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Boycott the Assembly Elections



There has been much said over the past few months about the strategy to be used in the forthcoming Assembly Elections. From the outset the Irish Republican Socialist Party has proposed a **Total Boycott**. This has been for many reasons, not the least of which is that the IRSP views the Assembly as a sham.

The British Plan for "Rolling Devolution" has too many strings tied to it. No one would define it in any satisfactory way. There is no outline of its purpose and no definition of its powers. All of these would be settled as the "Thing" went along.

Thus Jim Prior does not have to tackle any of the problems in the 6 Counties. He does not have to attempt a solution. All he aims for is to get as many people as possible into one room and see how it goes. Prior does not have to offer any type of "Solution" but behind closed doors he is "all things to all people".

Therefore the SDLP believed that it was being offered an All-Ireland Parliamentary Tier and the DUP believed that it was being assured that there would be none. Equally the DUP received an assurance that all Security Functions would be returned to the new Stormont, yet the SDLP were assured that there was to be no Security Role, etc.

The IRSP sees this so called "Initiative" as more to do with Jim Prior's political ambitions in England than with a genuine attempt to about a Solution of the conflict in the 6 Counties. It is yet another cynical attempt by an English politician to further his career on the backs of the Irish people.

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THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

JOIN THE BOYCOTT

The Irish Republican Socialist Party welcomes the IIP's decision to boycott this Sham. It's resolve to fight against any return to the old Stormont augurs well for the upcoming Boycott Campaign. Although the IIP has not joined in the overall Boycott Campaign it has decided to work it's own.

Sinn Fein's welcome for the IIP's decision flies in the face of their own decision to stand. Danny Morrison is reported as saying that, "Sinn Fein believes that a total nationalist boycott of the elections is the best way of destroying Prior's attempts to refloat Stormont . . ." He goes on to say that "It is now

imperative that the nationalist section of the SDLP asserts itself loudly and clearly and forces that collaborationist rump of the Leadership into adopting a boycott stance." Further in Republican News it is stated that, "Sinn Fein does not need convincing of the merits of a boycott . . ."

Sinn Fein is therefore fully aware that a boycott is best, yet it is going to stand? There is absolutely no reason for it.

It has said that it must fight the SDLP for the leadership of the nationalist people, so it condemns the SDLP for "collaborating with the British" But surely by

standing PSF is doing the same thing?

The Irish Republican Socialist Party now repeats it's call of three months ago, there should be no participation in Jim Prior's Sham Assembly. No genuine anti-imperialist, working class or nationalist representatives could possibly go forward for the elections. The working class nationalist and the whole nationalist community has seen through the proposed return to Stormont and will not accept it. All other courses of actions other than boycott will only help the collaborationists and assist the British in continuing their occupation of the 6 Counties.

The Last Ditch

That the PLO's expulsion from Beirut was a military defeat, albeit partial and temporary, is hardly in doubt. But the dignity and bravery shown by the resistance fighters of the Palestinian people in the eyes of the world stands as one of the most moving examples of resistance in the history of oppressed peoples around the world.

It also stands in stark contrast to the cowardice — political not physical — of the so called allies of the Palestinians.

The Russians are obviously more concerned with world diplomacy and power politics than their stated commitment to helping those struggling for self determination. Their whole policy in the Middle East has been one of creating client relationships with Arab governments and the PLO itself rather than one of serious support for the actual needs of the Arab revolution.

For over a decade now Soviet policy has been to supply just enough econ-

omic and military aid to keep these in need of Soviet help but not enough to match the overwhelming firepower of the Israeli military machine.

The Arab governments have been shown to be even more bankrupt. Their unwillingness to come to the aid of the Palestinians, whose cause they espouse so eloquently to their own populace, is only partly a result of their lack of resources. This is something they could remedy quite easily given the political will. But most Arab states are more afraid of their own people than the genocidal butchers inside Begin's cabinet. A concerted effort to defeat Zionism and assert a secular Palestine in a Middle East controlled by its own peoples poses too many dangers for the reactionary shieks in Saudi Arabia and other "moderate" Arab politicians.

The fate may be ordained anyway following the feelings of repulsion felt by the mass of people in Arab countries at the shameful sellout of the Palestinians. Reagan's paper



initiative for Palestinian autonomy is an attempt to save these discredited leaders. The United States administration pleaded with Begin not to raze West Beirut to the ground not for humanitarian reasons but because it feared for the stability of its own client Arab states. Now it is necessary to pretend that these governments, particularly Egypt and Saudi Arabia, can salvage diplomatic victory from military retreat.

And what of Israel? Unfortunately for their cringing opponents in Cairo and Jedda they are in no mood to make even the most nominal concessions. Decades of

unlimited economic and military aid from the US coupled with victory after soft victory over the Arab nations has produced one of the most racist and militarist states in the world. There will be no Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank or Gaza; no cessation of Israeli settlements in these areas and no direct discussions or dealings of any kind with the representatives of the Palestinians.

Such behaviour should come as a lesson to those who preach moderation and reconciliation with the imperialist enemy wherever it holds sway. To those who believe that armed struggle against the imperialist state some impediment to "politics" it is necessary to point out the Palestinian example.

Israel may have won the battle for Beirut; but it has lost the moral and propaganda war. Furthermore, it has not defeated the PLO who have been forced to make a tactical withdrawal but whose morale and will to fight remains undiminished and is, if anything, strengthened. And with the ripples of discontent sure to make themselves felt in several countries around the Middle East the war criminals of Israel may live to regret what they now mistakenly regard as the final victory over the PLO.

TRUTH and the CORK EXAMINER

The Cobh H-Block/Armagh Committee would like to thank the people of Cobh who gave practical, financial and moral support to the Committee during the H-Block campaign.

More particularly the Committee would like to express its gratitude for the goodwill, tolerance and restraint shown by the majority of townspeople in the face of the scurrilous and hysterical campaign waged by the *Cork Examiner* against the Committee.

We also wish to thank most sincerely the local UDC employees on the principled stand they took in refusing to remove the memorial, despite the opportunist urgings of local officials.

The Committee placed a temporary memorial at the Lusitania Monument in order to commemorate the anniversaries of the H-Block martyrs. A simple wreath was placed on the date of each anniversary, beginning on the 5/5/82 with Bobby Sands (M.P.) and ending on the 20/8/82 with Michael Devine.

The *Cork Examiner*, being the reactionary 'newspaper' it

is and discovering that there was no widespread opposition to the Memorial, dispatched to Cobh its leading hack 'reporters', Maureen Fox and Larry Lyons, to stir up public reaction against the Committee and its Memorial. They failed miserably because the majority of local people simply did not believe the scare stories of 'fear and intimidation'.

However there were some who made fools of themselves and they included UDC Chairperson Miss Ita O'Reilly. Instead of attempting to solve the housing and unemployment problems in Cobh, she tried with the help of the *Cork Examiner* to discredit the Cobh H-Block/Armagh Committee. The result was that the *Cork Examiner* and Miss Ita O'Reilly generated unprecedented adverse publicity for Cobh. Wild stories were carried by the local, national and British press which the Committee hopes will not prove detrimental to the future of tourism in the town.

After the anniversary of the last hunger striker was commemorated, the Memorial was removed by the Cobh H-Block Armagh Committee at 8.15 p.m. on August 23, the date set by the Committee. The memorial was not removed at the instigation of Cobh UDC, as stated in the *Cork Examiner* — the last piece of *Examiner* misrepresentation to its readers.

Finally the Cobh H-Block/Armagh Committee believes that a permanent Memorial would be a fitting tribute to the ten young men who died in such tragic circumstances.

