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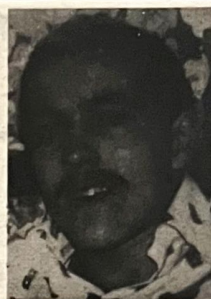
## Republican News

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**BELLAGHY**  
South Derry



● The Caulfield home in Kilcoole Gardens, Belfast



● Paul and Margaret Caulfield, latest victims of sectarian assassins in North Belfast

# The reality of loyalism

Annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration

## BODENSTOWN

**Sunday**

**22nd June**

Assemble 2pm

**SALLINS**

**Co Kildare**

Main Speaker:

**Martin McGuinness**



**THE GRIM** and violent reality that is loyalism claimed its fourth victim in North Belfast in 1986 with the brutal killing of a woman on Wednesday of this week.

The killing was carried out by men with one motive only — sectarianism, the very basis of loyalism and the six-county state.

Margaret Caulfield, a Protestant who had married her Catholic husband Gerry only two weeks ago, was shot dead as the couple lay sleeping in their home in the predominantly loyalist Ballysillan area, where they had lived for more than a year.

The gunmen burst into the house in Kilcoole Gardens at 3am and shot the couple several times, killing Margaret Caulfield instantly and seriously wounding her husband. Gerry Caulfield's 15-year-old son by his first marriage, Paul, escaped detection by the

assassins and ran to a neighbour's house to raise the alarm.

It is thought that the assassins, who escaped on foot into the nearby loyalist Tyndale Estate, used silencers on their guns since no shots were heard by neighbours.

The brutal sectarian murder of Margaret Caulfield is the fourth to have been perpetrated by loyalist groups in the North Belfast area this year, the last being the gruesome murder of John O'Neill from Ligoniel on March 14th.

O'Neill was so badly beaten that relatives were only able to

identify him by his red hair.

Since the early 1970s, 106 Catholics from the North Belfast area have been killed by loyalists. In all, the bodies of 200 victims of loyalist murders have been found in the area. The hypocritical condemnations of the killing of Margaret Caulfield from unionist politicians are nothing but ritual lip-service. These same politicians stand shoulder to shoulder at marches and meetings with members of the UDA and UVF murder-gangs. Despite the tensions in the unionist camp, the old alliance of the loyalist paramilitaries, fronted by the respectable face of middle-class unionism, remains intact. The nightmare which victims of loyalism in the six counties are faced with daily is part of the same 'tradition' and 'identity' which Garret FitzGerald and John Hume are so anxious to accommodate.



## OPINION

# Supporting inequality

THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT has made a major contribution to Irish society over the years in defending the interests of workers against the often violent opposition and venom of unscrupulous employers.

Folk memories of the Great Dublin Lock-out in 1913 are alive and well, as are memories of the general strikes during the Tan War and a host of isolated, though no less heroic gestures of workers' solidarity and commitment to achieving a new social and economic order.

The Irish trade union movement has been fortunate in having had the services of remarkable leaders such as James Connolly and James Larkin as well as the tireless organisational efforts of figures such as the veteran socialist and republican, Peadar O'Donnell.

The story of trade unionism in Ireland is the story of an often heroic struggle against the ethos of an establishment which stands full square with the interests of capitalism. Yet, unfortunately, it has all too often been the story of compromise between an out-of-touch trade union bureaucracy and that very same establishment.

While the trade union movement and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU), in particular, remains the only mass organisation of the working class, it is difficult to see what the long-term objectives of the ICTU are and whether its leadership are on the same wavelength as the union membership they purport to represent.

Can ITGWU president John Carroll and other senior union personnel who earn up to £40,000 yearly, plus perks, realistically represent the interests of the ordinary union membership, not to mention the interests of the growing number of unemployed?

We think not.

The ICTU leadership and the entire professional bureaucracy which ordinary union members support financially is clearly operating along the same lines and the same standards that are part and parcel of capitalism — inequality.

James Connolly warned against the 'aristocracy of labour' which would divide craft-workers from labourers and so on. Yet today the trade unions are divided along those very lines, where access to craft training or access to education enables one group of workers to claim more than the next. The situation is further complicated with the growth of clerical, professional and even managerial unions all negotiating on their own behalf and jealously protecting their position against the next strata in the pyramid.

Was this the objective of trade unionism — to create a mirror image of capitalist me-felism and the 'I'm all right Jack' mentality, or was it about creating the socialist republic in which need rather than greed would be the basis of material reward in society?

If we take an honest look at the trade union movement in Ireland then we might wonder if Connolly has been forgotten. If we look at the well-fed bureaucrats and verbal revolutionaries who constituted the majority (though by no means all) the pitifully small number of participants in the May Day parade in Dublin last week, we might well ask if the basic tenets of trade unionism have any relevance to the working-class people of this country, or if the careerists (who always seem to outnumber the genuine people on trade union platforms) have bored the people off the streets and into increased cynicism.

If this is the case then the Republican Movement is largely to blame because, for too many years, we abandoned the cause of labour and allowed the self-seekers and bureaucrats to abandon the socialist and republican principles upon which the Irish trade union movement was built. Through the efforts of the Sinn Féin Trade Union Department, this situation is changing. Sinn Féin members and supporters can accelerate this change by:

1. Being active in their union in an open and non-opportunistic manner.
2. Fighting for a republican position within the ICTU.
3. Working openly with all progressive and national forces and individuals within the ICTU on the basis of broad agreement on national, social and economic issues.
4. Working for the establishment of a trade union movement and leadership which is based on the principles of democracy and accountability and which is committed to ending fragmentation and disunity within the trade union movement.
5. Securing the building of alliances between the trade union movement and other oppressed and marginalised groups such as the unemployed, women, youth, travellers, tenants, small farmers, etc.
6. Securing effective solidarity action in support of workers and oppressed people generally.

In short — get involved!



● The devastated crown force checkpoint at Clady following the IRA car-bomb attack

# Barracks and military bases attacked



IN OPERATIONS against the crown forces in the North this week, IRA Volunteers attacked two RUC/British army barracks in Tyrone, one of which was almost levelled.

The first attack occurred in the border village of Clady, County Tyrone, on Saturday, May 3rd, and was directed against a British army/RUC permanent checkpoint.

The immediate area around the checkpoint was cleared before the car-bomb detonated at 12.15am. In a statement following the attack, the IRA expressed regret about the damage caused to civilian property.

## COALISLAND GRENADES

The second of the week's attacks on military bases took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, and, according to the IRA, was specifically directed at the civilian workforce presently carrying out repairs to the barracks.

Shortly after lunchtime, two IRA Volunteers threw hand-grenades at Coalisland Barracks. One grenade landed inside the base while the second bounced off the high security fence. Both exploded, causing damage to the base.

In a statement claiming responsibility, the IRA in Tyrone said:

"Today's operation by one of our active service units was directed at the civilian workers who are presently carrying out repairs to the barracks following a car-bomb attack several months ago."

"Firms and workers involved in the building or repairing of RUC/British army and UDR barracks were warned on several occasions about the consequences for them if they did not stop."

"Today's attack will be repeated should the workers involved continue to repair Coalisland Barracks."

## BELFAST SNIPER

On Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, at around 3.15pm, an IRA Volunteer, using a high-powered

rifle, fired a single shot at a British army technician carrying out work on a radio mast in the grounds of Musgrave Park British army base.

## SOUTH DERRY WARNINGS

Following a series of criminal incidents in South Derry, IRA Volunteers took action against a number of suspected criminals. In a statement, the South Derry Brigade said:

"Five armed Volunteers visited a number of houses in the Ballinscreen, Moneyneena and Sixtowns area. They read out a list of names of people engaged in joy-riding, burglaries and other anti-social activities and issued a stern and final warning."

"This outrageous behaviour is causing unnecessary hardship and suffering and we will not tolerate it."

"In a separate incident, two men were held for a short time and questioned about burglaries in the area. They were given the same blunt warning given to the others."



BY JANE PLUNKETT

WITH the British government now openly boasting that the SDLP will take part in a revamped Stormont Assembly, it is hardly surprising that unionist politicians this week appear confident at the current progress of their 'talks about talks' with British civil servants.

On Tuesday, May 6th, the leaders of both parties, Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionists and Official Unionist chief James Molyneux, complained that, in two days' time, a meeting of the Inter-Governmental Conference, involving Dublin and London officials, was due to take place. But neither man seemed too worried. To placate unionists, the Conference meeting is likely to take place in London, rather than Belfast, and both Molyneux and Paisley are currently so confident that they emphasised that this meeting would not stop but merely postpone their 'talks about talks'.

Commenting on progress so far, Paisley claimed that the British were already "more amenable" than before and he predicted that the Conference is heading for a convenient "summer recess".

The British, with the agreement of the Free State government, are apparently preparing a face-saver which would allow Paisley and Molyneux to participate in round-table negotiations, despite their pledge of two months ago that no talks could begin until the British formally renounced the London-Dublin deal.

This prospect of a summer recess, interestingly, tallies with SDLP leader John Hume's recently-reported hopes of a summer agreement leading to October elections to a new Assembly.

#### REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

The reasons for the present unionist good humour are several. First, unionists are aware that the Inter-Governmental Conference flatters by them even though the limited consultative role it gives Dublin falls far short even of joint authority. It has delivered no concessions to nationalists, a fact remarked on by DUP deputy leader Peter Robinson a fortnight ago.

Second, the Hillsborough agreement provides that any move to devolution would progressively end the Conference's limited role, and unionists now have that prospect firmly in sight.

With the unionist leaders fairly tight-lipped about the talks (an indication that they are being taken seriously), other unionists have once again been considering the knotty problem of which form of British solution would best suit their long-term interests — devolution or integration.

According to the devolutionist Peter Robinson, the British are currently "whispering" various offers designed to appeal to the two camps.

On Monday, May 5th, John Taylor, a member of the OUP's 'think tank', put forward another variant of integration into the Westminster parliament. Legislation would be considered by a 'grand committee' on Scottish lines, and this would be coupled with administrative, not legislative, devolution. Under this a new Assembly would have administrative functions through committees. These would include the SDLP, but Sinn Féin, it may be assumed, would be excluded.

The developing debate illustrates the difficult options for unionists. Legislative devolution, Taylor warned, would certainly entail "power-sharing". His scheme also addresses the fears of integrationists in the OUP that because of the DUP's well-documented abhorrence of even minimal accommodation with the SDLP, any move towards devolution could rapidly lead to a unionist 'unilateral declaration of independence' — not an attractive option for any realistic person of property.

#### LOW-KEY

While the 'talks about talks' continue, the unionist anti-Hillsborough protests are being kept deliberately low-key. Nor are there any signs of significant splits. Only a couple of hundred loyalists showed up at the Bank Holiday march in Portadown called by George Searwright's Ulster Protestant League and local Apprentice Boys. And, although it is too soon to assess the full significance, little concern is being shown at the rebellion by five OUP councillors which led to Bel-



● The torn 'Belfast says no' banner on the City Hall being replaced on Wednesday of this week



● PETER ROBINSON



● GARRET FITZGERALD



● GERRY ADAMS

fast City Council's adjournment policy being ended on Tuesday night. In Belfast, filibustering is expected to become the new tactic and on other councils, where members' pockets are not so far threatened by legal actions, the adjournments will no doubt continue.

