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A new risen generation

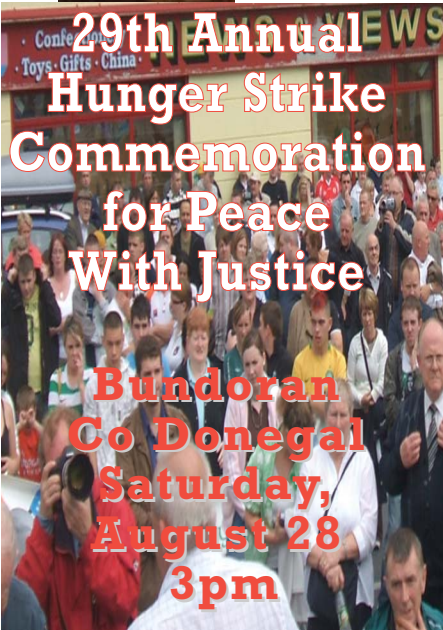
**WHITELINE PICKET
IN SUPPORT
OF REPUBLICAN POWS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

**EDWARD STREET
LURGAN
CO ARMAGH, 2pm**

Resists British rule

THE events of recent days and weeks throughout the Six Counties bear testament to the enduring lesson of Ireland's history. As long British political or military occupation remains in any part of Ireland it will be resisted.



**29th Annual
Hunger Strike
Commemoration
for Peace
With Justice**

**Bundoran
Co Donegal
Saturday,
August 28
3pm**

A new risen generation have shown their willingness in areas such as Ardoyne to go out and take on the forces of British occupation and we salute them.

The response of the political elites of Stormont, Leinster House and Westminster is as unchanging as the resistance itself. Not for the first time another young idealistic and politically aware generation of Irish people are dismissed as a 'mob'. To do so is to ignore the reality that British occupation will always be met with active resistance and the cycle of Irish history will continue.

Coupled with the acts of resistance on the streets, the ongoing struggle of the Republican prisoners in

Maghaberry prison declares to the world that a section of the Irish people have not been intimidated, purchased or pacified.

The British policy of holding Ireland has taken many forms over the centuries ranging from blatant coercion to more subtle intrigue and pacification. The utterances of the Provisionals contain an example of both. Speaking on RTÉ Radio 1 on the *This Week* programme on August 8, Martin McGuinness with forked tongue repeated an earlier call by Gerry Adams for Republicans to speak to the Provisionals.

In the same interview McGuinness said that the British government have a responsibility to "get to grips" with those who are

resisting British rule in the Six Counties. His interview provides an example of the age-old policy of pacification coupled with increased coercion.

The leadership of Republican Sinn Féin have quite rightly rejected any notion of 'talks' with the Provisionals. The Provisionals are now part of the machinery of British rule and any 'talks' proposed by them would only have the purpose of undermining

the historic struggle for Irish freedom.

Republican Sinn Féin and its leadership will continue its work of advancing and advocating among the Irish people the clear Republican alternative to British rule and partition. ÉIRE NUA is a practical working out of the aim of Theobald Wolfe Tone to unite Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter. ÉIRE NUA provides the key for breaking out of the shackles of sectarianism and imperialism which have crippled our nation.

**ANNUAL BOBBY SANDS LECTURE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7pm**

WYNNS HOTEL, ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN

**Speaker: Republican Sinn Féin
President Des Dalton
All welcome; Admission free**

Republican Sinn Féin intact

THROUGHOUT June and July members of the Officer Board of Republican Sinn Féin, including the President, Des Dalton, met with members of the organisation in all four provinces and in England following the departure of some members (see June SAOIRSE).

This splinter group has set up an organisation which they call 'RSF - Real Sinn Féin' and has embarked on a policy of disinformation aimed at confusing Republicans who have remained faithful to Republican Sinn Féin and the Republican Movement in general.

Articles in both the broadsheet and tabloid newspapers have made claims that the bulk of the Republican Movement is with this splinter group. The articles in the tabloid papers in particular contained scurrilous attacks on members of the true Republican Movement. These included threats to our offices and to SAOIRSE.

Republican Sinn Féin is intact throughout the country. A small number have left the organisation but in some areas people have returned to the Movement. At meetings in Munster, Leinster, Connacht, Ulster and London members of the organisation reaffirmed their allegiance to Republican Sinn Féin and the aims and objectives of the Republican Movement. We have received messages of support from supporters in the USA and in Europe.

On July 27 Kevin Devlin, Assistant PRO, Republican Sinn Féin, said:

"Following recent statements and letters from a Limerick-based splinter group styling itself as 'RSF, Real Sinn Féin' which have made their way into the *Irish News* (Belfast) unquestioned and unchallenged, we feel obliged

to put the record straight on a few issues raised.

"This group does not speak for, and indeed is not qualified to speak for any part of the Republican Movement. The bruised egos at the head of this outfit are former members of Republican Sinn Féin who failed in an attempt to usurp Sinn Féin and 'took the ball home' when they didn't get their own way.

"They have made up a name for themselves with the same initials as Republican Sinn Féin with the clear purpose of creating the maximum amount of confusion in the people's mind.

"Republicans reject the spin of these self-serving individuals and their media friends."

The following statement was supplied to media sources, including SAOIRSE, by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau on August 5:

"We have been asked to release the following statement re the *Irish Times*, Belfast Interview:

"The interview given by the latest splinter group to break away from the Republican Movement to the *Irish Times* (July 28) is a tissue of falsehood and fabrication mixed with gross exaggerations.

"It is the culmination of a campaign of untruth that began at the end of September last when a change in the Presidency of Republican Sinn Féin was announced to a meeting of An Ard Chomhairle.

"The tabloid press was the vehicle used Sunday after Sunday to sow distrust and confusion in the ranks. The leadership believes that elements now associated with the splinter group were responsible for this activity.

"The most serious charge made was that 'over €20,000' was misappropriated by a prominent Republican in Belfast. This matter was enquired into thoroughly, the sum of money was found to have been far less than was stated and was in fact accounted for. There was no question of it being put to personal use. However the subject was used for personal attacks on the person concerned and is now being raised again.

"It has been made into a case of character assassination and is on a par with the outrageous charges relating to other matters made from the same quarter against personnel on the national officer board of Republican Sinn Féin. These allegations were later withdrawn.

"Such matters could not be dealt with through the mechanism of a Continuity Army convention and the judgement of the leadership was that for security reasons such should not be held.

"Nothing was apparently said in the interview about the question of a 'broad front' with other organisations. This matter has been one of contention for some years and has been rejected by the leadership and by successive Ard-Fheiseanna of Republican Sinn Féin.

"In an interview with the *Sunday Times* of June 6 a spokesperson for the splinter group 'urged the leadership of the Real IRA (RIRA) and of

Óglaigh na h-Éireann (OnH) to unite' with them.

"The splinter group's proposal for a merger was turned down by the principal organisation and nothing more has been heard of it.

"In Limerick a body calling itself 'Limerick Independent Republican Organisation (LIRO)' has emerged, only to adopt the name RSF 'Real Sinn Féin' in order to cause maximum confusion in the public mind. Those were the people who called for 'Republican unity' on Easter Sunday last.

"Talk of a 'takeover' and of '95%' of personnel joining the splinter group is totally ridiculous. Other expressions such as 'North versus South' and 'old versus young' are rank Provo-speak. We have heard it all before, especially in 1986.

"The splinter group people should go their own way and cease using the name of the Republican Movement. They should quit calling at the homes of faithful Republicans late at night and in numbers.

"They should stop attempting to intimidate sellers of SAOIRSE-Irish Freedom from carrying out their work. This was particularly the case when the June issue carried statements on the front page answering calls to hand over our offices and our newspaper.

"These people are diverting attention from the Republican prisoners in Maghaberry jail, Co Antrim, now in their ninth week of a 'dirty strike' for political status as an escalation of their protest since Easter.

"Meanwhile the true Republican Movement continues to pursue its historic aims and calls for increased support at home and abroad.

"(Signed) B Ó Ruairc, Rúnaí."

Gearrscéalta

GARC to protest if August parade is permitted

IT was stated on August 2 by the Greater Ardoyne Residents Collective (GARC) they will they are prepared to hold another sit-down protest in August if the Parades Commission gives the Apprentice Boys permission to march past Ardoyne shops on Saturday, August 14 using the controversial Shankill Star band which commemorates UVF gunman Brian Robinson. Robinson shot dead Ardoyne man Paddy McKenna on the Crumlin Road close to his Farringdon Court home in 1989. His relatives still live close to the parade route and said it would be "madness" for the march to be given the go-ahead.

MI5 attempts to brand Republicans as criminals

IT was reported on August 1 that Republicans may be officially referred to as "criminals" and "terrorists" in the future under new British government proposals.

The British claim that to use of the word "Republican" gives "dissidents a degree of credibility" and for that reason they must remove it.

The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) is set to introduce the measures for members of groups such as the Continuity IRA, Real IRA and Óglaigh na h-Éireann (OnH) amid the severe threat they pose to British Crown Forces.

The measures includes 'rebranding' aimed at removing the word Republican to distinguish so-called dissidents from the Provisionals with a view to influencing opinion in the nationalist community. The step has been devised in consultation with civil servants, RUC chiefs and MI5.

Stop and search powers suspended

ON July 8, 2010 the British Home Secretary announced the suspension of the broad stop and search powers found in section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

In a statement the same day, the Pat Finucane Centre in Derry welcomed the news that these unnecessary powers under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 had been suspended.

Speaking for the PFC Maggie O'Connor said "the very existence of these powers and their use was not only a breach of human rights but undermined the development of confidence in policing because of the lack of protection against abuse. The police already had all the powers necessary to stop and search where they had grounds for doing so"

Before Section 44, the police could only stop and search individuals if they had 'reasonable grounds' for suspicion and certain criteria were met. With the powers in Section 44 the powers were considerably widened. On the January 12, 2010 the European Court of Human Rights, in the case of *Gillan and Quinton v the United Kingdom*, ruled that Section 44 violated the right to respect for private life guaranteed by Article 8 of the Convention on Human Rights. They did so because the power was so broad that it failed to provide safeguards against abuse. In April the judgment became final as the UK (sic) did not appeal it.

NB: In the Occupied Six Counties the RUC stopped and searched almost 800 people in the Newry and Mourne districts in the last year without any grounds for suspicion. The figure jumped from 112 the previous year to 798 from April 1, 2009 to March 31 this year.

Picket for political status held in Waterford

ON July 25 the South-East Comhairle Ceantair of Republican Sinn Féin held a POW picket in the centre of Waterford city.

Five hundred leaflets were distributed, with many people stopping to talk and ask questions. All were appalled at the conditions being forced on the POWs in Maghaberry prison and angered when told that it was Gerry Adams and his pro-British party that signed away political status when they signed the Stormont Agreement — political status that was won only after the death of 10 true Republicans in 1981. The South-East Comhairle Ceantair will hold a Hunger Strike Commemoration in Waterford city on Saturday August 14 at 3pm.

Results of Dublin raffle

JULY results: 1st prize ticket no 545; 2nd prize no 522; 3rd prize no 029; 4th prize no 520; 5th prize no 498; 6th prize no 438; 7th prize no 185; 8th prize no 116.

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McGurk's families continue to suffer

A RELATIVE of the oldest victim of the McGurk's Bar bombing by the UVF in 1971 slammed the recent British Police Ombudsman's report into the bombing.

West Belfast man Robert McClenaghan, spoke out after the report by Al Hutchinson was withdrawn following anger from victims' families. His 73-year-old step-grandfather Philip Garry was murdered along with 14 others when a loyalist bomb exploded

in the North Belfast bar.

Due for release on July 9 the report, which cleared the RUC of collusion and poor investigation in the aftermath of the explosion, was withdrawn after pressure from the families and relatives.

Robert McClenaghan cited

definitions of "collusion" by independent reports in recent years by Sir John Stevens and Canadian Supreme Court Judge Peter Cory, which he believes could be applied to RUC members investigating the McGurk's bombing, including "deliberately turning a blind eye" to evidence, and failing to take action against "known wrongdoing".

"The police reports in the immediate aftermath of the attack spoke of this being an

IRA bomb which was awaiting collection by an IRA member after being dropped off by one. It was a completely made-up theory, and was done within 24 hours of the bombing.

"Also, evidence was revealed in 1976/77 that loyalists were behind the attack, and we believe this was ignored. Yet the report claimed that police did not fail to investigate thoroughly. How can that be?"



**Cumann na Saoirse
Náisiúnta
(National Irish
Freedom Committee)**

• is committed to supporting prisoners for which CABHAIR is responsible

• is generating publicity in support of Irish national independence.

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REPUBLICAN GARDEN BUNDORAN CO DONEGAL

Special Appeal for Funds - to pay off our loan of
€1,500

To date, the garden has had visitors from all over Ireland, America, Europe and beyond, and the response has been positive.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way small or big and ask anyone who wishes to make further donations to forward them to any committee member, head office or Joe O'Neill directly. NB. DVDs and Videos of the opening ceremony are available, price €20.

Gearrscéalta

Derry is an Irish city — not part of the 'UK'

IN A statement on July 21 Vice-President of Republican Sinn Féin Fergal Moore said that the recent decision to award Derry the title "UK City of Culture" for 2013 "must be greeted by Republicans and anyone of a nationalist persuasion with a mixture of outrage and dismay."

"For centuries the Republican and Nationalist position has been that Irish cities are just that: Irish rather than British or belonging to the UK. There would be uproar in Cork were that great city to be labelled a UK city."

"Now it appears that former Republican Martin McGuinness and his party must also be referred to as former nationalists for that is the position they now hold. For some the paradox of being an Irish Republican or Nationalist while at the same time believing that Derry is a UK city appears all too easy to maintain."

"In the normal run of things Martin McGuinness would be rightly derided and laughed out of town for his statement as reported by the *Irish News* on July 17 that 'I'm no less an Irish Republican for supporting Derry's bid in this regard'. On the very same page of the paper it was reported that he was touring Derry with the British culture minister and the secretary of state. These are not the normal touring buddies of Irish Republicans."

"If Irish Republicanism is to progress it will only do so by maintaining the traditional stance of Irish Republicans: that Ireland is a sovereign nation from the centre to the sea and that we should 'break the connection with England, the never failing source of all our political evils'."

"This attempt by some must be seen for the counter-revolutionary action it is. It is an attempt to blur the line between what is British and what is Irish and thereby diminish the separateness of Ireland. If Derry can justifiably be a part of the UK and if we can just as easily be British rather than Irish then surely there is no need for Irish independence at all."

Republian Sinn Féin: German reunification a failure

IN A statement by Dieter Blumenfeld, spokesperson of the Republican Sinn Féin International Bureau, said on August 1:

"In the spring edition of the Provisionals theoretical journal IRIS, the historian Paul Bew from Queens University Belfast points his finger on German reunification as 'good evidence of the intellectual humility required for such a project', meaning Irish unification."

"Just lines above he [Bew] calls German re-unification a 'relatively successful unification'. Bew writes: 'Germany, after all, is a case of one people whom the great powers wished to see divided for much of the second half of the 20th century. Ireland is a case of two people whom the great powers wish to see united, if at all possible.'"

"Who are these two powers mentioned?" Dieter Blumenfeld,

"Germany was unified at the expense of the ordinary people. Twenty years after the German reunification, the unemployment rate is tremendous in former Eastern Germany. The industry and jobs were destroyed, the social system was smashed, and a whole generation was left alone by the ruling elite and driven into the hands of the extreme right, neo-fascist NPD."

To rebuild what was destroyed through reunification the western German states had to pump billions of euros into the eastern states, all paid by the ordinary people who already had too little.

"This had to happen to establish Germany, 50 years after the end of the Second

Imperialist World War, as an imperialist superpower supporting the barbarian US- and NATO-invasions of former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq. This situation can hardly be called 'successful'. German re-unification achieved nothing positive for the people of Germany, hence it was a failure."

Blumenfeld continued: "Taking German re-unification as an example for Irish unification would merely mean the enlargement of the 26-County Free State on the expenses of the ordinary people, mainly the nationalist working class."

"This is not what Republicans are fighting for. The unjust and corrupt economic and political system of the Free State cannot provide social and democratic equality for all people living in Ireland. The only way to a lasting peace in Ireland is a complete change of the political and economic system in Ireland as outlined in SAOL NUA and ÉIRE NUA."

"Such a democratic-socialist Republic on the western corner of Europe can hardly be what the superpowers want. The lessons of German re-unification are clear: Not any foreign imperialist power will bring a just unification, only the people of Ireland can be the vehicle for a new, democratic-socialist All-Ireland Republic."