War News War News War News War News

"Privileged Few To Pay"

WEDNESDAY 1st September

A unit of the INLA shot and seriously wounded Belfast City Councillor Billy Dickson in his Donegal Road home. The INLA used a sledge hammer to break down the door of the house and then shot him four times in the chest. Billy Dickson was shot because of his position in the DUP and the fact that the DUP has been responsible for creating an atmosphere which encourages the loyalist death squads.

The INLA believes that the main purpose of Prior's Assembly is to return control of the RUC and UDR to the DUP and other similar Unionist bodies. *The INLA will not allow this to happen.* It pledges to help the anti-imperialist people to defend themselves against these moves. It will move the war away from the besieged anti-imperialist areas of the six counties, and into areas of the privileged few and the sectarian loyalist rulers.

INLA KEEP UP THE PRESSURE

The INLA Irish National Liberation Army has kept up the pressure on the forces of occupation with attacks on the UDR, RUC and British army.

August 26th, the INLA planted a booby trap device beneath the car of a full time RUC man in Whiteabbey. The bomb exploded when he was driving away from his father's home. This was one of the newly adapted bombs which the INLA has been using to great effect. Also on the 26th, an INLA patrol ambushed a squad of British soldiers in the Divis Flats complex of West Belfast.

August 27th, the pressure was kept up when the INLA carried out a successful attack on a former UDR man, Wilfred McIvean. McIvean was killed when his car was blown up as he left a social

club where he worked.

He was transferred to special intelligence work at the beginning of this year after he had supposedly left the UDR. He was also closely connected to the UVF murder gangs that have attacked Nationalist people in the Armagh area. The hysterical attacks by Loyalist Politicians, Harold McCusker and John Taylor, found no response amongst the Nationalist population as it knows the antics of the sectarian thugs of the UDR.

SHORT STRAND ATTACK

Despite RUC denials, an INLA unit shot and wounded a full time RUC man in the Short Strand area of Belfast. The RUC man was wearing blue overalls over his uniform and an INLA intelligence officer had meticulously followed his movements for over a month. This



was used to set up the attack. Local people confirmed that an ambulance rushed to the scene and that the RUC "were not a bit pleased."

INLA FORCE AN RUC RETREAT

On 24th August, Eight shots fired by an INLA patrol in the Markets area of Belfast at the open doors of an RUC Land Rover forced them to beat a hasty retreat from the area.

BRITS ENDANGER CIVILIANS

10th August: The RUC and Brits were intent on causing as many civilian casualties as possible in Downpatrick, when they ignored continued warnings about a booby-trapped van in the town.

On 10th August the INLA commandeered a van and planted a device in it before leaving it in the Flying Horse estate. When the Brits became aware that the van was booby trapped the INLA informed a local priest. However, despite all his efforts the RUC refused to do anything about it. They obviously wanted to cause

as much damage as possible to the local community.

ANDERSONSTOWN

After discovering an INLA anti-personnel mine in the Andersonstown area the Brits tried to force all the residents of the area to leave their homes. Several residents refused to fall for the Brits propaganda move and would not leave. Their faith in the INLA was proved when the Brits later admitted that the mine was control detonated, and harmless to the local population.

IRA Volunteer Murdered



The 18th August 1982 saw the mask slip from the face of the British Army, for as two Derry men left a bar on the Race Course Road, Shantallow, Derry City, one of them was grabbed by a patrol of the Royal Anglican Regiment and shot and killed.

He was later named as Eamonn Bradley and was claimed by the IRA as a volunteer.

The facts of the "incident" are now well known, Eamonn Bradley and a friend Paul McCool had spent the afternoon playing cards in the Shantallow House Bar, on Race Course Road. At around 4.50 p.m. the two men left the bar to go home for their tea. But as they left the bar a patrol of the Royal

Anglican Regiment was passing and they grabbed Paul McCool as he was crossing the carpark with Eamonn Bradley. The Brits held McCool but allowed Bradley to walk on. As McCool watched a soldier brought up his rifle and shot Eamonn Bradley in the leg. As Eamonn Bradley crumpled to the ground the Brit went over to stand over him. Two more shots were fired at point blank range as young Bradley lay helpless on the ground. Numerous witnesses have described how they saw Eamonn Bradley murdered and how the Brits refused to call an ambulance.

This brutal unprovoked

assassination immediately brought back memories of Bloody Sunday, when the Paras killed 13 innocent people in Derry city. With this act the Brits gave notice as to what the Nationalist community in the 6 counties can expect when the new Assembly transfers power of the "Security Forces" to the Unionists. The IRSP will not add it's voice to the call for that Brit patrol to be brought to Court as it knows full well that there is no Justice in the British Courts. The IRSP knows that if they come to Court they will get off. That has always been the case and there will be no difference in the future.

RUC hit-men

Sunday 8th August saw something unusual happen in the town of Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.

From early in the night a team of four gunmen prowled the town looking for suitable victims for assassination or abduction. They visited a number of bars around the town before they went to Frank's Tavern. Here they mixed with the young people of the town who went to Frank's for the regular Sunday night disco.

Once in Frank's they continued to be on the lookout for a possible murder victim. But by 12.30 they had, as yet, not picked out a suitable one.

Then the trouble started when a youth from the Northern Town of Keady recognised one of the four. This youth told a number of others and they challenged the gunmen. The four beat a hasty retreat in the direction of their black Escort car. Here they produced a revolver in an attempt at

keeping the pursuers at bay. They got into their car but could not get away as it was surrounded by a number of people from the disco. But their luck was in as a carload of Gardai arrived. In an attempt at escape they rammed their car into the Gardai's car but could not get away. The driver of the car then made a run for it but was stopped by a flying tackle. During the melee the windscreen of the car was smashed. Now the game was up and they would have to face the music. They had been caught in possession of three loaded .357 Ruger magnum revolvers. Every one else caught in similar circumstances had received up to 10 years from the Free State courts, surely they would get the same?

But no, these would be assassins were members of the RUC and although their organisation has a long history of murder and terrorism the four were taken to the Barracks, held for a few hours and then brought to the



border to go back to their normal duty of murder, intimidation, harassment and torture.

Once in the 6 Counties the men complained to their organisation's headquarters in Belfast. They wanted to know how could they possibly continue their duties as the Gardai had kept their weapons. RUC Headquarters immediately got on to the Free State Government to complain. C. J.

Haughey apologised for the oversight and sent the three revolvers to the border for collection.

The RUC were not a bit happy about this delay as it was not the first time this type of thing had happened, and the Free Staters should have learned their lesson. The RUC reminded the Free Staters of the time they arrested 8 armed SAS men in Omagh, Co. Londonderry on 5th May, 1975. They were

returned to the Border with their guns, knives, etc. The SAS men were fined that time but the RUC were glad that that would not happen this time.

In a statement issued after the incident, the RUC said that the Free State was in an awful way when it could not protect policemen doing their duty. It demanded that the Garda presence be increased along the border to ensure that their men would not be harassed again in the course of their duty in the 26 Counties.

Greens under the Bed

Republican Under the Hospital Beds

The Rev. Martin Smyth, the Official Unionist MP for South Belfast, declared on 23th August that the present industrial dispute in the Health Service was a "Republican Plot." He said that it was obvious that the strikes had been organised, by the INLA and IRA, to do damage to the Government. They were using "some" natural discontent to totally disrupt all hospital services.

He went on to say that it was clear that the Republican's "modern materialist approach" had been put into the Health Service workers. From the way they no longer cared about the patients within the hospitals that sinister elements had undermined their normal love of duty and natural self sacrifice.

Further evidence was given by the Rev. Smyth when he claimed that a worker in the kitchen of the Mater Hospital had burnt a Union flag on the 12th July. He also stated that a Tricolour had been

flown at Purdysburn Mental Hospital. (Surely an obvious place for one to be flown from his point of view.)

