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# Orange Thugs Kill Again!

## SUMMARY EXECUTION!

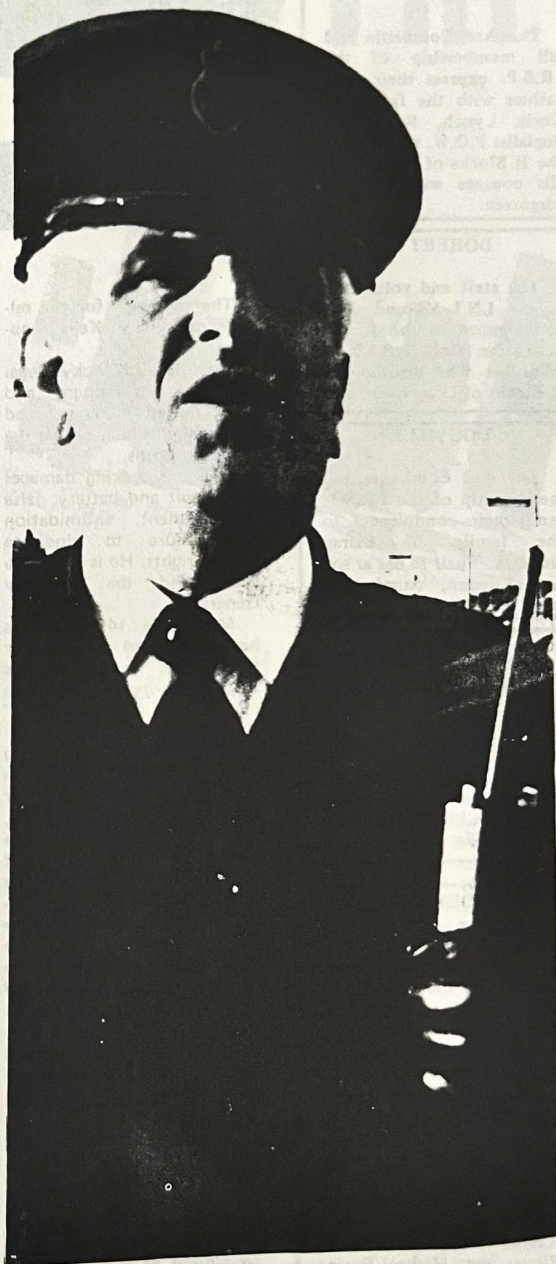
That's what Nationalists in the 6 Counties face from the RUC and UDR.

On Saturday July 30th Martin Malone became the fourth member of the Nationalist community to be murdered by the forces of the RUC/UDR in the past few months.

His "crime" was that he was a nationalist like Tony Harker, Seamus Grew and Roddy Carroll. He was gunned down to prove that Orange supremacy still exists.

These murders are the logical extension of the "ulsterisation" policies of the British government — where responsibility for keeping the croppies down is given to these loyalist paramilitaries.

The UDR are simply the B. Specials in different uniforms. Same personnel and same attitudes — keep the Fenians down. The RUC is little different.



Both seek to preserve the Orange statelet and will stop at nothing to do so.

Despite all the window dressing and claims by the SDLP and "Lord Fitt" nothing has changed.

And the message to nationalists is that nothing will — until Britain is driven from this island, the Orange apparatus dismantled and a United Democratic Socialist Republic established.



#### LYNCH

The staff and volunteers of the Irish National Liberation Army send their heart felt condolences to the family of Kevin Lynch, Republican Socialist Volunteer who died in the struggle for Irish Freedom and Justice.

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The Ard Comhairle and full membership of the I.R.S.P. express their sympathies with the family of Kevin Lynch, Republican Socialist P.O.W. who died in the H Blocks of Long Kesh. His courage will never be forgotten.

#### DOHERTY

The staff and volunteers of the I.N.L.A. send their condolences to the family of Ciaran Doherty, I.R.A. volunteer who died in the H Blocks of Long Kesh.

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The Ard Comhairle and membership of the I.R.S.P. send their condolences to the family of Ciaran Doherty. Fuair se bas ar son na hEireann, cuimhníodh muid le brod.

#### McILLWEE

Tom McIlwee, I.R.A. freedom fighter who died on hunger strike for National Liberation. The staff and volunteers of the I.N.L.A. send their sympathies to his family. Tiocfaidh an bua.

#### DEVINE

The Ard Comhairle of the I.R.S.P. sends its condolences to the family of Micky Devine, Republican Socialist who gave his life for human dignity. We will always remember with pride.

Cuirimid ar bron dona clainn de Kevin Lynch, Ciaran Doherty, Tom McIlwee agus Michael Devine. Tiocfaidh ar la. From the Irish Republican Socialist P.O.W.'s.



# FREE NICKY KELLY

The campaign for the release of Nicky Kelly continues.

On July 27th Nicky's legal representatives sought and were granted liberty to plead in the High Court during the coming months.

Nicky is seeking damages for assault and battery, false imprisonment, intimidation and failure to vindicate human rights. He is suing the State and the Attorney General.

Meanwhile 145 solicitors have petitioned the Minister for Justice "to exercise his legal authority to direct the release of Eamon 'Nicky' Kelly from custody."

The Free State Justice Minister, Michael Noonan, in reply to numerous appeals for the release of Nicky Kelly, has said that to intervene would constitute "an insult to the judiciary" — (that he has) "no authority to examine evidence adjudicated on by the court — (that) to act on the basis that the courts may have erred would be an abuse of his position." He has implied that to release Nicky Kelly would create a possible constitutional conference.

This is nonsense.