"That's the fault line between revolutionary Republicanism and the opportunism and reformism of the Provos," Dieter Blumenfeld concluded.

Shell-to-Sea prisoner greeted on release

ENTHUSIASM was high outside Castlereagh, Co Roscommon, Prison on Saturday, July 17 when Pat O'Donnell, Shell-to-Sea activist was released having served a seven-month sentence.

Several hundred people marched from the railway station to the prison gates, led by a piper. O'Donnell was in high spirits when he addressed the crowd: "The protests would continue," he said. "We will not be cowed by a huge multinational company."

A leading protester, Máire Harrington, also spoke. She praised Pat O'Donnell as a fisherman, a hero and a friend who was held hostage by Shell, Statoil and the Irish State (*sic*).

Posters were carried with photos of the prisoner: "Welcome Home, Chief!"; "Shell tried to beat, buy and sink him. Shell failed, so they jailed him."

His fishing-boat had been sunk by a party of masked men in wet-suits. The Garda investigation of this act of piracy was minimal. Local people believe the sinking was done by members of a security firm employed by Shell. The boat remains at the bottom of the sea.

Leaflets distributed criticised Shell and BP. "Big

this summer at Sruth Fhada Chonn estuary, Erris, Co Mayo" to beat the boreholes being made as part of their proposed raw gas pipeline. Eight methods were listed

all the way to Belmullet. Meetings and demos were held in every town along the route.

Enthusiasm remained high. Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, Dan



• Pat O'Donnell with his family following his release from Castlereagh prison where he served a seven-months sentence.

Oil: from the Gulf of Mexico to Rosport, Co Mayo – you just can't trust us...!"; "Made in Ireland, owned by Shell, Reclaim our Oil and gas"; "Can you ever trust Big Oil?"

Another leaflet called for "a continuous mass act of civil disobedience against Shell

to disrupt the work and slow it down. Contact: www.rossportsolidaritycamp.org.

The parade reformed and marched back to the town to the pipe music. Then a motorcade set off through Roscommon and Mayo towns

Hoban and Adrian Haire took part. Joe Murphy, Ballinlough, Rúnaí of Comhairle Chonnacht, sold the July edition of SAOIRSE. Another Shell-to-Sea protester remains a prisoner in Castlereagh having another month to serve.

New dossier of evidence in Ballymurphy murders

AN article in the *Sunday Tribune* on August 1 by Suzanne Breen said the families of 11 people shot dead by paratroopers in West Belfast are to present the British secretary of state for the Occupied Six Counties, Owen Patterson, and Stormont justice minister, David Ford, with a new dossier of evidence on the killings.

The article stated that campaigners for the Ballymurphy massacre victims are demanding an independent international inquiry, a statement from the British government declaring the innocence of the dead, and a public apology.

Next week marks the 39th anniversary of the massacre. Eleven unarmed civilians, including a 45-year-old mother of eight and a Catholic priest, were killed as paratroopers went on the rampage. The murders were carried out by 1 Para, the same regiment which six months later murdered 13 civilians on Bloody Sunday.

Relatives told the *Sunday Tribune* that the Irish government had donated £20,000 towards a

forensic and ballistics reports. Documents have also been obtained under the Freedom of Information act.

The claim by the British Ministry of Defence that those killed were armed

killed going to help a young lad who had been shot. My mother wouldn't have known what a Browning was. Her only vice was going to bingo," Breige Voyle said.

On July 29 it was reported that the Catholic Church is to release its archive documents on murders.

Down and Connor Bishop Noel Treanor said he was supporting calls for an independent international inquiry and a British government apology.

The previously undisclosed documents to be released this afternoon include a report based on eyewitness accounts of the events taken about two weeks after the killings.

According to the Catholic Church, the accounts include "a serving member of the British army, a member of the British Navy who returned to his ship shortly after the shootings and an ex-Irish Guardsman".



• The above mural commemorates the eleven people shot dead by British paras in Ballymurphy in 1971.

report into the killings which took place over three days following the introduction of internment on August 9, 1971.

The money has funded a report by Kevin Winters' solicitors and will include information from autopsies and analysis of

angered relatives. "Not only did they physically murder our parents," said Alice Harper whose father Danny Teggart was shot dead. "They also murdered their good names."

"One soldier said my mother had opened fire on him with a Browning machine gun. She was

For The Record

MON. JULY 5: The EU Commission approved the 26-County Administration's €8.3 billion recapitalisation of Anglo Irish bank, despite having grave reservations about the survival plan put forward for the nationalised lender.

The High Court in Dublin granted 18 repossession orders.

Hundreds of asylum seekers protested at their forced removal from Mosney, Co Meath to different hostels around the country. One resident has lived in Dublin, Galway, Mayo, Limerick, Athlone and finally Mosney. Asylum seekers are not allowed to work while their application is being processed.

A proposed visit by the British Queen Elizabeth to the 26 Counties was discussed by Mary McAleese, Sammy Wilson and Peter Robinson at Áras an Uachtaráin. Michael Martin, Minister for Foreign Affairs said that a visit by the British Queen would "honour all that we have achieved together in the peace process".

Graffiti, reading "no to imperial visits" was daubed on the Wellington Monument in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

THURS. JULY 8: A pot, dating from the third century AD with up to 52,000 Roman coins inside it, was displayed to the public. It was found in a field in Somerset, England last April. Research from NUI Maynooth said the fight on drugs is not tackling poly-drug users.

The European Court ruled the stops and search powers – Section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 – in Britain and the Occupied Six Counties are illegal.

The British Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office Hugo Swire, said, on an official visit to Dublin, that a visit by the British Queen would "assist the process of reconciliation between the communities in the North".

FRI. JULY 9: During the weekend of July 9-11 the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) launched their International Boycott Sanctions & Divestment (BDS) weekend against Israel. The IPSC launched a nationwide petition calling on Dunnes Stores to cease stocking Israeli goods in their stores.

The Chief Executive of Tallaght Hospital, Dublin resigned after just seven months, citing "lack of time" as the reason.

Ten convicted Russian agents were exchanged with the US for four of their agents at Vienna airport.

Just six of the promised 14 Bills passed by the 26-County Administration were published before the summer recess.

More than a million people marched in Barcelona calling for greater autonomy for Catalonia.

The family of Majella O'Hare, Newry, Co Down, who was shot dead by the British Army in August 1976, are hopeful an investigation into her death will expose the army's version of events as lies. Majella was just 12-years-old when she lost her life having been shot by a plastic bullet.

SAT. JULY 11: Five men were arrested in Co Louth in connection with Republican activity. A bomb exploded on the roadway between Belleek and Cullyhanna in South Armagh blowing a crater in the road.

More than 12,000 Orange marchers with 30 bands paraded at Rosstown, Co Donegal.

An environmental campaigner, Seán Dublin Bay Rockall Loftus, former Lord Mayor and TD died in Dublin.

SUN. JULY 11: The remains of 775 Muslim men and boys were buried in Potocari alongside 3,749 already in the graveyard. 8,000 Muslims were massacred by the Bosnian Serb Army 15 years ago.

MON. JULY 12: Fingal County Council in Dublin passed a motion that condemned Veolia's illegal operations in occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank. A similar motion before South Dublin County Council, was deferred until the September meeting.

Former Chief Executive of the Anglo Irish bank, Seán Fitzpatrick, declared himself bankrupt as his debts came to €110 million.

Shots were fired at the RUC in Derry and petrol bombs thrown at a patrol car.

A car was hijacked and burned out at Killylea Road, Armagh.

Former prison Spike Island in Co Cork was handed over by the Department of Justice to Cork County Council. The island was handed



• **Des Dalton, President, Republican Sinn Féin, with ex-Blanketman Malachy Trainor, Armagh, who spoke at the Maghaberry rally for political status in Belfast on August 7.**

over 72 years previously by the British to the state. In the sixth century a Monastic settlement was established there by St Carthage. Between 1652/9 the island was a prison from which Cromwell sent more than 50,000 men, women and children to work as slaves in British plantations in the Caribbean. Over the years it housed the British army, revolutionaries and non-political prisoners until it closed in 2004. It will be turned into a major tourist attraction.

TUES. JULY 13: Over 100 jobs were lost at B3 Cable Solutions in Longford.

Seven of 52 released prisoners from jail in Cuba arrived at Madrid airport. They are part of the 75 prisoners held for anti-Cuban activity in 2003.

WED. JULY 14: A group of youths attacked the Belfast to Dublin train at Lurgan. No one was injured and the train continued its journey to Dublin.

A 'viable' blast bomb was found in Armagh city. Four petrol bombs were thrown at the RUC in Derry.

The family of Paul McCauley, Waterside, Derry, who was left in a vegetative state after a sectarian attack in 2006 appealed for information on his attackers.

Fidel Castro held a meeting with ocean biologist Celia Guevara, daughter of Ernesto Che Guevara. Fidel Castro has not been seen in public for some time.

So far in July 40 international troops died in Afghanistan.

THURS. JULY 15: The Irish city of Derry [in the Occupied Six Counties] won the "UK city of culture 2013".

SAT. JULY 17: Stormont Minister Martin McGuinness is to speak at a fringe event at the Conservative Party annual conference in October, along with DUP Peter Robinson.

The British government told the RUC/PSNI that there are no funds available for riot policing in the Occupied Six Counties.

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton travelled to the Middle East for talks on a European policing role in the opening of border crossings into Gaza at Kerem Shalom, near the Egyptian border. She will meet with Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas, US mediator George Mitchell and international envoy Tony Blair, and she will also visit Gaza.

The Bank of Ireland announced job losses of over 750 across Ireland.

MON. JULY 19: The death took place of Elizabeth McAnespie whose son Aidan was shot dead at Aghnacloy checkpoint by a British soldier. Aidan was on his way to a GAA match when he was murdered in 1988.

A suspicious object in Dunmurry, Co Antrim turned out to be an 'elaborate hoax'.

Former Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble claimed he has suspended his membership of a pro-Israeli group until he finishes an inquiry into the storming [by Israeli commandos] of aid ships bound for Gaza which resulted in the deaths of ten Turkish activists. Trimble was appointed a foreign observer to a panel set up by Israel, despite of or because of his membership of the Friends of Israel Initiative.

Israel is considering a change in their laws to allow them to seize more Palestinian property in east Jerusalem.

TUES. JULY 20: Jonathan Sterling appeared in Antrim Magistrates court for intimidation of a witness linked to the murder of Kevin McDaid by loyalists in May 2009.

A man was arrested in connection with the attempted hijacking of the Belfast to Dublin train at Lurgan in July 12.

Six hundred new cases for repossession of homes have come before the Dublin High Court since early June. A pattern was emerging of arrears averaging about 10% of the original loan.

A rare hurling medal commemorating the first ever GAA hurling match in America is one of the items up for auction on July 29 at Mealy's in Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny.

Former M15 head Eliza Manningham-Buller told the Iraq inquiry that Tony Blair's decision to invade Iraq left Britain "seriously at risk of terrorist attacks".

Insurance companies are being investigated by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner over the sharing of data of thousands of people who have never made a claim. The practice of storing and sharing the details of people who make an official claim is legal, however storing the details of those that have not made a claim is against data protection laws.

Israel claims it will limit the use of white phosphorus "in future wars". White phosphorus is permitted under international law but not in civilian areas. Israel used it in large quantities during the invasion of Gaza in December/January 2008/9.

THURS. JULY 22: Former INLA leader Declan Duffly was sentenced to life imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the murder of a British army soldier in April 1992.

Brian Cowen opened a Fianna Fáil office in Crossmaglen, south Armagh.

A spokesman for the General Delegation of Palestine in Ireland confirmed that passports and honorary citizenship had been offered to all those who participated in the flotilla in May.

THE United Nations' human rights chief, Navi Pillay, says security forces are torturing, beating and illegally detaining ethnic Uzbeks in southern Kyrgyzstan, where hundreds of people were killed and hundreds of thousands displaced in ethnic riots in June. President Roza Otunbayeva said she believed some 2,000 people may have died in the violence, in which Uzbek districts were razed to the ground, and which prompted claims from Uzbeks that Kyrgyz police and soldiers had joined Kyrgyz mobs in attacking their homes and businesses.

The 26-County Administration called for a debate in the EU on deeper military co-operation with the UN, saying the union now has capabilities necessary to make UN missions more effective. A "food for thought" paper presented to EU ambassadors, calls for examination of the potential to go beyond separate EU-led and UN-led missions "to the concept of EU force components forming an integral component of a UN 'blue helmet' operation".

FRI. JULY 23: Three of the Spanish nationalists who were arrested during the Israeli commando raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla in May this year are to face charges against Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, and six members of his cabinet.

SUN. JULY 25: The report examining the circumstances surrounding the murder of loyalist leader Billy Wright will be published on September 14. Billy Wright was shot dead by the INLA inside the Maze prison in 1997. Secretary of State Owen Paterson said nothing in the report breached national security or endangered the lives of those who gave evidence to the inquiry.

Julian Assange, founder of Wikileaks.org, leaked 92,000 classified reports outlining the daily diary of the war in Afghanistan from January 2004 to December 2009.

MON. JULY 26: Dublin city was designated the title as Unesco City of Literature.

Up to 1,000 staff on temporary contracts in the west of Ireland could be let go as part of the cutbacks by the 26-County Administration.

WED. JULY 28: Four men and a 16-year-old boy appeared in court in Belfast charged with a number of "terrorism and firearms offences". The men, aged 47, 40, 34 and 33, and the 16-year-old were arrested after two guns were allegedly recovered on the Falls Road in west Belfast last Thursday.

THURS. JULY 29: Protective clothing was issued to prison officers working at Maghaberry jail after urine was thrown at them by Republican prisoners in an escalation of their 'dirty protest'.

The Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) delivered a petition to Dunnes Stores signed by over 6,000 shoppers from Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Derry, Limerick, Galway, Kilkenny, Newry, Wexford, Waterford, Bantry, Gorey, Enniscorthy, and Sligo. The petition demands that Dunnes Stores stop stocking Israeli products, until Israel respects Palestinian rights and international law.

Conan Murphy, Dundalk was granted bail the Special non-jury Court in Dublin subject to certain conditions.

SUN. AUG. 1: A Catholic church in Ballymena was damaged in a sectarian attack. Paint was

thrown over the steps and front door of Our Lady's in Harryville during the night. The church has been the targets of vandals over many years. For a period in the 1990s, loyalists held weekly protests while Mass was being held. **MON. AUGUST 2:** Gerry Adams met with members of the North and West Belfast Parades Forum, a loyalist parades' group, which includes members of the loyal orders, in Belfast.

The British Ambassador to the 26 Counties, Julian King and James Hamilton, Duke of Abercorn visited Kilkenny city as guests of Paul Smithwick.

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An Amazon tribe emerged from the Amazon rainforests, many for the first time, to prove their existence and demand greater protection for their lands.

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Israel claimed it would cooperate with a UN inquiry into the raid on the flotilla bound for Gaza on May 31 in which nine Turkish peace activists were killed.

A 16-year-old youth has his bail application adjourned in Belfast as his lawyers claimed the RUC failed to identify him. He faces charges in relation to the rioting in Ardoyne on the night of July 12 when an Orange parade was forced through the nationalist area. Another teenager was granted bail after he handed himself in.

Large salaries and bonuses paid to chief executives of the 26 Counties semi-State companies such as Bord Gáis, Bord na Móna, Coillte, ESB, RTE, An Post and the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), will be reviewed by a government-appointed group set to begin work in the autumn.

TUES. AUGUST 3: If plans go ahead for the Metro North and Underground in Dublin, most of the mature trees on one side of Stephens Green would be felled.

A 100kg car bomb exploded outside the main RUC/PSNI barracks in Derry. A taxi driver was forced at gunpoint to deliver the bomb by two masked men. No one was injured in the blast.

The Continuity IRA contested claims [in the Irish Times] of a takeover by a splinter group within the Movement, and said that the splinter group "should go their own way and stop using the name of the Republican Movement".

WED. AUGUST 4: A booby-trap device was found underneath the car of a serving British soldier in Bangor, County Down. There was speculation that the intended target of the attack was a British army major in Palace Barracks, which is one of the main army bases in the Occupied Six Counties and the regional headquarters of M15.

FRI. AUGUST 6: A bomb fell from an RUC member's car as she drove away from her house in Killeel, Co Down.

Torrens Knight, who was given 12 life sentences for the Greysteel massacre and the murder of four workmen in Castlerock, both carried out by the loyalist UFF, was released from prison. He was sent back to prison last year for attacking two sisters in a Coleraine bar and had his early release licence suspended. However, he has now been released again following a decision by the Sentence Review Commission.

Reg Empey is to stand down as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party within the week.

