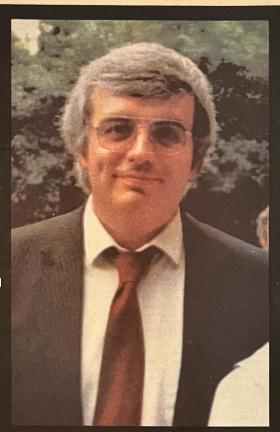
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Mick Timothy

Mick Timothy, editor of An Phoblacht/Republican News, died on January 26th. Mick's death is not only a keenly-felt personal loss to us but also a political loss to the republican cause.

See page 16 for a full funeral report and obituary by Rita O'Hare, a long-time friend and colleague of Mick Timothy. Rita has been appointed acting editor of AP/RN.



ANGUISH AND

EVERY YEAR since, our people have marched: be intimidated off our own the steadfast among those who were there in streets. A total of 31 peop-1972 and whose presence was not merely an occasion for opportunism; those who remember; and those who were then in their prams but who are now in their jeans and who regularly remind soldiers and the loyalist RUC alike that their jurisdiction runs thin through the Bogside.

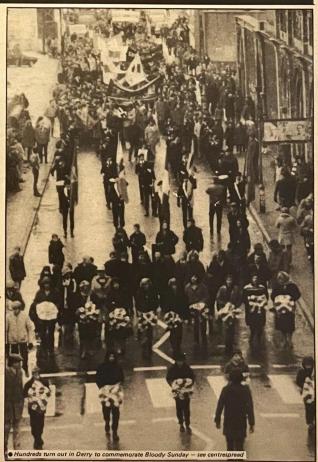
Every year since that Bloody Sunday, on Jan-uary 30th 1972, when it 'a united Ireland or

nothing', the faithful have marched through torrential rain or snow to demonstrate that we would not

le were shot that day but every marcher was a target.

Those who spilled the blood of young and old alike and fired the murderous shots were promoted and decorated. Those who were anguished and angered and moved by the sight of their brothers and sisters being cut down as secondclass citizens are now inclass citizens are now inthe graveyards or the prisons or are still there in
the ranks, planning, preparing, about to spring a
sound and just verdict
upon the heavily-armed
agents of British imperialism in Ireland ialism in Ireland.

We remember the deaths of those fourteen. We see no change except in laws more repressive than ternment and deadlier enemy fire-power. And we see no hope except in the liberation struggle of our people's army of Volun-teers — militarily and politically - fighting on all



OPINION

The rich get richer

AFTER WEEKS of speculation and leaks to the media, the provisions of the Coalition budget, which were announced on Wednesday this week, do nothing to close the economic gap between rich and poor in the twenty-six counties.

Indeed, the opposite is the case and the gap will now grow even wider, thanks to provisions which have been described as 'imaginative' by Coalition apologists.

The "radical restructuring" of the taxation system, as it was described by Coalition Finance Minister Alan Dukes, is a case in point.

scribed by Coalition Finance Minister Alan Dukes, is a case in point. Despite the juggling of figures in the creation of only three taxbands, there will be little financial gain for those in the lower and middle income brackets. For those wealthy people who were taxed at 65% before this, the reduction to the new top tax-band of 60% will, however, mean a substantial increase in already high incomes. And any gain that those on lower incomes might get will be cancelled out by the introduction of increased VAT on footwear and on other essentials such as clothing and fuel

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But if the gap has grown even wider between those people who have an income, then the real losers are the nearly 250,000 unemployed and their families. They too have to bear the burden of price increases on essential items but the paltry increases in benefit payments (which are totally inadequate anyway) leaves them, if any-thing, less able than before to make ends meet.

Nor is there any proposal in the budget to end this circle of

poverty. Unemployment is virtually ignored, as if that will make

It should not be forgotten, either, that this budget comes after three years of savage cutbacks in the supplementary benefits and services to which the most deprived unemployed were once grudg-

All in all then, the Coalition has introduced a budget which will make the rich richer and the poor poorer. The favourable reaction of big business to its provisions is proof enough of that.

