

# An Phoblacht

## REPUBLICAN NEWS

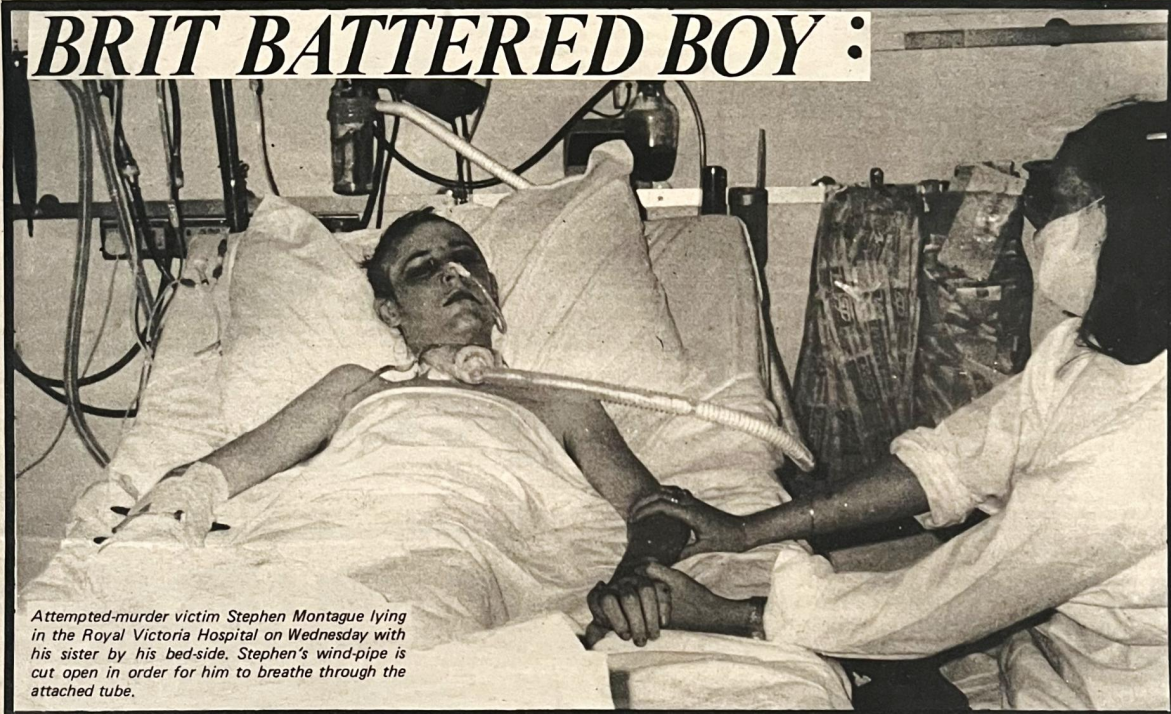


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### BRIT BATTERED BOY:



Attempted-murder victim Stephen Montague lying in the Royal Victoria Hospital on Wednesday with his sister by his bed-side. Stephen's wind-pipe is cut open in order for him to breathe through the attached tube.

# LEFT FOR DEAD



STEPHEN MONTAGUE TODAY, INSET IS A RECENT PICTURE OF HIM.

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Belfast boy, Stephen Montague, remains dangerously ill having been in a coma in the Royal Victoria Hospital for two weeks after being viciously beaten and left for dead by British soldiers.

Young Stephen Montague from Spamount Street in the nationalist New Lodge Road area had just left a friend to the Antrim Road and was returning down Hillman Street at about midnight on Wednesday August 8th.

Anniversary protests over the introduction of internment in 1971 were taking place throughout nationalist districts in Belfast. At the junction of Hillman Street and Hallidays Road a British soldier fired a plastic bullet at Stephen, who was close by, and brought him to the ground.

One of the eye-witnesses, Mrs. Mary Meade, says that the only activity prior to this incident was a skirmish when

about fifteen youths had stoned soldiers at the corner.

She recalls: "I saw the boy walking down the street. I was at the upstairs window at the time. I thought I heard a few shots and then saw him falling. He crumpled up and just lay there motionless. The young rioters ran towards him but the soldiers were there first. They dragged him away by the collar towards the 'peace-line'

at the corner of Hallidays Road/Duncairn Gardens."

Another witness, who wishes to remain anonymous, states that he saw the soldiers firing a plastic bullet from a distance of about four feet into Stephen's stomach and saw him fall crippled. He saw the Brits kicking him around the head when they came to trail him away.

Mrs. Meade agrees that this man had a better view than her. More importantly this eye-witness also claims that he heard a Saracen in the vicinity. This would explain how Stephen was taken to Mervue Street where he was eventually found.

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BRIT VICTIM  
STEPHEN MONTAGUE

## BRIT BATTERED BOY : LEFT FOR DEAD

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A third eye-witness, David Donnelly, a twenty-four-year-old local man, was walking down Hallidays Road. He saw a small crowd of youths dispersing and a boy lying in the middle of the street surrounded by four or five Brits who were kicking him. He saw them then trail the boy away.

Stephen, unconscious and thus unable to defend himself, was then taken into the loyalist Tiger Bay area. In Mervue Street he was severely beaten by soldiers. A protestant woman from this street went to the Montague home the following Saturday when Stephen's identity had been established.

She told Mrs. Montague that she heard and saw soldiers beat her son. As the Brits left Stephen she went out to cover him with a coat and the soldiers shouted at her "Fuck off, and leave the Fenian bastard alone or you'll get the same."

### RUC CONFIRMATION

The fact that the Brits believed Stephen dead was confirmed inadvertently by an RUC man called Nugent to Stephen's eldest brother, John. The RUC told John that the British army had called them early on Thursday morning to say that they had found the unidentified body of a youth in Mervue Street.

So serious was the extent of his injuries that when Stephen arrived at the City Hospital at ten-past-one on Thursday morning the doctors thought that he had gunshot wounds to the head. Later he was moved to the intensive care unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital where he was put on a life support machine which included a cardiac unit (he was only taken off this on Tuesday when his condition improved).

Stephen has a fractured skull with severe bruises on each side of his head; he has severe lacerations on both hands and knees; he has two black eyes; and a tracheotomy (an operation in which the wind pipe is opened at the neck) was performed to help him breathe.

### FITT'S INDIFFERENCE

When the family, in their efforts to get some justice done, went to see their local MP, Gerry Fitt, he said that he had hundreds of cases to deal with. The Montagues are disgusted at Fitt's indifference towards the plight of young Stephen. Had local people beaten up a Brit-

ish soldier in the area then undoubtedly Fitt would have made a television appearance to condemn them.

The family have typically had no satisfaction, but numerous obstructions from the RUC.

The attack is supposed to be under investigation by Detective Sergeant Smith from North Queen Street barracks. But he has been giving eye-witnesses the run around. He makes appointments to see them but when they show up at the barracks he is often not there, or when he is there, they are kept waiting for up to an hour-and-a-half before he sees them.

When they are eventually seen their full accounts are never noted because Smith claims: "I'm too busy, could you call back again?"

### UNDERMINING THE TRUTH

Also undermining the family's efforts to get the truth out into the open were the media. TV and radio bulletins carried various rumours of loyalist or republican involvement and ignored local people who knew and said that the Brits were responsible.

On Friday August 10th the loyalist Newsletter had as its headlines on the front page "Youth badly injured by rampaging mobs" and in their account the British army plucked Stephen out of further danger "from under the feet of rioters".

According to the *Belfast Telegraph* of the next day (Saturday August 11th) the RUC were investigating various theories.

"One of these", claimed the *Telegraph*, "may be that the youth was beaten by a group of people with hurley sticks who mingled with a crowd marking the internment anniversary."

The clear implication of this ridiculous story is that an IRA punishment squad was at work.

