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# NEWS

## THIS UGLY CREATURE MUST BE DESTROYED

THE BRITISH PRESS says what the British Government wants it to say. It is as much a part of the State apparatus as are the police, the judiciary and the armed forces. Therefore the lies put out by British Pressmen (who know the truth) about the Ulster Freedom Fighters, is indicative of what Whitelaw wants the British people to know and to believe.

It has been falsely stated that the UFF is a new group which has been formed by dissident UDA and UVF men. It has also been falsely stated that the actions of these UFF types have been disapproved of by the two parent organisations. These two notions must be knocked down.

The Uff is not new . . . the name might be, but the organisation, the men and the techniques are not. Since 1971 over 180 assassinations of individual non-political civilians have occurred. Of these, the vast majority have been of Catholics, and persons closely connected with Catholics.

These murders, we state, have been committed by those organisations, namely, the UVF, Red Hand (McKeague's outfit) and Tara. Of these, Tara, is the most fascist and reactionary in political belief and hence in its tactics.

These are the people, who in the North and North West of Belfast, have brutally and sadistically tortured their victims before killing them.

Tara has operated with the knowledge and tacit approval of the UDA Supreme Council. This was shown last year when a young couple, after being dragged from a taxi at a Woodvale UDA checkpoint, were found carved-up and dead. The checkpoint was under the command of the late Ernie "Duke" Elliott, who was on the UDA Inner Council.

Red Hand was mainly composed of older tartan gang types who were amalgamated together by John McKeague in 1971. They were the shock troops employed by McKeague in his feuds with Paisleyite supporters.

It was these people who were responsible for the murder of many Catholics and one Protestant in East Belfast in the last two years. They were equipped with the arms McKeague had kept from the days of his political flirtations with other extremists in the "O'Neill must go" era.

Then of course there has been the direct intervention of the UDA into sectarian murders. This was firstly precipitated by the British Army SAS agents and provocateurs. But the UDA quickly caught on, and so the passing car brigade was born.

This was proven when a few UDA men were inadvertently caught by Brits after an escapade at the Imperial Hotel ruins. Unfortunately, for them, the Brits thought that they were Provos and caught them before they realised their mistake!

These three organisations, then, have been responsible with individual members of the Orange Volunteers and the Ulster Protestant Volunteers for murders in the past. In the past, however, they were allowed to do as they pleased, when it suited the British Government. When it came to a point at the end of last year when it didn't suit the Brits any longer, they were cracked down on.

Many UDA men and other loyalists, already in custody on arm offences were further charged with some of these murders. This showed us that Whitelaw knew the names all the time but only used them to frighten off the murderers, out side jail, from continuing their grotesque deeds.

Under this pressure, all these types merged into one organisation, as yet with no name. Then the murder charges were dropped as a hint by Whitelaw that the murder campaign could be recommenced with a new fervour.

With Whitelaw as the midwife, the UFF has been born. It is an ugly creature which must be destroyed.



We have been asked to release the following statement.

1. The terrifying death of Patrick Joseph Crawford highlights the dreadful, unhuman conditions in the Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

This unfortunate young man is the 100th IRA Volunteer to die, is the latest, but probably not the last, victim of Brigadier Frank Kitson, the British Army officer whose theories have already caused the deaths of more than 450 Irish men, women and children in the north.

In this particular case, Patrick

Joseph Crawford was a victim of the psychological warfare practised by the British Government in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

In Long Kesh several hundred Irishmen are confined like captive animals in small, primitive, overcrowded cages. Many of the men there are being driven to desparation. Some of them have spent almost two years in these cages.

Since January of this year, several young Belfast girls have been detained and interned without trial — more victims for the practise of Kitson's theories of terror warfare on the public.

2. Conditions in the Curragh

Concentration Camp in Co. Kildare, are fast approaching the same inhuman standard of Long Kesh.

The purpose of the Curragh Concentration Camp is identical to that of Long Kesh — to break men's spirits and dehumanise them.

Already two South Armagh men have suffered from the Curragh conditions. One of them, who went through the full Kitson technique in the north, including being held for an indefinite time with his head hooded (and who is the subject of a Dublin government case at Strasbourg) has

had to receive treatment in a mental hospital. He is now back in Mountjoy Jail.

The other man, has suffered a complete nervous breakdown.

3. The silence of the Irish public in face of these atrocities is an affront to human conscience. When Jack Gaffney died on "Al Rawdah" (prison ship) in 1940, the Bishop of Down and Connor, Most Rev. Dr. Mageean, walked in his funeral. Public disapproval was expressed so strongly at the conditions of the prisoners that immediate improvements were brought about.

A public demand for fair treatment for prisoners is long overdue. Failing such a demand, a serious situation possibly involving more tragic deaths, will be brought about.

Signed: P. O'Neill  
Runai, IRPB.

## Arms Smuggling Continues

On Saturday 28th April, 1973, under the headline "Would this Truesdale be any relation to the other we know?" We published a 'Scoop' when we revealed that British soldiers were smuggling arms and ammunition to the Shankill Road U.D.A.

We published the name of one of the soldiers involved and described how he and his companion were almost caught, accidentally, by a military patrol. Since then the arms smuggling has continued, 1,000's of rounds and almost 60 weapons have been delivered safely to Unionist extremists.