The underlying principle of this budget is the same old story—that if you create more wealth for those who already have it then

This 'principle' has already been discredited, however, and, despite all the incentives which have been offered to them, the modern capitalists continue to invest in non-productive sectors of the economy such as property speculation, which create no jobs at all

The only remedy is for the state itself to create the jobs so desperately needed, but that is a remedy which will never be adopted by any Leinster House government.

ideach

THUG an Piarsach The Murder Machine ar an gcóras oideachais a bhí i réim in Éirinn lena linn agus bhunaigh sé Scoil Éanna chun chur ina gcoinne. Theagasc sé go raibh córas nua ag teastáil. Chreid an pobal san am go ndéanfaí dul chun cinn mór dá mbeadh stát dár gcuid féin acu.

I ndiaidh bunú an stáit sna sé chontae fichead, ghabh an Eaglais agus fórsaí coimeádacha greim ar an gcóras oideachais agus go dtí an lá seo tá an córas i gcrúba na bhfórsaí céanna. Taispeánadh n anuraidh nuair a caitheadh Eileen Flynn as a post.

Is minic Gaeilgeoirí ag cáineadh na scoileanna de bharr a dteip dteasgasc na Gaeilge. Díreach cosúil leis an bPiarsach, tá siad ag bunú a scoileanna féin le freastal ar a bpáistí.

Cáineann ceardchumainn na múinteoirí an rialtas as an ngearadh siar ar an méid airgid atá ar fáil d'oideachas. Is minic polaiteoirí ag maíomh as a mhéid daoine óga is atá sa tír. Sin loighic duit

Ó bunaíodh an córas tá múinteoirí an gearán mar gheall ar anganna a bheith ró-mhór agus an faillí a deineadh in oideachas íocshláinteach. Glactar leis anois, go bhfuil, mar thoradh ar seo, céad míle duine sa stát agus deacrachtaí leitheoireachta acu.

Aithnítear go bhfuil fadhbanna móra le sárú i ngach gné den gcóras oideachais ach go dtí seo is beag dul chun cinn atá déanta.

Is fiú is dóigh liom sracfhéachaint a thabhairt ar ar thárla i Nicearagua. Nuair a tháinig an FSLN i gcumhacht, chuir siad chun oibre láithreach chun litearthacht a thabhairt don bpobal. Ná déanaimís dearmad ach an oiread go raibh an tír faoi ionsaí míleata agus go raibh airgead gann. Ach thuigeadar gur ceart bunúsach is ea oid-

Níl ach an t-aon rud amháin le clos ós na polaiteoirí anseo agus sin é go bhfuil airgead gann. Ní leor sin mar mhíniú. Tar éis an tsaoil tá na céadtha milliún acu leis an teorainn Sasanach a chosaint.



Hurd defends UNR

SPITE OF an increasing political storm surrounding the UDR, British direct-ruler Douglas Hurd spent the greater part of a well-publicised visit to Warrenpoint in County Down on Wednesday, January 30th, defending the regiment's record and refuting allegations that it is a sectarian force.

On the same day, three mem-bers of the regiment from the now infamous Drumadd Barracks in Armagh were being questioned about the kidnapping on Sunday night, January 27th, of the wife of an Armagh businessman.

To calls for the disbandment of the UDR, Hurd replied:

"I have said many times that the UDR are an essential part of the security forces and that for the foreseeable future they will remain essential." However, Hurd kept alive for the SDLP the possibility of a cosmetic change in the status of the UDR when he pointed out that "security policy is never static"

Such a move, involving most of the regiment's personnel transfer-ring into the RUC, with the remainder going into the British army proper, has been floated in recent weeks as a possible bargaining ploy to secure SDLP collaboration with some sort of British initiative aimed at an internal settlement.





sold its Jetfoil, Cu na Mara, at a loss of £2½million (when a second offer on the vessel would have meant the stateowned company making no financial loss), we have learned that the company which clinched the deal - and which now stands to make a huge profit - is owned by multimillionaire Tony Ryan.

In our original report, we correctly identified the buyer as Irelandia Investments Limited. While the purchase deal was apparently signed with them before a higher offer was received, it was not concluded until mid-January, some weeks after a much larger offer of £7½million had been made to B+I through a firm of solicitors who, it is believed, represented Chinese

Although we identified the directors of Irelandia Investments as Thomas Anthony Ryan, Dec-lan Francis Ryan and Eugene O'Neill, we could not get further information on the Ryans before publication.

In the past week we have discovered, contrary to our denial that Tony Ryan of Guinness Peat Aviation was involved in the deal, that the Thomas Anthony Ryan we mentioned is, in fact, the same Tony Ryan.