Meanwhile, the Free State government and the SDLP, who since Sinn Féin's 1982 election successes have held out the prospect of re-unification by

# Singing a different tune

borough deal.

Going further, Free State premier Garret FitzGerald, speaking to loyalists in a *Sunday News* 'exclusive' interview (May 4th), hinted that the Inter-Governmental Conference could be wound up altogether. If "everything which could be" was devolved to an executive with SDLP participation, he said, then the Free State government would "no longer need to concern itself" with the conference.

British sovereignty over the North is "unimpaired" by the Hillsborough deal, FitzGerald added, unnecessarily.

Hume, never slow to claim credit for other people's work (remember the Maugerup Report?), last week added his name, as seconder, to a Westminster Bill to ban plastic bullets. The Bill was introduced on Wednesday by Labour MP Denis Canavan. Hume, in his three years as MP, has never before promoted such a Bill, but nevertheless gained front-page headlines in the local *Irish News*.

#### SDLP TO ENTER NEW ASSEMBLY?

Last Thursday, British direct-ruler Tom King, speaking in Westminster, said it was his "understanding" that "the SDLP is prepared to become involved and participate and take part in a new Assembly". Neither SDLP leader Hume or deputy Mallon subsequently denied the claim and so must be assumed to share that view.

Interestingly, in recent weeks the SDLP leadership has left others to speak for it, apparently to test the water for any signs of dissension among sections of the SDLP support-base who still share the party's former view that a six county Assembly is "unworkable".

Opposition, however, is likely to be limited. Post-Hillsborough lack of concessions and the lack of public outcry at the widespread and co-ordinated intimidation of Catholic families in recent weeks (which has also met with virtual silence from the Irish establishment) would suggest that many Catholic professionals are increasingly prepared to abandon their working class co-religionists in order to better their own lot in a six-county set-up.

As Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams pointed out after King's Westminster remarks, the Hillsborough Agreement raised an "unreasonable expectation" among the Catholic professional class — the SDLP's ideological base — that they could fulfil their social, political and economic aspirations within the confines of a six county state. Since then, there has been little mention of re-unification and "many are prepared to recognise the legitimacy of all six county institutions, including a revamped Stormont parliament and the British crown forces".

"A more serious aspect..." Adams warned, "is their willingness to abandon their working class co-religionists, who are mainly republicans and nationalists, to a continuation of all the rigours of daily repression and a no-hope social or economic future, in order to escape such a fate themselves."



BY DONAL LYONS

**PETER O'DONOVAN**, the Imperial Father of the Chapel (chief shop-steward) for SOGAT '82 in the British *Sunday Times* and *Times* newspapers, is currently in Ireland to rally support for the 6,000 sacked printers at News International's 'Fortress Wapping' in London.

O'Donovan spoke to AP/RN earlier this week and condemned the police violence of the previous Saturday, when over 300 people were injured, as "pure thuggery". The objective of these police tactics, he said is to "frighten people off the streets, but we will not be intimidated".

O'Donovan pointed out that there is irrefutable evidence that Murdoch planned the present dispute in 1982 and that it is part of the overall Tory government plot to smash the trade unions. O'Donovan is delighted with the response he has received in Ireland from ordinary workers, but he is particularly heartened by the commitment from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland to request their members to stop handling News International's titles. Most importantly, O'Donovan visited Dublin Airport and spoke to the workers involved in unloading the English papers. After the meeting, the various shop-stewards pledged to conduct a ballot amongst their members over possible action.

When this dispute began, Murdoch said, "It's going to be a short, sharp sprint." Peter O'Donovan says, "It's going to be a bloody marathon!"

A major row is brewing in Limerick Corporation over plans to place 106 general workers on a three-day week.

Those affected work in the maintenance and parks departments which have suffered over 90 job losses in the past five years. In the same period, the number of engineers employed in a managerial capacity by the Corporation has climbed from eight to 26. The unions representing the general workers have called a mass meeting for Friday, May 9th, to determine their reaction and a spokesperson said:

"If these cutbacks are allowed to go ahead, not only will the workers suffer but also the people of Limerick who will be deprived of the use of the city parks for two days per week."

Belfast Sinn Féin Councillor Teresa Holland has said that the £500,000 budget cutback at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital disproportionately affects women. The hardest-hit section of the workforce are those engaged in domestic duties. Speaking on behalf of the Sinn Féin Women's Department, Holland said:

"We totally condemn this latest attack on the right of women workers to provide for their families; in many cases the women working at the RVH are the sole wage-earners."

"Once again, the present British government has shown its intention to penalise the more vulnerable sections of society and to force women back into the home."

A further 74 people are to be made redundant by UK Optical in Lurgan, County Armagh. This is the second batch of redundancies this year (90 workers were let go in February).

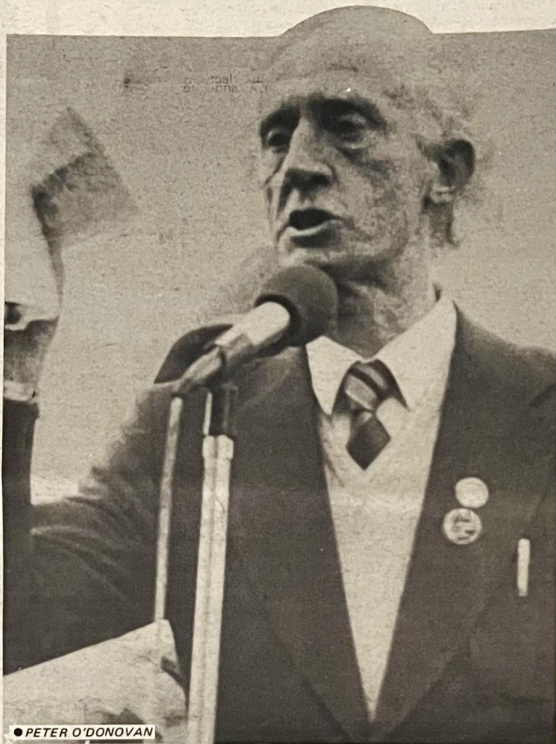
This move reduces the workforce to 266 from more than 500 three years ago.

The agricultural officers' branch of the Union of Professional & Technical Civil Servants has served strike notice, effective from Monday, May 12th, on the twenty-six-county Department of Agriculture.

The dispute is over the non-implementation of nine arbitration awards, some of which go back as far as 1983, and involve a total sum of £2.5 million.

The strike will cause chaos in the intervention buying of beef and dairy produce and the union has placed a deadline of midnight on Sunday, May 11th, for reaching a settlement.

# A bloody marathon



● PETER O'DONOVAN

The Labour Court has arranged a conciliation conference for Friday, May 9th, in an attempt to avert the threatened strike by 1,000 bank porters, messengers, security staff and drivers in the four main banks in the twenty-six counties.

Tá tugtha le fios ag na Bráithre Críostaí atá i mbun Meanscoil Ghort na Móna in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste dá bhfoireann go mbeidh an scoil ag druidim i mí Meitheamh na bliana seo chugainn.

Tá 200 dalta ar an scoil ina bhfuil rollaí ag titim le blianta beaga anuas. Tá

baol ann go gcaillfidh na múinteoirí agus na hoibrithe eile sa scoil a bpostanna.

Tá na múinteoirí ag impi ar thuismitheoirí, ar na ceardchumann agus ar phobal an cheantair seasamh leo in éadan druidim na scoile.

Fourteen young people on the Ballymun estate in Dublin are to lose their jobs because the Fine Gael/Labour Coalition has axed their Teamwork grant. The group, which called itself 'Base 10', was primarily engaged in teaching young people art.

It has been estimated that the saving to the Coalition will be £88.16 per week!

Junior doctors throughout the twenty-six counties are engaged in a series of meetings to discuss the Labour Court rejection of their claim for overtime payments. At present they are paid only one third of their normal wage for overtime.

There is a strong feeling amongst many of the doctors that they should resign en masse from the health service rather than take industrial action.

The chairperson of the Dublin Labour Court, John Horgan, this week demonstrated his 'political independence' when he announced that "workers can expect small increases this year because of the falling rate of inflation".

The two biggest white-collar unions in Ireland, ASTMS and TASS, are to merge in the near future.

The merged union will be the third-largest trade union in Ireland with some 20,000 members, second only to the two big general unions, the ITGWU, and FWU.

Welcoming the merger, TASS's Irish divisional organiser, Brian Anderson, said that it would be a "merger of two very progressive unions". Both unions are British-based but have separate structures in the thirty-two counties.

The Kildare Council of Trade Unions has called on the twenty-six county government to buy the Irish Meat Producers plant in Leixlip, County Kildare, and to restore the 300 jobs there.

Fears are growing amongst the 300 workers at the Drummum Growers Group in Carbury, County Kildare, that it will close at the end of this month because of reported liabilities of £1 million.

The group continued to trade after liquidation earlier this year in the hope that a buyer could be found.

The Dublin Council of Trade Unions has just discovered its right to nominate a representative to the Dublin & Eastern Regional Board of Bord Fáilte.

Des Bonass was elected by the DCTU to this position, but on Wednesday, May 7th, Bonass was refused permission to take his seat by the 31 members of this board who say that Mick Ganley has fulfilled the role since 1966. Ganley is not a member of the DCTU and has never reported back to any trade union forum about the board's activities. Apparently, outgoing directors have the right to renominate themselves.

The DCTU is now seeking legal advice.



● Mounted police trample down pickets at 'Fortress Wapping'



# Sinn Fein fights by-elections

VOTING takes place on Wednesday, May 21st, to elect two councillors for seats on Fermanagh District Council and Magherafelt Council. Both seats were previously held by Sinn Fein councillors and the party is fighting to retain them.

In Magherafelt, Sinn Fein's candidate is Brenda McMullan (22), from Maghera. Her opponents for the vacancy caused by the disqualification of a Sinn Fein councillor are Frank McKendry of the SDLP and Francis Donnelly of the Workers' Party.

Brenda McMullan, married with three young children, is originally from Ballinease, Bellaghy, and is the sister-in-law of IRA Volunteer Danny McMullan, who was killed on active service on February 7th 1982. She has been an active republican for several years and believes that she has the ability and experience to

successfully represent the people of the Sperrin electoral area.

## ERNE EAST

The second by-election will take place in the Erne East electoral area of Fermanagh. This by-election was caused by the tragic death of a sitting Sinn Fein councillor, Tommy Murray, and will be contested by three candidates: Brian McCaffrey (Sinn Fein); Thomas Johnson (Official Unionists); and Sheila Reihill (SDLP).

In this by-election, Sinn Fein also expect to poll well. In May of last year, the unionists polled

around 3,500, Sinn Fein 3,000, and the SDLP 1,400.