The S.I.B. (the Army's special investigation branch) has been watching Unionist sympathisers for some time and, at last, have decided to act. At the end of May they tipped off Liverpool Police and told them to search members of the Royal Irish Rangers returning to Belfast on leave. One of the men they searched, Ranger Thomas Roberts, Canmore Street in the Shankill area, had more than 800 rounds of ammo and 4 pistols in his luggage. He has been remanded in custody charged with possessing them with 'intent to endanger life'.

Roberts is one of the first soldiers to be charged with supplying arms to Unionist extremists. Charges against members of the Irish Guards and other soldiers in the Royal Irish Rangers are expected shortly.

## British Army Harrassment

On the 1st June, 1973, at 11.30 p.m. we were on our way home from a friend's house when we were stopped by the British Army and told we were under arrest. We asked under what Special Powers Act we were being arrested and were told to F--- up Fenian Bastards.

A landrover pulled up, two policewomen got out, one in civilian clothes. They took our handbags and took out the contents. We were then pushed and told to get into the jeep. We refused to do so until our parents were informed of our whereabouts. This was also refused. We were dragged into the jeeps, taken to Whiteabbey Barracks and thrown into a room. We closed the door, a policeman came into the room, got me by the hair, threw me against the

wall and called me a Fenian Bastard. We were then stripped naked and suffered the most degrading search while they continued their verbal abuse.

At 2.00 am. they told us we could go home. The British Army told us they would give us a lift home but one of them said they would throw us out at Rathcoole. We refused to take a lift home.

On our way home a jeep passed, splashed us with water and the British Army hurled filthy abuse at us. They stopped and told us we had to go to Whiteabbey. They then said at least we have got your brother and called us Fenian Bastards.

Signed: Betty O'Neill; Teresa O'Neill.

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## My Brother

My brother  
is not he who was born  
from the womb of my mother.

My brother  
is he who grows with me  
in revolt.

He is the one who was born  
in the shadows —  
the sun was not his,  
his land was not his,  
his strength was not his  
his wife  
was not his.

My brother is the one who does not bend  
does not accept.

He is the one who in the free paths  
drinks with me today the water of the same river,  
sleeps  
under the same sky,  
sings with me  
the same songs of war.

My brother is the one who forgets himself:  
the liberation of his people  
is his reason for living.

My brother  
is that one  
at my side  
who fights.

# BIG INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BRITISH SOLDIERS SEEKING ASYLUM IN SWEDEN

It is becoming clear that many British soldiers in the Six Counties do not like the dirty work allotted to them by their officers. They are beginning to understand that the policies of the Tories in power at Westminster can only result in more heavy casualties among British troops. Many of whom do not wish to be here.

It is expected that many of them will now follow the example of Kevin Cadwallader, formerly Lance Corporal with the 22nd Royal Engineers division. He arrived in Sweden, early in 1972 seeking political asylum. He said there, "I came to Sweden for asylum because of Northern Ireland. I do not think what is happening there is very good. As I see it, there must be a simpler way of ending the fight without more people being killed. So I have left rather than fight in something I think is wrong".

Six weeks after Kevin Cadwallader made this statement on 16th March, 1972, Sweden gave him the permission to remain there. Some British soldiers have the

mistaken impression that it is necessary for them to serve in Northern Ireland in order to get asylum in Sweden. This is not so. If it is made clear to the police in Sweden by a British soldier that he is going to have to serve in Northern Ireland and that he had heard that orders were on the way for his regiment to come here soon he will get in. He would not need proof of this.

British deserters get the same basic type of asylum in Sweden, granted to American and Portuguese deserters. This means that the Swedish Government gives a man permission to stay for special circumstances. This can be regarded as a type of humanitarian asylum.

It is important that when British deserters go to the Swedish police, and they should wait ten days before doing so, that they insist on asking for POLITICAL ASYLUM and make sure that the Aliens Commission make the final decision on their case.

The following advice is given by former British soldiers who decided that they had enough of the West-

minster Tory Government:-

1. Come directly to Stockholm.
2. Come as a tourist, but if they give you problems at passport control you can tell them that you have come to Sweden seeking POLITICAL ASYLUM because of Northern Ireland.
3. Contact someone on the list before going to the Swedish police.
4. Make sure you insist on registering for POLITICAL ASYLUM when you're at the police station, even if they try and talk you out of it. You should put POLITICAL ASYLUM after the question "purpose of stay" on the application for residence and labour permit.
5. Make sure that you point out that your reason for seeking asylum in Sweden is because of Northern Ireland, that you don't want to fight in something you feel is wrong.
6. You can enter Sweden without a passport, using only your military identification card. But try

to come in with a passport (try for a social security passport if the military have your original)

7. Bring your military ID card.
8. Try and bring £30 - £50 with you.
9. Enter Sweden, only through Stockholm. Do not try to enter via Malmo or Gothenburg.
- 10 When you arrive, contact one of the following before going to the Swedish police:-

Hans Goran Franck, Kungsgatan 24 Stockholm. Tel. 200550 or 200600.

Svenska Flyingradet, Drottningsgatan 16, Stockholm. Tues. 6 - 8p.m. tel 210733.

