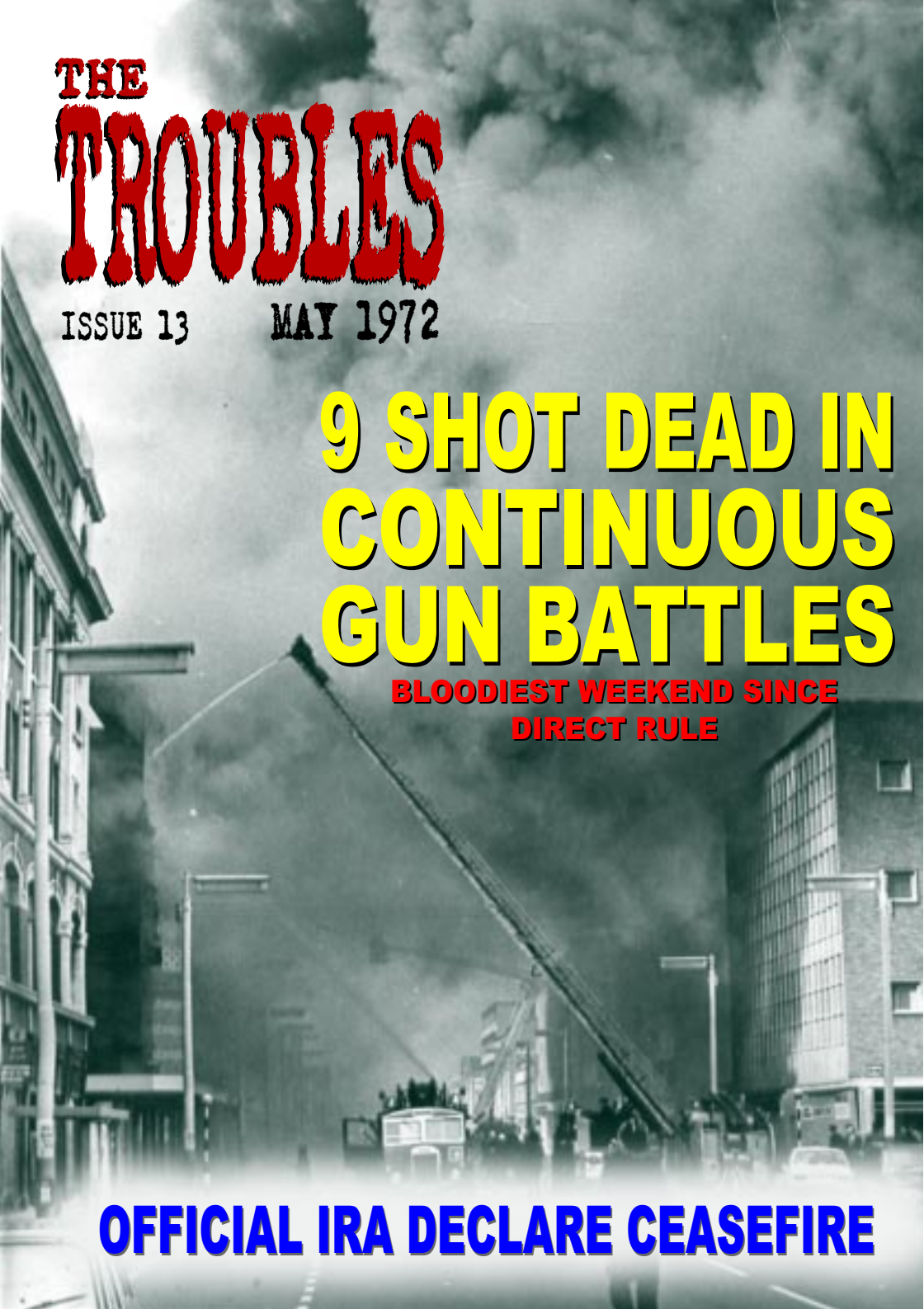

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A CHRONOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT

It can often be a contentious issue of debate of when and how Northern Ireland's 'Troubles' began, who and what is to blame, and even which event in case led us to where we are now. You can go back 30 years, or even 300 years and beyond for in reality Ireland has been engaged in conflict with England for centuries.

Therefore, in order to compile a chronological record of the modern Troubles - the term usually given to the most recent conflict, we must mark a defining point of start, which we have taken as partition itself and from which we began in Issue 1. In turn again, we feel it is equally important to give you the reader some understanding why events spiralled as they did into a bloody civil war.

This is not another view of the Troubles, this has been done and redone. This is the historical recording of events compiled by people from different parts of Belfast who lived through them. Our objective as local historians is to compile what we hope will be as near as possible a definitive reference to events as they unfolded through the last three decades.

In terms of research we have used as much material as possible and from diverse perspectives. We are confident that we have covered events as they were reported at the time. If however you feel that we have either left something out or indeed got something wrong we are more than happy to hear from you. As mentioned above this series of publications is the historical recording of the Troubles and all corrections are more than welcome.

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Monday 1st May 1972
Man dies in Courtaulds bomb attack

One person has been killed, a second is missing and eight others have been seriously injured after five strategically placed bombs exploded at Courtaulds polyester factory at Carrickfergus. A huge fire raged through the £12 million pound plant after the bombs exploded within seconds of each other. Three of the bombs went off in the polyester sector which is due to go into full production in the summer, one exploded in a gas recovery plant and the fifth in a storage area. A spokesman for the firm has stated that the bombs were planted in vital areas and a worker at the plant is quoted as saying "The bombs were planted exactly where they would do most damage".

Monday 1st May 1972
Men on Conspiracy charges

Three Protestants have appeared at Marylebone accused of conspiracy to obtain arms between 1st October 1971 and 29th April 1972. The men aged between 31 and 47 have addresses in Maguiresbridge, County Fermanagh, Armagh City and Deerpark Road, Belfast.

Monday 1st May 1972
Dead man still unidentified

The Garda have appealed for information on a man whose body was found on a lonely road near Castleblaney, County Louth. The man, who has not yet been identified, was wearing only a shirt and trousers and had injuries to his head and body. The Garda have ruled out that he died from gunshot wounds or that he was the victim of a road accident, they are certain that the man died at the spot where he was found

Monday 1st May 1972
Magilligan internment camp closed

Magilligan internment camp has been closed and all the remaining men held under the Special Powers Act have been transferred to Long Kesh. The closure of the camp, first opened last January, follows the increased pace of releases, making more room at the main centre at Long Kesh. Magilligan is the second detention to close with the prison ship Maidstone closing last month. Magilligan, which was used as an Army training base is now expected to revert to its original use.

Monday 1st May 1972
Bail refused

Bail has been refused to a 26-year-old man from Belfast who has been charged with possession of an arsenal in the bedroom of his home in the New Lodge area. The man from Hartwell Street has been charged with possession of a light submachine gun, nine revolvers, five rifles and 5,307 rounds of ammunition.

Monday 1st May 1972
Dutch Socialists visit North

A four man delegation from the Dutch Labour Party has begun a four day fact finding tour of the North.

Monday 1st May 1972
Illegal march charges dropped

Charges against 32 persons, including Mid Ulster MP, Miss Bernadette Devlin, of taking part in an illegal march in the County Tyrone village of Pomeroy on 5th march have been withdrawn. The crown solicitor said he had been instructed by the Attorney General to have all the summonses withdrawn and he added that fines and suspended sentences already imposed on some 50



RIGHT - A Browning machine gun, a weapon with a range of over 500 yards, sticks out from an Official IRA post in the Bogside area of Derry

persons already convicted be quashed. Fines already paid were to be refunded.

Monday 1st May 1972
Tartan gangs' riot
Fifteen RUC men and 13 civilians have been injured as Tartan gangs tried to take over East Belfast at the weekend. An RUC inspector was detained in hospital with a fractured skull as tartan gang members launched attacks on shops, public houses and other premises. Trouble has been simmering in the area and erupted on Saturday afternoon after a gunman shot and wounded a protestant youth during sectarian skirmishes at Ravenhill Road-Short Strand. Many of the crowds gathered in Protestant areas were particularly hostile towards the police whom, they claimed, had used excessive force during earlier disturbances. The RUC have confirmed that the attacks were not confined to Catholic owned premises and several premises and buses were damaged.

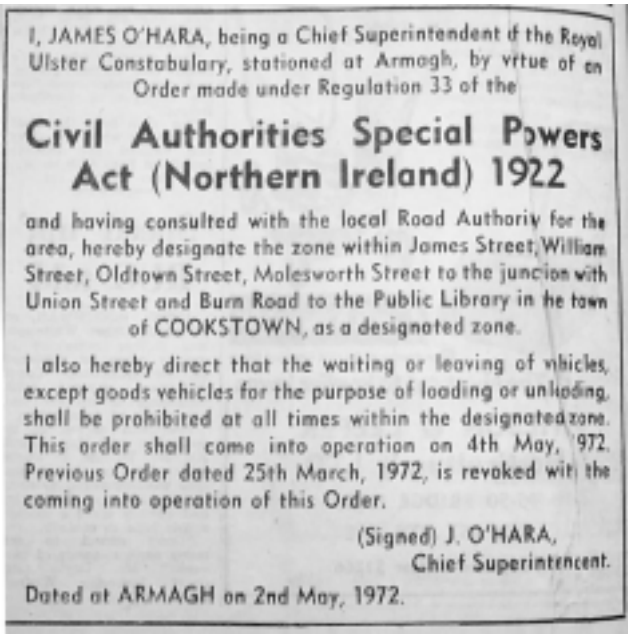
Monday 1st May 1972
Eight-year-old girl shot dead
An eight-year-old girl and four other civilians have been injured as sporadic shooting and bombings continued over the weekend. The girl who died was Rosaleen Gavin, of Ardilea Street. She was shot when a gunman opened fire on an Army observation post in Heathfield Street. Some reports suggest that four shots were fired from the direction of Ardilea Street and they struck both the girl and a local man. He was not seriously injured. Troops did not see the gunman and fire was not returned.

Monday 1st May 1972
Bomb on bus
A bomb has been planted on a bus which was being driven into the Fall's bus depot where troops are being billeted. On making a quick routine check, a sentry thought he smelt gelignite and decided to make a closer examination. Under the back seat the soldier discovered two hidden packages and ordered the crew to drive the bus out again. Minutes later the RUC received an anonymous telephone call saying that a massive 200 lb bomb had been left somewhere in the depot. Soon after this the bomb on the bus exploded causing superficial damage to surrounding buildings. The bomb on the bus is estimated to have been 10 and 30 lb of gelignite.

Monday 1st May 1972
Teenage girl shot in Belfast
A 17-year-old girl from Spamount Street in the New Lodge area of Belfast has been found by an Army patrol in Duncairn Gardens. She had been shot in the stomach. It is believed that the shot came from the New Lodge and no troops were involved in the incident

Monday 1st May 1972
Man shot from passing car
A 21-year-old man from Burlington Street has been shot four times in the back from a passing car as he left a café at Carlisle Circus. The man, who is from the New Lodge area of Belfast is said to be seriously ill.

Monday 1st May 1972
Weekend shootings
During the weekend a total of 63 shots were fired in 16 other inci-



I, JAMES O'HARA, being a Chief Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, stationed at Armagh, by virtue of an Order made under Regulation 33 of the

Civil Authorities Special Powers Act (Northern Ireland) 1922

and having consulted with the local Road Authority for the area, hereby designate the zone within James Street, William Street, Oldtown Street, Molesworth Street to the junction with Union Street and Burn Road to the Public Library in the town of COOKSTOWN, as a designated zone.

I also hereby direct that the waiting or leaving of vehicles, except goods vehicles for the purpose of loading or unloading, shall be prohibited at all times within the designated zone. This order shall come into operation on 4th May, 1972. Previous Order dated 25th March, 1972, is revoked with the coming into operation of this Order.

(Signed) J. O'HARA,
Chief Superintendent.

Dated at ARMAGH on 2nd May, 1972.

dents which occurred mainly in the Turf Lodge and Ardoyne areas of Belfast. Troops were not involved in all of these attacks and no injures were reported.

Monday 1st May 1972
Petrol bomb attack
A petrol bomb has been thrown at the home of a retired publican at Dean's Bridge on the Armagh-Portadown road. Only slight damaged was caused to the house.

Monday 1st May 1972
Shooting in Pomeroy
Shots have been fired at the RUC barracks in Pomeroy. A UDR sentry returned fire but there were no injuries.

Monday 1st May 1972
Post office van attacked in Mullaghbawn
Two armed men stopped a GPO van in Mullaghbawn. The men looked through the mail and then set the van on fire.

Monday 1st May 1972
Excavator bombed
An excavator on the shores of Lough Neagh has been wrecked by an explosion.

Monday 1st May 1972
Ballymena bomb attack
A telephone exchange between the towns of Toome and Randalstown has been badly damaged by an explosion on Saturday night.

Monday 1st May 1972
Sand excavator bombed
An explosion at Creagh, Toombridge, has caused extensive damage to a sand excavator owned by a local firm P and J McCann.

Monday 1st May 1972
Girls killing disputed
The circumstances surrounding the killing of eight-year-old Rosaleen Girvan are being disputed by local people. The young girl, who was killed just yards from her home while on her way to the shop, was in early reports, said to have been shot from the direction of Ardilea





TOP RIGHT - Riot on the Newtownards Road.
BOTTOM RIGHT - Wilson's Bar, Castlereagh Street, which was burned down during riots in East Belfast.

Street. However, local people said that she was killed when shots were fired from the Protestant Heathfield area and a statement purporting to come from the IRA said the girl had been "murdered by Orange extremists." Residents have backed up this claim by pointing to fresh bullet holes caused by a burst of fire from the Heathfield direction. But soldiers who investigated the incident stated that they found five empty .45 cartridges at the corner of Ardilea Street and Oldpark Road. The Army believe that a gunman fired from this position at the Army post a Finiston school and that the girl would have been in the line of fire.

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Monday 1st May 1972
Vanguard warns Whitelaw
A petition delivered to 10 Downing Street by a Vanguard delegation has warned that appropriate action would be taken if the IRA was not destroyed. Mr. Whitelaw, it stated, should be told to order the complete destruction of the IRA, which was, "operating without let or hindrance in many parts of the Imperial Province of Ulster."

Monday 1st May 1972
Soldier shot in Derry
A soldier has been slightly wounded in the arm when a gunman fired six shots at the Bligh's Lane Army post in Derry. A possible hit was claimed and a sentry reported that a car marked "Doctor" was later seen in the area.

Monday 1st May 1972
IRA man shot in punishment shooting
A 23-year-old man has been admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital with bullet wounds to the legs. The man, said by the Provisional IRA to be one of their members, was found guilty of theft and shot.

Monday 1st May 1972
Claymore mines in Derry
An Army patrol has been fired on as it went to investigate reports of a Claymore type mine in a field west of Creggan. Shots were also fired at Bomb disposal experts as they tried to defuse the device. The mine was described as being made from a series of milk churns which had been packed with gelignite and shrapnel.

Monday 1st May 1972
Gunman wounded
Troops believe they may have wounded a gunman in Tyrconnel Street the Bogside after an exchange of fire and in William Street



LEFT - A peace meeting in St Mary's School in the Creggan area of Derry

stones and several gelignite bombs were thrown at troops who replied with rubber bullets.

Monday 1st May 1972
Goulding attends rally in Derry
At a meeting in Derry's Creggan, Mr Cathal Goulding, Chef of Staff of the Official IRA has said that "This enclave in which we are meeting to-night is unique. Here there is no Gestapo – no RUC and no Free State Special Branch – and you hold behind these barricades a sampling of freedom." Of two other rallies which were planned for the Derry area, one went ahead and the other was cancelled. The rally which took place was a march in support of the Provisional IRA. Some newspaper reports have said that between 100 and 400 women took park, however the IRA issued a statement saying that 1,000 people took part. A planned march calling for an end of violence was abandoned. A group of Bogside residents calling themselves "People for Peace" have organised a petition calling for an end of all forms of violence and they say they will present this to both wings of the IRA and the Army.

Monday 1st May 1972
Man held in Scots arms find
Greenock police are refusing to disclose the identity of a man arrested and charged under the Explosives Substances and Firearms Act following the discovery of a huge haul of explosives in Scotland. The explosives 1,000 sticks of gelignite weighing five and a half hundredweight, were found along with four .22 rifles, four shotguns, two .303 rifles, a sawn-off shotgun an automatic pistol and a revolver. The discovery was made in a dimly lit street near the town centre as they were being transferred from an estate car to a van.

Monday 1st May 1972
IRA offered help with Derry election
The Director of the Electoral Reform Society has written to Provisional IRA leader David O'Connell offering to help with the scheduled elections behind the barricades in Derry.

She stressed that she would simply be an "overseer" as an "impartial outsider" and that her move did not mean that she in any way approved of anything else the IRA might do. As yet she has not had a reply from the IRA leader; however the President of the Electoral Reform Society has stated that he has never heard of the Directors offer of help.



RIGHT - A soldier patroling in Belfast with a light machine gun

Monday 1st May 1972
Courtaulds blast

It has been announced that the man who was declared missing after the Courtaulds bomb attack has been discovered amongst the injured in hospital. The man who was killed was a 20-year-old engineer with a construction firm and most of the injured were also employees of the same firm of contactors.

Monday 1st May 1972
Loyalist protest at prison

About 30 loyalist women have blocked the Crumlin Road opposite the prison for a short time demanding the release of loyalist prisoners.

They also protested to police officers about alleged police brutality during the week-end rioting in the east of the city.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
RUC charged with conspiracy to buy arms

Four Irishmen, including an RUC constable from Belfast have been remanded in custody at Bow Street accused of conspiracy to obtain arms.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Courtaulds attack – damage amounts to £1,000,000

The bomb attack on Courtaulds polyester fibre plant at Carrickfergus, which resulted in the death of one man and the wounding of fifteen others, caused £1 million damage. Courtauld's group chairman, in a visit to the plant, has





LEFT - Car bomb attack in Belfast's Ann Street.
BELOW - Members of the 'Special Services Command' of the Red Hand Action Group on patrol in Beresford Street off the Shankill Road.

said that the plant will be back at half production by the week-end and at full production in between three and six months.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Armoured car in fatal crash

A man has died and his father seriously injured, when their car was in a collision with an armoured vehicle at Strabane. The accident happened in Melmont Road just before midnight. The dead man is 30-year-old Mr. Patrick Casey, of Glebe Cottages, Sion Mills. The armoured vehicle belonged to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. In Strabane earlier, a soldier was slightly hurt when an armoured carrier over-turned in the town.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Army sappers attacked

Three shots were fired at Army engineers working on a border road near Armagh. An Army spokesman said that "the shots came from the Republic." No one was hurt and shots were not returned

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Belfast shootings

In Belfast two shots were fired at a combined Army-RUC post at Ballymurphy. Fire was not returned and there were no casualties. Several shots were also fired by a gunman in Coolnasilla Park at an Army patrol in the Glen Road. It is not thought anyone was injured.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Prisoners transferred to Magilligan

A row has blown up over the former Magilligan internment camp when it was announced that some prisoners from Crumlin Road Prison have been transferred there. Around 50 prisoners, with only a short time left to serve, have been sent to the camp which ceased to function as an internment camp on Sunday. The move is believed to be aimed at relieving the pressure at Belfast Prison. The brother of one man who was transferred there has said that all those transferred there were Protestants. However, a spokesman for the Ministry of Home Affairs has denied this allegation.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Family is victim of racist and sectarian attack

A Catholic mother has claimed that her house has been set on fire three times and her family terrorised because of their religion and her husband's colour.

The woman, from Deerpark Road and her Ceylonese husband have been threatened on a number of occasions and their 24-year-old daughter admitted to hospital after being assaulted.

Her husband has been forced to leave the family home and they are now seeking accommodation elsewhere.



RIGHT - Bomb attack in Beit Street

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Newry boy shot in legs
A 15-year-old Newry schoolboy has been detained at Daisyhill hospital with gunshot wounds to both legs. The boy is stated to come from the Derrybeg housing estate and an RUC spokesman has said that the Army did not relate the boy's injuries to shots fired at them during the night.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Society attacked over IRA elections
The Northern Ireland Labour Party has attacked the decision by the Director of the Electoral Reform Society to assist the IRA in running their elections in Free Derry. The party says it believes the offer will make the introduction of proportional representation in Northern Ireland that much harder. In a statement they said "As a party we have campaigned for proportional representation as a means of combating sectarianism and the gunmen that sectarianism inevitably produces. We regard PR as a means of eliminating the gunmen, not of elevating them to positions of respectability".

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Shop petrol bombed
In East Belfast the RUC have said that inflammable liquid has been poured over a shop and set alight. The fire at the shop in Bloomfield Avenue was extinguished by an RUC man but it was later set alight again.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
House attacked in East Belfast
A petrol bomb which was hurled into a catholic family's house in Ogilvie Street has caused only slight damage. In a second arson attack at an off-licence on the Holywood Road the RUC believe that the premises were first burgled.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Lorry hi-jacked in Oldpark area
A lorry has been hi-jacked in the Oldpark area of Belfast by a crowd of 60 youths. The vehicle was then used as a barricade near Hillview Street and was later set on fire.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Shots fired in North Belfast
Four shots have been fired at an Army observation post at Finiston Primary School. An RUC spokesman said that the shots came from

BELOW & FACING PAGE - Major IRA bomb attack on the Courtaulds Factory in Carrickfergus

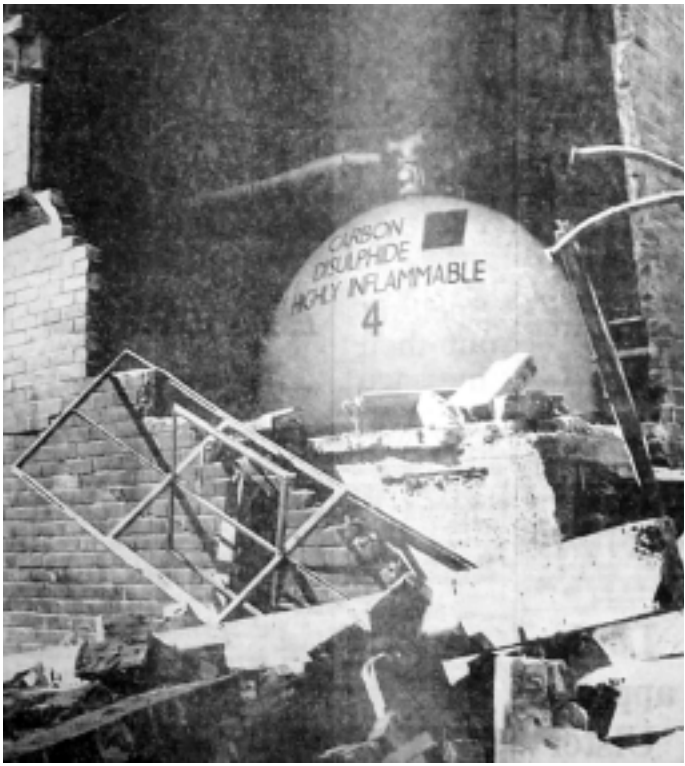


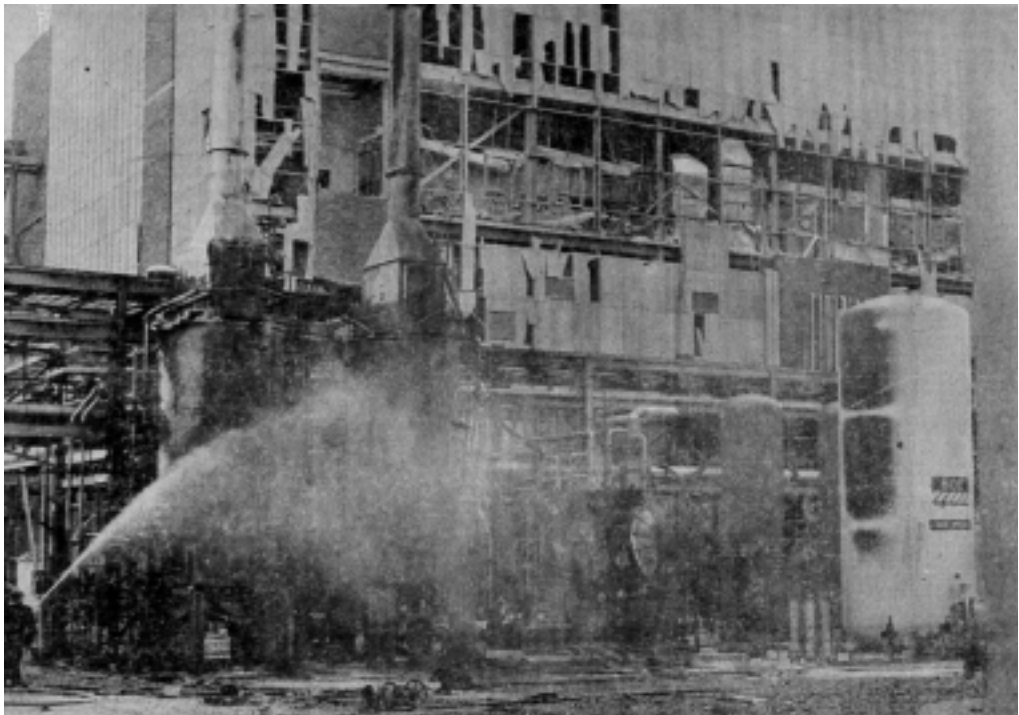
the same area as those which killed an eight-year-old girl at the week-end.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Nail bomb thrown in Riverdale
A nail bomb has been thrown at an Army patrol in Riverdale Park, Belfast but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Belfast shootings
A burst of automatic fire has been directed at the New Barnsley joint Army-RUC post. There were no casualties and fire was not returned. Later between 12 and 15 shots were fired in Devonshire Street. There were no casualties.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Arson attack on bookmakers
A bookmaker's premises at Meridi Street in the Donegal Road area has







been set on fire. The RUC have said the premises were Catholic owned.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Explosions in Derry
There have been two minor explosions in the Shantallow area of Derry. A former USC hut at Steelstown caught fire after the first blast and the second explosion slightly damaged an electricity transformer at Belmont Park.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
23-year-old man shot
A 23-year-old man has been taken to Altnagelvin Hospital with a gunshot wound to his left leg. The RUC say the shooting occurred inside the Bogside and that the security forces were not involved.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Rubber bullets fired
Troops have fired rubber bullets to disperse a small stone throwing crowd of youths who attacked an Army posts at Brooke Park, Bligh's Lane and on the city walls.

Malicious damages claims for more than £6 million have been received by Londonderry Development Commission arising out of the troubles in the city since August. This is £2 million more than the total claimed for damage and injury in Derry in the previous two and a half years.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Sniper fires single shot in Derry
A gunman has fired a single shot at the Brandywell Army post in Derry. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Gunman attacks mobile patrol in Newry
A gunman has opened fire on an Army mobile patrol at Derrybeg estate. Fire was returned but there were no reports of casualties.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Civil rights rally
There have been minor stone throwing incidents in the centre of Newry after a Civil Rights rally in the town. Three taxis which were parked at a

rank were slightly damaged.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Catholic family attacked in Maghera
Six shots were fired into the home of a Catholic family in the predominantly Protestant Culnady area of Maghera. The householder, who was sitting in a parked car with a friend at the time, was not injured.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Petrol bombs thrown in Carrickfergus

Slight damage has been caused to a Catholic owned paint and hardware shop in Albert Road when a petrol bomb was thrown into the building.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Rifle stolen
The RUC have reported that three armed men stole a Lee Enfield rifle and ammunition held under certificate by an ex-serviceman from his home.