Patricia McKeown, NUPE, accused Rev. Smyth of inventing the whole thing. How could the INLA and IRA organise strikes and stoppages

in England, Scotland and Wales?

The Starry Plough has been told by security staff that, since the Rev. Smyth's statement, they had been ordered to check under all the beds in all the hospitals. Not only for reds but now for republicans.

Release Nicky Kelly

NICKY KELLY

The campaign to gain the release of Nicky Kelly from Portlaoise Prison has continued through the past month.

Tony Gregory TD for Dublin North Central, has been down to visit Nicky in Portlaoise. This was arranged by the Nicky Kelly Release Committee as a means of highlighting Nicky's case.

On Monday 9th August a number of people were disturbed on the 17th green of the Woodbrook golf club in Bray. They appeared to be in the process of writing Free Nicky Kelly across the green. This was done during the Irish Close Championship and caused some disruption. Although the Nicky Kelly Release understands the sentiment behind the actions it must ask that this type of action stop. It will only serve to alienate support.

The weekly picket and leafleting will continue both at the GPO, Dublin at 2 o'clock on Saturdays and on O'Connell Bridge at 5 o'clock on Wednesdays.

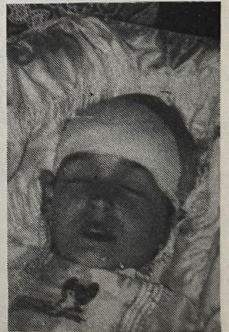
Murderer Goes Free

The tragic story of the killing of 11 year old Stephen McConomy was highlighted once again this month when the Director of Public Prosecutions stated that there would be no charges against the soldier who fired the plastic bullet that killed Stephen.

This has caused further outrage within the Nationalist community in the 6 Counties. For there are numerous witnesses to the cowardly way in which Stephen McConomy was attacked that night. The plastic bullet that killed him was fired from the back of a saracen. At the time Stephen was walking home after practicing for the Micky Devine Memorial Flute band. In no way was the assault provoked.

The bullet struck Stephen on the back of the head, taking away most of the back of his skull. He lay in hospital for three days before dying on 19th April.

The initial reaction of Maria McConomy was to announce that herself and her sister would go on hunger strike on the 23rd August. But she has since been persuaded to take any other more effective course. Maria McConomy has said that it is not her intention to get rev-



enge but there was a murderer walking the streets of Derry and he was in the British army. Her main worry was for her other two children who may be cut down at will by any British soldier or RUC man with immunity. The DPP has once again renewed the licence to kill which is carried by members of the "Security Forces".

Dirty Deals in Irish Shipping

In a recent advert in the Free State newspapers, Irish Shipping announced that their profits had increased last year. They spent thousands to bring this to everyone's attention. Yet the conditions of service aboard their deep sea section will not appear in any advertisement. Irish Shipping is a Semi State body and is as such owned by the Free State Government. The Line's other interests are in B + I, and Irish Continental Line. There are 6 ships in the deep sea section, or there was till recently.

The basic rate of pay for sailors in the deep sea section is £380.00 per month. This is for a 40 hour week, after that they are put on an overtime rate of £1.50 per hour. This overtime rate is for all overtime and includes Saturday and Sunday. Thus the seamen have to accept an overtime rate that is lower than their basic rate. Some crew members have to do up to 32 hours overtime per week.

These rates do not compare with the rates paid to members of the British National Union of Seamen. (The Irish seamen belong to the Seamen's Union of Ireland). These receive a basic rate which is only slightly less than the Irish rate but they get overtime at two rates, £2.15 for the first 2 hours and then £2.59 for all work after that. Thus for a 72 hour week a member of the NUS will get over £200 per month more than a member of the SUI.

Irish Shipping have been exploiting the ANCO training scheme as well. The young trainees only receive £195 per month and only £0.90 per hour for overtime. They are not entitled to the normal practice of "Sundays at sea." This is a system of allowing seamen a day's leave for each Sunday spent at sea. The trainees also have no recourse to a Union as Irish Shipping refused to allow them to join the Seamen's Union of Ireland.

The SUI have been approached about these matters but they could give

no satisfaction. The Union's General Secretary William Stacey was totally ignorant of the rates being paid in the deep sea section of his Union. When asked he could not compare the rates of pay with those in the NUS. He also claimed to know nothing about Irish Shipping's refusal to allow the ANCO trainees join a union.

The Starry Plough has discovered that the refusal of union membership is an agreement between Irish Shipping and the Union. William Stacey has therefore negotiated away the right to join a union. Yet it is supposed to have been right under Irish law.

In our investigations into the matter of rates of pay, the Starry Plough has discovered that Irish Shipping is trading with South Africa. This is despite an order from the Free State Department of Foreign Affairs that all trade with South Africa should cease. On 20th May 1982 the MV Irish Oak, which then belonged to Irish Shipping arrived in Durban to take on a load of steel. The ship spent about 16 days there before moving on to Richard's Bay to spend 3 days taking on more. This cargo was discharged at Rotterdam and Antwerp. It is believed that the steel will now be sold to the US as coming from European mills.

Irish Shipping is fully aware of it's breaking of a Government order. For it tried to cover up the fact that one of it's ships was in South Africa. Each Tuesday, in the Irish Independent, an advertisement appears from Irish Shipping telling where each of it's ships is docked. Yet when the MV Irish Oak was in Durban it's name did not appear in the advert. Only when worried relatives started to enquire about its whereabouts did it reappear.

The IRSP call upon Irish Shipping to stop all trading with racist regimes like South Africa. And on the Free State to enforce its ban.

The French Connection

THE FRENCH CONNECTION FAUXPAS

The French President and Government are sorely embarrassed. The international media turned their microphones to the presidential palace, waiting for details of the arrests of "top international terrorists" from Palestine, Italy and Iraq. Reports of documents, explosives and arms caches came to the media thick and fast. Mettérand had succeeded in dealing "international terrorism" a death blow.

But something had gone wrong. Mick Plunket, former General Secretary of the IRSP Mary Reid former editor of the Starry Plough and Steven King member of the IRSP were arrested in a flat in a Paris suburb. It transpired that he supposed "death list documents" were private documents of Mary



Reid; the huge haul of arms and explosives which were to be used for a holocaust was nothing more than 3 pistols held by the 3 comrades for their own protection from assassins from M16. The explosives consisted of 500 grammes (less than 1 lb).

Mick Plunket has been a member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party since its inception. He was one of those members of Official Sinn Féin who split from that movement in 1974 to form the IRSP. He is a tireless worker in the cause of a Socialist Republic. In 1979 he was charged in the Special Criminal court with possession of arms and explosives. He did not make his final court appearance.

Steve King is also a member of the Party. He worked in Bandon and Dub-

lin building the IRSP. He too was charged in the Special Criminal Court in 1980 with possession of arms. Steve did not make his final court appearance either.

Mary Reid joined the party in 1975/6 and resigned in 1979. During her membership she was extremely active in highlighting the "Great Frame Up" of IRSP members in the Sallins Train Robbery.

A statement received by the IRSP from the INLA stated that the Irish National Liberation Army had not at any time carried out armed action in France nor was it their intention to do so. They said that the Socialist Government in France had shown it sympathy for the struggle for a united socialist Ireland. They had condemned Thatcher's brutalities during the Hunger strike of 1981 and as a mark of respect had renamed several French streets in honour of our dead comrades. The INLA stated that the claims of the French police were mistaken and preposterous.

Steven King and Mick Plunket were forced by draconian legislation to leave Ireland. The Socialist Government in France should offer these victims of the war for Irish Independence, political asylum. They are political prisoners accused of political crimes. Political asylum is their right.



