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## ARMY MURDERERS

Last Friday morning Danny O'Hagan was shot down by British army gun-men a few yards from his own home. He died a victim to the cynical policy of British Imperialism in N. Ireland. He was sacrificed in an attempt to appease Unionist supporters for the ban on the Apprentice Boys parade.

The skirmish on the New Lodge Road last Thursday night was a very minor incident. 30 or 40 young people threw stones and a couple of petrol bombs at British troops. Protected by riot shields, helmets, gas-masks, bullet-proof jackets, saracen armoured cars and huge quantities of C.S. gas, the troops were not in danger. Suddenly a soldier fired at point-blank range and shot O'Hagan dead.

The British army had faced far worse situations before in Belfast and hadn't opened fire. This was the first time they had fired without being fired on first. Why?

All the previous week Orange Lodges, Paisleyite Minister, Unionist Associations, and the odd Republican club had been screeching about the ban on parades. The Unionist right are enraged by the ban on parades. The Unionist right are enraged by the ban because it calls their bluff. They are afraid to defy it, yet they know that if they don't the Unionists masses will be finally disillusioned with Craigism and Paisleyism as well as official Unionism. Then they will begin turning to the left.

To appease the masses the government had already tried to sweeten the pill with a package of repression. Extra policing of the Falls and Bogside was announced together with the 6 months compulsory sentences and the opening of a new jail. It didn't work.

There was one trick more to be played. The Orangemen had accepted re-routes on the 12th because the British army had smashed the lower Falls, and killed 3 people, the week-end before. Why not try again?

Danny O'Hagan was not selected for sacrificial execution. It was just because the military had been given orders to take the first opportunity available to use the iron fist. That came on the New Lodge Road and Danny O'Hagan was the victim.



SOLDIERS ATTACK PICKET OF WOMEN FROM NEW LODGE ROAD

It was still murder though. Most murderers are either mad or crazed with fear, jealousy or hate. They are pathetic creatures hardly responsible for their actions. But the worst type of murderer is the one who coldly and calmly plans the murder of someone he doesn't even know as a matter of policy. The blood is on the hands of those who made the decision.

As if killing O'Hagan wasn't enough the troops returned day after day in provocative, occupying strength and night after night, pumping in canisters of C.S. gas, breaking doors and windows, beating and terrorizing people.

### INEVITABLE

The result was inevitable and predictable. Six nights of continuous rioting in almost all the Catholic ghettos of Belfast. But even now the Unionist right-wingers are not satisfied. Now they want internment.

They must not get away with this. The Unionists and their British masters must not get away with sacrificing working-class areas to army terror or jailing their opponents in an attempt to stave off the just retribution that they have stored up for themselves.

If the Army thugs attack one more working-class area or if the government makes any attempt to intern its opponents there must be such a storm of rage and protest all over the North that they will wish they'd never started it. At the same time, however, they must be

given no excuse to start it.

In the meantime and even if the government and army decide they've gone a bit too far and try to keep it quiet there must be a vigorous campaign to have Freeland's "Shoot to kill" order revoked. This is nothing less than licence to murder handed to the British troops. It doesn't matter a damn whether people throw petrol bombs or not. It is still murder when they're killed. The miserable Opposition M.P.'s must be forced to demand the withdrawal of this order instead of leaving it to Unionist M.P. Stanley McMaster. And the charlatans Lynch and Blaney who have said nothing about this murder must be forced to tell Westminster that if another Irish citizen, Catholic or Protestant, is killed by British forces they will nationalise British property in the 26 Counties.

Finally the Apprentice Boys. It still looks as if they will not have an organised march on August 12th and the loud-mouthed clerics Paisley and Martin Smyth are leaving for N. America to be out of the way when the time comes.

Socialists should support neither side in this quarrel between the ruling class and the sectarian monster they have created. Instead they should point out to working-class Orangemen the contemptuous way they have been used by the Unionist landed gentry and businessmen and the way the Paisleys and Smyths desert them too when the crunch comes.



# 'TELEGRAPH' THREATENS INTERNMENT

It now seems likely that the Unionist back-benchers will accept the Government's ban on parades - at a price.

The price they have asked is that radical opponents of the Government be interned.

This attitude is most clearly spelled out in last Tuesday's and Wednesday's 'Belfast Telegraph'. Until recently the 'Telegraph' has been a 'moderate' Unionist newspaper often urging reforms upon the Government.

In its most recent issues, however, it has given front-page publicity to the back-bench so-called 'rebels', and to the idea of internment.