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Tuesday 2nd May 1972
U.S. attempt to unite IRA
Republican Clubs in America are in the final planning stages of a big convention to be held, possibly in New York, on the 17th and 18th June. Strenuous efforts are being made in America to heal the breach between the rival groupings of Sinn Féin and the IRA. There is specuation that Cathal Goulding, Sean MacStiofain, Tomas MacGiolla and Rory Brady might attend.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Arms find in Armagh
Soldiers have found a Thompson submachine gun, a .303 rifle and more than 1,500 rounds of ammunition on a railway embankment at Bessbrook, Armagh. They were uncovered by the Duke of Wellington Regiment.

Tuesday 2nd May 1972
Scotland Yard man resigns
The boss of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad, Commander Kenneth

FACING PAGE - An army helicopter landing in Enniskillen.
BELOW - A bomb explodes in Belfast's Garfield Street



Drury, has resigned. He had been suspended eight weeks ago, after an inquiry was ordered into a holiday he spent with a former Dartmoor prisoner, however it is believed that the investigation cleared Commander Drury. Commander Drury was the officer who investigated the death of Derry man Samuel Devenney during rioting in the Bogside on the 19th-20th April 1969. As a result of the Commander's report the then Chief Constable of the RUC accused some members of being involved in a "conspiracy of silence" over what he called the "wilful assaults" which RUC men made on the family. The investigation into Mr. Devenny's killing failed to produce identification evidence.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Flour Mill bombed

The interior of a Belfast flour mill has been badly damaged when a bomb exploded in a lorry inside the premises. The lorry was driven into the premises of William Marshall and Co. at the junction of Townhall Street and Victoria Street. Army bomb experts were called to the scene but decided to leave the bomb for three hours, and when it exploded the surrounding area had been evacuated. Two men are said to have reversed the lorry on to a weighbridge but the firm got no warning until a Belfast newspaper received an anonymous telephone call. Both men ran off and when the alarm was raised, the surrounding buildings including the Magistrates Court and Belfast Fire Brigade Headquarters were evacuated. Prisoners in the court were quickly taken away and barrister, solicitors, magistrates and court officials scrambled to the front door when the siren sounded. The Army has said that the bomb contained between 5 and 10 lbs of gelignite.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Aid for attacked shops

An emergency scheme to give rates relief to business and shopping centres of Belfast, Derry and Newry has been announced by the Secretary of State. Grants of up to 75% are to be made available if businesses can show that they have suffered due to the troubles. The scheme will also apply to hotels, guest houses throughout the North but not to manufacturers, wholesalers, banks, offices and similar businesses.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Patrol attacked in Derry

Early afternoon shoppers ran for cover when a gunman fired a high velocity shot at an Army patrol in Waterloo Place, Derry. The bullet buried itself in the wall of a public toilet. The patrol was going to disperse a crowd of youths at the junction of William Street when the gunman in Waterloo Place opened fire. No-one was injured and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Internee is ill-treated

Foyle MP Mr. John Hume is preparing a dossier about the alleged ill-treatment of a Derry man detained in Long Kesh. Mr. Hume said that he visited the man in the company of a doctor and that he was concerned how the man received certain injuries.



Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Bogside model to be used by Army
The large model of part of the Bogside which was used throughout the Widgery Tribunal is to be used by the Army in Derry to help brief visitors to the city. The eight foot square scale model which covers the area surrounding Rossville Street where 13 people were shot dead by the Army does not show great detail but it does outline the main streets and buildings and provides comparisons of height and distance. An Army spokesman said the model will be of great value to 8 Brigade for giving visitors, including overseas pressmen an outline of the area before they take a closer look.

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Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Youth shot in the back in Ballymurphy
A 14-year-old boy from Ballymurphy Drive, Belfast has been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital with gunshot wounds. The boy, although he was shot in the back, is not said to be serious. An RUC spokesman has said the circumstances in which he received his injuries are not clear.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Soldier shot in leg
One soldier has received a slight wound to the leg when a gunman, operating from the direction of Cawnpore Street ambushed a patrol at Lucknow Street-Kashmire Road. A burst of automatic fire rang out and the soldier was struck.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Boy injured as paratroopers are attacked
A 13-year-old boy from Spamount Street has been rushed to hospital after he was shot in the hand when gunmen ambushed paratroopers in the New Lodge Road area. An Army spokesman said that two blast bombs and about 20 shots were directed at paratroopers patrolling the

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Bomb explodes under car
The RUC have said that they believe a nail bomb which exploded under a car in the Falls Road area of Belfast, was meant for a mobile patrol. A woman who was travelling in the car at the time of the attack was taken to hospital where she was treated for shock.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Attempt to lure troops into ambush
There have been a number of incidents centred around the Northern Bank at Percy Street and the Army believe there was a deliberate attempt to lure troops into an ambush. At 8.00pm a nail bomb was hurled at the building. The blast blew in a door and smashed several windows. Troops at the scene came under automatic fire from the direction of St. Comgall's School. A short time later a stolen Ford escort was parked outside the bank and there was more shooting by gunmen. An Army bomb expert was called to the scene and a controlled explosion blew up the car which was found to contain a small explosive device. Fire was returned by in a mobile patrol at a gunman who aimed six shots at them from the direction of Divis Flats.



Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Soldiers attacked at Broadway
Two shots have been fired at an Army observation post in Broadway from Celtic Park. A number of rounds were also fired at the New Barnsley Army-RUC post.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Blast bombs thrown in New Lodge
At Queens Parade, blast bombs were used to ambush a mobile patrol and a similar device was thrown at another patrol in Balymurphy Road. Twenty rounds were also fired from the direction of Broadway, down Mulhouse Street, towards the Army post.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Protest at Crumlin Road Jail
Several hundred people, mainly women, took part in a peaceful protest outside Crumlin Road Prison. They were complaining about the transfer of prisoners to the former internment camp at Magilligan. They spoke to prison officials and then a deputation went to Tennent Street RUC Barracks.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
IRA punishment shootings
Two men have been admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital with gunshot wounds to their legs. The RUC believe the shootings occurred in the Bogside and the security forces were not involved. The men aged 18 and 21 are said to be in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Shots fired at troops in Derry
About 20 shots have been fired at troops in Derry during the night but there were no casualties. Fire was returned at a gunman who fired 11 shots at troops in Westmoreland Street –Lone Moor Road.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Post Office robbed
Two masked gunmen have held up a post office in the village of Ardboe, County Tyrone. £100 was taken in the raid.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
CRA seeks torture inquiry
The Civil Rights Association have said that they will be inviting Amnesty International, the worldwide organisation which deals with political prisoners, to investigate the torture of suspects since direct rule. The association said that they had received statements from men who had been tortured and that there was photographic and medical evidence of torture.
The NICRA Have also said that Mr. Helge Rontu, a Finnish member of the World peace Council delegation which has just left the North has delivered a petition to the British Prime Minister Mr. Heath. The petition, signed by 38 members of the Finnish parliament called for the end to internment, military occupation and abolition of the Special Powers Act.

Wednesday 3rd May 1972
Plea to Loyalists
The Willowfield division of the Ulster Protestant Volunteers has said that it is deeply disturbed by recent disorder in East Belfast and has called on all loyalists in the area to "stop and think". A statement said: "While understanding the frustration and impatience of the Protestant people with the continuance of the 'softly softly' security policy, we would urge restraint by all loyalists. "No matter how justified our angry feelings, we will only play into the hands of the IRA if we vent them on the forces of the crown or the economy of our country.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Soldier is seriously ill
A soldier has been shot and seriously wounded in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. He was hit in the arm when a gunman fired three shots at a patrol in North Link. The bullet passed through his arm and entered his body. He was later said to be very seriously ill in hospital. Troops returned fire but no hits were reported.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Three RUC men shot in Derry
The Provisional IRA have claimed responsibility for a machine gun attack in Derry in which three members of the RUC were wounded.

The RUC sergeant and two constables were sitting in a parked car in Great James Street where hit when two gunmen opened fire from Little James Street which leads towards the Bogside.

FACING PAGE - A British soldier pictured with a grenade gun

Thursday 4th May 1972
Youth shot while watching IRA train
A teenage boy is said to be satisfactory in Altnagelvin Hospital with a gunshot wound to the hand. He was admitted following an exchange of fire near the Creggan estate. The Army say that six shots were fired at a routine patrol west of the Creggan. Troops returned fire at two gunmen in a field and claimed a possible hit on one of them.

There are reports from within the Creggan area that the youth was unarmed and that at the time of the shooting he was said to have been watching a number of IRA men training with weapons when the shooting occurred.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Brandywell Army post attacked
Gunmen positioned in the City Cemetery, in Ann Street and in the cattle markets at Brandywell, fired a total of 17 shots at the Brandywell military post. Troops returned fire but didn't claim any hits.
Troops also fired at a gunman in Beechwood Avenue and claimed a possible hit. Later in the day, soldiers on the city walls fired a shot at a man seen with a gun but he was not hit.

Thursday 4th May 1972
CS gas thrown at troops
A group of youths have thrown a quantity of CS gas at troops in the Bligh's Lane Army post. They were dispersed with rubber bullets.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Two soldiers wounded in Belfast
Two soldiers have been shot and slightly wounded in Belfast during almost continuous trouble in the Upper Springfield Road area Most of the trouble was located around an Army post in a wood yard and sniper fire was interspersed with stone throwing and petrol bombs. Mr. Gerry Fitt, MP, visited the area with four Dutch MP's. He said that local residents have alleged that the workers in the wood yard were armed and that petrol bombs had been thrown from it.
The first soldier was shot during a bout of stoning. He was struck on the head by a brick and then a shot stuck him on the shoulder. The second soldier was shot around four hours later as soldiers were leaving a bar in the area after a search. A single shot ht him in the leg.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Catholics and Protestant crowds clash
Catholic and Protestant crowds clashed twice during the evening in the Upper Springfield area. The Protestants were dispersed by the RUC and the Army fired rubber bullets at the Catholics.

Thursday 4th May 1972
RUC barracks attacked
A shot has been fired at Dunmurry RUC barracks in the early hours of the morning. No one was hurt in the attack.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Blast bombs discovered
Troops have found three partly made blast bombs in Brookvale Street and 11 petrol bombs and sugar in More Street. In another search they found eight detonators and fuse for a nail bomb.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Army ambushed at Kilrea, County Derry
A signaller in the Kings Own Borderers escaped death by inches when gunmen fired between 30 and 50 shots from automatic weapons at a foot patrol. The patrol was at Kilrea, County Derry and a radio on the soldier's back was shattered.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Catholic owned bars attacked in Carrickfergus
Petrol bombs have been thrown at two Catholic owned public bars in Carrickfergus shortly after midnight. The carpet was slightly scorched in the Brown Cow in Ellis Street when a petrol bomb was thrown through the window but the manager on the premises prevented the fire from spreading. At the Corner Bar in Irish Quarter South the bomb failed to ignite and no damage was caused.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Twenty-three internees released
Twenty-three more internees have been released on the instructions of the Secretary of State, Mr. Whitelaw. Since direct rule Mr. Whitelaw has released 205 internees and detainees and according to statistics released from Stormont Castle there are now 575 internees and 152 detainees being held.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Man charged with ship escape
A 22-year-old man from Belfast, Martin Anthony Taylor, has been charged with being one of the seven men who escaped from custody at HMS Maidstone on 7th January.

Thursday 4th May 1972
Pylon bombs made safe
An Army bomb disposal expert has dismantled two bombs which had been planted at an electricity pylon in the Coalisland area. The bombs containing a total of 10 lbs of gelignite were later destroyed. The explosives were discovered by a joint Army-RUC patrol in Gortonis.

Friday 5th May 1972
Seaman stabbed to death in North Belfast
An RUC murder squad has been interviewing dozens of people in North Belfast in relation to the brutal killing of a merchant seaman who was found stabbed to death. The man, Victor Andrews, aged 20, of Pacific Avenue, is understood to have been stabbed 18 times and the RUC think it is unlikely that there is a political motive. The man's body was found in a an entry in Baltic Avenue. It is understood that he was home on leave.

Friday 5th May 1972
Soldier wounded
A soldier has been wounded by gunfire close to St. Bernadette's school in Belfast. The bullet ripped through his forearm but he was not seriously hurt. Earlier in the day a low velocity shot was fired at the Army in Ballymurphy. No one was injured and no fire was returned.

Friday 5th May 1972
Car bomb explodes in Lisnaskea
A car bomb, estimated to have contained 100 lbs of explosives has exploded and caused extensive damage to Main Street, Lisnaskea but no one was injured in the attack. An anonymous telephone caller gave a 10 minute warning and when the bomb did explode an RUC man was blown off his feet. Damage as a result of the bomb extended for 60-70 yards and the worse damage was caused to FDH supermarket and to the premises of F. Dowler.

Friday 5th May 1972
Rubber bullets used to disperse youths
In Belfast troops have used rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of youths during a fresh outbreak of trouble at the timber yard on the Springfield Road which is used as an observation post by the Army.

Friday 5th May 1972
High velocity shots fired in Turf Lodge
Six high velocity shots have been fired at an Army patrol at Glenalina Road-Whiterock Road from the direction of Monagh Flats. This was followed by a burst of low velocity shots. The Army returned fire but no hits were claimed.

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Friday 5th May 1972
Sniper attacks in Derry
At around 10.00 pm a low velocity shot was fired at the Bligh's Lane Army post from a derelict house near the junction of Lone Moor Road and Westland Street. The Army say they returned fire and hit the gunman.
A gunman later used the same house to fire on troops in the post. The soldiers returned fire. At around the same time a man was seen with a weapon behind a hedge in Beechwood Avenue and soldiers in Bligh's Lane claimed a hit when they fired on him. About a dozen shots have also been fired at the Brandywell and Bligh's Lane posts early in the day.

Friday 5th May 1972
RUC men ambushed
Three shots have been fired at an RUC patrol in Springmartin Road from the direction of Springfield Park. None of the RUC men were hit and they did not return fire.

Friday 5th May 1972
Bomb thrown at bank
A blast bomb has been thrown at the Northern Bank at Percy Street-Divis Street but it only caused superficial damage to the building.



Friday 5th May 1972
Shots heard in Bone area of Belfast
Three shots have been heard in the Bone area of the Oldpark just after 11.00 pm but the RUC say there was no reports of any injuries or damage.

Friday 5th May 1972
Arms find
Paratroopers carrying out a routine search of a derelict house in Dock Lane have discovered two revolvers, an automatic pistol, two submachine gun magazines and almost 2,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Friday 5th May 1972
Shots fired at Rathcoole
One shot embedded itself in the woodwork of a house in Kylemore Road after a burst of gunfire was heard in the Rathcoole area. Five 9 mm shell cases were found at the scene. The bullet which entered the house smashed a window but no one was injured. A car was seen speeding away from the scene.

Friday 5th May 1972
Bomb victim buried
The funeral has taken place of 26-year-old Mr. David Currie, the electrical engineer who was killed in Mondays explosion at Courtaulds' Carrickfergus plant. Mr. Currie lived at Lambeg and workers at Courtaulds have set up a fund for the dead man's family and those injured by the blast.

Friday 5th May 1972
Sniper targets Army bomb expert
A shot has been fired at an Army bomb expert as he moved in to defuse explosives planted at the base of an electricity transformer at Gortgonis. The soldier was not hit and he later managed to defuse two small devices.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Courts system under pressure
Lord MacDermott, who retired as Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice nine months ago, will be returning to the High Court bench to help other judges deal with an immense backlog of court work brought about by the present emergency in the North.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Troops claim to have shot gunman
Troops claim that they have shot a gunman who fired on an observation post in a timber yard on the Springfield Road. The Army spokesman said that the man was one of two snipers who fired three low velocity shots at the post in Corry's timber yard from an alley off the Springfield Road. A half an hour earlier five shots were fired at the post from a nearby school.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Murdered man identified
A mystery man found murdered on a county Louth road has been identified as 37-year-old Robert Munroe Nish. The man's body was partially clothed, however the RUC have now established that there is no political or sectarian aspect to his murder.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Army gets bullet proof beds
The Army has developed new bullet-proof bed for use with troops who are on duty in the North. A spokesman for the Army said that the bed, which weighs 300 lb, will be used in barrack dormitories which are considered to be in the front line. He pointed out that with some dormitories having thin walls and the use of high velocity weapons the new beds are essential to the safety of troops.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Gunmen raid UDR men's homes
The Tyrone homes of two members of the Ulster Defence Regiment have been raided by masked gunmen. The raiders got away with three rifles, two shotguns and a number of UDR uniforms. The raids were carried out at Lower Coagh, about eight miles from Cookstown and at Gortreagh, Pomeroy. A van used in one of the raids had been stolen some time earlier in Coalisland.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Victoria Bar wrecked by bomb
At 7.45 pm three men entered the Victoria Bar in Victoria Square, Belfast, carrying a bomb and a sub-machine gun. The 20lb bomb was placed in the bar and customers and staff were given a half hour to clear the area. The bomb exploded at 8.07 pm and completely wrecked the building. The men escaped by car which was later found on the Falls Road.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Incendiary bomb destroys Sandy Row shop
The fire which destroyed a toy shop in Belfast's Sandy Row is thought to have been started maliciously. The RUC say that the shop burst into flames as a patrol car was passing. Firemen stopped the fire from spreading but the shop itself was gutted. It is believed that an incendiary bomb started the blaze.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Army expert defuses bomb
An Army bomb disposal expert has dismantled a bomb containing ten sticks of gelignite. The bomb had been planted at McGovern's grocery shop on the Springfield Road.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Ammunition found in Belfast
Troops have discovered a cache of ammunition in a disused hut in the Clonard area of Belfast. The ammunition, which amounted to nearly 160 rounds of assorted rounds, included 15 dum dum bullets.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Soldiers attacked
Soldiers have come under fire at the Henry Tagart Hall post but no one was injured. Shots were also fired at patrols at Lurgan and Coalisland but there were no casualties.

Saturday 6th May 1972
RUC patrol ambushed in Fermanagh
Two RUC men on Land Rover patrol were fired at from a passing car



FACING PAGE - Loyalist's from the Crumlin Road and Woodvale areas protesting outside the Belfast Prison demanding the release of all Protestant political prisioners.
RIGHT - The remains of the Victoria Bar in Victoria Street after an IRA bomb attack.

as they checked premises in Main Street, Newtownbutler. One shot hit the radiator of the vehicle but a third crew member was not injured.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Public house petrol bombed in Carrickfergus

A petrol bomb has slightly damaged a public house in Carrckfergus in the early hours of the morning. The bomb which was thrown through the window of the Railway Tavern in Victoria Street, ignited, but only caused scorch damage. A half hour later a Ford Cortina parked in the grounds of St. Nicholas' secondary school was set on fire. The car was completely gutted.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Shots fired in Derry

A total of six low velocity shots have been fired at the Brandywell Army Post in Derry. There were no casualties and no fire was returned.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Aid for IRA election denied

The chairman of the Electoral Reform Society has denied that the society has offered its services to the IRA in holding elections in Free Derry. He said that no such offer had the approval of the society's officers or council.

It is understood that the society's director, Miss Enid Lakeman, wrote to Provisional leader Mr. David O'Connell offering the societies aid as an impartial outsider in Free Derry. It is understood that Miss Lakeman made this offer "off her own bat."

Saturday 6th May 1972
Escape mystery

Investigations are continuing at Belfast Jail into the escape of a 19-year-old man who was sentenced less than a fortnight ago. It is still not certain if the man escaped in a dustbin lorry collecting refuge. However, it is likely that his departure was through the front gates by one ruse or another.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Anti-internment march

The Civil Rights Association has announced details for an anti-internment march and rally on the Falls Road on Sunday. An executive member of NICRA has said that the necessary five days notice had been given to the RUC. The march will be the first held since the lifting of the ban on parades. It will begin at Beechmount at 2.30 pm and proceed to the Falls Park where a rally will be held.

Saturday 6th May 1972
Protestant prisoners demand political status

Thirty-five Protestants serving sentences in Belfast Jail are demanding "full status as political prisoners". A statement seeking recognition of the men as political prisoners has been received by the ministry of Home Affairs. Of their demand the statement says: "We shall use every legitimate means in pursuance of these honourable aspirations. The statement also referred to a loyalist determination in the forthcoming struggle."

Saturday 6th May 1972
Shots fired at lorry

Several low velocity shots have been fired at an Army lorry bringing supplies to the Bligh's Lane Army post. There were no casualties.

Monday 8th May 1972
Whitelaw says no to Political Status

The Secretary of State, Mr. William Whitelaw is understood to have decided that there will be no recognition of political status for prisoners in Belfast Jail. Demands have been growing from both loyalist and IRA inmates for treatment as political prisoners and the prisoners have embarked on a more militant form of action. Only hours before the Secretary of State made his announcement around ten prisoners from both "sides" refused to carry out normal work duties. The non-co-operation move could pose problems for the prison authorities if the prisoners react militantly.

Monday 8th May 1972
Hi-jacked "escape" van found

Garda have recovered a hi-jacked van which they believe may have been used to smuggle an escapee from Crumlin Road prison across the border. The van was found in the Latton area of Monaghan close to the Cavan border. The vehicle is owned by the Belfast Telegraph and was hi-jacked two months ago near Enniskillen. The Garda believe the van was driven from the direction of Enniskillen, through Lisnaskea and Newtownbutler.

Monday 8th May 1972
Worker drags out bomb
An Army bomb disposal expert has defused a bomb which was planted by one of two men in the showrooms of Ulster Telefusion on Strand Road Derry. One of the office staff dragged the box containing the bomb on to the sidewalk where firemen hosed it down before Army experts moved in. The area was sealed off and shops and offices were evacuated. An RUC spokesman later said that the bomb contained about 3 lbs of gelignite and other explosive material.
Army experts also defused a 30 lb bomb at a service station on Duncreggan Road. It had been planted by four men with guns.

Monday 8th May 1972
47 shootings reported in Belfast
The Army has reported a total of 47 shootings incidents in the Belfast area in the past 48 hours. Troops are claiming hits on at least four gunmen.

Monday 8th May 1972
Man shot in Mayo Street
A 24-year-old Protestant from Carnreagh Bend, Rathcoole has been shot as he left a friend's home in Mayo Street. It s understood that the man was shot when a gun opened fire from waste ground. There is no apparent motive for the shooting and the man is not said to be in a serious condition.

Monday 8th May 1972
Boy wounded
A 15-year-old youth has been seriously wounded in a shooting attack near the Oliver Plunkett School on the Glen Road. The boy was shot at by four men in a blue car and he was struck on the arms, legs and stomach. The attack happened shortly before midnight and the boy was admitted to hospital.

Monday 8th May 1972
Youth shot from passing car
A 17-year-old Catholic youth has been admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to the scalp. He is reported to have told police that he was shot at from a passing car near his home on the Springfield Road. His condition is not serious.

Monday 8th May 1972
Mobile patrol attacked
Troops have claimed a hit when three men opened fire on a mobile patrol on the Glen Road from the direction of Glenveigh Park.

Monday 8th May 1972
Boy throws acid bomb
The commander of a Ferret scout car has received burns to his face after a boy, aged 7 or 8 years of age, threw an acid bomb at his vehicle as it approached the junction of Selby Street and Excise Street.

Monday 8th May 1972
Arson attack in Castlereagh Street
Two youths wielding knives have entered a Catholic owned shop in Castlereagh Street and poured inflammable liquid over the interior and set it on fire. Extensive damage was done to the shop and to a neighbouring hairdressing salon. A fire is also believed to have been stared maliciously at a dry cleaning shop at Newtownards Road.

Monday 8th May 1972
Arson attack on Vanguard man's home
More than 10,000 poultry have died in a fire at the home of a local Vanguard member in Tandragee. The fire is believed to be malicious.

Monday 8th May 1972
Radio controlled landmine used in attack
The IRA has mounted an ambush using a radio detonated land-mine in Lurgan. The bomb, which exploded beside an RUC Land Rover, which was on patrol near the entrance to the Kilwilkie estate, contained 10 lbs of explosives. The Vehicle was extensively damaged but none of the occupants were injured.

Monday 8th May 1972
Rathfriland explosions
There have been three explosions at the almost completed health centre at John Street Rathfriland early on Sunday morning. A fourth bomb exploded as an army expert attempted to defuse it but he was not injured. There was extensive damage to the building and windows in man nearby houses were broken.

Monday 8th May 1972
Attack on Orange Hall
The RUC have said that an amateur attempt as been made to set fire to the local Orange Hall in Castlewellan.

Monday 8th May 1972
Official Republicans call off rally
Official Republicans have claimed that Provisional IRA members threatened their members into calling an "End the bombing rally" in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The Republicans (members of the political wing of the Official IRA) say they decided to call off their rally in the interests of peace. They say the Provisionals threatened them at gunpoint. They say they hope to go ahead with the rally at a later date.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Monks fined for helping escapers
Two monks have been fined and two other men given suspended sentences when they were convicted at Belfast City Commission of conspiring to help two escaped prisoners evade recapture. The Lord Chief Justice Sir Robert Lowry told one of the monks that his action in helping the two men after they reached his monastery at Portglenone, was much more than offering asylum. They were fined £500 and £250 respectively.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Barricades come down
The Provisional IRA in Derry's Bogside has removed two barricades following complaints from local residents that they were unsightly and rat infested. The barricades were at Westland Street, near "Free Derry Corner" and Southway, one of the main entrances to the Creggan estate.
A Provisional IRA spokesman said they had been moved to meet the wishes of people living in the area, and gallons of disinfectant had been used to wash down the streets. Both would be replaced by steel spikes driven into the streets.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Bombs found
Soldiers have found bombs, bomb making materials and ammunition in two separate caches in Belfast. Men from the 22nd Engineers found 742 rounds of assorted ammunition in a yard at Thompson Street in East Belfast. And in a derelict house in Eglington Street, off the Crumlin Road, men from the Royal Regiment of Wales and the Parachute Regiment found one blast bomb, a nail bomb, 60 detonators and 60 feet of fuse.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Derry boy loses eye
Secretary of State, Mr William Whitelaw, has received a report from the Army about the incident in which a young Derry boy lost his eye after being hit by a rubber bullet. A statement said: "The RUC are to investigate the case, as is the practice in any incident involving death or serious injury." Mr Whitelaw has also written to the parents of the Creggan boy expressing regret at the injury. He was shot in the Rosemount area of Derry during a stone throwing incident six days ago.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Soldiers ambushed
The driver of an armoured car was shot in the shoulder when four men ambushed an Army patrol in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. An Army spokesman said that the two vehicle patrol was ambushed in the Lenadoon Avenue just after 2.00 pm and that four high velocity shots had been fired. The injured soldier was taken to Musgrave Park Hospital where his condition was said to be "not serious." Fire was not returned.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Derry observation post bombed
The Army is to carry out an investigation into the midnight bomb attack on an observation post in Derry, which injured 11 soldiers. They want to know how the attackers managed to get so close to the post without being seen so that they could lob two 5 lb bombs over the wall. The bombs were thrown over the car park wall which is at the rear of the Masonic Hall and beside the city walls. Only one bomb exploded and the second was later defused. One soldier was detained in hospital with minor head injuries.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Conspiracy charges
An Officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Chairman of the 15,000 strong, Ulster Defence Association has appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court, along with three other men, charged with conspiring to obtain arms for an extremist group in Belfast.

