

WAR NEWS

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WITH OUR EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

BIRMINGHAM:- Irish Republican Army Operations in England last week included:- Two serious Bomb Explosions occurred in the centre of the city on the 14th inst. Following these Explosions all motor cars and pedestrians were held up and searched. Three unexploded Bombs are stated to have been found. No arrests were made.

LONDON:- On Wednesday, Feb. 14th, the factory of R.J. Goly & Son, was destroyed by Incendiary action. Sixteen fire pumps were used in an effort to combat the fire. Several firemen were injured by a number of Explosions which occurred. The entire stock, which was intended for use in the construction of R.A.F. planes was ruined.

LONDON:- Considerable damage was caused on Saturday, 17th inst., when our Units set fire to the works of Messrs. Cossor, Wireless Manufacturers, Highbury Grove. The entire London Fire Brigade was called to the scene of this operation. Hundreds of families in the neighbourhood were forced to flee from their homes.

On the same night, the timber factory of Mr. E. Woodward, Mayor of West Bromwich was destroyed by fire.

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MANY REPUBLICAN ARRESTS.

Sixteen men were taken into custody on Saturday night, 17th inst, after almost 200 armed military and police had carried out a raid on the Meath Hotel, Dublin. The arrested men are stated to be :-

Seamus Burke, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo.	Sean McManus, Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim
Joseph Deegan, Belfast.	Michael Traynor, Belfast.
Tony D'Arcy, Headford, Galway.	Thomas McDermott, Athleague, Roscommon.
Martin Masters, Newport, Co. Mayo.	John Denning, Carrigrohoney, Co. Donnegal.
Frank Weaver, Charlestown, Co. Mayo.	Eddie Maguire, Rooskey, Co. Roscommon.
Joseph O'Neill, Tyrone.	Michael Healy, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
Joseph Dolan, Sligo.	Patrick Shannon, Berkeley Street, Dublin.
John O'Shea, Tralee.	

Kevin Gleeson (16), Celbridge, Co. Kildare, was remanded last week at Naas Court for a fortnight, charged with failing to account for his movements on 23rd and 24th December, 1939.

Four men were arrested during last weekend, Limerick.

Charged with possession of firearms and ammunition, Jeremiah McElligott, Listowel and John Shortt, Limerick, were at Tralee District Court returned for Trial to the Special Tribunal.

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If this paper is hard to get and, on account of being closely typed, and the ink faint, difficult to read, don't blame us - paper and ink are not easily obtained. "War News" is edited, published and despatched to you in secrecy. The men who distribute it risk their liberty in order that you may be informed of what goes on. We do not deny the defects of "War News".

We only ask you to remember that it and its Belfast comrade are the only uncensored publications that exist in Ireland. The wealthy censored press can afford to print copies for everyone that will buy. We cannot hope to supply more than a small proportion of the ever increasing demand. You will help if you pass your copy on to a friend, a neutral or even an enemy.

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BIRMINGHAM EXECUTIONS. Many More Protests.

Protests against the judicial murder and demands for the return of the bodies of the two martyrs, James McCormick and Peter Barnes continue to be made throughout the country.

Exciting scenes were again witnessed throughout the Six Counties on Sunday last, when for the second time Meetings of Protest, arranged by various Republican and Nationalist bodies, were proclaimed by Dawson Bates.

From Dundalk came a Resolution of Protest together with one addressed to the "Free State Government" demanding the immediate departure from Ireland of Sir John Maffey, British Representative.

Largely attended Meetings were held on Sunday last, the 18th inst. in Longford, Wexford, Castleblayney, Nenagh etc. Masses for the deceased Patriots were celebrated in almost every part of the country.

Ireland is mourning. Her cheek is wet with the tears of women, her mantle sodden with the blood of heroes.

The Saxon rope has stilled the bubbling laughter in her throat and strangled in her womb resurgent life.

Desolate she stands amid her legions, the dead and the living. Her voice as she speaks is the voice of a million martyrs.

I am Ireland. Great is my glory. I have borne sons who dared to die.

Great is my sorrow. Their shrine is a felon's grave.

Great is my shame. My children have taken the sword of the spoiler to stab at my breast.

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DEPORTEES BRUTALLY BEATEN.

Three Deportees arrived in Dublin last week from London. They had been arrested and detained in Scotland Yard since the beginning of this month. Two of the men had been brutally beaten by detectives, whose efforts to extract information from them failed.

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REFUSED TO RECOGNISE COURT.

