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STATEMENT ISSUED BY LEADERSHIP OF CIRA

The following New Year statement has been issued by the Army Council of the Continuity Irish Republican Army

The leadership of the Continuity Irish Republican Army at this time of the year sends fraternal greetings to all Republican prisoners in who are incarcerated in prisons in Ireland, England and the occupied Six Counties and to all freedom fighters in prison across the world.

Our thoughts are with the prisoners and their families at this time of year and we are mindful of their sacrifice for the age old ideals of Irish Republicanism. They are political prisoners who are in prison because of a political desire for freedom from foreign rule for all of Ireland.

The past year has been a difficult one not only for all Republican prisoners but for the people of Ireland in general who have had to endure the humiliation of reduced living standards to pay for the criminal actions of wealthy bankers and property speculators. The public have seen the narrow interests of capital protected by the politicians. A new approach to politics is now necessary and only the policies of the Republican Movement of a new federal Ireland based on local democracy offer any hope for the future.

Therefore it is time for the far seeing EIRE NUA policies of Irish Republicanism to take centre stage and point the way forward for the Irish people.

The past year has been a difficult one for Irish Republicanism with the forces of the Free State, the Northern Assembly and the British Government ranged against the age old right of the Irish people to national self-determination. However we take solace from the lessons of history which teach us that for as long as Britain occupies any part of Ireland, there will be Irish men and women who will embrace the challenge of opposing that presence. And if that presence is armed there it follows the response will be in like kind. The reality is that the British armed forces enforce partition and protect the border and the interests of the British Crown. We are heartened by recent upsurge in resistance to the British presence and their Provisional cheer leaders who have tarnished Republicanism by becoming Crown Ministers. Their attempts to criminalize and demonize true Irish Republicans will fail – the upsurge in actions and operations against the British presence is evidence of that failure.

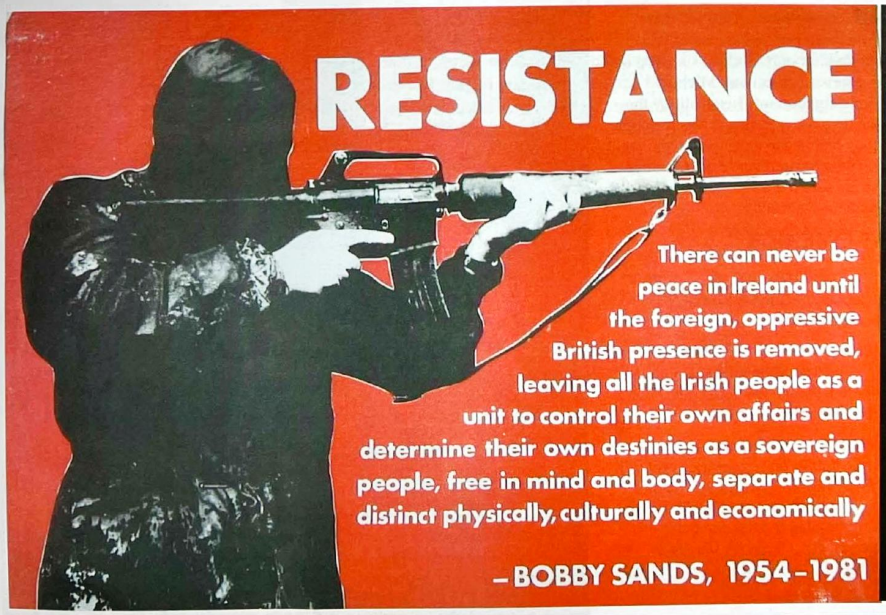
The CIRA today re-asserts the right of the Irish people to the national aspiration of Irish unity and the attainment of that objective in line with the traditional methods of Irish Republicanism. The British can overnight end this conflict by declaring their intention to withdraw from Ireland.

We also warn against a visit by the Queen of England to Ireland while her armed forces continue to enforce partition to the detriment of all the Irish people. Any such visit will be opposed by all and every means at the disposal of true Irish Republicans.

The past year has also seen a group who claim to be Republican but have abandoned any principle of Irish Republicanism after being compromised by the Free State. No amount of lies or half truths can hid the fact that they are irrelevant and do now command the support or respect of any true Republicans. Instead of accepting that the Republican Movement has abandoned them, they engage in a campaign of character assassination and smear tactics. We are giving formal warning that this activity must cease forthwith or else they shall suffer the consequences.

Finally the CIRA pledges an escalation of operations and a more intensive military campaign against the forces of British occupation in the coming year after extensive recruiting, training and the acquisition of new weaponry. We now have the men and material to sustain a military campaign until the national question again tops the political agenda.

C O Ruairc
Secretary CIRA
Army Council



THE WAR GOES ON

The IRA carried out military operations in the occupied 6 counties in 2010:

Six British armed PSNI bases in Belfast attacked.

Car bombs in Crossmaglen

Middletown gun and bomb attacks in Armagh Cragavon.

Fermanagh drug dealer shot and wounded and ordered out of Belfast / Dublin

These operations will intensify in 2011.

Tiocfaidh Ár Lá

DALTONITES TELL LIES TO HIDE THE TRUTH OF REAL REASONS FOR SPLIT

By Joe Lynch

In what was purported to be a Presidential Address at a one day gathering of the Daltonites, a number untruths, distortions and downright lies were told by Des Dalton that cannot be allowed stand on the public record.

His claim that resignations were because of one man who had been a vice-president failed in his bid for President are not true.

Neither is his lie over the Broad Front. The real reasons are that we were called criminals and we objected to the decision to ban cumann being named after men who died in the struggle for Irish freedom.

Republicans resigned in 2004 as Dalton full well knows because they were described as criminals in Saoirse. In fact he has in his possession a letter detailing in full the conspiracy. If he is man enough and indeed adheres to the principles he so eloquently outlines then let him publish this letter so that everyone may see the rotten core at the heart of his grouping.

Dragging in the Broad Front issue is only a smoke screen – and outlining the outcomes of successive ard-fheiseannna a mere red herring – as he well knows the leadership tried to change the constitution to recognize the 26 County State administration simply in the interests of obtaining money but it was defeated at the Extraordinary Ard Fheis – yet he is strangely silent on this outcome. In fact if he and his cronies had any common decency they would have resigned.