The Sinn Fein candidate, Brian McCaffrey (30) is an electrician from Roslea. He joined Sinn Fein in 1973 and was chairperson of his local H-Block committee during the hunger-strike of 1981. He was election agent for Tommy Murray and at present is Sinn Fein's county organiser.

Accepting the nomination for the by-election, he promised delegates at the selection convention in Donagh that he would continue "the good work started by my predecessor".

Voting in both by-elections will be by PR. To win, a candidate must get 50% plus one of the total votes cast or have more than the combined votes of the other candidates.



● BRIAN McCaffrey

● BRENDa McMULLAN

## Brixton ordeal goes on

THE TRIAL of Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer who, with three others — Pat Magee, Gerry McDonnell and Peter Sherry — are charged with conspiracy to cause explosions in Britain, began in London on Tuesday, May 6th. The publicity surrounding this court appearance contrasted with the lack of media coverage of the two Irishwomen's appeal to the High Court last week.

This action was taken on Thursday, May 1st, to instigate a judicial review on the continuous strip-searches which have been endured by the women during their detention in Brixton Prison. The women's council argued that the British Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, was acting unlawfully in failing to act upon complaints lodged with the governor from Anderson and O'Dwyer, who have been subjected to an average of 50 strip-searches each every month for the past ten months. The searches were, he said, an infringement of their rights and were causing a "serious degree of distress" which made it very difficult for them to properly instruct their legal advisers for their trial. Apart from strip-searches, O'Dwyer and Anderson endured up to 115 body-searches a month; were locked in their cells 23-hours a day; were watched by seven prison warders and two surveillance cameras; and were kept

### BRUTAL STRIP-SEARCHING OF IRISH WOMEN CONTINUES IN ENGLISH JAILS



● Anti-Strip-Search picket outside High Court in London on May 6th

awake at night when a light was shone into their cells at 30-minute intervals.

In view of such stringent security measures, Martina Anderson, in a sworn statement to the court, added that strip-search-

ing was unnecessary. She also said that her visitors were searched with metal detectors and legal visits were held in a special wing in full sight of prison staff.

However, High Court Judge Hodgson

dismissed the application for a judicial review on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction to interfere with a governor's exercise of power under prison rules, thus elevating the governor 'above the law'.

There were pickets on the High Court on May 1st; on Brixton Prison on Saturday, May 3rd; and on the Old Bailey on Tuesday, May 6th.

### DELEGATION

On Friday, May 2nd, a delegation from Derry City Council consisting of Sinn Fein Councillors Mitchel McLaughlin and Dodie McGuinness and SDLP Councillors John Tierney and Theresa Coyle were allowed to visit Martina Anderson for 15 minutes.

The delegation received a hostile reception from the prison authorities and the governor, George Kingsley. Dodie McGuinness told AP/RN:

"Martina appeared to be in good spirits in spite of the High Court ruling, although she was worried about the prospect of facing between two and four strip-searches per day during the trial, which could last anything up to three months."

The strip-searching of the two Irishwomen was condemned in a resolution passed at the annual conference of the Association of Cinematograph, Television & Allied Technicians, a British trade union, on March 23rd.

The practice was also condemned by the Northern Ireland Women's Rights Movement at their AGM.

## Gun held to boy's head

A FAMILY from Belfast's Short Strand area who have suffered two tragic losses are the target of constant raids and harassment by the RUC.

Betty Dorrian's three-year-old son was killed by a British army Saracen in 1970; two years later, her husband, Robert, an IRA Volunteer, was killed in action. Since then, Betty Dorrian says, "they never leave us alone. They

even jeer at me in the street."

The Dorrian home, in the Clondeboy Estate, was one of four houses raided in the early morning of Monday, May 5th. The RUC smashed through the front and inside doors and pushed Betty Dorrian aside. They rushed

up the stairs and into her 15-year-old son Jim's bedroom. A rifle was held to the boy's head.

During raids on the three other houses, a 19-year-old youth from Beechfield Street was arrested. In Thompson Street, Betty Smyth, who suffers from arthritis, was threatened when she refused to answer questions about her family.



● Betty Dorrian shows the damage to her front door after the RUC raid

## Sordid tactics fail

A DUNGANNON man has contacted Sinn Fein following attempts by the RUC to recruit him as an informer.

Charlie Dunlop, an electrician from Donaghmore, County Tyrone, contacted Sinn Fein Councillor Francie Molloy last week. He said that while returning from a dance in the Greenvale Hotel in Cookstown in the early hours of February 28th, he was

caught by the RUC going to the toilet in the street. He was arrested and taken to Cookstown Barracks where he signed a statement admitting the offence.

Dunlop was ordered by the RUC to report to Cookstown Barracks on Easter Tuesday, April

1st. When he did so he was approached by a CID detective named Woods. The RUC man accused Dunlop of knowing IRA Volunteers and in return for his help Woods claimed he would arrange to drop all charges. Dunlop was released and told to contact the RUC the following week. When he failed to do this, Woods contacted him by phone,

asking again about specific individuals. Dunlop refused to help.

Although the RUC have made no further approaches to Dunlop in the last two weeks, with his trial taking place shortly he feels under increasing threat and pressure. He decided to contact Sinn Fein. Francie Molloy said:

"This latest attempt once again highlights the ongoing attempts by the RUC to recruit informers within the nationalist community. Anyone approached by the RUC or already assisting them should come forward now and help expose this sordid tactic."



● CHARLIE DUNLOP



## Limerick hunger-strike commemoration

TO COMMEMORATE the fifth anniversary of Bobby Sands' death, Limerick Sinn Féin organised a march on May 5th, from Bedford Row to the 1916 Memorial on Sarsfield Bridge. At the memorial, the proceedings were chaired by Des Long and a wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Benny Ryan.

An oration was delivered by Padraig Malone, who said, "The only fitting tribute to the hunger-strikers is the establishment of a thirty-two-county democratic socialist republic".



## Nuacht Feirste

THERE ARE only two weekly Irish-language newspapers in the country — *Nuacht Feirste* and *Anois*.

*Nuacht Feirste*, Sinn Féin's weekly paper, carries news from home and abroad (as well as a crossword!).

Make sure of your copy by taking out a subscription (€6 for six months) by writing to: An tEagarthoir, *Nuacht Feirste*, 147 Bothar Dhaile Anderson, Beal Feirste 11.



## Notes for revolutionaries

NOTES for revolutionaries, the popular pocket-book of revolutionary quotations from throughout the world, will be re-issued later this year and Republican Publications would like anyone who has new quotes for inclusion in this, the third edition, to send them to Brian MacDonald, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, by Thursday, June 12th.

# Divorce campaign begins

BY MAIRTIN  
Mac DIARMADA

THE CAMPAIGN in favour of the amendment to the Free State Constitution allowing limited divorce in the twenty-six counties began in Dublin this week at a packed public meeting called by the Divorce Action Group.

Over 1,000 people attended the meeting in Liberty Hall on Tuesday, May 6th. The platform and audience reflected the broad-based political support for the amendment. Opening the meeting, Jean Tansey (Divorce Action Group) said:

"While this legislation would be extremely restrictive, the Divorce Action Group calls for support for it."

The proposal to amend the Free State Constitution was announced by the Coalition on April 23rd. It falls short of demands to simply remove the constitutional ban on divorce and then bring in legisla-



tion. The amendment will write the basic conditions of legislation into the Constitution.

### LIMITED

The very limited form of divorce in the amendment was designed to cause as little controversy as possible in Leinster House — both within the Fine

Gael party and Fianna Fáil. The political manoeuvring on the long-festering sore of marriage breakdown proved successful from the point of view of the Coalition.

When the Bill to amend the Constitution is introduced it will not be opposed by Fianna Fáil. That party has been equally

cynical in their position on the amendment. Conscious both of the strong, vested interests against divorce which support them, and the wide public support for such legislation, Fianna Fáil decided not to campaign on the issue as a party. Similarly, Fine Gael, looking to internal liberal/right-wing tensions, will be

allowing their Leinster House deputies to campaign either for or against the amendment.

At Tuesday's meeting several speakers stressed the need for the pro-amendment campaign to encourage separated people to speak out and for working-class people to be centrally involved.

## Monaghan Council votes sympathy

MEMBERS of Monaghan County Council passed a vote of sympathy to the family of IRA Volunteer Seamus McElwaine at their monthly meeting on Monday of this week. Before the vote was taken, however, Sinn Féin Councillor Pat Treanor reminded both Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil councillors that their parties bore major responsibility for the death of Volunteer McElwaine, who was shot dead by undercover British soldiers near Roslea, County Fermanagh, on Saturday, April 26th.

Seamus McElwaine was "dedicated and committed to the achievement of peace and justice" and he was "prepared to do more than simply talk about it", Councillor Treanor said:

"Successful governments in the twenty-six counties must bear

responsibility for his death. They have been in a position to pursue a British withdrawal by diplomatic means and they have failed to do so. The present Coalition government bear a particular responsibility for his death because of their collaboration and the signing

of the Hillsborough deal."

The Coalition's response to unionist and British pressure over the weekend of McElwaine's death, Treanor continued, "was to fill the graveyard with riot-clad gardai".

### LANGUAGE PAPER

At the same meeting, Monaghan County Council accepted a proposal from Sinn Féin Councillor Caoimhghin O Caolain that the editor and staff of the Belfast-based Irish language daily newspaper *LA* be given an official welcome to the council when they arrive in Monaghan later this month.



Vol Seamus McElwaine

# Factory demolition demand

WATERFORD Sinn Féin has called for the immediate demolition of the former Munster Chipboard factory because of its dangerous condition.

Over a year ago, local people approached Sinn Féin about the state of the premises which was becoming a haunt of local youngsters for glue-sniffing and drinking parties. Despite promises from some councillors before last year's local elections, no action has been taken to have the factory pulled down. Noel Ryan, of Waterford Sinn Féin, told AP/RN:

"When we first visited the factory it was in a very dangerous condition and was, in fact, a death-trap. Children as young as seven use it as a play area and older children use it for glue-sniffing and drinking."

"The factory is completely vandalised and children have been playing on the roof and chimney stacks which are also in a very bad state."

"The young people we spoke to told us of their frustration associated with the lack of facilities for them in the area; the older ones about the lack of employment. It is ironic that the problem is here in what used to be a major source of employment in Waterford."

"Taken in the context of the failure of the Leinster House government to protect the chipboard industry, the inadequate security at the factory and the malicious damages claims by the owners, Wednesday Holdings Ltd, it is obviously wrong to condemn the



young people whose safety is threatened here."

### CALLS

Ryan said that Sinn Féin disassociated itself from calls for community-watch type activities in response to social problems like those seen at the factory, problems which have their origins in the failure to provide facilities for young working-class people.

He said that if action was not taken to have the factory levelled it would be only a matter of time before someone was killed or seriously injured.





# Extradition developments

BY MAIRTÍN Mac DIARMADA

**THE APPEAL** of Brendan McFarlane against extradition from the Netherlands to the six counties ended in Amsterdam on Tuesday, May 6th.