FACING PAGE - An anti-riot squad of the British Army come under petrol bomb attack.



Tuesday 9th May 1972
Derry shootings
Troops in Derry have claimed four hits on gunmen during 18 different shooting incidents in 70 minutes at the Bligh's Lane post. There were no military casualties. An Army spokesman said they returned fire on eight occasions. Gunmen fired almost 30 single rounds as well as a burst of automatic fire. It is thought that five IRA gunmen were involved in the attacks.
There were also three shooting incidents on the city walls and a single shot was fired at troops manning a post in the Brandywell. There were no casualties in the attacks.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
5 lb bomb explodes
A 5lb bomb which was thrown at the rear of the Christian Brothers Past Pupils club on the Antrim Road exploded before midnight but it caused only minor damage.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Belfast attacks
An Army spokesman has said that a pipe bomb was thrown in Highfield Drive, two small devices exploded on the Falls Road and another was heard in the Ballymurphy area. Three low velocity shots and a burst of automatic fire were directed at an Army post in Northumberland Street. Three high velocity shots were also heard near the Royal Victoria Hospital and it is thought that the target was a passing military patrol.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Methodist hall attacked
A attempt has bee made to set fire to the Methodist Church hall on Stewartstown Road, Suffolk.. Only minor damaged was caused when the incendiary device which was attached to a drum of petrol, exploded.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Bomb explodes at RUC barracks
A 45 lb bomb has demolished the married quarters at Desertmartin RUC barracks but there were no personnel at the limited opening barracks and no one was injured.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Shots fired at Newry checkpoint
Two shots have been fired from the cover of a wood, at troops who were manning a checkpoint south of the town of Newry. There were no casualties. The soldiers did return fire but did not claim any hits.





TOP - Funeral of Derry born soldier Pte. Best
BOTTOM - Funeral of 15 year old Harold Morris leaving his home in Court Street

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Army post comes under fire
Ten low velocity shots have been fired at an Army post in the Village of Sion Mills. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Post Office robberies
A total of nine men were involved in two armed robberies on South Armagh post offices. At 9.30 am four men armed with revolvers entered Crossmaglen Post Office and demanded cash. The only person there was a postman who said he did not know where the money was kept. After searching the premises the men left empty-handed. Two hours later five men entered Jonesboro Post Office and held up staff. It is thought that they got away with only £10 on this occasion.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Garda make arrests after robbery
Four men and a girl who were arrested by Civic Guards following a raid on the National Bank at Moville have been charged with robbery at a special court in Buncrana, County Donegal. The accused, whose names were not released, were all charged with robbing the bank of £4,000.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
Paratrooper on arms charge
A paratrooper stationed at Palace Barracks, Holywood has appeared at Belfast magistrates Court charged with possession of a 9 mm pistol and ammunition. The soldier was remanded into military custody.

Tuesday 9th May 1972
MPs' sentences
It was announced in the House of Commons that the Six-month sentences on Miss Bernadette Devlin and Mr. Frank McManus for taking part in an illegal march have been formally remitted.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Town angered by security failure
Traders in the County Tyrone town of Omagh have accused the RUC of blocking their plans for a complete traffic blockade to beat the bombers. The Urban Council passed a resolution recommending a sealing off part of the town and



RIGHT - An injured man is led to a waiting ambulance after a bomb attack in the York Road area



the Army too agreed subject to RUC approval. However the permission to seal off the town was not forthcoming and Omagh's Main Street was devastated by a bomb.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Armagh Prison protest

A platoon of Gordon Highlanders, along with RUC personnel has stood by during a disturbance at Armagh Prison. The trouble started when sixty remand prisoners refused to return to their cells after an exercise period. They were protesting against the punishment imposed on a prisoner for attacking a member of the prison staff. The prisoners shouted abuse at armed sentries and after some time agreed to meet with the deputy governor. After the talks the prisoners returned to their cells. The protest lasted about one hour.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Laundry bombed

A bomb containing between 15 and 20 lbs of explosives has been planted at the Belfast Laundry on the Springfield Road. The attack happened just after 10.00am and the bombers told the staff that they had a half hour before the bomb exploded. The surrounding house and shops were evacuated as was a nearby special care school. After two hours, Army experts made the device safe.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
RUC man injured

An RUC man was slightly injured when around 10 youths stoned a joint RUC-Army patrol who were searching back yards in the Kashmir Road area of Belfast.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Soldier wounded in Belfast

A soldier in foot patrol with the Kings Regiment also received a gunshot wound when his patrol was fired on in the Kashmir Road area of Belfast.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Sniper attack at Divis Flats

Five shots have been fired at an Army patrol as they moved in to investigate a burned out lorry at Divis Street. A sniper opened from the Divis Flats complex but there were no casualties. Soon after midnight three shots were heard in the Divis Flats area but the Army was not involved in this incident.

ABOVE LEFT - Belfast's Oxford Street after a bomb attack
FACING PAGE
TOP - An army photograph of the Barrack area of the New Lodge in North Belfast.
BOTTOM - An army photograph of the Unity Flats complex.





Wednesday 10th May 1972
East Belfast attacks
There has been some small scale trouble in East Belfast. A crowd of youths have broken into the premises of a local furniture shop, as well as a television rental company. Later in the evening the RUC reported that they were being stoned at Claremont Street in the Woodstock Road. A crowd of stone throwing youths in Prim Avenue was also dispersed by the Army.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
UDR man shot in Dungiven
A member of the UDR has received a gunshot wound to the arm when his mobile patrol was ambushed near the town. The part time soldier returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Troops claim hits in Derry shootings
Troops have claimed to have shot two IRA men near the Bligh's lane Army post. An Army spokesman said that the gunman was seen to fall. In the second shooting which occurred just after 1.00 am troops said that they fired on an identified gunman and claimed a possible hit. There were several other shootings in the city but there were no Army casualties.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Transformer bombed in Strabane
Around 100 youths have stoned soldiers after an explosion badly damaged an electricity transformer at Melmont Road. Troops used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd, however a half hour later an explosion was heard in the area. It is believed that it was a digger which is used on the River Foyle drainage scheme.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Soldier's book appeal
The Army has used a four-ton truck to pick up about 2,000 new and old books and Magazines from the Pontypridd offices of a local Welsh newspaper. The books and magazines were collected after an appeal to a Rhondda newspaper.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
RUC border alert
Extra police have been on duty in border areas as people in the Republic voted in the referendum on whether or not to join the Common



BALLYMENA

Prohibition of Unattended Vehicles

I, GEORGE IVAN STERRITT, being a Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary stationed at Ballymena by virtue of an Order made under Regulation 33 of the Civil Authorities Special Powers Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, and having consulted with the Local Road Authority for the area, hereby designate the area bounded by Waveney Road, Galgorm Road, Ballymoney Road, Fountain Place, Springwell Street, Thomas Street and Market Road, Warden Street and the River Braid in the Borough of Ballymena in the County of Antrim as a 'Designated Zone.'

I also hereby direct that:—

George Street	Castle Street	Bridge Street
Lower Mill Street	Garfield Place	Broadway
Car Park at High St.	Linenhall Street	Alexander Street
William Street	Upper Mill Street	Ballymoney Street
Church Street	Wellington Street	Greenvale Street
Meetinghouse Lane	Broughshane Street	Bryan Street

shall be prohibited for the use, waiting or leaving of unattended vehicles at any time until further notice.

This Order shall not apply to:—

(a) Vehicles used on duty by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or of Her Majesty's Forces.
(b) Ambulances
(c) Vehicles used by a medical practitioner, nurse or midwife and displaying a badge approved by the British Medical Association
(d) Fire-fighting appliances
(e) Any vehicle the use of which in a designated zone is authorised by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or of Her Majesty's Forces on duty.

This Order rescinds the Order dated 27th day of March, 1972.

Signed:
GEORGE IVAN STERRITT,
Superintendent — Divisional Commander.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1972.

Market. It was feared that members of the Republican Movement from the North would stage demonstrations and sit ins at polling booths in border towns in protest at the refusal of the southern government to allow them to vote. Both wings of Sinn Féin claim that Northern Ireland citizens are entitled to vote because under the Éire constitution they are also citizens of the Republic.

Mr. Paddy Devlin SDLP MP took about 10,000 completed ballot papers to Dublin. They were filled in by residents of the Falls Road area who took part in a "mini referendum" conducted by the Republican Clubs. Members of Sinn Fein intended to hand them to the clerk at the pooling both at Rathgar, Dublin, where the Premier Mr. Lynch was expected to cast his vote.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Shankill votes

For the second time in eight months Shankill Ward voters have gone to the polls to elect a new member to replace Mr John McQuade on Belfast City Council. Mr. McQuade was elected last September in a by-election but resigned both his council and Stormont seats in protest against direct rule. There are three candidates in the race, Official Unionist, Unofficial Unionist and Constitution Party. The Official Unionist candidate is 62-year-old, Mr James Brown, a Shankill Road Chemist and a vice president of Shankill Unionist Association. The independent candidate is 29-year-old metal bonder, Mr. Hugh Smyth, who describes himself as a "traditional unionist". Mr. Smyth has close links with the Democratic Unionist Party and DUP councillor Fred Proctor is his election agent. Mr. David Robb, a 29-year-old pump man at Belfast harbour is standing for the Constitution Party.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Army attacks youths with toy guns

A spokesman for the Gordon Highlanders has warned about the risks involved when children and young people are allowed to play with toy guns. The Gordon Highlanders are





TOP - Bomb attack on Elliott's Garage, University Street.
BOTTOM - Members of the Official IRA on patrol in Turf Lodge

stationed in Armagh. The warning follows an incident at a local housing estate when a 19-year-old youth who suffers from Downs Syndrome was playing with a gun refused to stop when ordered to do so. An Army spokesman said that the youth did not stop or put up his hands. The youth had the weapon tucked under his jacket and when he made a sudden move as if to draw the gun a soldier knocked him down with a rifle butt, breaking his jaw. "With less restraint by his patrol the youth might have been shot" said an Army spokesman.

Wednesday 10th May 1972
Courtaulds blast
The Provisional IRA have admitted responsibility for the bombing of Courtaulds' factory at Carrickfergus in which one man died and £1 million worth of damage was caused.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Soldier shot dead in Belfast
A soldier on foot patrol has died after being shot in the throat in the lower Falls area of Belfast. The soldier of the 3rd Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment was part of a foot patrol in the Osman Street-Sultan Street area and was hit in the neck by a single high velocity bullet. An Army spokesman said he was rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital but died shortly afterwards.

The shot came from the direction of Servia Street and fire was not returned. He is the second Royal Anglian to have been shot dead since the battalion took up duty in Belfast on 12th April.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Girl is tarred and feathered
A 15-year-old girl from Theodore Street, Belfast has been Tarred and feathered by the IRA. It has also been revealed that her older sister was also punished by the IRA a few days previously. The family have said that they don't know the reasons for the attacks, however the IRA has alleged that she was a police informer who was paid in drugs.



Thursday 11th May 1972
IRA bombed Co-Op says security chiefs
Security Chiefs have pinned the blame on the IRA Provisionals for the massive bomb attack on the Belfast Co-operative in York Street. The bomb caused at least £10 million damage and has put 750 jobs in jeopardy. Although the police and Army experts are not yet certain how the IRA managed to get the 100 lb bomb into the building, several leads are being followed and forensic experts are carrying out a detailed examination of the scene. One of the warning calls made almost an hour before the blast has been traced to premises in Butler Street. Other calls were made from a public telephone kiosk at Madison Avenue off the Cavehill Road. Twenty six people have been taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Thursday 11th May 1972
New bombing offensive
Nineteen people were injured and more than £100,000 damage when the IRA mounted a daylight bombing campaign in Belfast. Just twenty hours after the IRA bomb at the Co-op a blast caused £100,000 worth of damage to the car distribution centre of Thompson Reid at Stockman's Lane. The blast caused extensive damage to the roofing of the steel structured building and to almost 200 British Leyland cars. The explosion was followed nine minutes later by a massive blast in the city centre when a hi-jacked van

LEFT & FACING PAGE - IRA firebomb attack on the Co-Op Department Store




COOPER

blew up in Linenhall Street West – a short distance from Broadcasting House.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Bombing disrupts newspaper
The Irish News has failed to be published for the first time in its 116 year old history. The paper will not appear tomorrow either because of damage to the adjacent Co-operative building. A wall of the burned out Co-op, at the rear of the Irish News printing works has been declared unsafe and the management has decided that the vibrations from the papers printing machinery might cause the wall to collapse.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Portadown riots
Twelve RUC men were injured during rioting in Portadown. The Portadown trouble started with a stoning attack on a train taking local football supporters to a football match at Windsor Park. As the train passed the Catholic Kilwilkie estate at Lurgan a barrage of missiles broke 24 windows but no one was injured. When the supporters returned to Portadown a confrontation developed with a Catholic crowd at Obins Street tunnel area near the railway station. Rioting went on until midnight and barricades were erected at Henry Street. About 200 people were reported to be involved on each side.
A 400 strong Catholic crowd then attacked police at Curran Street and shots were fired from the direction of the crowd. An RUC Land Rover window was smashed but it is not known whether this was caused by the shooting. Of the twelve RUC men hurt, one had a suspected leg fracture. Three arrests were made.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Car bomb in Caledon
A 50 lb car bomb has exploded in the County Tyrone village of Caledon. The bomb was carried to the village in a blue Ford Anglia with a southern number plate and when it exploded it caused widespread damage. Mid Armagh MP Mr. James Strong and his father Sir Norman Strong, who live close by at Tynan arrived soon after at the explosion to help. The RUC are anxious to interview two young men who left a parked car at the scene and boarded a bus in the village before the blast.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Transformer bombed
A bomb planted at a electricity transformer at Screggan exploded at around 1.30 am causing a blackout at Dungiven . No one was injured in the blast.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Bar attacked in Belfast
In Belfast Kelly's Bar on the Upper Springfield Road was the target for two single shots and a burst of automatic fire. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Belfast sniper attack
The Amy has come under fire in Albert Street, Belfast. Two shots were fired at them. Fire was returned but no hits were reported.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Four gunmen shot in Derry say Army
The Army in Derry has said that



LEFT - Bomb attack in the centre of Omagh



THE DEAD — A SOLDIER AND A CATHOLIC TRAVELLER

2 killed, many hurt in day's incidents

A CATHOLIC traveller in the licensed trade was shot dead, a soldier died from gunshot wounds, several persons were wounded, and a number of others were hurt in an explosion, in a series of incidents in the North yesterday.

Mr. Bernard (Beanie) Moane, aged 46 and father of six, of Alfesbury Drive, Ormeau Road, Belfast, worked for the Irish Bonding Company. He disappeared while on his rounds yesterday and at 4.30 p.m. was shot in the head at the Knockagh war memorial near

four gunmen were seen to be hit during 48 separate shooting incidents over a three hour period. Ten gunmen are estimated to have been involved. The Army returned fire on 30 occasions but there were no Army casualties.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Co-op still smouldering

Sixteen hours after bombs exploded at Belfast's Co-op the building is still smouldering. The fire which has caused millions of pounds worth of damage to goods and property was started by a 100 lb bomb which was planted on the second floor just before 5.00 pm. At the height of the blaze, nearly 70 firemen with 11 appliances were fighting the flames. Two warnings had been received about a bomb in the building but a search by the security forces revealed nothing. At the time no one could understand how there could be a bomb in the building because it had been closed all day.

Thursday 11th May 1972
22,000 withhold rates

According to the Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr David Howell, there are 22,000 people withholding payment of rent and rates on the 24th March.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Magilligan hunger strike called off

A hunger strike by prisoners at Magilligan Camp has ended, according to a Ministry of Home Affairs spokesman. Around 30 prisoners had been refusing food since Monday but have now decided to call it off. It is understood that their complaints are being looked into by officials. The men, who were all transferred to Magilligan from Crumlin Road jail to try and help relieve over-crowding at the prison, were all complaining about the move. In a statement purporting to come from "loyalist" prisoners at Magilligan they complained that they had to use public transport and were subject to restrictions during their visits. The prisoners were all serving short term sentences.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Shots fired at Army patrol

Three high velocity shots have been fired at a patrol of the 1st Kings Regiment on patrol at the junction of Divismore Crescent and Springfield Road. There were no military casualties and fire was not returned.

Thursday 11th May 1972
New controls to stop "home made" bombs

New controls may be imposed in an attempt to stop the manufacture of home made explosives. The Secretary of State, Mr. Whitelaw is believed to be about to make a statement concerning the matter to the Commons at Westminster. It is likely to mean that restrictions will be placed on the sale of various chemical substances that are freely available and can be used as bomb components. Security authorities have been concerned that the bombers may be turning to the use of "weed-killer" and other home-made explosives to supplement their gelignite supplies.







Thursday 11th May 1972
Security is "feeble and ineffective" says Mayor

The Lord Mayor of Belfast Sir Joseph Cairns has made a strong attack on the present policies of the British Premier, Mr Edward Heath and the Secretary of State Mr. Whitelaw. He has described the present policy as being weak and ineffective.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Kidnapped man shot in legs

A South Armagh man who was kidnapped from Belleek, near Newtownhamilton has been found shot in both legs, tarred and feathered at Ballsmills, Crossmaglen. It is believed that the armed men who kidnapped him, drove him across the border for interrogation before shooting him. The reason for his abduction is not known,

Thursday 11th May 1972
Mourne MP goes to jail over census form

Mr James O'Reilly, the Nationalist MP for Mourne has been jailed for the non payment of a £16 census form fine. Fellow party members said that the decision by Mr O'Reilly , a father of 11 children, to refuse to pay the fine was a personal one and it was done without consulting his colleagues.

TOP - Official IRA members search a car in Turf Lodge
MIDDLE - Members of the UDA on patrol on the Shankill Road
BOTTOM - Loyalist road block across Agnes Street

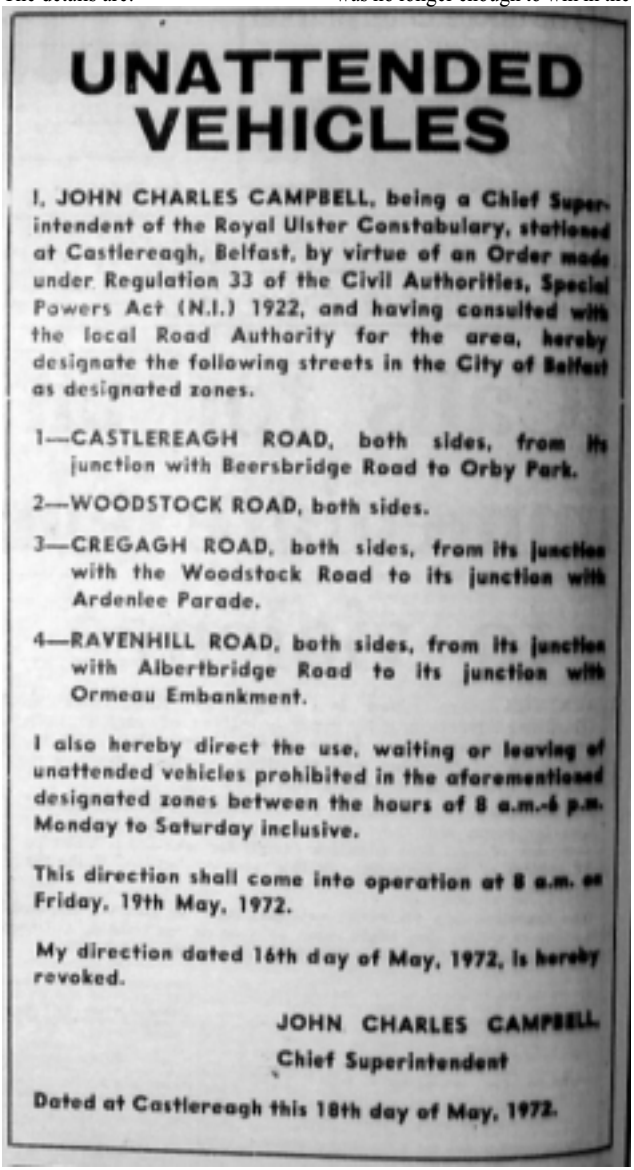
Thursday 11th May 1972
Shankill election results

The Independent Unionist candidate, 29-year-old Mr. Hugh Smyth has won the Shankill by-election for Belfast City Council. He had a majority of 867 over the Official Unionist candidate

The details are:

H. Smyth	4036
J. Brown	3169
D. Robb	646
Majority	867
Electorate	22,858

Mr. Smyth, who describes himself as a traditional unionist said that the election showed that a party ticket was no longer enough to win in the Shankill. "It's no longer sufficient to put on a Unionist label. You have to be a loyalist as well as Unionist." Although Mr Smyth stood as an independent he had the complete backing of the Democratic Unionist Party.



UNATTENDED VEHICLES

I, JOHN CHARLES CAMPBELL, being a Chief Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, stationed at Castlereagh, Belfast, by virtue of an Order made under Regulation 33 of the Civil Authorities, Special Powers Act (N.I.) 1922, and having consulted with the local Road Authority for the area, hereby designate the following streets in the City of Belfast as designated zones.

1—CASTLEREAGH ROAD, both sides, from its junction with Beersbridge Road to Orby Park.

2—WOODSTOCK ROAD, both sides.

3—CREGAGH ROAD, both sides, from its junction with the Woodstock Road to its junction with Ardenlee Parade.

4—RAVENHILL ROAD, both sides, from its junction with Albertbridge Road to its junction with Ormeau Embankment.

I also hereby direct the use, waiting or leaving of unattended vehicles prohibited in the aforementioned designated zones between the hours of 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Saturday inclusive.

This direction shall come into operation at 8 a.m. on Friday, 19th May, 1972.

My direction dated 16th day of May, 1972, is hereby revoked.

JOHN CHARLES CAMPBELL.
Chief Superintendent

Dated at Castlereagh this 18th day of May, 1972.

Thursday 11th May 1972
Ulster Bomb Victim Fund

The committee of the Ulster Bomb Victims Fund has already distributed £7,000, about £5,000 of which has gone to badly injured victims of the Abercorn bombing. The fund now totals £22,000, including the £10,000 donation made to the fund by the British Government.

Friday 12th May 1972
Belfast shootings

In the 24 hours period up until 8.00am, the Army in Belfast reported 23 shooting incidents in the city. Eleven of these were directed at the security forces. In these attacks one soldier was shot dead and another six were injured. The Army returned fire on five occasions and claimed hits on two gunmen.

Friday 12th May 1972
NLF gunmen were drunk says Provisionals

A statement claiming that shooting incidents in Derry were carried out by Official IRA volunteers under the influence of drink has been issued by the Provisional IRA in the city. Five Army posts were the object of the gunmen's attacks and the Provisional IRA statement said the command staff deplored the fact

that members of what they described as the "national liberation front" participated in these purposeless attacks and caused great concern among residents of the areas. The Official IRA rejected the allegations that they were under the influence of drink during the gunbattle. They claimed that they received information that a member of the Provisional Alliance was pinned down by Army fire in the upper area of Beechwood Avenue and they went to his assistance. An Army spokesman described the shooting "as normal only heavier." "It was disciplined and accurate. If a man is drunk he is incapable of firing small arms," the statement added.

Friday 12th May 1972
Soldier shot dead in Belfast
The 18-year-soldier who was shot dead in Belfast's Lower Falls area has been named as Private John Bollard of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

Friday 12th May 1972
Six soldiers shot overnight
Six soldiers have been shot as they investigated two hi-jacked buses which had been set on fire in the Whiterock Road area of Belfast.

The soldiers, all members of the 1st Kings Regiment came under automatic fire as they approached the buses. An Army spokesman said that the shots came from the direction of Ardmonagh gardens-Norglen Parade. He said that none of the soldiers were seriously injured and other members of the Army party fired back at the gunmen but did not claim any hits.

Around the same time, another patrol of the same regiment spotted a gunman in Norglen Parade. They opened fire and claimed to have hit the man.

Friday 12th May 1972
Youth shot in off-licence
An 18-year-old youth, who worked in an off-licence on the Woodstock Road, and who is the son of the licensee, was shot in the hand at his place of work. The RUC, in a statement have said that the man had been working in the Northern Wine Store when a woman came in and asked him the time. The girl left but a few minutes later a youth entered and asked the same question. The youth then drew a .22 pistol from his pocket and fired at least two shots hitting the man once, however, he was not seriously injured.

Friday 12th May 1972
RUC man injured in Portadown
An RUC man has received a leg injury during brief crowd trouble which flared up in Portadown at around 10.00 pm. The policeman was struck by a stone. Four arrests were made.

Friday 12th May 1972
Buses destroyed at Swatragh
Three buses have been burned after masked raiders arrived at the Desmond shirt factory in Swatragh



LEFT - Bomb attack on Main Street, Maghera
FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack on Thompson Reid's storage depot, Boucher Road

just as employees were leaving. The men armed with a Thompson submachine gun and a revolver sprinkled the buses with petrol before setting them alight.

Friday 12th May 1972
Dungiven bomb alert
A stolen car has been blown up in Dungiven by an Army bomb expert but it did not contain any explosives.

Friday 12th May 1972
EEC election results seen as rejection of IRA
The South's landslide vote in favour of joining the Common Market is being interpreted as a massive rejection of both wings of the Republican Movement. The Provisional and Official Sinn Fein organisations have carried out extensive campaigns urging people to vote "No" to Europe. But the electorate has voted by a majority of 5-1 in favour of entry. The total poll was over 71%. There were 1,041,890 votes in favour of entry and 211,891 against. Asked if he now thought he had a clear mandate for dealing with the IRA, Mr. Jack Lynch, Irish Premier said: "We always had a mandate to deal with the IRA but perhaps this emphasises it."

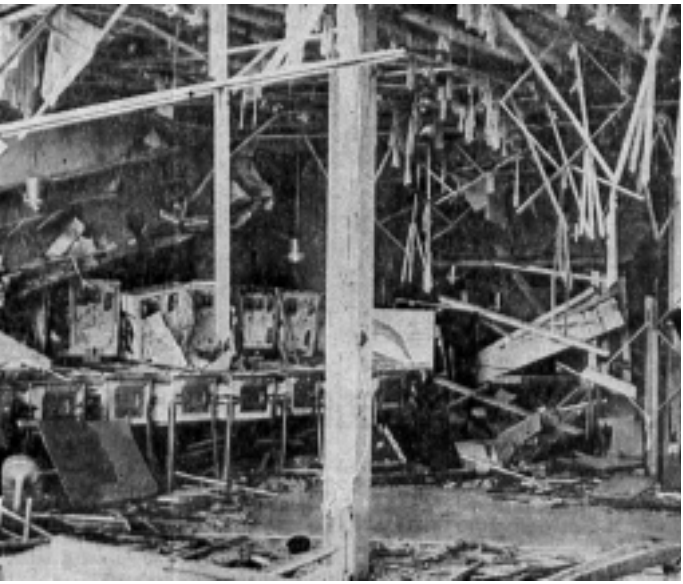
Friday 12th May 1972
Consultants to survey Ardoyne
A firm of consultants has been appointed to carryout a survey of the Farringdon Gardens area of Belfast where many houses were burned out during the violence following internment. The appointment follows discussions between the Ardoyne Housing Committee and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The firm will also prepare a report on the environmental requirements of Farringdon Gardens, Cranbrook Gardens and Velsheda Park.

