



Never forget that behind the Orangemen, the Paisleyites, the B-Specials and R.U.C., it is Britain holds the real power. She has the troops and the responsibility under the Government of Ireland Act 1920.

After 50 years' injustice the "settlement" Lloyd George imposed on Ireland is crumbling. The Unionists can no longer rule in the old way. Neither can Britain. The Catholic people of the North have got up off their knees and are fighting. The Stomont junta are shivering in their shoes while they call into being their bristling armoury of terror. "Ulster must not be coerced", they say. By this they mean they must be allowed to do all the coercing. The Protestant Ascendancy must last for ever and Nationalists continue to remain second-class citizens in their own homeland.

#### LEGISLATE NOW!

We say: **ULSTER MUST BE COERCED** . . . if that is the only way to get civil rights and basic democracy for the Catholic and non-Unionist population.

Britain set-up the Six County State in 1920 and has turned a blind eye to 50 years of bigoted backwardness there. The aim of us all must now be to get Britain to revise that settlement in the Irish interest.

Section 75 of the Government of Ireland Act states that the "supreme authority of the United Kingdom Parliament is unaffected and undiminished over all matters, persons and things in Northern Ireland".

Very well then . . . if they make that

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Ta do chabhair-se tabhachtach.  
Bi chomh fial agus is feidir leat.

claim they must legislate to grant Civil Rights to the Catholics — disband the B-Specials, end gerrymandering and religious discrimination, introduce P.R., set up an impartial boundary commission. Westminster can legislate over the heads of Stormont. The Unionists can then show how "loyal" they really are to the Queen and Queen's Imperial Parliament!

#### BRITAIN — GET OUT!

If Britain will not legislate for the Civil Rights demands let her get out of Ireland altogether, and the Irish people in a National Parliament will guarantee Civil Rights to Protestants and Catholics.

#### **NO TAKE-OVER OF THE NORTH BY WESTMINSTER.**

There is no middle way between granting the Civil Rights demands **NOW** or getting out of Ireland. A middle way between these courses, which the experts of imperialism will be looking for, will lead to further British trickery and another tortured round of the Irish Question.

There is no salvation for the Six

Counties in direct rule by Westminster. Strengthening Britain's hold on the North is not the way to a free, united Ireland. Those who make this call, Miss Devlin, McAteer, Cooper and Currie, have not thought of the dangerous implications of this course. For the next step after that would be for London to do a deal with Fianna Fail and the Unionists and bring the whole of Ireland into a federal United Kingdom.

The far sighted spokesmen of British imperialism are already talking about this as "a contingency political plan". Eddie McAteer, the Green Gombeenman of Derry, has called it "a little United Nations of these islands". Whatever we do we must not play into British imperialism's hands by putting forward as a solution what we think might be in our interests but which really will help to forward this.

#### WE DEMAND OUR COUNTRY!

The main demand is for a 32 County P.R. general election under U.N. supervision to elect a parliament for all Ireland.

Otherwise Republicans and Socialists say . . . legislate at Westminster to introduce the Civil Rights demands. Otherwise get out of Ireland for we demand our country.

This is the policy of the Republican Movement. It is the policy to open up the way for the Irish to increase their hold upon Ireland, not diminish it. It is in the interests of the Irish working class, of Protestants and Catholics and of all decent Irishmen.

Study this policy. Spread it to others. Support it.

# IRISHMEN & IRISHWOMEN

The Nation is facing its gravest crisis. Our people are being slaughtered in the North.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP**

Unorganised help is worse than useless. Sign up with your name, address, age, and what you can do.

We require not only accommodation, transport, physical support, but also influence in organisations in the 26 Counties capable of pressing the Dublin Government to act with all the resources at its disposal.

We are setting up local solidarity committees in every area. Each committee must establish an assembly point. Trade Union halls are usually available for this; local union branches should be represented on the solidarity committees.

We must organise mass pressure for the Dublin Government to take a hard line with Westminster, seeking international support through the U.N. It is clear that civil rights are incompatible with unionism. Dublin must demand the withdrawal of British troops, disarming and disbanding of the 'B' Specials and an All-Ireland Election under U.N. supervision.