The hearing in an Amsterdam court was addressed by counsel for the H-Block escapee. There will be no decision given by the court until next July.

Tuesday's sitting of the court heard counsel recap on their previous submissions on the political nature of the struggle in Ireland, the context in which the 'offences' were allegedly committed and, in particular, the bombing of the Bayardo Bar in Belfast with which Brendan McFarlane was charged.

It was submitted that the bar was the headquarters of the UVF, a fact widely acknowledged (even by the *Irish Times*) in the early '70s. Counsel submitted that the attack on the bar was obviously politically motivated and that death notices had appeared from the UVF claiming as members people killed in the attack.

(An exhibition on the Irish freedom struggle is being held in Amsterdam from May 13th to 16th. Speakers at a seminar on the same theme will include Liz Curtis, Ken Livingstone (former leader of the Greater London Council), and Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams.)

## SIGNIFICANT DECISION

Another significant decision affecting the extradition of republicans from the twenty-six counties to the six counties was made by the Dublin High Court last week.



● ROBERT RUSSELL

The decision confirms suspicions that both the British and Free State governments are shelving the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act in favour of straight extradition across the border.



● Amsterdam court appearance of Brendan 'Bik' McFarlane

The Free State Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act and corresponding British legislation theoretically allows people charged in either state to opt for trial on the other side of the border.

The first person to opt for trial in the Free State from the North was Gabriel McCormack from Emyvale, County Monaghan. The offence with which he was charged (acting as a look-out during an abortive bomb attack on an RUC man) took place on the southern side of the border. He was then charged under the cross-border legislation and in theory could be tried in either jurisdiction. The only evidence against McCormack was an alleged statement to the RUC and his counsel applied for trial in the Free State.

However, the Free State Director of Public Prosecutions refused to issue a warrant for McCormack. The High Court action was taken by the prisoner's solicitor in order to compel the DPP to issue the warrant and thus allow the trial to take place in the twenty-six counties.

## NULL AND VOID

Judge Barr refused the application in the High Court, arguing that while evidence acceptable to Northern courts might not be admissible in the South, the High Court had no power over the DPP. This now means that the DPP, by refusing to issue a warrant, can fender null and void the section of the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act allowing for choice of trial venues.

Meanwhile, two men held in Portlaoise Prison are still under threat of extradition to the six counties.

Robert Russell is awaiting judgement on an appeal by the Free State against a decision of the High Court confirming his extradition order. The Free State took the action on April 14th to have part of a judgement recognising Russell's offences as political set aside.

Also imprisoned without trial in Portlaoise is John O'Reilly who has been in almost continuous custody since February 1982 on the word of five paid perjurers. He is currently awaiting extradition to the North on charges based solely on the word of paid perjurer Harry Kirkpatrick.

# June verdict expected in Black appeal

BY JANE PLUNKETT

**THE JUDICIAL APPEAL** by 22 North Belfast men, convicted on the sole word of RUC perjurer Christopher Black, finally ended last Thursday, May 1st.

During the appeal, which lasted a mammoth 59 days in Crumlin Road Courthouse, defence lawyers argued that the Diplock trial judge, Orangeman Basil Kelly, had ignored or treated as trivial, the inconsistencies, contradictions and lies which appeared during Black's testimony.

Defence lawyers also pointed out that the mass nature of the trial, which lasted 120 days, would in any case be an 'almost impossible task' for any trial judge.

Two of the defendants, Gerard Loughlin and Kevin Mulgrew, face life imprisonment without any evidence against them except the word of Black, who received immunity from prosecution, a considerable amount of money and a new life abroad in return for his 'evidence'.

And while several defendants completed their jail sentences before the appeal began and were thus denied the right to challenge their conviction, other defendants face lengthy sentences of 15 or more years.

Most of the defendants have been incarcerated since the mass arrests in November 1981 which began the Black saga, and thus many will already have comple-



● Members of the Stop the Show-Trials Campaign picket Crumlin Road Courthouse in Belfast during the Black appeal on May 1st

ted the equivalent of a nine-year jail sentence whatever the eventual outcome of the appeal.

This, and the fact that the only people now serving sentences as a

result of perjurer show-trials are nationalists, underlines the fact that the system is Britain's latest form of internment. As well as lending the detention of North-

ern nationalists a sham quasi-legal appearance, it is now clear that the system has enabled the British to detain individuals for considerably longer periods than,

for example, under internment in the early 1970s.

A decision in the appeal is expected to be announced in June.





# Fifth of H-block Memor

BY EAMON TRACY

*"I MUST have walked up and down this road dozens of times in '80 and '81 during the two hunger-strikes,"* remarked an elderly woman veteran of the H-Block protest campaign, one of thousands of people who took part in Sunday's hunger-strike commemoration march and rally in West Belfast.

The day was sombre and gloomy with a cold wind intermittently sweeping rain along the Falls Road and through the side streets around Dunville Park, from where the march was to start at 2.30pm.

Hundreds stood in doorways, shuffling stiffly from one foot to the other, with collars turned up against the biting cold and hands dug deep into their pockets. The lucky ones had umbrellas and around them small groups clustered for protection.

Accordion and flute bands from across the occupied six counties bravely attempted to keep everyone amused and entertained — and no doubt themselves warm — by loudly and vigorously playing a variety of republican tunes.

In spite of the severe weather, as the 2.30pm starting time approached, increasing numbers of people assembled around Dunville Park. Among them were scores of parents

with young children by the hand or in prams, snugly protected against the elements.

There was an extraordinarily heavy presence of RUC and British troops positioned all along the Falls Road and in the many side streets along the proposed route.

**A**T the junction of the Falls and Springfield Road, a few yards from the smartly-turned out Strabane Memorial Flute Band, who were to lead the parade, several senior RUC men stood looking slightly bewildered in front of an armoured Land





# anniversary hunger-strike series of '81



●MARY DOYLE



●SEAN MacMANUS

Rover which prominently displayed the notice: "This assembly is illegal. Please disperse."

As the crowd was called to order by the stewards and began assembling on the road in preparation for the march, another senior RUC man, obviously determined to make his point, lifted a small megaphone and instructed the marchers several times to disperse. Ignored by everyone else, his only audience was a bedraggled media corps who rushed over to photograph and film his frustration.

Following the playing of the *Soldier's Song* and led by a colour party, the march moved off. Large black and white portraits of the 12 republican prisoners to die on hunger-strike in this phase of the struggle were immediately followed by a 'Stop the Strip-Searches' banner.

**S** NIPPETS of conversation heard along the route made it obvious that young and old alike were reliving the hunger-strike events of five years ago. One young woman recalled the day Bobby Sands was elected in

Fermanagh/South Tyrone:

*"The cheers could be heard all along the Falls and into the estates. The road was buzzing with the seal. People were clapping and cheering and crying, while drivers sounded their car horns. It was a great day."*

Others were reminiscing about their favourite or not-so-favourite memories. The death of Nora McCabe, murdered by an RUC plastic bullet on the morning of July 8th, a short time after the death of hunger-striker Joe McDonnell, was remembered by many marchers as they defiantly walked up the Falls and past the ranks of heavily-armed RUC, many of whom were carrying plastic bullet guns.

Along the route, the marchers passed the many fine examples of the colourful political wall murals, so much a feature of that warm summer of '81.

More than one marcher pointed to the wall on which had been painted the famous mural depicting the revolutionary, and carrying the slogan, "You may kill the revolutionary, but never the revolution."

At Beechmount Avenue, the parade passed the most

recent of the murals on which the words of two men, IRA Volunteer Bobby Sands and Benjamin Molise of the ANC, are written. Both men were killed by the oppressive regimes they opposed, and their words are a reminder of the similarities between the struggle in Ireland and South Africa.

Outside Connolly House, Sinn Féin's Belfast headquarters, an hour after starting off, the parade began to gather. Several dozen RUC Land Rovers, with scores of RUC and British soldiers, took up position across from the platform, with more following behind the parade.

**R** OISIN Martin, of Belfast Sinn Féin, welcomed everyone and began the proceedings:

*"Five years on, we once again commemorate our gallant comrades who gave their lives on hunger-strike in this further and important stage of the ongoing struggle."*

She reminded the crowd that the weapon of hunger-strike had been used before and she introduced an ex-Armagh

prisoner, Briege-Ann McCaughy, who read out the names of 22 republican prisoners who, since Thomas Ashe's death in Dublin's Mountjoy in September 1917, had died on hunger-strike. A minute's silence was then observed in tribute to their dedication and sacrifice.

Mary Doyle, another ex-Armagh prisoner who had herself been on hunger-strike for 19 days in 1980, read a joint statement from republican prisoners in Long Kesh and Maghaberry in which they pointed out that the sacrifice of the hunger-strikers was for "The greater cause — the cause of the Irish people to determine their destiny in a free, socialist and democratic state".

The POWs said of their martyred comrades:

*"While we are deprived of their physical presence today, they are with us all in a greater capacity. In spirit they stand among us. Death cannot restrain them; they died for us, we must live for them."*

To conclude they chose an appropriate and moving quotation from Pearse:

*"I have no misgivings, no self-questionings. I saw my path with absolute deliberateness. I choose no other. I have done the clear, clean sheer thing. I have the strength and peace of mind of those who never compromise."*

**T** HE main speaker was Sean MacManus, national chairperson of Sinn Féin, who, in the course of his speech, said:

*"On this, the eve of the 5th anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands, it is fitting that we should recall with pride the sacrifice made by him and his nine companions during those agonising months in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh. By their deaths they rejuvenated the freedom fight of the people of this island, North and South."*

"When the British government, led by Margaret Thatcher, decided on confrontation with the men in Long Kesh rather than concede five simple and just demands, little were they prepared for the single-minded determination of those who would take up the hunger-strike or the response which would be forthcoming from the ordinary people of Ireland.

"It is the actions of the IRA over the past 17 years, coupled with the heroic hunger-strikers and the successful election campaigns of Sinn Féin, which have given the nationalist people of the six counties the courage to withstand everything which the British government and its armed forces have thrown at

them. Without a strong, resilient Republican Movement, it is easy to visualise what would happen. Without doubt we would see the John Humes, Joe Hendrons and the other quislings of the SDLP entering into some type of Stormont Assembly, where they would proceed to safeguard their gommeen interests at the expense of those who have borne the brunt of the struggle for the past 17 years. We have recently had an example of what the SDLP, aided by the Dublin government, are prepared to do with the inception of the London-Dublin agreement.

"The Volunteers of the IRA continue to fight for freedom and will do so until that certain day. Let the dedication of the men and women of Ogligh na hEireann be our standard to reach, let us try to equal the patience and courage of our prisoners of war at home and abroad, and let us always keep those prisoners and their suffering in our minds.

"The best thing which we can hope to give those prisoners is not just freedom from prison but freedom in a free Ireland. Likewise with our patriot dead, our finest tribute to them must be our wholehearted work for the republic for which they died."