In an editorial entitled 'The Price of Peace', the Belfast Telegraph declares: 'The truth is that this country is daily sliding towards

anarchy.....Desperate times need desperate actions.....Today the indications from Stormont were that the Government is not yet considering internment under the Special Powers Acts. But if there are continuing pointers to I.R.A. involvement in the disturbances it may yet have no other alternative.

There is no doubt about what the 'Belfast Telegraph' considers the 'Price of Peace'. At times one is tempted to believe one has bought the 'Protestant Telegraph' by mistake. If Tuesday's 'Telegraph' was alarmist, Wednesday's was hysterical.

Besides giving front page publicity to 'Captain' Mitchell (an obscure right-wing M.P.) the Telegraph, in its editorial seemed

to be encouraging the right-wing of the Unionist Party to make a bid for power: 'Before the hard core of right-wingers attempts to launch a coup against the Premier, they should consider what would be the result of their success', says the editorial.

When the normally 'moderate' Unionist 'Belfast Telegraph' takes a line like this, the collapse of Chichester-Clarke, internment and a host of other things might well be on the way.

To whoever may take over we declare: We do not welcome such things; but neither do we fear them. The forces for social change which have been released during the past two years are too great to be stopped by your attempts to stifle them. Your 'firmness' is the stiffness of a corpse. The more repression you use now, the more bloody will be your end. But it is coming.

## PAISLEY MIRACLE?

It is well known that Ian Paisley suffers from periods of - some would say continuous - paranoia. His latest utterances suggest a severe attack just at the moment. Speaking in Enniskillen on Monday night, Paisley claimed: Paisley is a man of God. It is not safe to threaten a man of God.

He then explained - in all seriousness to his listeners how a policeman who had once cursed him in Donegall Pass Police Station had been struck dead on the spot. "He fell dead, right down on the floor," Paisley told his credulous audience.

Lunatic asylums are full of people with delusions like this - only most of them are harmless.

## FARES FAIR

Next Tuesday, 11th August, Belfast Corporation are holding a special meeting to decide whether they will increase bus fares by 50% and cut back services. P.D. is strongly opposed to any increase in bus-fares - it is a crime against the working class - and urges people to be at the City Hall on Tuesday 11th Aug. at 11 am

## MEETINGS

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## NEXT WEEK .... WE NAME THE TYNAN MURDER SQUAD

Our next issue - on 14th August - will come out on the anniversary of the murder of John Gallagher in Armagh. In the year since Gallagher's death, murders of civilians on the streets by armed hirelings of the Government have continued, the latest being that of Danny O'Hagan. Since they are doing the work of the state, these murderers are given full protection by the state.

EVEN THOUGH THE MURDER OF JOHN GALLAGHER WAS WITNESSED BY AT LEAST A HUNDRED PEOPLE, AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE IDENTITY OF THE MEN OF THE TYNAN PLATOON, NOBODY HAS BEEN CHARGED, NOR HAS ANY ENQUIRY BEEN HELD.

The Government has now had a year. It has done nothing to redress a murder committed in public on one of the streets of Armagh. We therefore intend to publish, next week, the names and addresses of some people who, we consider, should be asked to give an account of their actions on the night of August 14th last.

Let Clarke not talk of 'Law' or 'Order' while his State covers up foul murders.



# FREE STATE JUDGES SHOW BIAS

Judges in the North are often accused of being biased - above all they are political in that they come from the Unionist establishment and have a bias against radicalism of any kind let alone socialism.

The similar political nature of the Southern judiciary was recently highlighted by a High Court Judge unwilling to try the case of Mr. Haughey. He had served in the cabinet with Mr. Haughey.

An even more glaring example of right wing political bias in the Southern Courts came last week when District-Justice Delap fined the notorious eviction agent William Kavanagh a derisory £5 for a vicious assault on a Miss Deidre McMahon. The assault took place during the course of an attack by his employees in the firm "K" Security on squatters in a home in Hume Street.

Delap spent much of his summing up making outraged comment on the behaviour of protestors at Hume Street, long after the incident in which Miss McMahon was attacked.

The impartial judge considered that "protestors seemed to gather in their wake certain disorderly elements" - "placards were exposed, the captions of which amounted to an attempt to indict Kavanagh in the eyes of the public" - "it appeared that some people who protested against injustice were not prepared to show justice and charity to others."

The Judge in otherwords demanded that all political protest against a man - notorious for his part in evicting squatters all over Dublin - should cease.