HOSPITAL AND KITCHEN INTERNATIONAL

The recent prolonged official strike at H.K.I. as reported in the August edition of "The Starry Plough" ended with the men returning to work on Tuesday, August 17th.

The reason for the dispute was the sheetmetal workers employed there refused to take orders from an unqualified man, Harry Buckmaster, chargehand, who recently got a welders union card in dubious circumstances from the Dundalk branch of the NEETU after completing an A.N.C.O. welding course.

The men returned to work on the understanding that this man would be phased out of his capacity as chargehand. In effect, that he would give no more orders except through an intermediary.

So far this has not happened, with the result that relations between the men's elected shop-stewards and management have become more strained.

It is earnestly hoped that a forthcoming meeting between the unions and the management will resolve this bone of contention and the management will see the error of their ways in trying to force an awakened workforce to accept a subtle form of scab labour.

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Doherty vs Screws

while prisoners suffer

Wednesday, 1st September saw the start of a Hunger Strike by 3 prisoners in Limerick Prison. The 3, Paddy McDonald, Claron Mc Morrow, and Dermott Cassidy, have commenced this protest to demonstrate their resolve to get the conditions inside Limerick improved.

These are only the first three to go on Hunger Strike as they were followed on 8th September by three more men.

FACILITIES

Since they were moved from Portlaoise to Limerick, in January, the prisoners have been complaining to the Governor about the lack of facilities within the prison. To do this they formed themselves into the "Republican Socialist Alliance". This was done to ensure that there

was a united voice amongst the prisoners. They then drew up a list of 11 demands. Most of these were based on the prisoners belief that the conditions were not geared to long term imprisonment. The majority of the men are serving sentences from 10 years to life

CONDITIONS

These demands are based on the conditions that prevailed in Portlaoise and are aimed at their own physical and mental wellbeing.

ANAL SEARCHES

But part of the protest is against the degrading anal searches that have been carried out in Limerick. In these the prisoners are man-handled by up to 4 screws and their anal passage is probed. The purpose for this is stated as "Security" yet how could the prisoners get contraband to hide. The visits are carried out in a

room where the prisoner is separated from his visitors by two wire screens that go from desk top to ceiling. These wire screens, about 18 inches apart, contain another perspex barrier. Each visit is watched by a screw and there is, absolutely, no way that anything can be passed.

PAWNS

So far it is just another prison protest, but as the men say in their statement, they believe that they are being used by the Prison officers as pawns, to gain more money. This was highlighted when the Minister of Justice for the 26 Counties, Sean Doherty, agreed with most of the prisoners complaints. He declared that he wanted to improve conditions but that

the process was being held up by the Prison officers. Mr. Doherty has also agreed to see some of the Hunger Strikers relatives.

TD's VISIT

The prisoners case was further highlighted when Tony Gregory TD paid a visit to the prison on Saturday 4th September. After his six hour stay inside, Mr. Gregory described the conditions as "disgraceful". He resolved to see Mr. Doherty at the earliest opportunity.

BACKWARD

"I have heard it said that Ireland has the most backward prison

system in Europe, and I believe it after visiting Limerick today", said Mr. Gregory. "The prisoners' demands are very reasonable - they simply want improved conditions which should be the right of every prisoner in any prison in this country" and these would not effect security.

19th CENTURY

I found conditions to be 19th century. I was amazed to find in a prison in this country in 1982 that there were no facilities at all, particularly for long term prisoners who were serving some ten years to life imprisonment. It is certainly a prison which is not equipped for long term prisoners", he continued.

**PRISONERS AID CTTE
WEEKLY PICKETS
at LIMERICK GAOL
SATURDAYS at 2.30pm**

Prisoners Demands

**STATEMENT OF
INTENT FROM
LONG-TERM
PRISONERS, A. WING
LIMERICK PRISON
16th JULY, 1982.**

Since our arrival here last February we, the specially convicted prisoners of A-Wing (comprising I.R.S.P. and other socialist and Republican prisoners) have persistently pointed out to the governors and members of the visiting committee that the appalling lack of facilities for long-term prisoners within this jail is totally unacceptable to us.

Throughout this past six months, we have received some promises and assurances from various prison governors and members of the administration that our situation would improve regarding certain of our



grievances. Recently, however we have lost all faith in these promises, due to the fact that our simple requests have been ignored and our more serious ones treated with a callous indifference, particularly those concerning significant cut-backs on our association time and the treatment of our visitors.

The administrators of Limerick Prison have

made it abundantly clear at all levels that they did not want us here in the first instance, and we most certainly did not ask to come here. We simply wish to do our time peaceably and quietly in a cordial and agreeable atmosphere, and to be treated with the inherent dignity due to all human beings, our visitors included. However and whatever the wisdom behind the decision to place us in this situation may be, the fact remains that we find ourselves in a prison which is hopelessly inadequate for the detention of long-term prisoners.

Despite our recent limited protest action the situation continues to deteriorate here. Petty restrictions are increasing daily as are degrading strip searches, which verge on indecent assault by

prison officers. We feel we are being used by these officers as a lever for their industrial demands - in the hope that our reactions will bring their demands, whatever their merits, to the attention of their employer.

In view of the general situation in which we find ourselves, and having received no response to our repeated requests for improved living conditions, we feel we have no option but to escalate our protest actions onto a more serious level in order to highlight our just grievances and inject an air of urgency into a situation we no longer find tolerable.

We will discontinue our protests when we receive a positive response to the following proposals:

1. That the hours of Association in Limerick be the same as Portlaoise.

2. That a proper exercise yard be provided

3. A craft work shop be established.

4. Facilities be provided for proper education facilities, with access to correspondence courses.

5. That all anal searches cease.

6. That the wire or perspex divisions in the visits be taken away.

7. Remission of sentence be re-examined as male prisoners only receive 25% remission.

8. A more liberal interpretation of compassionate parole be introduced.

9. A gym should be provided.

10. That access be given to suitable laundry amenities on an everyday basis.

11. Go dtuigf a ndéarfadh lucht labhartha na Gaeilge agus iad ag plé tríd an teanga sin leis an chóras phriosúin: Nach mbeadh an córas priosúin ag brú béarla ar lucht na Gaeilge ach go mbeifí sásta plé leo nuair ba ghá plé leo, trí mheán na Gaeilge.

UDA Conspire With European Fascists

UDA

The August issue of Searchlight, the anti-Nazi magazine, has exposed the dealings of the UDA and various Fascist organisations in Europe.

The article deals with a letter from Steve Brady, a well known Nazi from Brighton, to Andy Tyrrie, "Supreme Commander UDA". The letter dated May 1980, is an explanation to the UDA of who and how to contact a number of Fascist groups. The 8 page letter is an introduction by Brady of himself to the UDA. Throughout it Brady sings the praises of a large number of European groups, going from country to country.

Most of the "activities" of these groups are detailed. Brady describes the Italian Ordine Nuovo as "Basically neo-Fascist urban guerrillas whose main activities are machine-gunning Red marches, blowing up Red offices, car bombing of Reds, assassination of leading Reds and good clean fun of that sort."

Later Brady shows his support for the "Grey Wolves", it is from their ranks that came the attempted assassin of Pope John Paul. He says "... the MHP has a paramilitary youth wing the 'Grey Wolves' whose main activity appears to be killing Communists."

"They seem to welcome foreign anti-communist groups; they enjoy good relations with the French group FANE..."

Throughout the letter Brady mentions another UDA contact, Martyn Haine, as a reference. Haine, a former British movement organiser from Brighton, was a founder member of John Tyndall's British National Party. His links with the UDA go back many years. Recently he was given a 12 month conditional discharge for the possession of an imitation sub-machine gun without a licence.