BY DONAL LYONS

IN ONE OF the most colourful May Day demonstrations seen in Dublin for many years, over 1,000 people, including a large Sinn Féin contingent, celebrated International Workers' Day.

The march, organised by the Dublin Council of Trade Unions, went from Parnell Square to the Mansion House.

Undoubtedly the biggest cheer of the evening was reserved for Peter O'Donovan from SOGAT '82, who spoke of the struggle at Wapping. He concluded by appealing to Irish workers not only to boycott Murdoch's papers but to boycott all English papers in the future in support of Irish print-workers. The evening rounded off with a successful centenary ceilí in the Mansion House.

**DERRY**  
IN KEEPING with Derry Trades Council's active campaign in support of South African workers in struggle, the theme of this year's May Day rally on Saturday, May 3rd, was *The Evils of Apartheid*. Speakers included the chairperson of the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement, Kader Asmal, Dunnes Stores striker Cathryn O'Reilly, and Paddy Logue, secretary of the trades council.

The main speech was delivered by Asmal, who extended solidarity greetings to the people of Derry from the South African Congress of Trade Unions, the African National Congress, and the entire revolutionary movement in South Africa.

Paddy Logue closed the meeting, saying:

*"On some future May Day we will be able to stand here in Derry and announce the destruction of the white racist regime in South Africa."*

**BELFAST**  
THIS YEAR'S May Day rally in Belfast on Saturday, May 3rd, had something of a carnival atmosphere about it as trade unionists took their families along to join in the fun.

As in Dublin, the main speaker was from SOGAT '82 and SOGAT's general secretary, Brenda Dean, got a rousing reception from the several hundred trade unionists gathered at the College of Art in York Street.

When the rally was over, all trade union

# Celebrating May Day



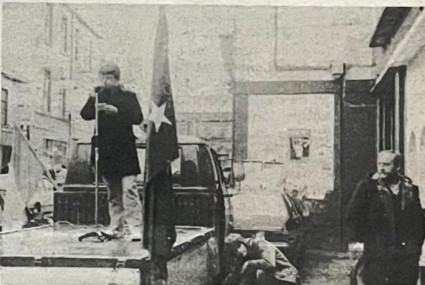
● BRENDA DEAN



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banners present were put on public display in the college.

**SLIGO**  
THE FIRST May Day rally ever held in Sligo was organised by Sinn Féin on Saturday, May 3rd.

Despite torrential rain and a heavy Special Branch presence a small band of

people attended and heard Pádraig Maloney from Limerick Sinn Féin deliver an address. During the course of his speech he called on people to dedicate themselves to the ideals of Connolly and Mellows.

**LIMERICK**  
IN LIMERICK, the trades council organised an evening of lectures and

an exhibition on Wednesday, April 30th, to mark May Day.

The main lecture was given by Pádraig O Snodaigh, who spoke on *James Connolly and the 1916 Rising*.

The exhibition included a display from the anti-strip-searches committee and the evening ended with a social.

## Grants withdrawal conference

AN 'ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE' was held in the Conway Street Mill in West Belfast on Thursday, May 1st, to launch a campaign against the withdrawal (on political grounds) of British government funding from some community groups and initiatives.

The conference was held under the auspices of the newly-formed Community Funding Inquiry Group (CFIG), an ad-hoc committee sponsored by the four major tenants' and community groupings in West Belfast.

However, although the purpose of the conference was to ask local political representatives to state their position on the threat to community funding, it was ignored by the SDLP, the Alliance Party and the Workers' Party. Several Sinn Féin councillors and local MP Gerry Adams did attend though, and pledged support to the CFIG campaign.

Mary Nelis, who was introduced as the main speaker by conference chairperson Derek Alcorn, of the Council for Voluntary Action, outlined the experiences of the Dove

House Resource Centre in Derry's Bogside, which has been told that the wages grant for four of its ACE workers will be withdrawn next month. It is also unlikely that the contract for its remaining five ACE workers will be renewed when it expires in September. No reason has been given other than the 'belief' of the NIO that it would not be "in the public interest" for further grants to be paid.

**'PUNISHED'**  
Frank Cahill, speaking for the Conway Mill, recounted the similar experience they had had in having grants refused or withdrawn. Areas like West Belfast and the Bogside were being 'punished' by the withdrawal of community resources because of the election of a majority of republican representatives in



● Conway Street Mill, Belfast

those areas at recent polls. At the same time, a veneer of justification was being given to this attack on community politics by the unsubstantiated smears of SDLP councillors like Brian Feeney, who last February alleged that there were IRA-run community centres in West

Belfast only to have his claims rebutted by Belfast City Council's Leisure Services Department which actually runs the centres!

The meeting agreed to intensify the campaign to remove community funding from arbitrary political control by raising the issues

involved with the EEC, which provides — through its Social Fund — much of the money used for community projects in the North. The first step was a meeting between a CFIG delegation and Denis Kennedy, the EEC commissioner in Belfast, last Wednesday, May 7th.

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# Cookstown meeting heightens lignite fear

BY MAEVE ARMSTRONG

**FEARS** surrounding the prospecting and mining of lignite around the shores of Lough Neagh have been heightened rather than allayed following a meeting last week between an anti-lignite group and officials of the mining company, BP Coal Ltd.

BP is only one of three companies who were granted prospecting licences by the Department of Economic Development in three locations in the North on April 22nd. At a meeting in Cookstown six days after the announcement, BP officials told members of Lignite Action that up to three million tons of lignite would be required annually to supply a power station in the Moortown/Ballinderry area.

Displaying slides of oil storage tanks surrounded by lush grassy slopes, BP's glossy and misleading PR exercise failed to convince the anti-lignite lobbyists that open-cast mining on such a vast scale would result in anything but the destruction of the environment and uprooting of their community. BP also admitted that it had not considered the risk posed to those communities and was unable to agree as to whether

their environmental studies group would be going to East Tyrone at all.

While BP was at pains to minimise the devastating effects of mining on the landscape, it admitted that it had only limited experience in such mining in several other countries where its involvement was restricted to the development stages or exploration, not the actual mining of the fuel.

## DISQUIETING

Commenting on the outcome of the meeting, Lignite Action chairman Nial Fitzduff said:

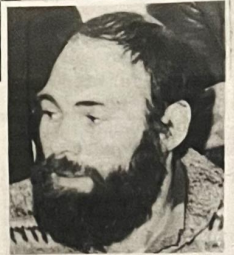
"The most disquieting aspect of the situation is that BP is intent on performing as convincing a public relations job as



● PEARSE MCALEER

possible at this early stage. It readily admits that it wants to present an attractive scheme so that at the end of two years the majority of people will go for it."

Local Cookstown Sinn Féin Councillor Pearse McAleer echoed Lignite Action in calling on landowners who might be approached by BP to allow prospecting on



● NIAL FITZDUFF

their land to "consider the potentially harmful consequences of their actions. They may be tempted by the offer of several hundred pounds but they should remember that in the long-term, a whole way of life on the Lough shore would irrevocably disappear if mining goes ahead on the scale envisaged by BP Coal Ltd."

# Sinn Féin's contribution to Irish

THE ANNUAL *Morthional* (convention) of Bord na Gaeilge, the twenty-six county state body set up to promote the Irish language, which took place in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on May 2nd and 3rd, was told that Irish culture had no status whatsoever among local councils in the North until the election of 59 Sinn Féin councillors in 1985.

Mairtin O Muilleoir, head of the Sinn Féin Cultural Department, said that those councillors had, in less than a year, ensured the setting up of cultural sub-committees in the councils of Derry, Fermanagh, Omagh and Newry & Mourne.

*Morthional '86* is the third such public event organised by Bord na Gaeilge to allow language enthusiasts from throughout the country to discuss the state of Irish and the progress made in implementing the Bord's four-year action plan. Opening the convention on Friday, May 2nd, Bord na Gaeilge chairperson Helen O Murchu said that the three basic factors required to secure the fu-

ture of the Irish language were public leadership, political will and appropriate resources.

## SESSIONS

Sessions during the two-day event covered youth, community education and the Gaeltacht. Guest speakers, including Sean Ban Breathnach and Gael Linn head Roibard Mac Gorain, addressed each session before the debate was thrown open to the 200 delegates representing a wide range of language groups.

A Sinn Féin elected representative on Lisburn Council, Padraig O Maolchraibhe, addressed the *Morthional* on Saturday. He slammed the Dublin government for failing to provide an all-Irish



● Mairtin O Muilleoir addresses the convention

television station despite the fact that, according to the 1981 Census, there are one million Irish speakers in the twenty-six

counties:

"The situation in the twenty-six counties compares poorly with the situation in Euskadi where,

under a foreign government, the 500,000 speakers of Basque enjoy an all-Basque television service and scores of radio stations."

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## Internment

A Chara,  
We wish to highlight the tactic of holding prisoners on remand as a form of internment.

We have been held for eight months and at a bail hearing on February 20th we were promised that our preliminary enquiry would be held in March. This did not happen and, therefore, we applied for bail on April 3rd.

At the hearing, Justice Carswell ignored the previous promise and dismissed the application, saying there were no grounds and accusing us of 'abusing the court system'. He referred to a letter from the RUC (dated March 26th) which stated that everything is being done to ensure we receive our preliminary enquiry as soon as possible and he expressed his full confidence in the RUC.

It is not difficult to see a conspiracy to hold people on remand nor to see the hypocritical nature of Carswell's accusation of us 'abusing the court system'.

There are currently many men being held on remand in Crumlin Road Jail (some for over two years) and their plight and the suffering of their families are further ex-

## RELEASE JOHN O'REILLY

A Chara,

I would like to draw your readership's attention to the case of a young Belfastman, John O'Reilly from the Markets area of the city.

John is 26 years old and since he was 22 he has been held on the 'word' of five paid perjurers. At each case collapsed, a new 'supergrass' came forward. The last one being the infamous Harry Kirkpatrick.

When John finally got bail

he moved to the twenty-six counties, where he was arrested on November 4th and ordered to be extradited to the Kirkpatrick trial. Since then, he has been in prison awaiting appeal.

This case exposes the hypocrisy of the Free State

government and, in particular, the foreign minister, Peter Barry, who condemned the Kirkpatrick trial and whose administration is now holding a man solely on foot of a warrant issued at that show-trial.

Demand John O'Reilly's release now!

Pilib O'Caomh,  
Release John O'Reilly Committee.

amples of daily repression under British rule.

Tyrone republicans,  
Crumlin Road Jail.

## Self Aid

A Chara,

Faster than you can say "Bob Geldof", every yahoo and gobshite in the media, entertainment and political establishment will be heading for the RDS and RTE to point out to us just how concerned they are about unemployment.

Implicit in this 'Don't-blame-us' gig is the notion that the unemployed have only themselves to blame for their predicament.

Appearing on our screens

that day will be a carefully-chosen number of 'entrepreneurs' who have been supported by the IDA, AnCO or YEA and thus, by their own initiative, have created employment and "if only you lazy shower of wasters and dole-fiddlers would do something for yourselves instead of depending on the state..."