SAT. AUGUST 7: Thousands marched in Letterkenny, Co Donegal to defend health services in Donegal and at Letterkenny hospital in general from cuts. Pensioners and workers most vulnerable to any cuts in health services brought traffic to halt.

A man was arrested in connection with the car bomb attack at Strand Road police station in Derry.

SUN. AUGUST 8: BBC staff are threatening to strike during Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Scotland in a bitter row over the Corporation's plans to cut £50 million from workers' pension funds.

Up to 12 million people are affected by the torrential rains that is flooding Pakistan. Over 1,600 people have died in the floods.

The Provisionals organised a hurling competition, a Poc Fada, at Stormont Castle and called it after Unionist politician Edward Carson.

SUN. AUGUST 8: Gardaí arrested two people in Dundalk and three in Ardee, Co Louth. They claimed to have seized a handgun, a shotgun, components of an explosive device and ammunition and six vehicles. Two cars were stopped and a gun, ammunition and balaclavas were seized on Sunday.

A Belfast Chronology

Friday, July 2, 2010. Nationalist residents of Broadway and St James' fought with invading loyalists after a loyalist mob tried to force its way up the Donegal Road to the Republican Memorial Garden and attacked youths beside KFC.

Saturday, July 3, 2010. Six RUC/PSNI officers were injured in a second night of rioting in Broadway and St James'.

Thursday, July 7, 2010. The Orange Order rejected draft legislation 'in its present form' to deal with contentious parades.

West Belfast man Gerard Heatley is to take a case against the RUC/PSNI over its use of stop and search powers.

Thursday, July 8, 2010. Relatives of those killed in the UVF bombing of McGurk's Bar in Belfast in December 1971, rejected the findings of the British Ombudsman's report. The report found, among other things, that there was no collusion between the bombers and the British security forces; that is was not substantiated that the RUC briefed the minister of state with false information and that there was no truth in the allegation that the RUC did not conduct a thorough investigation. It is widely known that members of the British Crown Forces were involved in the bombing that claimed the lives of 15 people and injured 16 others. The British army spread disinformation immediately after the bomb exploded saying that it was an IRA bomb which exploded prematurely.

Friday, July 9, 2010. A judge refused an application from the Crumlin and Ardoyne Residents Association to prevent an Orange march through the nationalist Ardoyne.

Windows were broken at

the home of a nationalist family at the interface between Ardoyne and Glenbryn area of Belfast.

Saturday, July 10, 2010. The RUC/PSNI urged taxi firms in Belfast not to take fares from people travelling to Ardoyne support the residents during an unwanted sectarian parade in their area.

A hut used to guard a loyalist bonfire caught fire, spreading to adjacent houses. One house burned down and damaged two others in Newtownards.

Sunday, July 11, 2010. Six RUC/PSNI members were injured in an attack on North Queen Street after severe rioting in North and West Belfast. Petrol bombs, stones and bottles were thrown at the RUC at Broadway in west Belfast.

Monday, July 12, 2010. Members of Republican Sinn Féin from Belfast and Dublin joined in a white-line picket and sit down protest outside the Ardoyne shops organised by the Greater Ardoyne Resident Collective (GARC) in protest over a sectarian parade in North Belfast. The peaceful protest was attacked; members were assaulted with batons and shields by the RUC/PSNI trying to clear the road making way for the Orange Order to march. Clashes between youths and the RUC lasted into the night.

A nationalist man Joe Brannery was punched, kicked and beaten with bricks while returning home from a birthday party. The 30-strong mob of loyalists attacked the man as he got out of a taxi in North Belfast while RUC/PSNI officers down the street looked on and did nothing.

Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Shots were fired at the RUC/PSNI in North Belfast in the third night of rioting in Ardoyne. Cars were hijacked and set on fire as petrol bombs



• Protesters face the RUC/PSNI in riot gear during the confrontation following the Orange feeder march on July 12.

and stones were thrown at the RUC as youths set up a barricade to block North Queens Street. Wheelie bins were set alight on the Ormeau Bridge.

Wednesday, July 14, 2010. There were unconfirmed reports of six shots being fired at the RUC in Belfast.

Over 50 members of the RUC/PSNI officers were injured over three nights of rioting in Belfast.

Thursday, July 15, 2010. A 23-year-old man appeared in court over a pipe bomb attack on a nationalist community workers home in North Belfast.

A 15-year-old girl was among eight people arrested over clashes with the RUC in Ardoyne over July 11-14. She was later released. A 20-year-old man and 16-year-old youth were remanded in custody over clashes in the Ormeau Road area.

A "security alert" involving a car hijacked near the Stewartstown Road and found abandoned on the Summerhill Road, turned out to be a hoax.

Bobby Storey clashed with Republican youths in Ardoyne during a fourth night of rioting. He was one of the key figures in the Provisionals in bringing about the Provos 1994 ceasefire.

Friday, July 16, 2010. Three people appeared in court in relation to resistance to Orange marches which sparked rioting in Ardoyne over a period from July 11-15: Gerard McDonnell (22), who faces five charges was refused bail; Patrick King (19) was granted bail on condition he live in Co Down, and was banned from Belfast city centre and 18-year-old Patrick Quinn was remanded in custody until August 13 on 10 charges.

Two Republican Sinn Féin members from Belfast were released from custody.

Monday July 19, 2010. The RUC/PSNI is planning more arrests over the rioting on July 12.

The RUC claimed they found 11 replica guns in raids in the New Lodge area.

Martin McGuinness said that those behind last week's resistance to sectarian parades in Belfast were "criminal elements who operate under

the cover of bogus patriots" and that they were "small groups and individuals who cannot grasp the political realities".

The Court of Appeal in the 26 Counties quashed the conviction of Gerard Mackin from Belfast and ordered a retrial. Gerard Mackin was jailed for life for murder and was the first person to be found guilty under the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976.

The Eames/Bradley proposals to payout £12,000 to victims' families [in the Occupied Six Counties] was rejected by almost 250 respondents to a government consultation.

Tuesday, July 20, 2010. Norma Crowder (49) Ardoyne was granted bail after denying possession of a firearm and ammunition. She was arrested on July 19 after the RUC claimed they found a handgun and ammunition in her home during raids.

Wednesday, July 21, 2010. Loyalist William Hunter was reinstated in his job as a checkout operator at the Asda store in North Belfast days after being sacked for telling a driver to play the *The Sash*. Hunter is a double UVF killer who murdered two Catholic brothers, Thomas and John McErlane, more than 30 years ago when he lured them to a house to play cards.

The Greater Ardoyne Residents Collective (GARC) said they will continue to protest at Orange marches

forced through their area.

Thursday, July 22, 2010. A pipe bomb exploded on the grounds of Woodburn Barracks in West Belfast. There were no reports of injury or damage.

Friday, July 23, 2010: Mary McAleese, 26-County President, was guest of honour at the RUC/PSNI passing out parade in Belfast. She told the new recruits that they "enjoyed overwhelming community support from all the people of Ireland" and called Republicans "wreckers" because of their active opposition to the so-called peace process. This was her second time to attend an RUC/PSNI parade, the first was on January of this year. On July 12 the RUC fired plastic bullets and employed water cannon on and against nationalist in her old home place of Ardoyne.

Monday, July 26. Five men were still being held after being arrested on the Falls Road, Belfast last week.

Wednesday, July 28, 2010. An 18-year-old old youth was bundled into a car by four masked men and taken to Lenadon where he was shot in both legs

A 29-year-old old man was charged in connection with a hit and run incident at an 11th night bonfire. It happened at Coiffin Street off the Donegal Road in the Village area.

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Thursday, July 29, 2010. Helicopter footage is being used in a case against four men and a 16-year-old old youth. The five people are being held after two guns were allegedly recovered following an incident on the St James' Road the previous week.

Remains found in a bog in Co Monaghan were believed to be those of Charles Armstrong, Belfast, who disappeared on his way to

Mass in Crossmaglen in August 1981.

Four new Irish language primary schools will open in the Occupied Six Counties in September.

Saturday, July 31, 2010. A 19 year-old man was charged with rioting after the trouble in north Belfast's Ardoyne area. He handed himself into Woodburn police station in west Belfast on Saturday after the RUC/PSNI released photos of those involved in the rioting over the 12th of July period. The man appeared before Belfast Magistrates Court on Monday.

Sunday, August 1, 2010. The families of 11 people shot dead by paratroopers in West Belfast in 1971 are to present the British secretary of state for the Occupied Six Counties, Owen Patterson, and Stormont justice minister, David Ford, with a new dossier of evidence on the killings and demand an independent inquiry.

Monday, August 2, 2010. Five people left their homes in west Belfast after allegedly being visited by members of a group who warned them their lives were under threat. The previous Thursday up to 40 members of an organisation allegedly visited the homes of several people and warned them to leave the area.

Friday, August 6, 2010. A 20-year-old charged in connection with Twelfth of July rioting in Ardoyne was remanded in custody. He was accused of throwing a petrol bomb at riot police, attempting to cause grievous bodily harm and hijacking.

Traffic in Belfast was disrupted after a suspected explosive device was found in the east of the city on Cyprus Avenue – an east Belfast thoroughfare.

Saturday, August 7, 2010. A large crowd attended a POW march in Belfast in support of the POWs in Maghaberry jail.

Sunday, August 8, 2010. A controlled explosion was carried out on a suspicious object near the Lisburn Road RUC barracks.

TEACH DÁITHÍ Ó CONAILL RENOVATION FUND

The Trustees and Ard Chomhairle have decided to set up a fund to renovate the Republican Sinn Féin Ard-Oifig, Teach Dáithí Ó Conaill, 223 Parnell Street, Dublin 1.

Donations will be gratefully received from members and supporters of the true Republican cause. All moneys received will be acknowledged and receipted.

Donations should be sent to:

The Dáithí Ó Conaill Memorial Fund
223 Parnell Street, Dublin 1.



• Kevin Devlin, Assistant PRO, Republican Sinn Féin, giving the oration at the Volunteer Patrick Cannon Commemoration in Balgriffin Cemetery, Dublin on July 17.

Political status protests continue

THE Republican prisoners in Maghaberry jail, Co Antrim, are in now in their fifth month of a protest for humane conditions in the jail.

Republican Sinn Féin has continued to organise pickets and protests on an almost weekly basis but so far have made no dent in the intransigence of the Prison Officers Association (POA), the Prison Service and British government.

It was hoped that a delegation comprising two trade unionists and an international representative could bring about some resolution to the ongoing struggle by the prisoners to regain political status lost in 1998, but this has not happened. While negotiations are currently suspended, they may be resumed if the British government is willing to provide humane conditions in Roe House in Maghaberry jail.

The demands of the POWs are for free association (to meet with their comrades freely on a daily basis); an end to controlled movement (three prisoners out of their cell at any given time accompanied by five prison warders); right to full-time education; adequate medical facilities (medical facilities are woefully inadequate) and an end to strip searching (if the men refuse to [a random] strip before a visit, their visit is refused and they are strip searched regularly even when they don't have visits).

As political prisoners they

are entitled to these demands. The demands are not outlandish, just liveable conditions in which they can serve their political sentences as many others have done before them.

On July 18 leaflets were distributed and signatures taken at Clones, Co Monaghan prior to the Ulster football final. The Gardaí prevented protestors from having their table on the street and one Garda, CM 389 who confessed he could not speak Irish, was very anxious to get details of the people on the picket.

On Sunday, July 31 a number of Republican Sinn Féin members took to the streets during the Irish National Foresters Annual Parade in Lurgan, Co Armagh.

The parade attracted hundreds of people from all over Ulster and up to 800 leaflets were distributed. Many questions were asked by the general public in relation to the POWs' current protest. Prisoners' families joined with the Republican Sinn Féin members and held placards stating the current demands of the POWs.

The information was welcomed by everyone, most of whom were glad of the opportunity to clarify the position of and the conditions endured by the POWs. Several marchers carried the leaflets in



• Republican Sinn Féin held a picket in support of the protesting prisoners in Maghaberry jail opposite the GPO, Dublin on July 10.

solidarity and held up placards for everyone to see during their march.

Shortly after the Republican Sinn Féin members started giving out leaflets they were literally pulled aside by the RUC/PSNI who told them they were committing a crime. When this harassment was noticed by some members of the public, the RUC then took the members down a side street out of public view.

This was blatant harassment and censorship and shows the lengths the RUC will go to in order to censor Republicans. They will not, however, deter members, relatives and friends from showing their solidarity with the POWs in Maghaberry.

In a statement on August 4 the POW Department of

We wish to extend our solidarity and greetings to the two POWs in Portlaoise jail who are doing 56 days punishment after a confrontation with another prisoner, who has since been moved to the training unit in Mountjoy. The two lads are locked up for 23-hours per day, denied visits (including family), letters and phone calls. We wish them well.

Republican Sinn Féin expressed concern that conditions in Maghaberry jail remain the same after several months of protest by the Republican prisoners in Roe House.

"Republicans view with growing concern the continued deteriorating conditions being endured by the Republican POWs in Roe House, Maghaberry prison, Co Antrim. Their health is suffering due to the conditions

in which they are forced to live, with little fresh air, exercise, natural light and lack of nutritious food. The 23-hour lock-up ensures that the men only have a short time outdoors; legal visits, exercise and a shower must be taken within the one hour they are unlocked.

"The men receive two meals a day, at 12noon and 4.30pm, but it arrives at their cell not alone is it lacking in nutrition but it is cold and soggy. They were supplementing their diet

with vitamins and canned food from the tuck shop, but now the tuck shop facility is being withdrawn as a punishment for going on protest. They also have to purchase tea, coffee, cigarettes, toiletries etc, from the tuck shop, this is now denied to them.

"The men, when asked to, are refusing to strip naked and be subjected to intimate body searches. This often means they don't get their visits. One POW did not receive his visits for three weeks in July (last month). He was singled out for strip searching before each visit, and when he refused his visit was refused. Also in July the men were, and still continue to be, punished for refusing to strip and for continuing to take part in the protest – these acts of resistance are 'adjudicated' by the acting governors and the men are punished 'accordingly'. This means that the men are denied the tuck shop for 21 day rolling over to another 21 when they finish one term (as the protest is continuing so too is the punishment). In effect they are being subjected to a conveyor-belt of punishment designed to break them body and soul.

"Republican Sinn Féin condemns this flagrant breach of human rights by the prison authorities under the direction of Stormont so-called justice minister David Ford. We call on the Irish people to protest against this latest attempt to break the Spirit of Freedom

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WHITELINE PICKET IN SUPPORT OF REPUBLICAN POWS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
EDWARD STREET, LURGAN, CO ARMAGH, 2pm

101st ANNIVERSARY NA FIANNA ÉIREANN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
Assemble at Stephen's Green/
Harcourt Street junction, 1.30pm
March to Camden Street
All welcome

POLITICAL STATUS PICKET

GPO, DUBLIN, SEPTEMBER 11, 12.45-1.45pm

1798 REMEMBRANCE DAY

FORDTOWN MEMORIAL SITE, CO MEATH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Assemble Fordtown, 3pm
Organised by Republican Sinn Féin, Co Meath
Contact: 086-732 6922

ANNUAL BOBBY SANDS LECTURE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7PM
WYNNS HOTEL, ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN
Speaker: Republican Sinn Féin President Des Dalton
All welcome
Admission free

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79R PUB, BALLYFERMOT, DUBLIN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Doors open 8.30pm
Admission €5

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
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THE REPUBLICAN PRISONERS MAGHABERRY are looking for books and publications about Irish history and Republicanism. The books may be sent to Head Office at 223 Parnell Street, Dublin 1 or to the Ulster office at 229 Falls Road, Belfast or directly to Maghaberry c/o Daire McKenna, Roe House, Maghaberry jail, Old Road, Ballinderry Upper, Lisburn, Co Antrim, BT28 2PT.

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Support the campaign for political status...Support the campaign for political status...Support the campaign for political status...

and show your support for Irish Republicans who continue to resist British rule and British brutality, aided and abetted by those in Stormont who oversee the Empire's last stand.

A very successful march and rally was held in support of the POWs on August 7, the anniversary of Internment, in Belfast. Those attending assembled at Dunville Park and led by a Tricolour and several Republican banners calling for support for the POWs, marched to Castle Street. The parade route was busy with pedestrians, cars and tour buses who showed a real interest as many videoed it along with those who took photographs.

There was a very heavy presence of RUC Land Rovers and a helicopter who accompanied the march all the way. A short distance into Castle Street two lines of RUC and six Land Rovers prevented the march from going any further.

Geraldine Taylor, Belfast chaired the meeting and gave a brief outline of the conditions in the jail. Malachy Trainor, Armagh, an ex-Blanket man addressed the parade.