The 'solution' to the Irish question imposed by the Government of Ireland Act lies in ruins. Some new arrangement must be set up. If the Irish people do not act in unity, this will be a politicians arrangement, maintaining partition and perhaps bringing Dublin and Stormont under a Council of Ireland with Westminster involved. In other words, back to mother England.

#### **OBJECTS OF THE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE:**

1. Collection of money and supplies.
2. Holding of meetings, distribution of papers and leaflets.
3. Maintaining liaison with the National Solidarity Committee.
4. Establishing links with local people's organisations in order to get the widest possible support.

AINM: .....

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ORGANISATION (if any) .....

TYPE OF SUPPORT OFFERED: .....

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ABOVE: British troops at the barricades in Bogside. BELOW: John Campbell, Lecky Rd., Derry, shot in the right shoulder, was the first casualty. CENTRE TOP: The Tricolour is hung out at Bogside by battling teenagers. BOTTOM CENTRE: Derry scene during fires. RIGHT CENTRE: A small boy is carried to the first aid centre in Bogside after being overcome by tear gas.







# BRITISH TROOPS— BRITISH TRICK!

Belfast was left at the mercy of the Paisleyite mob for some hours when the police were withdrawn. The idea was to let the mob loose in Nationalist areas so that when British troops were brought in the people would welcome them as saviours.

During the period that the Paisleyites had a free hand a child was shot dead and more than twenty houses gutted and the whole population of the Falls Rd. terrorised.

All this so that the real props of the injustices the people have fought against — British rule in Ireland and its manipulation of bigotry — should be welcomed with open arms!

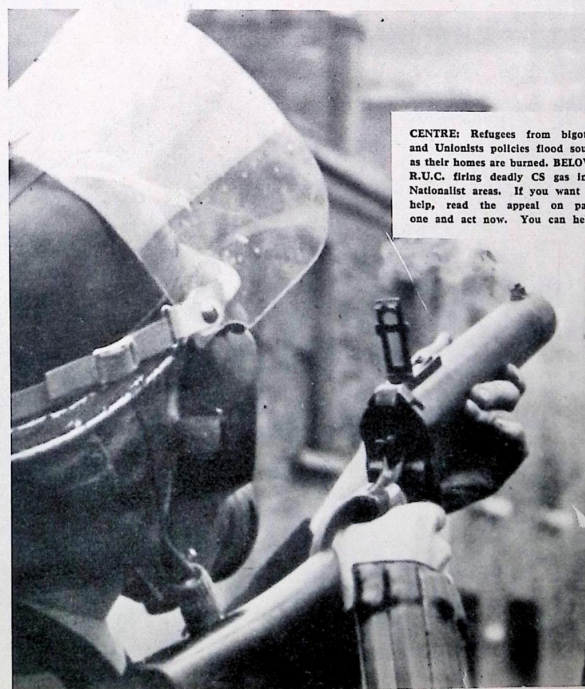
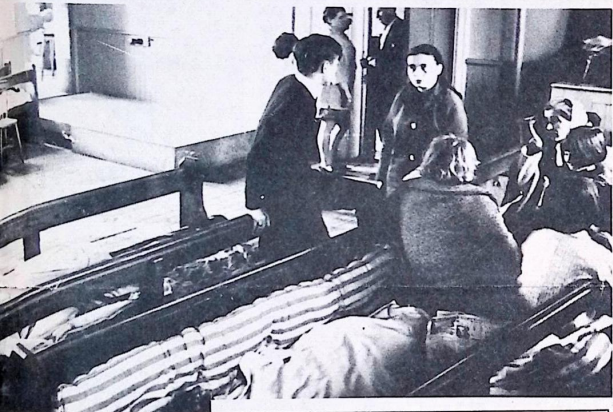
How callous can you get? How ruthless can you be?

During the height of this fabricated crisis with a howling mob of armed bigots and Specials shooting indiscriminately and burning down houses, the only reply came from members of the Republican Movement who defended the people as bravely as they had in Bogside, Derry, until they ran out of what weapons and ammunition they had.

The B-Specials with their machine guns ran the people into the ground.

What was Jack Lynch's army doing?

The people cried out for help but apart from the outnumbered Republicans there was nobody to help them.