To quote members of the Faculty of Law, University College Dublin, *The right of the Executive to pardon those who have been wrongly convicted has long been recognised as a fundamental constitutional principle. Nor should the Government by shy of stating that the courts have made a mistake. No court including the Supreme Court is infallible in matters of law.*

#### Mr. Noonan

The Minister is empowered to release Nicky Kelly under Article 13.6 of Bunreacht na hEireann, Section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1951 and Section 33(1) of the Offences Against the State Act, 1939 which states that the Government may at their absolute discretion at any time remit in whole or in part any punishment imposed by the Special Criminal Court.



Nicky Kelly

In 1977 an Amnesty International enquiry team found "during the relevant period there was systematic ill-treatment of suspects in police custody. They also said that the Juryless Special Criminal Court "has failed to scrutinise allegations of maltreatment according to principles of law".

#### Action

Nicky's co-accused were convicted on a similar basis. They were subsequently released on appeal — their statements being ruled inadmissible.

Nicky has recently endured a 38 day hunger-strike in order to protest his innocence, to highlight the facts of his case and to secure his rightful freedom.

The IRSP fully supports Nicky in his struggle for justice.

The Release Nicky Kelly Committee continues to build support for Nicky's release.

All offers of help, enquiries and donations should be sent to:

Release Nicky Kelly Committee,  
11 Grange Terrace,  
Blackrock, Co. Dublin.  
Tel: 787801.

Nicky Kelly was convicted solely on the basis of a signed statement which he has always said was untrue, dictated by Gardai and signed by him in order to prevent further torture at the hands of the Heavy Gang. No witnesses or forensic evidence was produced to link Nicky Kelly to the Sallins Mail Train Robbery.

Doctors testified that Nicky had sustained very serious injuries while in Garda custody. This evidence was never disputed.



# Good riddance Gerry Fitt

## The Rat is gone!

That's the news from Belfast — news that sent Northern Nationalists to bed happy. Happy that the rat who has sought to denigrate the struggle for Irish Freedom has left this country.

For Gerry Fitt is a Brit. Even before his decision to accept a peerage from Thatcher there was little doubt of this.

## LABOUR

Gerry Fitt claims to stand in the tradition of Labour. But Labour to him doesn't mean the Labour party envisaged by Connolly. It is the tradition of the British Labour Party — a tradition that has subordinated the interests of the ordinary worker to the interests of Empire.

Fitt was clever enough to realise that expousing his pro British line would lead to

political suicide. Instead he flirted with Republicanism — even to the extent of demanding guns from Jack Lynch in 1969.

But a closer reading of his speeches would reveal a different story.

In his maiden speech in Westminster in 1966 he appealed for reforms in the Six Counties. That's all — not a British withdrawal — just reform of the Stormont state.



Gerry Fitt and Brian Faulkner in Gerry Fitt's Stormont office in 1974

In 1970 Fitt was one of the founders of the SDLP and was leader of that party until his departure from the party in 1979. His position remained the same. He didn't call for National Unity — but power sharing and reform in the Six Counties. In other words he was content to settle for a share of the privileges of the Orange State. . . the half a loaf politics of the SDLP.

northern statelet — be Loyalist dominated. He also condemned the SDLP, saying that there was a Republican element emerging.

## HUNGER STRIKE

In 1980 Fitt said that he would favour a British initiative that ruled out an Irish dimension. In October of that year he urged Maggie Thatcher to hold firm against the hunger strikers. He also criticised Cardinal O Fiach and Bishop Edward Daly for their role. Thatcher was delighted.

In the local government elections of 1981 the nationalist population of Belfast gave Fitt their answer . . . he was kicked off his seat on Belfast Council.

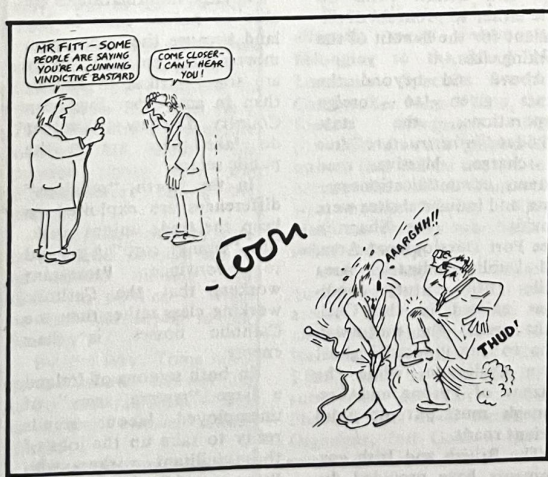
And this June he lost his Westminster seat to Gerry Adams — this despite Fitt's appeal to the constituency's Loyalist population to help him "keep a Republican out".

Now Thatcher has given him his reward for years of loyal service. As the people of West Belfast say "Good riddance to bad rubbish".

## Feature

When the power sharing executive was set up Fitt was deputy chief executive to Brian Faulkner . . . the man responsible for Internment. He delighted the British politics by whispering sweet nothings to Faulkner on Northern television.

In 1979 he resigned from the SDLP and expressed his support for the devolution proposals of Humphrey Atkins. These proposals allowed for the return of powers to an assembly that would — because of the bigoted nature of the





## The Green Mole

PEERLESS

Guess who expects to be Thatchers next *"Irish"* peer.

Why none other than the bould Conor Cruise O'Brien. Conor feels that it's about time that his services to Britain were recognised.

What the Cruiser can't remember and what Thatcher won't forget are the remarks Cruiser made while *"under the influence"* at a London banquet some time ago.

Cruiser was so drunk that he forgot himself *"I'm an Irishman"* and *"Up the IRA"* he roared . . . to the consternation of all present.

So, the Cruisers' ambitions in that direction are likely to remain unrealised.

### OUR TONY

One person who doesn't have to worry about PRSI is Heinz Beans/Irish Indo man, Tony O'Reilly.

He and his fellow Fitz-wilton directors recently traded two thirds of their stake in six oil and gas exploration blocks to two American oil companies — Gulf Oil and Union Oil — for nearly £5 million.

