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BLACKSPOT OF THE WEEK  
**BELFAST**  
**6**  
**DEAD**

## RELEASE BERNADETTE AND CALL OFF SECTARIAN PARADES



**BERNADETTE DEVLIN**  
 in jail for doing what  
 thousands of others did.



**CHICHESTER-CLARK**  
 will march on the 12th  
 July

by **mike farrell**

THE BLAME FOR THE WEEK-END'S HOLOCAUST IN BELFAST WAS FAIRLY AND SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF CHICHESTER-CLARK AND THE STORMONT CABINET. THE BLOOD IS ON THEIR HANDS. IT DOESN'T MATTER ONE IOTA WHO THREW THE FIRST STONE OR FIRED THE FIRST SHOT, THE WEEK-END'S RIOTING WAS SPARKED OFF BY THE JAILING OF BERNADETTE DEVLIN AND THE ORANGE PARADES PAST ARDOYNE AND BALLYMURPHY. FOR MONTHS EVERYBODY HAS KNOWN THAT BELFAST WAS A POWDER-KEG AND NEEDED ONLY A SPARK TO SET IT OFF

Then Bernadette Devlin was jailed and a shudder of outrage passed through the gov't's opponents. Bernadette got 6 months for defending the Bogside while the police who murdered Samuel Devenny in Derry and the B-Specials who murdered John Gallagher in Armagh are walking the streets free. Not long before Sir Arthur Young had dropped disciplinary charges against 16 RUC - men engaged in the drunken attack on the Bogside on January 4th 1969. The lesson was quite dear. The police are above the law: they are immune from prosecution no matter how brutally they behave while those who defend themselves against this Unionist private army go to jail for their pains. The impression of one law for the Government and another for those whom it exploits was strengthened by the fact that the final decision was made by the 3-man Northern Ireland Court of Appeal, two of whose members, Lord Chief Justice McDermott and Lord Justice Curran are notorious Unionist hacks and formerly Ministers in the Stormont government.

It was the jailing of Bernadette which sparked off the rioting in Derry. In Belfast there were the Orange parades. At the best of times the Orange Order is a vicious sectarian anti-working class organisation used by the ruling class in Northern Ireland to WIN the allegiance of Protestant workers and farmers. It is seen by Catholics as the moving force behind the crimes of the Stormont junta. But this year the bitterness was greater. Ardoyne and the Whiterock Road contain many refugees from the burning of last August. For an Orange parade to march past was to invite trouble. And inevitably there was trouble.

Five people were killed over the week-end and 86 wounded. That will seem nothing compared to the slaughter around the 12th July if

the Orange parades go on and Bernadette Devlin is still in jail.

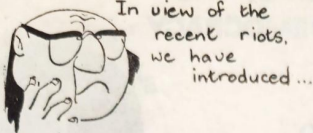
Chichester-Clark and Faulkner have talked about law and order and drastic penalties for petrol-bombers but no amount of repression can stop rioting in Belfast. Already they have 22,500 troops, police and UDR-men in the streets and they haven't stopped it. How many more can they produce?

Two steps must be taken to stop the slaughter before the Twelfth: Bernadette must be released and the Unionist hierarchy must get the parades called off. They can do both if they are forced to do so. Bernadette can be amnestied like the Burntollet ambushers of last year. If Chichester-Clarke, Porter, Bradford, Faulkner and company called on the Orange order to cancel the parades, announced that they would not take part in them themselves, and called on others not to take part, and if they resigned from the Orange Order, they would split the Order in two, force the cancellation of the most provocative of the parades and drastically reduce the attendance at the others.

Chichester-Clark has called on everyone to stay at home and avoid giving provocation. This is rank hypocrisy when everyone knows he will not be at home on the 12th. He'll be marching with his lodge.



# the mad major



In view of the recent riots, we have introduced...



Mandatory PRISON Sentences...



and do not rule out...



INTERMENT under the Special Powers Act!



We call on all RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN



to stay off the streets



Otherwise ....



How can I walk on the Twelfth?

# WORKERS DIVIDED

kevin boyle

Once again ordinary working class people are at each others throats in Belfast. For all the dead, the maimed, the houses burnt out, these people can gain nothing in street fighting of the kind that has gone on over the weekend. When the 12th of July is past the vast majority of the people of Belfast will return to their slums, low wages or unemployment, the only people who will be any better off are those who stand to gain by sectarian bigotry, the militant green and orange Tories.