"The present dirty protest in Maghaberry prison for political status has its origins in a long line of Republican prisoners, stretching back to O'Donovan Rossa and the execution of its 1916 Rebellion leaders.

"Having tortured and

now the inheritors of centuries of resistance, sadly part of which is littered with sell-outs, political murder and frankly, lies.

"Enduring prison of any sort is hardship. Not only for the prisoners but their immediate relations, family and loved ones.

"The prisoners and their families need our support more than ever today and I call on every Irish person throughout the world to add their voice in support of their political objectives within Maghaberry prison or any prison which incarcerates these freedom fighters.

"Our cause is just and independence for Ireland is at the nub of all our demands. Suffering is a large part of Irish history; famine, civil war, hunger strikes. We are the oldest colony of Britain.

"It is high time we got our freedom.

"I will now finish with the words of Pearse from his famous oration at the O'Donovan Rossa funeral:

"The defenders of this realm have worked well in secret and in the open. They think they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us, and intimidated the other half. They think they have foreseen everything. They think they have provided against everything; but the fools, the



• A section of the crowd at the rally for political status in Belfast on August 7.



• The RUC/PSNI prevented the march from going to Belfast city centre.

warned that as long as there was a British soldier left in Ireland there would be people to resist their presence. British occupation was not an option for Republicans. He finished with the quote from Pearse the only attitude for Irish people could take to British occupation was an attitude of revolt.

Geraldine thanked everyone who attended the protest especially those who travelled from Galway, Kildare, Dublin,

Armagh, Lurgan and two representatives from the Solidarity Committee in France. Professor Peter Trombore, Associate Professor of Political Science from Rochester, Michigan was also in attendance and interviewed Des Dalton prior to the march for his latest research paper.

The whole march, from start to finish, was accompanied by a BBC camera crew.

Conditions for an Irish prisoner in Lukiskes prison in

Vilnius, Lithuanian "violate human rights laws, despite criticism of the prison regime by both the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (ECPT) and the European Court of Human Rights" according to his family.

Michael Campbell from Co Louth has been held on remand since he was arrested in January 2008. He has been refused visits and he has not seen any member of his family

in the last thirty months. His legal visits are restricted and though his trial has commenced because the court only sits for one or two days a month the trial, which began in 2009, is expected to continue well into next year.

His general health has deteriorated as the prison is damp and overcrowded is overrun with vermin and lacks basic sanitary provision. Lack of nutritious food is taking its toll as is lack of communication with his wife and family.

On Sunday August 8 all visits were stopped at Maghaberry jail for the political prisoners in Roe House.

When visitors to eight of the POWs went to the visiting area they were told by the prison warders that the men had refused to come out of their cells. They said "the governor had implemented Rule 7", that the "normal prison regime had been cancelled". This means in effect that the prison is locked down and the men are locked up for 24 hours with no phone calls, exercise or visits. The POWs have not had phone contact with their families since Thursday (one POW was allowed to make a phone call on Friday).

Because of the fact that the families have no contact, they have no way of verifying that the men refused to come out of their cells. This could be just unprovoked punishment at the discretion of the governor or if it true could be another form of protest by the prisoners.

The governor refused to meet with the visitors on Saturday, instead they were handed a complaint sheet to fill out. Neither were they able to reschedule their visits.

The negotiations that were going on have come to a halt. No progress was made, the prison authorities refused to concede one single demand. On fact they told the men that if they came off the protest and took everything off the websites, they would review the conditions again in 10 months. Naturally the men refused.

In a statement to SAOIRSE the families of the POWs said: "As Republicans we stand beside our POWs and oppose any attempts by the Brits to render their struggle as criminal. Our POWs are soldiers, Irish men who will stand in firm opposition to the continual occupation of our land.

"In a desperate bid to break the spirit of the POWs the prison authorities have used the same weapons that they have been reliant on for years. Beatings, 23-hour lock up, and mental torture but nothing will weaken the determination of the POWs. We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by our enemy. We have a duty to stand firm with the POWs and we will do so.

"Victory to the POWs and the Continuity IRA."



• Republican Sinn Féin Vice-President Geraldine Taylor with ex-Armagh POW Nuala Perry who spoke at the rally in Belfast on August 7.

interned Republicans, Britain then introduced special category status in July 1972 but ended it in March 1976. After that the first Blanketman, Kieran Nugent, began the blanket protest in 1976. This was followed in the 1980s by the first and second hunger strikes by Republican prisoners leading to the death of Bobby Sands and his nine comrades in 1981.

"Of course, the present political arrangement, backed by the largest nationalist party, namely Provisional Sinn Féin, is so sickening to dwell on and to think just how far we have come in our struggle for national independence, which we richly deserve, by the sacrifices of our own Irish people. Who is to blame for all of this? It is the British government and its military occupation of our country for centuries.

"The Republican prisoners in Maghaberry at present are

fools, the fools! They have left us their Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace."

"Political status now! Victory and long live the Republic!"

Nuala Perry, an ex-Armagh prisoner, spoke and gave an account of her time in Armagh and the conditions that forced the Republican women to go on protest in the 1980s. Nuala was one of the Republicans who served two terms in jail, one with POW status, the other without. She said that the men in Maghaberry today are political prisoners and are in the same situation and will have to fight for political status all over again. The fact that they had POW status before means that they recognise them.

Des Dalton, President of Republican Sinn Féin was the final speaker. He expressed solidarity with and to the POWs from those present. He

All political visits stopped at Maghaberry jail

ON Sunday, August 8 all visits were stopped at Maghaberry jail for the political prisoners in Roe House.

When visitors to nine of the POWs went to the visiting area they were told by the prison warders that the men had refused to come out of their cells.

They said "the governor had implemented Rule 7" and that the "normal prison regime had been cancelled".

This means in effect that the prison is locked down and the men are locked up for 24 hours with no phone calls, exercise or visits. The POWs have not had phone contact with their families since Thursday (one POW was allowed to make a phone call on Friday).

In fact what the families were told was a complete lie.

One of the negotiators

informed a member of Republican Sinn Féin that the authorities refused to let the men out of their cells because when the screws open the doors, the men throw their carton of waste out on to the landing. The authorities are claiming that for "health and safety reasons" they cannot allow the men out.

This beggars the question as to how the men are receiving their meals? Because the men were throwing their waste out through the flap in the cell door this flap was sealed some time ago. The cells at this stage must resemble a tomb with the doors sealed also.

This is just another unprovoked punishment at the discretion of the governor, who has the answer in his hands. Give the political prisoners political status; they are political prisoners as was said at the POW march on

Saturday, "but for the political situation in the Occupied Six Counties, ie British occupation, these men would not be in jail. They are just as much political prisoners as O'Donovan Rossa, Tom Clarke and Bobby Sands were".

The governor refused to meet with the visitors on Sunday, instead they were handed a complaint sheet to fill out. Neither were they able to reschedule their visits.

The negotiations that were going on have come to a halt. No progress was made, the prison authorities refused to concede one single demand.

In fact they told the men that if they came off the protest and took everything off the websites, they would review the conditions again in 10 months.

Naturally the men refused.

Resistance to sectarian marches continues

PLASTIC bullets were fired at Ardoyne residents and supporters on Monday July 12 as they protested at the forcing through their area of a sectarian Orange march.

The Orangemen/loyalists were protected by the British-paid police in the Occupied Six Counties, the renamed RUC, the PSNI.

Wearing body armour, the RUC dragged the 60 or so protesters off the road following a sit down to make way for the Orange feeder parade to march through the nationalist Ardoyne area. The protest was organised by the Greater Ardoyne Residents Collective (GARC).

Up to 300 heavily armed riot RUC members flanked the Orangemen/loyalists as they made their way past the Ardoyne shops on the Crumlin Road. Land rovers lined the road and the roundabout. The RUC fired a total of 120 baton rounds and deployed water cannon against the nationalist demonstrators who were finally dragged off the road shortly before 9pm. This resulted in the RUC being pelted with petrol bombs, iron bars, bricks and bottles.

Petrol bombs and several paint bombs were hurled at the RUC on the Ormeau Bridge in south Belfast. Cars and busses were hijacked in various locations and used as barricades.

There was also rioting on Sunday night (July 11) in Broadway, which links the Republican Falls road to the M1. It was claimed that an elderly man was knocked unconscious after an Orangeman (in full regalia) threw a breezeblock at him and that kicked off the rioting. Up to 200 rioters attacked the police, who deployed water cannon.

On July 12 in Lurgan, Co Armagh up to 50 youths attacked police on the nationalist Kilwinkie estate. Seven petrol bombs were thrown at them. Earlier youths attacked the Belfast to Dublin train, but the driver continued his journey and there was no injuries but there was reports of looting.

There were also disturbances in Armagh city where nationalist youths attacked the RUC patrols. Nationalists set fire to bins and



• *The RUC/PSNI in riot gear move in to break up the protesters protesting against the Orange Order parading past the Ardoyne shops in Belfast on July 12.*



• *The RUC were pelted with petrol bombs, iron bars, bricks and bottles by nationalist protesters who were dragged off the road where they were holding a sit-down protest on July 12.*



• *Nationalist s burned a Union Jack during the protests.*

blocked the lower nationalist end of the road during the trouble sparked by the return of a local Ormeau Orange Order lodge.

In a statement on July 13, Republican Sinn Féin congratulated the residents of Ardoyne for their steadfast opposition to the sectarian march forced through their community

one-sided heavy-handedness of the RUC.

“Over 100 plastic bullets were fired during subsequent rioting with several people injured by the indiscriminate firing of the RUC. Water cannon were also deployed in an attempt to push the residents back before the loyalists were escorted through by their



• *Members of the RUC/PSNI shelter behind a Land Rover during the rioting in Ardoyne on July 12.*

on Monday July 12, 2010.

Assistant PRO Kevin Devlin said that: “Upwards of 300 members of the RUC/PSNI surrounded 50-60 peaceful protesters who sat down on the main road despite repeated attempts by armed RUC personnel to forcibly remove them.

“Several members of Republican Sinn Féin took part in the sit down in solidarity with the local residents. Stormont member Gerry Kelly accompanied by his entourage stayed away from the area, but later gave the impression of having tried to play some kind of mediating role. It was just another round of lies and spin.

“We do not recognise the Stormont representatives who are paid to be the eyes and ears of the RUC while posing as pillars of the community. They will not stop us exercising our right to highlight the bigotry of these marches and

historical protectors.

“RUC chief constable Matt Baggott described the nationalists’ reaction to the unwanted sectarian parade as ‘recreational rioting’. Being on the receiving end of batons, plastic bullets and stinking water from the cannon, would not be anyone’s idea of ‘recreation’.

“It is time for this, and all other unwanted sectarian parades, to be stopped. Republican Sinn Féin will continue to support the communities blighted by these marches.

“No amount of rhetoric from the RUC, the Brits or their Stormont minions can hide the fact that nationalists do not want these parades forced through their communities and the consequences that ensue from the bully boy tactics of the Crown police.”

The struggle will continue

THE annual 1981 hunger strike commemoration was held in Dublin on July 10.

The parade was led from the Garden of Remembrance by a lone piper in front of a colour party comprising Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Cumann na mBan and Na Fianna Éireann to the GPO where the commemoration was chaired by Andy Connolly, Regional Development Officer for Leinster.

A minute's silence was observed for all those who gave their lives for Irish freedom but especially the 22 hunger strikers since 1917. Pádraig Ennis, Dublin read a statement from Ashleen McKenna, Lurgan who was unable to attend the commemoration. Ashleen's two brothers are incarcerated in Maghaberry jail, Co Antrim:

"Over the past number of years Republican prisoners have been subjected to physical and mental abuse at the hands of the prison warders [screws] in Roe House, Maghaberry jail in Co Antrim which houses Republican prisoners [POWs].

"The POWs have engaged in a number of protests to highlight the conditions in Maghaberry jail. The conditions in the jail have led to a political protest, the abuses that the screws inflict on our men are political abuses and the only way to resolve this, is to take it head on in a political context.

"The tactics of the screws are to humiliate and criminalise the men but these efforts will fail as said by our comrade Bobby Sands 'never will they label our liberation struggle as criminal'. Bobby Sands a POW stayed true to this statement and so will the POWs in Maghaberry; they are not asking for much just basic human rights as the conditions in Maghaberry are inhumane.

"The screws treat the POWs with a hostile nature and on a daily basis the POWs are strip searched. This is just a tactic used by the screws to humiliate our men.

"Over the past year the screws have been actively violent towards the prisoners, which has resulted in several POWs being assaulted. The prisoners are subjected to 23-hour lock downs with only two meals a day which are served in disposable containers and slid along the floor to the prisoners.

"The POWs are denied proper medical facilities; some prisoners have serious health problems and are not getting the medical treatment they need. The POWs

domestic visits are stopped when they refuse to strip for the screws. The screws are also using their drug dogs to stop the POWs families from visiting.

"This protest began on Easter Sunday of this year when the Republican prisoners took control of part of the jail which lasted 48 hours. Since this time the prisoners only get a hour of the day to exercise, phone home, wash their clothes and receive a legal visit.

"Initially when the protest began the POWs as part of the protest didn't shave or cut their hair. Because of the lack of response from the Prison Authorities on improving the conditions, the POWs had no option but to escalate their protest. Because they have toilet facilities in their cells they commenced a dirty protest to dispose of their waste.

"This is an absolute disgrace to expect our POWs to live in such conditions. We need as much help as we can get from the people on the outside to try to resolve the impasses as soon as possible. The conditions are seriously affecting the health of the Republican prisoners, their weight loss is very worrying due to the lack of proper food and nourishment.

"We should remember what our comrade Bobby Sands said 'Everyone, Republican or otherwise, has their own particular part to play. No part is too great or too small; no one is too old or too young to do something.

"We the families, along with Republican Sinn Féin will continue the protests on the outside which will include pickets, marches and leaflet drops until the POWs receive their five demands which are:

1. Right to free association
2. End controlled movement
3. Right to full time education
4. End to strip-searching
5. Adequate medical facilities

Political Status Now! Victory to the POWS!"

The main speaker of the day was Shane O'Toole from Kildare. He delivered a very strong oration to loud applause.

"Twenty-nine years ago, ten Irish soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of all the people of Ireland. One by one ten young Irish volunteers embarked on an agonising hunger strike to insure basic human rights and dignity of the right to political



• A colour party of Cumann na mBan, Na Fianna Éireann and Republican Sinn Féin led the parade to the GPO in Dublin for the hunger strike commemorative march on July 10.



• Des Dalton



• Shane O'Toole with Pádraig Ennis.

status for Republican Prisoners of War.

These young Irish soldiers were imprisoned by an illegal force of occupation. They refused to allow Britain to criminalise Ireland's historic eight hundred year fight for freedom.

"After five long years on the blanket and dirty protest no real gains had been made towards restoring political status and decision was made by the prisoners to go on hunger strike. On May 5, 1981 Bobby Sands died after sixty-six days on hunger strike.

"The true face of British rule in Ireland had been exposed to the world but still the British government refused the right to political status. It took the deaths of nine more volunteers for political status to be restored.

"Twenty-nine years on and the face of British rule in Ireland has not changed, the only difference being they are now backed by their Provo puppets, who signed

away the right to political status in yet another Treaty of Surrender.

"Today the Republican prisoners in Maghaberry face the same fight for political status inside a British prison in Ireland as did Bobby Sands and his comrades.

"The conditions inside Maghaberry have been deteriorating over the past few months and just like in 1981 the prisons are being used to try and break the spirit of Republican prisoners. They did not succeed then nor will they succeed today.

"After exhausting every other avenue the Republican prisoners have been forced into embarking on a dirty protest to try and bring to an end the inhuman conditions which they are being forced to live in.

"There are those who have tried to undermine the Republican Movement in recent times. But the Republican Movement has enjoyed over 100 years of unbroken continuity and we will

not allow the actions of anyone to derail that.

"The attempts to normalise British rule in Ireland is in full flow and we have seen this with the announcement by the Free State government that they are to bring the Queen of England on an official state visit. Republican Sinn Féin will vigorously oppose any visit to any part of Ireland by any British royal as long as Britain remains to occupy any part of our country. She is the head of the State that has oppressed and occupied our people for more than eight hundred years.

"Let us move forward and end partition and create a new Ireland for all of its people so that future generations can live free and decide then our destiny just as the men of 1916 fought and died for.

"We follow on in the footsteps of Tone, Pearse and Sands and will stay true to the cause so many before us have so bravely given their lives for, we will not betray the memory of our fallen heroes.

"We send a clear message to the Brits either signal your intent to leave Ireland for good or you will be met with the full force of the Republican movement and Ireland's sons and daughters will drive you out. Stay true to the cause of Irish freedom!!