O'Reilly and Co. obtained the exclusive licence for the blocks for less than £1 million from the Free State Government.

Even after paying 30% of the £5 million to the Government, they end up with nearly £3½ million — all at the expense of Irish taxpayers.

The rich get richer . . .

### TOMMY MARTIN

A Special Branch informant tells me that there is a right ri ra in Dublin Castle over the Martin case.

It seems that two harriers made a right hames of the case — and even the Special Criminal Court had to throw the case out when it ruled that Tommy Martin had been beaten into signing a statement.

The ruckus in the Castle has nothing to do with the fact that Martin had been beaten — but that the harriers had been stupid enough to leave evidence of the hiding they gave Martin.

# Multinationals Goodyear to Close!

Goodyears' conveyor-belt production in Craigavon will finally run out in October. The American multinational plant, set up in 1967, is being shut down in October throwing 800 workers on to the dole scrapheap. The rate of unemployment in Craigavon at present is 17.7%. These latest redundancies will push that figure over the 20% mark.

Earlier this year the unions at Goodyear agreed with management not to move for a wage increase in a naive effort to keep the company going. The tragedy is, that despite mis-placed and ill-advised *"goodwill"* on the part of the workforce, their source of livelihood is being ruthlessly cut off by a cynical boss.

If this kick in the teeth has come too late for the workers to fight back, then it should re-echo a familiar warning to other workers throughout this island. Such passive co-operation with the bosses is not in the interests of the working class.

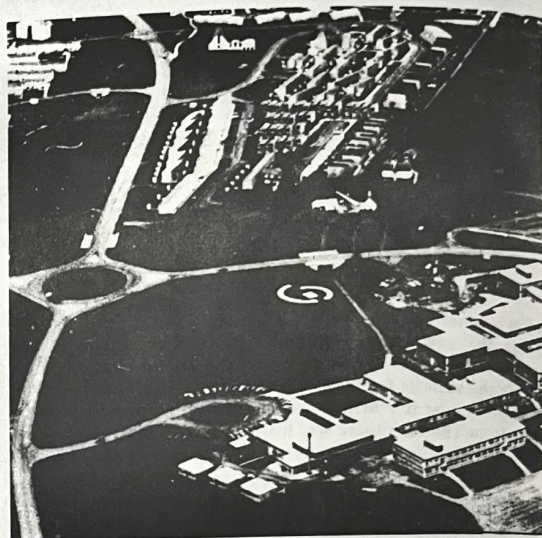
While one unit of the Goodyear company has closed at Craigavon over-all the multinational corporation continues to flourish and expand. No doubt greener pastures will be found, if they have not already, to start the conveyor-belts rolling again.

### GHOST-TOWN

Meanwhile the Craigavon workes are faced with the bleak future of long term unemployment in an industrial ghost town.

Craigavon is a stark example of the worst effects of multi-national control of our economy and correspondingly the social aspects of working class life.

With particular reference to the Free State government, highly lucrative incentives are offered to multinational corporations to set



up firms. These "incentives" i.e. large grants, are the mainstay of multi-nationals rate of profit.

In the first five years of its production, the average multinational in Ireland will receive financial incentives worth 128% of the cost of its fixed assets (land, buildings, machinery and equipment).

However privately owned Irish and British firms do little either to promote development for the benefit of the working class.

Above and beyond the grants given to foreign corporations, the state provides *"infrastructure"* free of charge. Massive road systems, communications systems, and industrial sites were provided for the Shannon Free Port Development Area, and Dublin Industrial Area while 19th century conditions existed in the Gaeltacht areas. The motorway runs to the industrial ghost town Craigavon, while the citizens of Tyrone and Fermanagh must put up with ancient roads.

The British and Irish governments have provided discounts on inputs sold to

businesses, from time to time. For example, in 1980 the Northern Ireland Electricity Board was given £1,050 million to subsidise the price of electricity to industry — then in February of 1980, there was a 50% increase in home heating rates.

### COSTS

Finally, multinationals are able to reduce costs in Ireland because the trade union movement is so weak. There are fewer strikes in Ireland than in any other European Country. The few strikes that do take place are in the public sector.

In the North, "religious" differences are exploited to keep the trade unions weak. The *"Orange card"* is played to convince Protestant workers that the Catholic working class rather than the Catholic bosses, is their enemy.

In both sections of Ireland a large *"reserve army"* of unemployed labour stands ready to take up the jobs of those militant workers who *"step out of line"*.

It's time for a change!



## The Green Mole CONCERN

Any reader bent on a life of crime — Beware! It doesn't pay! — unless of course you have friends in the right places.

**Like Alex Tarbett.**

He's the boyo who swindled Concern — the charity organisation — out of £240,000. For Alex, charity began at home.

When he got caught all types of people in high places came forward to plead for him.

There were priests, bishops — even a cardinal. They said that Tarbett was really an honest person — could do no wrong, etc.

When found guilty, the judge — no doubt influenced by Tarbett's friends — sentenced him to three years. Poor Alex.

Now if he was an ordinary worker and got caught nicking say £240,000, I wonder how long he'd get?

Not three years anyway! More like 23.

### STICKS

The two Dail represent atives of th so-called "Workers" Party P. De Rossa and Tomas "Bui" (Yellow Tom) McGiolla have been making outlandish claims again.

This time they're claiming to be the only full time representatives in the Dail — with no outside interests — and nothing to fall back on.

**This is nonsense.**

We all knew that De Rossa has a share in the family business up Finglas way. And as for "Yellow" Tom!

McGiolla was asked time and time again to become a full time party official in the middle 60's and early 70's. He refused because he wanted to secure his pension rights from the E.S.B. before taking the plunge.

Only after making 'sure of the ESB pension would he devote himself "full time" to politics — when he had "something to fall back on".

By the way, Toms nickname "yellow" has nothing to do with racialism — but to a well known yellow streak.

Remember the Barnhill incident!