As can be seen from the various excerpts, reproduced here, Brady wanted to help the UDA get in touch with other Fascist Organisations, with a view to helping the UDA fight the IRA/INLA.

He was in Belfast in June this year on an all expenses paid trip. This was just after the arrests of the leadership of the UDA. This was in an attempt to show that the UDA was not a beaten organisation.

Searchlight is an anti-Fascist paper, if you want a subscription or have information to pass on contact it at Searchlight, 37B New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8JR. Telephone: 735 5651.

Perhaps the best way to appraise you of the European scene would be to go through it country by country, mentioning the principal groups active there and giving you some idea of the prospects, in my view, for the establishing of friendly and useful liason with the UDA. Obviously much of this you may know already, and no doubt Mr Martin Haine, whom I beleive is know to you, will have additional comments to make.

Viaamse Militanten Orde (Flemish Militant Order): the VMO is a paramilitary body many thousands strong, which is strong enough to defy Belgian law and stage uniformed marches. It has taken "military action" against leading Communists, and its members are trained in soldiering and (illegally) firearms. Before being accepted into the VMO, members are expected to prove their courage by doing a parachute jump from an aircraft. The VMO also run cafes" (pubs) in most Flemish towns.

Now for the bad news.... The VMO has along history of support for Irish Republicanism. Several years ago, Spinnewijn visited Belfast as a guest of the Provisional IRA, and there have been rumours of VMO members being trained by the Provos. The recent spate of letter bombs in England posted from Brussels, and the bomb attack on a group of British soldiers there, may or may not have been carried out by the VMO itself on behalf of the IRA, but certainly some Flemish group not a million miles away from the VMO was involved.

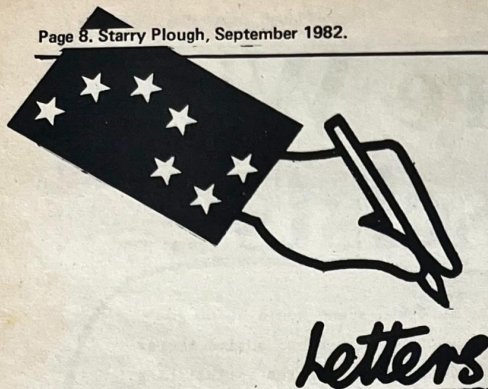
This, however, to my mind merely makes it more important to win over the VMO, since thereby you would not only be gaining an ally but would be depriving the Provos of one (quite useful one at that- the VMO may be able to move men and materials about as well as providing logistic and propaganda support. The main point to hammer away at is, of course, that the Provos, no less than the Officials, are Communists. The VMO are very right wing indeed, and

ii) Ordina Nuovo (New Order): organised in small cells throughout Italy. Basically neo-Fascist urban guerillas, whose main activities are machine-gunning Red marches, blowing up Red offices, car bombings of Reds, assassinations of leading Reds and good clean fun of that sort.

the MHP has a paramilitary youth wing, the "Grey Wolves", whose main activity appears to be killing Communists. The Grey Wolves have sections amongst Turkish students in Germany, France and, though I haven't yet managed to contact them, in Britain. They seem to welcome foreign anti-Communist groups:

HIAG: Waffen SS veterans association.

HIAG members are mostly respectable and prosperous businessmen and are always ready to support anti-Communists. Martyn Haine has a number of contacts amongst them, as he collects and deals in German militaria.



Provos to Ban the Bomb

On St August 1982 the Provo's paper published an article from a "John Doyle" on facing realities. Part of this was taken up by an argument that force had no part to play in the struggle for Socialism.

Firstly Mr. Doyle detailed a number of cases where force was justified. All of these were defensive. Either the defense of the new state against foreign aggression or defence against counter revolution. But he goes on to say that in no circumstances should military methods be used in a united Ireland situation. "Force cannot replace a mass movement and only in particular circumstances can it be part of such a movement. Those circumstances exist in the North against military occupation. They may not exist in a Britless Ireland."

Thus he says that there maybe a reason for the use of force and then there may not be. But the example he gave was defensive and shows his basic idea.

If John Doyle, and the Provos, believe that there will be no place for force in the struggle for Socialism then he is deluding himself. All socialist movements must be prepared to use force both as a defence against attacks from the State and its agents and as a means of gaining a political advantage. It must also be ready and willing to seize power when the opportunity arises.

The only example to be considered is the Irish Citizen's Army, which was founded to defend pickets and strikers against the RIC and various scabs. But it was prepared to use force to stop strike breaking etc. It was also willing to attempt to seize power at Easter 1916.

Every true revolution-

ary organisation must be ready to arm itself or else it is due to repeat the example of Salvador Alende.

None of this is a call to arms in the 26 Counties, or in any new 32 county state. That depends on the circumstances and the support.

"Mr. Doyle" goes on to say that only in an unstable capitalist state can force be used. Lenin said that conditions created revolution but he spent years building to ensure that he recognised and could exploit those conditions when they occurred. And he was not above using force when necessary. "Mr. Doyle" says that the key to making capitalism insecure is self education. He is only part right, the key to destabilising any state is agitation and struggle combined with education. Only through our actions can we hope to achieve anything.

Finally "Mr. Doyle's" arguments are very similar to those used by the Trot. Left in Britain to prevent their members using force against the likes of the National Front. They are also the very reasons that the Socialist Workers Party, The International Marxist Group and People's Democracy use for refusing to recognise that right of Republican Socialist people in the 6 Counties to fight for a united Ireland. Perhaps this type of thinking combined with the Provos decision to fight the Assembly elections should give notice to all and sundry that the Provos are following the Sticks down the reformist road.

Yours,
Michael Maguire,
Newry.

War Not Needed For Revolution — SWP

Comrade,

Through their version of potted history. SWP tries hard to rationalise their lack of support for the war of National Liberation in Ireland. As a result of the recent London Bombings Socialist Worker has felt forced, by anti-Irish hysteria, to lend their "socialist" voice to the condemnations of the IRA and the Irish fight for freedom.

In two articles in the past few weeks, one by Pat Stack, (a Cork man would you believe), the other by Chris Harman, an old hack, the SWP expose themselves as British chauvinists.

The first article, by Stack, opens bemoaning the fact that the IRA bombings got more publicity than the high level of unemployment in Britain. "The bombings could not have come at a worst time". At a worst time for whom? Certainly not the Republican forces in Ireland, who are sick to death of Britain's glorious "Victory" in the Malvinas. Who are disheartened at the backdown by the British Rail workers and sickened by Tory policies both in Ireland and England.

Of course we realise that the bombs in England may make your task as British Socialists more difficult, but Irish Republicans and Socialists are not in the business of



creating revolution in England, Scotland or Wales, at this moment in time. That is the job of the British Left including SWP. SWP's failure in this cannot be blamed on Irish Freedom Fighters, albeit it is a good cop out for them.

SWP claim that the military campaign in Ireland lacks "Political strategy and direction". However what they really mean is that it lacks a direction that SWP can agree with and therefore must be incorrect or non-existent. At least Mr. Stack comes out with the usual rhetoric on the Troops Out Movement. But what has SWP ever done to achieve this end? They have used TOM as a potential recruiting ground for their own party rather than in solidarity with the war in Ireland.

That was their political direction and strategy within TOM.

The unsigned article — presumably the view of the Central Committee on "Individual Terrorism" shows the total confusion of the SWP on the question of armed struggle. Without being honest enough to state their own position on the London bombings, they quote reams of Trotsky on the subject of "Individual Terrorism". One must presume that SWP believes the attack on the British Army in Regent's Park to be such an act. Of course they neglect to refer to Trotsky's comments on the British Left.

When he argued that all those (English) Socialists who do not support, by all means possible, the war of liberation in Ireland should be branded with infamy, if not with a bullet.