ASSOCIATED

Furthermore, we have learned that Dublin man Eugene O'Neill has been closely associated with Ryan in recent years and that he was managing director of the Sunday Tribune during Ryan's involvement with that paper

Meanwhile, the disturbing loss of millions of pounds of taxloss or millions of pounds of tax-payers' money by B+I remains unexplained as the state-owned company still remains tight-lip-ped about a deal which appears to have seriously backfired on



COALITION BLUR

WITH their long Christmas holiday over, the Leinster House government got back to business last week and, almost immediately, became involved in internal wrangling which threatened to tear the Fine Gael/Labour Coalition apart.

our Party's beloved National Development Corporation (NDC), and the statement by Fine Gael Industry Minister John Bruton that before any government money put into an industrial enterprise under the proposed scheme, a "pre-defined" time for the project to private selling enterprise would have to be ag-

Bruton's statement, which reflects the 'free enterprise at any cost' mentality of his party, was made in Leinster House on Tueshis Labour partners in govern January 22nd. Next day, ment were frothing at the mouth and preparing to engage in what one news report described as "the most serious ideological Cabinet battle since the formation of the present government'

Ruairi Quinn, Coalition Minister for Labour, replied to Bru-ton that the NDC is "a crucial part of Labour policy" and it was pointed out that the scheme vas the major element in the abour Party's contribution to the programme for government agreed between the two parties

agreed between the two parties in November 1982.

Despite their loud protests that "no commercial enterprise would allow itself to be deprived of essential flexible. deprived of essential flexi-bility by deciding ... that it was going to sell off its investments at a specific time", members of the Labour Party did not rule out the eventual sale of such projects. And given Labour's silence following recent closures of stateowned industries by the Coalition, their commitment to this sector can, at 'watery'. best, be described as

THREATS

But as if to reassure their dwindling band of followers, Labour Party representatives issued dire threats to their Coalition colleagues, with Frank Clus-key warning of some "very serious repercussions" should Fine Gael

The row centred on the Lab- fail to honour the terms of the joint programme for government.

The best that Labour Party leader Dick Spring could manage, however, was to inform Garret FitzGerald that he was "unhappy" with Bruton's statement. Rather than disown Bruton's remarks, however. Fine Gael played down the row, pat-ronisingly referring to the "fool-ishness" of having a divisive controversy on the issue. Having won no retraction, the junior partner's threat of "very serious reperthreat of "very serious reper-cussions" naturally came to nothing.

There was no disagreement between the Coalition partners, disagreement however, on their attitude to the British Prevention of Ter-rorism Act' (PTA), nor Foreign Affairs Minister Peter Barry's re-

markable statement last week:
"I hope that we never have to introduce legislation whereby peo ple can vanish from the streets for 48 hours."

Barry is apparently blissfully unaware of the operation of the Offences Against the State Act which has legalised the disappearance for 48 hours of thousands of Irish people — at least 90% of whom are released with. 90% of whom are released without charge. Nor can he be aware of the seven-day detention period introduced by a Coalition Cab-inet, of which he was a member, back in 1975.

GULLIBILITY

This lapse of memory was surpassed only by Barry's gulli-bility when he announced in Leinster House that the British had 'assured his department' that there was no question of dis-crimination against Irish citizens in the operation of the PTA.

Further still, he gave the green light to further repression of the Irish in Britain by announcing that it was a matter for British governments to choose what methods they would use to 'protect themselves against terrorism'.

And, as if to emphasise how little his government knows or



cares about the extent of harass-ment which Irish citizens suffer in Britain, Barry told indepen-dent deputy Tony Gregory that it would not be possible to detail the number of people 'assisted' by the Free State Department of Foreign Affairs, while they

of Foreign Affairs, while they were detained under the Act.
Nor, apparently, is it possible for the Coalition government to introduce the family planning legislation which has been promised since they came to office. Aware that many of their own deputies, including Oliver J. Flan-agan and Alice Glenn, would esert to Fianna Fail to defeat the measure, the Fine Gael/Labour Cabinet has not included family planning in the list of 'legislative priorities', according to a report in the *Irish Press* on Friday, January 25th.

CONDONED

Controversy arose again last weekend following a speech by Communications Minister Jim Mitin which he condoned an incident in Dublin, on Friday, dead a person who was allegedly burgling his house.

Besides voicing an "overwhelming sympathy for, and identi-fication with, the family who ere the victims of this break-in' Mitchell, who was justice minister in the last Coalition government, virtually dismissed research into crime and the penal system as "excusing and, in the process, encouraging crime".