### BLAME

Stephen's sister, Catherine, says: "All the different accounts in the papers were trying to get the Brits off the hook and blame someone else for the attack."

Mrs. Montague believes that the reason why Stephen was left lying in Mervue Street was to give the impression that he was a victim of a loyalist attack. Speaking about the cruel assault on her young son by the Brits she says: "The sooner these animals get out of our country and leave us alone the sooner attacks like this will end."

## One hundred stitches in head

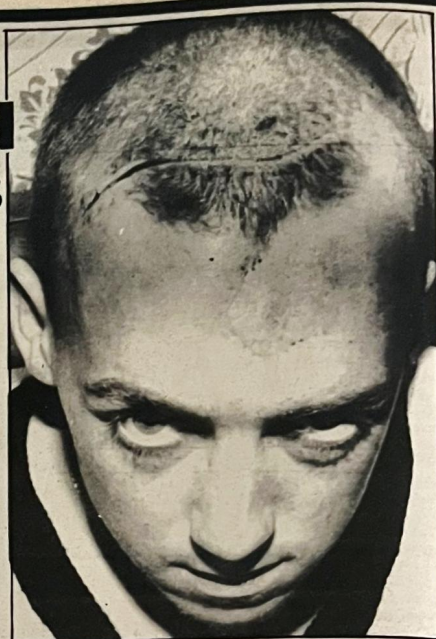
A HALF-CRAZED member of a Brit snatch-squad running down Gracehill Street, in Belfast's Oldpark area, fired a plastic bullet from point-blank range at a teenager standing in the hallway of his home.

The plastic bullet hit the teenager, eighteen-year-old John Mulvenna, in the forehead, leaving a deep gash which his doctor later described as a "depressed fracture of the skull". After an emergency operation, John Mulvenna was detained in hospital for one week, for the first two days of which he lay dangerously ill. He is currently attending the Royal Victoria Hospital as an out-patient.

The near fatal attack on John Mulvenna occurred shortly after half past nine on the evening of Friday August 10th as a riot was in progress near his home in the Bone nationalist ghetto on the Oldpark Road.

According to John's mother, the riot was little more than a skirmish, which began about eight thirty that night and continued sporadically for about an hour.

During a brief confrontation between a group of young lads and a large force of Brits and RUC men at the junction of Gracehill Street and



Eighteen-year-old John Mulvenna showing where he had one hundred stitches after receiving a 'depressed fracture of the skull' from a Brit plastic bullet.

Oldpark Road, a snatch squad of British soldiers charged down the street, firing the plastic bullets.

John Mulvenna and his girl-friend were standing in the hallway of John's home when he was struck on

the forehead, at close range by a plastic bullet. He slumped in the hallway like a bag of potatoes, his head gushing blood. He later received over one hundred stitches in his head and is now fortunate to be on the road to recovery.

## KOSBIE 'FREE FOR ALL'

A YOUNG married man from Belfast's Turf Lodge estate, who suffers from a serious heart complaint, is one of the most recent victims to suffer the brutality of the notorious KOSBie regiment.

Andrew McCrudden received a black eye, a gash on his head and numerous bruises and cuts to his back and legs during a beating at the hands, feet and batons of a dozen KOSBies.

The KOSBies latest 'free for all' started shortly before midnight on Thursday August 16th, when upwards of a dozen of them,

wielding batons, emerged from Fort Monagh, near Turf Lodge, and attacked a group of local people following a band from Glasgow down the Monagh Road.

The attack seems to have been prompted by the Republican music played by the band.

Not everyone escaped to safety from the grasping hands of the

KOSBies. One victim was Andrew McCrudden who was trailed along the ground whilst being kicked and batoned.

Inside Fort Monagh he was beaten unconscious and awakened to find himself in the RUC barracks in Andersonstown. From there he was transferred to Townhall Street RUC barracks, where he was charged with riotous behaviour and was later released on one hundred pounds bail. The brutal attack on Andrew McCrudden is yet another example of the tactics used by the KOSBies to try to create an atmosphere of terror in the area they occupy.



Andrew McCrudden displays the aftermath of an encounter with the crazed KOSBies.



# LUCKY TO SURVIVE

**BRITISH FORCES** were lucky to survive two gun attacks and two bomb attacks during a week which was quieter than usual. There was only one successful commercial bombing operation - that was the gutting of an office block in Dungannon.

THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST

Derry:

The IRA carried out two separate attacks on British troops in Derry City.

The first operation was carried out around midnight Wednesday night when an IRA Volunteer opened fire on a British army post at the bottom of Abercorn Road. Simultaneously a blast bomb attack was made on the same post.

Later that morning an elaborate booby-trap aimed at British soldiers near a housing estate on the outskirts of Derry, failed.

A bus commandeered at Leagair Park, Shantallow, was abandoned with a bomb on board near the Templemore Sports Complex, not far from the main Derry to Buncrana road. When the bomb ex-

ploded Brits went to investigate and another bomb was detonated at the roadside near the bus. The Brits narrowly escaped injury. The area was subsequently sealed off for most of the day.

Newcastle:

An eight-strong incendiary bomb blitz on Newcastle's Ulsterbus depot was foiled by a British army bomb disposal team. The Brits were able to take advantage of the long time delay on the bombs, necessary in order to ensure safe evacuation of civilians. The depot was sealed off for the morning.

Ulsterbus chief Werner Heubeck rode his luck once more by driving adjacent buses clear of the four buses which contained bombs.

Strabane:

Two bombs planted at the Strabane council offices were later defused.

Dungannon:

The Leicester Building Society in Dungannon's Northland Row was almost completely gutted following a double-bomb attack.

The bombs were planted shortly after ten o'clock in the evening. The first bomb exploded at ten thirty, followed by the second, fifteen minutes later.

The bombs started a fierce fire which quickly engulfed the office block. There were no civilian casualties and the active service unit returned safely to base, its mission successfully accomplished.

## WAR NEWS

All the operations referred to below were claimed in supplied statements by the Irish Republican Army.

FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST

Derry:

A gun attack was mounted on a British army foot-patrol at the junction of Duncreggan Road and Aberfoyle Crescent.

An IRA active service unit had secreted themselves in a derelict house and when the expected foot-patrol appeared the Volunteers fired a fusillade of twenty shots at the Brits who returned a single shot. No Volunteers were injured.

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

Newtownbutler:

Two RUC men narrowly escaped death when they were blown off their feet by a booby-trap bomb.

The RUC men had stopped on the Lisnaskea to Newtownbutler road at what had been rigged to look like the scene of an accident at a damaged telegraph pole when a booby-trap bomb was detonated. Both RUC men were injured, and one was detained in hospital but neither's injuries were severe.

## Another Brit dies

Another Brit has died on the roads of the six-counties, thus adding to the cost of British military occupation. On Monday morning a Brit was killed, an RUC man seriously injured, and two Brits slightly injured when their military land-rover crashed into a wall surrounding Lord Caledon's estate on the outskirts of the village on the Armagh to Caledon road. No other vehicle was involved.

The dead Brit was named as twenty-year-old Private Douglas McKeivley from Lanarkshire who only arrived in Armagh at the beginning of the month. He was a member of the 1st battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, serving with the 1st battalion Gordon Highlanders.

ONE OF the many recent instances of the commandeering of vehicles in West Belfast is worthy of a closer look.

On Monday August 13th a post office van was travelling down the Falls Road in the direction of Belfast's city centre when it was stopped and commandeered at the entrance of the Beechmount Leisure centre.

## IT MAKES YOU WONDER

Aware of their community responsibilities those taking the vehicle told the driver to off-load his mail bags before they set the van on fire. This the driver prompt-

ly did; bringing six full and two half-full mailbags to a nearby house for safe-keeping. The driver then telephoned the head post office to report the loss of the van but that

the mail was safe.