SWP's naivety, exposed by Chris Harman, on the necessity for armed struggle action for their own revolution is incredible. It seems that British Socialists will never need bombs or bullets. That British Imperialists will just give up quietly without a fight. Comrades we wish you luck! Maybe you will learn something from us after all.

Is Mise,
John O'Mahoney,
Dublin.

British Economism or International Solidarity?

Dear Comrade,

I was saddened to read in the July issue of The Starry Plough in the article headed "The Basis of Capital in Labour" that the IRSP is advocating a form of import control: "The IRSP demands that all materials used on Government contracts be Irish made."

This is the same trap into which large sections of the Labour Movement in Scotland, Wales and England are falling. Despite the slogan "Workers of the World Unite" being one of the most popular amongst trade unionists the Trade Unions still support the interests of their native capitalists against the interests of foreign Labour.

For Ireland to impose a ban on West German pick axe handles, to use your example, might result in workers in the manufacturing industries of that country being made redundant. Is this International solidarity?

The IRSP is concerned, and right so, with the struggles of workers to win better conditions and higher wages. The fight to win should be aimed directly at the native capitalists, the multinationals and the Government. To support import controls is to support petty-bourgeois nationalism, and to betray class interests.

The IRSP has a vitally important role to play in the struggle for National Liberation and Socialism.

The effectiveness and reputation of the IRSP can only be damaged by the adoption of this absurd policy.

I strongly urge the Ard Comhairle to reconsider the position on import controls.

Yours fraternally,
W. Vaughan Thomas.



Kevin Lynch Honoured

Sunday August 1st saw the commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the death of Hunger Striker Kevin Lynch from Dungiven Co. Derry. The procession from the local bus depot was led by the Kevin Lynch Memorial Flute Band. In accordance with the solemnity of the occasion the colours were carried flurled, the drums draped in black and each member of the band wore a black arm band. As the band moved off the hushed crowd of 2,000 fell in behind the wreath bearers and the Lynch family.

The very obvious force of RUC and British Army were ignored by all those who attended the march.

The ceremony at the grave site was chaired by A. Hegarty, Chairman of the Kevin Lynch Memorial Committee, which was responsible for the raising of the funds for the high black marble celtic cross over the grave.

After the last post, the memorial was unveiled by Mrs. Bridie Lynch, Kevin's mother. This was followed by the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Lynch family the INLA, the North West Comhairle Ceantair IRSP, and numerous clubs and associations called after Kevin Lynch including the Memorial Flute band, the Memorial Committee, the football and Hurling clubs. One which received prominence was that from Liam McCloskey who was Kevin's lifelong friend and who replaced him on hunger strike last year.

Tony O'Hara spoke then on behalf of the Ard Comhairle IRSP. He detailed the call of the IRSP for a boycott of the forthcoming elections in the 6 counties and asked all present to work to ensure that Prior's assembly would end up where it belonged, in the dust bin.

Teresa Moore then spoke on behalf of the North West Comhairle Ceantair. She paid tribute to the sacrifice and suffering of Kevin Lynch and his family. She also detailed the generosity and solidarity expressed by the people of Dungiven.

The Chairman then thanked those present especially the contingent from Waterford and Noraid.

As the massive crowd dispersed it was obvious that the people have not forgotten Kevin Lynch and the sacrifice of his 9 comrades who died last year. Nor have they forgotten the suffering of the



families of all the 20 hunger strikers. It was clear that there was still a resolve and determination to continue the same struggle for National Liberation and to continue to build the only fitting memorial to the 10 hunger strikers . . . a Socialist Republic.

The largest ever commemorative parade organised by the Derry Comhairle Ceantair of the IRSP took place on Sunday August 22nd to the final resting place of the city's two I.N.L.A. hunger-strikers, Patsy O'Hara and Michael Devine, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the latter. Several hundred people marched from near Free Derry Corner in spite of inclement weather. The colourful parade included five bands, each carrying their banners and

flags along the one mile route to the city cemetery. Large numbers gathered along the route to express solidarity, and householders clapped from upstairs windows and front gardens. Representatives of the Devine and O'Hara families walked with members of the platform party and wreath-bearers immediately behind a colour party composed of one member of each of the bands named after Mickey Devine and Patsy O'Hara. Each female musician carried a flag, the Tri-Colour and Starry Plough, symbolic of the unity between the national and socialist struggles of Ireland, as embodied in the ideals of the Republican Socialist Party.

The local Chairman of the IRSP Comhairle Ceantair, Mr. Sean McCool, a veteran of struggle for many decades, read a moving tribute to Mickey Devine, which had formerly been transcribed from a taped-interview

with a close comrade-in-arms who wished to remain anonymous. This tribute was followed by the main oration, which was delivered by a member of the I.R.S.P. from Belfast.

We are here in Derry today to commemorate the life and death on hunger strike of a Republican Socialist soldier - Mickey Devine. While Micky was a Republican, he was also a confirmed Socialist, which led him to join the ranks of the Irish National Liberation Army, and to fight and die for the liberation of the Irish people - especially the Irish workers and other oppressed Irish people.

Because Micky knew that freedom only comes if you take it, he refused to be dragged into apathy and defeat. He lived his life as an activist, and his unwillingness to rest while his people were enslaved serves as the highest example to all Irish people, young and old.

But as we commemorate the life of Micky, we also share in the outrage of the people of Derry over the murder of young Stephen McConomy. The British army shot him down in cold blood with their plastic bullets, a cruel weapon which the world will come to associate with U.S. napalm in Vietnam and Israeli

Ruth First Buried

Monday 23rd August saw one of the biggest funerals ever held in Maputo, capital of Mozambique. Over 5,000 people attended the burial of Dr. Ruth First.

Dr. First was killed by a letter bomb which exploded a week previously. The explosion occurred at her office at the University. The bomb came from the Washington based South African Development, Information and Documentation Exchange. This combined with the statement from the chief of South Africa's security police that he committed his regime to "the uncompromising pursuit and destruction of South Africa's enemies whoever they may be", leaves one in no doubt as to the organisers of the assassination.

Ruth First was one of the foremost fighters against apartheid for the past thirty years. She came to the notice of the South African regime when she was editing Fighting Talk. Since then she was imprisoned, tortured, and exiled.

Through her research into various coups in Africa, she showed the hollow nature of so called "Independence for the African Nations." It was this expose of the replacement of Colonialism with Neo-Colonialism that made her an enemy.

Ruth First was buried beside 13 comrades from the ANC who were killed in a South African raid in January 1981. With her death the black majority has lost a champion and an example to us all.

phosphorous bombs in Lebanon.

We must stand behind the McConomy family as a united community - a militant community that will not allow its sons and daughters to be murdered by British death squads. If this means we must have martyrs like Micky Devine, then it must be so.

Today the British government, through Prior's latest sham initiative of "rolling devolution" are attempting to resurrect the old Stormont and strengthen loyalist misrule in the six counties. Not even bothering with the cosmetics of "power-sharing" and an "Irish dimension", they are trying to present to the world their so-called solution to what they call the "Irish question." In effect, they are attempting to rope Ireland as a whole into the NATO alliance, with nuclear missiles from Antrim to Kerry.

The Republican Socialist movement is committed not to allow such an assembly to get off the ground. We cannot see what purpose participating in the elections to such an assembly will serve. Those who run in the assembly elections only give legitimacy to this British initiative. We are fully committed to organising a united active boycott

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Insidious Ideology

Womens' oppression is a terrible thing. Its insidious. It creeps up on men and women unawares and attacks their otherwise national consciousness. Of course all this has been pre-designed through education, employment, economics etc. Even when the instilled capitalist values have been broken down in other areas, those relating to sexuality and to women remain.