Watch this space.

# Brits Attempt to Frame Plunkett!



**Another blatant character assassination attempt has been initiated by the British Secret Service against Mick Plunkett, former General Secretary of the I.R.S.P.**

In a well planned leak of allegedly secret documents belonging to the Head of London's Special Branch Commander John Wilson, the French newspaper *Le Quotidien De Paris*, published quotes that led its readers to believe that Mick Plunkett was another "Carlos". The Mail on Sunday also published the story.

Irish newspapers subsequently carried reports on the article. In one instance it claims that Mick Plunkett was National Organiser of the I.R.S.P. and he used this for subversive activities. Mick Plunkett was never National Organiser, but General Secretary, as already stated.

The complete fabrication of this document is surely designed to quell French public opinion against the uproar caused by the Plunkett, King and Reid case, in which the Gendarme have admitted planting evidence against them.

The I.R.S.P. has stated that legal action is being pursued by Mick Plunkett for libel against *Le Quotidien De Paris*. The party is taking legal advice about the article in the Irish Independent with a view to initiating legal action on behalf of Father Vincent Forde who is currently in Portlaoise Prison.

The attack on Mick Plunkett stems from his arrest in Paris, along with Mary Reid and Stephen King. French police under pressure to arrest "terrorists" by their Interior Minister swooped on Mick Plunkett's flat.

The case was given widespread publicity. Plunkett was labelled another "Carlos" and the arrest was hailed as the capture of the decade.

That is, until the truth leaked out.

### Fraudulent

The facts were that Mick Plunkett was living openly in Paris for some time and that arms and other incriminating "evidence" found in the raid had been planted. Several top policemen have been suspended and at least one faces criminal charges for fabricating evidence and misuse of powers.

It is in this light that the leak from British Intelligence should be seen. Hence the attempts to link Mick Plunkett — a respected political activist to subversive activists.

**The IRSP fully supports Mick and his companions in their fight for justice.**



# Irish Neutrality in Danger

**THE QUESTION** of Irish Neutrality has been written and talked about more this year than it has ever been since this country first took the neutral step and given the fact that this decision was taken over sixty years ago, we must ask ourselves why now, at this late stage, has our Neutrality become the burning issue it has.

Ireland took the decision to be neutral, not in 1939 as most people think, but in 1920 during De Valera's sojourn in the United States. It was conceived of originally as a concession to Britain. De Valera was looking for recognition of the state and one of the American arguments against this was, that it would be a betrayal of America's first World War ally — Britain. An Independent Ireland might ally itself or allow itself to be used by Britain's enemies.

When the question of Irish Neutrality arose again in 1939, it was envisaged by the then government, not as a concession to British interests as in 1920 but rather as a demonstration of our so called Independence.

The approach taken on both occasions was wrong — on the one hand it was taken to preserve British interests and on the other hand, purely on a 26 County Nationalist basis.

In other words, the principle of Neutrality never entered into it and it was precisely because of this unprincipled stance that, unlike the Swiss, Swedes and the Finns, who once having taken the neutral stance, then went

on to take the necessary steps to preserve their neutrality, that our politicians allowed our Neutrality to be eroded bit by bit until it now exists in name only.

This erosion of our Neutrality first occurred as far back as the second World War, when Sunderland flying boats had secret refuelling facilities in Ireland and a British Sigint station operated in Dublin for most of that war.

That was the interpretation of Irish Neutrality during the years 1939 - 1945.

## U.N.

In 1955, Ireland was admitted to the United Nations and during the years 1959 - 1962, Ireland's credibility at the U.N. was high. The credit for that was due to Mr. Frank Aiken, the then Minister for Foreign Affairs. Frank Aiken had put forward his plan for region by region creation of nuclear free zones until as he

saw it, the whole world would be nuclear free. It was because Frank Aiken was seen to view Irish Neutrality on a principled basis and that it was recognised as such internationally, that Ireland was listened to at the United Nations, when speaking on World Peace.

Since that time however, Ireland has never been politically neutral — the first example of this was seen in 1962, when Ireland did not join the non-aligned group of nations.

At home, during the Sixties, Sean Lemass embarked on his intensive foreign borrowing policy, when we were then put in the position of having to heed the hand that feeds us.

In 1973, Ireland became a member of the EEC and we heard our politicians spouting that "Ireland must play a full part in E.E.C. security" and stating that E.E.C. membership brings obligations about Common Security. In

contrast, we saw Switzerland and Sweden refusing full membership because of their policy of absolute non-alignment — or true neutrality — which they saw as being incompatible with E.E.C. membership.

In the ensuing years, Ireland's voting record at the U.N. has been anything but that of a neutral country, consistently backing the U.S. in votes and in other matters.

In 1980, when Resolution 149 — a proposal calling for the prohibition of the development of new weapons for mass destruction was voted on — Ireland — a so called neutral country — abstained. In the same session of the U.N. General Assembly Resolution 152 — declaring: "The use of nuclear weapons would be a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against Humanity", was voted on, all of the NATO Countries, Israel, Japan and good old "Neutral Ireland" voted against.



Jack Lynch — helped sell our neutrality.





Reagan and Thatcher — our masters?

## CND

Because of the growing awareness of the Irish people to a threat to our Military Neutrality — this now being highlighted through our Trade Unions and Irish CND we now have the ghoulis spectacle of Haugheys' and Fitzgeralds' heated denials of trying to negotiate a secret defence pact with Britain during their respective terms of office. Fitzgerald accuses Haughey of the Sell-Out in the Anglo-Irish Summit of 1980. Haughey accuses Fitzgerald of signing a European Political Co-operation report which amounted to the Military use of this country by the back door. In the last two months even while this mud-slurping was going on between our two "National" 'Neutralist Leaders', we had an interestingly significant number of Political and Business figures from the United States in Dublin. They quietly met key figures in the Irish Establishment and when one considers that these representatives from the U.S. are noted for their concern for privacy and are not the sort who issue press releases, it poses the question as to why they were here.