Desmond Carragher, c/o KFUK/KFUM, Birger Jarlsgatan 33 (2 tr) Stockholm. Tel. 206799.

After you have registered, which will take a few hours, you should go to the Swedish Social Bureau. They will get you a place to stay, give you money to live on and help you to enroll in Swedish language classes.

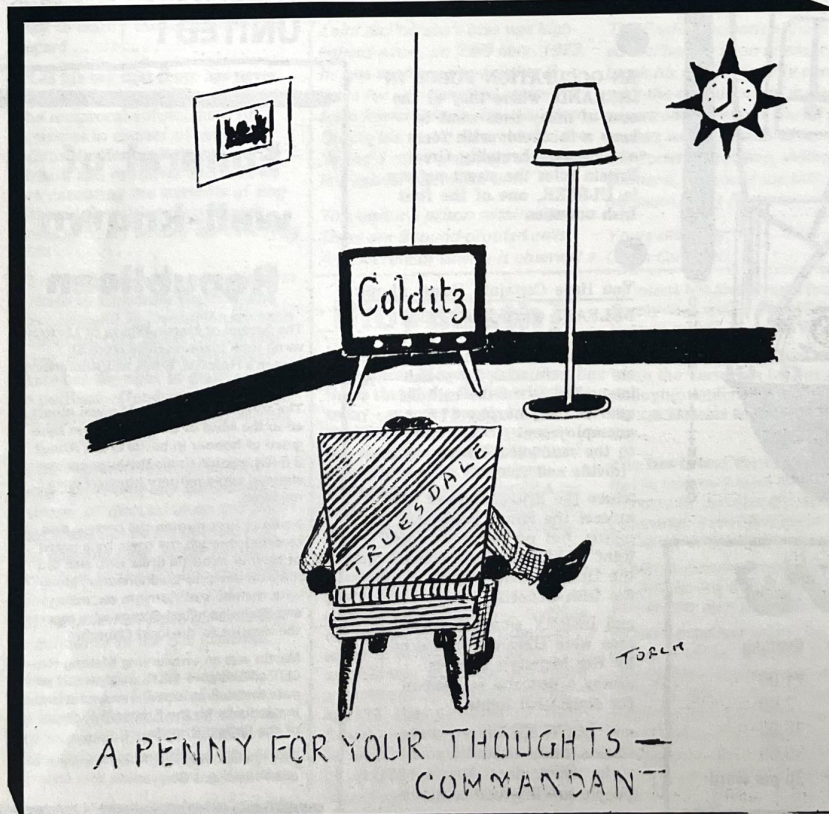
When you arrive in Sweden, you will find that public opinion there is against British troops fighting in Northern Ireland and support for the Swedish government in giving asylum to British soldiers who want to stay in Sweden rather than be forced to kill Irish people in a colonial war

When the Tories lose power in England, many believe that there will be a general amnesty for deserters forced to serve in Northern Ireland in the British Armed Forces.

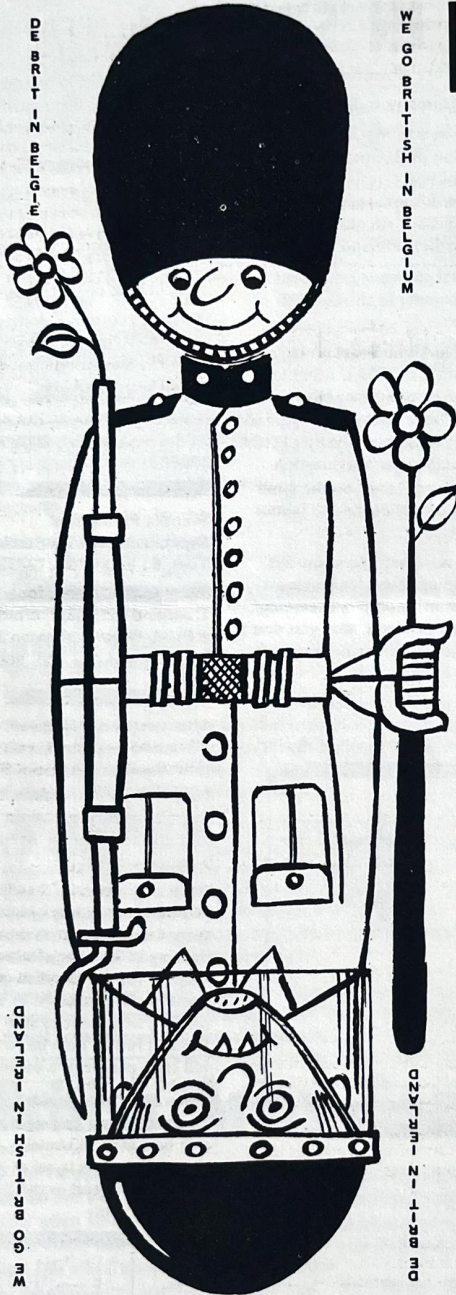
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# SOLIDARITY IN STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM



This is a reproduction of a leaflet distributed in St. Niklaas, in Belgium, recently during the holding of a British trade fair in the town. Our correspondence coming from all parts of the world indicates world wide indignation at British injustice and Brutality in the Six Counties.