Ten minutes later two KOSBie-carrying sarcophagi arrived to collect the eight bags.

On the local radio news that evening it was reported that one mail bag had been recovered by the British army.

It makes you wonder how much money was in the other seven.

## Revenge Swoops and Stunt

THE BRITISH MILITARY have carried out punitive dawn swoops plus a cheap publicity stunt in order to show that their writ still runs in the nationalist ghettos of Belfast. The revenge swoops and stunt occurred in the week following the open appearance of armed IRA volunteers at the massive 'Brits must go' demonstration on the Falls Road and in Casement Park a fortnight ago.

The IRA's appearance caused a crisis of confidence, especially amongst loyalists, in Britain's continued ability, or will, to rule the occupied six-counties. The swoops and stunt were designed by the British to restore confidence amongst the loyalists and boost morale amongst their own ranks.

### FIRST DAWN RAIDS

The first series of dawn raids were carried out on Wednesday



Cumann na mBan volunteer on the Falls Road a fortnight ago - the IRA's appearance caused a crisis of confidence especially amongst loyalists.

15th August in seven areas of Belfast including Andersonstown, New Lodge, Markets, Bawnmore and Short Strand.

Many 'heavily-armed' Brit/RUC raiding parties left the homes that they broke into, empty-handed, but seventeen men were arrested. Subsequently six of the men were charged on Saturday in a Belfast city court with wearing 'illegal' uniforms. Two of them were additionally charged with IRA membership, three with professing membership by wearing uniforms and one with membership of Fianna Eireann.

### PAWN CREASEY

On the morning following the dawn swoops the British used General Creasey, the General Officer Commanding their occupation forces, as a pawn in a desperate stunt designed to counter the IRA's display of power (and of limited territorial control) in West Belfast four days earlier. Creasey walked cautiously along

a short stretch of the Falls Road and into Sinn Fein's Art Shop where he took a brief look around.

But far from proving the acceptability of British rule this particular exercise dramatically illustrated quite the opposite. Although Creasey might have been personally unarmed, in order to guarantee his personal safety a massive military operation was swung into action involving scores of heavily-armed KOSBies on the ground and closely watching helicopters in the air.

### SECOND DAWN RAIDS

On Friday, Brit/RUC raiding parties swung into action again with dawn swoops on the Republican press centre, on the H-block information centre housed in the same building and on three Sinn Fein offices.

The offices raided were the Sinn Fein headquarters on the Falls Road and the advice centres in Andersonstown and the New Lodge Road. Nobody was arrested, but the press centre was ransacked, damage was done and documents - H-block publicity material - were stolen.

Following Creasey's visit to the Sinn Fein premises the previous day, he had issued a statement claiming that his reception was cordial. (Cool would have been more accurate.) The timing of the second dawn raids, during which



The heavily-guarded Creasey was used as a propaganda pawn by the British.

the 'KOSBies kicked in the doors of Sinn Fein premises, seems to have been intended as a show of personal contempt by the arrogant Creasey following his supposedly cordial reception only hours previously.

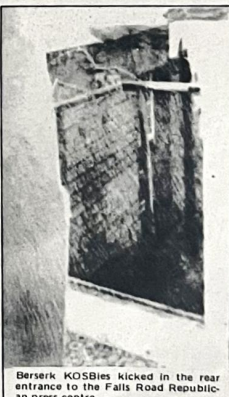
Typically the Official Unionists showed just how much they are out of touch with reality by foolishly claiming that Creasey had visited the Sinn Fein offices to personally do the intelligence work for the subsequent raids!

### HARTLEY STATEMENT

Commenting on these raids Tom Hartley, Chairman of Belfast Sinn Fein, said:

"Sinn Fein warns the British government that any attempts by the British army to drive us underground will be resisted. We will continue to mobilise people on the streets for 'Brits out' and 'Smash the H-blocks'."

"Sinn Fein will also continue to confront and undermine the British state in Ireland by exposing the methods of division, exploit-



Berserk KOSBies kicked in the rear entrance to the Falls Road Republican press centre.

ation, military rule and all other evils which go hand-in-hand with Westminster's attempt at controlling its Irish colony."



# It's the rich who get the pleasure, it's the poor who get the blame

By Paul Rooney

**AN IMPORTANT** report published last weekend lashed the Free State economy and accused the Fianna Fail government of sitting on its backside.

The report has been produced by the internationally influential Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The OECD is formed by twenty-four states which are the leading industrialised capitalist countries of the world.

The report states that the development plan through which the Free State administration intends to save the economy is in dire straits.

The OECD predicts that inflation will soon be over twelve per cent in 1979, compared to Fianna Fail's target of five per cent; that the balance of payments deficit for the year will be 450 million punt as against 150 million punt last year; that the growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) will drop by almost half, from seven per cent last year to four per cent this year; and that on top of all this consumer prices will rise to an all time high.

A very gloomy picture indeed! But the OECD does not blame the Free State government ministers and the bosses of industry for their

incompetence and greed, but instead lays the blame once again on the shoulders of the workers.

The report calls on the government to plan for major cutbacks in wage rises: "It is essential that the rate of increase in Irish wages and salaries is reduced". The report goes on to say that Irish wage earners must be prepared to accept lower increases than those wage earners abroad. It also blames the militancy of trade unionists for killing the international competitiveness of the Free State industry and for frightening away foreign industry.

This anti-working class report, even goes to the extremes of saying that: "whilst welcoming the broad consensus approach embodied in the 'National Understanding' " it

believes its terms are too generous! Too generous — that will come as a revelation to those who have been involved in industrial disputes in the past year, and have felt the full force of the state, as it tried to bring them to their knees.

When the OECD accuses the Free State government of sitting on its backside over the state of the economy, it literally means that the Free State is not attacking the workers' living standards enough.

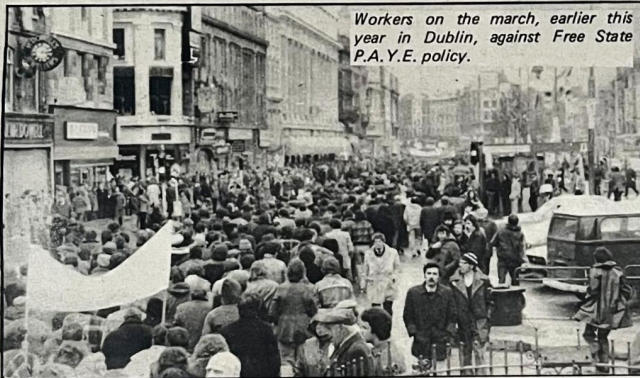
Within hours of the report being published some members of the church and establishment started a 'witch hunt'. The bishop of Ardagh, Dr. Cahal Daly, echoed by the Irish Press on Monday accuses trade unionists of holding the government to ransom, and threateningly recalled twenty years ago, when Irish people were lucky if they were not job-hunting in Birmingham and Blackburn, and that everyone



should pull their socks up for the Pope's visit.

Trade unionists however, must be ready to challenge a report such as

that of the OECD, and stand up to the slanderous attacks it has invoked and unite in the face of the threat it poses.



Workers on the march, earlier this year in Dublin, against Free State P.A.Y.E. policy.

## The sergeants' president and the public house

**THE ANXIETY** of the gardai to butter up their northern counterparts is mixed with a nice reversal of the 'cross-border excuse' (which is usually the exclusive property of the Brits and RUC) in a nonsensical front-page story in the *Belfast Telegraph* of Saturday August 18th.

According to an 'exclusive' interview given to the paper's Dublin correspondent by Sergeant Phil Callanan, who is described as President of the Association of Garda Inspectors and Sergeants, the Sergeant is calling for the expulsion from the twenty-six counties of fugitives from the North in order to get around the constitutional difficulties of extradition.