One recent visitor to these shores (and by the way, his first ever) who would be difficult to hide to say the least, was that controversial adviser and former Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger.

Who did Mr. Kissinger meet during his stay in Dublin?

ity of the doubtful type — then it throws a whole new light on the Kissinger visit.

Finally, we had the Vice-President of the U.S., George Bush in Dublin on the day of all days — the fourth of July, American Independence Day. Apparently he was here to explain to Dr. Fitzgerald the necessity for the bombs and the new nuclear weapons. Fitzgerald on his part was hoping for help in the Northern Ireland issue but there will be no bets taken on what was the real issue — i.e., the big trade-off!

The real facts are that both Fitzgerald and Haughey are in total agreement and have been separately bartering away our Military Neutrality just as they and their predecessors eroded our Political Neutrality. They are both allowing NATO the use of this Country via our Airports, Telecommunications and Radar stations, such as

the recent controversial Mount Gabriel station in West Cork.

Those enlightened enough to know the facts must have smiled indeed on reading the "Sunday Press" article of June 26th, in which Haughey called on Fitzgerald to explain what was going on in the Telecommunications systems in this country, given the hypocritical situation that Haughey was in and is fully aware of the Five Year infamous P + T plan. This plan (already outlined in a "Starry Plough" edition last year) which was drawn up by the giant American Multinational, A.T.T. with close links to the U.S. intelligence, gives NATO the forward relay communications necessary in the event of a Russian attack on Britain. It is now accepted that as a result of the new NATO strategy of a Limited Strategic War in Europe, the attack on Britain will be from

the West and not the East as was traditionally the case. Hence the importance of forward relay communications in Ireland.

This is the sad, sordid record of how the "Powers that be" in this Country view Irish Neutrality and because of self-interest, expediency and total lack of principle are prepared to go down the same road as the two big Super-Powers, in what literally amounts to the annihilation of this nation.

In recognising that 6 Counties of this country are under British rule and therefore in NATO, the Irish Republican Socialist Party's policy on Irish Neutrality is based both on an anti-imperialist and principled stance.

James Connolly's words: "We serve neither King nor Kaiser" were both anti-imperialist and Neutral. Just as the IRSP sees Partition as the greatest stumbling block to a just and peaceful society, we also see the absolute necessity of Ireland preserving its' Neutrality and adding its' voice with the other Neutral Countries, in endeavouring to lower International tension and in thus striving for a just and peaceful world.

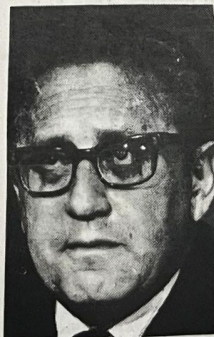
The Irish Republican Socialist Party by publishing this article, wishes to make clear to the people of this Island as a whole, that it will continue to uphold the principle of Irish Neutrality — it will never be party to any deal, for whatever reason, which poses a threat to that principle.

**Our Neutrality is not for sale.**

## 'man of peace'

IN HIS new role as head of a special commission on central America, Henry Kissinger appears a man of peace.

But between 1969 and 1976, when he conducted American foreign policy, first as President Richard Nixon's special assistant and then as secretary of state, he built up an unparalleled record as an author of bloodshed and intrigue.





## The Green Mole

### CRAWLERS

Free State Justice Minister, Michael Noonan is very opposed to local residents patrolling the areas — except of course when Fine Gael members were involved.

He condemned recent actions against drug pushers in Dublin — but when the Fine Gael Vigilantes crawl around Southhill, Limerick he defends their activities.

These fascists spend their time crawling around in the early hours of the morning — peeping on those they consider not "law-abiding". They have been known to threaten journalists investigating their activities.

### UDR

The Free State politicians who ritually condemn republican actions in the Six Counties were silent when the UDR murdered Martin Malone and the RUC murdered Seamus Grew and Roddy Carroll.

It is the same RUC and UDR into whose hands Dominic McGlinchey will be handed should he be taken into custody by the Gardai.

### STICKEY ANTICS

It seems that the Sticks are into more than "Work, Peace and Progress".

The month of July saw a new departure in their activities.

In Belfast flats a number of Workers Party members, having taken a few drinks too many, threw peace out the window and went into Divis Flats with some sawn-off shotguns and opened up from a balcony injuring four youngsters. When the residents ran them out of the complex, they returned the following night and opened up with a rifle.

When the R.U.C. recovered one of the sawn offs in a Sticky house the Sticky was not prosecuted.

Instead, the sticky thugs have to attend an identification parade at the local RUC Station where Workers Party members Jim Sullivan and Brendan Duffy will point out the culprits.

Nothing like keeping it in the family.

# The Amendment

# End This Farce!

ON September 7th next, some of the people of the 26 Counties will go to the polls to vote on the Amendment to the Constitution.

So far, this particular piece of legislation has been marked by two major factors, neither of which could possibly be considered as normal standards of what constitutes rational politics in any kind of sensible society.

Firstly, we have the time factor — a mere three weeks — in which it took a tiny group to raise an issue in isolation — given the fact that a significant amount of people in Ireland would be opposed to legalising abortion anyway. Then having orchestrated the move this group escalated it to such an extent that they achieved in a matter of weeks what normally takes years, i.e. an amendment to the Constitution.

In actual fact, what happened was, that this same group, who, smarting at their defeat to prevent the availability of contraception and the setting up of family planning clinics, went on to launch a bitter, emotive counter-attack in the form of this Amendment, to have either our family planning clinics abolished or to outlaw most forms of contraception by the abuse of our Constitution.