SEXUALITY

Recently I was talking to an avowed socialist who held a good position on national liberation, class struggle, armed struggle and so on but when we came to discuss sexuality he referred to homosexuality as a "British disease" (he was not attempting humour).

ISSUES

Shortly before, I was talking to another socialist, very active in the Trade Union movement. Again we had agreement on many issues. When discussing womens' liberation he declared that women "almost had equality now".

LACKING

These two comrades, both male, expose just how lacking many socialists, both male and female are in understanding sexual oppression



and womens' oppression.

ECONOMICS

Womens' oppression although based on solid economic necessity can be pointed out so clearly in many ways. Low wages, confined to raising children and house-keeping, lack of education and job opportunities. These are some of the tangible realities of womens' oppression, the realities that socialists can easily cope with. But what of the whole ideology that goes hand in hand with this concrete oppression.

LESS IMPORTANT

The idea that women are somehow of less importance and intelligence than men is still prevalent. Today even though we have many women

doctors for example, people always assume that the doctor, dentist, driver, politician, etc. are male. It is assumed women like raising children, taken for granted that the married man will be the bread winner and that in fact it is correct that he should be so. Women who use their sexuality as they please are termed "an easy ride" and are thought to have "low morals". Men who act in the same way are thought to be great lads, rakes and very lucky.

CONCEPTS

These are but a few of the ideological concepts that women must suffer. But the

question is can these backward ideas be challenged successfully. In the course of the past 100 years, certainly there has been progression which was necessary to developing capitalism. But for as long as our society is governed by the needs of capital there can never be liberation for women. The regular family on which capitalism depends for its economic survival keeps women in their subservient role.

RACISM

History has shown that racism for example has only really been challenged when blacks, oppressed for centuries arose to demand their liberation, not only did they demand it but won it. Therefore the backward concepts of stupid fuzzy-wozzies swinging in the trees and being "civilised by mother England" had to be challenged by any thinking people. Blacks proved by their actions that they are "equal" to whites. It was not through discussion, or being convinced in argument that racism faded but as the result of the objective actions of blacks themselves.

VOTE

It was in a similar fashion that women won the vote. Fearless militant action taken by women "proved" that they were serious in their demands and were capable of political thought and action, that they really were rational human beings.

to be continued

Scots support Irish Liberation

Two highly successful demonstrations took place in Glasgow on Saturday 28th August. The first was held in the city's East End and was called for in support of Irish self determination and British withdrawal. It was organised by Republican Band Association (Scotland) and attracted over 500 people. The second demonstration was held in the Royston area and was organised by Glasgow Sinn Fein. The demo was called to highlight the continual use of the lethal plastic bullets in the North of Ireland. The march was led by a colour party and accompanied by eight Republican bands and was attended by 1,500 people many of them from local working class areas. Several groups took part including Clydeside

Troops Out Movement, Labour Committee on Ireland, the Scottish Republican Socialist Clubs and a contingent from Newcastle. The march concluded with a rally at which Mrs. Livingstone spoke emotionally of the murder of her 14 year old daughter, Julie who died when she was struck by a plastic bullet last May. A leading member of Sinn Fein (Britain) spoke on behalf of the Irish Republican P.O.W.'s incarcerated in English jails. The rally ended with the playing of the National Anthem by the John Kelly Memorial Accordion Band from Glasgow. Both demonstrations were attended by Glasgow supporters of the IRSP and all available copies of the Starry Plough were sold.

REVIEW



The Last Ditch

By Roy Bradford

This book will be remembered for the its total waste of a good subject. The collapse of Stormont and the circumstances surrounding it have all the drama, intrigue and suspense needed for a good story. But what we get instead is an apologia for the rulers of the 6 Counties especially the "moderates" in the Official Unionist Party.

The story is based within the confines of Stormont Castle and the Cabinet of the last Unionist Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. It attempts to use the internal faction fights which take place as they prepare to announce that the British Government at Westminster are to take over the control of the Security Forces. That they are going to disband the B Specials and bring in other small measures that the Unionists consider as part of either a sell out or as appeasement to the Catholics.

The cabinet divides into three groups and it is on the interaction between these that the book is based. But the whole book reeks not of the "inside story" but of a carefully laundered apology for Bradford and his fellow "liberal" unionists. All in all this book is of little or no use to anyone unless it is Conor Cruise O'Brien looking for further excuses for 50 years of misrule and for those who want to attempt to argue that "not all the unionists were bad."

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Cecil King — Right Wing War Monger

Reading Deasun Breathnach's fine tribute, "Do Chaitlin" to poet Caitlin Maude in a recent issue of the *Sunday Trib*, my eye strayed across the page to a review by Cecil King of Susan Crosland's biography of her late husband, the former Brit Foreign Secretary, Tony Crosland.

King makes the point very forcefully that Crosland's rise to office after he left the Paratroop Regiment was not unconnected with the fact that Crosland "A compulsive womaniser, a habitual drunk, selfish, vain and a man who almost made a cult out of boorish manners." gained the patronage of two powerful men: Hugh Dalton and Hugh Gaitskell.

Then in a brilliant piece of writing King, without offending the family read-

ers of the *Trib*, hints as to the reason for this patronage.

Dalston, a "very unattractive homosexual", who was the war-time boss of the British Black Propaganda Department, thought of young Tony as "gay and adorable". The gay and adorable Tony on the other hand thought that Gaitskell, who shall be forever remembered as the leader who vowed to fight, fight and fight again to keep the British Labour party safe from the H-Bomb, was "as gay a child."

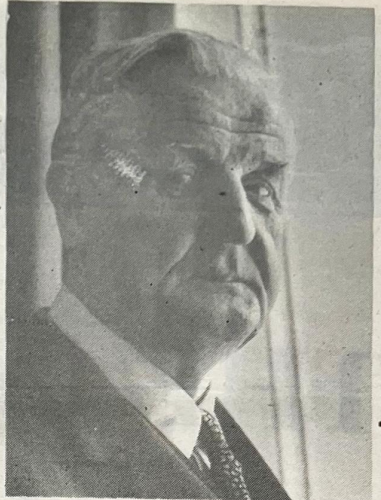
Did you get the King-point?

I'm certain that it is all true. As is King's later point in the same review

that "the attitude of Labour Party politicians seems to me to reflect the same attitude to the world as the Tory jingoes over the Falkland Islands — they are unable to accept the fact that Great Britain is no longer a world-wide empire but a weak European power."

I thought however that it might be worth mentioning, in passing as it were, that the reason why Cecil, the former boss of the *Daily Mirror* now lives in his native Dublin, is the very attractive reason that Baile Atha Cliath is outside the jurisdiction of the Old Bailey. A not unimportant attraction one may well think if one, say, for example, lived in fear of arrest on charges of attempting to organise a military-supported coup in Britain.

But it's true. When M15



were moving out of Leconfield House to their new HQ at the other end of Mayfair's trendy Curzon Street one file which fell of the back of the removal lorry tells how King in partnership with the late Dirty Dick Mountbatten and 81-year-old Elizabeth "Queenie" Lyon-Bowes, the well-known racing moll, plotted to overthrow

Harold Wilson's government and replace it with one headed by Dirty Dick which would include Ian Paisley.

But I'm sure that the *Trib*'s editor Conor Brady, with his close contacts with the Security Intelligence Branch in Phoenix Park knows all about this...

THE GREEN MOLE



DUFF HAND PACKS
BRIT TROUBLES IN
BUENOS AIRES?

If the new Argentinian government wants to keep it's pledge to harrass Britain until they recover the Malvinas they should order their police to take a hard new look at the "suicide" in Buenos Aires on the night of 3th November 1945 of one Arthur Pack, an Irish Catholic working for the British Embassy.