"Victory to the POWs, An Phoblacht Abu."

Republican Sinn Féin President Des Dalton also spoke and reiterated Republican Sinn Féin's commitment to ending British rule in Ireland, and their opposition to any visit by any British monarch while their army remains in six of the nine counties of Ulster, or indeed in any part of Ireland.

The piper brought the proceedings to a close with the playing of Amhrán na bhFiann.

Move to block transfer of EU citizen data to Israel

THE Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) on July 8 welcomed the move by 26-County Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern to block a proposed European Commission data-sharing plan with Israel.

If adopted the proposal would have given the green light to EU member states to allow the transfer to and storage of sensitive personal data on European citizens to Israel.

The European Commission proposal was for EU member states to give a green light to a declaration that the EU recognises Israeli data protection standards as being sufficient to allow member states to transfer sensitive personal data to Israel. Without such a declaration, the transfer of sensitive personal data to Israel is illegal. As a result of the Irish objection, the move will now have to be debated in an EU committee that deals with protection of personal data.

Freda Hughes, Chairperson of the IPSC said: "The Israeli state has been routinely committing crimes against the Palestinian people for decades and the EU should not be taking steps to normalise this abusive behaviour by a rogue state. Furthermore, the very idea that EU citizens private data would be provided to Israel after the passport abuse in the Dubai murder is absurd. Israel's actions have, time and again, proven that it is not a 'normal' state and should not be treated as such."

EU grants for Israeli war machine

IT was reported on June 28 that the 26 Counties EU commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn is set to approve two technology grants (under the EU's multi-annual research programme) for an Israeli company that made some of the most lethal weapons used in last year's war against Gaza.

The probable beneficiaries include Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), manufacturer of the Heron, a warplane that terrorised Gaza's 1.5 million inhabitants in late 2008 and 2009.

Israel Aerospace Industries was deemed eligible for two new EU grants following evaluations carried out in recent months but is awaiting a final decision from Geoghegan-Quinn and her advisers.

Geoghegan-Quinn's spokesman Mark English said: "We don't fund military projects. However, probably the majority of our projects have direct or indirect military applications."

Although Israel does not formally belong to the EU, it is an active participant in the Union's "framework programme" for scientific research, which has been allocated €53 billion between 2007 and 2013.

Mahmoud Abu Rahma, a campaigner with the Gaza-based human rights group Al Mezan, said it would be "outrageous" for Geoghegan-Quinn to support Israeli arms firms. "The European Union is very well informed about the way these weapons have been used," he said.

IAI's Heron was one of the two pilotless drones – also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) – "battle-tested" by Israel in Gaza last year. An investigation by Human Rights Watch found that while these aircraft are equipped with sophisticated cameras and sensors allowing an army to verify whether a target is a combatant or a civilian, they were frequently used against innocent Gazans. Eighty-seven civilians were killed by drones during the three-week offensive.

During an arms exhibition held in Paris earlier this month IAI availed of the occasion to promote a new unmanned weapons system called the Electronic Tethered Observation Platform (ETOP). It has been hailed as the first in a line of "hovering air vehicles" that IAI has designed for future wars.

Among the other Israeli firms likely to have their funding bids rubber-stamped by Geoghegan-Quinn are Afcon, a supplier of metal detectors to military checkpoints in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the Erez crossing between southern Israel and Gaza. Afcon was also awarded a contract in 2008 for installing a security system in a light rail project designed to connect illegal Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem with the city centre.

Athena GS3, a company run by a former head of the secret service Mossad, has been another of many recipients. It forms part of the Mer Group, a supplier of equipment to settlements and checkpoints in East Jerusalem and the wider West Bank.

IDF prevent ambulance reaching dying and injured

A MOTHER-of-five was killed by Israeli artillery fire when she went to fetch her two-year-old son from outside her village home close to the "buffer zone" created by Israel along its border with Gaza, according to a report from Harriet Sherwood in Johar a-Deek on July 17 in the *Irish Times*.

Three of her relatives were wounded in the shelling earlier in the week, but Red Crescent ambulances were not permitted to reach the family for several hours.

According to the woman's husband, Nasser Abu Said (37) the attack began without warning at about 8.30pm on Tuesday, July 13 with two shells being fired as the family of 17 sat outside their house in the village of Johar a-Deek. Apart from Nasser and his

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• **Nasser Abu Said** outside the shrapnel-riddled home where his wife, Ne'ema, was killed when the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) fired two shells at the house on July 13 last.

65-year-old father, the entire group was women and children.

"It was completely quiet, there were no rockets being fired or we wouldn't have been sitting outside," he said, referring to Qassam missiles launched by Hamas into Israel.

His sister and his brother's wife were injured by shrapnel. The family moved indoors and called an ambulance. "About 10 minutes later the ambulance called back to say the Israelis had refused them permission to come to the house," said Nasser.

His wife Ne'ema (33) soon realised their youngest son, Jaber, was not among the children she was attempting to calm down, and was probably asleep on a mattress outside.

As she went to fetch the toddler, another shell landed. "I called to my wife three times," said Nasser, who realised his father had also been badly injured in his leg and stomach. "I could hear small noises coming from her. I knew she was dying."

Through Palestinian co-ordinators, the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) told the family that anyone going outside the house would be shot dead. Nasser began to tend to his injured father, knowing he could not reach his dying wife.

After two hours, an ambulance was allowed to reach the family. The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), which investigated the incident, said Ne'ema and her wounded relatives were taken to al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir al-Balah, where it was confirmed she had died from shrapnel wounds.

The incident was being investigated, it added, but declined to say why ambulances had not been allowed to reach the family. Since the three-week war in Gaza that began in December 2008, the IDF has continued to fire on Palestinians it suspects of launching rockets at Israeli civilians or attempting to attack Israeli forces. It created a 300m-wide buffer zone on Palestinian farmland adjacent to the border with Israel and warned it would shoot anyone seen within the forbidden area.

In the first five months of this year, 22 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in the buffer zone, according to the PCHR. Palestinians have been unable to harvest their crops in the zone, which has swallowed about 30 per cent of Gaza's arable farmland. The Abu Said family have lived in the area for 40 years, but have had to abandon the part of their land inside the zone.

The PCHR condemned the shelling which, it said, "constitutes the highest degree of disregard for Palestinian civilians' lives". – (Guardian service)

Israel and Lebanon exchange border fire

FIRE was exchanged between Lebanese and Israeli troops on August 3 on their border which resulted in the deaths of three Lebanese soldiers and an Israeli soldier. A local journalist was also killed and two Israeli soldiers were injured.

This was the most serious clash along the frontier since Israel's 34-day war in 2006 and the first armed encounter between Lebanese and Israeli soldiers since the Lebanese army deployed in the south in 2006 after an absence of more than three decades.

According to the Lebanese army, its soldiers fired warning shots at Israeli troops trying to uproot a tree using a large crane near the village of Adeiseyeh on the Lebanese side of the frontier.

An Israeli spokesman said Israeli troops were fired upon as they were conducting maintenance work on a fence within Israeli territory.

Tensions have escalated since spring when Israel accused Syria of smuggling Scud missiles and other munitions to the Hizbullah movement, regarded by Israel as one of its main enemies in the region.

The clash coincided with reports that a Lebanese army colonel

was arrested on the weekend on allegations of spying for Israel. Since April 2009, Lebanon has rounded up more than 70 people accused of providing sensitive intelligence to Israel.

Protest at Gerardo's confinement in the hole

RICARDO Alarcón, president of the National Assembly of People's Power, has condemned the new solitary confinement punishment of Gerardo Hernández Nordelo, one of the five anti-terrorist Cubans unjustly imprisoned in the United States.

Fidel Castro described as "torture" the current prison conditions in which Gerardo Hernandez is being held.

Hernández was again placed in the hole on July 21 and efforts by the Cuban government to contact prison authorities and the State Department in order to clarify the situation have been unsuccessful, Alarcón informed the press at Havana's International Conference Center.

He described Gerardo's situation as serious due to the small size of the cell, one by two meters, which he is sharing with another prisoner, and which has hardly any ventilation because air can only enter through a small hole in the upper part of the wall.

Gerardo Hernández has health issues which are not being adequately addressed. "We are concerned about his poor health—and most of all medical treatment for him—made difficult with the hole, because the prison temperature rises to over 35 degrees Celsius," Ricardo Alarcón noted.

Recently, Hernández sister Isabel saw him and confirmed his harsh prison conditions. He was brought to the visit handcuffed and with chains on his feet, and they spoke by telephone through a thick glass partition, a condition imposed on prisoners who have been sanctioned.

Gerardo was visited by various officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who played a part in him being placed in the hole.

"It is strange that this is the third time in this unjust incarceration of our five heroes that Gerardo has been put in the hole, just as his case is being prepared for appeal," the president of the Cuban Parliament pointed out.

"He should be working with his attorneys in drafting the basis for his habeas corpus and the US government knows that."

"At this point, Gerardo cannot have any contact with his attorneys, or access to correspondence. He cannot even speak on the telephone. He is completely isolated."

Alarcón gave his statements to the accredited press at the 5th Ordinary Session of the National Assembly of People's Power, whose 12 Commissions are continuing their sessions today.

No Nukes! Begin with US

SINCE the events and actions leading up to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference from May 1-3rd in NYC, War Resistance League (WRL) members have been filling our summers with non-violent resistance to all forms of nuclear violence!

Over the fourth of July weekend, thirty-seven non-violent activists, including many long-time WRL members and supporters, were arrested at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This action was part of a larger gathering of over 200 anti-nuclear activists from all over the US who came together to advance the role of non-violent direct action and civil resistance in the movement for a nuclear-free future.

Many wearing their "No Nukes! Begin with US" t-shirts from the WRL direct action at Grand Central Station in NYC, these activists crossed the Y-12 property line and blocked the entrance to the plant, delivering a "Declaration of Independence" from state-sponsored nuclear violence on our local communities and on communities all over the world.

And there are more actions to come as we build our strength and capacity in resistance to the "nuclear renaissance" that has been proposed by the Obama administration! The year 2010 marks a federal funding request for the largest budget for nuclear weapons EVER, along with \$54 billion in loan guarantees for new nuclear power facilities, spurring a call for new uranium mining projects on Native land that has already been damaged by years of mining in blatant violation of indigenous land claims.

Anza case: French Human Rights League demands explanation

ETA volunteer and former Basque political prisoner Jon Anza went missing in April 2010 and was found nearly a year later in a morgue in the French city of Toulouse.

Since his disappearance the Pro-Independence Left and his family have accused Spanish police forces of being behind it.

In the first week of July relatives and their solicitors organised a press conference jointly with the French Human Rights League. The prestigious association created 112 years ago said they shared the concerns of Jon Anza's family and spoke out against the lack of investigation and the failure to carry out procedures standard to all these kinds of cases.

They demanded that the French Interior Minister, the Basque Country-born Alliot-Marie, explain all the mysterious aspects of the case. The League said there is sufficient reason to doubt the official version of Jon Anza's disappearance and death.

WHAT THEY SAID

The restoration of funding for the survivors of the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of 1974 was sought yesterday at a commemoration meeting in Dublin.

— Irish Times, May 18, 2010. May 17 was the 36th anniversary of the massacre.

Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny said he accepts the "[Provisional] IRA and its army council are no more".

A few years ago merging with [Provisional] Sinn Féin was unmentionable [for the SDLP], when an insider saw the choices as a merger with Fianna Fáil or Labour, or to simply shut up shop. SDLP voters would have a viable option. "The Shinners are now the Stickies, so why not?"

— Irish Times, May 27, 2010, article by Fionnuala O'Connor.

The Independent Commission reported in 2008 that the [Provisional] IRA army council was "no longer operational or functional".

— Irish Times, July 1. From the day in 1986 that a General Army Convention accepted the partitionist and collaborationist Leinster House, they had accepted the kiss of death. Only the Continuity survived that debacle.

Mr Kenny said: "In my presence, following questions, both the president of [Provisional] Sinn Féin Gerry Adams and the Deputy First Minister [of Stormont] Martin McGuinness confirmed that from every perspective they could see, the [Provisional] IRA and its army council are no more. I accept the Deputy First Minister's statement in that regard."

— Irish Times, July 1. Mr Ó Caoiláin [of the Provos] said Mr Cowen "could not wait for the ink to dry on the Saville report before inviting the English queen to visit but he made no effort to progress the unanimous Dáil [26-County] resolution by pressing the issue with the British government."

(The unanimous call was for "the British government to furnish to an international judicial figure all files in its possession relating to the Dublin and Monaghan bombings and the other fatal acts of collusion in this jurisdiction.")

— Irish Times, July 1, 2010. Will Mr Ó Caoiláin and his colleagues sternly oppose the visit of the Queen of England? Will they continue to press for the files to be handed over now that Leinster House has cut funding for the Justice for the Forgotten Victims' group.

The proposed visit by the British queen to our capital city is premature by a long shot. It looks like a sort of reward for the unlawful killing [murder] verdict by Lord Saville from the Bloody

Sunday atrocity.

— Sunday Business Post, July 4, 2010, letter to Editor from J Woods, Gort An Choirce, Dún na nGall.

The issue of the cost involved in staging any such visit will be enormous. The potential for serious rioting and loss of life that may well occur in opposition to this monarch setting a foot on this side of the Border is a simmering reality.

— Sunday Business Post letter to Editor.

Recent acts of violence in the North have been condemned by both leaders of the power-sharing Executive, with Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness denouncing those responsible as Neanderthals [cave men].

— Irish Times, July 6, 2010, Déaglán de Bréadún, Political Correspondent. How times have changed!

"So what we are going to do is to be very cool, calm and collected about moving forward, continue to give our support to the garda and the PSNI," Mr McGuinness said.

— Irish Times, July 6.

The proposed visit by Queen Elizabeth to the Republic (sic) was among the items discussed by Northern Ireland's First Minister Peter Robinson and Minister for Finance Sammy Wilson over a two-hour working breakfast with President McAleese yesterday.

— Irish Times, July 6, 2010, Déaglán de Bréadún. Meanwhile, the Office of Public Works has removed graffiti from the Wellington monument in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

A message reportedly reading "No to imperial visits" was smeared across the monument's eastern face using blue spray paint in the early hours of yesterday morning.

— Irish Times, July 6.

Asked if he would discourage [Provisional] Sinn Féin members from protesting at the queen's visit to the Republic (sic), Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness said:

"[Provisional] Sinn Féin spokespersons have spoken about that in the course of the last couple of weeks: we're here today to talk about the work of the North-South Ministerial Council and that's where I think the focus should be."

— Irish Times, July 6. When the loyalist parade threatened to march down Dublin's O'Connell Street carrying the Union Jack, the Provisional members stayed at home.

Six PSNI officers were injured in the rioting [at the Broadway roundabout] during which police officers fired plastic bullets. According to Relatives for Justice and the United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets, a 16-year-old was injured when he was struck by a plastic bullet.

Jim McCabe, whose wife Nora was killed by a police bullet in July 1981, said the youth, who was from the Clonard area of west Belfast, was struck on Saturday night.

— Irish Times, July 6, 2010, Gerry Moriarty, Northern Editor.

"Plastic bullets have no place in our society and the inevitable result of their use



• Pat 'The Chief' Donnell who was released on July 17 from Castlereagh Prison, Co Roscommon having served seven months in prison because of his protest activities against the Shell refinery and gas pipeline in Co Mayo. He is pictured here with Dan Hoban, Republican Sinn Féin, Mayo (see quote below).

is critical injury and death," said Mr McCabe.

Mr Adams and local SDLP councillor Tim Attwood said the PSNI should not use plastic bullets.

— Irish Times. But do not Mr Adams and the SDLP collaborate fully with the RUC/PSNI?

The Orange Order has been thrown into disarray after its Grand Orange Lodge rejected proposals that would have led to the disbandment of the Parades Commission.

— Irish Times, July 8, 2010, Gerry Moriarty, Northern Editor.

Grand Orange Lodge members, by 37 votes to 32 with four abstentions, rejected draft proposals published in April by First Minister Robinson and deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness to create a new system of dealing with contentious parades that would replace the Parades Commission.

Sources said that there are up to 300 members of the Grand Lodge and normally such meetings would attract 130-150 members.

— Irish Times, July 8.

Under Section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 the police had the power to stop and search an individual without grounds for suspicion, which quickly gave rise to concern that this arbitrary law could lead to misuse.

— Editorial, Irish News, July 9, 2010.

This view was supported by the European Court of Human Rights when it ruled in January this year that the powers were not "subject to adequate legal safeguards against abuse."

— Editorial, Irish News.