### Strategy

The second major factor in this whole charade was, that our two "principled" major parties, in their lust for power in an election, gave an off-handed promise. Then having been stuck with an issue that neither of them wanted, they were now obliged to take it up. They both realised that this group were not about to fade away, nor more importantly regard this as just another election promise which would be quietly forgotten — as is normally the practice — once the election was over.

The result is that we are now stuck with a referendum to make something which is illegal — unconstitutional. Meanwhile the



rest of the world looks on in amazement at this ridiculous farce.

Having then committed themselves the next step was to achieve the political victory in the Dail by engaging in "mock battle" as to which set of meaningless words would appear on the ballot paper. Both parties — conscious of the absurdity of this whole exercise — are now prepared to spend £1,000,000 of our money while neither are willing to openly campaign for or against the amendment.

What is really in question is the whole role of a woman in society, prevented from having adequate contraception, forced to have children whether she wants to or not, stigmatised for illegitimacy and often thrown with her child in to a society where the basic necessities of life such as shelter and the means to raise her child with dignity is more often than not denied her.

### Policies

The most frightening aspect of all is that internationally recognised standards of medical care will be

outlawed to pregnant women. They will not be treated for any disease which might damage the foetus and surviving the whole ordeal of pregnancy, can now become a game of Russian Roulette with the Grim Reaper.

Those who call themselves Pro-life and responsible for pushing this Amendment should remember as they take this gigantic step backwards into the dark ages that they will witness in the future the sight of grieving families as they bury beloved Mother, Wife, Sister and Daughter if this Amendment goes forward.

It will be far too late then for these "Humanists" to raise their eyes in what will likely be a soporific fashion and call "Foul!"

The recognition of the right of women to control over their own bodies is a decision women will make, irrespective of the winning or failing of this Amendment.

The right to choose is recognised by the I.R.S.P., being a party committed to upholding the just, humane and equal rights of all human beings.

The Irish Republican Socialist Party says — NO — to this Amendment.



# Irish Waters: A Nuclear Dump!

The Limerick Council of Trade Unions at their July meeting — passed the following motion unanimously —

*"that the L.C.T.U., calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to make an immediate and strong protest to the British Government against the continued dumping by the British Atomic Energy Authority of Nuclear Waste into the Atlantic, South-west of Ireland."*

The I.R.S.P., says, "Fair play to the L.C.T.U.!"

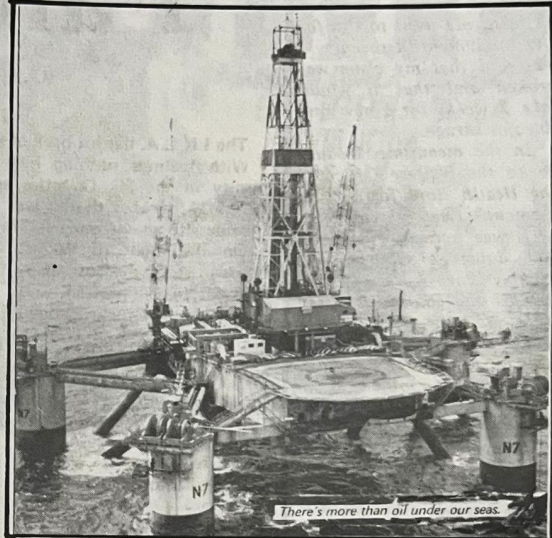
The continued dumping of nuclear waste off the Irish Coast is an issue which the Irish Government have ignored for far too long. The European Atlantic Dumpsite, situated 380 nautical miles south-west of Counties Cork and Kerry and about the same distance north-west of Spain, is the only site in the World where ocean dumping of radioactive nuclear waste is still being conducted.

The Irish Sea has been pronounced (in a recent survey) as the most radioactive sea in the world. This is a consequence of the piping of waste from the Windscale processing plant and eight other plants on the English Coast.

## CANCER

The waste being dumped in both areas contains potentially lethal amounts of radioactivity, which if carried to humans by sea currents or the Marine food chain could lead to dramatic increases in incidences of such diseases as Cancer and Leukaemia for generations to come.

Last year Britain accounted for 90% of all nuclear waste dumped at sea. Most other countries have since phased out sea dumping of nuclear waste but Britain in fact intends to extend it's reliance on this form of nuclear waste disposal. According to an article in the July issue of "The Listener", the National Radiological Protection Board accepts that any attempt to outlaw



dumping would set an unfortunate precedent and jeopardise plans to make increasing use of the sea for other more high-level wastes which are the most dangerous by-products of the nuclear process.

To date, 145,000 tonnes have been dumped at the European Atlantic Dumpsite but in a Dail statement last November, the then Minister for Industry and Energy, Albert Reynolds, stated:

*"The Nuclear Energy Board were satisfied that the dumping of nuclear waste at the European Dumpsite did not constitute a hazard to health"!!*

What he failed to point out was, that the drums containing the waste have leakage points to allow the water to enter as they descend and that dumpsite is in the pathway of the Gulf Stream as it flows towards Ireland.

Ireland's position has always been one of passive acceptance to the dumping, in contrast to Spain's, who have formally protested to the British Government. The whole question of nuclear waste has become a subject for National debate.

For centuries Britain has been dumping its' waste in various guises on this Island — they cannot be allowed to do the same to our waters.

## Children Visit U.S.

On July 9th, 39 prisoners sons, daughters, brothers and sisters arrived in the U.S.A. for a three week holiday.


The children were dispersed to cities in New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island in the East, Minnesota in the Mid West and California in the West. The vast majority of the children were relatives of INLA and IRSP prisoners in Long Kesh, Magilligan and Portlaoise.

The trip was organised by the Irish Political Prisoners Children's Fund (IPPCF). This was set up some seven months earlier in the New York area by some activists and IRSP supporters. Despite having to overcome many obstacles — including fund raising, access to media and

political sectarianism — the organisers forged ahead with a strong vision and empty pockets.