This brilliant new idea of this garda apparently ignores, or forgets, the fact that the twenty-six county constitution extends Free State citizenship to any one born in the six counties, so that there is no way a person could be deported across the border for 'illegal' entry or overstaying a work permit.

The part of the interview which the RUC would find familiar but not so comradely, is where Callanan claims that "many of the major robberies are being masterminded by criminals from the North." However their inability to identify these candidates for expulsion is currently the bugbear of the gardai themselves who, as the story beams are faced with a series of major bank robberies, only 5% of the proceeds of which has been recovered since 1976.

Finally in what the paper describes as "a scathing attack on people who provide the gangs with arms and cover" Sergeant Callanan is reported as saying, "The sooner we for-



Gardaí battering up a Republican demonstrator.

get about public house republicanism in this country the better."

Which brings us round to wondering where the ridiculous interview took place...

## REFUSE BLACKMAIL REFUSED

**OVER THREE HUNDRED** Free State soldiers are currently being used by the Fianna Fail government to collect rubbish off the streets of Dublin. They are thereby acting as scabs and strike-breakers; a role they have been playing for more than two months.

The numbers of troops have steadily risen against a background of verbal attacks on the strikers for allowing rubbish to build up in the streets as the Pope's visit approaches.

But it is not the refuse collectors who are on strike; it is their workmates who maintain the lorries who have been working-to-rule since

March. Their action has put forty of Dublin Corporation's fleet of fifty-two bin lorries off the road.

The maintenance men rightly claim that their present wages are behind those of other craftsmen in semi-state bodies and the building industry. The men are members of the National Engineering and Electrical Trade Union (NEETU) and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUWE).

Pressure has recently been exerted on the men by the Fianna Fail government Dublin city corporation and the media to halt their work-to-rule so that the city can be cleaned up for the Pope's visit.

A small number of AUWE members who work at the Stanley Street depot have reportedly returned to work, but the majority are determined to continue their action no matter what type of pressure is exerted upon them — be it emotional blackmail or unformed scabs.

Free State troops who will be used more and more to break trade unionists' resistance.





Review: P. Janke 'ULSTER: A Decade of Violence'—Conflict Studies No. 108 (June 1979)

# Pacification Programme

BY  
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**YET ANOTHER** British report, following in the footsteps of captured document 37 and echoing its conclusions, indicates that the IRA is militarily undefeated and has an increasing capacity to strike at enemy targets.

The report's main conclusion is that as part of a pacification programme "it is to the Royal Ulster Constabulary that the province must look for stability and peace—but equipped with more and better resources to counter the increasing effectiveness of the I.R.A. . . ."

The report also concludes that "the threat is in some respects greater today than five years ago. As an organisation the Provisional IRA is undoubtedly more effective. With fewer numbers, the organisation recruits its better quality members who do not lack for arms or money. Security is tighter and the network harder to penetrate".

The report, entitled "Ulster: A decade of violence", has just been published (with limited circulation) by the Institute for the Study of Conflict in London.

The study has been completed by Dr. Peter Janke, a researcher with the institute. He is also a member of the imposingly-named Council for the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies. The report, however, has no official standing and does not have the significance of document 37 which was produced for British military intelligence by General James Glover, now Commander of Land Forces in the North.

Nevertheless the Institute for the Study of Conflict is an influential behind-the-scenes body, being reputedly jointly backed (founded and financed) by both British military intelligence and the C.I.A. as a public front for studying counter-insurgency.

The Institute represents the views of an influential and politically motivated section of the British war machine, particularly such leading counter-insurgents as the notorious General Kitson.

Thus the report's views and analysis though somewhat exaggerated by right-wing fantasies of world-wide conspiracies of 'subversion' should be taken seriously; especially its recommendations which are for even greater use of the RUC especially in 'community relations'.

What the Institute for the Study of Conflict says today often becomes official British policy a couple of years later.

## PART I

In Part I, entitled 'The political foreground' the report starts by admitting that "the English have bedevilled Irish politics for centuries . . . the record is cruel and bloody". Next follows a potted history of the last ten years which is not particularly revealing.

## PART II

Part II, entitled "Development of the IRA", notes quite correctly that "the present Irish Republican Army (IRA) grew from a tradition of insurrection and civil war going back to the eighteenth century" and that the Republican aim today is "to make Ulster ungovernable, to force the British to relinquish all responsibility and to withdraw their armed forces".

The report admits the popular base of the IRA by pointing out that "unlike so many other European terrorists, the Provisional does not break his links with family and friends".

## PART III

Part III—"Violence and Terrorism" is a careful military balance sheet of the last ten years. Internment is considered a big mistake because it

"served merely to strengthen Provisional bonds with the Catholic population".

Strongly echoing General Glover's document 37 the report goes on: "The Republican terrorist core has often been distinguished from contemporary European terrorist movements for its working-class origins, but Republicanism has always attracted a few educated people". Talking about "idealism which goes back generations" the report warns that today "nothing, for instance, appears likely to break the will of those 370-odd prisoners involved in the H-Block protest at the Maze prison".

There follows the usual portrait of unscrupulous "god-fathers" sending out glibbie youngsters to do their dirty work. But because this report is not intended for public consumption it does not dwell too long on this propagandist nonsense.

"The IRA's campaign of destruction of property, commercial and business premises" is judged a success and the bill for the Brits is estimated to be £236,760,000 up to 1978. The report correctly ascribes the term 'facility attacks' to the bombing

of banks, bus stations and hotels—there is no nonsense suggesting these are anti-civilian attacks.

Looking at recent trends, the report concludes that "it would be incorrect to deduce that terrorism in Ulster is losing its sting: on the contrary the IRA and INLA are now better able to select their targets and to attack them effectively".

## PART IV

The most informative (and most indicative of Brit-thinking) part of the report is Part IV, entitled "The way to peace". The report points out that the trend is towards Ulsterisation but with the Brits remaining in control in 'hard' areas—"in a steadily decreasing area the army is involved in full-time covert operations, monitoring terrorist activity. Heavy reliance is still put upon this work, which is probably most important in the border area".

The basic conclusion is that "it is to the RUC that the province must look for stability and peace but equipped with more and better resources to counter the increasing effectiveness of the IRA". The RUC "need modern technology to fight subversion. The introduction of computers is long overdue. Surveillance techniques are still lamentably old-fashioned".

Though the report finds the amount of touting encouraging, it admits that "high-grade information is still hard to come by, and the security forces appear to have been taken by surprise on a number of occasions".



ABOVE: RUC Special Patrol Group members engaged in Primary School Community relations work pose with children from St. Joseph's Primary School, Ballyhinchmore and Strandtown Primary School.

LEFT: Chief-Inspector Bob Catterson of the RUC Special Patrol Group in action.