Friday 12th May 1972
Co-op workers may claim compensation
A claim for compensation under the Malicious Injuries Act may be brought against Belfast Corporation by a trade union on behalf of the 750 Co-op employees who have been made idle following Wednesday's bomb attack on the Societies York Street Store. Speaking about the bomb attack a union official said that the union is making emergency provision for the payment of unemployment benefit costing about £1,000 a week to the unemployed Co-op workers. The general manager of the Belfast Co-operative Society has said that the society intend to immediately move all the office section from the Orpheus building to make way for extra sales space. He also said that additional office space would have to be found and that they were now seeking accommodation elsewhere in Belfast. He also pointed out that a computer valued at £150,000 was destroyed in the bomb attack.



Friday 12th May 1972
Vanguard Threat from Young Unionist

Mr James Rodgers, Secretary of Belfast Young Unionists, and a member of the Vanguard executive, has told a Vanguard meeting in Donegal Pass, Belfast that unless Mr. Whitelaw took quick action against no-go areas there was a real possibility of loyalists setting up "something similar". He claimed that the Vanguard Movement had more than 400,000 members.





Friday 12th May 1972
Andersonstown shooting

The Army believe they have shot a gunman in Andersonstown. Five high velocity shots were fired at a mobile patrol in Bingnian Drive from the direction of South Green. Local people prevented the troops from getting to the scene but later an ambulance was seen in the area. Ambulance control in Belfast said they received no calls to the area.

Friday 12th May 1972
Fewer recruits for UDR

According to the Under Secretary of State for the Army, Mr. Geoffrey Johnston Smith, applications to join the UDR in January, February, March and April were 757, 748, 584 and 474. In a Commons written reply Mr Rafton Pounder (South Belfast) was told that applications from Catholics for each month represented 1.7%, 0.7%, 1.2% and 3.4% of the figures. Mr. Pounder pointed out that since the introduction of direct rule there has been a fall in applications to join the UDR.

Friday 12th May 1972
Garage bombed

A bomb left by armed men at Elliott's garage in University Street, Belfast has exploded. The bomb has caused extensive damage to the interior of the premises.

TOP LEFT - Bomb attack on the Treasure Island Amusement Arcade, Castle Street
LEFT - Arms found by the Parachute Regiment in the New Lodge area
FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on the Devonshire Stitching Company, Rydalmere Street

Friday 12th May 1972
RUC plan recruitment drive
There is to be more RUC recruitment advertising and publicity. During April 41 recruits enrolled in the RUC and 79 in the RUC Reserve, against 42 and 106 during March.

The recruits had applied before the suspension of the Northern Ireland Government on the 30th March.

Friday 12th May 1972
Ulster Protestant Volunteers rally
The Larne branch of the Ulster Protestant Volunteers has organised a rally for Saturday 13th May, in protest against the existence of no-go areas. Guest speakers will be Rev. William McCrea and councillor David Neill. The rally is to be held in Broadway, Larne.

Friday 12th May 1972
Castle Street bomb
A bomb has exploded at the Treasure Island amusement arcade in Castle Street. No injuries have been reported.

Saturday 13th May 1972
CS gas used on raiders
Four men have been arrested by the RUC after troops fired CS gas into a Belfast Store. At around 12.30pm the RUC received a call alleging that gunmen were attempting t rob the Co-op store in Ainsworth Avenue off the Springfield Road. Two RUC detectives rushed to the scene, which is about half a mile from Springfield Road RUC barracks. The gunmen inside the store held up customers and staff. Everyone entering the store was also held up and made to lie on the floor. One of the RUC men was taken hostage but his colleague managed to rescue him. A third RUC man, believed to be a member of Special Branch, was fired at as he tried to enter the shop through a side door. One bullet went through his jacket but he was unhurt. RUC men and soldiers of the 1st battalion the Kings Regiment converged on the store. As the siege progressed soldiers threw CS gas into the store and the gunmen were arrested. The RUC took possession of a 9mm pistol, a .45 revolver and a .38 revolver.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Man shot dead in Andersonstown
A man named by the RUC as Joseph McVeigh, aged 44, of Ladybrook Park has been shot dead in the Andersonstown area of West Belfast. Four other men were wounded in the attack. The men were all shot from a passing car which drove up



Riverdale Park South just before midnight. After the shooting the gunmen's car breaked to a halt, turned hurriedly and sped off in the Lisburn Road direction. There is no apparent motive for the attack.

Saturday 13th May 1972
IRA open cut price shops
The Official IRA have opened their own shops in Derry's no-go areas of Creggan and Bogside. The shops, which are described as 'Co-operatives', are at Meenan Square, off Lecky Road on Creggan estate; and in the Rosemount area. The Creggan shop has been operating for several weeks and the others have just opened. A spokesman has said that both shops sold their entire stock, valued at about £500 in less than two hours. The spokesman said that the stock was both purchased and sold at cost price, there was no profit. He said that the shops show that socialism works in practice in local areas.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Bomb explodes at paint store
Firemen have managed to avert a massive explosion after a bomb demolished the front part of a paint shop in the Markets area of Belfast. After the blast at the premises of Edmunds and Hill in Hamilton Street, a fire broke out and there were fears that 20,000 lbs of cellulose paint stored at the rear of the premises would ignite causing a huge explosion. Firemen managed to fight their way through thick smoke caused by burning paint and doused the flames. This is the third time the premises have been attacked and as on previous occasions the bombers made off into the nearby Markets area.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Youth shot in North Belfast
In Belfast there were clashes between opposing factions in the Oldpark and "the stumps" area of Duncairn Gardens. In the Duncairn clashes a 20-year-old Protestant from North Queen Street was shot in the ankle. An RUC spokesman said that during the rioting a youth appeared from the Catholic Hillman Street side and fired six shots. Five of the shots struck a nearby chip shop and the sixth struck the man as he was running away from the scene. He was not seriously injured.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Man shot in Andersonstown
An 18-year-old youth from Edenmore Drive in Belfast has been admitted to hospital after being shot in the arm in Slieve Gallion Drive. The RUC believe he was shot as he was walking away from a taxi.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Belfast man receives fractured skull
A 35-year-old man has been detained in hospital with a fractured skull after youths attacked his car at Springfield Road-West Circular Road. The RUC say the car was stopped by six men who threw stones at the vehicle. The man was struck on the head by a brick and rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital where his condition was described as ill.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Rubber bullets fired
The army have fired rubber bullets at stone throwing youths in the Finaghy Road North-Ladybrook areas. No injuries have been reported.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Army attacked in Belfast
Eight high velocity shots have been fired at a mobile patrol at Glen Road-Shaw's Road. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.
A number of shots have also been fired at an Army post in a timber yard on the Springfield Road from different directions but there were no casualties.
In the Riverdale Gardens area of Belfast a nail bomb was thrown at an Army personnel carrier containing a joint military-police patrol. Later the same patrol saw a youth with a pistol get into a car at Navan Green. One of the soldiers fired at the car. The windscreen was shattered but the youth escaped.
Four shots have been fired towards Unity Flats from a car travelling up the Shankill Road but there were no casualties.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Houses petrol bombed
Three petrol bombs were thrown into a house occupied by a Catholic family at Ardenvohr Street in the Woodstock area but the flames were extinguished by neighbours and little damage was caused.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Lurgan railway station bombed
Shortly after midnight an explosion

caused extensive damage to Lurgan Railway Station. The bomb was placed on a platform and a small parcel office was damaged An anonymous telephone warning was given and the RUC cleared the area before the blast. It is estimated that the bomb contained 10lb of explosives.

Saturday 13th May 1972
600 shots fired at troops in Derry
The Army in Derry have claimed that they shot three gunmen during battles in the city. Around 600 shots were fired at troops during the engagements. The first of the exchanges began at 1.09 am and lasted for 36 minutes. Around 300 rounds were fired at the Rosemount Army post from the area of St Joseph's and St. Eugene's schools. The Army returned fire at the estimated eight gunmen and claimed the three hits. Later at 4.00 am between 200 and 250 shots were fired at the Rosemount complex by an estimated five or six gunmen.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Mini riot in Crumlin Road jail
Belfast prison staff are trying to discover what caused a mini riot at the jail when prisoners wrecked a recreation hall. The disturbances at the prison in Crumlin Road began when a group of young prisoners barricaded themselves in the hall. Troops who are normally on duty at the jail stood by in riot gear but according to an Army spokesman they were not needed. The prisoners, who were mostly under the age of 21, rioted and wrecked furniture and other fittings in the hall. Several of them were slightly injured. The reason for the disturbances at the jail is not known.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Loyalist rally in Tyrone
Loyalists are to march and rally at Fivemiletown, Tyrone to protest at the removal of the British flag from the main street by the British Army. Speakers will include the Rev Ivan Foster of the Free Presbyterian Church.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Ammunition find at Donaghmore
Approximately 3,000 rounds of ammunition have been discovered during a joint Army-RUC search. They were in a bag which was hidden in a turf bank at Donaghmore, County Tyrone.

Saturday 13th May 1972
Garda officer questioned after explosives raid
A civic guard and two other men have been detained in Dubin's Bridewell Prison after they were arrested during a series of swoops by Special Branch detectives. Six men were arrested in raids on the houses of known IRA sympathisers in Dublin and Kildare but four were later released.
The civic guard, who is attached to the staff of the depot in Pheonix Park and the other two men, were questioned in connect ion with February's raid on the ESB installation at Turlough Hill, County Wicklow. More than 1,400lbs of explosives were stolen in the raid.

Saturday 13th May 1972
IRA Chief of Staff found not guilty
After a trial lasting two days a jury in the Central Criminal Court in Dublin found Cathal Goulding, Chief of Staff of the Official IRA was not guilty on charges of incitement. Mr. McBride defending said in the course of his address to the jury that on occasions such as funerals, persons tended to be emotional and to use extreme language. It was doubtful that it could be regarded as anything more than rhetorical oratory, praising people who had died and justifying their actions.

Monday 15th May 1972
Explosion at Kelly's Bar
Just after 5.00 pm a car exploded in a parked car outside Kelly's Bar on the Whiterock-Springfield road junction. At the time of the no warning explosion the bar was crowded with customers watching the England-Germany football match on television. Controversy surrounds who was responsible for the blast. Local people maintain it was the work of protestant extremists but soldiers who were on duty at an observation post in the Blackmountain area report seeing the car park outside. Two men entered the bar and a few minutes later went to return to the car. According to the Army witness, they seemed to change their minds, stopped and walked away. The bomb exploded.
Troops arriving at the scene were then attacked by a crowd of several hundred local people. Within a

short time the first shots rang out. No one knows where they came from but within minute's one man was dead and gunfire could be heard throughout the area. Ambulances had to brave a hail of bullets to ferry the wounded to hospital. The RUC have said that 63 people were taken from the bar, including a 50-year-old man who died of gunshot wounds. Forty-six people were later discharged but many remain in hospital.

Monday 15th May 1972
Youth shot dead at Springmartin
According to an Army officer there were 35 separate shooting incidents in the area alone on Saturday night. The Army have said that they are certain that, at one stage, fire was directed at Henry Taggart post from Springmartin Road.

The Springmartin area is normally described as Protestant, although a considerable number of Catholic families live there. Ballymurphy people insist that they were being fired at by Protestant extremists but the Army and RUC have not identified who was responsible for shooting from the estate. Later in the evening five men were arrested in Springmartin, and three Steyer rifles and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition were seized.

Troops claimed hits on two gunmen, one who was seen in Springmartin and the other seen in Springfield Avenue. One of the men died later in hospital

Monday 15th May 1972
Soldier shot dead in Belfast
A 22-year-old soldier has been shot dead in Belfast. The soldier, Corporal Alan Buckley of the Kings Regiment, was a member of a military patrol which came under fire near Kelly's Bar. A second member of the patrol received a slight gunshot wound.

Monday 15th May 1972
Man and youth shot dead in Ballymurphy
A 62-year-old woman has been rushed to hospital after being struck by a bullet and soon after the bodies of a 32-year-old man and a youth were found with gunshot wounds in New Barnsley Crescent. In the shooting that followed two men and two youths were also taken to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds.

Monday 15th May 1972
Army set up sniper positions on mountain
In the wake of the bomb attack at Kelly's Bar on Belfast's Whiterock Road and the subsequent gun battles which raged in the Springmartin and Ballymurphy areas troops have set sniper positions and observation posts on the Black Mountain.

BELOW - Members of the UDA armed with pick axe handles at a Shankill Road barricade
FACING PAGE - UDA parade in Upper North Street



Monday 15th May 1972
Child shot dead in Belfast
A 13-year-old girl has been shot dead in the Ballymurphy area of Belfast. The girl, named as Martha Campbell, was shot dead as she walked along Springhill Avenue. She was taken the Royal Victoria Hospital but she was dead on arrival.

Monday 15th May 1972
Van driver shot
A Kennedy's bread van was hijacked at West Circular Road on Sunday along with its 23-year-old driver. It was later found at Westrock Drive where the driver was found to have a gunshot wound to the head. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital where he is described as being "very seriously ill."

Monday 15th May 1972
East Belfast shooting
A number of shots have been fired from the direction of Seaforde Street towards Thistle Street where a number of Protestants were standing. There were no injuries but a parked car had its windscreen smashed.

Monday 15th May 1972
Communist Party attacked
The headquarters of the Communist Party at Albertbridge Road has been extensively damaged by a fire which also damaged an off-licence next door. Both fires are believed to have been started maliciously.

Monday 15th May 1972
Shots fired at taxi
Two passengers in a taxi have been injured when the vehicle in which they were travelling came under fire from the direction of the New Lodge Road. The taxi had just left off a fare at the junction of Duncairn Gardens and Edlingham Street. One of the men was detained in hospital with a bullet wound to the knee.

Monday 15th May 1972
Nail bomb attack on house
A nail bomb as been thrown at a house in Roden Street. Troops arriving on the scene said 45 shots were directed at them but no casualties were reported.

Monday 15th May 1972
Women treated for shock
Two women have been treated for shock in hospital after shots were directed at their car in the Grosvenor Road area of Belfast.

Monday 15th May 1972
High velocity shots fired in Oldpark area
Five high velocity shots have been fired from Ballymoney Street-Oldpark Road at troops. The Army returned one shot but did not claim a hit. Later in the evening another burst of fire was directed towards troops in the same area. Eleven shots were fired by the soldiers but no one was injured.



Monday 15th May 1972
Derry IRA man shot dead

A 19-year-old youth has died from a gunshot wound and a second youth is believed to have been wounded in shooting incidents in Derry late on Saturday afternoon. The dead youth was named as John Starrs of Hamilton Street, who was described in a statement by the Provisional IRA as a member of the Brandywell section of the 1st Battalion the Derry Command. He died two hours after being admitted to hospital.

The Army said that two shots were fired by a patrol at two gunmen near the junction of William Street and Chamberlain Street and two hits were claimed. The Provisionals said that while engaging British Forces their unit was ambushed from behind and one member, Volunteer John Starrs, was shot. Another member made a very heroic attempt to save his comrade but this volunteer was also shot while going to his aid. The statement added that the second man was wounded in the arm and was given first aid in the Bogside and was now comfortable.



Monday 15th May 1972
Motorway re-opens

The M1 motorway between Lisburn and Belfast has been re-opened to traffic after being closed from Sunday afternoon. Youths had stoned cars at the Donegal Road end of the Motorway around lunchtime on

LEFT & BELOW - Members of the UDA on patrol in the Woodvale area of West Belfast
FACING PAGE - Official IRA post in the Creggan area of Derry



Sunday and the RUC decided to close it until the situation quietened.

Monday 15th May 1972
Pipe bomb defused
An Army explosives expert has defused a pipe bomb found outside a shop in Main Street Portglenone.

Monday 15th May 1972
Lurgan explosion
Gelignite which was concealed in an old boiler has exploded in a laneway at Kellmore, near Lurgan. No damage was caused.

Monday 15th May 1972
Weekend dead identified
Nine people, including a soldier died during the weekend and the RUC have identified all but one of the victims, the young man found dead, off the Shankill Road.
The victims are:
IRA Volunteer, John Starrs, aged 19, of Hamilton Street, Derry who died during a gun battle in the city.
Thomas McIlroy, aged 50, of Riverdale Park, Andersonstown, who was shot at Kelly's Bar.
16-year-old Michael Magee of Springfield Road and Robert McMullan of Moyard Parade who were both found shot at New Barnsley Crescent.
Mr Joseph McVeigh, aged 44, of Ladybrook Park was shot dead early on Saturday evening.
John Pedlow, a 17-year-old Protestant, of Black Mountain Parade, died from gunshot wounds to the abdomen. A second youth is seriously ill in hospital after being wounded in the same incident.
Martha Campbell, of Ballymurphy Road also died fro gunshot wounds. She was 13-years-old.
The soldier who died was 23-year-old Lance Corporal Alan Buckley of the 1st Battalion the Kings Regiment, who was from Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Monday 15th May 1972
Mass attack by IRA on Loyalist areas predicted
A resurgence of the majority in Ulster and a "mass attack" by the IRA on Loyalist areas have been forecast by Young Unionist Mr. James Rodgers. Addressing an open air rally at Magherafelt, Mr. Rodgers, a member of the executive claimed that the Secretary of State, Mr. Whitelaw was having "tremendous difficulty getting Protestants to serve on his commission" and he warned "Any Protestant who serves on this commission will be regarded as a traitor. We in Vanguard intend to embarrass those who are selected for it, in every way possible. We will make it so hot for them they will have to resign from it."



Monday 15th May 1972
Portadown bombed

Scores of premises in Portadown's town centre and in adjoining streets were undergoing repair after Sunday's car bomb which exploded in Thomas Street. The bomb, estimated to have been between 30 and 50lbs of explosives was left in a parked mini car, near the intersection of Market Street and High Street. A telephone message was made to the RUC and the bomb exploded twenty minutes later.

Monday 15th May 1972
Released internees are bombing Belfast says Craig

Mr William Craig, MP, addressing a Vanguard rally in Magherafelt, has said that e has evidence that a number of men, who have been released from internment by Mr. Whitelaw, were taking part in bombings in Belfast. Mr Craig asserted that there were now more gunmen in Andersonstown than there was twelve months ago and he also claimed that there was a build up of gunmen across the border, particularly in County Monaghan. At the rally he warned the Heath Government that if they did not rally a force to defeat the enemy then Vanguard would have to do so themselves.





Monday 15th May 1972
Shankill victim identified

The RUC have identified the young man who was found shot dead on waste ground off the Shankill Road early on Sunday morning. But they have not released his name until relatives have been informed. The man, who was shot through the head, was found at Hopeton Street. There are reports that the man had been beaten up and his hands badly smashed but the RUC were unable to confirm this. It is not known if he was shot where his body was found.

Monday 15th May 1972
Dungannon traffic ban opposed by traders

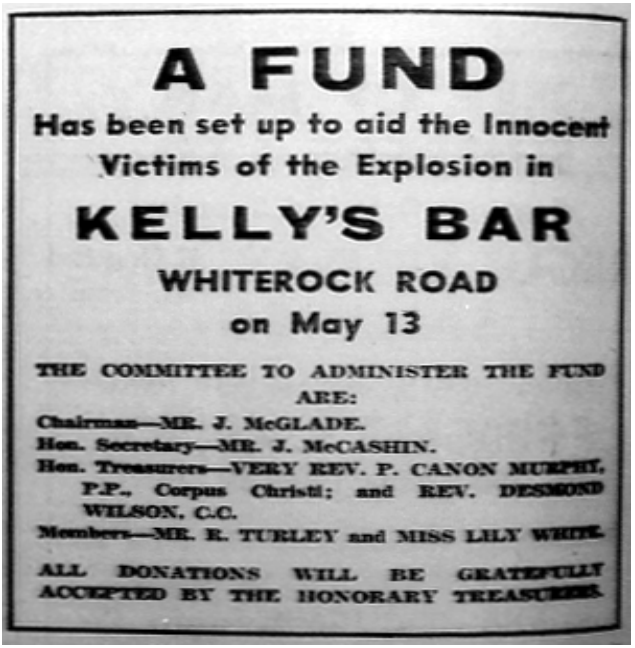
The parking ban in Dungannon town centre has been discussed at a special meeting of traders. The meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the council-police decision that the ban must remain in the interests of public safety, and it was agreed to continue to press for free flow of traffic with attended parking in Market Square. It was de-

TOP LEFT - Civilians take cover during a gun battle in the Ballymurphy area.
LEFT - The Rev. William McCrea with members of the Larne branch of the Ulster Protestant Volunteers
FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on Kelly's Bar, Whiterock Road

cided to circulate a petition around all the traders and present the signatures to the local RUC Chief Inspector. If the RUC did not respond to the traders' views then a meeting would be sought with Mr. Whitelaw.

Monday 15th May 1972
Riot at Millisle Borstal

A riot in the North's biggest Borstal at Millisle, County Down has ended after an hour and a half. At one stage 35 boys climbed onto the roof and hurled slates at staff. Earlier they caused extensive damage to the inside of the main building. It is thought that the disturbance may be connected with similar disturbances at Crumlin Road Prison.


A FUND
Has been set up to aid the Innocent Victims of the Explosion in
KELLY'S BAR
WHITEROCK ROAD
on May 13
THE COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER THE FUND ARE:
Chairman—MR. J. McGLADE.
Hon. Secretary—MR. J. McCASHIN.
Hon. Treasurers—VERY REV. P. CANON MURPHY, P.P., Corpus Christi; and REV. DESMOND WILSON, C.C.
Members—MR. R. TURLEY and MISS LILY WHITE.
ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED BY THE HONORARY TREASURERS.

Monday 15th May 1972
RUC jubilee

It is understood that a large number of RUC men are not happy about a scheme which has been set up by the Chief Constable to celebrate the RUC's Golden Jubilee in June. The committee, appointed by the Chief Constable to oversee the celebrations, has recommended that members of the force should donate one day's pay to a community fund to benefit youth. It is understood that large numbers of RUC men are refusing to return the consent form allowing the money to be deducted from their wages. A spokesman at RUC headquarters has said that the scheme is entirely voluntary and that it was up to each individual member of the force to decide what he wants to do.



Tuesday 16th May 1972
Maidstone escaper caught

The second of seven men who escaped from the prison ship Maidstone in January has been recaptured in Belfast. He man, Thomas Joseph Kane, aged 25, was caught in the Andrsonstown area by the Army on Sunday. He will appear in court charged with escaping from custody.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Bomb destroys Derry paint store

The premises of a wholesale wallpaper and paint company in Derry have been destroyed by fire after a bomb blast. The three storey building in Gt. James Street, owned by the Walpamur Company, has been the bombers target on two previous occasions.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Attempt to set up no go area
Troops have removed vehicles partially blocking Butler Street in Belfast's Ardoyne area. They had been placed across the junctions with the Crumlin Road and Flax Street in an attempt to create a no go area. There are unconfirmed reports that IRA gunmen had been seen walking openly in broad daylight. An Army spokesman said that they believed that this was "an attempt by the IRA to copy the tactics employed by the Protestants in Woodvale at the weekend." The vehicles which were hijacked are being held at Flax Street Army barracks awaiting collection by their owners.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Shots fired in Andersonstown
Five automatic shots have been fired at an Army patrol as it entered Ramoan Gardens in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. The shots were fired from the direction of the Glen Road but no one was injured.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Keady shooting
Troops have come under fire from across the border near Keady but there are no reports of any injuries.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Father and son shot in own home
A Catholic father and son have been shot after gunmen entered their home in the Woodstock area of Belfast.
The 62-year-old father of six and his 14-year-old son were both wounded in the legs and thighs when two gunmen entered their Killowen Street home. The men made off in a white Ford Cortina.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Sandy Row pub bombed
A bomb has exploded in a car outside the Bluebell Bar on Belfast's Sandy Row. The bomb, which caused extensive damage exploded around 7.30 pm in a Morris car. An RUC spokesman said that no warning was given. Seventeen people were treated in hospital.

In the wake of the explosion local youths went on the rampage and smashed windows in several shops as well as becoming hostile to press men at the scene of the explosion. Windows were broken in public houses at Bradbury Place and University Road. The Hamill Hotel, where many foreign journalists stay was attacked as was Queens University's Students' Union.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Pipe bomb attack
A pipe bomb has caused minor damage when it exploded at a house at Tullyward Way, Cregagh, during the night.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Rival crowds clash
Rival crowds have again clashed in both the Oldpark and Donegal Road area of Belfast. The RUC have said that around 300 people were involved in the Oldpark clashes which occurred in the Bone area. And for a time rival crowds stoned each other at Glenmachen Street on the Donegal Road. An attempt was also made to burn down a bookmaker's premises in Meridi Street.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
UDR checkpoint attacked
A shot has been fired at a UDR checkpoint on Finaghy Road North. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Soldier shot
A 28-year-old soldier Lance Corporal John Henry Hillman, a member



RIGHT - Fire bomb attack at Edmunds and Hill paint store in Hamilton Street



THREE CHILDREN AMONG THE CASUALTIES

17 INJURED IN SANDY ROW BLAST

SEVENTEEN people, including three children aged 7, 10 and 12, were injured last night when a 50lb. car bomb exploded outside the Bluebell Bar in Belfast's Sandy Row. Police said no warning had been given before the explosion. The building was demolished.

A spokesman said the children had been playing in the street when the bomb went off, wrecking the bar and damaging adjoining property.