CENTRE: Refugees from bigotry and Unionists policies flood south as their homes are burned. BELOW: R.U.C. firing deadly CS gas into Nationalist areas. If you want to help, read the appeal on page one and act now. You can help.

## FESTIVAL OF HATE

The lambegs roll and the orange banners fly. For six long hours in Derry on August 12th the Apprentice Boys rapped out their message of hate . . . We are the bosses; you are the serfs. We are the rulers; you are the ruled. Protestants up and Catholics down.

A Festival of Hate they have had for 50 years. Celebrating the Protestant Ascendancy the root and basis of Unionist rule. Keep the Fenians and Papishes down.

But the gallant Bogsideers gave them their answer. After 1969 things will never be the same in Ulster. The rock of Unionism is split to the foundations and to have caused that split is the greatest and most historic achievement of the Civil Rights Movement.

Civil Rights brought the disunited Catholics together; cemented over the divisions between a dozen different parties and united the people on a common platform for common demands. It taught the people the lesson of unity and discipline and the Northern Republicans have distinguished themselves by unholding that unity and discipline throughout the difficult past year.

Unionism cannot survive the obtaining of Civil Rights, for Unionism was imposed by force on Irish democracy and its essence is repression and the denial of democracy. That is why it has opposed all the just demands of the Civil Rights Movement and tried to get that Movement to dissolve itself by granting a few meagre and belated concessions.

But these concessions are too little and too late.





The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association has given a lead to the people by adopting a Covenant of Civil Rights which it will be putting to the people of the North in the coming period.

Unlike Carson's covenant of 1912 this will be a Covenant of Progress, a covenant to unite and build up rather than to destroy. Here are its demands Westminster must legislate to bring them into force or else get out of Ireland and let an Irish Parliament do so.

(1) Universal adult suffrage at 18 for all elections in Northern Ireland. Votes at 18 have come in Britain, but Stormont doesn't want this because there are more Catholic young people than Protestant. Also you have to be a ratepayer to vote in Northern local elections, so 300,000 adults haven't got any vote.

(2) No more gerrymandering. An impartial boundary commission to draw fair electoral areas. Faulkner's White Paper on Local Government "reform" is the biggest swindle yet.

(3) Introduce P.R., the only fair electoral system. They had it in the North in the early 1920s until the Unionists abolished it as it was too fair to the Catholics. If brought in now it would give Unionists a chance to choose between liberal and Paisleyite candidates from the same party and give them at least some choice.

(4) Repeal the Special Powers Act and Public Order Act. This means ending the ban on Republican Clubs, on the sale of the "United Irishman" and other Republican literature. No more arrests without warrant and imprisonment without trial. No more bans on peaceful parades. No more licensed terror.

(5) Out-lawing religious discrimination and incitement to discrimination. In Britain racial discrimination and incitement is illegal. It should

# THE COVENANT OF PROGRESS

## EVERY ASSISTANCE BUT NO HELP

Jack Lynch has offered every possible assistance to the North — short of actual help.

The people of the North have called for arms. They were sent elastoplast.

Radio Telefís Eireann broadcasts pop music as people are slaughtered in the North.

B-Specials living in Cavan and Donegal are allowed free passage to and fro across the border to terrorise people in the North at £2 per day.

He sent an aide memoir to Harold Wilson asking him to ask the British Government to seek a U.N. peace-keeping force in the North! How cowardly can you be? An aide memoir is the lowest form of diplomatic exchange and does not even require a reply.

The plea for U.N. troops was rejected out of hand by the man most responsible for the situation in the North — Harold Wilson. His answer — the age-old imperialist answer — has been to send in a total of 1,200 troops inside a fortnight to back up the 3,000 troops already here and to leave the B-Specials free to shoot down Irish people.

The truth is that the Fianna Fail party headed by Jack Lynch is bankrupt. They have been selling out for the past ten years to Britain. The Free Trade agreement has left the 26 Counties economically at the mercy of Britain at a time when British troops are supporting a pogrom by fanatical armed Orangemen against Irish people in the Six Counties. Now that the tea cups have given way to sabre-rattling Lynch is shivering for fear the people might press him too far.

The minimum Lynch can now do is to call for a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council. Britain can veto any decision of the Council but cannot prevent the discussion and the resulting internationalising of the crisis caused by British Imperialism in the North.