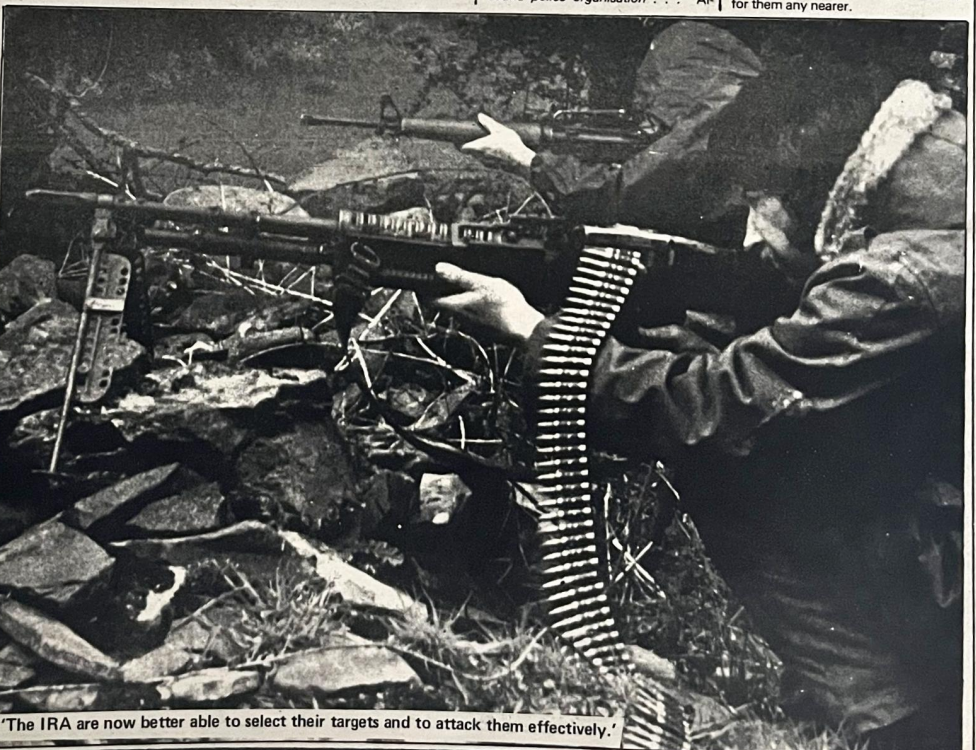
though the British army in general will find that "the range of their tasks will tend to diminish", in contrast "the SAS will retain and possibly extend its role".

This is a promise of more assassinations!

In conclusion the report believes that "the way forward will be achieved by a police force of adequate size, properly trained and equipped, with an essential ingredient—a dedicated and effective detective force". So, it looks like there will be a growing militarisation of the RUC, an upgrading and strengthening of the CID and the Special Branch and a concerted effort to bring the sectarian RUC back into the nationalist communities "but the time for patrolling without arms is still a long way off".

## BAFFLED

This report from a top Brit 'think tank' confirms that the enemy is baffled by the continued upsurge of the Republican forces and that the enemy has recognised that ten years of repression has not brought victory for them any nearer.



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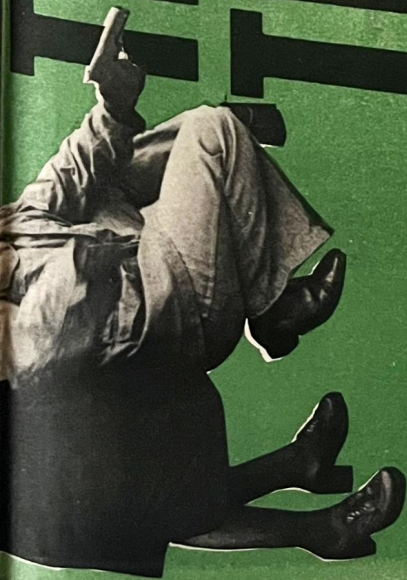


**ONWARDS TO VICTORY  
AND A UNITED  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC**





# THEIR-A- TODAY



*"We mean to be free, and in every enemy of tyranny we recognise a brother, wherever be his birthplace, in every enemy of freedom we also recognise our enemy, though he were as Irish as our hills."*

*The whole of Ireland for the people of Ireland - their public property to be owned and operated as a national heritage, by the labour of free men in a free country.*

*That is our ideal, and when you ask us what are our methods, we reply: Those which lie nearest our hands."*

— JAMES CONNOLLY





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# THE WRONG SCENE

LAST WEEK over three successive evenings BBC television showed a series on 'Scene Around Six' (the local North of Ireland news programme) dealing with 'Derry — Ten years later'. The BBC happily continued to show its tame series of pure Brit propaganda portraying today's supposed 'normality' while heavy rioting happening on those very days was conveniently ignored.

On Tuesday night, ten years to the day after the Brits first appeared, bonfires were lit in Shantallow.

## SHANTALLOW

For several days whenever the Brits appeared in Shantallow they were given a suitable reception by militant youths. Later in the week rioting and barricade-building over-spilled into the non-Republican activity of breaking into and looting a supermarket and wine store.

Commenting on a condemnation of this by the Shantallow Tenants Association the Keenan-McGillan and McDaid-Bradley Sinn Féin cumann reminded people that "the most significant and large-scale robbery and looting in Ireland now or at any time has been the theft of our country by British and pro-British elements throughout the centuries" and that what had happened was a "foolish small-scale imitation of the activities of the British by misguided youths."

The Sinn Féin cumann also pointed out: "We in no way condemn attacks on British forces of occupation, for such attacks are the right of every Irish man, woman and child. However we agree with the Tenants' Association statement when they note that stones have very little effect against heavily armoured British army and RUC vehicles. Effective action against crown forces requires equipment and planning which unorganised civilians cannot provide."

## BRANDYWELL

In other areas, the Derry spirit of Republican resistance was also in evidence (as was British repression).

In the Brandywell on Wednesday the area looked as though a mini-Motorman operation was underway. The area was saturated with Brits as nine landrovers and three pigs together with constant foot patrols toured the area.

The back of all the houses in Clarke Terrace, Bluebellhill, Gardens, Deenary Street, and Donegal Place were searched. Two Brits provided welcome entertainment for the residents — one fell off a wall and another fell through the roof of a derelict house.

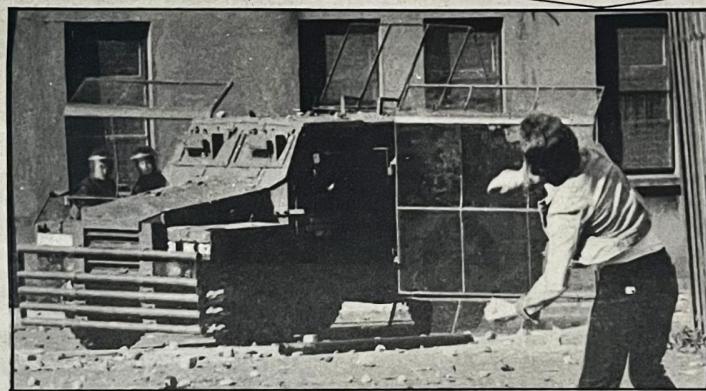
No doubt frustrated by their fruitless morning's work, the Brits spent the afternoon roaming the Brandywell, until they spotted what they thought would be a good target for their frustrated harassment energies — a car parked outside the Sinn Féin Advice Centre. Three foot patrols and two land-rovers full of Brits surrounded the car and decided to seize it.

Meanwhile children armed with left-over 'Brits must go' posters rushed out of the centre and plastered them all over the land-rovers.

When the car's driver arrived on the scene the Brits insisted on him driving the car to Fort George for a search. Then one over-enthusiastic Brit decided to arrest both driver and another man unless they would accompany him to Fort George 'voluntarily'.

When confronted with the accusation that they were trying to arrest the car, the Brits offered no explanation nor denial. Finally after considerable pressure from an ever-increasing crowd they beat a hasty retreat taking the car with them for inspection, and also the driver, but leaving behind the on-looker they had threatened to arrest.

A true picture of normal life in Derry — August 1979.



## Cage 21 calling

THE DESPICABLE Sticks continue to churn out propaganda on behalf of the British war-machine.

A fortnight ago the IRA's shooting of two British army caterers was 'naked racism' because the targets were Pakistanis.

Last week, or rather last week-end the Sticks verbally attacked the heroic H-Block men who they claim are engaged in a "stunt" which is impeding "prison reform".

To describe the incredible daily suffering which the blanket men go through as a stunt, the very terminology used by their British gaolers, shows to what slavish depths the bankrupt Sticks have sunk in their efforts to become respectable.

Accurately echoing their British masters even further the Sticky opportunists foolishly claim that "getting status and privilege for some prisoners at the expense of all others." This is a lie because the blanket men's fight for POW status far from hindering an improvement of conditions for other prisoners can only help it — the blanket men

themselves are certainly not opposed to other prisoners wearing their own clothes instead of a prison uniform.