The P.D. believes that Protestant and Catholic workers must recognise their common identity as workers. As workers they must fight to overthrow the system that exploits and uses them.

There are groups active in Belfast at present who are hard at work to ensure that this hope will not come about. In the first place we have the Orange Order. It was no surprise that Orange parades sparked off the riots at the weekend. What possible justification could there be for purely sectarian parades, which is what Orange parades are, to pass through or round hostile areas? The only possible answer is that the leaders of the Order, the big-wigs of the Orange establishment believe that their power and influence will be increased by sectarian rioting. The attitude of the Unionist government to these parades puts in question their whole sincerity in asking for peace. If they really believe in peace, which we doubt, they should disassociate themselves from the

Orange Order and its sectarian parades.

That the government should fail to face the issue of Orange parades is understandable enough, they have bought the loyalty of the Protestant worker by playing the Orange card for too long now to give it up overnight. Why on the other hand has the N.I.L.P. as a body, or the I.T.U.C. not spoken out about these parades? Their programme for working class unity which consists of keeping quiet when awkward problems arise has shown its true worth in Harland and Wolff's shipyards. On Sunday members of the People's Democracy and other organisations formed a Socialist Action Committee, we believe that only organisations that reject sectarianism totally and publicly, and ensure that all their members do so, can organise an effective fight against sectarianism in the City.

The rioting has begun, there is little we can do about that, but now that we are in the midst of a desperate situation we can make certain points clear. When large scale mob rioting takes place the forces of law and order may be unable to protect all areas. In situations like these we support the right of people living in streets under attack to defend themselves, this may apply to catholic or protestant areas, but we would only support the right of people to defend themselves. There is evidence that on both sides there are groups prepared to use a riot situation to go on the offensive under the pretext of self-defence.

This would apply to the U. V. F.

and its front organisations which are anxious to encourage a semi-fascist takeover, it would also apply to so-called Republican groups working in alliance with Blaney, Haughey and Boland in the Republic. The latter

group hope that sectarian trouble in the North will lead to the sacking of Jack Lynch and an extreme right wing takeover in the South, they hope in some way to take the North by force.

Both these groups are reactionary in the extreme, their respective programmes can lead one way only, to a sectarian blood-bath. It is up to working class protestants and catholics to throw them out of their respective areas.

## Not My Province — says Queen

When Queen Elizabeth visited Warwick University on Tuesday, students released 'FREE BERNADETTE' Balloons at her, and demanded to know what she was going to do about the imprisonment of Bernadette.

Her Majesty's reply should be of interest to Paisley: "It's not my province", was all she would say.

## Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to our Editor, Eddie Toman, who gets married on July 4th to Geraldine Patton. While they are away on honeymoon, the Central Committee has appointed Cyril Toman as Temporary Editor of Free Citizen.



# SAVAGE SENTENCES

## in Ardglass Cement Cases

BY  
CYRIL  
TOMAN

SAVAGE SENTENCES, TOTALLING 57 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND £140 IN FINES, WERE METED OUT TO 15 PEOPLES DEMOCRACY MEMBERS IN DOWNPATRICK ON THURSDAY. THE SENTENCES AROSE OUT OF A MEETING HELD ON THE QUAY-SIDE IN ARDGLASS TO PROTEST ABOUT THE IMPORTATION OF CEMENT DURING THE RECENT CEMENT STRIKE IN THE 26 COUNTIES. THAT THERE WAS NOTHING DISORDERLY ABOUT THE MEETING CAN BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT PROTEST MEETINGS WERE ALSO HELD BY P.D. ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE AND ON THE SATURDAY AFTER THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ARRESTS WERE MADE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AT EITHER.

The meeting was broken up by members of the R.U.C. Special Patrol Group (the Riot Squad) and subsequently 18 people were charged with assault, obstruction and disorderly behaviour.

This is the way in which the police and the courts act to support strike-breakers and scab employers.

PRISON SENTENCES WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

Michael McCullough (18)	Newry	4 months
Brian Vallyley	Armagh	9 months
Dermot Kelly	Armagh	9 months
Eugene Carnin	Armagh	4 months
Dennis Carnin	Armagh	7 months
Brid McGlade (18)	Belfast	10 months (suspended)
Oliver Cosgrove (20)	Fermanagh	7 months
Gerard Ruddy (18)	Newry	7 months

## A Message to 'Frankie Mac'

FROM FERMANAGH P.D.