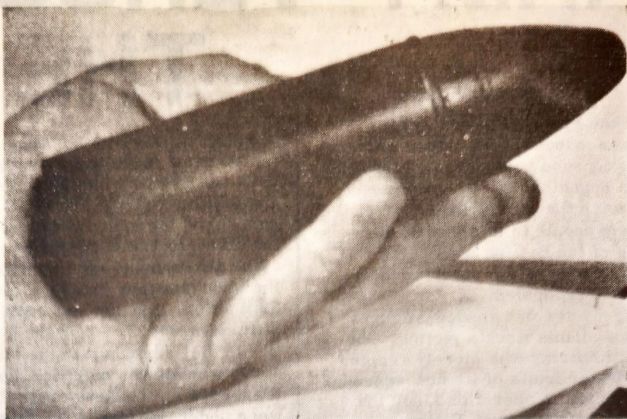
## 'Ulster Protestant' Goes Nazi

ULSTER PROTESTANT, running mate to the Protestant Telegraph, has introduced new twisted elements of racialism and bigotry into its content. In its report from America we hear of "Jewish ingratitude" towards "Anglo-Saxons".

"One hard to take custom", raves the Ulster Protestant, "imposed upon America by Jewish and Romanists and their dupes, is that of the Jewish and Romanist picture and television makers, picturing male actors as always black-haired! It has become so, troublesome that men with light hair are tinting it with black dye these days."

So now we have one new outlet for the frustrations of those left in the lurch by their very own Unionism. The people living in the slums that are legacy of 50 years Tory rule can turn to Jew-baiting.

# RUBBER BULLET ON DISPLAY



A rubber "bullet" used by the British Army in Belfast on Saturday night. The bullet, as well being six inches long, weighs almost as much as half-a-brick.

# PADDY KENNEDY THE TORY TRIXTER

BY CYRIL TOMAN

There's no greener Green Tory than Paddy Kennedy, and no bigger trickster with words. That's why he calls himself Republican Labour Party - which is neither Republican, Labour, nor a Party.

At the Roger Casement commemoration ceremony at Murlough Bay, Paddy Kennedy produced a classical piece of dishonest word-juggling.

In the middle of a thoroughly Blaneyite speech, about a "Republic" which would cherish all classes (i.e. exploiter and exploited) equally, Kennedy produced a "quotation" - two or three words - from Connolly. That was a trick he learned from his old

pal Gerry Fitt, and is completely dishonest, because the kernel of Connolly's teaching is that the workers must not just fight for any old sort of Republic (after all, Portugal and S. Africa are republics) but must continue to fight until they have achieved a Workers' Republic, which alone will be able to abolish all injustice.

Up until then, Kennedy had only succeeded in confusing his audience: but a minute or two later he even managed to confuse himself. Having warmed up with a quotation from Connolly, Kennedy went on to flights of gommeen eloquence. "We don't want," he declared "a government of Maoists Marxists and Connollyites."

## WATCH THIS PIG

The refugee camps in the 26 Counties have been filling up again, and there are some strange faces amongst the travellers from the North. Since when did Detective Sergeant Harry McCromb, a member of the R.U.C. Special Branch from Dungannon qualify as homeless. Why was it that he and a certain contractor from Coalisland felt it necessary to pay a visit to Gormanstown? Detective Sergeant McCromb has been active elsewhere. Recently about one hundred women and children blocked a road outside Coalisland in order to press their demands for a speed limit and the construction of pavements. Innocent enough you might think. Not in the eyes of McCromb whose duty it is to suppress every protest no matter how innocent. But in Coalisland McCromb has friends who'll do his dirty work for him. Who better than Dr. O'Kane a local councillor. Taking his instructions from McCromb he warned the women and children

to disperse.

McCromb is an ugly cog in the machinery of police repression. His friends are the collaborators who oil the machine.

Our job is to put a spanner in the works.

## STICKERS



Self-adhesive stickers are now on sale to raise money for the P.D. Legal Defence Fund. There are three different designs, shown above. They are sold in sheets of 12 at 1/- per sheet (4 of each design). The stickers measure 1" x 2" each, and may be obtained from 88 Ladybrook Park, Belfast.

Payment up to 3/- can be in the form of 4d. stamps.



# ARMY VERSUS THE PEOPLE

BY JOHN GRAY

If the Special Powers Act is re-introduced it will mean war. Not because political organisations will organise that war. Rather because the underlying anger of young people in this city at the role of the British Army, the main cause of this week's riots, will be redoubled.

No mysterious shadowy figures ordered this week's rioting. The British Army was merely reaping the bitter fruits of its new aggressive policy in operation since the attack on the Lower Falls.

