

# DERRY BULLETIN

## Hunger Strike

27/3/81

### LIFE HAS TO BE SAVED...

#### HUNGER STRIKER TO HOSPITAL

After only 23 days on hunger strike, Bobby Sands has already been moved to Long Kesh hospital -- days earlier than the last hunger strikers. His blood pressure has dropped dramatically and he has lost over 20 pounds. He is deteriorating more rapidly than the previous hunger strikers. After 53 days, Sean McKenna was unconscious, with only hours to live. How long now until Bobby Sands is in the same condition?

Since the present hunger strike began, there has been some confusion as to the methods and nature of the campaign mounted by the Derry H-Block/Armagh Committee. In accordance with national policy we set out to build protests, increasing in frequency, aiming to peak at a later date. Some have criticised this as waiting until Bobby Sands was near death before doing anything. This is not the case. Over the last few weeks numerous organisational tasks have been undertaken to prepare for action. The time is now approaching when this action will become a reality.

From last week we have stepped up our disruptive tactics to 3 per week. Future activity will intensify as is seen necessary.

All those who are involved in and support the hunger strike Campaign are NOW asked to prepare for more intense and frequent activity. Close communication with your Area and Youth group will be essential in the near future.

**PREPARE FOR ACTION!**

## SHANTALLOW PUBLIC MEETING

A special Public Meeting will take place this Sunday, March 29, at 3p.m. in the Shantallow Community Centre. With the permission of her doctors, Bernadette McAliskey will speak for the National Smash H Block/Armagh Committee. Only this past week, Bernadette has had the caliper removed from her leg, injured in the brutal murder bid by Loyalists several weeks ago.

The urgency of the Hunger Strike calls Bernadette from her sickbed — will it call you from your fireside this Sunday?

## CREGGAN YOUTH INITIATIVE

After approaching a Committee member of St. Mary's Parochial Hall in Creggan to ask permission to read a brief statement to the crowd at a Bingo session, two members of Derry Youth Against Oppression were told they would have to get permission from Fr. Doherty the Parish Administrator. Fr. Doherty in turn informed them that he had his instructions from the Bishop and they would have to get permission from HIM. Having run into as much red tape as one would meet in a Government office, they then reported back to their group, who decided to take more direct action.

On Monday night, March 23rd, twenty members of the group went into the Bingo session in Creggan. One member took the mike and read out a statement about the H Block/Armagh situation and the Hunger Strike - which was met with enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

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## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Mobilise now for

~~WALK OUT~~ -- Wednesday April 15th

**PLEASE NOTE. . .**

## OUTDOOR MEETINGS

WATERSIDE -- Torchlight March & Rally  
Assemble, Top of the Hill Comm.  
Centre at 7:30 p.m. All invited.  
SUNDAY, March 29.

MONDAY -- ROSEMOUNT TORCHLIGHT MARCH.  
Assemble 8:45 p.m. - Balderick Cres.  
Comm. Centre. Speaker and Rosary.

Tuesday March 31st -- MEETING AT  
CREGGAN SHOPS -- 8 p.m. sharp.  
(Organised by Sinn Fein)

WEDNESDAY -- BOGSIDE/BRANDYWELL APRIL  
1st - (Organised by Sinn Fein)  
Ard Foyle - 7:30 p.m.  
Brandywell Grotto - 8:15 p.m.  
Bogside Inn - 9 p.m.

## INDOOR MEETINGS

SHANTALLOW -- Sunday, March 29  
YOUTH MEETING -- Shantallow  
Bookies - 8 p.m.  
PUBLIC MEETING -- Shantallow  
Community Centre - 3 p.m.

Saturday APRIL 4th: ONE DAY SHOP  
Pilot's Row Community Centre  
Adm. 10p Bargains Galore.  
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5th 2-- BURN THE CENSUS  
MARCH TO THE GUILDHALL.

## YOUTH MARCH

Wednesday April 8th

Did you know?...

80% of the prisoners are aged UNDER 25 years