The Self Aid jamboree is politically suspect and ideologically unsound but it could offer an opportunity for public debate on such issues as the future of work, employment schemes, the training industry, the role of state agencies, the response of communities, etc.

If any of your readers would be interested in discuss-

ing these issues and rejecting the Self Aid hype, could they please contact me at the address below.

Joe Kelly,  
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Dublin 9.  
Phone 310598.

## Chernobyl

A Chara,

Your Opinion column on the Chernobyl nuclear disaster was a valuable appraisal of the situation. However, I noticed you offered no condolences to the USSR. A trace of pro-Western bias? After all, nuclear weapons were first set up in the USSR as a defensive



response to very definite US/ British nuclear war intentions directed against it.

Also, the constant threat of nuclear war coming from the West can certainly cause stress, leading to accidents.

The USSR is calling for an immediate test-ban treaty ('Star Peace') and the elimination of all nuclear weapons on earth, by the year 2000.

As Moscow radio said, the Chernobyl accident could make the world rethink the safety of nuclear energy.

J. Beck,  
Liberties,  
Dublin.

EDITOR: If J. Beck detected 'pro-Western bias' in last week's Opinion s/he was a little wide of the mark. AP/RN was pointing out that innocent civilians have been the victims of the nuclear industry everywhere, as they were so tragically in Chernobyl.

It is an indictment of all nuclear super-powers that such disasters have to happen to "make the world rethink".

Our sympathy is with those who suffer.

## SINN FEIN COUNCILLOR IN SICILY

SINN FEIN was represented at the annual convention of Democrazia Proletaria in Sicily at the end of last month. Derry Councillor Gerry Doherty attended the gathering from April 22nd to 27th.

Before travelling to Sicily, Doherty spent two days in Rome where he was interviewed by several radio stations and where he met with Giovanni Plumbo, head of the Italian section of the International League for Human Rights and Liberation of the

Peoples.

Seven hundred people attended the Democrazia Proletaria conference which began on Monday, April 22nd. As well as Sinn Féin, there were foreign delegations from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Nicaragua, Angola

and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front.

On Tuesday, Doherty gave an interview with two newspapers and met the German delegation in relation to the extradition threat to Brendan McFarlane and Gerry Kelly in the Netherlands.

### STANDING OVATION

Gerry Doherty received a standing ovation when he addressed the congress that evening. He explained

the situation in Ireland and the republican position on the Hillsborough agreement. A section of this speech was later broadcast on Italian TV. Benny Nato of the African National Congress spoke immediately after Doherty, receiving an equally warm reception.

Doherty described the trip as "a very worthwhile experience which strengthened links with the various groupings represented at the conference".



●GERRY DOHERTY

## Ballyfermot workshop



**BALLYFERMOT** (Dublin West) Sinn Féin held a very successful Bobby Sands commemorative workshop in the local community centre on Sunday, May 4th.

The workshop was comprised of videos, bookstalls, and displays from Sinn Féin, Fianna Éireann, AP/RN, the Portlaoise Prisoners Relatives Action Committee, the Campaign Against Strip-Searches and the United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets. The video display proved the most popular event in a day which attracted around 200 people to the centre.





# Man-made famine

BY AINE MARTIN

LAST SUNDAY saw Channel 4 broadcast the first of five programmes in the *World Wide '86* season, devoted to the current crisis in Africa.

Presented by Glenda Jackson, the documentary, entitled *Man-made Famine*, examined the unpublishable causes of famine in Africa by way of separate reports from three women farmers in Burkina Faso, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

The title had, intentionally or not, a clear double-meaning: 'man-made' famine in the context of not being a result of natural phenomena, such as drought; and 'man-made' as opposed to 'woman-made'. The validity of both these meanings soon became apparent.

Over two-thirds of all agricultural work in Africa is done by women because 'it is

not considered a man's job, it has been considered a woman's job since time immemorial'. The programme did not condemn this state of affairs. On the face of it, there is nothing wrong with women cultivating the land.

However, the criticism was fairly levelled at the unbalanced division of labour between men and women. Not only do women sow, weed, harvest and cook the food, they also do all the housework, collect the firewood and care for their families. The men, however, received the profits of such labour. One man admitted:

"Women do work more than men. I can see they are tired, they have too much to do. But tradition prevents



me from helping them."

There are simply not enough hours in the day for women to do all the work expected of them and so the land is not cultivated properly.

The situation is worsened by pressure from foreign com-

panies to grow cash crops.

Basil Davidson (presenter of the excellent Africa series on RTE2) explained:

"The colonial systems imposed a major change in the use of African land from domestic needs to exportation to satisfy European needs."

The parallel with the Irish Famine of the 1840s is obvious, when millions of tons of grain were exported from this country while the people starved.

The report from Zimbabwe offered hope.

The land owned by the colonial whites (the best land, of course) has been redistributed among the native population. More and more women are receiving their own land to cultivate as they please, while men are being re-educated to do their equal share of the work and remain in the rural areas.

Production has greatly increased and famine is quickly becoming a thing of the past.

In Africa, equality may soon lead to plenty instead of starvation. ...

After spending the previous week condemning the Soviet Union for its secrecy about the Chernobyl nuclear leak, the British brazenly announced last Friday that there was a leak three weeks previously at their Heysham plant at Morecambe, Lancashire.

And the BBC newsreader didn't even have the decency to blush!

film

# The Supergrass

BY EDDIE STACK

AHA, a film called *The Supergrass*. So, another word inspired by our lousy oppressive state finds its way into the lexicon. We've had 'boycott', inspired by the antics of the not-so-good captain, 'internment' came back into vogue thanks to the North, and now it's 'supergrass' that's on the lips of the world. Should we be chuffed?

Actually, you will not be surprised to find out that *The Supergrass* has nothing to do with our fair island's history. Moreover, while it has a policeman who can speak *parlez vous*, a man who dresses up as a woman, and a man who dresses up as a vampire, there is no, I repeat no, man or woman who either speaks or dresses up as an Irishman or woman so far removed is this particular film from the everyday preoccupations of we, the Irish nation.

So, what do we have here then, as the policeman said to the bishop. We have, to wit, the story of Dennis, a silly twit who is out to impress his girlfriend and who tries to get her into bed with him by saying that he has been approached by smugglers to bring in drugs from abroad.

To get away with this, says Dennis hopefully, he must hire a double bedroom in a flash hotel on the English coast and wait for his orders from the

## AN OFFER HE CAN'T REFUSE

In his cell, Dennis is made an offer by the glib chief detective, who claims he wants to bring in a last haul of drug smugglers before he retires to become a priest. Will Dennis co-operate and go to the coast as a 'supergrass'? Lured by the thought of living it up in a posh hotel at the police's expense, Dennis decides not to tell the coppers that he had made up the whole smuggling story.

And so Dennis, the loveable if slightly irritating twit, is given a posh car, three grand

spending money and a mission to crack the 'drug smuggling ring'. However, he has to be accompanied by Leslie and Harvey, two plainclothes police people. There is a problem here though. Harv is in love with Leslie and he cannot bear to watch Dennis grope with her as they pretend to pass off as lovers. In fact, Harv cannot bear to be called Harv and although he doesn't drink he is soon found guzzling down the booze in despair. Dennis,

meanwhile, is enjoying his little game no end until it's apparent that there actually is a drugs ring operating around the beach.

A coincidence?

Do you care?

After all, you're only here for a lark.

## COMIC STRIP

*The Supergrass* is brought to you by the Comic Strip, an evolving team of British comedians, most of whom appear in the *The Young Ones*

currently having a very big hit single for charity with Cliff Richard. They also do a series of genre pastiches for independent TV and they obviously felt that, with *The Supergrass*, they had enough material to make a full-length film. It's a generally engaging movie, hilarious in parts, and if you like the Comic Strip, you'll love this.

Then again, you could always wait until they show it on TV.



book

# Easter Rising book

THE 1916 RISING is correctly seen by most historians as the major turning point in Irish history in the first half of the 20th century because of the impact it had on the Irish national struggle in the years immediately afterwards and the body-blow it dealt to British imperialism.

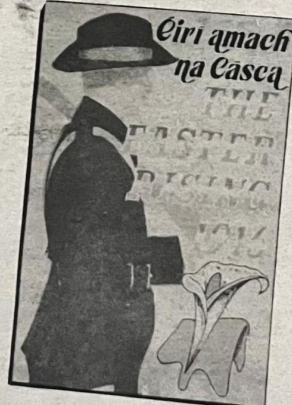
But it is necessary to see 1916 through the eyes of the men and women who planned and brought it about. This short history of the Easter Rising, while giving a synopsis of the events of Easter Week, concentrates on the role played by the numerous organisations whose contributions made the Rising possible.

*Eirí Amach na Cásca* contains a number of specialised essays on the Easter Rising and a large number of photographs. The final chapters

EMBARRASSMENT To the establishment politicians who profess to be

nationalists, the ghosts of the men and women of 1916 are now an embarrassment, especially since 1969, when the present phase of the struggle for freedom began in the six occupied counties. On this, the 70th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, it is important that we should remember the heroism and sacrifice of the men, women and youngsters who fought and died in Easter week 1916 and the legacy which they have left us.

● *Eirí Amach na Cásca* is published by Republican Publications, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 (telephone 726932). Copies are available from the usual outlets, price £1.25 (plus 60p postage).



# Imeachtaí

## GALE COMMEMORATION

8pm Friday 9th May  
NORTH KERRY  
Organised by Sinn Féin

## SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 9th May  
No. 5 Club  
5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN  
Taille £1

## SPONSORED CYCLE TO PORTLAISIE PRISON

11am Saturday 10th May  
5 Blessington Street  
DUBLIN  
Sponsorship cards from No. 5

## SEAN MACCAUGHEY COMMEMORATION

Wreath-laying ceremony  
1pm Sunday 11th May  
Milltown Cemetery  
BELFAST

## SEAN Mac DIARMADA COMMEMORATION

Speaker: Sean Mac Manus  
3pm Sunday 11th May  
KILTYCLOGHER  
Assemble at Straduffly Cross  
County Leitrim

## KNOCKENURE/GORTAGLANNA COMMEMORATION

3pm Sunday 11th May  
KNOCKENURE  
County Kerry

## TONY AHERNE COMMEMORATION

Speaker: Jimmy Mee  
3.30pm Sunday 11th May  
Carrigaline Church  
CORK

## ANTI-STRIP SEARCH VIDEO

9pm Monday 12th May  
Brennan's Hotel  
BAILEYBOUGH  
County Cavan  
Everyone welcome

## IRISH SOCIAL NIGHT

8pm Thursday 15th May  
Dundalk Bar  
Church Street  
DUNDALK  
Taille £1  
Organised by  
An Cumann Cabhrach

## REPUBLICAN DINNER

Guest speaker: Martin McGuinness  
8pm Friday 16th May  
Metropole Hotel  
CORK  
Taille: £10  
Bar extension till 1am

## CORK SINN FEIN OFFICE

Official opening by  
Martin McGuinness  
12 noon Saturday 17th May  
CORK CITY

## RAYMOND MCCREESH COMMEMORATION

2.30pm Sunday 18th May  
CAMLOUGH  
County Armagh

## BALLAD SESSION

Music by Joe McShane & Friends  
8pm Friday 23rd May  
Travellers' Rest  
Huntersdown  
Colton  
COUNTY LOUTH  
Taille £2



SINN FEIN is dedicated to forcing a British withdrawal from the occupied six counties, the reunification of our country, and the establishment of a democratic socialist republic.