Dalton knows the current difficulties in the organization arise out of the rigged Ard Fheis where Ruairi O'Bradaigh seemingly resigned as President and installed Dalton yet the former leader retained three roles within the Movement.

His leadership is now discredited, corrupt and increasingly Stalinist as it becomes even more irrelevant to the struggle for Irish freedom. History teaches us that leaderships are compromised, bought off and in the pay of the State. Dalton full well knows that the leadership of the entire Republican Movement has moved on and bypassed him. By telling lies he is reducing himself to the status of a tout!

We do not need Dalton – a man unqualified for the position he holds – to lecture us on our allegiance to the All Ireland Republic of Easter Week. We had no option but to adhere to the democratic wish of the organization and reject his compromised leadership. They declaim like fanatical zealots the moral imprimatur of successive Ard Fheiseanna in relation to policy yet these same people are strangely silent when it comes to the extraordinary Ard Fheis they held behind closed doors to recognize the 26 County Administration so that they could claim money from the Free State.

The current figures leading this witch hunt against us lost that particular round, yet they did not have the sense of democracy nor indeed the principle to resign having being defeated by decent right thinking Republicans who are now the legitimate Republican Movement.

In fact the leader of their diminishing clique, Ruairi O'Bradaigh admitted he had been duped by those around him in holding the almost secret conference, yet he is still in their clutches and by approving lies has reduced himself and damaged his reputation.

One cannot debate with people who are without principle. One cannot engage with people who have no respect for truth and democracy. One cannot take seriously people who have debased every principle of Irish Republicanism.

Óglach. Johnny Copeland

Óglach. Johnny Copeland (23) was born in 1949. He attended Holy Cross Boys' Primary School and later St. Gabriel's on the Crumlin Road. After leaving school, John worked as an Upholster before he became a Bus Conductor. Growing up in Ardoyne, Johnny was a keen Sportsman. He fought for the Holy Family Boxing Club, was a Weightlifter, played Soccer and enjoyed Ceili dancing. It was while attending a Ceili that he met Carol and like many Irish people, they moved to England were they both trained to become Nurses.

After completing their studies they returned to their native Ardoyne and were married in 1968. For a time they lived with his Mother, Susan before they bought a lovely home in Ladbrook Drive. Two children, Linda and Eddie soon followed and everything seemed perfect for the Copeland's. However, after the Unionist Pogrom of 1969, many Ardoyne residents like Johnny Copeland volunteered their services to Óglaigh Na hÉireann. When John was not providing for his family, he was to the fore in the defence of his community against British and Loyalist attacks. On October 28th 1971, Vol. Johnny Copeland had just visited his mother and was walking to his home nearby when he was shot in the back by a British soldier. Minutes earlier, British troops shot and killed another Ardoyne resident, Micheal McLamon in Etna Drive. As well as, seriously injuring Eskdale Garden's Mother, Margaret McGrandles who was expecting a baby at the time.

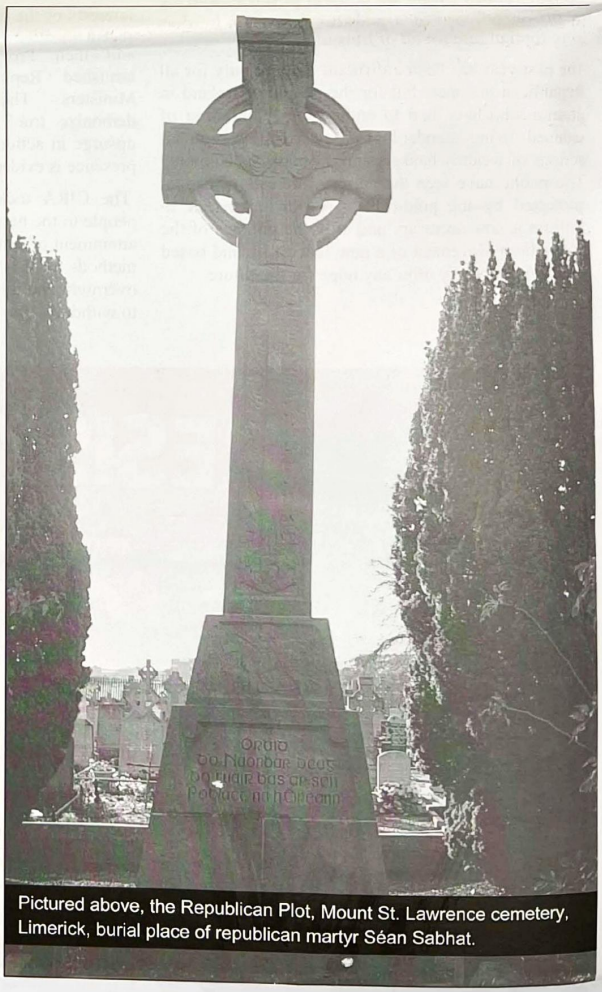
British Crown Forces claimed they had shot gunmen, even though eye-witnesses testified that Johnny, Micheal and Mrs. McGrandles were innocent victims. Mr. McLarnon died instantly, Óglach. Johnny Copeland died two days later. Luckily, Margaret and her unborn child survived the shooting. Like most killings involving British soldiers, no-one was ever prosecuted. Micheal McLamon was rightly declared an innocent victim after a new investigation into his death by the HET a couple of weeks ago. Even though the announcement was decades overdue, it was welcome. In response, the Copeland family told the North Belfast News they had began a campaign and legal proceedings into the murder of their father. Johnny's son, Eddie (who himself survived a murder attempt by a British soldier in1993) told the newspaper that they are seeking a similar investigation. Ardoyne Republican commends the Copeland Clann in their quest for the truth.

SIX COUNTY SPEAKER FOR SÉAN SABHAT LIMERICK COMMEMORATION

The annual Séan Sabhat commemoration will take place at the Republican Plot in Mount St. Lawrence cemetery, Mulgrave Street, Limerick on Sunday 2nd January 2011.

The Secretary of the Organising Committee, Joe Lynch from Beechgrove Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston in Limerick said today that the oration will be given by Mick MacManus from County Fermanagh. We are pleased that this well-known Republican figure from the Occupied Six Counties has agreed to be the main speaker at the Limerick commemoration.