Mitchell's support for 'self-defence' in the case of crimes

against property was echoed by his colleagues throughout the weekend — a point which will be noted by those people of little or no property in the flats complexes of Dublin who have been so vilified by those same politicians for daring to defend their children from the scourge of heroin.

Besides the politicians who voiced support for Mitchell — whose presumption of the dead man's guilt they did not question - Jack Marrinan, spokesperson for the Garda Representative As-



sociation, was, predictably, very quick to use the occasion to suggest that even more garda powers are necessary.

MYTH
The "crime upsurge" which was used to promote the Criminal Justice Bill (now enacted), has, it appears, begun again, if we are to believe Mar-rinan. With the establishment politicians and the media actively promoting this myth, we can undoubtedly ex-pect an extension of the powers of arrest and detention, which the gardai have already secured.

While most political coverage in the twenty-six counties since the week-end related to the expected provisions end related to the expected provisions of Wednesday's budget, Fianna Fail leader Charles Haughey provided a brief interduce on Saturday when he attended the O'Doherty clan gathering in County Donegal.

During his stay, he paid a visit to the Donegal/Derry border where he shook hands with members of the RUC, the same sectarian force which has murdered dozens of nationalist civilians and harassed and tortured

civilians and harassed and tortured thousands more, all to defend British rule in the six counter rule in the six counties — the same RUC indeed which Haughey's father, as a member of the IRA in South

Derry, fought against.
Republicans could, therefore, be excused for wondering at the mental gymnastics of the same Charles Haughey who, on Wednesday this week Leinster House, screamed that UDR should be disbanded. And doubt, if they all joined the RUC, then Haughey would be up to shake

Unionists divided on tactics

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

ON Wednesday, January 23rd, Official Unionist MP John Taylor lashed Cardinal O Fiaich, calling him embarrassment to moderate "a religious ogre" and Catholics", "an obstacle to church unity in Northern Ireland".

Of Taylor's party colleagues, only Robert McCartney bothered to apologise, and the following Sunday, Taylor was admonished by Bishop Empey of the Church of Ireland.

On the same day as Taylor's denunciation, Bishop Cahal Daly announced that he had declined the invitation of the Assembly's devolution committee to address them on the subject of "Catholic alienation". Daly, for once, had decided to forego the opportunity of a political platform, probably realising that it was prudent to tread where nationalist elected representatives refused to go.



Predictably, Daly's refusal provided the cue for unionists to indulge in some more

priest-bashing. Relatively unaccustomed to being at the receiving end, a worried Daly warned of "ominous signs of a new buildup of sectarian tension

'MAGNANIMOUS'

But apart from those typical unionist outbursts, there is now a clear division in the unionist camp on the tactics to adopt in order to secure the return to a devolved Stormont government. While the OUP has been making appeasing noises towards the SDLP, the DUP seems to have decided that it is has been 'magnanimous' for long enough and that it is time to go on the

Last week, the OUP gave a guarded welcome to direct-ruler Hurd's proposal of a consultative role for Dublin, but the DUP refused even that, calling it "joint sovereignty by stealth". The DUP later accused Hurd of granting the SDLP a "veto on all progress" because of a British offer to the SDLP of equal weight on some advisors. visory commissions - incidentally, another

lure to the SDLP to take part in an internal settlement.
While the OUP leader James Molyneaux

lightly dismissed the SDLP's call for a dis-banding of the UDR as "conference rhet-oric", the DUP claimed that the SDLP were doing the IRA's work for them.

Finally, on Tuesday, January 29th, the OUP repeated its invitation to the SDLP to take part in talks and accused the British government of trying to sabotage the talks with its allusions to Dublin's consultative role. It is the SDLP which is sabotaging the talks with its excessive demands, Paisley retorted.

But whatever the differences, the unionist parties remain unanimous on their ulti-mate goal. The SDLP boycott, at most a minor irritant, can be used by unionists to prove to the Brits how intransigent those nationalists are

Then, the unionists hope, the Brits will be persuaded to devolve power back to them, with or without the consent of the



BY BRENDAN KERR

'RATIONALISATION' is viewed by many people as a euphemism for enforced redundancies and riding roughshod over workers' rights. Nowhere is this so clearly borne out than at Winstanley's shoe manu-facturers in Dublin's Liberties area, where 67 FWUI members are staging a sit-in.