## PEOPLE OF ST' NIKLAAS,

THE BRITISH ARE COMING HERE, TO YOUR TOWN, TO SHOW YOU THEIR FRIENDLY FACES FOR A WHOLE WEEK - THEY WANT TO SELL YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE'

Just Remember That Great Britain is:

AN OCCUPYING POWER IN Scotland and Wales, where the British, with kid-gloves on, are trying to choke Nationalism by putting both countries SOCIAL- LY in the rear and ousting the timehonoured Celtic CULTURE;

AN OCCUPATION FORCE IN IRELAND, where they at the cost of many lives want to keep a foothold: with force and haughty brutality Great Britain rules the street pattern in ULSTER, one of the four Irish counties.

## You Have Certainly Heard About:

BELFAST where the British have set the protestant workers against their catholic workers and comrades, by social inequality - in the catholic quarter Ballymurphy 47% unemployment - according to the renowned British maxim (divide and rule);

where the British support and protect the armed protestant militia, but on the other hand want to bloodily exterminate the IRA, liberating army of the Irish minority.

and DERRY where thirteen men were cowardly murdered by Her Majesty's soldiers during a peaceful procession for equal civil rights . . .

and LONG KESH: a concentration camp unadulterated style, where since August 1971 people are interned without

any kind of trial, where they are tortured to "perfection" aren't concentration camps a British invention from the time of the Boer War in South Africa?

Are you still enthusiastic about the "British Week"? Are you still BUYING BRITISH? DECLARE YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE! DEMAND WITH US THE NATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIBERATION OF THE SCOTS, WELSH AND IRISH!

For 143 years we Flemings have striven for SELF GOVERNMENT. Today in St. Niklaas, we proclaim our sincerest sympathy with other European peoples in their struggle against great imperialistic states.

HE WHO WANTS TO GIVE THE BRITISH MONEY FOR THEIR FIGHT AGAINST OUR IRISH FRIENDS, BUY BRITISH!

## IRELAND UNITED !

## Funeral of well-known Republican

The funeral of Martin Whyte of Lisdoonvarna took place recently from St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis to Lisdoonvarna Church.

The tri-colour draped coffin was escorted to the Maid of Erin Monument by a guard of honour in battle dress. About 3 miles outside Ennis the huge cortege stopped, while military honours were rendered.

Again at Ennistymon the cortege was escorted through the town by a guard of honour in battle dress who also did duty on entry to Lisdoonvarna, along with members of Cumann na mBan and Clann na nGael Scouts who escorted the remains to the local Church.

Martin was an unswerving lifelong Republican and gave 100% unqualified support to the Provisional movement and in particular to the Freedom Fighters of the Belfast Brigade.

May the sod rest lightly on the grave of our Friend and Comrade.

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# MR. JOHN A. COSTELLO ON EXTRADITION

Following an armed attack on the R.U.C. Barracks at Roslea, Co. Fermanagh on November 26, 1955 and demands for the handing over of certain wanted persons by the 26 County Government, the Taoiseach, Mr. John A. Costello made a statement in Leinster House on November 30, 1955.

He spoke of partition as a "grievous wrong", and added:

"Like all acts of injustice, it is a source of many evils, for which there is no remedy except the removal of the parent cause. Within the separated part of Ireland there is no true peace".

"The problem of the unlawful use of force is one which has been created for us by the actions of the British Government and Parliament and by the unrelenting opposition of the Six-County authorities to any reasonable approach to the ending of Partition".

Specifically on the question of extradition, he said:

"There have been complaints by the Six County authorities that we are not prepared to enter into an extradition agreement, by which we would undertake to hand over, for trial, persons accused of offences in the Six Counties or in Britain who have taken refuge in the territory under our jurisdiction. Before I go any further, it is necessary to clarify the position in this regard . . . . .

"Let me say that there has never been any serious difficulty about the reciprocal enforcement of warrants in respect of ordinary criminal offences between the British and ourselves and that we are executing the warrants of English and Scottish courts in such cases as freely as they are executing ours . . . . .

"International law does not require a State to surrender persons who have engaged in revolutionary activities in another State. On the contrary, it is well settled that every State has the right to grant asylum to political offenders and to decide for itself what is a political offence . . . . .

"I must therefore, emphasise, in order to prevent any further controversy or discussion on this point that there can be no question of our handing over, either to the British or to the Six-County authorities, persons whom they may accuse of armed political activities in Britain or in the Six Counties.

"Let me repeat, with emphasis, that the unlawful use of force has its roots in Partition, and the primary responsibility for its existence rests, therefore, on those who have created and are sustaining Partition".

Despite the fact that an Extradition

Agreement has since been made between the Westminster and Dublin Governments, Sinn Fein is of opinion that Mr. Costello's remarks on this subject are worth reading today. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Costello's Government did use the Offences Against the State Act against Republicans and went out of office as a result, but their attitude on the extradition of Republicans was determined and clear. They would not do it.

Mr. Costello's party, Fine Gael, is now the major partner in another

Coalition Government which is busily executing British extradition warrants. Persons already arrested on these warrants include a Belfast mother, a priest and a Belfast man on whose behalf the 26 County Government has accused the British of torture at the European Court of Human Rights.