The life and death of Sean South from Garryowen holds an iconic place in the recent history of Irish Republicanism and he is a role model for many young people today. The Limerick event will be chaired by Des Long, the author *of Awakening the Spirit of Freedom,* a book on Séan Sabhat published to mark the 50th anniversary of the famous Brookborough Raid on New Year's Eve in 1957 during the IRA's Operation Harvest. The public are cordially invited to attend at the Commemoration. Assemble at Bedford Row in Limerick city centre at 1.45 pm for parade to Mount St. Lawrence cemetery.



Pictured above, the Republican Plot, Mount St. Lawrence cemetery, Limerick, burial place of republican martyr Séan Sabhat.

Section 30 - KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACT 1939 (SECTION 30): ARREST AND DETENTION OF SUSPECTED PERSONS – LEGAL TEXT.

Section 30.—

(1) A member of the Gárda Síochána (if he is not in uniform on production of 'his identification card if demanded) may without warrant stop, search, interrogate, and arrest any person, or do any one or more of those things in respect of any person, whom he suspects of having committed or being about to commit or being or having been concerned in the commission of an offence under any section or sub-section of this Act or an offence which is for the time being a scheduled offence for the purposes of Part V of this Act or whom he suspects of carrying a document relating to the commission or intended commission of any such offence as aforesaid or whom he suspects of being in possession of information relating to the commission or intended commission of any such offence as aforesaid.

(2) Any member of the Gárda Síochána (if he is not in uniform on production of his identification card if demanded) may, for the purpose of the exercise of any of the powers conferred by the next preceding sub-section of this section, stop and search (if necessary by force) any vehicle or any ship, boat, or other vessel which he suspects to contain a person whom he is empowered by the said sub-section to arrest without warrant.

(3) Whenever a person is arrested under this section, he may be removed to and detained in custody in a Gárda Síochána station, a prison, or some other convenient place for a period of twenty-four hours from the time of his arrest and may, if an officer of the Gárda Síochána not below the rank of Chief Superintendent so directs, be so detained for a further period of twenty-four hours.

(4) A person detained under the next preceding sub-section of this section may, at any time during such detention, be charged before the District Court or a Special Criminal Court with an offence or be released by direction of an officer of the Gárda Síochána, and shall, if not so charged or released, be released at the expiration of the detention authorised by the said sub-section.

(5) A member of the Gárda Síochána may do all or any of the following things in respect of a person detained under this section, that is to say:— (a) demand of such person his name and address; (b) search such person or cause him to be searched; (c) photograph such person or cause him to be photographed; (d) take, or cause to be taken, the fingerprints of such person.

(6) Every person who shall obstruct or impede the exercise in respect of him by a member of the Gárda Síochána of any of the powers conferred by the next preceding sub-section of this section or shall fail or refuse to give his name and address or shall give, in response to any such demand, a name or an address which is false or misleading shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

KEY INFORMATION- YOUR RIGHTS:

An arrest is the apprehending or restraining of a person to bring that person to a District Court within a reasonable time.

You cannot be arrested for the purpose of gathering evidence or 'helping the Gardaí with their enquiries'.

You must be told why you are being arrested, for example, because you are suspected of having stolen goods. However, if you are arrested under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act 1939, you do not have to be told exactly why you are being arrested; you need only be told that you are being arrested under that section. If you go voluntarily to a Garda station to assist the Gardaí with their enquiries and are subjected to questioning or interrogation, you must be told and it must be clear to you that you are free to leave the station at any time unless you are arrested.

Often an arrest is on foot of a warrant. However, a warrant is not always necessary.

Rules - Arrest without a warrant

You may be arrested without a warrant when a Garda, with reasonable cause, suspects that an arrestable offence has been committed and that you are guilty of the offence. An 'arrestable offence' is an offence for which the penalty, for a person who has no previous convictions, can be 5 years imprisonment or more.

Specific laws give the Gardaí specific powers of arrest as well. For example, a Garda can arrest you under the Road Traffic Acts without a warrant if he/she suspects that you are committing an offence in relation to drinking and driving.

Entry and search of a premises to carry out an arrest.

If a Garda has obtained a warrant to arrest you, he or she may enter and search any premises where he or she suspects you to be. He or she must identify himself or herself, demand entry and state why he or she is there. If the Garda is refused entry, he or she may break open outer and inner doors to get in.

When a Garda does not have an arrest warrant, he or she may enter and search any premises where he or she, with reasonable cause, suspects you to be.

However, if the premises is a dwelling and he or she does not have the permission of the person who lives in the dwelling, the Garda cannot enter unless :

• You live at the dwelling

• The Garda has seen you inside or entering the dwelling or

• The Garda, with reasonable cause, suspects that before he or she can get an arrest warrant, you will either abscond or you will obstruct the course of justice or

• He or she, with reasonable cause, suspects that before he or she can get an arrest warrant, you will commit an offence.

Manner of Arrest

Force can only be used to make an arrest if it is absolutely necessary. When a Garda arrests you, he or she will actually touch your body or otherwise restrain your liberty. If you are arrested on a criminal charge, you must be informed at the time you are arrested of the charge unless this is very clear (for example, if you are arrested while committing an offence). After you have been charged, the Garda must caution you with the following words: "You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence."
When you are brought to the Garda station, details of the offence must be set out in a 'charge sheet'. A copy of the details must be given to you. The Garda will formally charge you by reading each charge over to you and you will be cautioned after each charge is read out. The Garda must keep a note of any reply you make.

Search of the Arrested Person A Garda may search you after your arrest and take • articles that he or she believes to be connected with, or evidence relating to, the offence charged or • articles that he or she believes to be connected with, or evidence relating to, some other offence or • articles that you might use to injure another person or property or to escape.

Procedure after Arrest Once you are charged and cautioned, you must be • released on bail by the member in charge of the station (a form of bail known as station bail) • transferred from the Garda Station to the District Court as soon as reasonably possible. If you are arrested after 5 p.m. you may be brought to the District Court as early as possible before noon the following day. At the District Court, you may be released on bail or remanded in custody by the judge.