The Sticks' statement, as with most of their statements, shows up their sickening hypocrisy.

Firstly the Sticks have no concern for ordinary prisoners.

Secondly, when the IRA gained political status for prisoners as a result of a prolonged hunger strike in June 1972, Sticks who had sat comfortably back throughout the protest came forward to claim status. They are now in Cage 21 of Long Kesh enjoying the status their comrades-in-arms on the outside so decry.

Commenting of the Sticks' statement the H-Block information centre said: "Nowhere in their reformist statement did the Republican Clubs mention that every improvement in prison conditions obtained for ordinary prisoners during the last ten years has been obtained

as a direct result of the prison struggle waged by Republican prisoners ...

"The Republican Clubs have now acknowledged their support for the 'criminalisation' policy of the British government. It is also interesting to note the absence of any comment on the denial of basic human rights in the H-Blocks."

## WANTED Musicians and singers

Musicians and singers with talent are wanted for a backing group to perform Republican songs. Auditions will be arranged for those who send details of their specific talent and experience (amateur or professional) to Musical Auditions c/o Sinn Féin, 85B Falls Road, Belfast. Tel: 23214.



TÁ RÁITEAS Ó Chonradh na Gaeilge á fhoilsiú againn thíos. Tá neart oibre déanta ag an gConradh go mórmhór ag Fochóiste na Mór-Mhéan Cumarsáide de Chonradh na Gaeilge chun áird an phobail a tharraingt ar chúrsaí craolacháin. Fáiltimid roimh an beartas atá á chur ar bun acu chun deiseanna níos fearr a thabhairt don phobal a bheith rannpháirteach sa bhfeachtas.

## PREAS RÁITEAS:

Bhí sé ina ráfla roinnt seachtainí ó shin go raibh R.T.E. á beartú AN NUACHT a aistriú ón gofadh bhealach teilifíse, R.T.E.1, go R.T.E.2.

"I ndiaidh na díospóireachta poiblí a lean foilsíú "an ráfla" sin shílfe nach mbeadh sé de dhán-afocht ag R.T.E.2 dul ar aghaidh lena leithéid de bheartas.

"Is eol do Chonradh na Gaeilge anois áfach go bhfuil R.T.E.2 ag dul ar aghaidh leis an athrú sin agus go bhfuil siad ag déanamh na scrúitithe eagraíochta cuí faoina choinne.

## IN AGHAIDH AN BHEARTAIS

"Cuirimid glan in aghaidh an bheartais seo acu. Níl sa bheartas nua seo ag R.T.E.2 ach cor eile sa pholasáí naimhdeach atá acu i leith na Gaeilge. Is é seo an dara buille atá buailte in aghaidh na Gaeilge ag Udarás nua R.T.E.2, Udarás atá in ainm is a bheith lán de lucht na Gaeilge.

"Buailleadh an chéad bhuille nuair a ghlac R.T.E.2 seilbh ar bhealach craolta Radio na Gaeltachta d'fhonn deis a thabhairt dóibh gréasán an-ardmhínicíochta Raidió1 a chur ar fáil do "juke-box" an aier, mar atá Raidió 2.

## COMHLÁNTACHT

"O táimid go mór ar son comhlán-tachta idir R.T.E.1 agus R.T.E.2 ní

mheasaimid go mba ghd go mbeadh an príomhchlár nuacht Gaeilge agus an príomhchlár nuacht Béarla á chomheáil go buan agus go brách ar an aon bhealach teilifíse amháin.

"Dá mba rud é go raibh líon lucht féachana an dá bhealach teilifíse ar choimeád agus go raibh speictream iomlán de chlár Gaeilge á chraoladh idir an dá bhealach sin níor mhiste linn go mbeadh na príomh-chlár nuacht Gaeilge agus Béarla á gcráladh ar bhealach craolta éagsula. "Ní hé sin atá le tairlúint, émh, is amhlaidh gurb é AN NUACHT atá á nuaigeadh ó R.T.E.1, stáisiún go bhfuil dhá nó trí oiread de lucht féachana aige is atá ag R.T.E.2. Níl R.T.E.2 le fáil ar fud na tíre ach oiread.

"Tá sé fóroineach, freisin, go bhfaighfí sin amach anois nuair is é AN NUACHT an taon chlár Gaeilge, beagnach, atá á chraoladh faoi láthair ar cheachtar den dá bhealach teilifíse.

## SEASAMH DAINGEAN

"Cruthaíonn an beartas nua seo ag R.T.E.2 gur mithid do lucht na Gaeilge uile seasamh daingean a ghlacadh i leith staid na Gaeilge ar R.T.E.2. Tá, dá bhrí sin, aitheagar á chur ar Chonradh na Gaeilge ar an bhFeachtas Craolacháin acu chun deiseanna níos fearr a thabhairt don phobal i gcoitinne a bheith rannpháirteach sa bhfeachtas."



## DARKER H-BLOCKS

AS THE darker evenings rapidly close in, the after-effects of a year of steam-hosing in the H-Block cells is now being felt in that many of the cells are now without lights.

Each H-Block cell was originally fitted with a fluorescent light consisting of three tubes in one encasement, but frequent steam-hosing has fused many of these tubes which the warders have refused to replace.

In a large number of cells only one tube remains working, giving off a dim light. In other cells all the tubes have fused leaving the occupants in virtual darkness. This lack of artificial lighting is not helped by the fact that the natural light is severely restricted in many cells by box-like contraptions

fitted on the outside of the cell windows (as reported previously in AP/RN).

The P.R.O. of H-Blocks 3, 4 and 5 points out that, for example "in one wing alone, 'C' wing H5-block, of the eleven cells on one side of the wing, eight are completely without light and the other three are lit by only one bulb."

The dreary life of the H-blocks is now becoming even more dreary as many of the men are forced to spend twenty-four hours per day in what the P.R.O. describes as "almost total darkness". The warders' refusal to replace the tubes they have fused is designed to cause yet more hardship for the blanket men who are already suffering severe deprivations.



Last weekend's anti-nuclear festival at Carnsore Point, Co. Wexford.

What is of interest in the article is that the PD have now been forced to clearly define their position at least in verbal terms. They dislike being called 'dumpers'. They now state "we do not call for a ceasefire" and "we do not call on the anti-imperialist minority to dump arms". Perhaps there is hope for them yet.



# DISABLED PEOPLE TAKE ACTION

Report by Brendan McCabe

A WIDE-SCALE racket is going on involving the gross exploitation of disabled people in the many sheltered workshops throughout the twenty-six counties.

This is the claim made by Tom Gallagher, chairman of the militant Dublin-based Disabled People's Action Group.

These sheltered workshops are supposed to help the disabled by providing them with jobs. They were set up by individuals privately and operate under the supervision of the so-called Rehabilitation Institute and Central Remedial Clinic. Although these private concerns undoubtedly provide work for the disabled they do not provide them with much reward for their labour.

At the Leatherwork Centre in Dublin's Basin Street fourteen disabled people produce two thousand pounds worth of leather hand bags and school bags per week. In return they are each paid seven pounds for forty hours.

This is the standard rate for sheltered workshops throughout the twenty-six counties.

At the workshop at Naas, working conditions apparently resemble a sweatshop rather than a rehabilitation centre. "The workers are treated like dirt" says Tom Gallagher. There are no meals provided, the heating is poor and accidents often occur.

If a day is missed £1 is stopped out of the workers' £5 pay packet. This place, like the other workshops is run as a profiteering business with little or no thought given to the disabled people who produce the goods.

The labour of these people is often subcontracted to outside concerns. Yardley's Cosmetics, Aer Lingus and Bolands Mill are just a few of the big businesses that are cashing in on this source of cheap labour.