To crown it all, the Attorney General who is implementing this policy is Mr. John A. Costello's son, Mr. Declan Costello!!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### UNITY

A Chara,

You published a letter some time ago from me, in which I advocated a unity between the N.L.F. and the Republican Movement. Events since then have convinced me that such a unity is well nigh impossible and can only be achieved if the N.L.F. take a very major step away from their current activities.

They are bitterly ashamed of any connections with the Republican Movement. In their attempts to create an affinity with a majority of Six County Protestants they have by far exceeded the S.D.L.P. by their lying, slanderous and despicable attacks on the brave Volunteers of Ogligh na hEireann.

They have got rid of a main Republican platform — that, in the prevailing circumstances, force must be used to get Britain out before a unity of people's minds is possible. They now want to talk and talk and talk, in the hope that the British will allow them to overcome the inbuilt majority complex of this statelet. They are the tools of Marxism: a bourgeois batch of reformers, who would further imprison the people by ruthless State Capitalism.

There is little if any similarity between "Eire Nua" and Assembly electioneering by the N.L.F. The same applies for the respective roles of Ogligh na hEireann and what the media are pleased to call the Official I.R.A.

A Dublin correspondent who wrote in agreeing with me — Aontas — shrewdly suggested that there might be too much difference of principle between the N.L.F. and the Republican Movement for one organisation to emerge. Sadly, I can only conclude that that is the case. The N.L.F. are not even remotely Republican. They do not seem to want to make any conciliatory gesture whatsoever to the Leadership of the Republican Movement. A union on the internment issue in Derry is an isolated flash in the pan.

No one will be happier than me if this letter is wrong, and Provisional and Stickies can unite. However, it seems highly unlikely, which accounts for my changed pen-name

Is mise le meas,  
EX-REPUBLICAN UNITY,  
Strabane.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### English like to pretend

Dear Sir,

*The English like to pretend their only political prisoners are in the Six Counties. The obscene Concentration Camp, Long Kesh, the young girls detained in Armagh Prison, the brutality towards remand prisoners in Belfast Prison — all this is excused because of the 'Special situation' in Ulster. The claim that these are England's only political prisoners is a blatant lie. One man, Laim McPherson, Vice-Chairman of the Workers Party of Scotland, is at present serving 24 years imprisonment on political charges.*

*Laim McPherson's case was highlighted when, on 23rd May, 1973, he was sentenced to another 6 years for an attempted escape from Porterfield Prison, Aberdeen. During his trial it was revealed that he and 3 other prisoners were kept in a special "isolation unit".*

*This unit is a prison within a prison. There are 5 sound-proofed cells. A strict rule of silence is observed a*

*and the prisoners are kept in solitary confinement — even the 'Daily Mirror', a paper not noted for its interest in the underprivileged, was moved to call the punishment of the 'isolation units' a "Living Death" (Daily Mirror 24/5/1973).*

*There are hundreds of political prisoners in Ireland and Laim McPherson is only one isolated Scotsman — some of your readers may say, why bother about him? After all, he isn't even Irish. They should remember McPherson and his small group were fighting, as we are, to free his country from English control.*

*The English authorities have isolated McPherson in an attempt to break his spirit. His only contact with the outside world is via newspapers and letters. If any of your readers would care to write to him c/o Porterfield Prison, Aberdeen, Scotland, he would see that he and his cause is not forgotten.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Gavin Campbell.*

## Bloodbath?

Some people still object to the Republican Movement, on the thesis that if the British withdrew today — as some people have made the IRA's chief objective out to be — the Catholic minority would be obliterated by Protestant extremists. To reject the IRA on those grounds alone would be an indication of extreme ignorance.

Firstly, the IRA have never demanded a British withdrawal overnight. They have said that they must be taken from working class areas, and taken from this island in several stages. It is notable that when the IRA issued a statement on their objectives in 1972, they provided for a full British evacuation only by 1975. In other words, troops would not be taken out of the Six Counties immediately after a declaration

of intent but three years from it. Surely that would be sufficient time to get rid of any UVF threat?

It is also stupid to suggest that when the Terrorists tet out of Ardoyne, Andersonstown etc., the car assassins would have fled day.

The fact is that the British are not in minority areas to protect the people. Admittedly, the occasional would-be-assassin is captured — but that is only a public relations gimmick, and the UDA leadership can well afford to lose one or two men a month.

In stark practical terms, the presence of the Terrorist Troops is only a hindrance to the defence of the people, since they are usually withdrawn before an assassination, since they themselves are guilty of most, and since they stop vigilantes from rendering a security service.

# LIAM MAC EMIGRATION

In his book, Terence O'Neill one time prime minister of the six counties, tells the story, that because Brookeborough had a duodenal ulcer, the old man decided to resign, so the boy Terence fell into the job. Now although O'Neill rightly calls Basil a man of limited intelligence, he was still astute enough to know the game was up when he received the Hall Report on the economy of the six counties, and the cure for the economy Hall suggested was to encourage emigration as there was no chance otherwise to keep from becoming bankrupt. As I say Basil knew his days of lording it over his 'Protestant Parliament for a Protestant People' had finished. You see the policy of the Government for forty years had been based on driving out the Catholic people from their country, by discrimination in jobs and housing. But to have to tell his followers in the B Specials and the Orange Lodges that they also must emigrate. Well I ask you. So Basil retired and O'Neill was given the job to carry on the tradition of keeping the last colony as a base for the Brits to have a cheap labour force and a cheap food supply.

