorated between the first and second visits of the International Red Cross team to the camp last year.

This startling disclosure coming from such an impartial body of high repute should galvanise all those working for the release of the internees into increasing their efforts.

Surely this report will silence those who by their misguided "instant comment" statements, condone the holding of the internees as political hostages.

The report states that each internee lived in a state of mental anguish and stress filled with forboding about the safety of his family. The Red Cross delegates say that protection against damp in Long Kesh was inadequate, materials of inferior quality being used. Despite the promise by the Camp Governor last December that the small hot air electric heaters would be shortly replaced by central heating, Republican News has been advised by internees just released that nothing has been done about the matter.

The present system of piece-meal releases from Long Kesh appears to be deliberately designed to hasten the rapid decline into a state of neurosis observed by the Red Cross team last December.

In our view, this report should be compulsory reading for Cardinal Conway, Gerard Fitt and John Hume.

Provisionals Believe:

1. That the Irish people alone have the right to determine their own destiny.
2. That the wealth of Ireland belongs to the people of Ireland.
3. That all the people are entitled to share in the wealth they produce.
4. That the Irish people can make a distinct contribution to world affairs only as a sovereign nation conscious of its own separate identity.
5. That harmonious relations can be established between different sections of the Nation only if foreign influences are withdrawn.
6. That Regional Government for Ireland embracing four Provincial Parliaments under a Central Government offers a basis for a genuine approach to overcome the sincerely held doubts and fears of the national minority in the North East.
7. That Regional Government would for the first time put power where it belongs — in the hands of the people.
8. That such power at local level is the only answer to the decay of large areas of our country.
9. That material prosperity does not of itself guarantee happiness and contentment for the Nation.
10. That the new Ireland outlined in the booklet "Eire Nua" satisfies the hopes and aspirations of the vast majority of the people.

Britist Rule Means:

1. That the Irish people have no right to determine their own destiny.
2. That the wealth of Ireland belongs to foreign speculators.
3. That a few capitalists are entitled to share the greater part of the wealth produced by the workers.
4. That the Irish people have no national or cultural identity and have therefore no distinct contribution to make to world affairs.
5. That sectarian conflict is artificially stimulated to prevent the unity of the working class.
6. That the will of the Irish people can be over-ruled by one fourth of the population.
7. That power is exercised by an alien and distant Civil Service.
8. That the economic stagnation and its attendant evils in low-profit areas will continue.
9. That happiness and contentment are secondary to the needs of the capitalist system — profit.
10. That the hopes and aspirations of the Irish people will be subjected to the interests of Britain.

SINN FEIN

The oldest political organisation in Ireland today is Sinn Fein which was founded in 1905. The name means "Ourselves" and conveys the basic philosophy of self-reliance in the struggle to overthrow English rule in Ireland and to establish a free, independent and self-supporting Ireland.

The organisation has since its inception upheld the cause of Gaelic, our National Language and the promotion of home industries.

The modern Sinn Fein of 1972 is the same organisation as was founded in 1905 and has the same objectives as it set itself in 1918.

Despite false British propaganda, Sinn Fein is a political organisation with its own leadership, chain of command and constitution. Its programme is aimed in the political field at contesting local and parliamentary elections north and south of the Border and re-establishing a 32-County Dail which would seek to enforce its legislation over all Ireland.

Sinn Fein is now as in 1918 on the brink of a major break-through. The factors which have brought this about are: The realisation that the aims of 1916 have not been achieved despite the claims of the party politicians in the south whose parties are drifting in the other direction; the need for a third force in Irish politics; the new Social and Economic Programme; the alarm being generated by the disastrous effects of the Free Trade Area Agreement (factory closure) and the grim consequences of following England into the Common Market; and, above all, the spirit of resurgence which has been generated in the Six Counties since August, 1969.

The Basis of Sinn Fein's attitude to the Westminster, Stormont and Leinster House Parliaments has always been that we do not recognise the right of any foreign people or government to legislate for Ireland.

We reject all three parliaments and it is our objective to replace them with an All-Ireland Parliament, the successor to the First Dail and Second Dail.

Only by staying outside the partition system can Sinn Fein lead the Irish People and change that corrupt system. 1972 presents us with many opportunities to move towards the only realistic alternative to Leinster House and Stormont — a 32-County Parliament. But there is still much work to be done to achieve the Democratic Socialist Republic of All Ireland, in which the Irish people will enjoy social justice based on Christian social principles.

Sinn Fein needs TRAINED members for the work that is required. Inactive and untrained members are a handicap and a menace. We need members who know what the struggle is all about.

WATCH FOR THIS

In the near future, over 700 of our fellow-countrymen who have been imprisoned without trial in Long Kesh and Magilligan Concentration Camps, will be unconditionally released by the British Government, mainly due to the heroic resistance struggle conducted in the Six Counties backed by the massive, popular support of the people. However, the campaign for their release must be maintained until the last man is free.

These men will meet with many personal problems when they return to their families. Some of their employers may refuse to accept them back for political reasons. It has already come to our notice that certain officials in the Belfast Corporation tried to prevent released internees from returning to their jobs in the cleansing and transport departments.

We will expose any attempts to victimise men who through no fault of their own were unable to report for work because of internment. Republicans in the trade union movement and members of Sinn Fein should be vigilant about these points.

BROWNED OFF

"An Army private told Dungannon Court on Monday, that he couldn't give a hang about the case before the court, stating 'I would sooner go home'. (Tyrone Democrat 20/4/72).

We would like to see him and all his mates go home, and we are trying our best to help. Why not show that little bit of spunk and go A.W.O.L.