Since the account books of the sheltered workshops are closed to public examination, it is reasonable to assume that all profits are being kept by the owners and not being used to the benefit of disabled people.

The Disabled People's Action Group is particularly bitter about these 'charitable institutions' and are demanding trade union rates for the workers there. This group was set up about eight months ago by disabled people who believe that the only way to get decent treat-

ment is to organise themselves and fight for their rights.

They do not want to depend on charity and disapprove of begging for their right to exist.

"Charities are there for the better off to pay conscience money" says Tom Gallagher.

The group is antagonistic towards the condescending attitude of society and they are relying on their own determination to get things done rather than the outside help of "able bodied" do-gooders.

About four months ago one hundred disabled people blocked the gates of Linstair House and refused to budge until Minister of Health Charles Haughey promised to meet them to discuss their demands for improved state benefits. They got a £3 per week mobility allowance for those disabled who can not use public transport.

Although the action group want to see society eventually re-educated in its attitude towards the disabled they have a list of short-term practical demands. These are to raise the free winter electricity allowance from three hundred to five hundred units; to make public buildings and transport more accessible; and to raise the disability allowance from its miserly £15.20 per week.

The group is about two hundred strong and is intending to establish branches as widely as possible.

Anybody interested can get in contact with Tom Gallagher at Dublin 723502. The address of the group is: 20 Summerville Parade, Dublin 1.



## SUIL THART

IS FIÚ ó am go céile súil a chaitheamh ar an méid atá á rá ag ár naimhde fúinn. 'Sé an chéad áit go mbeadh súil agat lena leithéid in san Independent. Ní raibh dul amú orm.

Ar leathnach a ceathair déag den Sunday Independent bhí alt dár teideal "Living in the shadow of the gunman". Agus an t-údar, cé eile ach sean namhaid an Poblachtánachas agus an tSóisialachas, Fr. Michael Cleary.

Ní dheineann Fr. Cleary aon macnamh doimhin ar chúrsaí agus dá bhrí sin, mar is gnáth tá a alt lan de smaointe contrártha. Úsáideann sé an Creideamh Caithliceach mar úrlais chun Gluaiseacht na Poblachta a ionsaí.

### CRÓGACHT

Deir se linn gur thaithn na scéalta faoi na Flanna, Cúchulainn, Pádraig Séirséal agus Aodh Rua O Domhnaill leis nuair a bhí sé óg. 'Bé an rud a thaithn leis mar gheall orthu san ná a gcroíacht agus a n-uaisleacht, rud nach bhfuil dar leis in Oglai na hÉireann.

Sean argóint is ea é go bhfuil Óg-

laigh na hÉireann meata. Tá sé á chloisteáil againn an t-am ar fad, ó lucht tacaíochta na Breataine, Ní chloistear an argóint sin ó fórsaí na Breataine. Tá ar a laghad meas go san ar saighdiúirí Óglai na hÉireann.

Léiríonn na hÓglai a gcroíacht gach lá. Bíonn siad i mbaol a mbáis, i mbaol téarma fada príosúntachta agus i mbaol a ngortaíthe gach lá. Tá go leor acu curtha san uaigh i mbláth na hóige agus na mílte i bpríosún. Muna léiríonn sin cróacht, n'fheadar cad a léiríodh é.

Maidir le huaisleacht, muna léiríonn iompar na bhfeir sna Blocanna H uaisleacht ní dóigh liom go bhfuil a leithéid de rud is uaisleacht ann.

Tá go leor eile le rá ag Fr. Cleary ata chomh haimideach oáanna. I ndlíre ní fiú bheith ag iarraidh ciall a bhaint as, tá sé chomh meascaithe sin.

## CRYING WULFEE

THE Republican Movement's use of Casement Park, the GAA's Northern headquarters for last week's big 'Brits out' rally in Belfast has been condemned by two middle-ranking conservative members within the GAA.

Tom Woulfe, an official of the Civil Service GAA Club in Dublin, said last Wednesday 15th August, that the headquarters of the GAA in the north had been used as a 'Provo rendezvous'. In the past Woulfe has called for the abolition of the ban on foreign games that is, members playing soccer.

John O'Grady, PRO of Tipperary County Board, has resigned this position, because he claimed this role conflicted with his freedom to comment in his weekly column on GAA affairs in the TIPPERARY STAR newspaper.

Woulfe and O'Grady seem to forget that the GAA's Macrory Park grounds on the Whitecroft Road have been a permanent British Army rendezvous since they

were occupied in August 1972. British soldiers operating from these GAA grounds shot and wounded a mentally retarded teenager, Sammy Carson, two weeks ago.

Casement Park itself was also occupied for nearly two years by the armed gunmen of the British Army.

Crossmaglen Rangers ground is slowly being eaten away by the growing British Army base which uses the field as a landing pad for its helicopters.

GAA members in the north have been harassed going to and coming from games. GAA members have been jailed — many ending up in the notorious H-Blocks.

When placed against incidents like the Brit burning of O'Donnell's GAA Clubrooms on Rockmore Road, Belfast, and the recent suspicious arson attack on the Omagh GAA property, the Woulfe and O'Grady criticisms of the use of Casement Park by Republicans for two hours certainly seems out of context.



Republican volunteers receive tumultuous welcome at Casement Park much to the disgust of several pro-Brit GAA officials.

## SINN FEIN NATIONAL TRADE UNION COMMITTEE

RECENT months have been marked by an upsurge in the struggle by trade unionists in the twenty-six counties against the economic and social injustice that is an integral part of the capitalist system.

Republicans have been actively involved as militant trade unionists. Sinn Féin members were to the fore at the Gony leather factory occupation and a Republican shop steward led the first one day strike against the unfair tax system when six hundred workers left their benches at Parsons sheet metal works in Howth.

The trade union movement sadly lacks a principled national leadership. The consequence of this is that in the Free State so-called 'national' wage agreements continue to be foisted on the rank and file, and in the occupied north-east the northern committee of the Irish Congress

of Trade Unions support the pro-British 'Better life for all' campaign. The situation today indicates that a fusion is urgently required between revolutionary republican and the leadership, but instinctively class conscious, mass of Irish workers.

This has been recognised by the Republican Movement, and was forcefully expressed by Gerry Adams in his speech this year at Bodens-ton when he said: 'We must ensure that the cause of Ireland becomes the cause of Labour, a task neglected since Connolly's time and we must also ensure that the cause of Labour becomes the cause of Ireland'.

In working towards this end Sinn Féin has established a National Trade Union Committee which will coordinate the activity of Republicans in the trade unions. The committee is open to all Sinn Féin members who are members of trade unions.

Those interested should contact the Sinn Féin spokesperson on trade union affairs, c/o 44, Parnell Square, Dublin.

## duirt siad

"Mr Mason is in trouble on two grounds. His conduct of affairs in Ireland, which is only now becoming well known in the constituency and within the National Union of Mineworkers which sponsors him, is found surprising in a Labour politician, while his general political behaviour is regarded as being reactionary."

"The Sunday Press" on welcome moves in the Barnsley Constituency Labour Party to depose Mason as their representative in Westminster.

"Introduce the death penalty; use identity cards bearing the photograph and details of the holder; introduce a curfew in Republican districts."

Frank Millar, loyalist councillor for North Belfast

giving desperate advice to the Brits on how to reverse their declining fortunes.

"As the ruling class set about its annual slaughter of everything that moves on the hillsides of Scotland and England, 10,000 people demonstrated to demand the end of British military occupation of Northern Ireland."

Former Westminster MP Tom Litterick writing in the London Weekly 'Tribune' (August 17th) on the beginning of the grouse shooting season.

"Critics sometimes forget that Downtown Radio news is not so much a more erratic alternative to the BBC Ulster as a more reliable alternative to the radio sets with which Belfast people living in trouble spots used to listen to police messages."