Last Thursday night Frank McManus, M.P., and his "Unity" helpers with four bands, and bearing a tricolour, led a crowd of nearly four thousand through the Main Street of Enniskillen and then through the two predominately Catholic housing estates of Cornagrade and Kilmacormick. The "victory" procession then returned to the Diamond where a meeting was held.

The platform speakers included Kevin Agnew, Count'em Corrigan, and Jim Donnelly, local commercial and political opportunist, who all fed the hungry sheep with a mish-mash of sectarian "Republicanism" of the most muddled variety, with a few sop-like references to "social and economic" policies - without any definition.

The last speaker was "Frankie Mac" himself. He said that at last Fermanagh/South Tyrone would have full representation at Westminster regarding discrimination, Civil Rights, Fermanagh County Council, etc. etc., and that he was going there as a Republican. The weakness of this position as a parliamentary Irish Republican was indeed admitted by Kevin Agnew, who explained that it was necessary at this time for a Republican to sit in a foreign

Parliament. On the economic front, McManus promised to invite industry to the constituency.

When the election was announced the Fermanagh P.D. made it clear that in accord with P.D. policy, they would not participate in a "Unity" (pan-Catholic) Convention. We therefore did not take part, the outcome of the convention was McManus, indeed a product of the oppressed majority of poor people of Fermanagh/South Tyrone. The Fermanagh P.D. exult in the expulsion of the Etonian, ex-Irish Guards poop-Hamilton, with one foot on the necks of the Tyrone exploited and the other in the London stock-exchange, and in McManus's robbing him of £4300 pin-money a year. To "Frankie Mac" we say:- Listen and understand what his new colleague Bernadette has been saying - Smash British Imperialism (both political overlordship and economic investment and exploitation) by uniting the working and small farming classes. Beware the historic coat-trailing of empty-minded Republicanism and tricolour flapping, instead put forward the only solution; sweep away the capitalist system North and South, and lead the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland.

The following were fined J. Murphy £15, C. Maguire £20, J. Gray £30, Belle Ozier £30, B. Harvey £10, R. McGuigan £10.

## pigs

During the cases, the defence had called for a retrial before a new magistrate, because the magistrate, Albert Walmsley (former Unionist hack Senator and present President of Linfield Football Club) had shown himself to be prejudiced. This arose from his remarks when one of the police declared that the words "Pigs" and "Corrupt Court" had been found engraved on one of the court benches. "This puts a completely different complexion on the cases" declared Walmsley. "It shows the type of people we are dealing with. They have no respect for law and order; they have no regard for justice or for the authority of the Courts." Walmsley said that he considered these words (found at the back of the court - there was no evidence who had written them) to be "at least as significant as any of the other evidence which had been produced against the defendants in the courtroom."

The defence quite rightly said that this scribbling on benches - whoever did it - had nothing to do with the cases. Walmsley, however, decided that he was not prejudiced, and continued with the sentencing.

This "unprejudiced" magistrate then proceeded to hand out four and six month sentences like snuff at a wake.

In the last few issues of FREE CITIZEN we have issued an appeal for funds for the cement strikers. Although the strike is now over, the men, who have been living on £5 a week for 22 weeks, are still in need of funds. As can be seen, P.D. will also require a lot of money to pay these fines.

Please send donations to:

Cement Strike Fund, or Fines Fund,  
P.D. Treasurer  
88 Ladybrooke Park  
Belfast. 11.

## LOUGH NEAGH

Last Saturday morning a group of about 100 people left Coalisland to march to Toome to demand the expropriation of Lough Neagh from the Toome Eel Company.

The march which was organised by the P.D., consisted of mainly P.D. members and Coalisland Republicans as it left Coalisland, but by the time it reached Toome the numbers had grown to about 500 people. Meetings were held in all towns and villages along the route and judging from the response of the people along the Lough shore the march was very successful.



# Matthew — Mark-2

Unionist Governments are adept at papering over the cracks. The paper in the Matthew report is of as high quality as ever, but it will fool nobody; it hardly attempts to cover the gaping holes in the Unionist and Conservative strategy for the economy.

The report itself recommends the creation of 40,000 new jobs by 1975. This is a hope not a plan. The consultants say "the promotion of 40,000 new jobs over the years 1970-75 had previously been deemed the minimum desirable; even this figure has now the appearance of presenting an immensely formidable task. The Unionist government in their White Paper accompanying the consultants' recommendations admits that they will be happy to get 35,000 new jobs in the same period.

