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32CSM EXPOSE CRIMINALISATION POLICY

The 32CSM offers political analysis to the Irish people and to republicans in particular, concerning the strategic development and direction of politics on this island. In discharging this role we would like to draw attention to particular patterns of political manoeuvring aimed at criminalising republicans.

All republicans and most Sinn Fein supporters would agree that during the pre-1994 phase of the war, the IRA had a reputation for telling the truth and shouldering responsibility, even when that meant facing political difficulties. The British, however, were quick to tell lies and cover-up their military and dirty tricks operations. They were experts at conducting misinformation campaigns and legal whitewashes when the weight of evidence became too much.

The key difference between the IRA's approach to truth-telling and the British Government's approach was that the IRA had no material interest in the Six County political establishment; they were not concerned about the jobs or reputations of politicians or what the next milk-round of funding might bring.

Since 1994, republicans have been asked to swallow lie after lie as the compromised, corrupt leadership of the Provisional movement busied themselves with the task of administering British rule in Ireland while at the same time feathering their personal nests, be it holiday homes in the Free State or property portfolios abroad. There seems little need to rehearse the list of lies about decommissioning, Stormont, or internal settlements. Most people are also aware of the cover-up lies and spin doctoring that accompanied the killing of Joe O'Connor, Paul Quinn and others. And who can forget the desperate flurry of lies following the Columbia 3 affair and the Northern Bank robbery. Add to this such dirty tricks as the use of the Red Hand Defender code-word to claim the killing of Ex Pow Barney McDonald in Dungannon and the ongoing process of sending themselves bullets in the post and only one conclusion is possible: the transformation from revolutionary republicans to reactionary British ministers is complete.

For the record, republicans have nothing to gain from threatening or attacking Sinn Fein members, indeed, it would be a counterproductive exercise. Examples of this was the despicable attempts by Gerry Adams to try and blame republicans for the death of Martin Meehan. Weather or not these threats exist is another story, if they did they were wrong and repub-

licans would have nothing to do with them. The mysterious saga of how bullets in the post obligingly turn up every time Sinn Fein needs to divert attention or gain sympathy is best understood by asking yourself the question: Who benefits? It's certainly not 'dissidents' and probably not even loyalists. There is a possibility that MI5 is behind the operation as their interests are best served by a well-bonded Sinn Fein united against (imaginary) external threats. However, if this were true, it would effectively be a matter of one branch of the British Government sending bullets via the Royal Mail to another branch of the British Government. Stranger things have happened.

At present, the 32CSM is concerned that this pattern of devious political behaviour is discernable in attempts to criminal-



The Hunger Strikers faced the same policy in 1981

ise republicans. The recent use of the cover-name the "Irish Republican Liberation Army" to spuriously claim an IRA operation and to issue threats to Sinn Fein is worrying. Information in the possession of the 32CSM strongly suggests that the IRLA label has been devised by a few loosely linked criminal gangs in the Strabane, E-Tyrone and Belfast areas. The 32csm would like to disassociate our-

selves from the following individuals and their activities; Frank Nolan and Joe Clarke (Dublin), Paddy Fox and Kevin Sutton (E-Tyrone), Ben Brady and Ben Stewart (Strabane) these people are in no way connected with the republican movement.

The activity of these individuals serves the combined interests of Sinn Fein and broader British establishment, including MI5. Whatever their agenda is, it is not a republican one and it should be noted that they have done nothing to challenge British rule either militarily or politically. Another gang, claiming to be members of the Official IRA recently attacked an anti-drugs republican activist in Bundoran. These individuals were protecting the interests of loyalist and criminal drugs dealing network that the 32CSM had uncovered along the border.

The obstacles facing republicans are enormous but we are determined to surmount them and to rebuild the strength of the movement. We have tried to show in this article that careful analysis of the techniques of our enemies is crucial to counteracting their attempts to criminalise and ultimately destroy republicanism.

IRPWA CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again it is coming close to Christmas and this is the hardest time for pow's and their families. We in the IRPWA are again appealing to you to give a little extra money to us to help our prisoners and their families this Christmas.

Donations can be given to

any IRPWA member. Money can also be given directly to IRPWA, Ulster Bank, Andersonstown road, Belfast, Account number 88919077, Sort code 980015.



The IRPWA pow's on E3 wing Portlaoise would also like to thank all those who contributed to the sponsored cycle in aid of Aid Cancer Treatment, Cork University Hospital, €5000 in all was raised.

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Francie Molloy S.F

TAKE IT DOWN FROM THE MAST!

"We should not forget that the brilliant events that we have seen at Stormont and the driving forward of change would not have happened without the deaths of the volunteers from Derry and elsewhere. I recall their deaths every day...I, along with the other elected representatives think of the importance of their sacrifice every day and they remain the most important memory of all our elected representatives in the work that we do." Martina Anderson.

It can be safe to assume that Martina Anderson and the Provisional Sinn Fein consider their activities at Stormont to be a continuation of the struggle in which these volunteers gave their lives for. There is a dawning of realisation amongst republicans that what the Provisional leadership called the 'new phase of struggle' is nothing more than entering the Uncle Tom's Cabin we know as Stormont. After the steady stream of lies that the republican base have been fed; no six county settlement, no return to Stormont, no arms surrender etc, it is hard to believe that there is people who genuinely still believe that this is a republican project to achieve Irish freedom. Gerry Adams promised a 'battle a day' at Stormont however there is no evidence of it. The Irish Language Act was stopped in its tracks by the Paisleyites and there was little that Sinn Fein could do about it as Orangeism flexed its muscles at its home ground. Feeble protest and 'half a loaf' politics is all that the Provo's can muster these days as it has abandoned republican principles, that is all that the queen of England would expect of her ministers. The Margaret Ritchie/UDA funding row and the remarkably quick and embarrassing U-turn, which Martin McGuinness preformed in regards to his position on this matter, exposed an instinctive tendency to fall on Paisley's side. In her regular col-



umn in the Sunday Journal, Mary Nelis wrote a scathing article on the RUC/PSNI and concluded that the new dawn to policing seems more like a dark night. The 32csm would argue that there is no new start to policing and the incidents of RUC brutality mentioned in Mary's article only vindicate our position, whilst at the same time unmasking the hypocrisy of the Provo's appeals for people to become informers for the RUC/PSNI. Paisley and his deputy appear to get on quite well with each other and no doubt Sinn Fein will portray this as reaching out the hand of friendship to unionism. They try to

hide the fact that Unionism is the clear victor if the present status quo is maintained and this reason, and the fact that the Provisional's had to effectively renounce republicanism and accept the Unionist veto, is why Ian and his party tolerate today's 'castle Catholic's'.

The whole edifice of the undemocratic, artificial six county state-let and its components is the very antithesis of republicanism and only its destruction, and as history has shown us, that reformism will not lead us to the republic. Although we hold the SDLP equally responsible for upholding the six county state those who do so whilst masquerading as republicans should have the honesty to 'take it down from the mast'. What is certain is that the dead IRA volunteers died for the republic and that Martina Anderson's words rang very hollow with republicans. Francie Molloy once stated "we are really prepared to administer British rule for the foreseeable future. The principle of partition is accepted and if unionists had this in the 1920's they would be laughing." Did Martina's party colleague and 'other elected representatives' have the dead volunteer's in mind as he outlined Sinn Fein's position.