O'Neill never even understood his political followers and what they expected off him. He was out of touch with everyone, and spent his time meeting 'famous' people until the Civil Rights Movement began to get active and brought him down to earth. His attitude to discrimination and religious bigotry was so rightly summed up by Bernadette Devlin when she said of him "He knows it's bad form to discriminate, just as it's bad form to tuck your table-napkin under your chin instead of putting it on your lap!"

To see how successful Brookeborough was even in his own area of forcing the Catholic people to emigrate it is only necessary to look at the population of Fermanagh and how it declined:

| 1926      | 1937      | 1951      | 1961      | 1971      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1,257,700 | 1,280,000 | 1,370,900 | 1,425,000 | 1,527,600 |

The emigration figures are:

| 1926-1951 | 1952-1961 | 1962-1966 | 1967-1971 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 125,000   | 92,886    | 30,000    | 40,400    |

That my friends is the 'great success' story of the Unionist Party who has ruled the six counties for fifty years.

One of the tragedies of this forced emigration of human beings to England and America is that it has left the population top-heavy in age distribution as follows:

|            | 1951    | 1961    | 1966    | 1972    |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Age.. 0-19 | 487,200 | 532,300 | 564,500 | 594,800 |
| 20-39      | 385,700 | 356,400 | 356,800 | 388,200 |
| 40-64      | 362,900 | 392,300 | 401,300 | 399,300 |
| 65- over   | 135,000 | 143,900 | 156,200 | 167,100 |

| 1926   | 1937   | 1951   | 1961   |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 58,000 | 54,600 | 53,000 | 51,500 |

(See Panel for Statistics)

When one thinks of the natural increase of births over deaths, the above figures confirm Aiden Corrigan's case that 40 per cent of the Catholics between the ages of 15 and 25 had to emigrate.

On a broader plain, the tragedy of the whole six county area is seen in the population figures.

While the population age group 20-64 has only increased over the past 20 years by a mere 38,900, the child population has over the same period increased by 107,600 and the 65 and over age group by 32,000.

But when one looks at the age group 20-39 what a shock to find that it was the youth of our country that suffered most and only increased over the 1951 figures for the first time in 1972 by a mere 2,500.

Is it any wonder why we say that the whole structure of the six county state and its rulers the gombeen men of the Unionist Party has to be destroyed once and for all time.

They must not be given another chance whether they disguise themselves under the name of the various shades of unionism or Alliance Party. They are the guilty men they must not hoodwink us again by their plea that they will share power.... share power with whom? The middle classes inside the S.D.L.P.? who are falling for the same old tricks of once more helping to rebuild their banana colony.

## WHO WAS TONE?

THEOBALD WOLFE TONE was a young Dubliner whose honesty and conviction of Ireland's need for independence led him to undertake one of the most remarkable ventures in our country's history.

He was born on June 20, 1763, and was brought up in the Church of Ireland faith.

He studied law in London and Dublin, and, becoming a barrister in 1789, he quickly made an impact on Dublin society with his lively and intelligent mind.

Because self-interest had no place in his character, he saw the truth and spoke it bluntly while others resorted to hypocrisy and compromise.

The corruption of the government and the oppression of the people convinced him that Ireland could prosper only under an independent government of its own.

Tone threw himself wholeheartedly into the cause he held dearest all his life -- securing Protestant support for the emancipation of the Catholics and thus obtaining freedom for all.

He wrote a powerful "Argument on behalf of the Catholics of Ireland", and was appointed the first Protestant secretary of the Catholic Committee. His untiring work brought a new vigour and dynamism to this body.

In 1791 he went to Belfast to help form the first Society of

United Irishmen. He then returned to Dublin to start the movement there.

Warned in 1794 that he was in danger from the Government, he arranged with his comrades to set sail for America and seek the French Minister's support for military aid for the projected rebellion.

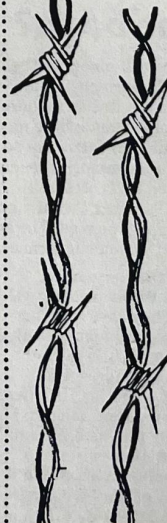
He put his amazing request to the Minister, but was kept waiting so long for an answer that he almost gave up hope.

Eventually he was given an introduction to leading members of the French revolutionary government, and sailed for Paris on January 1, 1796. French revolutionary government, and sailed for Paris on January 1, 1796. By his energy and persistence, he persuaded the French to equip an expedition to Ireland. A first fleet with 15,000 men was defeated by bad weather, as was a second smaller expedition also.

On a third attempt, Tone sailed as an adjutant-general of the French Army with a force of 3,000 but the ships were again scattered by storm and four of them were attacked by a British squadron in Lough Swilly.

Tone fought bravely in the battle but was captured, taken to Dublin in chains, and sentenced to death by courtmartial. He died in his cell on November, 19, 1798.