The consultants admit that by 1975 there may be fewer men working in manufacturing industry than today, "substantial efforts will be needed merely to maintain until 1975 the existing level of manufacturing employment". Traditional industries will continue to lay off men. The consultants fear that new jobs will not even absorb this slack.

## Madness

And what is to be done? The consultants' first plea is to "stop the madness". Yet they admit all this "madness", "insanity" etc is based on genuine social and economic grievances.

Government spokesmen have chosen to say publicly that violence in Ulster is a plot to overthrow the state, but in the White Paper which accompanies the Matthew report they tell a very different story - and back up the consultants. (White Papers have the advantage that they are read by respectable business people, not by workers). They say, "Shortage of jobs and shortage of houses exacerbate community tension." The Cameron Report noted that "much of the evidence of grievance or complaint which we heard, when analysed, was found, as might be expected, to be concentrated on two major issues - housing and unemployment." The joint declaration by the U.K. Government and the N.I. Government issued on 19th August acknowledged that it was vital for social stability that economic development proceeded at a faster rate. The Government has always accepted the force of 'these arguments'.

So once we have waded through the verbiage we are left with the sorry conclusion that for economic progress discontent must stop, but that discontent is based on the failure of all previous Tory plans, schemes or scheming.

Grant the consultants peace, let the discontented stay at home suffering their exploitation quietly - does the Matthew 'Plan' offer us anything then?

They have other proposals. First those designed to attract industrialists to Ulster. They are raising grants for plant machinery, and buildings to new and expanding industries to a maximum of 60%. A year ago the maximum was raised from 45% to 50%.

The effect of this measure will be to usher in a new 'Senozip' style boom. The fly-by-night firms will find Ulster a paradise. The 'have a free factory' policy was always mistaken, it attracted small unrelated industries to different areas; it encouraged capital intensive industries, not labour intensive industries. It ignored the fact that industrialists only move from other countries because of conditions in those countries. The policy is now an extravagant crime.

by  
John  
Gray

Another more sinister section of the consultants' report deals with labour relations.

The consultants are of the view that if Ulster's workers are prepared to put up with a higher rate of exploitation than other workers, then industrialists will take a fancy to them. Not only should Ulster's workforce work for lower wages, they should offer higher productivity. The soft-sell runs as follows: "the whole community and in particular the Trade Union movement - will have to ensure that the promises made to the firms are kept" - here one might break in to ask who ensured that Senozip's "promises to the community" were kept (where are you Patricia McLoughlin?) - Anyway to continue: "the greatest importance must be attached to flexibility and to willingness to accept and indeed welcome new methods. For if each firm in N. Ireland could establish and maintain only a very small productivity differential over its competitors in Great Britain then industry in the province could outstrip its competitors and would often be in a position to expand and grow on a profitable basis".

The lie in this theory was given by the consultants themselves. They published a graph confirming

EDUCATION MEETING AT  
STUDENTS UNION,  
QUEENS, ON SUNDAY 5th  
JULY.....  
P.D. MEMBERS WELCOME

the Northern Ireland Index of Production with that of Britain in recent years. Our Index of production has far outstripped that of Britain, yet the amount of money we spend as a community has only risen at the same rate as in Britain. We produce at a higher rate - we are only able to spend at the same rate. All our extra productivity has in other words been milked off in profits which have left the province.

Productivity deals, faster work, harder work, these are things which will affect all factory workers in the coming years. The Matthew report gives the green light for this process to continue.

The leadership of the Trade Union movement in Ulster have already capitulated to the process. The Government in their White Paper congratulate the Trade Unions on their role as industrial policemen. They say that a recent development has been "the growing acceptance by the Trade Union movement itself of corporate responsibility for the disciplined exercise of the power of organised labour". And the Government has a carrot to offer Billy Bleasie, they are giving him £25,000 to train industrial policemen to help force through productivity deals, and to stifle industrial militancy. Half a carrot would have been enough. Billy has already swallowed the Matthew Report hook, line and sinker.

So where are we? We were treated the other night on T.V. to the picture of a fat industrialist reclining in his armchair before the earnest Waugh, telling us that "no, he wouldn't be spending a few million on a factory in Ulster this year." He is one of many. Ulster faces an economic crisis which the Unionist Government is incapable of dealing with.

Workers should be aware that in the months to come they will have to fight, even to preserve their present living standards.

Meanwhile the argument for direct state investment in industry in areas of high unemployment will become even more relevant than it is today.

In short all the pages of Matthew - Mark 2 will soon flutter away in the wind, so many pious, stupid platitudes.

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I enclose the membership fee of 5/ =.

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