The case which led to the ruling that the powers were unlawful involved a journalist who was stopped by police and ordered not to film a protest at an arms fair in London's Docklands, and a peace protestor was detained for 20 minutes.

— Editorial, Irish News.

Disturbances over the Twelfth of July period have cost millions of pounds and left 82 police officers injured, PSNI Chief Constable Matt

Baggott said.

— Irish Times, July 14, 2010, Gerry Moriarty, Northern Editor.

Mr Baggott yesterday accused dissident Republicans of fomenting violence in north Belfast and in other areas on the night of the Twelfth, on which 55 police officers were injured, including a female officer who was struck on the head with a breeze block.

There was also trouble in south and west Belfast, Lurgan and other areas, including Derry.

— Irish Times.

During the disturbances, police were attacked with blast bombs, petrol bombs, bricks, stones, golf balls and other missiles.

A number of people attacked police lines at close quarters with metal bars. There were also occasions when police took urgent cover as if they feared gun attacks. Police fired a number of plastic bullets and used water cannon against rioters.

He [Baggott] indicated it would be dangerous and counterproductive to use police snatch squads to make arrests on the night, but that "significant numbers" of arrests would follow.

— Irish Times.

Up to 60 people forced the [Belfast to Dublin] Enterprise train to come to a stop near Lake Street, Lurgan, Co Armagh, at about 5pm. Petrol bombs were thrown in an attempt to set fire to the driver's area.

— Irish Times.

An Bord Pleanála is to reopen its oral hearing into the latest Corrib gas pipeline route application, which involves tunnelling under the protected habitat of Sruwaddacon estuary (which is a special area of conservation) in north m Mayo.

— Irish Times, July 15, 2010, Lorna Higgins, Western Correspondent.

Last November, An Bord Pleanála vindicated Rosport [Ros Dumbach] residents' concerns when it found that up to half of the company's second proposed route was "unacceptable" on safety

grounds due to its proximity to housing.

— Irish Times, July 15.

Gardaí and private security personnel arrived in the area early yesterday evening. Shell intends to drill up to 80 boreholes in the estuary as part of investigative work on the proposed new pipeline route.

The appeals board has set August 24 as the date for the resumed hearing and a fresh environment impact statement to be submitted by Shell E & P Ireland.

— Irish Times.

Perhaps more in an analytical work is the statement attributed to Peter Brooke, as Northern Ireland secretary in November 1990, that Britain had "no strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland".

In fact, he used the word "selfish" before "strategic or economic interest" which gives quite a different meaning to this key statement, described by Prime Minister John Major in his memoirs as "a cornerstone of future policy".

— Irish Times Weekend Review, July 17, 2010, review by Déaglán de Bréadún of *The Northern Ireland Conflict: A Beginner's Guide*, by Aaron Edwards and Cillian McGrattan.

When former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed the hope that he would wake up one day and find that "Gaza had been swallowed by the sea", he was echoing the sentiment of many Israelis.

— Mark Weiss, Analysis, Irish Times, July 17, 2010.

The latest proposals by foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman, head of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu party, represent the most comprehensive strategy to date from a mainstream Israeli politician to disengage fully from Gaza.

— Mark Weiss.

But the catalyst prompting Lieberman's dramatic U-turn was the botched commando raid on a ship carrying humanitarian relief to Gaza on May 31st last, which resulted in worldwide condemnation of Israel after nine Turkish activists were killed.

— Mark Weiss.

Lieberman has made it clear that in his view there is no chance of a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians in the discernable future.

— Mark Weiss.

A major protest took place yesterday to coincide with the release of a Mayo fisherman after nearly five months in jail.

Pat O'Donnell had been sentenced to seven months in prison because of his protest activities against the Shell refinery and gas pipeline in Co Mayo.

Spokesperson Máire Harrington said: "We're angry at the injustice of his imprisonment in the first place."

— Sunday Tribune, July 18, 2010.

In 2006, Catalan voters endorsed a new statute which gave their regional parliament enhanced authority to determine its own taxation and legal systems.

Last month, however, the Spanish Constitutional Court

declared: "We know of no other nation than the Spanish nation" and eliminated several of these new powers.

The controversy has provided a huge boost to the Catalan nationalist parties that favours complete separation [from Spain], and which are expected to make huge gains in next autumn's local elections.

— Sunday Business Post, July 18, 2010, profile of Zapatero.

Mr Brady [Rory, former 26-County Attorney-General] was born in Dublin's Liberties into a Fianna Fáil family, and was educated in Syngé Street Christian Brothers' school, etc.

— Irish Times, July 20, 2010. But his father Jack Brady, who worked in Guinness's, was interned without trial in the Curragh Concentration Camp 1940-45 and he himself aged 13 in 1970 attended at Bodensstown in Fianna Éireann uniform.

While he [Rory Brady] was educated in UCD and the King's Inns, he was born into a republican family in Dublin's Liberties in August 1957 and attended Syngé Street Christian Brothers' school, taking great pride in both.

— Irish Times, July 24, 2010, Obituary. Note how the rewriting of history was reversed. Someone must have protested.

The Washington Post published a stunning 11 pages this week on "Top Secret America".

— Lara Marlowe, Irish Times, July 24, 2010. On the "explosion of the intelligence industry since September 11, 2001.

Consider the statistics: 1,271 government organisations and 1,931 private companies are now devoted to counter-terrorism, "homeland security" and intelligence, in 10,000 locations across the US. An estimated 854,000 Americans – 1.5 times the population of Washington DC – hold top secret security clearances. Nearly one-third of them are private contractors.

— Lara Marlowe. For example, 51 federal organisations and military commands are dedicated to tracking the money of terrorists.

— Lara Marlowe. The National Security Agency intercepts and stores 1.7 billion e-mails, phone calls and other communications daily. But the NSA and other agencies doing similar work don't have enough analysts and translators to process the information they pull.

— Lara Marlowe. Plans to turn the 1975 Miami Showband massacre into a Hollywood film are at an advanced stage. Singer Des Lee and Steven Travers survived the tragedy despite being shot.

Some 35 years on, the killings have generated renewed interests in the wake of the publication in 2007 of *The Miami Showband Massacre: A Survivor's Search for the Truth*, which was written by Travers and journalist Neil Fetherston-Haugh.

— Irish Times, July 26, 2010.

Splinter Group seeks To cause Confusion

A chara

Following recent statements and letters from a Limerick-based splinter group styling itself as “RSF, Real Sinn Féin” which have made their way into the *Irish News* unquestioned and unchallenged, we feel obliged to put the record straight on a few issues raised.

This group does not speak for, and indeed is not qualified to speak for any part of the Republican Movement. The bruised egos at the head of this outfit are former members of Republican Sinn Féin who failed in an attempt to usurp Sinn Féin and “took the ball home” when they didn’t get their own way.

They have made up a name for themselves with the same initials as Republican Sinn Féin with the clear purpose of creating the maximum amount of confusion in the people’s mind.

The *Irish News* has also carried statements allegedly from a “source” close to a splinter group of the Continuity Movement. The June edition of the *SAOIRSE* newspaper makes it perfectly clear that those who use the name of the Republican Movement to further their own agenda, do not speak for any legitimate part of the Republican Movement.

Republicans accept and agree with that and reject the spin of these self-serving individuals and their media friends.

Kevin Devlin
Assistant National PRO
Republican Sinn Féin

RUC well equipped in Ardoyne

A chara

Having listened to various British politicians from Westminster and Stormont, Church representatives and media spokespersons, very few, if any, who were at Ardoyne on July 12 past, it has been noticeable from the aforementioned that none have questioned the actions of the RUC/PSNI.

Those who took part in the peaceful sit-down protest were first of all isolated by the lines of riot police who on the day numbered in the region of 250-300.

Those sitting down were then subjected to numerous attempts to remove them physically one by one from the road. This proved to be more difficult than anticipated for the armed riot cops! During the three and a half hours of the sit down protest, there were several scuffles between the RUC/PSNI and the supporters of the protest made up mostly of local residents.

That the local youth reacted to the heavy-handed tactics and sheer numbers of riot police, backed up by water cannon, is not at all surprising. The RUC/PSNI were not there solely to remove protesters from the road and force through an unwanted and unwelcome sectarian parade. There can be absolutely no doubt they expected, from their numbers

and the way they were equipped with CS gas, plastic baton rounds (over 100 fired), water cannon etc, a reaction from Republicans and in particular Republican youth.

The only orchestrating I saw was by Gerry Kelly and his pals from Ballymurphy to portray themselves as “peacemakers”.

Republican Sinn Féin praises the courage and the conviction of the people of Ardoyne in their continued resistance, not only to these sectarian hate parades, but also to the British occupation of any part of Ireland.

PRO
McKelvey/Steele Cumann
Republican Sinn Féin
Belfast

Rebranding Twelfth as ‘Orange-Fest’

A chara

I am writing in reference to the coverage of this year’s July 12th Orange marches in Irish and US papers. I have a big problem with the media’s and politicians’ focus only on the alleged ‘rioters’ in Ardoyne while not mentioning the fact that residents were protesting yet another bigoted, hateful march being forced through their neighbourhood!

The re-branding of sectarian loyalist marches as “Orangefest” is a transparent attempt to reposition a negative into a positive. Consider public reaction to a US group establishing “Whitefest” to promote white culture and to celebrate the alleged superiority of whites versus blacks, Jews, Asians, etc.

What if members of this group wanted to dress as Ku Klux Klan members, skinheads and neo-Nazis and parade through traditionally black, Asian and Jewish neighbourhoods while singing pro-white, racist songs? No one would allow such a thing to happen!

The solution to marching disputes seems simple to me: ban them in mixed and nationalist areas. Period and forever. Personally, I believe that these archaic marches should be banned once and for all in all neighbourhoods. They only foment anger and distrust between Protestant and Catholic.

JANE ENRIGHT
Woodside, New York

Proud of People of Ardoyne

A chara

It is with a great sense of pride I write this letter to the people of Ardoyne in North Belfast and to the people who came from across the country to support them; I salute you and hold you the people in the highest regard.

For too long the Orange Order has walked and trampled on the Nationalist/Republican community with the strong batons of the RUC/PSNI clearing their way for them. A peaceful sit down protest was again met with protestors being trailed away by the crown forces so they the sectarian Orange Order can walk down Nationalist /Republican areas.

Once again they were forced



• Members of the British colonial police firing plastic bullets at nationalist protesters in Ardoyne following the Orange Order parade on July 12 (see letters on left).

through our areas, but whilst we the Republican people breath we will stand against any attempts for our people to be walked over and we will always meet such sectarianism with resistance!

I also salute the people who defended their areas across the Occupied Six Counties. Long may it continue.

REPUBLICAN BELFAST
READER

Provo Traitors

A chara

When Martin McGuinness stood on the steps of Stormont alongside his mate Peter Robinson and called true Republicans “Traitors to the island of Ireland” I cried because I felt utterly ashamed and humiliated that my so-called countrymen and women voted to put these (Provisional) muppets in office.

I am sick to the stomach that these people who sit in their well-furnished offices and take their 30 pieces of silver have the balls to say they are acting on behalf of the nationalist people of Ireland. How dare they!

Not one of them has the right to speak for me, I did not vote for them. They do not act on my behalf or even look to be concerned about the prisoners of war currently incarcerated in Maghaberry Prison’s Roe House who are being treated like animals and being denied their basic human rights. They are refusing to be strip-searched and so are losing visits. They have no clean washing facilities in their cells and are having to put their waste in plastic bags on the floors. They get two meals a day in plastic containers that are slid across the floor to them.

I’m sorry but the mutts in Battersea Dogs Home are better treated! There is no governor in Maghaberry so prison officers have a free hand to intimidate and humiliate these brave men. I’d like to remind Mr. Gerry Adams and his “friends” that they have blatantly and without conscience betrayed the hunger strikers by signing away the status that they fought and died to win. The Provisionals are up to their eyes in the British regime

in Stormont and every Irish person here and across the globe knows it.

I’m also angry that businessmen of Contae Chiarraí have extended an invitation to the Queen of England to visit one of the most beautiful counties in Ireland to “boost tourism”. The head of the British State, and as such the commander-in-chief of her brutal forces, has no business setting foot in Irish soil while her soldiers occupy any part of Ireland. These businessmen obviously aren’t making enough profit from the millions of tourists who come from all over the world to marvel at the beauty, magic and mysticism of our wee country.

A VERY CONCERNED
REPUBLICAN
Co Armagh

McGuinness And the Tories

A chara

So Lord Martin McGuinness is to speak at the Conservative Party Conference? The mind boggles. How will he address them? My dear friends? My former enemies? My fellow politicians? My fellow peacemakers? Perhaps more aptly, My dear employers?

He could crack a funny if it is held in the Grand Hotel. He could say: “Last time a Republican was in this building he brought the house down!” That should have the toffs and Tories rolling in the isles.

The Brits are past masters at turning people and when the choice is either a life on the run ending in a prison cell or a flashy suit and a healthy bank account, there are many who would jump at the chance of the second. The Brits can turn anyone and do. Union leaders and once radical-minded free thinkers have all trod the traitor’s path and many more will in future.

Lord Martin has gone too far now to back out. He chose to go to lunch with the British lion and the lion has eaten him up and swallowed his soul. Lord Martin is no longer the man he once was.

He is now a performing animal ordered to jump through hoops of fire; the hoops get held higher and the flames get hotter but he has no way out, (not that he wants out). Like Chief Sitting Bull and Cetawayo he is a vanquished warrior in the pay of his masters and must do their bidding condemning his former colleagues and movement.

I have to wonder if ghosts visit him at night? If so which former comrades who gave their lives for Republicanism stand before him in the darkness of his bedroom and point their fingers accusingly?

And what about Lord Gerry Adams? What act will he pull to upstage Lord Martin’s treachery? Always a lover of the media and limelight my guess is that he will be on the next plane to Afghanistan and there he will entertain the troops with a rendering of *There’ll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover*; *Land of Hope and Glory* and finally *There Will Always be an England*.

But not to be outdone Lord Martin will strike back and the next World Cup could well see him running out on the pitch as manager of the England team. Stranger things have happened. From Bloody Sunday to the Conservative Party Conference is a strange road indeed.

But there are those who chose not to take the traitor’s gold; those who stay true to the Republic. Those who passed up on power and wealth to dedicate themselves to the Movement and the cause. They still walk among us and always will.

LIAM Ó CEALLAIGH
England

Plastic Bullets

A chara

AEP (Attenuating Energy Projectile) baton rounds fired by the RUC/PSNI during disturbances on Saturday night, July 3 last at the Broadway roundabout on the M1 motorway in west Belfast resulted in two people being injured, one of whom was a 16-year-old boy.

The AEP was issued in June 2005 and was designed to be accurate, safer and reduce the injury potential compared with the plastic baton round. The RUC/PSNI’s Code of Practice on the Use of AEPs states “every effort should be made to ensure that children are not placed at risk by the firing of AEPs”.

Have the RUC/PSNI not learnt anything from their predecessors (RUC) whose legacy is one of complete

recklessness regarding the use of plastic and rubber bullets that lead directly to the deaths of seventeen people, eight of whom were children?

Injuries sustained by the use of these weapons ranged from brain damage, loss of sight, fractured jaws, multiple bone fractures and spinal injuries.

Is it now a case of history repeating itself ie tear up the rulebook and start as you mean to go on?

JOSEPHINE LARMOUR
Belfast 11

Republican Soldier’s Prayer

A chara

Grant, O Lord, to me this day
The strength to fight, the will to win,
And grant that I when in the fray
Be ever brave and free from sin.

This soil You gave me I have tilled,
And from its crop my children fed,
Invading troops the land hath filled
And from us filched each loaf of bread.

I now must march to right this wrong,
Tho’ powerful be the foreign foe,
With Your just aid I shall be strong,
My children cared my heart aglow.

And when in battle I engage,
My comrade too remember Lord,
His cause, as mine, is to assuage
The evil of the Saxon horde.

Whilst I’m away I do entreat
My wife and children to Your care,
Please guard them from the laws unjust
And grant them each their daily fare.

Now if in battle I should die,
As part the price of freedom’s toll,
I pray You, Ireland’s victory hie,
And to Your keep commend my soul.

Silim go raibh an phaidir sin ar
An tÉireannach Aontaithe uair éigin sna 1950í.