The blast came at the end of another day of shootings in various parts of the North and as the Secretary of State, Mr. William Whitelaw, talked with security advisers about the week-end's violence in which eight civilians—seven of them Catholics—and a soldier died.

of the Royal Regiment of Wales has been shot and seriously wounded during a sniper attack in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The soldier had been on duty in an observation post in Crumlin Street at the time of the shooting.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
38 shootings in Belfast
The Army has reported that in the past 24 hours, there have been 38 shooting incidents in the Belfast area. It is estimated at around twenty of these did not involve the security forces.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Bomb disposal expert attacked in Lurgan
A shot has been fired at an Army bomb disposal expert as he moved in to inspect a hi-jacked car which had been abandoned on the north bound carriageway of the M1 at Kilmore. Hew was not injured and the car was not found to contain any explosives. The vehicle had been hi-jacked earlier at Silverwood.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Shots fired at Border
Around 70 shots have been fired across the border outside Strabane at a passing military patrol. The patrol returned fire but on one was injured.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Ammunition find
Troops have found a total of 130 rounds of .303 ammunition in plastic bags in two separate finds in Aughnacloy.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Troops attacked at Hannahstown
Four shots have been fired at troops who were on duty at an electricity sub-station at Hannahstown. There were no casualties

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Armoured vehicles attacked in Derry
Soldiers in two armoured vehicles have escaped serious injury when a bomb in a parked van exploded as they were passing on the main Buncrana Road

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Post Office vehicle explodes
A Post Office telephone van which was parked outside the gates of Gransha Hospital on the main Derry-Limavady road has exploded. Three people, who were in a passing car, were taken to hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Nail bomb attack
A nail Bomb has been thrown at troops in Lepper Street in the New Lodge area of Belfast. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Post office raid
Raids have taken £10,000 during a raid on a Derry sorting office at the weekend. The Post Office has advised people who posted mail to check if it was received.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Gardai seize arms
Raids by Special Branch in the Munster area has resulted in a small

amount of arms and ammunition being seized. In north Tipperary 11 members of the Republican movement were held for questioning but were later released. Homes in County Limerick were also searched. Gardai believe that the five men who carried out an armed raid on a public house owned by the president of the Irish Rugby Football Union were members of an illegal organisation. £350 was taken in the raid.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
SDLP MP says he will help to build barricades
SDLP MP, Mr Paddy Devlin, says he will help people in minority areas to build barricades to defend their areas from "loyalist mobs" if Mr Whitelaw does not take action to defuse the serious "eyeball to eyeball" confrontation which he saw inevitably to sectarian civil war. He told constituency officials that in recent weeks civilians in minority areas had been shot from speeding cars which sped past vigilantes into Unionist areas.

The Government had refused to accept mounting evidence of loyalist militancy either because of bad intelligence or because they knew the facts but were afraid to take action – which he thought more likely.



Tuesday 16th May 1972
Family lose home
Fire has completely destroyed the home of a Catholic family living in the Deerpark Road area of Belfast. This latest blaze is the fourth on the home of a catholic mother of six and her Ceylonese husband.

In the earlier incidents petrol bombs were thrown through windows and family members attacked. On this occasion a petrol bomb was thrown on to a roof causing a fire which quickly gutted the house.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Funeral of Derry IRA man
A massive security operation was launched in Derry on Monday night and remains in operation, with checkpoints on all roads leading into the city. The clamp down, one of the highest mounted in the city for some time, is believed to be connected to the funeral of Provisional IRA volunteer John Starrs, who was shot dead on Saturday night.

Traffic piled up bumper to bumper and every vehicle searched and the occupants questioned. The dead youth, who was aged 19, was shot dead at the junction of William Street and Chamberlain Street. A large crowd is expected at the funeral from his home in Hamilton Street to the city cemetery.

LEFT - Protestant workers from Mackies Factory on the Springfield Road on their way from a Loyalist rally at the Belfast City Hall.
FACING PAGE - Car bomb attack in Sandy Row.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Still no clues in Kelly's attack
Detectives still have not discovered who owned the blue 1100 car which exploded outside Kelly's Bar in the Ballymurphy area of Belfast on Saturday. Their task has been made almost impossible because the 30lb bomb blasted the vehicle into hundreds of pieces and the number plates have disappeared.. An examination of the wreckage has failed to reveal any clues. It is known that a soldier had the vehicle under observation for some time in the Turf Lodge area and it is thought that it had been stolen some time earlier in the University area.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Dead man foiled bomb attack
The man found shot dead in the Shankill area at the weekend has been identified as being Grerard McCusker, aged 24, of Marchioness Street. RUC detectives that his body was not dumped in Hopeton Street as was first thought rather he was shot where he was found. It has now been revealed that the dead man had, in September, received a commendation from his employer because he alerted his fellow employees to a bomb in his place of work. Mr McCusker lived with his widowed mother.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Provisional IRA names election date
The Provisional IRA in Derry have named Thursday 15th June as polling day in their "Free Derry election" Nominations close on Wednesday 31st May. A Provisional IRA spokesman said the non party steering committee set up to organise the elections had divided the area into four constituencies. The total electorate is 15,000.

Tuesday 16th May 1972
Detainees released
Five men who have been held under the Special Powers Act have been released from Long Kesh camp near Lisburn. Four of the five were detainees. According to figures released there are still 526 internees and 142 detainees held at the camp.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Shankill men held by IRA
Three Protestants from the Shankill area of Belfast have been released unharmed after being held prisoner by the IRA in Turf Lodge. The men were held at an IRA checkpoint at the Monagh Road as they were



making their way to work by car. Two fellow workers in the car escaped when a group of youths, their faces masked with balaclava helmets and carrying hurley sticks, stopped the vehicle. The men were stopped at the IRA checkpoint at around 8.50 am and were asked to identify themselves. It is understood they were reluctant to show their driving licences because they contained their Shankill addresses. It was at this point that two of the men ran off. The trio were held for nearly three hours during which time their coats were pulled over their heads and they were questioned about guns and other matters. The men later told the RUC that they thought they had been held in what they thought were coal cellars.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
No Lord Mayors Show for Belfast
There will be no Lord Mayor's Show in Belfast due to the security risks involved. Despite the lifting of the ban on parades, the organisers, the Belfast Junior Chambers of Commerce, feel it would make a difficult problem for the security forces. It is the first time in 16 years that the show has been cancelled.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Army drive through IRA funeral
Paratroopers have driven armoured vehicles at high speed through the ranks of an IRA-style funeral on the Falls Road in an attempt to disperse the crowd. Several people had narrow escapes as the soldiers drove through the funeral of 15-year-old Michael Francis Magee who was found shot dead at New Barnsley Crescent on Saturday night. Death notices in the Irish News describe him as being a member of Fianna Eireann and dozens of members of the republican youth movement walked behind the procession.

After paratroopers twice drove through the funeral procession, men among the mourners commandeered cars which had drawn into the side of the road to allow the funeral to pass. They promised they would return the vehicles to the motorists later and drove them at the head of the procession to prevent the Army from breaking through the ranks again. The funeral then regrouped and many of the mourners reformed in ranks and continued marching towards Milltown cemetery.



LEFT - Rear of McMillan's Shop in Market Street, Omagh after a bomb attack.
FACING PAGE
TOP - The bomb damaged Co-Op store in York Street being demolished.
BOTTOM - Bomb attack in Roden Street

Wednesday 17th May 1972
RUC man shot in Roden Street
A 20-year-old RUC man has been shot by a sniper in Roden Street. One high velocity shot rang out striking the RUC man in the side. He was rushed to hospital but his condition is not said to be serious.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
UDR man kidnapped
A member of the Ulster Defence Regiment has been kidnapped and held hostage by gunmen for almost 24 hours. The part-time soldier, whose name has not been released, was also shot in the leg. The man had been taken by two gunmen from his home at Ballinteer (which is four miles from Coleraine), questioned and then shot. He was then driven to the Limavady-Garvagh road and released. It has been said that the man has been treated in hospital for cigarette burns to the hands and there are allegations that he was tortured by his captors.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Army observation post attacked
A number of shots have been fired at an Army observation post at Chief Street on the Crumlin Road. There were no casualties. Troops returned fire at the sniper who was operating from the Herbert Street area. Troops have also opened fire on a gunman who they say they spotted at a house in Norglen Parade. No hits were reported.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Malicious fire in Belfast
A fire, believed to have been started maliciously, has caused extensive damage to a lounge bar at the Cumberland Inn, Northumberland Street

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Buses attacked
Windows in three Belfast Corporation buses have been broken when they were stoned as they passed the Unity Flats area.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Army attacked in school
Two shots have been fired at a military position in Dermott Hill school but there were no casualties.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Bomb alert on Motorway
For the second night running Army bomb experts have been called to the north-bound carriageway of the M1 motorway. Anonymous telephone calls warned of a land mine close to the car.

When troops searched the area they discovered two blast bombs in a shed. They were later detonated by the Army.



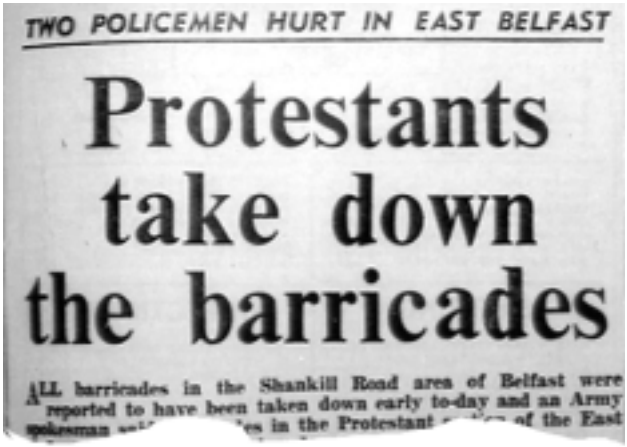


Wednesday 17th May 1972
Milk churn bomb
A 30 lb bomb in a milk churn has been detonated by the Army at Coagh.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Army blows up car
A car, which had been abandoned on Tuesday near the Suffolk Road junction, by four men, blew up but there were no casualties.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Soldier injured in Newry
A soldier has received a slight wound to the ankle as he was helping to clear a barricade on the Camlough Road.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Shots fired in Derry
Shots have been fired at a number of Army posts, including Bligh's Lane and the city walls. An explosion was also heard in the Rossville area but its source has not been traced. Minor rioting in the William Street area continued until about 9.00 pm and a building which had been earlier set on fire by rioters, was once again ablaze.


TWO POLICEMEN HURT IN EAST BELFAST

Protestants take down the barricades

ALL barricades in the Shankill Road area of Belfast were reported to have been taken down early to-day and an Army spokesman said ... in the Protestant ... of the East

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Springmartin youth is buried
The entire Springmartin estate came to a standstill for the funeral of 17-year-old John Pedlow who was shot dead at the weekend. Several hundred mourners walked behind the coffin which was draped with an Ulster flag and wreaths. Former unionist Mp Mr John McQuade took part in the funeral possession and helped carry the coffin.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Craigs threat
Mr William Craig has declared that unless the Unionist Party adopts Vanguard's policies he will breakaway from the party. The former Stormont Minister has stated that Vanguard has 60,000 members and that the organisation is capable of transforming itself into a political party.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Courtaulds plant to reopen
The Chairman of Courtaulds, Lord Kearton, has told industrialists and businessmen in the North that the Carrickfergus plant would be back in production in September.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Shots fired over IRA man's grave
A volley of shots has been fired at the graveside in Derry at the funeral of 19-year-old IRA Volunteer, John Starrs. The dead man was buried by the IRA with full military honours. The hearse was led by a lone piper and it was flanked by a guard of honour of young men dressed in uniform and wearing dark glasses.



LEFT - Troops at the scene of an ambush at Killyliss
FACING PAGE - Members of the IRA stop cars in the Turf Lodge estate

Wednesday 17th May 1972
We destroyed Co-op says IRA
The Provisional IRA has admitted responsibility for the bomb attack on Belfast Co-op. A statement issued by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau in Dublin has said that the "so called Co-op" was not a true Co-op, but was "controlled by pro-British capitalist elements." The statement also referred to the recent clashes at the Springmartin and Ballymurphy estates. It said, "Pro-British elements, with the co-operation of the British Army, have already stepped up their attacks on the people of the Nationalist areas, leaving the IRA with no other choice but to take defensive and retaliatory action. We do not seek a confrontation with these people but we are determined that the Irish people will not be deprived of their legitimate national aspirations by the threat of a backlash. The sole responsibility for future bloodshed and casualties arising out of the incidents such as we witnessed last weekend, rest with those reactionary elements who are determined not to take their proper place in the Irish community."
The Provisional IRA have also claimed that in the past week they killed two British soldiers and injured 16 others, as well as one UDR member.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Republican group backs loyalists
Members of the New University Republican Club have held a protest meeting at Magilligan in support of loyalist women in Belfast who are protesting at the imprison-



ment of their husbands in the former internment camp.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Gardai interview Belfast men
Eleven members of the Catholic ex-Servicemen's Association from Belfast had their cars stopped by the Gardai at Dolla, between Toomevara and Moneygall, county Tipperary. Names and addresses were taken and the party were allowed to return to Belfast.
The Gardai said that they had information that the Belfast men were going to a training camp in the Silvermines Mountains, but this was denied by the men. A senior Garda officer later said that the confrontation with the men was very friendly and that the men had said they had nothing to do with the IRA of either shade, and that the Garda accepted this.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Army border crossing
The Minister for Transport and Power, Mr Brian Lenihan has informed the Dail that British troops have crossed into the South on a total of 88 times during the past two years. Protests have been made to the British Government.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Magillligan road closure protest
Derry County Council has been told that the closure of roads leading down to Magilligan Point is causing hardship to farmers and fishermen. The road was closed for security reasons following the decision to use part of the military camp there for internees. At the council meeting it was said now that the internment camp has closed local people would like the road to be re-opened. Councillors were told that the local police had no objection to this but that it was now a military matter.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Clamp down on bomb chemicals
New regulations are being introduced by the Secretary of State, Mr. William Whitelaw, to ban the mak-

ing, sale, purchase or acquisition of ammonium nitrate and sodium chlorate, which can be used for making explosives, except under licence. The regulations also relate to any mixture, including fertiliser, containing more than 79 pc of ammonium nitrate. The regulation will come into force on 1st June.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Derry bank raid
A branch of the Munster and Leinster bank at Pennyburn has been held up by two armed men who got away with an undisclosed sum of money. Both men are said to have been in their twenties and made off in a waiting car.

Wednesday 17th May 1972
Bullet-proof fence demanded
DUP Councillor Fred Proctor has said that the people of Springmartin want a bullet-proof fence erected between the New Barnsley and Springmartin areas to stop IRA snipers shooting into the area. Mr Proctor called for the immediate building of a fence, which would be at least 10 ft high and run from Blackmountain Avenue to Springfield Road. He also pointed out that the fence should only be a temporary measure until a double brick wall could be built.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Kelly's Bar an IRA accident says Whitelaw
The Secretary of State, Mr William Whitelaw has told the Commons that the bomb which exploded at Kelly's bar and sparked off a weekend of violence exploded prematurely. It was, he believed, an IRA accident and he added that "the facts do not support the theory that the bomb was planted by Protestant extremists.

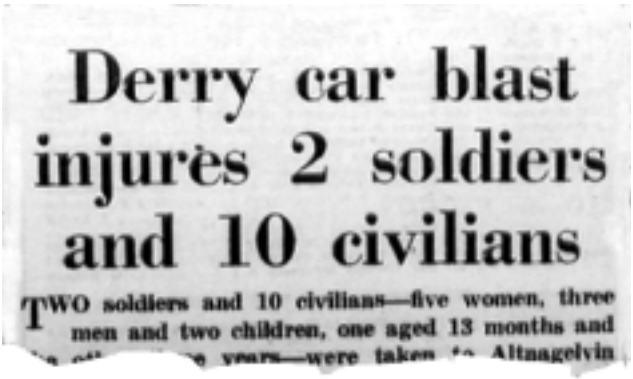


Thursday 18th May 1972
Soldier dies after sniper attack
A soldier has died in a Belfast hospital three days after he was shot by an IRA sniper. The soldier Lance Corporal John Hilman, was struck by a bullet in the temple as he manned an observation post in Flax Street.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Murdered man's car is recovered
The RUC have recovered a car, which is thought to belong to a Belfast Company executive who was murdered near a popular Carrickfergus beauty spot. It is thought that the dead man, Mr Bernard Moane, a 46-year-old traveller for the Irish Bonding Company, was abducted sometime on Wednesday as he was doing his rounds. The father of six from Ailsbury Drive off the Ormeau Road, it is thought, was taken to the Knockagh War Memorial, near Greenisland where he was shot twice in the head.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Bomb wrecks disused bar
A large explosion has completely wrecked the disused Roddy's bar at the corner of Broadway and Donegall Road. The bar is near the entrance to the M1 motorway. Adjoining houses suffered structural damage.

LEFT - The scene in Boundary Street after the killing of 15 year old Harold Morris
FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on Roddy's Bar at Broadway



Derry car blast injures 2 soldiers and 10 civilians

TWO soldiers and 10 civilians—five women, three men and two children, one aged 13 months and [illegible] years—were taken to Altnagelvin

Thursday 18th May 1972
Girl shot in Andersonstown
A woman from the Tullymore Walk area of Andersonstown has been taken to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. She was injured as a sniper opened fire on soldiers as they investigated what they thought was a stolen car. None of the soldiers from the 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery were injured in the attack.

A man has been shot in the Falls Road-Leeson Street area in an incident not involving the security forces. The 61-year-old man has been taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital where the police await to interview him.

Thursday 18th May 1972
America evangelist to visit North
American evangelist Dr. Billy Graham is to visit Belfast at the end of the month to encourage reconciliation between Protestants and Catholics. Dr. Graham has been invited to Belfast by a prominent leader in the community whose identity has not been disclosed and it is thought he will spend three days in Belfast.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Mackies workers on protest march
5,000 workers from Mackies on the Springfield Road have walked out and marched to the City hall for a mass rally. Troops saturated the Kashmir Road-Cupar Street area to prevent a repetition of Wednesday's shooting, when a gunman fired shots into a crowd of Mackies workers. Army snipers took up positions on every street corner as the protestors walked from the factory to the Shankill road carrying Union and Ulster flags. Six people were taken to hospital, five were wounded and the sixth treated for shock. It is believed that the gunman fired 10 shots from the direction of Oranmore Street.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Man shot after ignoring order to halt
The Army a have shot a 21-year-old man in Commedagh Drive, Andersonstown. Three men are reported to have ignored a "halt" order and ran away at waste ground before troops opened fire. The injured man, from Corby Way, Andersonstown, was taken to hospital.

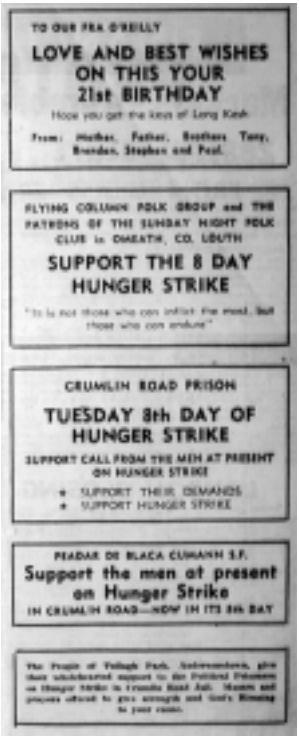
Thursday 18th May 1972
Soldier shot dead at Crossmaglen
A soldier has been shot dead and another seriously injured when gun-



men opened fire at troops working outside Crossmaglen RUC barracks in County Armagh. The death of Sapper Ronald Hurst, aged 25, from Cumberland, brings the number of soldiers and UDR men to 78. Sapper Hurst, who was attached to 50 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, was working outside the barracks at around 7.25pm when a car drew up in Crossmaglen Square. Ten shots rang out and the soldier fell to the ground.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Bomb attack in Roden Street
A bomb has exploded without warning at the junction of Roden Street-Beit Street. The bomb, in a parked car, caused extensive damage to three houses and fourteen people were treated in hospital for injuries.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Shots fired at car
A patrol of Military Police have stopped a car at the junction of Fisherwick Place-Howard Street. The car was being driven by a woman and a man in the passenger seat produced a gun. As the car was being driven off a military policeman fired at the gunman who was seen to slump forward in his seat. An RUC spokesman has said that there are no reports of anyone being admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds.
A short while later a car with armed occupants was seen in the Donegal Road area. The vehicle was later spotted by a patrol on the Grosvenor Road which opened fire. The back



window of the car was broken but the vehicle did not stop.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Troops attacked in Oldpark area
Shots have been fired at troops in Velsheda Park in the Oldpark Road area of Belfast. The soldiers returned fire but did not report any hits. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Protestant youth shot in East Belfast
A Protestant youth has been shot in the leg in East Belfast. The shots, which were directed at a group of young people, were fired from Young's Row. The youth, who lives at Redcliffe Street was taken to hospital but his condition is not serious.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Claymore mine discovered
A small Claymore mine has been discovered by troops at Derryvore, Rosslea, County Fermanagh. As Army explosive experts were working on the mine a shot was aimed at them from across the border. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 18th May 1972
UDR man injured during shooting practice
A Warrant Officer, who is an instructor, on the permanent staff of the UDR in County Fermanagh has been taken to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. He was shot while on the rifle range at Letterbreen, near Enniskillen. The bullet passed through his wrist and lodged in his hip. The man was first transferred to Erne Hospital, Enniskillen before being flow n by helicopter. He is described as being seriously ill.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Soldier shot in Derry
A soldier has been taken to Altnagelvin Hospital after being shot by a gunman as he worked on a sandbag emplacement outside Bligh's lane Army post in Derry. The incident happened at around 7.00 pm and his condition is not thought to be serious.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Engineering works bombed
Two men have driven a car into the forecourt of Craig's Engineering works at Strand Road and told staff that they had 15 minutes before the bomb would go off. But the bomb, estimated to contain 15 lbs of ex-

ploded causing little damage and no casualties.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Customs post attack
An explosion followed by a fire has badly damaged Killea customs post on the main Derry-Letterkenny Road. The attack was carried out at around 1.00 am.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Derry shootings
There have been seven shooting incidents in Derry City between 8.00 pm and midnight. In two of them sentries on duty at Bligh's Lane Army post And Rosemount RUC barracks fired at identified gunmen and hits are claimed in both cases. The other attacks took place at Brandywell and Brooke Park Army posts.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Mini zoo to close
The mini zoo at Magilligan on the North Derry coast, which opened in 1969, will not open this year. The closure is a result of the adverse publicity that Magilligan has had over the last few months: firstly by the setting up of an internment camp there followed by the establishment of a regular prison. This together with the fact that a road leading to the beach has been closed has led to fears that tourists will not be visiting the area.

Thursday 18th May 1972
Mini zoo to close
A man has been shot dead and another wounded at Boundary Street, Shankill Road. The shooting is reported to have come from the Divis Flats area.

Thursday 18th May 1972
UDR man shot dead
A full time corporal in the Ulster Defence Regiment was dead on admission to Massereene Hospital after a shooting incident in his home. The 25-year-old soldier from Birchill Park, Antrim was married with two children. He has been named as Brian Herron and an RUC spokesman has said that it is not thought there is any thing political or sectarian concerning his death.

Friday 19th May 1972
Derry car bomb injures ten
Around a dozen people, including two soldiers, have been injured in Derry when a bomb exploded without warning in a residential area of the town. The blast, which took place at 1.00 pm occurred in a parked saloon car in an entry off Upper Clarendon Street.

Friday 19th May 1972
Mountjoy jail riot
Dublin's riot wrecked Mountjoy Prison has been partly evacuated and there is speculation that the political prisoners were being moved to a military detention centre at Cork or the old Curragh internment camp. Over 40 IRA men and 100 other prisoners have left the jail in a shambles after the overnight riot. Bus loads of prisoners are being moved under heavy escort to other locations. It is known that some of the prisoners are being moved to Portlaoise jail in Couny Laois.

Friday 19th May 1972
Shot woman comfortable
The condition of the Andersonstown woman who was shot on Thursday afternoon is being described as comfortable. The woman was in the hallway of her



RIGHT - Publicity photograph showing troops trying out a new armoured bed designed to protect them from IRA gun attack on British barracks

Tullymore Walk home when a bullet struck her in the thigh.

Friday 19th May 1972
Hands off Ulster demonstration
A 24 hour vigil is to be staged this weekend outside the Irish Embassy in London by a group demanding that the Dublin Government should drop its "undemocratic" claim to the North. The demonstration will be held by the Workers Association for the Democratic Settlement of the national Conflict in Ireland.

Friday 19th May 1972
School closes after Army is attacked
Shots have been fired at an Army post after rival crowds clashed in Roden Street Belfast. Soldiers manning the post returned fire at the gunman who was operating from the direction of the Grosvenor Road but the soldiers missed their target. No one was injured in the attack. Children at the nearby Kelvin Secondary School were sent home early and where escorted out of the area by troops.

Friday 19th May 1972
Neighbours complain about Armagh Jail
The residents of four housing estates adjacent to Armagh prison are drawing up a petition to send to the authorities complaining about the nightly disturbances caused by remand prisoners. People living in Barrack Hill, Grove Terrace, Lang's Crescent and Gough Avenue claim that every night at about 8.00 pm the prisoners start singing party tunes and shout insulting remarks to them. One resident said that the disturbance continues until almost midnight and increases with vigour when the cell lights are turned out at 10.00p m. He added that children are wakened by the noise and that elderly people were unable to get a comfortable night's sleep. Complaints have already been made to Mr Whitelaw but so far no action has been taken. Many of the prisoners remarks are directed at the soldiers on duty in sentry boxes on the prison walls with such things as "Up Celtic," "Go home Jock," and "Donald where's your trousers," being shouted. Residents say they are regularly entertained to songs like Kevin Barry," "The soldier's Song" and many other Republican party tunes, interrupted occasionally by someone shouting "Up the IRA". Insulting remarks are also shouted at people on the street and on one occasion when a man was lighting a cigarette a prisoner shouted to him to put it out as he was not allowed to smoke after lights out.





Friday 19th May 1972
Army end extension of "Free Derry"
Army engineers have removed a barricade of heavy girders which had been laced across a Derry street

TOP LEFT - A burning bus blocks the Shankill Road in West Belfast
BOTTOM LEFT - Members of the UDA on parade in the Woodstock Road area

by IRA men using a mobile crane. The barricade was erected in William Street by the IRA as 100 stone throwing children kept troops at bay. It is thought the barricade was to help the IRA extend "Free Derry."

Friday 19th May 1972
Plan for new prison

The Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr David Howell, has told the commons that preliminary planning for a new prison in the North has begun. He has also stated that the prisoners in Magilligan and their families had been informed of the financial assistance which could be given in suitable cases by the supplementary benefits commission to meet the costs of travelling. Arrangements have been made to provide transport for relatives between the nearest railway station and the prison. No charge is made for this service.

Friday 19th May 1972
Escalation in use of explosives

An estimated 4,480 lbs of explosives have been used in April 1972 against only 250 lbs used in the same month in 1971. The totals were revealed by the Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr David Howell.

Friday 19th May 1972
Boy shot near peaceline

A 15-year-old Protestant boy has been shot dead in Belfast. The boy, who has been named as Harold Morris of Court Street was struck in the neck by a bullet and died almost instantly. The boy had been playing with friends on the Shankill side of the peace line at Boundary Street-Cargill Street when a burst of automatic fire rang out from the direction of Divis Street.
When soldiers arrived at the scene, there was a second burst of fire. This too is believed to have come from the direction of the Divis Flats complex. Fire was not returned.

Friday 19th May 1972
Youths shot from passing car

Two Catholic youths, aged 14 and 15, have been shot in the Springfield Road area. The boys had been playing in Colinview Street when seven shots were fired from a blue BMC 1100 car which was travelling up the Springfield Road. An Army spokesman said





TOP RIGHT - Members of the Loyalist Association of Workers at a parade in Carrickfergus where they listened to a speech by Pastor Jack Glass from Scotland
BOTTOM RIGHT - Vanguard rally in Douglas Street in East Belfast being addressed by Louis Gardner. On his right is Captain Austin Ardill

that the car then travelled up the Springfield Road and the occupants fired a further pistol shot at a man standing on the corner of Mayo Street but he was not hit. A soldier, in position at a sentry post in Cupar Street, then fired one shot at the vehicle and claimed to have hit it. The car sped off into Ainsworth Avenue and was abandoned in Mill Street West.