There are Sinn Féin cumann throughout the thirty-two counties and a number of areas have established supporters' groups.

If you would like to join Sinn Féin, or find out more about our activities and policies, fill in the form below and send it to: Sinn Féin Head Office, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

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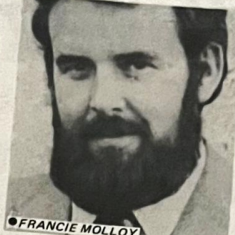
# Labour Committee on Ireland Conference

IN THE AFTERMATH of Labour's official support for the London-Dublin accord, the annual conference of the Labour Committee on Ireland held on April 26th/27th was one of the most heated in recent years.

Despite official support for the accord, there was a new mood of opposition to the British occupation of Ireland which could mean an expanding audience. The black section of the Labour Party and the Campaign group of Labour MPs has already rejected the accord and the National Labour Women's Conference might well join them. Outside the Labour Party, the Irish in Britain Representation Group is growing and for the first time a mass organisation - the National Union of Students - has called for British withdrawal from Ireland.

Members heard Irish feminist writer Nell McCafferty and Labour's official spokesperson on the North of Ireland, Peter Archer MP, discuss the accord with representatives of Labour Women for Ireland. Sinn Féin representative Francie Molloy was given a standing ovation on the Sunday following his speech outlining how the accord would fail.

**TRADE UNIONISTS**  
Speakers from Trade Unionists Against Strip-Searching and Irish Prisoners' Appeal described the barbaric treatment of women pris-



FRANCIE MOLLOY

oners in Maghaberry and in London's Brixton Jail. Denis Murphy - a delegate from the National Union of Mineworkers - helped the trade union discussion session understand how, even in the most progressive unions, there were problems in persuading members of the relevance of Ireland and the necessity for ordinary trade unionists to make a contribution.

Delegates also passed emergency resolutions supporting the print-workers' struggle and condemning the British government over the use of US bases for the raid on Libya.

## LAGAN VALLEY COMMEMORATION



THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION by Lagan Valley Sinn Féin comhairle ceantair was held on Sunday, May 4th, in Milltown Cemetery. Cumann members assembled at the graveside of local IRA hunger-striker, Bobby Sands, to remember those IRA Volunteers from the Twinbrook area who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the course of the struggle for national liberation.

After the laying of a wreath by local Sinn Féin Councillor Pat Rice, a minute's silence was observed.

Bernard Fox, recently released from the H-Blocks and himself a former hunger-striker, gave a short but moving account of life in the prison during the hunger-strike.

## REMEMBERING THE PAST



The yard in Kilmainham Jail - the scene of the executions

## 1916 executions

BY PETER O'ROURKE

DURING the week which followed the surrender of the republican forces after the Easter Rising, eight of the leaders were executed by firing squad in Kilmainham Jail, Dublin.

Following the surrender, hundreds of prisoners were marched under armed escort from all the garrisons and out-posts to Richmond barracks (now the site of St Michael's Estate and the CBS School) at Emmet Road, Inchicore. Here, detectives of the 'G' (Political) Division of the Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) moved among the hundreds of prisoners, picking out the suspected leaders.

Richmond Barracks was also the scene of many of the court-martials following the Rising. There were 160 men and women court-martialled, and of these 112 were sentenced to death. Ninety-seven of those sentenced to death, including Constance Markievicz, had their sentences commuted to var-

ious terms of imprisonment ranging from three years to life, while 15 of the death sentences were confirmed by General Sir John Maxwell.

During the early days of May, thousands of men were interned in Frongoch and other camps in Wales and England. By May 17th, all of the sentenced prisoners were transferred to Lewes, Lincoln, Dartmoor and other English jails.

### FIRST

Among the first of the prisoners to be tried by court-martial were Pádraig Pearse, Thomas Clarke and Thomas MacDonagh. Pearse, held in Arbour Hill Barracks since Saturday, April 29th, was transferred to Richmond

Barracks on the morning of May 2nd where, along with Clarke and MacDonagh, he was court-martialled.

All three were sentenced to death and that evening were transferred to Kilmainham Jail to await their fate. Later that night, they were informed that the death sentences had been confirmed and that they were to be shot at dawn the following morning.

### PEARSE, MacDONAGH & CLARKE

Between 3.25am and 3.45am on the morning of May 3rd, Pádraig Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh and Thomas Clarke were taken separately to the yard in Kilmainham Jail where they were executed by firing squad.

Later that morning, Joseph Plunkett, Edward Daly, Michael O'Hanrahan and Willie Pearse were tried by court-martial at Richmond Barracks and sentenced to death. They were transferred to Kilmainham Jail and, later that night, were informed that the death sentences had been confirmed.

At 10pm, only hours before his death, Plunkett and Grace Gifford were married in the small prison chapel. British soldiers stood guard with fixed bayonets as the marriage ceremony was read by the light of a single candle. Immediately afterwards, the couple were parted but at dawn Grace was brought to her husband's cell to bid him farewell.

At 3.45am on Thursday, May 4th, Joseph Plunkett, Michael O'Hanrahan, Edward Daly and Willie Pearse were led into the yard of Kilmainham Jail and executed by firing squad.

### MacBRIDE

John MacBride was tried by court-martial later that day and sentenced to death. He was executed in Kilmainham on May 5th, the only prisoner to be executed that day.

The first eight executions of the 1916 leaders took place in Kilmainham Jail between May 3rd and May 5th 1916, 70 years ago this week.

## WORLD VIEW



# Savages

IN 1947, during the post-mortem on the Second World War, the United Nations Strategic Trust Agreement bequeathed the 'guardianship' of the Marshall Islands, a small group of atolls in the Pacific, to the United States.

In return for this 'guardianship', the US administration promised to "promote the economic advancement of self-sufficiency of the inhabitants". The US, in its own inimitable style, fulfilled this promise by exploding 66 atomic and hydrogen bombs in the area and then, 39 years later, handed back the polluted lands to the contaminated islanders.

The criminal activities of the US in the Marshall Islands was kept under wraps until the last few years when, gradually, horrific stories began to emerge. Evidence began to accumulate that the islanders had been used as guinea pigs in a massive experiment to find out the effects of radiation on humans and their habitat.

### MOST HORRIFIC ACT

The most horrific act carried out against these gentle and trusting people was the exploding, on March 1st 1954, of *Bravo*, the first hydrogen bomb.

One thousand times the size of the Hiroshima bomb, *Bravo* exploded over Bikini Atoll with the force of 15 million tons of TNT. Within a few hours, the fall-out had spread over a radius of 100 miles, covering the islands of Rongelap and Utirik in a heavy mist. The fall-out, in the form of a powder, fell like snow. Children played for hours in this 'gift from the skies' until their skin and eyes began to burn, and they began to vomit and suffer diarrhoea.

On March 4th, the islanders were evacuated to the US navy base at Kwajalein, where they were reported as being well. The US Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) claimed that "28 Americans and 236 Marshall Islanders have been unexpectedly exposed to radiation".

### ALLOWED BACK

After three months, the Utirik islanders were allowed back to their homes to an island that was highly radioactive. One islander recently described how women began giving birth to "creatures like cats, rats and the insides of turtles". Everyone became afflicted with tumours and diseases whilst the staple diet of fish and fruit turned poisonous.

The inhabitants of Rongelap were allowed back after three years, all of them also suffering with tumours and diseases. They found their island still radioactive and had to put up with the "psychological torture" of visiting teams of scientists and doctors testing them for radiation, but



never treating them or even explaining to them the causes of their horrible illnesses.

### CALLOUSNESS

The callousness of the US can be judged by a report issued by the AEC on Rongelap.

"The habitation of these people on this island will afford valuable ecological radiation data on human beings."

When the US relinquished its 'guardianship' of the islands, Ronald Reagan refused to go to the hand-over ceremony, preferring to send a taped message which said, "You'll always be family to us."

The Marshall Islanders are now suing the US administration for hundreds of millions of dollars.

### SAVAGES

An interesting footnote to this has been the release of a number of US propaganda films from that period. One describes the islanders as "savages" who enjoyed their visit to the US to be x-rayed - the "ritual of the iron room". Another shows a US government official telling the "savages" that the Americans were going to "use a great power for the good of mankind".

Maybe they'll nuke the real savages - the ones sitting in the Pentagon and the White House.

## Getting a rocket

US PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan and British premier Margaret Thatcher received a really warm welcome when they arrived in Japan for the economic summit meeting. A salvo of rockets was fired at the summit headquarters in Tokyo on Sunday, May 4th, just before the Western leaders were due to meet. The rockets narrowly missed their target, some of them landing in the grounds of the nearby Canadian Embassy.

The attack, the work of left-wing activists, came amidst the most stringent security ever witnessed in Japan's capital city. All of Japan's 250,000 police were placed on full alert, whilst 30,000 riot police were drafted into the area surrounding the summit venue. Tokyo's population of 12 million were banned from the immediate area, and cars were banned for one mile around any building connected with the summit. Half of Tokyo's elevated motorway network was also closed down and checkpoints were set up in every area of the capital.

The Japanese government became so concerned about the safety of the Western leaders that it ordered

the destruction of vast wildlife areas around Tokyo Bay and Haneida Airport to "deny cover for terrorists". The police were ordered to burn every piece of vegetation, a modern-day "scorched earth policy".

### ATTACKS

During the run-up to the summit a number of attacks were carried out by three of the main left-wing organisations (police estimate their combined membership at 35,000). There were rocket attacks against the US Embassy, a US air force base, a Japanese imperial palace, Japan's Emperor Hirohito had a lucky escape when a rocket just missed blowing him out of his bed.



# Bobby Sands Prize

LATE ENTRIES for the Bobby Sands commemorative scheme are still being accepted. Applications from youth bands, unemployment action groups, advice centres, Irish-language groups, and republican organisations have been received.

This year, three prizes of £700 each will be awarded to the winners of the scheme, which is open to all nationally-minded people, and especially nationally-minded youth.

If you are involved in a project or a scheme or indeed an organisation which in some way furthers the ideal of an Irish-Ireland, then make a submission to 9 Charlemont Parade, Ballybough, Dublin 3.

Applications should include information regarding other funding, objectives, progress so far, etc., in the form of a comprehensive and concise report.



## Lesson

### NOTES ON PRONUNCIATION

The pronunciation given in brackets is as near as possible to the sound. Vowels can be long or short, the lengthened version being indicated by a dash (long mark). Thus we have do (duh) - to or for and do (doe) - two. Thick, spoken with the tongue pressed against the upper front teeth, dh and gh are like G far back in the throat.