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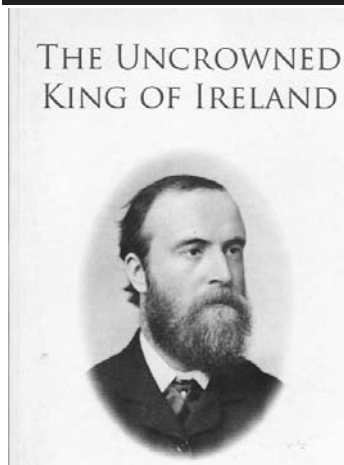
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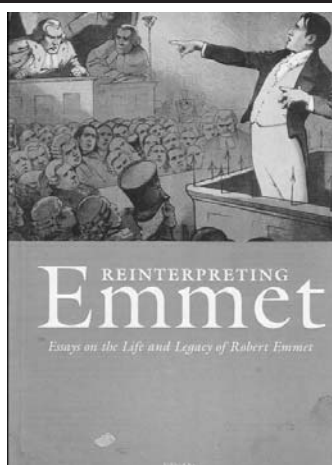
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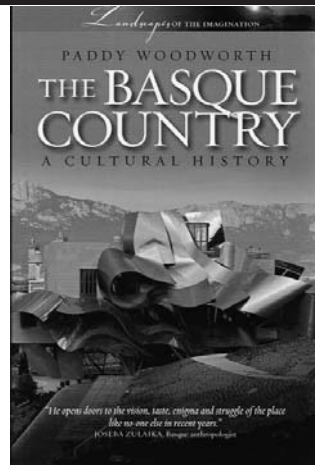
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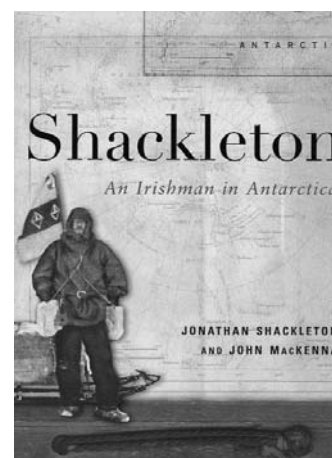
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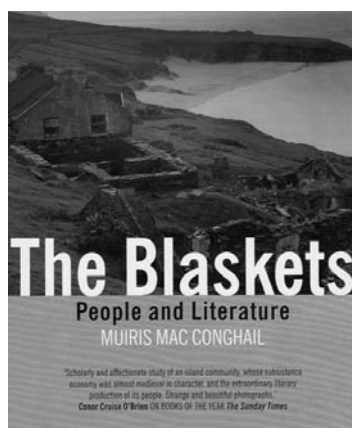
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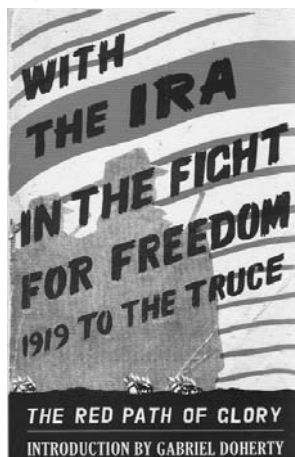
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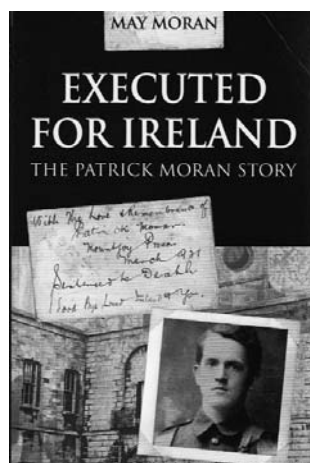
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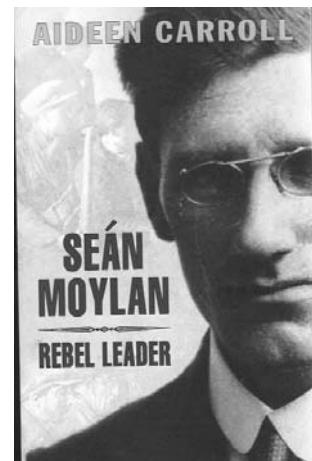
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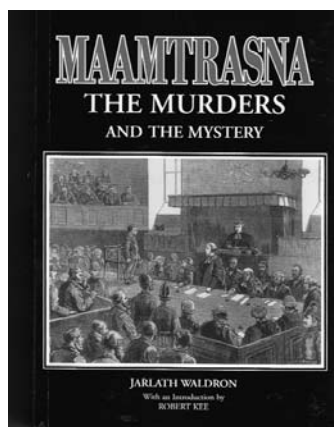
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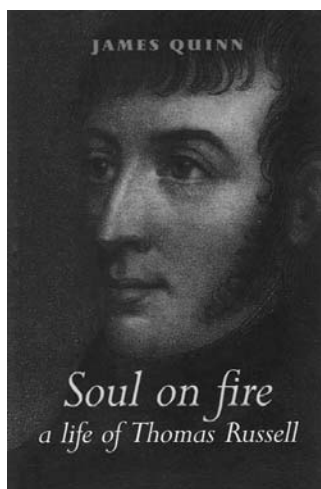
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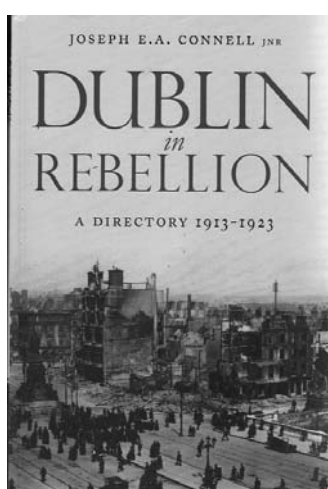
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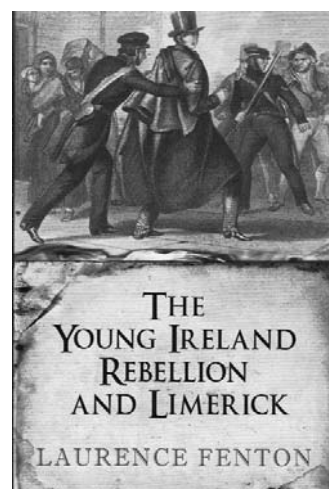
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RUC remove Co Down GAA Flags

50 Years Ago

THE *Irish Times* of August 23, 1960 reported on the seizure of two Co Down GAA flags by the RUC in Rathfriland:

“Feeling is running high in Nationalist quarters in Rathfriland, Co Down because police entered two houses in Newry Street and the Commons on Sunday and seized two black and red flags, which were being displayed in honour of the Down team playing in Croke Park, Dublin.

“Several of the players come from that district. “Asked about the incidents, Rathfriland police stated that complaints were received from Unionist neighbours about the flags. There was a Black Preceptory parade in Rathfriland on Sunday.”

The Down team was successful in Croke Park and went on to meet Kerry in the All-Ireland Final on the last Sunday in September. More surprises were in store...

Indications of the future were seen in the disturbance of the training camp near Newport, Co Mayo on Sunday evening August 7. As police approached an unoccupied house at Lecarrow, a mile from the town, the alarm was raised by a lookout man.

The *Irish Times* of August 9 reported that “men, numbering between 15 and 20, wearing battledress and berets and carrying rifles rushed out the back door and into the hills”.

Food, cooking utensils and blankets were found in the house but no arrests were made. “A number of Special Branch detectives from Dublin arrived on Sunday night and the surrounding hills were combed without success.”

The *Irish Times* continued: “A police spokesperson told the *Irish Times* correspondent that the people in the district would not answer any questions. Up to a late hour last night no arrests had been made.”

Following the interruption of the training camp in Mayo, many raids and comb-outs of remote areas by 26-County police took place. Nothing further was found.

A report in the *Irish Times* of August 12 said: “A large force of civic guards made a dawn raid on a number of houses in Swanlinbar, Co Cavan area yesterday. It is understood that some arms and a quantity of ammunition were seized by the police. No arrests have been made.”

The alleged seizure was not displayed to the press, nor was a listing of it disclosed. Its existence remained doubtful.

Three more internees were released unconditionally from Crumlin Road jail, Belfast



• An aerial view of Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast. In August 1960 109 men were still interned within the jail.

Have you old copies of the UI?

Our files of An t-Eireannach Aontaithe /The United Irishman for December 1959 and from May 1960 to May 1961 are missing. Accordingly writing 50 Years Ago is difficult.

If any reader could oblige us by sending in some of the missing copies, we would be grateful. If you wish to have them returned to you, that will be done.
Go raibh maith agat!

on August 9. The three, who had been held for over three years were: **Edward O'Neill**, Seaford Street, Belfast; **PJ Coyle**, Moyogall, Bellaghy, Co Derry and **James Savage**, of Newry.

A further three were released on August 20. The *Sunday Review* of August 21 reported total releases so far in 1960 to 57. That left 109 still interned.

“Donal Devlin, one of the released men, plays for his local team in the Tyrone Cup senior football championship today”.

Meanwhile, the Belfast Council for Civil Liberties demanded the immediate release of all the remaining internees.

They cited the fact that six men sentenced for political offences before December 1956 and interned on completion of sentence, were still held. (ref *Sunday Independent*, August 7.)

Yet four men were sentenced for similar offences in October 1957 were released on completing their sentences in June 1960. They were not interned at all.

South of the Border, internment without trial at the Curragh Concentration Camp ended in March 1959. Still almost a year-and-a-half later, in August 1960, internment for periods of six months was being imposed on Republicans.

This took the form of questioning people when in custody in police barracks, and in the event of their refusal to answer a sentence of six months imprisonment was handed down.

On August 11 two men from Navan, Co Meath were given six months each by the District Court.

They were **Francis (“Fred”) McDonagh**, 29 Emmet Terrace and **John George Foster**, 33 St Patrick’s Terrace. They failed “to give an account of their movements and actions during a specified period”.

On August 18 **Walter Dunphy** (19), Ballinacurra, Mooncoin, Co Kilkenny and **James Roche** (18), Ballymountain, Mooncoin received six months each for “failing to give an account of their movements”.

Next day, **Tony Hayde** (20), 110 Caharrow Road, Drimmagh, Dublin and **Peter O’Donoghue** (22), 95 Lally Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin, also had six months imposed. Hayde had two copies of *An tOglach* dated July 1960 in his possession.

O’Donoghue took responsibility for a .45 Webley revolver and six rounds of ammunition found in a drawer in the house they were in.

The Political Correspondent of the *Irish Times*, writing in that paper on August 29 stated that “there was a climate favouring the ‘soft’ policy of

near-recognition [of Stormont] and for growing co-operation and friendship ‘among members of Fianna Fáil’.

But “already there is the sign of back-peddalling. The informal agreement among [Leinster House] Ministers that the term Six Counties would be dropped in favour of the description ‘Northern Ireland’ for the North’s regime has been quietly rested and is unlikely to be revived.

“The only result was to create uneasiness among the Nationalists of the North that this was a form of recognition while the result from the North was an agreed form of jeering at the Republic (sic).”

“Any speculation, therefore, of new overtures towards the Northern Government (sic) will be unfruitful at the present time, but new efforts to break down the barriers between the people in both areas may be attempted”.

Nevertheless the ghosts of the past refused to go away. The valiant Plunkett family suffered another loss with the death of Jack Plunkett on August 27.

He was one of three sons of Count Plunkett (1851-1948) who fought in the GPO, Dublin in 1916 and were sentenced to death by the British. Joseph Mary Plunkett had signed the Proclamation of the All-Ireland Republic and was executed.

Jack and Seoirse were reprieved and with their father and sister Fiona were faithful Republicans to the end. The *Sunday Review* of August 28 reported:

“John Plunkett, having taken the Republican side in the Civil War, made headlines in 1940 when, after being detained with Killala, Mayo-born Seán MacNeela and a number of others, he went on hunger strike seeking treatment as a political prisoner.

“In the 55 days of the strike Seán MacNeela and Anthony Darcy died. Mr Plunkett was later released but his health has been affected to varying degrees since then. (Jack died aged 63).

“George Plunkett was killed in an accident in 1946.”

George had signed the IRA Ultimatum to the British Government in 1939 demanding British withdrawal from Ireland.

Fiona Plunkett served from 1916 to her death in 1978. In 1976 she, with Máire Comerford and other veterans and leaders, were prosecuted for taking part in the banned 60th Anniversary parade and meeting at the GPO to honour the 1916 Rising.

All were fined and some were jailed for non-payment of the fine but Leinster House did not dare imprison Fiona Plunkett, Máire Comerford, Tom Kelleher or any other veterans.

Tailpiece: The RUC detained three youths for questioning following the explosion of a pipe-bomb on the windowsill of Cullingtree Road RUC barracks in the Falls Road area of Belfast on August 28. Some houses were raided locally.

(More next month. Refs: *Irish Times*, August 9, 12, 23, and 29; *Sunday Review*, August 21 and 28; *Sunday Independent* August 7.

‘The Movement is going forward, it’s business as usual’

ON Sunday, August 8 Richard Goss and Liam Gaughran were remembered in Dundalk at a Republican Sinn Féin Commemoration.

A colour party, followed by a lone piper, led the parade from the Lisdoon Arms to the grave in St Patrick’s Cemetery where Richard and Willie are buried. The assembled crowd fell in behind the piper and were followed by a band from Kilkeel, Co Down and POW banner.

Among the attendance was Richard Goss’s sister Rosemary Goss Doran and her husband Tom. Tom served time in jail in the 1940s in Mountjoy, Dublin and the Curragh Internment camp.

The commemoration was chaired by Frank Hanratty, Chairperson of the Willie Stewart Cumann, Dundalk. He

called on Seán Collins to lay a wreath on behalf of Republican Sinn Féin. A decade of the rosary was recited by Dara Sloane, and the piper played a lament for the dipping of the flags.

The oration was given by Róisín Hayden, Ard Chomhairle member from Dublin who gave a brief outline of what led up to the execution by the Free State on August 1, 1941 of Richard Goss who said at his trial that “The liberation of the Six Counties from Britain and the securing of Irish Freedom was my sole motive.”

Róisín pointed out that the securing of Irish freedom was

proving to be a harder task than anyone realised. “They, [Richard Goss and Willie Gaughran] and we, had not factored in the treachery of the native traitor, just the foreign foe. But the native traitor has always been the undoing of freedom for Ireland. They have always worked slyly, and for whatever motivation, to ensure that the progress of the Republican Movement is slowed down or brought into constitutional politics and neutralised.”

She continued: “Despite reports in the press at the moment Republican ideals and principles are intact, just as Republican Sinn Féin and the Republican Movement is intact. The Movement is going forward, its business as usual.”

She accused the Provisionals



• The colour party leading the parade at the Goss and Gaughran Commemoration in Dundalk on August 8.

of selling out the prisoners: “They, who fought so hard to gain political status for Republican POWs, signed it away in a second when they themselves had no more use for it. They were not going to have anymore political prisoners so

they were not going to allow anyone else to have any either – that was their mindset”.

She outlined in detail the conditions in Maghaberry jail and sent solidarity greetings to them and to the men in Portlaoise jail.

Róisín finished by quoting Thomas Davis: “‘And now Englishmen, listen to us! We tell you and all whom it may concern, come what may – bribery or deceit, justice policy or war – we tell you in the name of Ireland, Ireland shall be a nation.’”

Tom Doran addressed the crowd with a few word about those lesser-known Republicans who lie buried graveyards around the country.

Seán Doyle brought proceedings to a close with the playing of Amhrán na bhFiann.

Fenian Notes

From our Washington Correspondent

THE Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Director, Robert Mueller, revealed recently that the FBI has several thousand open terrorism-related cases at any given time. He said that intelligence and international partnerships are the keys to disrupting terrorist activity.

The closest partner the FBI has is British Intelligence with whom the FBI office in London, known as the Legal Attaché, has 20 to 30 in persons meetings every week. They share intelligence and investigations.

The FBI-British partnership team mine for intelligence, sifting for scraps of information like a phone number or a name or a receipt from a bank transaction that might yield clues. Information in the "UK" might uncover something in the US and the reverse as well. They both operate freely in both countries.

The US/"UK" partnership was expanded in the late 1960s when violence escalated in the north of Ireland. The FBI were involved in the North since the beginning. Demonstrators were branded communists by then FBI Director Hoover so an all-out pursuit of extreme left-wing sources was initiated without any evidence at all.

The FBI participated in all operations of British intelligence in Ireland. The Brits got full access to all information and investigative files on Irish Americans groups and individuals. The FBI has been an observer at interrogations of alleged IRA members.

Director Mueller met in April in London to offer full assistance to the British to deal with rising tensions caused by escalating activity of so-called Irish dissident groups". All Irish groups in the USA will be closely monitored for the British by the FBI and British agents working at FBI headquarters.

The Irish section of the FBI has been reactivated. With the decision in

the Supreme Court of HOLDER v THE HUMANITARIAN Law Project, pursuit of activists has been made easier. All political activity and speech can be brought into question.