Their first donor was Fr. Daniel Bergin S.J. the noted poet, essayist and anti-nuclear activists who was jailed for 2½ years in a U.S. Federal prison for Anti-Vietnam War activities in the 70's. His 500 dollars gave the fund a start and from then on the response grew. Indeed it was so successful that the original estimate of 10 children was increased to 39.

The committee hopes to continue the work and repeat the scheme next year. In addition to providing the children with holidays, it affords many U.S. citizens an insight into contemporary Ireland.



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# Letters

ON THE DOLE

A Chara,

I have been unemployed for nearly 2 years. During these two years I have gone from one AnCO course to another. At the end of the course the story is always the same - no work.

Indeed recently I finished a course and went to sign for Unemployment Assistance. I was told that my claim was broken and that it would take 3 weeks for a new one to come through.

In the meantime, I could go to the Welfare Office at the Health Bord for a "supplement". I nearly exploded.

I was actually penalised for doing a course and looking for work. Its no wonder the country is in the state its in - what with Dukes saying its cheaper to keep a person on the dole, than to create a job.

I look forward to the day when all those bastards in Leinster House end up on the dole.

Derek Browne,  
Dublin.

A Chara,

In response to the statement from the Release Nicky Kelly Committee in Dublin calling for continued support for Nicky Kelly, the Glasgow Irish Freedom Action Committee (GIFAC) held a picket of Aer Lingus in Glasgow on Saturday 2.7.'83.

We received a very favourable response from the public with many people taking extra leaflets to give to friends and signing the petitions. Many copies of our Hunger Commemoration Bulletin - Irish POWs - which contains an article on Nicky Kelly were sold.

We intend continuing our support and activities until Nicky Kelly is released. Future pickets of Aer Lingus will be held on Saturday 16.7.'83 and Saturday 13.8.'83. We are also continuing to bombard the Irish Embassy in London and the Minister of Injustice, Michael Noonan, with letters demanding the immediate release of Nicky Kelly.

Yours fraternally,  
Mike Henderson  
(for Glasgow Irish Freedom Committee).

# INLA Kidnap Informers Family.



The I.N.L.A. has hit back at informer Harry Kirkpatrick. With feelings running high in among the nationalist community in the Six Counties against the "informer syndrome" the INLA decided that it was time to act to bring the trail of informers to an end once and for all.

On the night of August 3rd, the stepfather of supergrass Harry Kirkpatrick and his daughter were kidnapped by the I.N.L.A. In a statement to the Starry Plough, the I.N.L.A. said that if Kirkpatrick did not withdraw his false evidence the two would be executed along with his wife, who is also in I.N.L.A. custody.

In an interview with a senior member of the I.N.L.A. Army Council, it was pointed out at the fate of Kirkpatrick's relatives now lay in Kirkpatrick's hands.

He went on: "Kirkpatrick is an informer pure and simple. There is no mystique attached to his case. He has made countless statements, much of it fabricated - in order to ingratiate himself with the British authorities".

nearly 40 activists are behind bars - most of them for offences they did not commit. In addition to those behind bars there is the hardship, misery and worry inflicted on the families and relatives of these activists. All of this is because Kirkpatrick informed and because he wanted to work himself into the good books

of the Brits.

"We are an army engaged in a war of liberation against the Crown forces. Those who inform betray this struggle and those who fight for freedom. And if the only way that pressure can be put on these informers is by putting pressure on their families, then so be it. Obviously, we would prefer to be dealing with Kirkpatrick himself."

## LETTER FROM NICARAGUA

The Nicaraguan people are conscious of Ireland as a focus for struggle. More than anything else, the heroic hunger strikers of 1981, brought thome to people, not only in Nicaragua but all over the world, the degenerate nature of Britain's relations with Ireland. So much so here in fact, that last May 5th, the Government television station announced

the second anniversary of the death of "Companero Bobby Sands" (Comrade Bobby Sands) on the main evening news. There are many people here who express the hope that the Irish struggle is ultimately more than one for the resolution of territorial claims. This derive from the experience of Nicaraguans in the east of the country where Catalan immigrants called for

a separate state there after the Sandinistas took power. Nationalism in this case had no class outlook.

It is of paramount importance then, for Irish revolutionaries to show to the world that the fight for Irish independence is part of the liberation of the Irish working class, and that it is correct and therefore actively supported by Irish Socialists.

## LABOUR FAKIRS

On the one hand there are those who hold with the domination of this country by Britain. On the other there are those who are opposed to Britain's presence and aspire towards National Unity and Independence.

How can the Loyalist bigots who thrive on supremacy be equated with those who seek equality, independence and peace with justice.

It is this very fudging of issues and the failure to take a principled position that has the Labour Party where it is - propping up a southern Unionist government which delights in sticking the boot into anti-imperialists, democrats and trade unionists.

The Labour Party once again has discredited itself.

Sean Byrne,  
Enniscorthy.



# Nicaragua: The People Take Control!



150,000 rally in León, Nicaragua, on July 19, 1983.

## "Patria Libre o Morir — No Pasaran!"

This is the most popular slogan to be heard or seen in Nicaragua, a central American country which in 1979, witnessed the historic takeover of power by the working class, the peasantry and their allies, after a period of intense guerrilla warfare.

The Revolution of 1979, is still being consolidated and defended, and the need is felt to be as great as ever to protect the young people's republic from reactionary forces who sporadically launch attacks from neighbouring countries. All are determined that the "Contras" (Counter-revolutionaries) shall not pass Nicaragua's borders.

Nobody knew better than the oppressed masses of Nicaragua just how much of a curse in their lives U.S. imperialism was.

Poverty was widespread, child mortality and illiteracy ran as high as 70% in many areas.