The 26 Counties have raised aid and every issue at the U.N. from the Atomic Bomb and Nuclear Disarmament to Tibet but have never raised the partition of Ireland.

Lynch has protested in vain to Wilson. What has to be done now is to mobilise the Irish people — all the resources of the people in the 26 Counties — and send in the Irish army to protect the people from the Orange mob.



This man is a B-Special. There are 10,000 thugs like him loose in the North this moment. Apart from pick-axe handles, they are armed with the most modern weapons, automatic rifles, and machine guns.



## C.S. GAS IN DERRY

The RUC used not only tear-smoke, but heavy duty CS Nerve Gas against the people of the Bogside.

This gas causes irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and mucous organs, and produces severe symptoms of nausea, particularly in young.

This CS gas is used in Britain only during very serious riots in prisons and then only against criminals with records of violence.

In Ireland it is being used by criminals called the R.U.C. to beat Irish people off the streets in their own country and to confirm them in the slavery that is British Imperialism.

be applied to religion also. Then Paisley and Bunting — and Brookeborough too — could be clapped in jail if they incite the people to boycott Catholics. Houses should be allocated on need and jobs on merit alone.

(6) Disband the B-Specials—11,000 Paisleyites in uniform—Northern Ireland's Fascist militia. While they walk the roads with sten-gun at the ready, terrorising their Roman Catholic neighbours, there can be no peace in Ulster.

These demands of the Covenant will not solve the problems of the North. But they would be a major step forward. They would not solve Derry's 17% unemployment rate or give houses to the people of the Fountain and Shankill. But they would be a big step forward nonetheless and would put those fighting for houses and jobs for all, Protestant and Catholic, in an immensely stronger position.

One man one job and one family one house is a demand that must be made. As long as Britain is in the North they must pour in millions and millions of pounds to give the people houses and jobs. Otherwise the people will make jobs and homes for themselves in a united Ireland.

In the coming period all democrats in the North must rally around this Covenant and demand that it be legislated for at Westminster. Marches and meetings must be held at Covenant signing sessions in every city, town and village in the North. Every street must have its Covenant Committee and a door to door canvass can be organised by the Civil Rights Movement, going also to Protestant areas to win their support by patient explanation and persuasion. The Covenant can be a bridge to unite Irishman and point the way to a better future in a truly democratic country.

## DO NOT BREAK THE RANKS!

This principle and this alone has been the strength of the Civil Rights Movement and enabled it to achieve its already glorious results. The principle of unity was what fired the people of Bogside in their glorious defence of their streets and homes.

The Civil Rights Movement is a united front of people who agree on the basic civil rights programme, however much they disagree on other things. Republicans, Labour men, Socialists, Liberals, Nationalists and even some Unionists have given it their support. In particular it has united all the Catholic people because the Catholics are discriminated against as Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Republicans in the North have not tried to turn the Civil Rights platform into anti-Partition ones, for they realise that to do so would split the ranks — many Northern Ireland Labour Party people are for maintaining partition, for example, even though they are in favour of civil rights. Republicans have realised that by winning Civil Rights and thereby weakening the Unionist Party, the nationally minded people would be in a much better position to push forward to ending Partition and winning independence.

All the more mistaken, therefore, are the enthusiastic but inexperienced people of the People's Democracy who think they can help things by turning the Civil Rights programme into a Socialist one. For this will get neither Civil Rights nor socialism.

Workers' control and breaking up the ranches are things Republicans are for, but they clearly cannot be got from a Unionist or Westminster Government which won't even bring in One-Man-One-Vote. Demands like this are utopian in the present situation, causing all sorts of diversions and irrelevant squabbles in the Civil Rights ranks, when the main thing is to preserve and strengthen the united front against Unionism, Orangism and British imperialism.

With British being used the Civil Rights Movement cannot afford disunity of this kind, however disguised it may be radical phrases and "revolutionary sounding" words.

The real revolutionaries in the North are those who established the united front of the Civil Rights Movement and who have fought to keep it as united and well-led as possible, bearing always in mind the only force of a united people can be strong enough to dislodge either Unionism or British Imperialism from Ireland.