The workforce have been more than co-operative with management's so-called 'survival plan' in the past, having already accepted 73 redundancies, agreed to a four-month trial period for a new wages scheme/work practices and then extending it for another four months before being rejected by the shop-floor.

Following this democratic decision of the workers, management issued an ultimatum that either the new scheme be completely accepted by last Monday, January 28th, or the factory would be closed down (three workers have already been sacked for rejecting this blackmail).

Having had enough liberties taken with them already, the entire work-force occupied the premises in protest.

Management are meeting as AP/RN goes to press (Thursday).

Eve of budget talks on a wage agree-ment between public sector trade unions and the Coalition government broke down on Monday.

The union side - representing 150,000 workers - said that the government had made no proposals or indicated whether or not they were prepared to accept Labour Court recommendations where acceptable to the workers.

Thirty-five ITGWU members are on strike at the British-owned Radionics plant in Rialto, Dublin, after being locked out when they refused to sign a docu-ment allowing searches of purses, bags and cars to help combat alleged thefts.

Members of management were not asked to sign the 'search authorisation'

The workers' co-operative at the Molins engineering factory have three weeks left of a four-week 'reprieve' won after an occupation - to make the

TAKING

plant 'viable' following talks with the Industrial Development Board. There are 400 jobs at stake.

Management at Gillette's distributive centre in Tallaght, County Dublin, have locked out 20 workers, members of the MPGWU, who have refused to discontinue their three-week-old work-to-rule. The dispute is over dismissals and changes in work practices.

The Clarkes (Ireland) shoe factory in Dundalk is to close, with the loss of 365 jobs, despite management claims last week that any talk of closure was 'news' to them.

Over 750 Telecom Eireann technicians, who maintain trunk and international telephone and telex services, have called on their union, the IPOEU, to issue strike notice, effective from February 25th, if there is no improvement in pay negotiations.

Twenty of the 270 workers who were made redundant at the Atari computers plant in Limerick are continuing their sit-in. They are demanding a replacement industry.

Sligo is to lose 19 jobs when the Western Wholesale Co Ltd transfers to Ballyshannon.

The threat to close the Daily Mirror offices in Dublin and Belfast, putting at risk 15 jobs, has been temporarily lifted

following representations by the National Union of Journalists.

The anti-apartheid strike at Dunnes Stores, Henry Street, Dublin, enters it 29th week.

Free State Industry Minister John Bruton has admitted that there are 380 Industrial Development Authority factories lying idle. However, he dodged questions as to what, if anything, the Coalition plans to do with them.

Pay talks between the ESB and unions representing 12,500 workers collapsed on Thursday of last week, January 24th.

Noritake, the Japanese-owned por-celain factory in Arklow, County Wick-low, is to close in March with the loss of 135 jobs. The company used to employ over 500 people.

The CIE strike in Galway goes into its third week.

Up to 250 workers at the Cork Marts/ IMP plant in Leixlip, County Kildare, are facing lay-offs as a result of Canadian government restrictions on beef imports.

About 100 CIE workers in Galway have been laid off by management.

The sit-in at Dunnes Stores' Wexford branch continues. The 50 workers have

been occupying the store since Octobe 26th in pursuit of their Christmas 1983 bonus.

The two-year-old occupation of Kingdom Tubes in Tralee continues.

A meeting of over 100 workers last

week denounced the Free State Labour Party leader and Leinster House deputy for the area, Dick Spring, for his hollow promises of last year of a replacement company and for his lack of action.

About 600 people marched in Belfast last Saturday, January 26th, in solidarity with the striking British miners.

The demonstration, organised by Belfast Trades Council, heard Eric Clarke, general secretary of the Scottish National Union of Mineworkers, say:

"We know perfectly well that the police tactics used against miners were perfected here first."

£1,500 was collected for the miners' hardship fund.

The Swedish-owned Klostertafflen company which manufactures footwear in its factory in Kanturk, County Cork, closed on January 25th with the loss of 22 jobs.

Payment of back wages and holiday pay is being demanded by workers who are occupying the liquidated Thompson's bakery in Cork city.

Fourteen postal workers in Clondalkin, County Dublin, are on strike due to a dispute about overtime payments during the recent bad weather.

Workers at Tralee's Lee Strand Creamery are in the fourth month of their strike over a 16% wage claim.

The 80 craftsmen at Premier Dairies, Dublin, who have been on strike for eight weeks seeking pay parity, have returned to work following a Labour Court hearing on Monday.