## on the death of Pat crawford



They held my heart in a barbed-wire net,  
My hopes in a cage of steel,  
My freedom with their British guns  
Was stolen from my soul.

Slowly then they broke my mind,  
By rights and hopes removed,  
My mind once free like a flying bird,  
Lay broken now and dead.

Our people fighting held my hope,  
My people turned away,  
For British lies they left me,  
My hope was gone that day.

But they could not hold your soul, Patrick,  
Your soul flies free,  
Though British lying killed you,  
Our prayers shall set you free.

Padraig Bann.

Dear Sir,

An analysis of the recent local government elections and the initial meetings of the new district councils leads to a number of inescapable conclusions:

1. The Loyalist community sought and succeeded in using the PR system with so much adeptitude, precision and skill that the new voting method, designed by Britain to break the Unionist monolith, failed miserably in this objective. Unionists realise, and this point has been stressed publicly on TV by their spokesmen that they constitute 65% of the population and believe therefore that this entitles them to uninterrupted (Unionist brand) rule. Faulkner as recently as ten days ago expressed amazement that anyone should object to going back to square 1, i.e. old Stormont rule.

2. The initial meetings of the new district councils clearly indicate that where Loyalists are in a majority – and that is in 80% of the 26 District Councils – they are intent on grabbing all the jobs and appointments by block voting and have failed so far to even drop a crumb, like a representative to a library or medical board, to the anti Unionist community. The attitude of Unionists at local government level will no doubt be repeated at Assembly level as is clear from the statements of Unionists on the Liam Nolan Show (18/6/73) among them the so called moderate Ann Dickson MP who clearly would not share power with anyone working for a united Ireland.

3. A substantial section of the anti Unionist population were effectively disfranchised by Whitelaw's ban on Sinn Féin and his internment policy. This resulted, at a time when politics are on everyone's lips morning noon and night, in as high as 60% anti Unionists not

# British withdraw only solution

voting in areas like South Down, in South Armagh, Mid and West Tyrone. Only three of the eight thousand anti Unionist voters exercised the franchise in one area of North Belfast while up to half of the anti Unionists of Andersonstown, and areas of Derry abstained. This has resulted in most ridiculous results, like Crossmaglen being represented by a Unionist and Carrickmore and the Bogside by Alliance councillors. In effect Whitelaw has made a farce of the elections, by having men returned who certainly have no mandate from the people. Does anyone really believe that a Unionist represents accurately the feelings of the people of Crossmaglen or that a Unionist Chairman reflects the aspirations of the people of Strabane?

The nett result of all this is that we have now 26 undemocratic and unrepresentative District Councils; we have a large section of the anti Unionist population not represented at all and with no one in the Council chambers with whom they identify; we are left with Unionists controlling and snatching all the jobs and appointments. The lesson is there for all to see, namely that the purpose of partition is still valid; that the artificial boundary still guarantees a permanent Unionist majority dedicated to Unionist rule. The presence of British troops ensures this Loyalist hegemony. If the British Government is seriously interested in finding a solution to our troubles, then she must make a declaration of withdrawal as soon as possible. As long as she resists this inevitable decision, so long will she perpetuate Unionist

supremacy and delay the thaw of half century's frozen politics. If the Southern Government is interested in helping, rather than harassing our Northern refugees to the extent of officially violating its own laws (Failure to charge British undercover agents in Clones for violating Firearms Act and probably as well as over 100 more cases) then it should by now have come up with a White Paper on the matter. To date both the Government and Opposition, from O'Malley to Cooney, from Colley to Donegan have been pursuing and advocating the same policies vis a vis the North which destroyed Faulkner and Maudling and will in the next year or so send Whitelaw out of Ireland ignominiously. Cooney's recent misrepresentation of the Provos' Eire Nua document on RTE and O'Malley's howling on April Fools Day about the Claudia is no substitute for hard thinking and a realistic assessment of the Northern situation. The death of British rule in Ireland is imminent; the campaign which brought this about, inevitably and of necessity, had to have the backing of the majority of anti Unionists. The theory held by Dublin politicians that only a handful of extremists are campaigning to have Britain out has been blown sky high; It is time it was abandoned by all especially by people in high places, who should instead be planning and plotting the building of the New Ireland.

Yours etc.  
Aidan Corrigan,  
4 Orpheus Drive,  
Dungannon,  
Co. Tyrone.

## No basis in fact

One can only regard with amusement the claim that the response to the local government elections shows that the Republican Movement has negligible support.

In reality, there was a 30% boycott of the polls. If one takes it that the puny increase in the Border Poll represents SDLP-Republican Clubs support, the question of where the allegiance of the remainder lies arises. It was particularly gratifying that in Andersonstown 56% of the electorate heeded the counsel of the Republican Movement.

Even then, many people who condone the military activities of O'Connell na h-Eireann voted! That was a victory only for the terror tactics of the British Forces, who ensured that the reasons for a boycott were given minimum access to the people.

The BBC and ITV helped immeasurably. Those Republicans who did vote did several things. They gave their votes to Independents, with Republican sympathies, or aided the massive success of the Unity Movement in Fermanagh. Where such people were absent support might have been given to those the electors supported after the Republican Movement.