Friday 19th May 1972
Water cannon used in North Belfast
Troops have used a water cannon against youths who were attacking them at Oldpark playing fields. The youths, who were throwing stones, were dispersed. A petrol bomb was later thrown at a sentry post in Flax Street.

Friday 19th May 1972
Explosives discovered in derelict house
The Army has discovered five pounds of explosives, a detonator and two riot shields in a derelict house in Cawnpore Street.

Friday 19th May 1972
Shots heard in Belfast
Shots have been heard in the Boundary Way area but their source or target is unknown. The shots are reported to have been heard at around 9.30 pm. Minutes later 30 shots were also heard in the Glen Road area.



LEFT - fire damage to the Pavilion Bar on the Ormeau Road

Friday 19th May 1972
Army patrol attacked in Lurgan
A Gordon Highlander's foot patrol has been attacked by stone throwing youths in Lurgan's Kilwilkie estate. Soldiers attempted to make arrests but were unable to do so due to the size of the crowd. Shots were later fired at troops from the direction of Levin Road. There were no casualties and troops did not return fire. Shots were also fired along Victoria Street. The security forces were not involved in the incident and no one was injured.

Friday 19th May 1972
Derry Army posts come under fire
Three Army posts in Derry City have come under fire in six separate shooting incidents. The targets were the posts at Brandywell, Bligh's Lane and the observation post on the city walls. There were no Army casualties and although fire was returned on a number of occasions no hits were claimed. Five of the attacks came in the two hour period after midnight and the Bligh's lane post came under attack around 6.00 am when a burst of 15 automatic shots were directed towards troops.

Friday 19th May 1972
Border gunbattle
There has been heavy firing between British troops and IRA men who were operating from across the border at Dungooley. The gunmen, using the ruins of Dungooley House

for cover, were using automatic weapons. Fire was returned by soldiers of the Duke of Wellington Regiment. The IRA men withdrew when the Gardai and an Irish Army patrol arrived. There were no soldiers injured but it is thought that one of the IRA men may have been hit.

Friday 19th May 1972
Bomb scare women fined

A Newtownards woman has been fined a total of £50 at Belfast magistrates Court after she admitted making a bomb hoax call to Anderson and McAuley's and causing wasteful employment of police. A second woman was acquitted. Both women were telephonists for a Belfast firm of solicitors. The calls were traced to their place of work.

Saturday 20th May 1972
UDR man is shot dead

A UDR soldier has been shot dead during an IRA attack on his Land Rover near Dungannon. The soldier had been on patrol with three other members when two gunmen opened fire. It appears that the gunmen lay in wait at Killyliss and as the army vehicle travelled along the busy Ballygawley-Dungannon road one gunman opened fire with a high velocity rifle, and the other with a sub machine gun. He died later in South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon. It is understood that the patrol returned fire but no one was hit. The dead man has been named as 32-year-old Lance Corporal Henry Gillespie, a single man from Ballygawley. He had been in the UDR for 12 months and before that had served in the Irish Guards for six years.. His death has brought the total number of UDR men to be killed since the force was established to 13.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Loyalist Association of Workers rally

Loyalists have travelled by bus and train to Carrickfergus for a Loyalist Association of Workers parade and rally. The organisers switched the venue from Elizabeth Avenuee to Barn Field, close to the large Victoria Housing estate, where several thousand people are expected to attend.

Speakers listed to appear include LAW Chairman Mr William Hull, Captain Austin Ardill and Scottish evangelist Pastor Jack Glass, who is to dedicate a specially designed standard for ICI's Law branch. Vanguard leader Mr William Craig is also expected to attend. Women's Loyalist Association delegations from Rathcoole, Belfast and Coleraine will also take part in the rally.



RIGHT - Houses severely damaged by a car bomb on the Mountpottinger Road

Saturday 20th May 1972
Man shot in Ballyclare
A 38-year-old Catholic Barber has been shot and seriously wounded in his hair salon in North End, Ballyclare. The man had been working in the salon when a gunman entered the premises and shot him in the stomach. The gunman escaped to a waiting car which is believed to have been fitted with false number plates. The car, a green Cortina, drove off in the direction of Belfast.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Ormeau Road pub petrol bombed
Petrol bombers have burned out a Catholic owned pub on the Ormeau Road and damaged another. Incendiary devices were found in other bars. The pub which was gutted was the Pavillion Bar, near the Curzon Cinema. The Gondola bar, also on the Ormeau oad was also attacked. Incendiary devices have been found in the Stag's Head, Whiteabbey, the Merville Inn at Whitehouse and the Ivy Inn at Monkstown.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Troops allege youth was a gunman
During a night of violence the army has shot dead a Derry youth in disputed circumstances. The boy who died has been identified as Manus Derry of Limewood Road Derry. The RUC have given his age as 17 but Local residents say that he is only 15 years old. According to the Army a soldier on the city's walls said he fired a single shot at a gunman but residents point out that the boy was unarmed and had been on an errand. They also pointed out that he was shot as he appeared on open ground. The boy died at Altnagelvin Hospital from a head wound around 40 minutes after he was shot close to the Bogside Inn on Lecky Road. Following the shooting around 200 women marched in protest from the Bogside to the RUC headquarters in the city.
There was a second shooting in Derry in which an Army sentry claimed to have fired at two identified gunmen who were seen at Westend Terrace. No one was injured in the shooting.
The Army have reported a number of small explosions in the William Street area during the night but no apparent damage had been caused.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Soldier injured in car bomb blast
A soldier has been injured in Derry when a car bomb exploded. The 19-year-old soldier, a member of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters received multiple injuries. He is described as being ill. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the attack.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Mystery shootings in Belfast
The first of a number of mystery shootings in Belfast happened at 12.28 am when an 18-year-old youth from Bombay Street was shot outside a fish and chip shop at Broadway. A round was fired from a passing car and grazed the youth in the chest. He made his own way to hospital and was later discharged. About a half hour later a 20-year-old woman from Malcolmson Street was shot from a car while standing outside the Falls Baths. Her condition is said to be satisfactory. The victim of a third shooting, again from a car, is a 18-year-old youth from the Saintfield Road. He had been standing outside the Whitehorse Inn on the Springfield Road when he was shot in the head. His condition is described as being dangerously ill.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Soldier wounded in Crossmaglen
A soldier has been wounded in the arm in the South Armagh village of Crossmaglen. Soldiers from the Duke of Wellington Regiment returned fire and a man was seen being put into an Austen Cambridge car and driven towards the border. The soldier's condition is not serious.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Shots fired in Newtownbutler
Troops on duty Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, have claimed to have shot a gunman who ambushed them at around 10.00 pm. Around 20 shots were directed towards the troops who returned fire. The gunmen were operating from the northern side of the border but made their escape into the south.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Water cannon used against stone throwers
Troops have used a water cannon and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of youths who were stoning

the Army post at Finiston School on the Oldpark Road. Three arrests were made.

Saturday 20th May 1972
Soldiers fire at petrol bomber
Soldiers have fired on a petrol bomber in Norglen Parade shortly before 9.00pm. No hits were claimed. Earlier in the day soldiers had come under fire at Andersonstown but no casualties were reported and fire was not returned.

operation of soldiers in plain clothes. He added Army patrols do occasionally, operate in civilian clothes. The reason for this is simply that soldiers operating in uniform and with service vehicles are easily recognised at a distance, and plain clothes are therefore adopted on occasions when surprise is essential. As far as practicable, the Army work in conjunction with the police on these occasions as at all times. Patrols work under normal military discipline and in accord

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Saturday 20th May 1972
Army death squad claim is denied
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Saturday 20th May 1972
Armed robbery in Dungannon
Armed robbers have gotten away with more than £1,000 in a raid in Dungannon. Two men entered the pay office of Unit Construction Company and escaped with £1,000 in wages.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Official IRA kill soldier
The Official IRA in Derry have admitted killing a 19-year-old soldier who was home on leave from his unit in Germany. The body of Ranger William Best, of Rathkeele Way, Creggan, was found on waste ground in William Street. He had been shot twice in the head. Traces of material found on his civilian clothing suggest that he had been hooded. Ranger Best, a single man, was one of seven children. He had been serving with the Royal Irish Rangers and returned home on Monday.
The IRA said that he had been apprehended under suspicious circumstances. He had been tried by an IRA court and sentenced to death. An IRA statement said "The ruthlessness shown by British forces against the people of Free Derry, instanced by the callous murder of 15-year-old Manus Deery, Seamus Cusack, Desmond Beattie and Kathleen Thompson could only be answered in similar terms."
"Regardless of calls for peace from slobbering moderates, while British gunmen remain on the streets in the Six Counties, the IRA will take action against them."

Monday 22nd May 1972
Women march on Official IRA headquarters
Around 200 angry Bogside women have marched on the Official IRA headquarters in Derry to protest against the killing at the weekend of 19-year-old Derry soldier, Ranger William Best. They assembled in Westland Street several hundred yards away and marched to the headquarters where they waited to see IRA leaders. One of the group claimed that the dead soldier had been held for three hours during

which he had been tortured and another marcher said that they had brought themselves down to the level of the Paras on Bloody Sunday.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Van explodes in Belfast
Four RUC men, two soldiers and 45 civilians have been injured when a van exploded in a Belfast industrial estate.

The bomb, which was planted close to the entrance to the Jennymount Estate, contained about 100 lbs of explosives It had been hi-jacked some time earlier by four armed men on Belfast's Falls Road.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Buses running again on most routes
Belfast Corporation buses are back on most routes in the city after two buses were destroyed and four others hi-jacked during the weekend disturbances. In fact, buses were back on the Falls, Glen Road and Ladybrooke routes for the first time since the riots following the shooting of IRA leader Joe McCann,

Monday 22nd May 1972
Incendiary devices found in Dublin store
Another attempt to set fire to a large store in the centre of Dublin has been made. Two men entered the O'Connell Street branch of Burtons, the men's tailors. One of them tried on a jacket, but they left without buying anything. A member of staff became suspicious and searched the pockets of the jacket and found two incendiary devices. Other store owners have been contacted and advised to make a thorough check of their premises.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Children injured by nail bombs
Three young children have been injured when a nail bomb and two blast bombs were thrown at troops in Divis Street. There were no Army casualties and the children were taken away by Knights of Malta ambulance.



Monday 22nd May 1972
Barricades come down in Protestant areas
No-go barricades set up in many Protestant areas of Belfast on Sunday came down voluntarily around midnight after negotiation between the security forces and Ulster Vanguard representatives and local people. There was no confrontation on the scale of the previous night. Barricades went up in the Shankill and Woodvale areas and some reports said that as many as 1,000 were on the Shankill Road at one stage. Hi-jacked buses were turned into blazing barricades and another of other vehicles used to prevent security forces coming into the areas.

Monday 22nd May 1972
IRA seizes border post
A party of between 20 and 25 armed and masked IRA men crossed the border from Donegal at Bridgend and took over the customs post. They forced the two customs officials on duty to lie on the floor while they substituted IRA signs for customs signs o the roadway. An Army spokesman said that the group was heavily armed with a variety of weapons including Thompson submachine guns, rifles and automatic pistols. They held the post for about 15 minutes before driving back across the border. The reason for the takeover is not clear. One theory is that the IRA wanted to take something across the border without customs clearance and another is that it was simply a show of strength.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Curragh protests
A 10-mile march is to be held from Naas, County Kildare to the Curragh Army camp to protest at the detention of Republcans there. The march is being organised by the Socialist labour Alliance, a grouping of left-wing organisations, including the Peoples Democracy. Mr Michael Farrell of the PD, said that in Dublin the use of the Curragh to detain people horrified the "resistance movement" because it was seen as "the spectre of internment."

Monday 22nd May 1972
UDA warning on No-go areas
The Ulster defence Association has warned that it will continue agitation until action is taken against the no-go areas in the Bogside and Creggan areas of Derry. As barricades were voluntarily removed they warned: "We advise that it would be foolish to interfere with any peaceful gestures by loyalists or violence could ensue throughout Ulster.





FACING PAGE - The scene inside the yard of t he Jennymount Industrial Estate after a bomb attack in which 60 people were injured
TOP RIGHT - Bomb attack at a factory in Donegall Street
BOTTOM RIGHT - Bomb attack in Garfield Street

The barricades went up and rioting began after soldiers of the Parachute Regiment tore down "24 hour" barricades in the Willowfield district. In the confrontation one civilian was shot and a controversy now rages with the UDA denying that any civilians fired at the Army. A UDA spokes man said that some Paratroopers got separated and in the confusion thought they were being attacked. Soldiers have backed up their claims that they came under attacks from loyalists by producing 37 empty cartridges, which they found in the Shankill area.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Tartan gangs praised

The Tartan Gangs have been praised as the "Ulster of the Future" by Mr Billy Hull, the chairman of the Loyalist Association of Workers. Mr Hull told a gathering of 5,000 loyalists in Carrickfergus that there was nothing wrong with the gangs. "These lads have asked to be disciplined. They are the Ulster of the Future and thank God they are there." He said. Mr Hull has also warned against any moves to declare an amnesty for rent and rates strikers.

"The day Mr Whitelaw proposes to wipe the slate clean will be the day every loyalist refuses to pay rent, rates or anything else", he said

Monday 22nd May 1972
Man dies as stolen bus crashes

Just before 2.00 pm a hi-jacked corporation bus had been taken from the Carr's Glen terminus went out of control at Ballysillan Road, skewed across the carriageway and hit a telegraph pole which fell on 40-year-old Richard Oliver outside his home.

He was dead on arrival in hospital.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Teenagers shot in Ballymurphy

A teenage boy, aged 16 and a girl, aged 17, have been shot in an incident not involving the security forces in the Ballymurphy area. The pair are said to have been standing near St Bernadette's School when they were hit. Local residents claim that the shots came from the Protestant Springmartin estate but this is denied by the Army.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Shots fired from speeding cars

Three teenagers had a narrow escape when they were fired on from two cars travelling up the



NEWTOWNABBEY

UNATTENDED VEHICLES

I, WILLIAM ROY MacCREGOR, being a Superintendent of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Acting Divisional Commander for the Police Division embodying the Urban District of Newtownabbey, by virtue of an Order made under Regulation 33 of the Civil Authorities Special Powers Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, and, having consulted with the local Road Authority for the area, hereby designate an area in the Urban District of Newtownabbey bounded by the following roads and portions of roads in the said Urban District

1—The area bounded by and including portions of Rathmullan Drive, The Diamond, Rathmore Drive, Belmore Gardens, Rossley Way and Green Side.

2—Shore Road from its junction with Station Road to its junction with Circular Road excluding the Newtownabbey Urban District Council car park convenient to Manse Road.

3—The roads in Merville Garden Village in front of and adjoining the shops.

4—The roads in Abbots Cross Garden Village in front of and adjoining the shops.

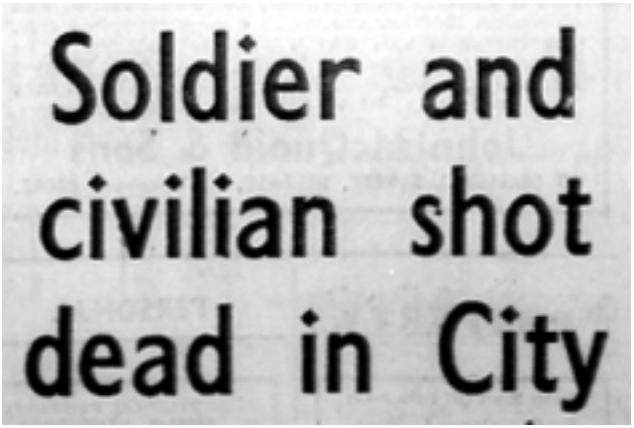
as a 'designated' zone.

I also hereby direct that the roads within the 'designated' zone, hereinbefore described, shall be prohibited for the use, waiting or leaving of all classes of unattended vehicles at any time until further notice.

The provisions of this Order shall come into force at midnight on Friday, 26th May, 1972.

WILLIAM ROY MacCREGOR
Superintendent

Dated at Glenravel Street, Belfast, this 25th day of May, 1972.


Soldier and civilian shot dead in City

Stewartstown Road. Two of the boys were grazed by the bullets and bullets passed through a third boy's coat.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Youth dies from gunshot wounds
Adrian Barton, aged 18, has died in hospital from gunshot wounds that he received near his home on Friday night. Relatives say that he was walking home from a University dance when he was shot.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Smoke bomb thrown into school
Three men and two women have been treated for minor cuts and shock after a smoke bomb and bricks were thrown into a Catholic school where a Bingo session was in progress.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Off-duty UDR man attacked
Gunmen have opened fire on an off-duty UDR man driving his own car. The shots came from a parked car but the part-time soldier was not injured.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Border road re-opened
The Army has reported that ten men have used plant equipment west of the village of Clogher to clear a path around a cratered road.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Telephone exchange attacked
The RUC have said that a bomb has damaged an unmanned telephone exchange at Donaghmore.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Shots fired in Castlederg
Over 20 shots have been fired at the Army north of the town of Castlederg. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed. The soldiers were investigating a hi-jacked vehicle that had been abandoned on the border.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Bomb in Newry
A woman has been slightly injured when a bomb exploded at the rear of the Savoy cinema. The bomb had been left in a red mini which was parked between the cinema and a supermarket. Both premises were damaged in the attack as was many shops and flats above them on both sides of Monaghan Street.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Long Kesh 'jail'
Fifty prisoners have been transferred from Belfast Prison to Long Kesh. The men, both Catholics and Protestants have been moved to ease the over crowding in Belfast prison. The men, who are short term, ordinary prisoners will be kept completely separate from the compound which houses the internees.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Army raids girls' homes
The Army has raided a number of homes in the Falls road area looking for five girls in connection with the recent tarring and feathering of a girl in Leeson Street. The IRA has said that the girl was an informer.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Patrol crosses border
A patrol from the 16/5 Lancers has crossed the border into County Monaghan near Clones. The exact position of the border is difficult to determine and an Army spokesman said that it was simply an error and that the men only travelled 50 yards into the South. They met members of the Gardai and when they were turning back their vehicle would not start. The incident lasted only a few minutes.

Monday 22nd May 1972
Car bomb at Maghera
A bomb has exploded without warning in Main Street Maghera.

The car involved had earlier been used in a Post Office robbery at Lisnamuck, which is three miles away. Two soldiers and two civilians were injured in the attack.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Bombers strike five times in Belfast
Belfast City centre has been it by a wave of bomb attacks. The first explosion wrecked a florist's shop in Garfield Street and damaged other business premises including the Belfast Head Post Office. Six people, including a RUC woman was injured in the attack.
Other bombs exploded at offices belonging to Cresmont Nylon Company, Upper Donegal Street; a fork-lift distributors premises at Middlepath Street and Morgan Removals premises in the same area. A bomb has also exploded at a filling station on the Donegal Road.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Man shot dead in Tyrone
A man has been shot dead and two people injured in County Tyrone after gunmen mistook the car in which they wee sitting as an RUC vehicle. The shooting happened at around 7.45 pm and the man who died, Mr William Hughes, age 54, of Derrygortreavy, Dungannon, was sitting in a car, outside a priest's home, with his daughter and her fiancé. Local people have said that there was a considerable amount of RUC activity in the area during the day and that the blue Ford Escort in which the man was sitting had a prominent radio aerial, which they believe caused the gunman to mistake the car for an RUC vehicle. In total 67 shots were fired at the vehicle from two firing positions. A local priest has said he heard the occupants of the vehicle shout "It's not a police Car. It's not a police Car."

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Troops find bomb parts
Men of the 1st Gordon Highlanders searching the Coagh area following an ambush in which a civilian died have discovered several bomb making components in a deserted cottage.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
UDR get patrol boats
High speed patrol boats are to be given to the Ulster Defence Regi-



ment in order to help crack down on arms smuggling. The Army has announced that several UDR battalions are to be equipped with boats to patrol the 246 square miles of inland waterways. The vessels have a speed of up to 35 knots.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Official IRA ordered out of Derry
The Official IRA has defied an order by the Provisional IRA to quit the Bogside and Creggan areas of Derry. The rift between the two factions followed protests by women from the areas over the Officials execution of a soldier who was home on leave. Protests over the killing of Ranger Best is said to have led to a undertaking from the Officials that shootings would stop and that they would only engage in defensive action.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Soldier buried in Derry
The funeral of 19-year-old soldier Ranger William Best has taken place in Derry. Twenty five priests from different parishes led 5,000 mourners from St Mary's church in the Creggan to the nearby cemetery.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
RUC reservists ambushed
Two RUC Reserve constables have escaped death when they were ambushed by gunmen in East Belfast. The two RUC men were investigating a suspicious parcel at a bar in Park Avenue, Sydenham when two men in a car fired four shots at them. The shots missed. The parcel was found to contain a cylinder attached to a fuse which had burned itself out.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Belfast shooting incidents
Ten shots have been fired in Roden Street when rival crowds clashed with each other. A gunman opened fire from the Grosvenor Road end of the street as about 100 people threw stones and bottles at each other. No one was hit and the crowds dispersed after the shooting.
Shots have been fired at Army posts in Ballymurphy and Percy Street but no one was injured and fire was not returned.
Four shots have been fired at an Army patrol in Divis Street but fire was not returned. Shooting was heard in other parts of the city during the night but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Bomb placed on window sill
A bomb has been placed on the window sill of a newsagent's shop in the Springfield Road area of Belfast. It damaged the shop and broke windows nearby.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Pylon attacked
A bomb has slightly damaged an electricity pylon between Rodney Parade and the M1.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Tartan gangs
Shop windows in the Ormeau Road have been broken by Tartan gangs which roamed the area for over an hour. One youth was arrested.



FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on the premises of John Mortimer & Co., chemical wholesalers in Derry.
RIGHT - Bomb attack on Moneymore RUC barracks

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Bomb in Newry
In Newry, a 50 lb bomb has badly damaged the customs clearance station on Dublin Road. The bomb was in a Ford Cortina which had been stolen in Dundalk. The RUC received a warning that the bomb would explode in 15 minutes and the area was cleared. No one was hurt in the attack.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Customs post attacked
There are reports of an explosion occurring at the customs post at Keady but the security forces intend to wait until daylight before they begin to examine the scene.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Arson attack on bar in Whiteabbey
The Half-Way House bar, Shore Road, Whiteabbey has been the subject of an arson attack. It is reported that petrol was set alight on the stairs at around 9.00 pm. Damage was slight and customers and staff managed to put out the blaze.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Derry protests
Women from the Bogside and Creggan no-go areas who said that they have gotten an undertaking from the Official IRA that they will stop offensive shootings in the city say they will be seeking a similar meeting with the Provisional IRA. The women, who marched to the Officials headquarters in Derry, which is situated in an unoccupied shop at Meenan Square said that there were heated exchanges between them and the Officials. Scuffles broke out and one girl claimed that she was struck in the face. Following the Provisionals call for the Officials to leave the area, fist fighting is said to have broken out between rival factions.
The Provisional command in Derry as released a statement in which they state: "The people of Free Derry have asked us to make public their wish that the National Liberation Front (Official IRA) are no longer welcome in the Bogside or Creggan areas, and we call on them to withdraw immediately." The statement also said that "We repeat that we will at all times defend the people against attack from any quarter."

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Arson attacks in Dublin
The Gardai have so far failed to find any trace of the arsonists who have been planting incendiary devices in large stores in the centre of Dublin. Following the discovery of incendiary devices in a jacket in Burton's O'Connell Street branch, further incendiaries have been discovered in Woolworths and Egan's Stores in Henry Street. They were defused without causing any damage.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Family made homeless
A catholic family of four has been left homeless after their home at Craigmore Street in the Donegal Pass area of Belfast was burned to the ground. The family had been staying with relatives for a few days due to the disturbances in the area and returned to find the house burned to the ground.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Women may be recruited to RUC Reserve
The Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr David Howell has said in the Commons that the establishment of a women's section of the RUC Reserve is being considered by the Government.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
List of names stolen
A list of the names of the 15,000 members of the Catholic ex-Servicemen's Association in the South has been stolen from the home of its secretary who lives at Pinewood Crescent, Ballymun, Dublin. The secretary has sad that he intends to travel to Belfast to discuss it with the Association's general organiser. Membership forms were also stolen.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Loyalist food strike
A hunger strike by 30 loyalist prisoners in Armagh jail has entered its third day. A visitor to the prison said that that the men had gone on hunger strike to draw attention to conditions and food in the jail. The strike, he said, will continue indefinitely. Since it began on Saturday night after tea-time, the prisoners, all of whom are on remand, have only been taking milk.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Television producer to join SDLP
A senior television producer has taken on the full time post of general secretary of the SDLP, and is due to start work in Belfast in a few weeks time. He is Julian Jacotet, who resigned recently from the

BBC in London where he had worked on current affairs and general features. Mr Jaccotet was one of the senior producers involved in the epic TV series The British Empire. An official announcement from the SDLP is expected shortly. The salary proposed for the job is thought to be over £4,000.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Minster to probe torture allegation
The Army Minister, Mr Geoffrey Johnston Smith is said to be investigating an incident in which a man arrested by the Army had a smouldering twig thrust up his nostril by soldiers. It is said that the incident happened in Mulhouse Street barracks after he was take there by two soldiers.

Tuesday 23rd May 1972
Official IRA accuses Provisionals
The Official IRA has accused the Provisionals of trying to provoke a civil war by its shooting and bombing campaign. A statement issued in Dublin said, "The Provisional Alliance claims to be non-sectarian and to act in the interests of the working people of Ireland. The lie is clear; to shoot an Irish worker because of his religious allegiance, to attack a public place – a pub, a store, a factory – because of the religious affiliation of the people who frequent it, is naked sectarianism, for which there can be no excuse. Sectarianism divides the working class on lines that lack reality and the intention of the Provisional leaders who promote sectarianism is to create the ultimate, divisive distraction in the workers' struggle – civil war."