Nicaragua, like Ireland, has a history of valiant struggle against foreign oppression and native fascist governments. Risings broke out since independence from the Spanish colonialist in the 1820's, but assumed more importance in this century. Chief among these was the guerrilla struggle of Augusto Sandino.

the father figure of the Nicaraguan Revolution in much the same way as James Connolly is of the modern Irish Liberation struggle. Sandino was murdered by right-wing government troops in 1934, after having mobilised nearly half the population in the underdeveloped north and east during five years of combat. His writings contain much of the truthfulness and insight characteristic of great socialists the world over, among which Connolly is to be included. "Only the workers will struggle to the end" proclaim hoardings now proudly erected to Sandino's memory all over Nicaragua. "We prefer to die struggling for freedom and dignity than to live in slavery" proclaim others.

The organisation which led the Revolution during the seventies, and which by the day is consolidating its majority in the Government at the present time, honours Sandino's memory in its name: the Sandinista Front for National Liberation (F.S.L.N.)

The Nicaraguan Government of National Reconstruction has announced elections for 1985. The F.S.L.N. are sure of an overwhelming victory. What factors lead to this conclusion?

## ENEMIES

Firstly, the people have come to recognise their enemies. They witnessed the betrayal of their interests by large sections of the bourgeoisie when popular government became a reality in 1979. Virtually all foreign companies and finance pulled out of the country companies like I.B.M., mining consortia, American fruit companies and of course U.S. and European banks. Ranchers left huge tracts of land behind and ran, after ruining crops in the ground in many cases. Factories were deliberately burnt down or plants wrecked before managing directors made their exit. From this shambles, and aided by materials and grants — without strings attached — from friendly nations abroad, the people's assembly organised state bodies, local government and some new industry.

Secondly, and resulting from this reorganisation, the everyday life of the common people became better. State pharmacies have been

opened everywhere, and schools and medical facilities generally have become available to all. At present, polio and such diseases are in the final stages of total eradication. Everybody is busy studying or working, and education is practically free. Nobody is starving now, as the Government regulates prices and distribution of goods. Fares on public transport are merely nominal — a bus ride anywhere in Managua, the capital city, costs the equivalent of 2½p, and a ride of 30 miles into the country 7p. Very few people have cars, so this measure is obviously of benefit to the mass of the people.

Thirdly and more generally, the terror and genocide, the absolute denial of even the most basic of human rights — all characteristics of U.S. backed fascist juntas in Central and South America — is a thing of the past in Nicaragua Libre.

It is a rich experience for any socialist to visit this young revolutionary country. Hopefully the problems confronted and overcome by the Sandinistas in building a new society will be the lot of Irish revolutionaries in Ireland one day. The Nicaraguan people are an inspiration to fight on till that day.



# Dukes Puts the Boot In!

"The recovery is coming! The recovery is coming!"

"So cry the government ministers and their economists. They have been saying it for a long time. Irish people are having a harder time believing it.

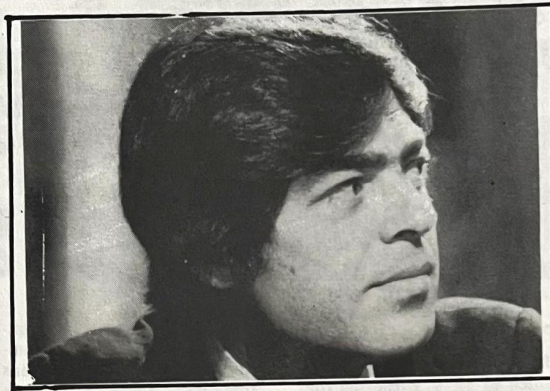
If the recovery really is on its way, why are these same ministers and economists in such competition with each other to find the "miracle cure" for our economic ills.

## THE MIRACLE CURES

Open any newspaper and there they are — prescriptions for economic recovery. The business sections of the IRISH TIMES or of the INDEPENDENT read more the patent medicine adverts in the daily pulps of the 1800's.

There are, Alan Dukes' patented corsets, guaranteed to tighten you belt tighter than ever before. Dukes' prescription for recovery consists of reducing government spending to record low levels. Which programmes will be cut? Oh, just some unnecessary services to the working class . . . like transport to schools or health services.

Yes, Duke is a very clever operator. His corsets are not aimed at the usual market — the plump, well fed ladies of leisure. No, the tighter belts will be worn by the emaciated men and women of the slums. Like themedieval doctor, Dukes is bleeding a patient. And, as in the middle ages, the economic result for th working class will not be recovery.



The folks at the Industrial Development Authority (I.D.A.) have another idea — a modern one, no less. The I.D.A. economists, fresh from a re-reading of Mary Shelley's horror classic, are sure that the cure lies in electronics. What we need to do, through money — giveaways to the multinationals, is to lure electronics firms to Ireland. These will create a thriving electronics industry — a so-called "leading sector" — that will send a shock-wave through the rest of the

economy and pull it out of its hole.

But ten years of experimenting with this sector should have laready proven that it is a monster. Scores of foreign electronics firms have set up in Ireland, gorging themselves on I.D.A. machinery grants, free factories, profits tax holidays, and cheap local finance. In return, they have created very few jobs (machines are cheaper) shipped all of their products out of Ireland, shipped all of their profits back home, and shut down when the I.D.A. money stopped coming or Singapore looked cheaper. Virtually no Irish "spin-off" companies have been created to supply the muntinationals.

To develop socially and economically, Ireland must change its economic system. The present one is terminally ill. The new Irish system must be based on control by the Irish people over Irish resources and Irish investment decisions.

We can no longer afford to be controlled by the upper classes and the foreign corporations.

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## IRSP News

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Ray Collins,  
Finance Officer  
Jim Lane, Francis Barry,  
Mary Gilfoyle,  
Education  
Liz LaGrúa,  
Prisoners Welfare  
Sean O'Farrell,  
Trade Union Officer

A full Ard Fheis report will appear in next months "Starry Plough".

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organised by the  
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who was a tireless worker  
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