The NLF thus benefited. (And so, by the way, did many SDLP candidates, who canvassed on a pro-IRA, anti-White Paper ticket!)

One also wonders what the result would have been had Sinn Féin been able to formulate a local government manifesto, based on "Eire Nua."

The claim by Willy Whitewash that the people wanted his version of the democratic processes is contemptible in the extreme. Such cashing in on the Nazi type work of his Armed Forces was inevitable, even if it has no basis in fact.

# POBLAUGHT NA h-EIREANN

The struggle for a free Ireland has continued down the centuries and from generation to generation. The British Conquest never succeeded fully in subjugating the mass of the Irish people. Even the colonisation of Ireland failed. Despite attempts at extermination by war, famine and emigration, the native population was not driven from the land. Force did not compel them to surrender their national rights. The Irish people consistently resisted the tyranny of British rule in Ireland. Almost every generation witnessed at least one armed uprising.

The idea of an Irish Republic owes its origin to the doctrines and teachings of Theobald Wolfe Tone,

the "Father of Irish Republicanism". Tone was inspired by the French Revolution. He arrived at the conclusion that the only way to full freedom and prosperity for the Irish people lay in unity between Catholic and Protestant and in breaking the connection with England – politically and economically.

"To subvert the tyranny of our execrable Government; to break the connection with England, the never-failing source of all our political evils; and to assert the independence of my country – these were my objects. To unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of past dissensions, and to substitute the

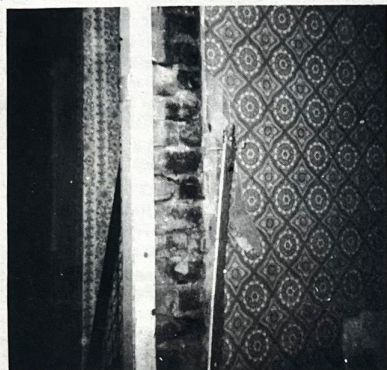
common name of Irishman in place of the denominations of Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter – these were my means".

Tone used armed force and sought aid from abroad as others have done since. Emmet rose in armed revolt, the men of 1848 rose in armed revolt and the Fenians shook the Empire. The men of 1916 - 22 went near to ousting the British invader only to be thwarted by trickery and native slaves who accepted England's Free State and partitioning of our country. Since then the Irish Republican Army has sought to redress those wrongs. The I.R.A. has been in action in the 30's, 40's and 50's, but as you are all

aware it has been the controlling factor of events in our country and in the North in particular for the last 3 years. We ask you to ensure that this time the Irish Nation will be set free. Pearse wrote: "I say to each one of you who read this that it is your duty to arm. Until you have armed yourself and made yourself skillful in the use of arms, you have no right to a voice in any concern of the Irish Nation, no right to consider yourself a member of the Irish Nation or of any nation, no right to raise your head among any decent body of men... Arm."

"NOTHING IS EVER SETTLED UNTIL IT IS SETTLED RIGHT"

## Wanton Destruction to Belfast home by British



Mrs. Helen Hardy, of 4 Hartwell Street, of the New Lodge Road, is still in an excited, shocked state after her ordeal at the hands of British soldiers who almost wrecked her little home yesterday after a raid which lasted from 11.30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The raiding party arrived in 4 jeeps and 2 saracens and she was told that they were "acting on information received." They said if it was necessary that they would "knock down her home brick by brick."

Mr. Hardy, who was at work when the soldiers came, arrived home for his lunch at 12.45 p.m. to

find his wife in a hysterical state and the British soldiers systematically pulling down ceilings and tearing hardboard partitions which were decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy were placed under house arrest. She was not allowed to collect her little daughter, Jacaline (4) from the nursery school on the New Lodge Road.

The Hardy household was also raided last Friday. Nothing was found on either raid.

The photographs taken by our photographer show some of the wanton damage estimated at over £200 caused during the raid.

## British Para attempts to frame man in Killeavy

Harassment of local people in Killeavy continues says the O'Reilly Brothers Sinn Fein Cumann, Killeavy, in a statement issued on the 20th June.

The Cumann say that several people were severely beaten by British paras on Friday, 15th June. One of the local men beaten, was forced at gun-point to drive four paras almost a mile into the 26 counties and return with them by an unapproved road back into the Six Counties.

The Cumann claim that shortly after the above incident that another local man was taken from his car, made to stand in a search position against a wall, when the para guarding him produced an anti-extradition poster from under his own uniform and indicated to the officer in charge that he found it on the local man's person.

According to the Cumann, when the British officer showed no interest in the poster, the soldier took a live round from his rifle and stated that he was going to shoot the man.

The statement concludes with a pledge from the Cumann to stand behind the political hostages in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

## na fianna eireann An Officers' Meeting

WILL BE HELD IN THE FIANNA ROOMS, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin,  
on Sunday, 8th July.

*The meeting will begin punctually at 1.30 p.m. If it is not possible for all three officers to attend then two or even one will suffice, but it would be better if all three can attend.*

The purpose of this meeting is to establish better communications between G.H.Q. and the sluaithe. Details of the Fianna Ard Fheis will be worked out. It is vital that all sluaithe be represented.

ar son Na Fianna Eireann,  
Deirdre O'Byrne, Q.M.G.