Only in certain specific circumstances may you be detained in a Garda Station for a length of time before being brought to court. Under the Criminal Justice Act 1984, you may be detained in a Garda Station for up to 12 hours.

The offence of which you are suspected must be one that may be punished by imprisonment for at least 5 years. The 12 hour period runs from the time of your arrest but you may agree to a rest period between 12 midnight and 8 am and this will not be included in the 12 hours.

In general, if you are arrested you do not have to say anything. However, if you are detained under the Criminal Justice Act 1984 you must tell the Gardaí your name and address. The Gardaí have no general power to take fingerprints or make forensic tests.

They may do these things if you consent or if they have specific power under specific laws, for example, under the Offences Against the State Act or the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act of 1976. Under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act you may be detained for up to 48 hours before being brought to Court. If you are detained you must be informed of your right to consult a solicitor.

Immunity from Arrest

• Ambassadors and their suites and other diplomatic agents who represent foreign governments while living in this country cannot be arrested.

• Members of each House of the Oireachtas cannot be arrested while going to, returning from and within the confines of either House of the Oireachtas, except in the case of treason, felony or breach of peace.

ALWAY CONTACT YOUR SOLICITOR

Log all stops, searches, threats or other harassment. Additionally, notify human rights groups and agencies such as the; Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC)
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REPUBLICAN YOUTH RESIST BRITISH RULE



STUDENTS PAYING PRICE *OF CRIMINAL BANKERS*

Struggling students are now paying for the crimes of a corrupt Fianna Fail and Green party Administration and for the criminal bankers, a spokesman for Republican Sinn Fein in Kerry said today.

John Sheehy from Clounmacon, Listowel, the local RSF chairman said the increases in fees will price education beyond the means of ordinary people and will become the preserve of those with money.

We believe that getting into college should be based on a person's educational results, not on the amount of money they or their parents have. Of course we fully support the and of the students on this issue but have to condemn the heavy policing tactics that led to confrontation.

The fact is students are campaigning for the most basic right to education and they are entitled to make their protest without the fear of being beaten off the streets by the police.

In fact the reaction of the students in the main has been constrained in comparison to protests by workers in other European countries. The reality is that the future education of students is being compromised because of the criminality of the Irish banking sector yet to date the police have failed to exert the same force against the bankers as that employed against the students.

The Free State is now attacking the future of the country by imposing these new increases on students and in the long term it will price education beyond ordinary people. In turn this development will lead to an even longer dole queue.

Court reserves judgment in trial of man accused of IRA membership

The Special Criminal Court has reserved judgment in the case of a 68-year-old Dublin man accused of IRA membership.

Barry Fitzpatrick, who represented himself during his trial, has denied membership of an illegal organisation, styling itself on the Irish Republican Army, otherwise Oglaigh na hÉireann, otherwise the IRA, in January last year.

The court heard that Fitzpatrick, of Ashlawn Park, Ballybrack, was arrested on January 4, 2009, after gardaí had observed him for several hours driving his grey Honda Accord between the Silver Tassie pub and an apartment complex in Loughlinstown, in the company of two men.

He also drove in convoy with a green Honda Civic car, which was later stopped and searched by members of the Special Detective Unit, who discovered two ME .38 calibre sportwaffen revolvers and ammunition in the vehicle.

Gardaí intercepted and arrested Fitzpatrick as he tried to gain access to the "Ramparts" apartment block in Loughlinstown, just after 10pm that night.

As they were executing a search warrant, a man emerged carrying a hold-all which was found to contain five revolvers identical to the type discovered during the search of the green Honda Civic.

During the case, presiding judge Mr Justice Paul Butler, observed that a senior Garda witness, Chief Superintendent Peter Kirwan, had failed to affirm whether he believed Fitzpatrick was a member of an illegal organisation.

The Chief Superintendent had told the court he believed Fitzpatrick was an IRA member based on confidential information given to him, but not based on any information gleaned from his arrest and detention.

At the conclusion of evidence , Mr Justice Butler asked Fitzpatrick if he wished to call any witnesses or give a sworn statement to the court.

"I don't really have anything else to contribute," Fitzpatrick replied. There were no closing speeches in the case as the prosecution does not have the right to close a trial in circumstances where the accused is unrepresented.

Fitzpatrick was asked if he wished to say anything to the court, but he replied: "I'm happy as it is."

The court reserved judgment in the case to a date later in the month and remanded Fitzpatrick on continuing bail.

Thankyou

We would like to thank all the supporters and members, both old and new, of the Republican Movement for their continued support over the past year, Go raibh maith agat from the Republican Movement, Newry

In Memory

90th anniversary of the Egyptian Arch ambush which took place on the 12th December 1920, Volunteers William Canning, John Francis O'Hare and Lieutenant Peter Shields Óglaigh na hÉireann. Always remembered with pride by the Republican Movement, Newry

Óglaigh Edward Grant and Brendan Quinn, Newry Brigade Óglaigh na hÉireann, Killed in action on Christmas 1973. Always remembered with pride by the Republican Movement Newry

Comhbhrón

It was with sad regret that the Republican movement Limerick heard of the death of Jack Moore.

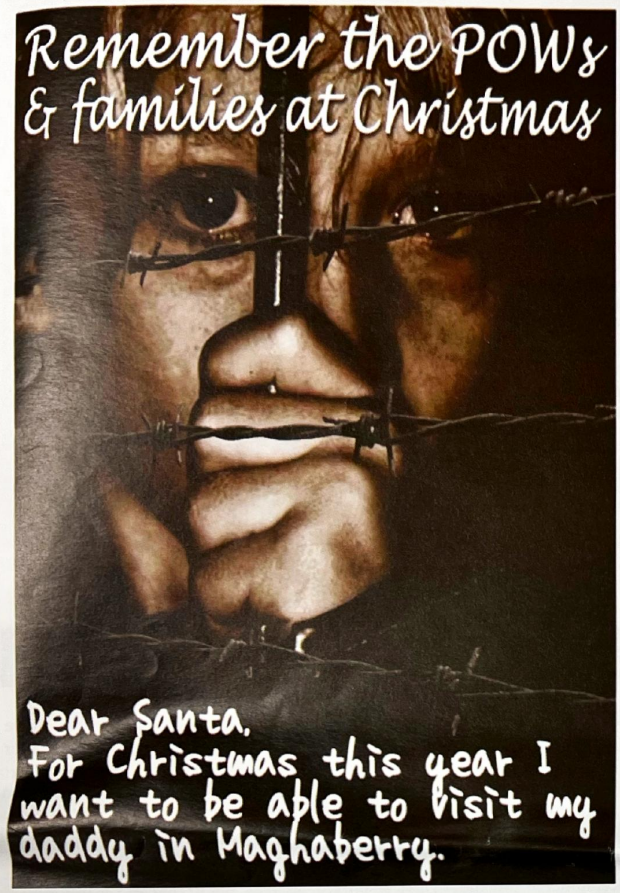
Jack Joined the Republican Movement in the 70's and moved to England with his wife and family in 1989 to seek work. Jack and his family settled in Tottenham, England. He remained a true republican until his passing on the 10th of December 2010