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Special Courts for the South
A special session of the Dail has been held in order to rush through the Government's emergency legislation to permit the transfer of civilian prisoners to military custody. And at the same time a hint was that the Government could announce within a matter of days the establishment of special criminal courts to hear the charges against members of illegal organisations.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Compensation for Co-op
The Ministry of home Affairs has agreed to pay £1 million immediately to the Belfast Co-operative Society for damage which occurred when the big York Street store was destroyed by explosion and fire. This initial sum is so that the Co-op can replenish stock which was lost in the blaze.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Dublin bomb scare
Thousands of people were late for work because of a bomb scare which completely disrupted traffic in the centre of the city. Several streets were sealed off after a suspicious looking parcel was seen at the base of the Thomas Moore statue in College Green, facing Trinity College. An Army explosives expert was called in to detonate the parcel, which contained only paper.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Car bomb explodes in Belfast
The RUC have made radio and television appeals for shop owners to secure their premises after a 100 lb bomb which had been strategically placed outside a Fountain Street supermarket exploded. The blast was heard in many parts of the city and debris littered the surrounding streets. Among the worst damaged buildings in the area was Olivetree House which is used by the Inland revenue.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Man shot dead at his front door
A 22-year-old Finaghy man has been shot dead as he and his wife were returning home to their Sicly Park home. The man, who has been named as Andrew Brennan, a Catholic, who is originaly from the Andersonstown area, had just got out of his car and was walking towards his front door when a hidden gunman fired four shots. Mr. Brennan was shot in the chest and died on his way to hospital.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Sniper kills soldier in Ballymurphy
A 20-year-old West Indian soldier has been killed in the Ballymurphy area of Belfast. The soldier, Private Eustace Handley, a member of the Kings Regiment, was a member of a patrol covering an Army working party in the Springhill Avenue area. His comrades returned fire at the gunman who was thought to be operating from the Divismore Park area. Private Handley who was

born in St Kitts died almost immediately.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Troops attacked
Petrol bombs and stones have been thrown at troops in the Riverdale area of Belfast and later soldiers recovered an unexploded pipe bomb.
Two blast bombs were also thrown at an Army post in an Albert Street Mill but there were no casualties.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Co-op building attacked
The RUC are investigating the cause of a fire which swept through the top floor of Co-op premises at Federation Street, off Ravenhill Avenue. A spokesman said that extensive damage has been caused by the blaze. It is thought that the fire started on the top floor of the building.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
IRA training camp discovered
Soldiers of the Duke of Wellington Regiment have discovered what they believe was an IRA training camp when they were searching the hills above the village of Rostrevor. An Army spokesman said the camp, concealed in a wood, appeared to have been used in the last three to four days by six to ten men. Troops have found a loaded .303 rifle, two 12 bore shotguns and a .22 rifle and pistol. Over 300 rounds of assorted ammunition, smoke canisters, as well as cooking utensils and camping equipment were also discovered. The soldiers used a tracker dog to help locate the find.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Ambush at Clady
Troops have claimed a hit when they were ambushed by two gunmen near the border Fourteen shots were fired at the Royal Welch Fusiliers who returned fire as the gunmen returned across the border. As the army patrol returned to Clady, they were stoned by local children and one rubber bullet was fired.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Machine gun discovered at Coagh
Troops carrying out a search near the scene of an ambush at Moortown, Coagh, where a civilian has been killed, have discovered a loaded Thompson sub machine gun magazine

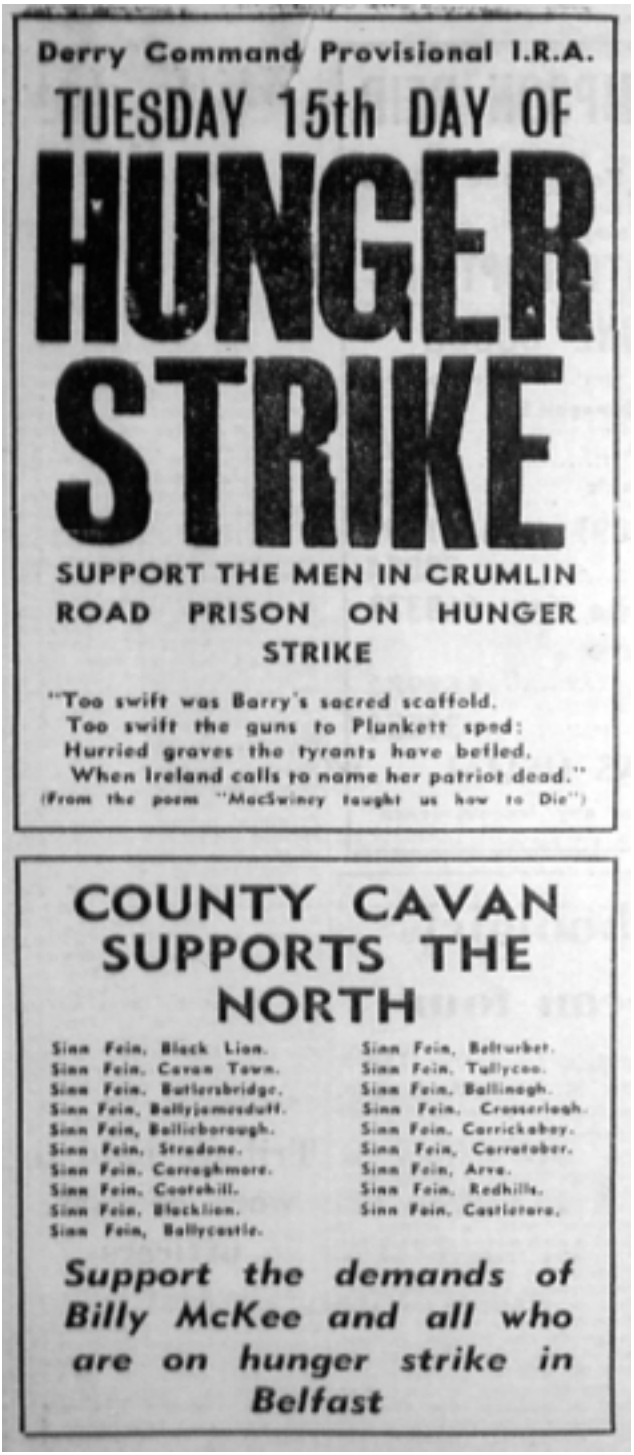
Wednesday 24th May 1972
Bomb attack in Derry
A 15 lb bomb has been thrown at an Army observation post in Brooke Park. The bomb fell short of its target and landed at the rear of a house. Two elderly women in the house were treated for shock. There are reports that the three youths who threw the bomb crossed open ground to do so and as they ran away, they grabbed three children for cover. Fire was not returned and the children were unharmed.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Bogside machine gun still not confirmed
The Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Paul Channon, in a written Commons reply, has said that the existence of a Browning machine gun in a "no-go" area of Derry has not been confirmed. He pointed



out that Mr. Whitelaw was aware of the photograph which apparently illustrates the gun but its existence has yet to be confirmed.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Court protest
Miss Bernadette Devlin was amongst a group of Sinn Fein demonstrators involved in a scuffle with



police outside Monaghan Courthouse. Nearly 30 supporters of both wings of the Republican movement were appearing inside the court on charges arising out of recent disturbances. About 100 placard-carrying demonstrators walked in a circle in Church Square, while a double row of police inside the circle tried to keep the traffic moving. There were occasional scuffles as the police pushed the demonstrators aside to allow vehicles through. Miss Devlin spoke from a platform and the pubic meeting lasted throughout the lunch hour.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Soldiers get awards

Eleven Military Crosses and Military medals have been awarded to soldiers in the North. No details of the circumstances surrounding the awards have been released for security reasons.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Grenades found by troops

Troops have found two grenades and four timing devices in a house in the Short Strand area of Belfast. One person has been arrested. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 people demonstrated outside the house while the house was being searched.

Soldiers have also found a rifle, pistol and revolver under a gorse bush during a routine search near Coagh, County Tyrone

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Gardai search for sniper

The Gardai in Dublin are searching for a sniper who shot a security

guard in the arm at a paper factory. The man had been checking security at Swiftbrook Paper Mill, Saggart, when he was shot from behind. The bullet went through his forearm and smashed a window. The Gardai cordoned off the area and carried out an intensive search but nothing was found. There have been a number of incidents at the mill since it was taken over recently and workers were made redundant.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
More Incendiary attacks in Dublin
After five more incendiary devices were found in Dublin stores, an anonymous telephone call to a newspaper has claimed that the arson attacks were carried out by the "Irish Angry Brigade". The caller said that they accepted full responsibility for the attempted burning of various Dublin stores. A Gardai spokesman said they had no knowledge of any such organisation.

Wednesday 24th May 1972
Golfers warned
Top British golfers are said to have received warnings from Sinn Fein in relation to participation in Carroll's tournament in Dublin.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Advisory Commission set up
An eleven man advisory commission, which will work with him in the administration of the North, has been announced in the Commons at Westminster, by the Secretary of State Mr Whitelaw. The team is made up of seven Protestants and four Catholics.



BOMBS RIP BELFAST STREETS

THREE heavy gelignite blasts last night devastated several streets in Belfast city centre, causing damage estmated at several hundred thousand pounds—but casualties were light.

Six persons were hurt in an explosion at Upper Arthur Street when the windows of dozens of shops and business premises were shattered. There were no casualties when another bomb exploded in Ann Street, and a 150lb. "blockbuster" in Long Lane connecting Church Street with Lower North Street injured one policeman and "blitzed" the area for several hundred yards around.

All the injured were said early to-day to be "not serious" but squads of workmen were busy throughout the night clearing up debris, salvaging goods

Thursday 25th May 1972
Security forces murdered man says IRA
Security authorities are sceptical of denials by both wings of the IRA that they were involved in the killing of a man outside a priests house near Cookstown

Tomato growers in the South are suffering financial loses because their produce is being boycotted in the North. The Irish Farmers Association are saying that they are being force to seek alternate markets abroad. They say that because of the political situation supermarket owners have reservations about displaying produce from the south.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Prisoners on hunger strike
Some Republican prisoners at Belfast jail are in the tenth day of a hunger strike for political status. The Provisional IRA have claimed that their "Officer Commanding" at the prison, William McKee, jailed on an arms charge, was also starting a thirst strike.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Shot man is seriously ill
Two men have been shot at the corner of Falls Road and Springfield Road at around 1.30 am. The men, who were standing at a corner went over to speak to the occupants of a parked car. Shots were then fired from inside the car before it made off up the Springfield road. One of the men was shot in the stomach and is said to be seriously ill. His companion received a flesh wound.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Armed robbery in Dunmurry
There has been an armed robbery at a service station at Black's Road, Dunmurry. Three armed men got away with between £60 and £100.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Shots fired during the night
Shots have been fired at Army patrols at Ardoyne and Whiterock Drive during the night but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Timing device uncovered
Security forces have found a home made timing device in a house in Clyde Street. It is believed that they were acting on information.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Ammonium Nitrate discovered in New Lodge
A hundred weight of Ammonium Nitrate, which can be used to make explosive mixtures has been found in a shed in Bruslee Way.

Thursday 25th May 1972
RUC men ambushed in Derry
Two RUC men had a narrow escape as they came under automatic fire as they patrolled the Belmont estate in the city's Shantallow area. The gunman, operating from Greenhaw Road, fired a total of 14 shots in two bursts from a Thompson sub-machine gun. The RUC men dived for cover and did not return fire.
Seven shots were also fired at the Brandywell Army post and one at the city walls. During the night, single shots were fired at Drumahoe and Bligh's Lane posts.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Joint Army-RUC search
A joint RUC-Army search near the shores of Lough Neagh has uncovered a rifle, a .45 pistol, a revolver and 11 rounds of ammunition. The find was made near the spot where Mr. William Hughes was shot dead in a gun attack on Monday night. Forensic experts are examining the items to see if they can establish whether they were used in the shooting.

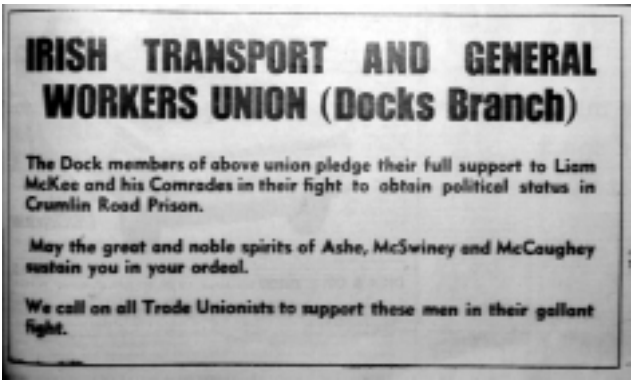
Thursday 25th May 1972
Arms find by UDR
A UDR patrol has found a magazine containing 11 rounds of ammunition and five reels of safety fuse.

Thursday 25th May 1972
RUC attacked in Armagh
An RUC vehicle has been fired on while travelling along Irish Street, Armagh. Two bursts were fired at the vehicles but there were no casualties.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Bessbrook shooting
An Army vehicle is thought to have been hit by bullets when it was fired on at Bessbrook. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Troops attacked in Newry
A patrol of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment has been fired on near the town of Newry. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.

Thursday 25th May 1972
Vanguard alleges "over reaction" by troops
The East Belfast Division of the Vanguard Movement are seeking a meeting with Army chief General Tuzo to complain of alleged overreaction by troops attacking a large loyalist no-go area in Willowfield. Vanguard claims that a detailed inquiry revealed that the Army fired over 80 lead bullets, 120 rubber rounds and many canisters of gas. Two people had been shot, 12 assaulted with rifle butts and batons and 17 houses were badly damaged when, it is alleged the officer in command lost control of his soldiers. Statements have been taken from 40 residents and are in the hands of legal advisers. If there were any repetition of events, Vanguard would not be responsible for the action of others.



Thursday 25th May 1972
Jesus freak is back in Belfast
Arthur Blessitt, leader of the America Jesus Movement is back in Belfast for 40 days. At a press conference, he said "I believe that by the 1st July the sound of Jesus cheers will echo louder than bombs." The 31-year-old Jesus Freak has cancelled a trip to Europe to return to Belfast because he believes that the North is on the brink of "an awakening". On Saturday, he will be holding an open air rally outside the City Hall and expects between 10,000 and 15,000 to attend. He also has plans to make a return visit to Crumlin Road jail and hopes also to visit Long Kesh.

Thursday 25th May 1972
De Valera signs Prisons Bill
In the South President De Valera has signed the Prisons Bill 1972, which gives the Justice Minister the power to transfer prisoners from civilian jails into military custody. The Bill was rushed through the Dail and Senate in order to close any loophole in legislation through which prisoners already moved to the Army camp at the Curragh might seek their release. The Minister, Mr Des O'Malley, told the Dail that it had been necessary to transfer 180 prisoners from Mountjoy jail after the riot there on Thursday night. Most of these have been accommodated in other jails But 40, mainly



Republicans, were moved to the Curragh where they are in military custody.

Friday 26th May 1972
No warning bomb in Oxford Street

At least 40 people have been injured, some seriously, when a 150 lb car bomb exploded without warning in Belfast's Oxford Street. The RUC are unable to confirm early reports that two people have died in the blast. The bomb is believed to have been hidden in a stolen Volkswagon which was parked outside Robinson's motor showrooms, not far from the Queen's bridge and Oxford Street bus station. People who raced to the scene after the blast said that a man had been killed and a woman was very seriously injured, possibly dead.

Friday 26th May 1972
Tennis club destroyed

Queens University tennis club has been destroyed by a bomb. The parcel bomb had been placed at the building, but the area had been cleared before it exploded. No casualties were reported.

Friday 26th May 1972
Intelligence officers attacked on Shankill

Three Army intelligence officers have been seized and beaten by a mob on Belfast's Shankill Road as they tried to apprehend some men they had been following. The men are believed to be on the Army's wanted list; however, it is thought that local people saw one of the soldier's pistols and thought they were about to be killed. The incident happened between Silvio Street and Crumlin Road. The Army has released a statement about the incident in which it said that a military patrol on surveillance duty and in civilian clothes had cause to check a suspicious car containing four men in Jaffa Street. One of the soldiers identified himself in the normal manner and the car drove off at high speed. The patrol gave chase and managed to stop the car in Upper Cargill Street. Two men in the car produced pistols and one of the soldiers fired one round but does not claim a hit. The car managed to escape up the Shankill Road. At this point an angry crowd appeared and not realising the men were soldiers began to attack them. The soldiers were taken to hospital but only suffered cuts and bruises.

Friday 26th May 1972
UDR man not tortured

An inquest into the death of UDR Corporal James Elliott who was kidnapped and shot 11 times has been told that the State Pathologist was satisfied that he had not been tortured, nor had his body been mutilated or tampered with as had been previously been reported. The 33-year-old UDR man was kidnapped on 17th April and his body was found surrounded by explosives and claymore mines. The inquest heard that although the explosives were intended to kill the security forces who went to recover the body, the body itself was not booby-trapped.



FACING PAGE - The remains of a car bomb used in a bombing attack in Belfast's Oxford Street
RIGHT - A lorry destroyed in the Oxford Street attack

Friday 26th May 1972
SDLP say Lets get back to work"
The Social Democratic and labour Party have called on all those who have withdrawn from pubic bodies since internment to return to their positions – as a demonstration of their determination to bring about community reconciliation. The move is urged in a new policy statement issued by the party, in which it also says it will seek talks with Protestant leaders and wants a clear declaration from the Secretary of State that the policy of internment has ended. The party says that its commitment on internment remains but it hints that if the IRA continues its campaign with the object of maintaining internment, and so keeping MP's away from political talks, it may decide to take part in talks anyway. A spokesman for Mr. Whitelaw has said that the SDLP move is very welcome.

Friday 26th May 1972
Derry bomb attack
A fire, which has been caused by a bomb has destroyed a block of business premises in Derry. The target of the bomb was the wholesale chemist store of John Mortimer & Son Ltd in Foyle Street. The drapers store of Robert Cooke of Butcher Street was among the businesses destroyed in the attacks.

Friday 26th May 1972
Man tarred and feathered and shot
A 24-year-old man who was found in Catherine Street just after midnight had been tarred and feathered and shot in the thigh. He is reported to have told the RUC that he was picked up in the University area by a number of armed men, taken to a derelict house in the Markets, then tarred and shot in Eliza Street. The man, who is being treated in the Royal Victoria Hospital is thought to be a victim of an IRA punishment.

Friday 26th May 1972
Bomb attack in Moneymore
A bomb, estimated to contain between 80 and 100 lb of explosives has exploded in a parked car outside Moneymore RUC barracks. The Barracks, which is a "limited opening" station was completely destroyed in the blast.

Friday 26th May 1972
Army patrols attacked
Shots have been fired as soldiers removed a broken down Army vehicle from Shaw's Road in the Andersonstown area but there were no casualties. Earlier soldiers fired a baton round at crowd which attacked them and a petrol bomb was thrown at Ladybrook Park but no one was injured.

Friday 26th May 1972
UDR men ambushed
Five shots have been fired at UDR men on duty at Castlereagh electricity sub-station. The part-time soldiers returned fire and it is thought that two blast bombs were also thrown at their position.

Friday 26th May 1972
Gelignite discovered
Twelve sticks of gelignite and a quantity of inflammable liquid, connected to a timing device, have been discovered in the hallway of the Bay Inn, Dundrum. The Army sealed off the area and an Army expert defused the device.

Friday 26th May 1972
Derry shootings
Four separate shooting incidents have been reported in Derry overnight. One shot was fired at Brandywell Army post and troops at Bligh's Lane came under fire twice but there were no casualties. Troops fired at a gunman who was seen in Demesne Avenue but no hit was claimed.

Friday 26th May 1972
Young Vanguard defends tartan gangs
Coleraine Young Vanguard have criticised the mass media for what they describe as the discriminatory presentation of tartan youth. A resolution passed by them states that the tartans are generally motivated by loyalty to Ulster and a wish to defend it but were invariably presented as hooligans and gangs. "Furthermore we deplore that sometimes unnecessary actions are taken against our young fellow citizens."
A second resolution passed by the Young Vanguards calls for more "no-go" areas to be set up outside Belfast in view of the events in loyalist Belfast recently and the actions of the Whitelaw administration.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Militant Protestants march through Belfast
Thousands of militant Protestants, many of them members of the Ul-

ster Defence Association, with faces hidden behind masks, hoods and dark glasses, marched in paramilitary style through the streets of Belfast. Many of the marchers paraded in silent ranks, taking orders from uniformed "commanders" The UDA contingent, which left several minutes behind marchers from the Loyalist Association of Workers, were clad in Khaki and as numbers grew it became impossible to put any figure on the size of the parade except to say it was many thousands. It was the biggest display of Protestant militancy in the Belfast for many years.

UDA companies from Woodvale, Oldpark, Ardoyne and Newtownabbey and many other areas were cheered by the crowds as they swung into Sandy Row for the start of the parade.

Saturday 27th May 1972
UDR mobilised

The Ulster Defence Regiment has been mobilised in Belfast as part of a massive security operation which included road blocks on all the main city roads. With thousands of Protestants participating in the loyalist rally at Woodvale Park and the possibility of further no-go protests in Protestant areas of the city, the situation was being described by the RUC as being tense.

Although no one was prepared to stipulate specific areas, there is speculation that the Donegal Road and sandy Row areas will be barricaded off for a 24-hour protest which will be aimed at bringing pressure on the authorities to deal with the Free Derry problem. A member of the Ulster Defence Association in West Belfast has said "We are not saying where, but the barricades will be going up for 24 hours."

Saturday 27th May 1972
Unionist Association's loyalist police plan

A statement from the West Belfast Imperial Unionist Association has said that they are launching a recruiting campaign to enlist men to a "loyalist civilian police force." The statement said that if any form of civilian police force ever came into the streets of IRA no-go areas, then the loyalist force would be used in loyalist areas under the control of the Ulster Defence Association.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Soldiers hurt in bomb attack

Four soldiers have been injured in a bomb attack at Forkhill, County Armagh. The troops were in a mobile patrol when a car they were passing exploded. Their injuries are not thought to be serious.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Protestants jeer Whitelaw

A group of Protestants have jeered Mr William Whitelaw when he arrived at the Palace of Holyrood house. Pastor Jack Glass, leader of the 20th Century Reformation Movement and five supporters had waited at the entrance of the palace to see Mr Whitelaw arrive to have lunch with the Lord High Commissioner of the General assembly of the Church of Scotland. They were protesting at his handling of the situation in the North and shouted : "IRA sell-out" and "IRA lover".

Saturday 27th May 1972
Red Cross to visit Long Kesh

It has been disclosed that another Red Cross delegation has visited Long Kesh. Two men, both Swiss, visited the camp on Wednesday and Thursday with the approval of the Secretary of State. A statement from Mr Whitelaw's office said the delegates were able to freely carry out their task and to converse privately with internees and detainees of their own choosing. As is normal practise a report of the visit will be given to Mr Whitelaw.

Saturday 27th May 1972
No jury courts for South

With the setting up of special courts to try IRA men under the Offences Against the State Act in the South there is speculation in Dublin that this is the prelude to the long awaited crackdown on illegal private armies in the Republic. The new special criminal courts will act with three judges, but without juries. The decision as to which defendants will appear before the special courts lies with the Attorney General. The move follows the acquittal of a number of IRA men brought before ordinary courts in the Republic; acquittals which seemed to have been totally against the weight of evidence presented.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Woman killed in bomb attack

One woman has died and a man is seriously ill in hospital after the car bomb explosion in Oxford Street.

Altogether 43 people were rushed to hospital after the explosion. The dead woman has been named as Mrs Margaret Young of Lord Street. She was walking along Oxford Street when the bomb went off. As a result of the explosion eight men and one was detained in hospital.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Man found shot dead in Andersonstown
The body of a man has been found by local people at the junction of Finaghy Road North and Riverdale Park Avenue at around 2.00 am. The man has been identified as 20-year-old Gerald Duddy of Inishmore Crescent. An RUC spokesman said it is not known how or why the man was killed but pointed out that in the past few weeks two such mystery killings have occurred in the area. The only common denominator being they were Catholics. The RUC has said that the dead man had no known link to any illegal organisation.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Soldiers shot in Oldpark
An army medical officer attached to the Royal Regiment of Wales has been shot in the stomach after a bomb weighing between 50 and 100lbs exploded without warning at Brown's furniture shop on the Oldpark Road. The bomb which had been left outside the front door caused widespread damage to the shop and about 20 neighbouring shops and houses. The medical officer was attending to a soldier who was suffering from concussion after the blast when a gunman fired seven shots from an automatic weapon from the direction of Ballycastle Street. Troops in an Army post at Louisa Street returned the fire and claimed to have hit the gunman who disappeared into the darkness.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Men wounded in New Lodge
Shots have been fired at a number of men standing at the junction of North Queen Street-Hardinge Street. Three men were hit in the legs by the hail of bullets but none of them were seriously injured.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Soldier shot in Ballymurphy's Bull Ring
A soldier has been grazed by a bullet when a sniper fired one bullet at an Army vehicle in the Bull Ring in Ballymurphy. The shot went through an open hatch on the vehicle and grazed the soldier, a member of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in the shoulder.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Gunman shot in Derry say Army
Soldiers have claimed to have shot a gunman in Derry City. An Army spokesman has said that soldiers fired at two gunmen seen at Charlotte lace and hit one of them. Two single shots were also fired at the Brandywell post but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Foyle Road bomb attack
Two men, one armed with a gun, have planted a bomb in a car showroom at Foyle Road. It exploded soon afterwards and caused extensive damage to the building. The Provisional IRA has claimed responsibility for the three bomb attacks in the city.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Car bomb in Bellaghy
A car bomb left in Barrack Street, Bellaghy has caused considerable damage but there were no casualties. Two youths were seen running from the vehicle, which had earlier been stolen from the Portglenone area and the alarm raised.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Shots fired at Clady
Seven shots have been fired from the South at an Army patrol near the village of Clady. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Belfast cinema bombed
A car bomb has exploded at the Crumlin Cinema on the Crumlin Road Belfast. Windows in the surrounding area were damaged, as were houses in the nearby Tasmania Street. Seven people, including a city councillor were injured in the attack.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Paisley demands probe into Paras actions
Mr William Whitelaw, has turned down a request by Mr Ian Paisley for an immediate inquiry into the "situation arising out of the entry of the Parachute Regiment into Douglas Street on Sunday 21st May. During a Commons explanation for

his refusal it was pointed out that armed men were seen in the area; that shots were fired at troops and one man was wounded. Rubber bullets were also fired.

Saturday 27th May 1972
IRA man's fine is paid

The £10 fine imposed on Provisional IRA Chief of Staff, Sean MacStofain, at Navan Court has been anonymously paid. The fine was imposed when the IRA leader failed to answer a charge of having a bullet in his Navan home, carried a six-month prison sentence if not paid inside a month. Provisional IRA members are prevented from paying fines because of a strict rule of their organisation. They believe that payment of fines or acceptance of bail is a recognition of the court.

Saturday 27th May 1972
Revolvers found at border

An Army patrol manning a road checkpoint in South Armagh have found three fully loaded .38 revolvers which were thrown from a car. The weapons were found by men of the Duke of Wellington Regiment who were manning the road block at Carrieve, west of Forkhill at around 10.00 am. An Army spokesman said that a black Austin Cambridge car approached the checkpoint suddenly turned round and as it did something was thrown from the window of the vehicle. The troops investigated the incident and discovered the weapons. The car turned into a side road and it is assumed that it resumed its journey into the South.

Saturday 27th May 1972
24 hour hunger strike

A 24 hour hunger strike organised by Armagh's Peoples Democracy started has started at Irish Street corner. The strike has been organised to express solidarity with the men in Armagh and Crumlin Road jails who are refusing food.

Monday 29th May 1972
Short Strand bomb – eight may have died

The RUC are working on the theory that the death toll from the bomb explosion which devastated an East Belfast street may rise to seven or possibly eight. Four of the six victims are being described as officers in the Belfast Brigade of the IRA. The dead have been named as:

Edward McDonnell, aged 26, of Kilmod Street;

Martin Engelen, aged 20, of Altcar Street

John Nugent, aged 31, of Cullingtree Walk

Harry Crawford, age 34, of Harper Street.