"Guardian" journalist John Hooper defending the notorious inaccuracy of 'Downtown Radio' news bulletins.





RUC land-rover under double attack — a bottle bursts into hundreds of fragments on impact as a beer keg gives the RUC a rough ride.



Unwelcome and sinister on the Andersonstown Road.



Street fighters — the target is just a stone's throw away.

# BELFAST AUGUST 1979



## Birthday Greetings

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday son on 14th August. We're thinking of you always. From Mum, Tommy, Jacqueline, Bobby, Tilly, Eleanor and Hughie.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday kid on 14th August. From Frances, 'Ireland unfree shall never be at peace'.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday John on 14th August. From Mrs. O'Brien, Kevin, Sean and Dermot.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday on 14th August John. From Frances, John and all the Moran family.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday John on 14th August. From your comrade Seamus, H5-Block.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday John on 14th August, from your comrade Peewee, H5-Block.

**BOYLE, John, (H-Block)**

Happy birthday John on 14th August, from your comrade Phil, H4-Block.

**DEERY, Gerald, (H4-Block)**

Happy 22nd birthday Gerald on 17th August. God bless you and keep you and your comrades safe until that certain day when Ireland's true sons and daughters shall tell the whole world: victory to the *Blinkmen!* Freedom forevermore! From your sister Elizabeth, Matt, Lisa, Mary Ann and Kathleen.

**MACBRIDE, Anthony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy birthday brother. Keep your chin up and remember - we will back you up whatever happens. Love, your kid sister Tish.

**MACBRIDE, Anthony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Hands across the water, love, Big John and Bert.

**MACBRIDE, Anthony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Take care of yourself and we look forward to having you home again soon. Lots of love from Damien and Ann Mac Bride.

**MACBRIDE, Anthony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy birthday Tony. Sorry there's no Bushmills to celebrate with but I'm keeping a bottle handy for when you come home. Lots of love from Marie and Joe.

**MACGIOLLA BRIDGE, Tony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

"An oak stands firm to the storm - and breaks, And a sheaf of corn bends with the wind - and try bending." Happy 22nd Tony and all the best, Aine.

**MACGIOLLA BRIDGE, Tony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy birthday Tony. From all your friends in Aughagaskin. We're behind you all the way. Good luck and God Bless.

**MACGIOLLA BRIDGE, Tony, ('A' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Go mbannan! Dia duit ar do la bhreithe. Is trua nach bhfuil tu anseo. Mathair.

**McELWEE, Benedict.**

Best wishes on your 20th birthday Benedict. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Love and God Bless from Mum, Dad, sisters and brothers. "Our Lady of Knock, pray for us".

**McVEY, Mickie, (H5-Block)**

"We wish you luck, we wish you well, We think of you in that lonely cell, We're proud of what you are dear son, A man among men now you're twenty four." Victory to you and all your gallant comrades. From your Mother, brothers and sisters.

**McVEIGH, Tom, ('C' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy 19th birthday Tom. Thinking of you always. From sister Marian, husband Bill and nephews Bill and Neil. God Bless.

**McVEIGH, Tom, ('C' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy 19th birthday Tom. Best wishes and keep smiling. From sister Kathleen, and husband Sean.

**McVEIGH, Tom, ('C' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy 19th birthday Tom. You're always in our thoughts, from sister Margaret, husband Paul and niece Clara.

**McVEIGH, Tom, ('C' wing, Crumlin Road Gaol)**

Happy 19th birthday Tom. They have you in their keeping, we have you in our hearts. From Mummy, Daddy and brothers and sisters.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HALL, Francis, (6th Anniversary)**

In proud and loving memory of Volunteer Francis Hall, 1st Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Oglagh na hEireann, who was killed in an explosion while on active service on 30th August, 1973. His memory will be ever present in the minds of all his comrades in the Republican Movement and Belfast Brigade Staff. "Mary, Queen of Ireland, pray for him."

**MULVENNA, Patrick, (8th Anniversary)**

In proud and loving memory of Volunteer Patrick Mulvenna, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Oglagh na hEireann, who died on active service on 31st August 1973. Always remembered with pride and honour by Belfast Brigade Staff.

## Thanks

**MARTIN/TRACEY SINN FEIN Cumann**

The Martin/Tracey Sinn Fein Cumann would like to thank those residents from the Short Strand and Markets area who gave accommodation to visitors from the thirty-two counties who journeyed to Belfast for the 'Brits Out' rally on Sunday 12th August. May God Bless you all.

**THANK YOU RENDEZVOUS**

The Patrick Mac Adorey Sinn Fein Cumann, Dublin would like to thank the patrons of the Rendezvous Pub for their continuing support over the years, especially for their generous sponsorship of the recent H-Block cycle marathon. This alone exceeded £50.

## Sympathy

**BROSAN, ASHE, KELLEHER**

The Farranore Sinn Fein Cumann, Kerry extend sincere sympathy to the Brosan family, Dromore, and to the Ashe and Kelleher families, Ballybrack, on their recent sad bereavements.

**FLYNN, Michael.**

The Republican prisoners on the blanket in H4 Block Long Kash extend deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Michael Flynn who died suddenly last week. *Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.*



## NUGENT'S NEW YORK ARREST

Officials of the American Immigration Department arresting Kieran Nugent, just before he was due to give a press conference in the Sheridan Centre Hotel, Manhattan, New York on the horrific H-Block conditions.

Kieran now released on bail is charged with entering the U.S. illegally. But his arrest has backfired on the American authorities. Republicans who organised Kieran's visit have been swamped with requests for interviews with him from T.V. Radio and newspapers, a situation which will cause acute discomfort to the Brits.

## DETROIT TRADE UNION RESOLUTION

A welcome call for British withdrawal has come from a trade union in America. At the annual conference of the Communication Workers of America held in

Detroit in July an amendment to the union's foreign policy was passed. The amendment was presented by James Devine, president of the union; it was the only amendment to the union's foreign policy and was unanimously passed by the two thousand delegates. The amendment called on the British government to cease all violations of the human rights of the Irish people and 'to remove themselves from Irish soil and allow the Irish people the right to seek their own destiny'.



## TOKYO PROTEST

During last month's visit of British Prime-minister Margaret Thatcher to Tokyo, Japan for the energy 'summit' a small picket was held to highlight British barbarity in Ireland. This picture of the picket was received courtesy of the Friends of Ireland Club, Perth, West Australia.

## OXFORD SINN FEIN MEETING

THE eight anniversary of internment was marked in Oxford by a public meeting organised by Sinn Fein. The enthusiastic audience of about forty people heard speeches from members of the Belfast RAC, Sinn Fein, the Prisoners' Aid Committee and a local solidarity committee. The meeting was the first step in building support for a Sinn Fein demonstration in Oxford to be held on October 20th.

**SEAN COLE — ALFRED COLLEY**

COMMEMORATION  
3 p.m. Sunday August 26th  
The Rendezvous, Beaumont Road  
DUBLIN

March to Memorial,  
Yellow Road, Beaumont.  
Organised by McAdorey Sinn Fein  
Cumann

**SINN FEIN**

COMHAIRLE CUIGE LAIGHEAN  
(Please note change of date)  
2.30 p.m. Sunday 16th September  
No. 5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN

Two delegates from each comhairle  
entitled to attend. Observers welcome.

**KELLS**

CO. MEATH  
MARCH AND MEETING  
SMASH H-BLOCK!  
BRITS OUT!

Saturday 1st September  
Assemble 9 p.m. Castle Street  
Prominent Republican speakers  
Organised by Sinn Fein.

**COMHAIRLE ATHA CLIATHA**

8 p.m. Tuesday August 28th  
No. 5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN

Officers and delegates to attend  
Bring H-Block appeal fund cards and money.