Jack had recently written a letter to Séan O'Neill of Limerick RSF asking Séan to send him on a republican calendar and a copy of *Saoirse Nua*.

He will be sadly missed by all that knew him. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, sons and daughters.

Ar dheis Láimh Dé go raibh a anam

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.'s



Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Republican Sinn Fein Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Tommy and Ann Crossan Belfast.

Christmas greetings to all Republican P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Tommy and Ann Crossan Belfast .

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from John and kelly Nolan Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Paul and Kathleen McLaughlin Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Kieran and Michele Mackessy Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from John and Rita Mullholland Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Beefy and all the lads Ballamena.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from David MaCallister and family Ballamena.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Brian MaCallister and family Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from the MaCallister family Carnlough.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Gavin and Ciara Kennedy Carnlough.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Tony and lisa O'Boyle strabane.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Gerard and Paula Crossan Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from the Crossan family Belfast.

Christmas greetings to all Republican P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from the Crossan family Belfast.

Christmas greetings to the Continuity P.O.W.s in Maghaberry and Portlaoise jails from Paul and Theresa Collins & family Belfast and Derry.

CONTINUITY REPUBLICAN POW's E1

Portlaoise Jail would like to send greetings to our comrades in Maghaberry Jail. Also our family and friends and to all those who supported us throughout the year, especially to our prison rep's Joe Lynch and Phil Heneghan.

Greetings to the leadership of the Continuity IRA, we stand fully with you at this time. We think of our fallen comrades and those brave soldiers who died on hunger strike, from Thomas Ashe to Mickey Devine. We hope we will have unity of all true republicans for the final push against the British presence in our country. Onward to victory! – From the Continuity POW's, Portlaoise Jail. AN PHOBLACHT ABÚ!

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Republican POWs incarcerated in Portlaoise and Maghberry. From the Republican Movement, Newry

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Republican POWs incarcerated in Portlaoise and Maghaberry. From Malachy and Paula Maguire, Newry

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Republican POWs incarcerated in Portlaoise and Maghaberry. From Colly and Jacqueline Winters, Newry

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Republican POWs incarcerated in Portlaoise and Maghaberry. From Newry Republican Youth.

Christmas and New Year greetings to Ken O'Rielly POW E1. Portlaoise Jail. From Joe and Nora Lynch

Christmas and New Year greetings to Ken O'Rielly Portlaoise Jail and all Continuity POW's from Mick Hanley and family, Limerick.

Christmas and New Year greetings to my nephew Ken O'Rielly and all Republican prisoners E1, from your Aunt Mary

Christmas and New Year greetings to Ken O'Rielly Continuity POW and all Republican prisoners from Ger and Patrick Brommell, Mick Ryan, the Kiely family, Dave Cleary, Eddie Connery, Séan O'Neill, Johnny O'Brien, Christopher Maloney, Mark and Rose Bennis, Dean Coleman, Joe Benson, Angela Maloney and Mick Benn & family.

Christmas and New Year greetings to Ken O'Rielly POW Portlaoise Jail, from Joe, Denise and Rachel Lynch

Christmas and New Year greetings to my nephew Ken O'Rielly and all Republican prisoners from Phil and Catherine Henegan, Mallow Co. Cork, Séan McGann, Wife & family, Broadford Co. Limerick.

Christmas and New Year greetings to my husband Barry O'Brien, POW Portlaoise Jail, thinking of you always Barry from your wife Ann and family XXX

Christmas and New Year greetings to Ken O'Rielly POW Portlaoise Jail, from your partner Lorna Waterford and all your friends that love you XXX

Christmas greetings to my husband David Murphy POW Portlaoise Jail. Dave, we miss you every day love from your wife and family Dundalk XXX

Christmas greetings to my husband Dean Byrne, POW Portlaoise Jail, Dean they have you in their jail but we have you in our hearts, love uou, from your wife and family XXX

Christmas greetings to Stephen Veerhoven POW Portlaoise Jail E1. Love you always from your wife and family Dublin XXX

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Continuity POW's Portlaoise and Maghaberry from Des, Annette and Niamh Long, Limerick.

Christmas greetings to all Continuity POW's Portlaoise and Maghaberry from the Republican Movement, Limerick City.

Christmas and New Year greetings to all Continuity POW's Portlaoise and Maghaberry from Brugh Sabhat Cumman, Limerick City. Sands Hurson Cumman Limerick City, Smith O'Brien Cumman West Limerick. James Connolly Cumman, Co. Clare. Gaughan Stagg McSwinney Cumman Mallow Co. Cork. O'Sullivan Enright Cumman Listowel Co. Kerry.

...MÁLA POIST... MÁLA POIST... MÁLA POIST... MÁLA POIST...

FORCED TO LEAVE

Up to 58,000 young jobseekers are likely to emigrate in next 12 months

The initial findings of a study* conducted by NYCI in October with jobseekers aged 18-25 found that 70% of them indicated it was likely they would emigrate in the next year unless their prospects in Ireland improved. In October, the number of young people on the Live Register stood at almost over 83,000 and based on these figures we could see up to 58,000 young people being forced to emigrate. These figures do not take into account the number of young people who may plan to leave Ireland following graduation from college or training and are not on the Live Register.