Mary Clarke, age 28, of Anderson Street

The IRA have claimed that Staff Captain Joseph Fitzsimmons and Lieutenant Jackie McIlhone have died in the blast. McDonell is described as being a Lieutenant and Engelen as a 1st Lieutenant.

In a statement released by the Belfast Brigade of the Provisionals they claimed that two minutes before the bomb exploded two cars were seen to enter the Anderson Street area and one was abandoned. Republicans in the area immediately alerted an "Active Service Unit" and when members of this unit approached the vehicle, it exploded. But one death notice referring to Edward McDonnell said that he died as a result of an accident. The Army and RUC are of the opinion that the explosion was caused by an IRA bomb which went off accidentally as it was being taken to or from a car in the Street. The car, wrecked by the 20-40 lb bomb is thought to have been hi-jacked at gunpoint in Brompton Park, in the Ardoyne area. The security forces say that the crater caused by the bomb indicated that it had not exploded in the vehicle but between it and a house. A damaged .45 revolver was found 10 yards from the scene.

Monday 29th May 1972
Shot girl fights for her life

A 12-year-old girl is fighting for her life in hospital after being shot when a gunman opened fire on an RUC patrol in the Oldpark area. The girl, Joan Scott, who is originally from Belfast, has been living England for the past year. Her parents, who have flown to Belfast to be with her have said that she had been homesick and wanted to visit her friends.

Monday 29th May 1972
Shooting victim named

The RUC have named the 21-year-old Catholic who died after another mystery shooting on Belfast's Springfield Road. He is James Teer, of Whiterock Drive, who died after shots were fired at him from a pass-

ing car at the West Circular Road junction at 11.00 pm. This latest killing comes just over a week after 18-year-old Adrian Barton of Springfield Road was shot dead again from a passing car – as he walked home from a dance.

Monday 29th May 1972
Troubles death toll

The death toll in the North since the troubles began in 1969 is now 348 but with fears that the Anderson Street explosion could reach eight, the number may rise to 350.

Monday 29th May 1972
Uniform protest at prison

A number of Protestant prisoners at Belfast's Crumlin Road Prison are refusing to wear uniforms. The men, thought to be 16, are wearing clothes, probably made by themselves, during handicraft sessions. The refusal is an attempt to have themselves called "political" prisoners.

Monday 29th May 1972
Cleaning firm attacked

A cleaning firm in Newcastle County Down has been set on fire because it has cleaned uniforms for the Army. Three men walked into the Concord cleaners on Central Promenade and told staff to get out. The premises was sprinkled with petrol and then set alight. The shop was completely gutted.

Monday 29th May 1972
Army attacked at Warenpoint

Four shots have been fired across the border at an Army mobile patrol near Warrenpoint. None of the soldiers were injured and fire was not returned. A single shot has also been fired at troops in the Norglen Parade area of Belfast. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Monday 29th May 1972
Cork arms raid

Police in Cork are searching for two men who got away with seven rifles, four shotguns and a small amount of cash in an armed raid on a sports shop in Tuckey Street.

Monday 29th May 1972
Bombs explode in Belfast

Three bombs have exploded in Belfast causing extensive damage. Just before 8.00 pm a bomb caused damage to premises at Upper Ann Street, Cornmarket, High Street, Arthur Street and Chichester Street. The 50-100 lb bomb was concealed in a Ford Cortina which had been hijacked in the University area. There were no casualties.

Seven people were taken to hospital after a 50 lb bomb exploded in an 1100 car at Patterson's Place, off Donegal Square East. Their injuries are not thought to be serious. The third car bomb came after an anonymous telephone call warning of a bomb at Long Lane, off Lower North Street. The 20 lb bomb was in a Ford Zephyr car and injured an RUC man when it exploded.

Monday 29th May 1972
Oldpark shootings

Two people on the Oldpark Road have been taken to hospital after shots were fired from Louisa Street. Soldiers also fired at a nail-bomber in the same area. The troops say that he dropped a second nail bomb as he ran off.

Monday 29th May 1972
East Belfast barricades

In East Belfast barricades have gone up in the Willowfield district although on a much smaller scale than before. However, troops came under fire as they moved in to dismantle them.



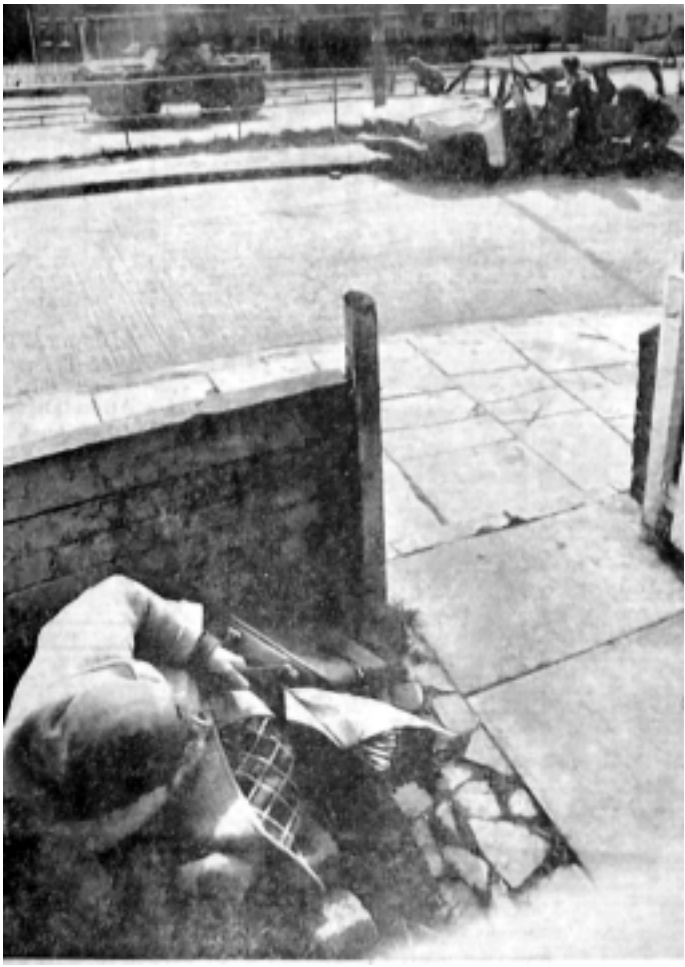
LEFT - The scene of the explosion in Anderson Street in which four members of the IRA were killed along with four civilians

Monday 29th May 1972
Protest at RUC barracks
Around 150 women carrying placards proclaiming "solidarity with the political prisoners" and flanked by unformed Fianna members marched past Andersonstown RUC barracks.

Monday 29th May 1972
Shot men detained in hospital
Two of the men who were shot from a passing car as they were standing at the junction of Hardinge Street and North Queen Street are still being detained in hospital. A relative of the men say that after the incident the car drove off towards Duncairn Gardens.

Monday 29th May 1972
Malicious fire in Armagh
Thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused to Armagh County Welfare old people's home which was being built at Cloughrea, Bessbrook. According to the RUC the fire had been started in five different places.

Monday 29th May 1972
Town hall bombed
Kilrea town hall has been extensively damaged by a 50-100 lb bomb. An anonymous warning was received at Ballymena telephone exchange. The area was evacuated and there were no casualties.





TOP LEFT - A woman takes cover during a gun battle in the Turf Lodge estate
BOTTOM LEFT - Troops run for cover during gunfire in Turf Lodge

Monday 29th May 1972
Vanguard rally in Dungannon
About 5,000 people attended a Vanguard rally in the Square, Dungannon. The speakers included Mr Willaim Craig, the Rev martin Smyth and Capt Austin Ardle.

Monday 29th May 1972
Lurgan incident
The Army has said that around 150 peple have overturned cars in William Street. They also erected barriers and smashed windows before dispersing.

Monday 29th May 1972
Soldiers ambushed in Armagh
Gunmen operating from the ruins of a burned out school fired 24 shots at a two vehicle patrol of the Gordon Highlanders travelling along the ring road flyover in Armagh. No soldiers were hit and fire was not returned.

Monday 29th May 1972
Armagh bomb scare
An Army bomb disposal team has blown the boot off a stolen abandoned car which was parked behind the Ritz cinema. There had been a telephone warning that a bomb had been left in a car at Market Street, but after the controlled explosion nothing was found.

Monday 29th May 1972
Car bomb explodes in Rasharkin
A car bomb has exploded at Millar's petrol station and shop in Rasharkin. The car exploded in the garage forecourt and an anonymous caller warned the owner, who lives in a bungalow about 30 yards away to get out. There were no casualties.

Monday 29th May 1972
CRA calls for disobedience
A call for a massive rededication to civil disobedience has come from Bannside CRA executive. In a statement they say they intend to strengthen civil disobedience in County Antrim and call on other civil rights committees to do the same.

Monday 29th May 1972
Suitcase bomb
About 30 bedrooms in a three storey wing of Derry's main hotel, the City, have been badly damaged by a bomb. Two men with suitcases had booked into the hotel and were taken to their room. After leaving their cases there they returned the keys to the desk and left the hotel. A short while later a warning telephone call was received and the hotel evacuated. No one was injured in the attack. The hotel has been used as a base for the World's press covering events in Derry.

Monday 29th May 1972
Republican prisoners on hunger strike
Republican prisoners in Crumlin Road Prison are continuing with their hunger strike. Some of the men are into their 14th day of the hunger strike, all are taking liquids and none are in a serious condition. Earlier reports had said that one of the men was also on thirst strike but this claim has been dropped from the latest statement.

Monday 29th May 1972
Stranraer bomb hoax
Police have searched a café in Stranraer after a caller claimed that a bomb had been planted in a café but it was found to be a hoax. The incident occurred when more than 1,000 from the North were in town attending a pipe band contest.

Monday 29th May 1972
Booby trap bomb in torch
An Army torch which had been converted into a booby-trap bomb and designed to explode when it was switched on has been discovered near a vehicle checkpoint on the Strabane-Lifford Road. Army experts who have examined the device say that it is identical to the one described in "The Terrorist's Cook Book".

Monday 29th May 1972
Loyalist strike at Courtaulds
About 100 more workers have joined the strike at Courtaulds factory in Carrickfergus. Talks are taking place to settle the loyalist strike at the factory which led to a minor no-go area being set up for seven hours.

Monday 29th May 1972
Army carry light machine guns in Belfast
The Army are once again openly carrying Light machine guns on Belfast streets for the first time since 1969. It is the Army's number two machine gun and can fire nearly 1,000 rounds a minute. The weapon has been mainly used in border ar-

eas but strict regulations are in force on where and when the weapon can be used, particularly in built up areas.

Monday 29th May 1972
UDR man dies in gun accident
A 27-year-old UDR Sergeant has died after his gun accidentally went off while he was in the home of another part-time soldier. He is Sgt William Reid form Lisburn.

Monday 29th May 1972
IRA attacked in Wexford conference
Strong condemnation of IRA violence has been made at the annual conference of the South's second biggest union, the Worker's Union of Ireland. The General Secretary Denis Larkin, the son of Labour leader James Larkin, said his father "murdered no man and would not support the violence in the North." Some of the bombers, he said claimed James Connolly for their inspiration and Mr Larkin said that Connolly in 1916 had ended the uprising because he wished to avert civilian casualties.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Official IRA ceasefire
The Provisional IRA kept up its bombing campaign indicating that it intends to have no part in the indefinite truce announced on Monday night by the Official IRA. The Official RA announcing its ceasefire say that while it has ceased hostilities it has not ven up its defensive role.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Laundry bombed
Part of the Liliput Laundry in Dunmurry has been extensively damaged by a bomb. Earlier two men and a teenage girl planted two bombs at Morton's bottler's on the Donegal Road.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Short Strand death toll confirmed
Eight people, six men and two women, are now known to have died in the explosion In Anderson Street. The RUC have said they can only confirm seven names, however a newspaper insertion has named the eighth person as Miss Geraldine McMahon, of Stanhope Drive.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Murdered man named
The 32-year-old porter shot dead in the Millfield area has been named as Thomas Joseph Wardlow, of Durham Street Mr Wardlow is believed to have been returning home from a wake in the New Lodge Road area. His body was found by paratroopers who were investigating two shots that they heard. As with a number of recent attacks on Catholics, there is no apparent motive.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Ardoyne shootings
Trouble has flared in Ardoyne soldiers detained about 70 men at two local clubs and took them to the Flax Street military post for questioning. An Army spokesman said it was a routine search operation whereby certain people were detained for questioning and then released. During the night, 25 separate shooting incidents were recorded in the Ardoyne area. Thirteen of these involved soldiers. A soldier was shot in the back as he went to investigate a blast in Jamaica Street. He was rushed to hospital where he is said to be seriously ill. A second soldier was wounded in the leg.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Border gun attack
A total of 24 shots have been fired from the south at an Army patrol at Clady. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Quiet night in Derry
Derry has had its quietest night for months and neither the Army or RUC have reported a single incident.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
100 UDA women in protest
More than 100 members of the Women's UDA marched to Whiteabbey RUC barrack to protest about the security situation. The women also complained about the rough handling of young boys by the Army, RUC ad UDR.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
RTE axes Sinn Fein interview
A scheduled interview with Mr Rory Brady of Provisional Sinn Fein has been axed by RTE authorities because it was deemed not appropriate. Mr Brady said later that it was obviously not convenient for



the government to hear criticism of its policies.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Troops come under fire
Troops have come under fire in Belfast. Ten shots have been fired at a patrol in the Glenmachan Street area, off the Donegal Road. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed. Three shots were also fired in Ramoan Gardens in the Andersonstown area and an Army observation post at Musgrave Park Hospital also came under fire but no one was injured in the incidents.

Tuesday 30th May 1972
Protest at Curragh
People's Democracy plan to holds a march from Naas to the Curragh Camp on Saturday to complain about the holding of detainees there.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Soldier killed in Springfield Road bomb attack
The bomb, which exploded in a locker inside Springfield Road RUC-Army barracks contained 20 lb of explosives and may have been smuggled into the base piece by piece and assembled on the spot. This is one theory being explored by the RUC detectives who are investigating the attack in which a soldier was killed and six other people, including two civilians were injured. The dead soldier has been named as Private Marcel James Dogley, a 28-year-old man who is married with two children. Private Dogley is originally from the Seychelles.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Hi-jacked lorries used to block road
Two articulated lorries were hijacked at gunpoint by five men. The lorries were then driven across the main Belfast-Dublin road and blown up.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Derry bank is bombed
A three storey building in Derry which houses the Ulster Bank has been bombed by the IRA. It is believed that the bomb was planted by a number of armed men in a second floor office. The bomb exploded twenty minutes later and Waterloo Place, on to which the Bank faces, was strewn with masonry and thousands of documents.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Troops stoned in Strabane
Troops have fired rubber bullets in Strabane to break up a crowd of youths who stoned them on two occasions on the Dublin Road.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Dead soldier is named
The soldier who died earlier today after five shots were fired from a car at a mobile patrol on the Andersonstown Road has been named as 27-year-old Michael Denis Bruce of the Royal Corps of Transport.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Bomb in Turf Lodge
The Army has reported that a bomb

has been thrown at troops of the 1st Kings Regiment at Monagh Road but no casualties were reported.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Girl dies from bullet wound
School girl, Joan Scott, who was shot while walking with friends in the Oldpark area of Belfast has died in hospital. The girl, aged 12, was caught in the line of fire between gunmen and the RUC.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Punishment shooting
A man from the Stanhope Drive area of Belfast has been found shot in both legs in a flat near his home. A placard was hung around his neck accusing him of a crime. It is believed he was the victim of an IRA punishment shooting.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Sniper attack in Donegal Street
A shot was fired at the security forces in Lower Donegal Street but there were no casualties and the source could not be located.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Troops attacked at Belfast Convent
Troops have come under fire as they investigated a bomb call to a Glen Road Convent. An anonymous caller said that a bomb had been placed in the building.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Army attacked in North Belfast
Twenty-five shots have been fired at troops from the direction of Holy Cross School Ardoyne. The Army was also fired on as they entered Hooker Street but no one was injured in the attacks.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Bombs explode in Claudy
Two bombs which were planted in the workshops and showroom of the Hillfoot garage at Glen Road exploded around midnight badly damaging the garage and 24 cars.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Dungiven RUC barracks bombed
The unoccupied married quarters at Dungiven RUC barracks have been extensively damaged by a 50-100 lb bomb. No warning was given but no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Shots fired in Strabane
Two shots have been fired towards troops at the rear of Strabane RUC barracks. They struck the building but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
RUC Land Rover attacked
Twelve shots have been fired at an RUC Land Rover near the Lough Road motorway inter-change. There were no casualties.

A UDR man who was accidentally shot on a firing range has died two weeks after the incident. He is 29-year-old Bernard Anderson, from Enniskillen

Wednesday 31st May 1972
O'Brady rules out IRA cease fire
The President of Kevin Street Sinn Fein, Mr Rory O'Brady has ruled out the likelihood of a ceasefire by the Provisional IRA until the British Government makes a positive response to its demands. He said that a temporary peace of five years was no go because their children would have to take up the fight again.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
RUC man drunk in charge of gun
An RUC detective with 25 years service has appeared in court charged with possession of a loaded revolver while drunk. The RUC man accidentally discharged it and wounded a friend. The court heard that he took the gun out with him when he was going to see an informant after which he went for a drink. He was fined £25.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Hunger strike goes on
Republican hunger strikers at Belfast Prison had not started eating again as earlier reports had suggested. The men have not called off their fast.

Wednesday 31st May 1972
Derry elections
Mr Paddy Doherty, former vice-chairman of the Bogside Defence Association, which controlled the Bogside for nine weeks after the Army moved into Derry in 1969 is one of three well-known figures who have been nominated for the forthcoming "Free Derry" elections. He is one of five independent candidates nominated for the election on the 15th June .Sinn Fein have nominated thirteen candidates, two of these are ex-internees and four are women.

THOSE WHO DIED

DAVID CURRIE
AGED 26
1st May, 1972
Mr Currie was killed when the IRA launched a major bomb attack on the Courtaulds factory in Carrickfergus. He and some work colleagues went to investigate after the first explosion and were caught in a second. Eight bombs were planted and one worker said:- "The bombs were planted exactly where they would do most damage. Whoever planted them knew just what they were doing."

VICTOR ANDREWS
AGED 20
4th May, 1972
Victor was a seaman home on short leave when he was approached by members of the UDA in Baltic Avenue in North Belfast and stabbed to death.

JOHN BALLARD
AGED 18
11th May, 1972
A soldier in the Royal Anglian Regiment he was shot dead by the IRA while on foot patrol in the Sultan Street area of the Falls in West Belfast.


John Ballard

PATRICK McVEIGH
AGED 44
12th May, 1972
Mr McVeigh was shot dead by the army who opened fire on members of the Catholic Ex-Service Men's Association who were manning a check point at Riverdale Park South and whom Mr McVeigh had stopped to talk to. It later emerged that the shooting was carried out by the undercover army unit, the MRF (Military Re-Action Force).

TOMMY McILROY
AGED 50
13th May, 1972
Shot dead by loyalist gunmen firing from the Springmartin Estate. Mr McIlroy was the first of four people to be killed in a series of events which began with a loyalist car bomb attack on a Catholic bar and which led to an intense three way gun battle between the IRA, British Army and loyalists.

ALAN BUCKLEY
AGED 22
13th May, 1972
Mr Buckley was a corporal in the King's Own Scottish Borderers and was shot dead by an IRA gunman as he sat on a Ferret armoured vehicle.
See above.

MICHAEL MAGEE
AGED 15
13th May, 1972
Michael was a member of the junior wing of the IRA and was shot dead during the disturbances, which followed the bombing of Kelly's Bar on the Whiterock Road.
See above.

ROBERT McMULLAN
AGED 32
13th May, 1972
Mr McMullan was shot dead during the gun battle which followed the bombing of Kelly's Bar close to his home. He had been an innocent bystander as the RUC later confirmed that he was not connected to any illegal organisation.
See above

One of those injured during the bomb attack later died on the 23rd of May. John Moran was a barman fatally injured in the explosion.

GERARD McCUSKER
AGED 24
13th May, 1972
Gerard's body was found in Hopeton Street off the Shankill Road after members of the UDA attacked him, beat him and then shot him dead. His blazer, wallet, cufflinks, rings and watch were all stolen.


John Starrs

JOHN STARRS
AGED 19
13th May, 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by the military in the William Street area of Derry. He and another IRA member launched an attack on the army and was killed in return fire.


John Pedlow

JOHN PEDLOW
AGED 17
14th May, 1972
Soldiers who had been engaged in a major gun battle with the IRA shot John dead in the Protestant Springmartin estate.

MARTHA CAMPBELL
AGED 13
14th May, 1972
She was shot dead by the UVF as she walked along Springhill Avenue. The gunmen were firing from high rise


Martha Campbell

flats in the Springmartin estate which overlook the area and where John Pedlow had been shot dead a few hours previously.

BERNARD MOANE
AGED 46
17th May, 1972
Mr Moane was shot dead by UDA gunmen at the Knockagh Monument, overlooking Carrickfergus, where he was taken to after being abducted at a bar on the Shankill Road. He had been a drinks salesman supplying local pubs and his killers sat with him drinking samples for over an hour.



Bernard Moane

RONALD HURST
AGED 25
17th May, 1972
A soldier in the Royal Engineers he was shot dead by an IRA sniper while erecting a military sangar outside Crossmaglen RUC barracks

JOHN HILLMAN
AGED 29
18th May, 1972
He had been fatally injured in an IRA gun attack on a military post in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast three days previously.

HAROLD MORRIS
AGED 15
18th May, 1972
Harold was standing close to the peaceline between the Shankill and Falls area of West Belfast when republicans who fired an automatic weapon into Boundary Street shot him dead.

MANUS DEERY
AGED 15
19th May, 1972
Manus was shot dead by a military sniper in Derry's Lecky Road. The sniper was firing from the city walls.

HENRY GILLESPIE
AGED 32
20th May, 1972
A member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, Mr Gillespie was shot dead in an IRA ambush at Killyliss, three miles outside Dungannon.

ADRIAN BARTON
AGED 18
21st May, 1972
Adrian, a student, was shot as he walked home from a dance at Queen's University. On the 19th of May he and two friends were walking along the Springfield Road when a car pulled up alongside them and a gunman opened fire. It is believed that loyalists were behind the attack mistaking Adrian for a Catholic.

WILLIAM BEST
AGED 19
21st May, 1972
William was a soldier serving with the Royal Irish Rangers in Germany. He was home on leave visiting his family in the Creggan estate in Derry when he was abducted and shot dead by the Official IRA. His death caused such an outcry that it was a major factor in the Official IRA calling a ceasefire later the same month.

RICHARD OLIVER
AGED 46
21st May 1972
Mr Oliver was killed when he was struck by a telegraph pole, which had been knocked over by a bus hi-jacked by the UDA in the Ballysillan area of North Belfast.



William Hughes

WILLIAM HUGHES
AGED 56
22nd May, 1972
He was shot dead during an IRA gun attack on a car as it sat outside the parochial house in Moortown, Coagh. They IRA had mistaken it for an RUC vehicle.

JOHN MORAN
AGED 19
23rd May, 1972
Mr Moran died as a result of injuries received in a loyalist car bomb attack on Kelly's Bar on the Whiterock Road on the 13th of May. He was a student and had been working as a part time barman.



Eustace Hanley

EUSTANCE HANLEY
AGED 20
23rd May, 1972
Mr Hanley was a soldier in the King's Own Regiment who was shot dead by the IRA while he was guarding soldiers clearing barricades in Springhill Avenue in West Belfast.

ANDREW BRENNAN
AGED 26
23rd May, 1972
Mr Brennan was shot dead by a UDA gunman and he got out of his car outside his home at Sicily Park in the Lisburn Road area of South Belfast.

MARGARET YOUNG
AGED 60
26th May, 1972
Margaret was killed in a no warning car bomb attack in Oxford Street in Central Belfast. The IRA had placed a 100 lb device in a car, which devastated the area and injured over 40 people.

GERARD DUDDY
AGED 20
27th May, 1972
Shot dead by the UDA at the junction of Finaghy Park North and Riverdale Park

South after he had walked a girl to her home. One of the few Catholics who worked in the shipyard he had been threatened on a number of occasions.

JAMES TEER
AGED 21
28th May, 1972
Shot dead by members of the UVF who opened fire on James from a passing car on the Springfield Road.

JOHN NUGENT
AGED 31
28th May, 1972
Mr Nugent was one of eight people killed when an IRA bomb exploded prematurely in Anderson Street in the Short Strand area of East Belfast. Four of those killed were members of the IRA and the others civilians. An RUC inspector said that when he arrived at the street it was in 'complete devastation.' He said that at least 50 homes were badly damaged in the incident, which took place in the early hours of the morning.

GERALDINE McMAHON
AGED 17
28TH May, 1972
Geraldine was one of those killed in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

HARRY CRAWFORD
AGED 39
28th May, 1972
Harry was one of those killed in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

MARY CLARKE
AGED 27
28th May, 1972
Mary was one of those killed in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

JOSEPH FITZSIMMONS
AGED 17
28th May, 1972
Joseph was one of the IRA members who died in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

JACKIE McILHONE
AGED 17
28th May, 1972
Jackie was one of the IRA members who died in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

MARTIN ENGELEN
AGED 19
28th May, 1972
Martin was one of the IRA members who died in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

EDWARD McDONNELL
AGED 27
28th May, 1972
Edward was one of the IRA members who died in the premature explosion in Anderson Street.
See above.

THOMAS WARDLOW
AGED 34
29th May, 1972
Thomas was shot dead by members of the UVF near Wilson Street in the Shankill area of West Belfast. He had been on his way to a wake in the Unity Flats complex.

LEONARD McATEER
AGED 23
30th May, 1972
Shot dead by a farmer near Banbridge who was under the impression that his family were about to come under attack.



Joan Scott

JOAN SCOTT
AGED 12
30th May, 1972
Joan was fatally wounded during a gun attack on an RUC patrol in the Oldpark area of North Belfast. She had arrived from England to stay with a friend because she was homesick and was caught in the line of fire after going out with her friend for a walk. The IRA was almost certainly responsible.

MICHAEL BRUCE
AGED 27
31st May, 1972
IRA gunmen shot Michael, a soldier in the Royal Transport Corps, when they opened fire on his patrol from a passing car in the Andersonstown area of West Belfast. He was rushed to the nearby Musgrave Park Hospital where he died a short time later.

MARCEL DOGLAY
AGED 28
31st May, 1972
A soldier in the King's Regiment, Marcel was killed in an IRA bomb attack on the Springfield Road RUC barracks in West Belfast.

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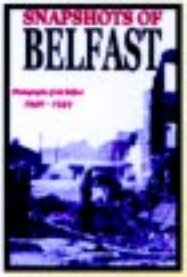



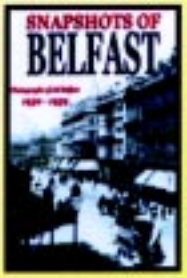





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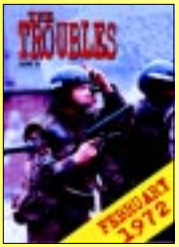

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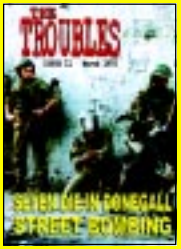

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