When Volunteer D. O'Sullivan, (a native of Tralee) stationed at the Curragh appeared before the Naas Court, on Thursday, 15th inst., he refused to recognise the Court. A party of police dragged the defendant to his feet and were forced to hold him during the Court proceedings. He was remanded in custody for a fortnight.

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THE PRISONERS DEPENDANTS DEPEND ON YOU.
GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OFFICIAL COLLECTORS.

PRISON CONDITIONS.

Conditions under which Republican prisoners are forced to exist in British and Irish jails are appalling.

In almost every jail in England, Republican prisoners - men and women - have been cruelly beaten by warders and convicts.

Any, as a result of this treatment have already been driven on the verge of insanity.

The Internees in the North are in no happier position than their comrades in England. Several prisoners in the Six Counties have already been badly beaten. In at least one instance a prisoner had his leg broken while being man-handled by his jailers.

Two weeks ago we published details of conditions under Fianna Fail in "Free State" jails.

It is the duty of every public body, in fact, of every individual to demand immediately that political treatment be given to Irish Republican prisoners at home and in England.

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DERRY CINEMAS WARNED.

A Notice was posted up outside all Cinemas in Derry on Sunday night, 18th inst., stating:-- "The management of this Cinema have been warned that the exhibition of British propaganda films on or after February 19th, may lead to serious consequences, for which the management should be responsible".

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"BRITAIN - GET OUT AND STAY OUT!"

Liam O'Flaherty, novelist, when asked in New York for a statement, on Irish affairs said:-- "Those are our people in Ulster; that's our property, and we want Britain to withdraw her troops and get-out and stay out of Ulster. We want her to do for us what she is asking Germany to do for Poland."

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CANNON FODDER.

Hundreds of cases of unemployed men and women in the Six Counties being victimised because they refuse to become England's cannon fodder, have come to our notice.

Last week, Mr. Agnew (Soc. Sth. Armagh) raised a question at Stormont concerning several Armagh girls who had been deprived of unemployment benefit because they refused to accept employment in England.

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THE FLIGHT FROM THE LAND.

For centuries this Country has been an Agricultural Nation. Our very life depends on the fact that our soil must give us all that we need to sustain us as a people. It is quite possible to supplement the Nation's wealth by industrial enterprise, but the fact must always be remembered that we are and will always remain a farming community.

Now, what is the position with regard to Agriculture in the Six Counties Province and the Twenty-Six County Dominion? Two so-called Governments have been in power in the "Free State" and Craigavon and his junta of foreigners have ruled the Six Counties ever since the accursed midnight Treaty was signed. We have had "Native" Government. What is the result?

During the Cosgrave Regime, 30,000 young Irishmen and women emigrated each year to the United States and Gt. Britain. Most of them were Irish farmers' sons and daughters. Many of them were Irish Speakers from the Gaeltacht. They could not get a living at home because either their holdings were too small or were mortgaged to foreign Banks, and money had to be found to keep these rack renters from the doors of Irish homesteads. In the same period the marriage rate went down until we had one of the most declining populations in Europe. In the Six Counties it was the same. The Youth of the countryside emigrated to the slums of London, Glasgow, and Liverpool. Profiteers bought farm produce for little or nothing and sold it at high prices to the urban workers. Our cattle, pigs, poultry, vegetable crops, butter and eggs were all exported to feed John Bull. The Agricultural community was in a state of poverty and so the discredited Cosgrave "Government" was turned out and replaced by Mr. de Valera and Fianna Fail who promised to restore the Republic, which meant in fact restoring the Irish People to the ownership of the land of Ireland.

But what happened under Fianna Fail? The Irish Banks which are only sub-offices of the Bank of England were allowed to retain their grip on Irish farmsteads. The British garrison of Landlords and ranchers still held on to their properties in Counties Meath, Kildare, Roscommon, Tipperary etc. The flight from the land continued. The marriage rate continued to go down. As a consequence of the crisis in our Agricultural economy, unemployment increased in the towns. Ten millions were given to Gt. Britain to settle the economic war. Loans were raised to which the biggest subscribers were the Garrison and their henchmen - the Banks. The whole land system of Ireland is still run in the old British style. No attempt has been made to effect the re-conquest of the land or to clear away the alien garrison that dominates. Fianna Fail has been as big a failure as Cosgrave. What is the remedy?