This is the legacy of miss-management from the Fainna Failure party. Yet again the brunt of the hardship created will be directed at the poorest and most venerable in society. The leader of this elite band of criminals, Brian Cowan has taken a 14,000 euro pay cut which still leaves him as one of the best paid political leaders in the world

-Brendan Casey
Co. Donegal

COLLUDING WITH COLLUSION

People can sleep soundly in their beds tonight. safe in the knowledge that the RUC and the Gardaí are looking out for them. Or can they? It is becoming increasingly obvious that vast sums of money are being spent to curtail the "so called" rise of true republicanism. This is at a time when health, education, minimum wage, pensions etc. are being slashed in what is increasingly being referred to as austerity measures i.e. rob the poor to pay the rich.
In what we now know to be the most anti working class budget in history, there is no mention of how much is being spent on the so called security budget (or in lay mans terms the black ops budget).Recently we have seen a convicted criminal taken into custody after being unmasked as an informer. This begs many questions **1**. How many other criminals are being paid by both states to inform or even entrap republicans **2**. How much do they get paid? **3**. Where did the money come from? My view is that we will never know. The reason....security stupid. Now some people would sleep sounder knowing that there are good decent cops on the beat looking after their interests. Me, I'm a bit more sceptical.

Time has proven that absolute power corrupts absolutely, and in the case of these agencies I believe this to be true. We have seen in the Morris Tribunal just how rotten the guards can be, and as all republicans have known [pre wiki leaks] the RUC was in collusion with, and often ran loyalist murder gangs. So now in this era of seamless cross border co operation we can all sleep sounder knowing that two wrongs can make a right and that there will be no more people framed ,no more perjured evidence from unreliable witnesses and everything will be rosy in the garden...or can we? .....sleep softly children because you tread on my dreams.....

-Francis Martin
Dublin 1

BRITS BACK ON STREETS

It has been reported that the British army and RUC are conducting patrols in north Belfast. Patrols were spotted in the Ardoyne and Cliftonville areas. Local people report seeing them checking lane-ways and entrances. These operations have happened in Lurgan and Derry also. This gives way to the lie that the British army are gone, the British army are here to back up and enforce British rule and will be until such time as they are forced to leave.

Belfast Republican

RUC USE CHILDREN AS A WEAPON

For the second time in one week the RUC / PSNI have targeted children in what is now seen as an integral part of the Brit war machine. The RUC /PSNI raided a house in Creggan while the family was attending the funeral of a relative, once inside they confiscated mobile phones under the pretext of security despite the fact that the phones were brand new and wrapped. On the 18th of December a car was searched ,also part of a harassment campaign, while the car was being searched they also searched a young girl who was travelling in the car in minus 7 conditions stating they were looking for munitions and or transmitters. This is what Shame Fein calls a new dispensation for policing We as republicans know all too well that if you are opposed to British rule in this country no such dispensation exists. We who reject the RUC / PSNI will always face harassment until the Brits and there lackeys are driving from these shores.

Derry Republican

Send your letters to MÁLA POIST: saoirsenua@live.ie

Crown Forces Target Newry Republicans

Over the past few weeks RUC/PSNI harassment has gone into overdrive in the Newry area. Members of the Republican Movement and other Republicans *have been targeted in the city whilst going about their daily business.*
Stop and searches are a common occurrence in the city with Republicans being constantly searched harassed, threatened, arrested and even assaulted. According to the Crown forces own statistics 538 people were stopped and searched in Newry & Mourne under British government legislation during a 3 month period from 1st July and 30th September this year.(But bear in mind that statistic is actually higher as it only includes those who received a stop and search slip.)

Recently, In a more sinister incident, a member of the Republican Movement in Newry was returning home from holidays with his wife. He was stopped by members of the Crown Forces in the airport and taken to a room while his wife was taken to a separate room.

Whilst, the Republican was being interrogated the plainclothes officer asked the Republican did he remember him. The Republican then realised that he was previously targeted by the very same officer in Newry where he had previously tried to recruit him as an informer, he was offered a large sum of money on both occasions. In fact, in the airport, the interrogator went to the lengths of placing the large sum of money on the table in front him. Needless to say the Republican did not take the Saxon shilling.

We urge anyone who has been approached by the Crown Forces or indeed the Free State in similar circumstances to contact the Republican Movement.

Also over the past few weeks the RUC/PSNI have been observed keeping Republicans under surveillance in Newry. These sinister covert operations are common place all across the Occupied 6 counties and we have no doubt that British Army units, such as the sinister SAS linked SRR, are also involved in such operations.

The Crown Forces have clearly haven't learnt the age old lesson that "It's not those who inflict the most, but those who endure the most who will conquer"

This upsurge in the targeting of Republicans has been met with an upsurge in resistance. Republican youths in the Derrybeg, Carnaget and Springfarm areas of Newry have been constantly engaging in acts of resistance whenever the Crown Forces enter these areas. We salute the Republican youths who are defending their areas from imperialist aggression, and long may it continue!

RSF WARN ON CHRISTMAS MONEY LENDERS IN CORK

A festive warning to people to try to avoid illegal moneylenders in the run up to Christmas has been issued by a spokesman for Republican Sinn Fein in Cork. Phil Heneghan from Mallow, the RSF chairman in Cork said that the current difficult economic climate for most families will place extra financial strain on them over the Christmas.

The upcoming festive season is at time when financial pressure builds on parents and families and many hard pressed people are forced to borrow money.

While the licensed money lenders are allowed to charge huge interest rates, the dark side of the current economic downturn is the growth of illegal money lenders.

In many estates and housing schemes in Cork city and county desperate parents are turning to the moneylenders in a bid to make ends meet at the Christmas time. The withdrawal of the Christmas double social welfare payment has plunged many families into even deeper poverty and these are the people targeted by the moneylenders.

By imposing cuts on the poorest sector in our society in order to pay for the criminal actions of the bankers, this Fianna Fail and Green Party Administration is increasing the level of dire poverty in Cork.

ELDERLY PAYING THE PRICE FOR CRIMINAL BANKERS

The current political debate in relation to cuts in pension payments to senior citizens simply exposes the ongoing hypocrisy of the main political parties, a spokesman for Republican Sinn Fein in Limerick said today.