Pack was married to a top American-born British agent who, for service reasons wanted to be free to marry French diplomat Charles Brousse, but when Pack refused to play ball with his Marie Maguire-type wife he was "terminated with extreme prejudice".

Why should the Argentinians be interested?

Because, apart from the fact that the murder took place in Buenos Aires, the hand which organised the "suicide" is to be found today not a million miles from Sir Antony Duff, Margaret Thatcher's Security and Intelligent Co-Ordinator in No. 10 Downing St.

As predicted by this column a few months ago, the ITGWU job in Newry went to Brendan Campbell. This came as no surprise as the Sticks influence in Liberty Hall is well known.

CAMPAIGN OF RESISTANCE?

While listening to the radio one day last month the Green Mole was very surprised at the comments of his old comrade Joe Sherlock on the Border Campaign of 1956 to 1961. Joe was in full support of the '56 campaign, for personal reasons no doubt. He continually referred to it as a Campaign of Resistance, the old term used at the time by us in the Republican Movement. It is strange to hear the "socialist" Sherlock support a Border Campaign that had absolutely no social content, when at the same time he attacks the present war in the north. This, of course, has a much greater base of support in the people and has shown the people's resistance to Unionist and British domination.

"Republican' Journalist
Refuses to Support
Kevin Lynch Memorial

The media is well known as a means for advancement for the ambitious. The formula is well tried and trusted, 1st assume a republican or socialist stance, then use this to get a number of stories for your paper or channel. Then after establishing yourself as reporter you abandon your supposed political position.

This appears to be happening with a reporter in the Sunday Tribune who up to now has played the republican card. But recently this person has refused to support republican fund raisers. The Green Mole will be keeping a careful watch for further back sliding.

Sign Changed

In the July Green Mole, it was pointed out that the sign over the Stick's headquarters still read Sinn Fein, the Workers Party. Despite the fact that Ted Tynan had fought for a long time to get it changed. Well, no sooner had the Starry Plough hit the street than the Sticks in Cork went out and painted out the Sinn Fein from the sign.

East is East, and West is West, but the wrong man will never do.

Surprising, is it not, that of all the very clever political correspondents who infest the bar of Leinster House, not one of them, not even one of the few non-Stickies among them, have been able to put their finger on the single most likely reason why Fianna Fail won Galway East but lost Dublin West.

That single simple reason that marked the difference between victory and defeat was that the double offer's director of elections in Dublin was one John Stephenson, who was, until very, very,



Stephenson: aspiring chairman?

New Branch for Finance Department.

There is now a new branch to the Finance Department of 30 Gardiner Street, headquarters of the Workers Party — at the Scappe Flow in Cork City.

This is now the new latest addition to the finance operations which keep the Party going. The manager of the pub is Derry Dineen who was well up in the ranks of the Official IRA.


Sticky Fracas

Last month marked the final appearance of Cork Sticky, Ted Tynan, at the Cork Council meetings. As we stated in July's Green Mole there has been much said about his resignation. Many stories are going around about a big fall out within the ranks of the "Workers Party" in Cork. Now the whole thing has flared up again with a bitter dispute over who should replace Tynan on the Council. A number of members in Cork want Mary Daly, Tynan's running mate to get the seat but John Kelleher has the favour of Dublin and will get the seat.


But this may not be as easy as it seems as Fine Gael are refusing to allow a co-option from the Workers Party and instead want their own man to get the seat. They base this on the fact that Tynan only won the seat by a small number of votes and they want the next highest candidate to get the seat. Fine Gael and Labour have already agreed to allow a co-option.

recently a secret card-carrying member of what Charlie Haughey is known to describe as "Champane, the Wankers Party".

Stephenson quit the same sticky branch on the same day as RTE boss Eoin Harris, if you know what I mean. Honest he did if you don't believe me ask his young punk of a brother.



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Over the past month a game of political poker has been played with the economic future of the Irish Working Class. From the day that Charlie Haughey's Government announced that it was refusing to pay either the 5% wage rise, that is due, or any special pay increases, that have already been negotiated, it has been a game of bluff and double bluff.

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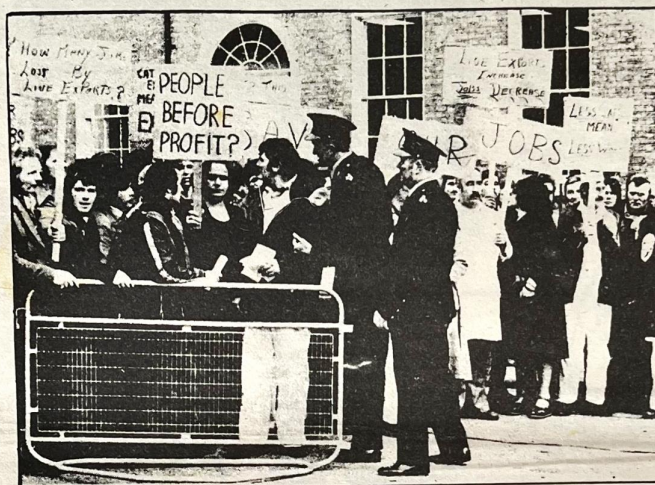
Initially the Government refused to budge an inch, so that the ICTU and various of its constituent Unions, declared their intention of bringing the 26 Counties to a halt. "There was no way that negotiated rises could now be cast aside." But as the weeks went on the Haughey Administration changed a word here and there and the ICTU responded likewise.

CALLED OFF

As Haughey appeared to be weakening, the ICTU called off its series of half day stoppages throughout the country. It decided to seek a meeting with the Government instead. This was to get some "clarification". But it still held to its position of demanding the 5% wage rise with no mention of the special awards.

1983/1984

Yet as time has gone on there is an indication of the Government's true intention. This was contained in the letter sent by Haughey to the ICTU, which mentioned his "willingness" to discuss pay policy for the 1983/84 period. The Government has been softening up the ICTU for next year's pay talks. It



wants to scare the ICTU so bad that it will accept a much smaller pay increase next year.

This must not be allowed to happen.

FAILURE

With inflation running at 20%, and this year's increase only 13%, there can be no way that the Working Class be forced to pay for the failure of the capitalist system. Next year Haughey wants the Unions to accept only 6% for the coming year,

160,760
on the dole

while at the same time putting no break on profits.

FIGURES

The game between C. J. Haughey and the ICTU has allowed a number of things to go without comment. The recent figures for the live register now stands at 160,760. This of course is only the number who are receiving unemployment benefit or social welfare. It does not include all the school leavers who are living at home or the women who are claimed by their husbands when they become unemployed.

JOBS LOST

The prospects are no better and as an example the Unions in the Construction Industry expect to lose over 4,000 established jobs before January 1st. This figure can be trebled when the casual building worker is added to it. With examples like this there will be 200,000 on the live register before January 1983. Allied to and very much a part of the Government's plan is the recent cutbacks in the Health Services.

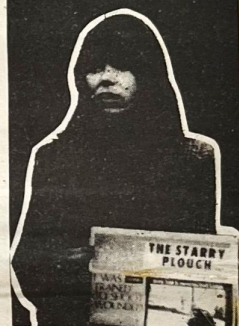
MORE CUTS

Micheal Woods, Minister for Health, has announced a series of cuts in the number of drugs that will be available to blue card holders. He has also called on all Area Health Boards to cut back its staff requirements by 3% in 1983 and a further 2% in 1984. These measures will seriously effect the working of all the Area Boards and will mean that many of their services will have to stop.

Each Government Department in the 26 Counties has indicated that it has been ordered to investigate "savings", so the full effect of the cut backs will not be seen before the end of the year.

The IRSP calls on all Socialists and Republicans to fight the proposed and planned Government cuts.

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