The remedy is the Restoration of the Republic, and the setting up of a Gaelic system of Land ownership. It must be made certain that the foreign financial grip of a band of British robbers be removed from our land. Irish Agriculture must be developed for the benefit of the Irish Nation, not for the benefit of the British Market or a small clique of Garrison Agricultural Capitalists. Adequate credits and adequate holdings must be provided. Rural poverty must be abolished as well as the poverty of the slums in town and city. In a word, the re-conquest of Ireland must be accomplished. The Gaelic State must function. The domination of West Britain over Gaelic Ireland must be overthrown and a system of Society established that will meet the adequate needs of all.

Our Expeditionary Force in England fights for these things. Within the coming year the whole Irish Nation will fight for them too.

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ANOTHER EMPTY FORMULA?

"In the presence of Almighty God, I --, do, solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and power, execute the office of judge of the Supreme Court, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will towards any man, and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws".

The sworn declaration of judges of the Supreme Court on taking up office "Where there was a written Constitution to which the Acts are subject, then if it was held by the judges that a certain Act, which might have been found necessary for the safety of the State was contrary to the Constitution they had got to change the Constitution" (- Mr. de Valera in the Dail)

Mr. de Valera's idea of preserving the safety of the State is strangely like Mr. Chamberlain's idea of protecting Small Nations.

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BECOME AN ACTIVE IRISH REPUBLICAN AND BREAK THE CONNECTION WITH ENGLAND

RECOGNITION OF THE AUTHORITY OF PARLIAMENT.

(De Valera now hold it a Principle - But this is a new doctrine with him)

"Men who flout the authority of Parliament" was a nice heading for Mr. de Valera's Cavan Speech on the I.R.A. Who, may we ask, first set the example of flouting Parliament? How can respect be justly demanded for a puppet by men who are renegades to the Parliament of the Irish Republic?

Mr. de Valera claims, justly, that in this Twenty-Six Counties no one (meaning Protestant and Jews) is persecuted for their religion, as Catholics are by Craigavon. Mr. de Valera cannot claim to have clean hands on this matter of persecutions. He has used the power, which he acquired by methods which require fuller examination than the people have yet given them, in a manner entirely inconsistent with the avowed motives of policy which directed him on the course he has taken since 1926.

We suggest to him that a National and Political conviction, such as is held by Irish Republicans, a conviction for which many hundreds, in our generation have died, and for which ever increasing numbers are still prepared to hazard their lives, is entitled to more respect than is accorded by those who, for the moment, hold power.

That such respect is not withheld by the people has been more than ever manifest this month. The justice of Ireland's complaint against England, and belief in the purity of the motives of the Irish Republican Army, have both been re-asserted on every side.

Except for Mr. de Valera's absurd claim that the "Free State" Parliament is something sacred, there is no more cause of division among Irish Nationalists than arises between men who hold different ideas as to the method of tackling a job which all agree must be done.

We recollect that at the Special Convention of Sinn Fein, previous to the formation of Fianna Fail, Mr. de Valera and his personal followers argued that recognition of the then "Free State" Parliament was, for Sinn Fein, a matter of policy, not one of principle.

Leaving aside any discussion of the mentality of men who are faithful only so long as success attends a Cause, and leave it to join a temporary winner, we arrive at the question which we would like now to put to Mr de Valera - If the people showed signs that they were turning away from his Parliament, would he regard it as a matter of principle to maintain it by force? Since, for adherents of Dail Eireann it is and always has been a matter of principle to stand by their first allegiance, and since this intense conviction will not allow them, on principle, to stand for election to the Puppet Parliament how does Mr. de Valera (who was guided in the first instance by expediency and who must take the responsibility for the results) propose that the people may again be given the opportunity of returning peaceably to their old Republican allegiance?

By naming Fianna Fail "The Republican Party", we suggest to Mr de Valera that he led the people into the present situation under false pretenses. We ask him, in the name of Ireland, to reply to these questions. To do so would be a more seemly method than those of imprisonment, censorship and unprincipled argument which he now employs.

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IRISH AMERICANS CONDEMN DE VALERA.

At a special executive Meeting of the Irish Republican Government Association held in Washington, the following cablegram was sent to Mr. de Valera:-

"Premier de Valera,
Dublin, Eire.

Irish America condemns your pro-British, anti-Republican Coercion laws, interpreting your Christmas message as an admission of failure and as New Year reply we suggest you resign office, cease helping Ireland's enemy and assist lawful Irish Republican Government to restore the Republic.

Sean O'Deorain
General Secretary, Irish Republican Government Association"

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE PRISONERS DEPENDANTS FUND MAY BE SENT TO:-

MRS. AUSTIN STACK,
167, STRAND ROAD,
MERRION, DUBLIN.