Joe Lynch, from Beechgrove Avenue in Ballinacurra Weston, the RSF chairman in the city said that the most fear in relation to cuts is being imposed on pensioners who are on a non-contributory payment. There are different pension payments but the most vulnerable are people who are drawing a non-contributory pension and they fear that they have the most to lose in any budget cutback.

While many people are on private pension plans and indeed may have pensions from their years in employment, the fact is the most in need will be hit by any social welfare cutback.

Yet again it is the most vulnerable and financially insecure who are being hit to pay for the current economic crisis all caused by the banking sector and the politicians who allowed it.

It is unfair to hit old age pensioners who already merely exist on meagre payments.

The time is fast approaching when the public will have to take a stand against the cuts being imposed on the most deprived section of our society.

REPORT FROM LIAM KENNY: R.S.F. DUBLIN - (BOBBY SANDS / KEVIN BARRY CUMANN)

It was reported on TV3 on Thurs 16th Dec 2010 that on average 1 funeral per month is related to Drugs either Overdose or Suicide. Also, that there are only 28 DETOX BEDS for 15'000 ADDICTS on a waiting list.

Say NO TO DRUGS! Say NO to that "First Bag". The Drug Dealer will tell you that one bag is a bit of fun - 'A bit of Craic'. This bit of craic WILL DESTROY your way of life as you know it. It WILL DESTROY your families way of life.

The DRUG DEALER will not tell you that in a short time YOU WILL be STRUNG OUT. That YOU WILL be begging outside shops, that YOU WILL rob your family & friends. And YOU WILL lose your family & friends. YOU WILL lose respect for YOURSELF and those around you.

The DRUGS WILL become your God and your DRUG DEALER Will become your Satan. Think of all the young people that have LOST THEIR LIVES in the DRUG SCENE in the last 10 years. I'm sure you know someone who has lost a family member to Drugs and Drug Dealers.

PLEASE SAY NO TO DRUGS.

HERE ARE A FEW PLACES RECOMMENDED IF YOU NEED HELP:

Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme (CASP)

Ballyowen Meadows
Fonthill Rd
Clondalkin

Tel: (01) 623 8000/ 623 8030

Fax: (01) 467 0467

Email: casp@iol.ie

Description of Project:

CASP provides a range of treatment options for drug users including detox and maintenance treatment programmes, counselling, family therapy, support, urinalysis, aftercare, health care, referral if appropriate and complementary therapies. Support groups are hosted including a women's group, men's group, groups for young drug users and people at risk and various family support groups.

Opening Hours:

Monday 11- 8.30

Tuesday 9.30- 5.30 & 7-9pm

Wednesday 9.30- 5.30 & 7-9pm

Thursday 9.30- 7pm

Friday 9.30- 5.30

CUMAS

Unit 1-2 Neilstown Shopping Centre

Neilstown Road, Clondalkin

Tel: (01) 457 3515

Fax: (01) 457 3122

Email: cumasproject@eircom.net

Description of Project:

Cumas provides support to Grandparents, Parents and Siblings of drug users. It also provides information and advice on drug related issues.

Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 9-5pm

Groups for young people and children take place on Wednesday & Tursday evenings until 7pm.

HSE DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES:

Aisling Clinic

Drug Treatment Centre

Cherry Orchard Hospital

Dublin 10

Tel: (01) 620 6010

Fax: (01) 626 2487

Services Include:

Counselling, support and referral, opiate detoxification, methadone maintenance, HIV testing, stabilization, outreach and needle exchange.

Opening Hours:

Contact the centre between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday for details of clinic times.

Fortune House

Drug Treatment Centre

Cherry Orchard Hospital

Dublin 10

Tel: (01) 620 6030

Fax: (01) 623 7358

Services include:

Outpatient detoxification for opiate use, a structured programme which includes, counselling, group work, family work, medical treatment and referral to rehabilitation services.

Opening Hours:

Contact the centre between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday for details of clinic times.

Tel: (01) 620 6030

URGENT NEED FOR UNITY ON REPUBLICAN IDEALS

Unite against the tag criminal and traitor

By The Galtee Mountain Boy

The very future of the Republican Movement is now threatened by the series of events unfolding north and south of the border. The devolution of police and justice powers is seen as a milestone on the road to a stable and acceptable entity to be known as Northern Ireland.

The ongoing normalisation of British rule throughout the entire island of Ireland continues apace and underlines the current moves of London, Dublin and Stormont to consign the traditional aspiration of the Irish nation to a united Ireland to the dustbin of history.

The combined forces of the British, Irish and Stormont administrations are now ranged against the aims of the Republican Movement and Republicans who oppose the Stormont Agreement are now described as terrorist criminals.

The demonisation of Republicans who adhere to the traditional principles of Irish Republicanism – namely to break the connection with England – is designed to isolate and gradually suffocate the Movement.

With the use of vast sums of money and the latest technology plus the placing of agents, the police and security services serve their political masters in trying to quench the thirst of freedom among Irish Republicans – and while it may have worked with the Provisional's, there still remains today considerable opposition to this process. In fact the recent military operations of Republicans has shaken the political establishment and demonstrated that there are still means and methods available to Republicans who wish to take action against the British presence.

The most glaring difference today is that those who support the new entity of Northern Ireland, the Unionists, the Loyalists, the SDLP and Provisional Sinn Fein are united in their determination to protect their interest and to ensure that anyone who opposes the Stormont Agreement is demonised, isolated and condemned.

Whereas those who still adhere to traditional Republican principles are fragmented, broken into various groupings, engage in verbal warfare over minor issues and fail to present a coherent and effective strategy for tackling the British presence.

Partition still exists, the border has not gone away you know – and many many nationalists and republicans are now gradually realising the extent of the Provisional surrender and sell out as it becomes increasingly clear that very little has changed and there is no road map for a united Ireland.

In fact if anything a united Ireland seems to be off the political agenda for the foreseeable future.

While those who support the Stormont Agreement are solid and united in their stance, the opposing Republicans are divided and diverse and driven apart by a deliberate strategy devised by the Provisional's. This strategy is to fracture the Movement – to render it into factions and then gradually isolate and criminalise them.

Therefore it is time to set about a campaign of Republican unity. There is still a groundswell of support for the ideals of the Republican Movement.