British troops were accepted here on sufferance last August to clear up the mess created by their masters in Ulster. They were not accepted to impose political 'stability' as defined by a British Conservative Government and the Unionist leadership here. Even more so they are not going to be acceptable when they act on the dictates of a Unionist party dominated by the right-wing, which uses them to enforce the Special Powers Act.

The army arrested 300 people on the Lower Falls; they smashed hundreds of homes; they locked 50,000 people up in a vast open prison for 36 hours. After this it did not take the I.R.A. (official or provisional) or the P.D., or communists or anarchists to get 50 lads out on the New Lodge Road to stone the troops. Young people brought up in slums, paid poorly if in work, more often unemployed reacted spontaneously to the behaviour of the troops. They saw no reason why whole areas should be occupied just to suit the internal politics of the Unionist Party.

They knew full well that the guilty men, Clark, Porter and the rest would not be kept awake by the howl of Saracen armoured cars at night, would not be put up against walls, roughly searched and abused in their home areas.

## murder

Danny O'Hagan was murdered, sentenced to death without trial, because he was one of those who resented all this. The streets around where he lived were saturated with C.S. gas, windows smashed, flats occupied, another 50 or so were arrested including Frank Gogarty and no doubt other innocent bystanders - many of those arrested were beaten.

After this, once again, it hardly took the I.R.A., the P.D. or other organisations to get young people out on the streets in other areas. Even Stanley McMaster Unionist M.P. for North Belfast stated that the Freeland "shoot to kill" policy had only served to raise tension.

So the scene shifted to areas like Ballymurphy. There the troops dealt with a relatively small number

of young people with overwhelming force. Once again hundreds of innocent people in their homes were angered by the use of filthy C.S. gas -- and the army wonder why the discontent still continues.

The government and in particular the right-wingers (purely a technical distinction, they are all right wing) still claim the I.R.A. were behind it. Do they seriously argue that the 1,000 women who marched against the troops on the New Lodge Road were under "orders"? No doubt Jo Burns would claim that O'Hagan's funeral was an I.R.A. plot.

The official I.R.A. has said "we solemnly ask that confrontations with the British Army be avoided despite deliberate provocation." A member of the Ballymurphy C.D.C. (Ballymurphy is a provisional area) is quoted as saying "there are less than 20 of us -- we've been doing what we can but we're getting very little co-operation from the whole estate." In short in all areas the military have whipped up the riots, the riots are a result of popular anger.

## What We Must Do

We propose here a programme about which things can be done. There are a number of points about the military. The military cannot physically be driven out by rioting. Until the army concedes our demands their duty must be made totally distasteful to them. Remember the way the Czechs met military oppression. The women on the new Lodge Road had the right idea.

We do not ask for unofficial policemen in all areas to keep young people off the streets. If young people are angry no unofficial police force will do much better than the forces of the state.

Nonetheless hundreds of people have now been arrested in these riots, most will serve six month sentences. Because the demonstrators have lacked clear objectives nothing has been gained.

The P.D. believes that those who demonstrate should make clear demands. These could include:-

- 1) Withdrawal of Freeland's "shoot to kill" order.
- 2) Withdrawal of troops from all residential areas.
- 3) Repeal of the Special Powers Act, and the new Criminal Justice Temporary Provisions Act.
- 4) Rehousing of all those living in huts within a specified period.
- 5) Provision of adequate recreation and playing facilities for all areas within a specified period.
- 6) Adequate training, and the guarantee of well-paid jobs for young unskilled workers condemned to rot on the dole.
- 7) An end to the threat of increased bus fares.

We would urge people in all areas to elect street committees, to hold open meetings at which everyone has access to the platform to discuss demands of this kind, and ways of putting them into effect. Young people in particular should be involved in taking these decisions -- after all they are the people taking the risks today.

Part of the problem has been that there has been no campaign on political issues in these areas which really means anything in day to day terms to the people. True there is the C.R.A. "Bill of Rights". Who in Ballymurphy or the New Lodge Road really believes that an abstract appeal to Westminster of all places about democratic rights will mean anything to them? The "Bill of Rights" serves more as an excuse for lack of real political activity on the ground where it counts.

## support

We put forward proposals on social issues which effect all these areas, and underlie much of the discontent. Militant action can be taken over these issues. Occupy empty houses for the homeless. Disrupt the life of the business community, of the rich, until the homeless are rehoused. If you have no playing fields, play in the grounds of the City Hall, and in its corridors too. In every area if people discuss what can be done they can come up with proposals.

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