(12)

Fada (fodduh) - Long  
Garr (gyarr) - Short  
Buach (buddh) - Poor  
Saibhr (sewir) - Rich  
Bus (buss) - Bus  
Traín (train) - Train  
Báid (baud) - Boat  
Stáisiún (stawshoon) - Station  
Soil (sull) - School

Cí bhfuil an bhean ruise? (caw will un van-roo-eh) - Where is the red-haired woman?

Tá sí an bhus (thaw shee suh vuss) - She is on the bus

Cá bhfuil an fear fionn? (caw will un fer-foinn) - Where is the fair-haired man?

Tá sí sa bhád (thaw shay suh vaud) - He is in the boat

Cí bhfuil an páiste óg? (caw will un pawntshe oge) - Where is the young child?

Níl sé sa stáisiún (neel shay suh stawshoon) - He is not in the station

Tá sé sa train (thaw shay suh train) - He is in the train

An bhfuil an bhean sa traín? (un will un van suh train) - Is the woman in the train?  
Níl sí sa traín, tá sí sa phairc (neel shee suh train, tá sí sa phairc) - She is not in the train, she is in the field  
Tá an buachaill beag sa scoil (thaw un voohill bahg suh guill) - The small boy is in the school

### PHRASES

Féach air (fayoch air) - Look at him  
Cáin áit (Kayn aweit) - O cá háit (kaw haweit) - What place/where?  
Cá mhaid (kay vaid) - How much?  
Fágaim fústa é (fawgim footsh ay) - I leave it to you  
Tá go leor agam (thaw guh lyore agum) - I have enough  
Is leor sin (is lyore shin) - That is enough  
Níl go leor aici (neel guh lyore egogh) - He hasn't enough  
Bí curamach (bee koorumach) - Be careful

**MELWAINÉ.** Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vol Seamus McElwaine, who was killed in action on April 26th, Fuar bas ar son na hÉireann. From Dermot Ginley and family, Kieran Doherty Park, Monaghan.

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### Admhaíl

**CORRIGAN.** The Corrigan family wishes to express its message of sympathy on the death of Tessie Corrigan, who died on March 22nd. The Republic of Ardoyne and our many friends and neighbours. Mass will be offered for their intentions.



**AHERNE.** Tony (13th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Tony Ahern, Oglagh na hÉireann, Cork, who died on active service at Roslea, County Fermanagh, on May 10th 1973. I measc laochra na nGael a raibh an anam dílis. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in Oglagh na hÉireann.

**AHERNE.** Tony (13th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Tony Ahern, Oglagh na hÉireann, who was killed in action at Roslea on May 10th 1973. Fuar bas ar son na hÉireann. Always remembered by the Leonard Ahern Sinn Féin cumann, Roslea, County Fermanagh.

**CAMPBELL.** Teddy (12th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Teddy Campbell, 'D' Coy, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Oglagh na hÉireann, who died on his release from Long Kesh Prison Camp on May 3rd 1974. I measc laochra na nGael go raibh an anam dílis. Always remembered by the Lower Falls Commemoration Committee.

**SANDS.** Bobby (5th Anniversary). The Republican Movement remembers with pride Vol Bobby Sands MP, who died on the 6th day of his hunger-strike on May 5th 1981 in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh. "I believe and stand by the God-given right of the Irish nation to sovereign independence and the right of any Irish man or woman to assert this right in armed revolution" - Bobby Sands.

**SANDS.** Bobby (5th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of our dear son, brother and father, Bobby Sands, who died on active service by British crown forces on May 5th 1981. Always remembered by his loving parents, John and Roseleen, brother John and son Gerard.

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**SANDS.** Bobby (5th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Bobby Sands, who died after 66 days on hunger-strike in Long Kesh Prison Camp for the five just demands. Always remembered by his family and friends.

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**SANDS.** Bobby (5th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my dear nephew, Bobby Sands, who died on May 5th 1981. RIP. Masses offered. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him. Deeply regretted by Aunt Mary, Uncle Wesley and cousins Gerardette, Jim, Billy and Tony.

**SANDS.** Bobby (5th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of Vol Bobby Sands MP, Oglagh na hÉireann, who died on the 66th day of hunger-strike on May 5th 1981. RIP. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him and also his nine brave comrades. Always remembered by his cousin Rita, Diarmuid and family.

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**IN PROUD AND LOVING MEMORY OF** the ten H-Block martyrs who died for Ireland during the 1981 hunger-strike. Ar deimh laith Le go raibh a n-anam dílis. Always remembered by Antoin Mac Ualladh, Doagh Gorman.

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### CUIMHNI BREITHLAE

**WATTERS.** Brendan. Birthday memories of Vol Brendan Watters, who was killed in action on August 8th 1984 and whose birthday would have occurred on May 8th. Sadly missed and always remembered by his father Edward, brother Michael, sister Mary, and the entire family circle.

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## Beannachtaí

**ANDERSON.** Martina (Brixton). Just to let you know that we're thinking about you all. Good luck. From May.

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**CLARKE.** Seamus. You're in my thoughts. "Hill apples still grow in November, and blossoms still bloom

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# Dirty Vinnie

CLINT EASTWOOD must be US Deputy Sheriff Vincent Doherty's hero.

Dirty Vinnie, a former RUC man and son of the late Margaret Doherty, a founder of the 'Peace People' in Derry, used to be a lawman in Sonoma, California, until he took the head-stagers and used his .357 Magnum to try and blow some of his colleagues away.

Vinnie's wife called the cops when her husband began to act more aggressively than usual in their home in Cotati. When the local fuzz arrived, Dirty Vinnie let loose a hail of bullets as families fled from the street in terror.

For 90 minutes there was a stand-off in Sonoma.

Then Vinnie burst through the door, leapt into his car and sped away, swerving round two barricades but with the California Highway Patrol in hot pursuit.

Using his experience gained by watching *Miami Vice*, he made a violent U-turn and the smell of burning rubber filled the air as he... careered into an oncoming cop car.

Dirty Vinnie is now languishing in Sonoma County Jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and shooting at an occupied dwelling.

Good on you, Vinnie, you've made my day.

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WHAT'S in a name? Not much as far as the British government is concerned.

In various futile attempts to clean up their act, the British tried to con everybody by changing the name of Long Kesh to 'The Maze' and Windscarle to 'Sellafield'. Now they've come up with 'custody suites'.

Custody suites? That's what Judge Gosling asked policemen giving evidence at Oxford Crown Court recently: "Surely you mean cells?"

Nope, replied the boys in blue. Under the new Police & Criminal Evidence Act things are moving up-market. Goodbye cells, hello custody suites.

What next? The Maghberry majestic time-share apartment blocks?

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THREE RUC men were needed to subdue an Independent Unionist Assemblyman and Belfast City Councillor Frank Millar when he was arrested for disorderly behaviour last September.

As 700 Cliftonville soccer supporters were walking home along Skegoniel Road after a cup match at Crusaders, Assemblyman Millar buttonholed an RUC man, went to give him a dig and shouted,

# the flying column

AS LIAM OG has left AP/RN to swot for his exams and try his long trousers on for when he leaves school, *The Flying Column* will be working its way behind enemy lines in the future.

Any reports or snippets of informa-

tion gathered by our intelligence officers on the ground should be forwarded in plain brown envelope to our secret headquarters in 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1



● Boutique in Crete... for the well-dressed Volunteer?

"Why don't you arrest those republican bastards?" (He denied calling them "Fenian bastards".)

The RUC man described Millar as being "very excited and seemed to be out of his mind".

Assemblyman Millar was fined £100 and, at 61, should know better than to be causing trouble at soccer matches.

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PRESIDENT REAGAN certainly gave the United States' allies in South-East Asia something to think about when he addressed foreign ministers

in Bali on May 1st.

Reagan told the tale of two men who were out in the woods and came face to face with a bear. One of the men pulled a pair of running shoes from his knapsack and was putting them on when his companion said:

"You're never going to be able to outrun that bear."

"Never mind the bear. I only have to outrun you."

Reagan tried to calm his clearly worried audience by telling them that "If a bear comes over the hill, we [the US] won't be putting on our

running shoes."

Sighs all round followed... then Reagan's 'allies' (remembered Vietnam, the Philippines...)

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ONE VIDEO NASTY that won't be released for a while is 42-year-old Robert James Kerr, of Rosmoyre.

Kerr was jailed for two years at Armagh Crown Court last week after he admitted trying to intimidate the owner of a Portadown taxi firm into subscribing to UDA funds. (Having been taped in the act on both video and

sound recorders, the shrewd Robert decided that the wisest thing to do would be to throw himself upon the mercy of the court.)

After one unsuccessful visit and several equally unsuccessful, unfriendly phone calls to Pat Wilson, owner of Orchard Taxis, Kerr asked, "How would you like a few cars wrecked or a dead driver?"

Sentencing Kerr, Judge Russell described him as "a typical soldier of the UDA" which possibly explains why the court report in the *Armagh Observer* is headlined "Court

hears of UDR blackmail threats."

After all, what's one little letter between loyalist paramilitary friends?

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THE Conservative Party has come up with a brilliant and totally new strategy to try and prevent them being wiped out in the British local elections on May 8th - honesty.

The Tory manifesto for the London borough of Camden claims that Conservative plans to sell off council buildings "would generate about £1 million a year for further unemployment-creating measures".

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IAN CLARKE, a part-time UDR soldier and security officer, wasn't convinced that either of his jobs and lifestyles were really that secure, so he made plans to skip the country and seek a new life abroad.

Clarke (24), from Monaghan Street, Milford, County Armagh, kidnapped Catherine Speer at gunpoint from her Portadown Road home on January 17th 1985 before demanding £100,000 ransom from her husband for her safe return.

Unfortunately for young Clarke, he couldn't have been paying attention when his UDR training covered how to tie knots, and Mrs Speer managed to escape from his garage, where he'd tied her up.

Private Clarke was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Belfast Crown Court.

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WILL Diplock courts soon be introduced into Britain?

Replying to a fellow Conservative MP in the House of Commons, Margaret Thatcher described the acquittal rate in jury trials as "very disquieting".

The prime minister was asked to "bring forward plans to make the selection of jurors more representative of the people of this land who do believe in punishment fitting the crime" (i.e. the hang 'em and flog 'em brigade).

Hear, hear, sir! How on earth is British justice going to survive unless one is able to dish out 'guaranteed guilty' verdicts?

★★★★

"ON YER BIKE!" will be the message in Dublin's Blessington Street on Saturday morning, May 10th, when a flying column of local republicans pedal to Portlaoise Prison in a sponsored cycle to help boost Sinn Féin's election fund.

The more than 30 spokespersons (goddit?) will include Ballyfermot bikers on a bicycle-made-for-two.

Any donations to this worthy cause (cheques, postal orders, oxygen tanks, etc) should be rushed to *The Flying Column*, AP/RN, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

## notes

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