The methods of achieving these goals must involve a return to basic traditional principles.

The question that has to be asked is not a person's former membership of any organisation but his or her commitment to the traditional ideals of the Republican Movement.

A person who adheres to the basic principle that the connection with England must be broken and is prepared to work to that end is qualified to play a role in the struggle for national self-determination because that objective is the spear head of the Republican Movement.

It is only when there is a new unity on traditional Republican principles that progress will be made in once again harnessing the support of people for the objective of the Movement.

A right to national self-determination can never be crushed or criminalized. The ideal of a united Ireland is a legitimate aspiration.

The lessons of history teach us that as long as the British occupy part of Ireland there will be resistance to that occupation.

It is now time for that resistance to merge in rejecting the tag of criminal and traitor and to unite both politically and militarily to advance the age old objective of Irish Republicanism.

DAONÁIREAMH NA BLIANA 1851 AGUS AN GHAEILGE. CUID A DO: GEARRFHÉACHAINT AR AN MHUMHAN

Le Séamus Ó Súilleabháin.

Mar a scríobhais sa céad eagrán den pháipéar seo bhí 815,249 daoine ag a raibh an Ghaeilge ó dhúchas acu in a gcónaí i gCúige na Mumhan sa blian 1851 nó 53.48% de Gaeilgeoirí iomlán na tire. I gContae an Chláir bhí 126,996 Gaeilgeóirí no 60% den daonra. Díobh siúd bhí 25,446 nach raibh ábalta Béarla a labhairt. Bhí tromlach láidir san iarthar ach bhí an teanga náisiúnta ag lagú taobh le Tiobraid Árann agus cóngarach do cathair Luimnigh. Ar an dtaobh ó dheas den Sionainn bhí 77,982 Gaeilgeóirí ó dhúchas i Luimneach no 37% den daonra. Ní raibh Béarla ag 7,113 díobh. Cé go raibh an teanga i ngach áit sa contae bhí sí níos láidre ar na sléibhte thiar sa lár deisceart agus taobh leis na Gailtí. Bhí an Ghaeilge go fíor láidir i gCiarraí mar bhí 19% den daonra gan Béarla. As 146,498 Gaeilgeóirí bhí 44,455 gan an teanga gallda.

Thart ar dTralaí agus Oileán Ciarraí agus áiteanna sa tuaisceart bhi an Béarla ag neartú ach i ngach áit eile bhi an Ghaeilge ag seasaimh go maith. Bhí 61% den daonra ina gcainteóirí dúchas. Idir cathair Corcaí agus an contae bhí 306415 daoine ag a raibh an Ghaeilge ón gcliabháin. Ach amháin an trian atá ag leathnú amach o cathair Corcaí go dtí teorann Luimnigh bhí an Ghaeilge go fíor láidir i gCorcaigh. Bhí an mórdúthaí taobh thiar de line o Cathair Chorcaí go dTralaí beagnach ina bfíor Gaeltacht. Mar an gcéanna leis an oirthir taobh thoir de line o Corcaigh to teorann thiar thuaisceart Portláirge. Ins na Déise bhí 86,823 Gaeilgeóirí, 21,845 gan Béarla. Bhí an teanga go laidir ach amháin taobh leis an gcathair. I dTiobraid Árann bhí 62,764 leis an dteanga náisiúnta ach ní raibh ach 728 gan Béarla. Bhí si láidir go leor san iardeisceart ach beagnach imithe san tuairsceart. Bhí beirt easpag sa cúige a bhí i bfábhair an teanga náisiúnta Con Mac Eagáin (1780-1856) Ciarraí agus Seán O Murchú (1772-1847) Corcaigh agus An Cluain. Tá toradh a dhea-obair le feiscint ins na figiúirí.

Ní raibh meas madra ar an Ghaeilge ag an chuid is mó des na sagairt óg a bhí ag teacht amach as Manuad leis an meon gallda agus an léann nua. Tá litir i gcóip d'Irisleabhar na Gaedhilge a foilsaiodh céad blian ó shoin a thugann cúntas ar an gcéad uair ar chualadh an scríobhnóir Béarla ón altóir I Seipéal CillMhichíl I gContae an Chláir. Paróiste bocht daoiniúil fíor Gaelach a bhí ann, ag an am sin suite ar an bpríomh bothair ó Inis go Cill Rois. Domhnach amháin tháinigh daoine saibhre ón oirthir isteach sa Séipéal don aifreann. Bhíodar ag taisteal go dtí an gcósta. Nuair a chonaic an sagart na daoine maithe diompaigh sé ar an mBéarla. Bhí an-diomá ar mhuintir na háite. Tharla eachtraí mar seo i ngach pharóiste sa Mhumhan



Christmas Greetings to all our members and supporters at home and abroad and especially to the P.O.W.'s and their families.

Nollaig faoi shéan is faaoi mhaise

JOIN RSF BELFAST

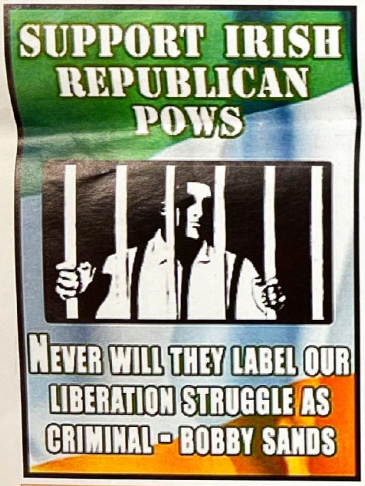
Today more than ever the age old aspiration of the Irish people to a united Ireland is under threat from political forces that campaign for the normalisation of British rule throughout the entire island of Ireland.

The fact is our country is divided – partition is still in existence and the division is maintained by armed British forces – while Republicans are painted criminals and terrorists for opposing the Stormont Deal!



We wish to see a united Ireland based on a new federal system that takes account of the rights of all people but the British have to declare their intention to withdraw from our country.

Republican Sinn Fein is to the forefront of this national campaign and you can contact the local cumann at the following email:tommyrpow@hotmail.co.uk



December is the prisoners month, so we ask our members and supporters to remember the prisoners and their dependants this Christmas SUPPORT THE POW'S







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