The FBI and British Intelligence have been working as a team on Islamic terrorism, but have had a long-standing partnership on investigating, monitoring and persecuting Irish Republicans and still do. The intensity has varied at times, but never disappeared. That monitoring has been totally reactivated at the highest level since activity escalated recently.

IRISH SECTIONS

Both the FBI and the British have Irish sections to deal with Irish Republicans on both sides of the Atlantic and it is a joint task force. Irish Americans and Irish American groups who support what they call "Irish Dissidents Republicans" are prime targets once again.

The Humanitarian Law case (HL) that was cited gives more ammunition to the FBI to monitor activities because it curtails First Amendment constitutional rights that have been sued since 1787 and now have been dealt a blow by the US Supreme Court. We have been following that case, but found it hard to believe the Court would put politics above the law and civil liberties.

The effect of the case is meant to neutralise political activity on behalf of groups in Ireland and other places even if that conduct involves strict politics, free speech and humanitarian efforts.

Any group designated arbitrarily and without need of any evidence as terrorist by the Secretary of State cannot receive any material assistance from Americans. The material assistance can be what the government determines it to be.

The Continuity IRA (CIRA), the Real IRA (RIRA) and Republican Sinn Féin (RSF) are on the terror list.



Let's skip to RSF and ask the question — how did they get on the list? RSF is a recognised political party in Ireland in all 32 counties.

It acts within the boundaries of the law and has legitimate political objectives spelled out far better than any political party in Ireland. The HL case has taken America down the road of the old Soviet Union, Nazi Germany and the British Empire in persecuting political activity and calling it something it is not.

Islamic terrorists have declared war against the USA and certainly 9/11 proves that plus other incidents. America has the right to defend itself against its declared enemies, but Irish groups are not and have never been enemies of the United States and it is absurd for any Irish group to be on that list. But RSF, give me a break.

The real question is why RSF is on the list and designated a foreign terrorist list when it is not proscribed by the Brits or Free State. This is beyond common sense. The CIRA and RIRA are designated because they are at war with America's partner which is still ridiculous from an American perspective.

RSF has been designated because it will not grovel and crawl and join the supporters of the bogus sham called the "Peace Process". It is punishment for a crime that does not exist.

In the HOLDER case the Supreme Court upheld a provision of the Patriot Act making it a crime for any person knowingly to provide "material support" to a foreign terrorist organisation which has a number of criteria which makes it terrorist, none of which apply to RSF. Material support is defined to include not only money, weapons and facilities but also advice or assistance. To be on the list the group must

engage in violence. That is paramount. Again, how does a legally-recognised political party engage in violence when the government it would like to replace says it does not engage in violence?

The Brits, Free State and the US governments fear the message of RSF because its plan for a Federal Ireland would work and that subverts control. How can you prosecute politics and humanitarian works in a democracy? That is the intent of Holder.

The case affects the activity of Irish Americans and others who are trying to do the right thing but the right thing does not mean anything unless you accept preconditions that define the right thing. We have to be careful.

It seems that being associated with a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO). The case essentially criminalises promoting dialogue in conflict zones and undermines efforts to provide non-violent solutions to previously violent groups, equating such actions with trafficking weapons.

This case was argued before the Court by the Obama Administration after Obama said he would talk to anyone, even terrorist countries like Iran or North Korea, but if an American citizen does so he faces 15 years in prison. A lawyer cannot file any legal matter on behalf of an FTO even to challenge its designation as an FTO.

For our purposes we have to act without association with any group and make ideas our own. Elena Kagan who Obama picked to sit on the Court argued the government's position before the Court. She is the enemy of free speech. That is the trend.

She said anyone can say anything and to lobby anybody so long as it is done independently of the banned group. Let every word from your mouth be your own and say so before speaking.

PROBLEM

The problem the decision leaves it open to the government to determine if the words are the groups or individuals or that reflecting the FTO. Free speech is not as we were brought up to believe. The government now defines acceptable speech.

Here is the irony. The British

"Peace Process" as supported by various US leaders, Irish activists and groups falls under the new ruling. It is the exact conduct that is now banned and subject to 15 years imprisonment. In the interests of justice we must demand that all those engaged in the "peace process" be prosecuted. It is the law.

Is it right? It doesn't matter. Until there is equity before the law, the peace process advocates are guilty of having supported and acted on behalf of terrorists because at the time of their activity, which is ongoing, is illegal. The Provos were an FTO and Clinton and Adams et al were acting on behalf of a group that under the new law would result in a prosecution.

The "Peace Process" is ongoing and those who persist in acting for groups should be held to the present standard. RSF on the other hand is in pursuit of a political solution and is not engaged in violence. Since there is to be an infringement of free speech, it should be for all equally.

We should all be against the new ruling because it inhibits free speech and activity. First it was Bush and now Obama are pursuing the infringement of American freedoms. This is alarming.

We must think before we speak. We should be able to say anything on behalf of any group or issue, but we are restricted. America is no monger America. It is hard to recognise.

The Court by its action has denied free speech to humanitarian groups and potentially to academics and journalists. The law goes beyond actual support but advising groups how to peacefully resolve disputes like the "Peace Process".

The Court said Congress and the executive branch will decide what is good for national security whatever the risks to free speech.

The Court is supposed to guard free speech, but it has destroyed it and that goes against its mission. Free speech has been chilled. Irish Americans should always speak as if whatever they say is merely a personal opinion. If it in support of an FTO, they could face jail, things don't look good so be careful.

— Peadar Mac Fhínní

Seán Caughey

SEÁN Caughey, life-long Republican and civil rights campaigner, died in Belfast on July 18.

In the late 1950s and early '60s he worked vigorously for the release of 166 internees in D-Wing of Crumlin Road Prison. He was then secretary of the Belfast Council for Civil Liberties.

With the release of the last internees in 1961 he turned his

attention to Sinn Féin and its part in the 1964 Westminster election.

He was elected to the Ard Chomhairle and later became Vice-President of the organisation. As usual his contribution was most energetic.

Throughout the decades he remained a faithful Republican. He was present at the launch in Belfast in recent years of the biography of Ruairi Ó Brádaigh and later spoke at a Republican Sinn Féin meeting in the Conway Mill.

He will be remembered. Deepest sympathy is extended to his family circle and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

I gCuimhne

McKEOWN — 36th Anniversary. In proud and loving memory of Volunteer Patrick McKeown, South Down/South Armagh Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann who died in action August 27, 1974. Remembered always by his brother Eddie. *Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.*

ROWNTREE — 38th Anniversary. In proud and loving memory of Vol Oliver Rowntree, Óglaigh na hÉireann whose anniversary occurs on August 22. Remembered with pride from all your friends and comrades in the Joe Conway/Brendan Watters Cumann, Republican Sinn Féin, Newry, Co Down.

ROWNTREE — 38th Anniversary. In proud and loving memory of our fallen Volunteer Oliver Rowntree, Newry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, whose anniversary falls in August. A true soldier of Éireann, we will never forget you mo chara by the Republican Movement, Newry and South Down.

ROWNTREE, McKEOWN. In proud and loving memory of our dear friends Vol Oliver Rowntree Patrick McKeown, Óglaigh na hÉireann whose anniversaries occur in August. Remembered always by the White family, Newry.

WATTERS — 26th Anniversary. In

proud and loving memory of our dear nephew Vol Brendan Watters, Newry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann. Never forgotten by Paddy & Patricia White, Newry, Co Down.

WATTERS — 26th Anniversary. In proud memory of Vol Brendan Watters Newry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann. Fondly remembered by Ollie & Manny, Newry.

WATTERS, McKEOWN. In proud and loving memory of our comrades Vol Brendan Watters and Patrick McKeown (Óglaigh na hÉireann, whose anniversaries occur on August 8, 1984 and August 27, 1974 respectively. Gone but never forgotten by the Joe Conway/Brendan Watters Cumann, Republican Sinn Féin, Newry.

WATTERS, McKEOWN. In proud and loving memory of our fallen comrades Vol Brendan Watters (August 8, 1984) and Patrick McKeown (August 27, 1974) Óglaigh na hÉireann, Newry Brigade, whose lives were so tragically taken in premature explosions in the month of August at different times whilst engaging the British Occupation Forces. Never forgotten by all your comrades in the Republican Movement Newry and South Down.

95th Anniversary. In loving memory of Diarmaid O'Donovan

Rossa, a Fenian buried in Glasnevin Cemetery.

94th Anniversary. In loving memory of Roger Casement, handed in Pentonville Prison, England, August 3, 1916.

89th Anniversary. In loving memory of Luke Killian, Knockcroghery, 4th Battalion, South Roscommon Brigade, IRA, who died as a result of injuries suffered in a motor bicycle accident while returning home from Volunteer duties.

87th Anniversary. In loving memory of Toby Mannion, Kiltloom, 3rd Battalion, Athlone Brigade, IRA, murdered by Free State forces on August 14, 1923 and buried in Kiltloom Cemetery.

69th Anniversary. In loving memory of Richard Goss, Dundalk, Co Louth, murdered by Free Staters on August 9, 1941.

68th Anniversary. In loving memory of Fr Michael O'Flanagan of Cloonfower, Castlereagh, Co Roscommon, who died in Dublin on August 8, 1942 and was buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.

52nd Anniversary. In loving memory of James Crossan, a Sinn Féin organiser shot dead by the RUC in August 1959.

29th Anniversary. In loving memory of Kevin Lynch, Thomas McElwee, Michael Devine and Kieran Doherty who died on hunger strike in August 1981. From Republicans in Chomhairle Chonnacht, Republican Sinn Féin.

Archives storage 'critical'

IRELAND'S national archives are in danger of being lost or destroyed amid deteriorating storage conditions, according to senior management there.

David Craig, director of the National Archives in Dublin, said on July 3 that there was no longer space to take in vital historical documents from government departments and organisations. Hundreds of boxes of national documents remain sealed and stored on pallets in the old Jacob's biscuit factory in Dublin which is unsuitable in temperature and has begun to let in rainwater.

Government departments are now being instructed not to send their documents in to the archives, despite a rule instructing them to send them in each and every year.

"There is actually legislation in relation to the national archives which requires that we take in these documents every year and we are being forced to break the legislation because there is just no suitable storage

for them anymore," said Craig.

Catriona Crowe, coordinator of the 1901-1911 Census Online, speaking in her capacity as chairperson of the Archivists' Branch of Impact, said staffing levels were also at a crisis point in the archives.

"This is making a terrible situation worse, as when staff leave or retire they are not being replaced. It is a desperate state of affairs for the country's future written history and there is a real danger now more than ever that Irish history is being lost."

LIGs exist to do Britain's bidding

THIS was the message given to Gerry Adams and his Limited Intelligence Group when they met their loyalist counterparts in the British control machine.

In a move worthy of the old Northern Ireland Labour Party Adams and his LIGs agreed to try to pacify working-class nationalists. Both the LIGs and the Jaffas understand that the up-coming marches **MUST** go through if the

status quo is to be maintained. As the Orange Order have pointed out to Adams' LIGs. "If you can't exercise control then there's not much point Britain paying your wages?"

There, of course, is the crux of the matter and the thing which separates the LIGs from the others that have gone before. All the others who have gone before were not exclusively financially dependent on their masters.

John Hume, now there was a school teacher. That old Armagh solicitor is another example...Seamus Mallon. Then there were all the bishops and the hoteliers and of course councillors.

BUT they all had a job to go back to. The LIGs are different. An apprentice butcher and an ex-barmen at the head of them, a few university graduates ("Peace in our Time" students to a man...).

In financial terms about as much use as appendages to a bull.

You just have to wonder what are these people qualified for except compromise? Can any of them paint a house or fix a car engine. If they tell the Brits to "Go take a jump" then what is for them next. Can they weld a tractor hitch, can they plant a field of spuds?

The truth of course is that anyone who can do any of

the above have long since left Adams and his LIGs far behind. What is left now are those people who have no where else to go.

THOSE who will do their master's bidding because they have no bidding of their own.

Remember this, when these same people (the LIGs) try to tell you that it is in **YOUR** best interests that Orangemen walk your streets with their offensive swords and protective hats

that their reason is simple, it is to do Britain's bidding that they now exist and if they stop their wages stop too.

Any jobs for 60-year-old apprentice barmen and butchers out there? Contact Parnell Square, Dublin or MI5 Headquarters, Palace Barracks or, contact Gerry or Martin directly c/o Stormont or Westminster.

— Mac Cool

Comdt-General Tom Maguire remembered in Mayo

ON Monday, July 5 Republicans from across Connacht and elsewhere gathered in Cross, Co. Mayo for the commemoration to Comdt-General Tom Maguire.

The large crowd assembled behind a colour party and marched to the graveyard in Cross where they were addressed by the chair of the event Dan Hoban, Mayo.

Dan said that Tom Maguire "was a lifelong Republican who died 17 years ago after a lifetime of dedication to the Irish cause. He was a true disciple of every thing that was good in Irish life; a man who never surrendered his desire for freedom to the British crown or any Free State authority. An independent man who lived a good life, a Republican life and he handed us down a tradition that we should be proud of and that all Irish men of the future will hold on to."

Galway Republican Sinn Féin county councillor Tomás Ó Curraoin laid a wreath on behalf of the Republican Movement and Tara O'Neill (granddaughter of veteran Republican Billy O'Neill and niece of Danny O'Neill who was killed on

active service in 1979) laid a wreath on behalf of Northern Republicans. Dr. Sean Maguire (son of the late Tom Maguire) recited a decade of the rosary.

The main speaker at the commemoration was Ruairi Ó Brádaigh, Patron of Sinn Féin Poblachtach, who gave an account of the life of General Tom Maguire who at the time of his death was the last surviving member of the second All-Ireland Dáil.

"Tom Maguire was one of those who rejected the Englishman's smile and the Treaty of Surrender 1921 that broke our country in two and put those who favoured it in the position of taking guns, not just rifles but machine guns, armoured cars and artillery from the British, extraordinary firepower to ram the Treaty of Surrender down the throats of the Irish people whether they liked it or not.

"The man who is buried here led the second Western Division embracing South

Mayo, North Galway and South Roscommon against the Treaty. He was eventually captured and while he was imprisoned in Athlone military barracks five of his comrades were taken out and executed by firing squad. A month or two later six prisoners were taken out in Tuam and executed, again by firing squad this time it included his younger brother Sean Maguire.

"Tom Maguire was one of six who escaped from Athlone military barracks in June 1923. He was never recaptured. He was re-elected for South Mayo in August of 1923 and his career from then on was one of a steadfast Republican.

"In 1938 he was among those remaining TDs of the All-Ireland Dáil like Mary MacSwiney, Count Plunkett and Brian Ó hUiginn who delegated their executive powers to the Army Council of the IRA - in other words the authority to enforce the 1916 Proclamation and the Declaration of Independence at the first All Ireland Dáil."

Ruairi reminded people that times were hard in the 1940s, and that there were "no monstrous crowds at



• Dan Hoban chaired the annual Comdt-General Tom Maguire commemoration in Cross, Co Mayo on July 5.

Easter commemorations, but Tom Maguire got on his bicycle every Easter Sunday (cars were off the road) morning and cycled across the Black River into County Galway and on to Headford and out to Donaghpatrick cemetery to the Republican Plot where his brother and the men executed in Athlone and in Tuam were buried, paid his respects and laid a wreath.

"In 1969 came a crisis in the movement where an attempt was made to turn a Revolutionary Movement into a constitutional political party and Tom Maguire spoke out against it and made

clear that the proper authority in the Republican Movement was the Provisional Army Council.

"In 1986 came another crisis. Yet another attempt was made to turn the Revolutionary Movement into a constitutional political party. He spoke out against it, he issued a statement and adjudicated and said that the Provisional Army Council was no longer the authority and that it had become constitutional and that the Continuity Army Council was now the proper authority. All in one lifetime.

"Tom at that stage was 95 years of age, but his mind

was as clear as anybody standing here listening today."

Ruairi concluded: "Dúirt Pádraig Mac Piarais: 'In war time the Gael never lost anything more than their lives, but in the peace time they often lost their honour.' Which Pearse considered was a worse thing than losing ones life. And here Tom by your graveside we acknowledge your part and the fact that you came through with the longest life of any member of the All-Ireland Dáil.

"The qualities that brought you through that long life with honour, you were of an uncompromising nature, you were straight you were truthful you were honest, you were an inspiration to us all and now you lie here awaiting the eternity beside your bhean chéile Christina, beside your valiant wife Christina the sister of Pádraig Feeney who died in 1984 and of whom Republicans had the warmest memories."

The commemoration was brought to a close by Dan Hoban who thanked the assembled crowd for attending.

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