And 'rationalisation' claims more victims, this time at Connacht Mineral Water Ltd. Three workers are to lose their jobs and the rest of the workforce have to be placed on short-time.

BY HILDA MacTHOMAS

AT the SDLP's 14th annual conference in Belfast last weekend the party leadership predictably and easily obtained delegates' approval for its designs: continued support for the Forum report, no electoral pacts with Sinn Fein next May, and a 'hardening' of the nationalistic posture at the end of last year.

But the 1985 conference will also be remembered for its total, though not unusual, absence of real debate, a smaller number of delegates and in particular of young delegates, and a marked lack of enthusiasm from the floor.

Gone are the heady days of the New Ireland Forum, buried is last year's prom-ise of a "historic breakthrough". Buried last November at Chequers, to be precise.

CONTENT

If it all looked staunch and principled on the agenda, the content of the speeches would not fail to reveal the middleclass and rather reactionary nature of the SDLP. Only one woman spoke on stripsearches in Armagh: Brid Rogers.

In fact Brid Rogers spoke on practically

everything, but this could hardly conceal the dearth of women speakers.

There were women on the executive platform, but they seemed to confine themselves to ferrying drinks across from the bar to thirsty male colleagues.

The prison issue could "fester" and "spill over into civil strife", one Lenadoon delegate warned. The "girls" in Armagh had got "caught up in the violence", another patronised.

IRONY

'We in our middle-class existence could not appreciate the injustices of the ghetto", he added without a trace of irony.

The whole discussion on 'administration justice' had started with an attempt by Belfast solicitor Paschal O'Hare to have extradition discussed first — a move stratuloii and opposed by an SDLP executive fearful of allowing public criticism of their Free State allies, some of whom attended the conference.

In the end, extradition was not dis-

The Flags and Emblems Act, made topical not by the SDLP efforts but by the continued defiance of republican people, was the object of another bout of verbalising by the delegates

Equal status for the Union Jack and the Tricolour, they asked.
Would the SDLP then go back into the

Assembly if both flags flew over Stormont?
"Wo," Paschal O'Hare was at pains to point out, "we are not asking for crumbs from the British table."

THEMES

This in fact was one of the themes of this year's SDLP conference: time and again senior SDLP members came to the rostrum to reassure everyone that they were not about to sell out for some dubious package of reforms like the repeal of the Flags and Emblems Act.
The motion on the UDR was Seamus

Mallon's own, and allowed him to waffle at length on the irreformability of the UDR (they even harassed him), the "greatest single factor of alienation among the nationalist community on the ground in Northern Ireland".

The SDLP could not "sell a settlement and support of law and order" to the people of South Armagh without the end of the UDR, Mallon declared, insisting in the same breath that the SDLP did not view the disbandment of the UDR as part of a settlement, but as "a right". There was a time when all these reforms would have been enough, Hugh Logue added,

All speeches included the obligatory condemnation of the ki

"The greatest recruiting agency the IRA have", is how the UDR was frequently described, by the delegates of a party which allowed an ex-UDR major to become the MP for Bobby Sands' former constituency.

WOMEN

Rape, and indeed women's affairs, have never loomed large in the SDLP's





Free State Justice Minister Michael Noonan and deputy-premier Dick Spring enjoying the hospitality their fellow constitutional nationalist' hosts at the SDLP conference

collective mind. And the appearance this year of two motions supporting the cam-paign of the Belfast Rape Crisis Centre. can by attributed as much to pressure from Sinn Fein as to the lobbying by the centre.

Denis Haughey was delegated by the LP executive to propose the motion and by his seniority ensure that there would be no embarrassing giggles or outbursts from the floor.

One woman spoke — the second to speak at all! The SDLP's current position on women was "quite appalling", she said, to applause.

The document on justice was adopted the next day. Described by its author as a "study of alienation from the legal system in Northern Ireland", it caused little debate, apart from two young Belfast delegates who called such study "naive".

Seamus Mallon used the opportunity

to call for an amnesty for all prisoners. "This would hit at the very roots of para-military organisations", he said, quoting

The previous day, the outgoing party chairperson, Sean Farren, had accused the IRA of "trapping" the courts and the RUC into "abdicating their responsibilities" for the protection of human rights".

BASHING

Indeed, no SDLP conference would be complete without Sinn Fein-bashing, and 1985 was no exception. John Hume, in his Saturday address, spent quite some time attacking the use of force by the IRA: "violence" was "irresponsible", Catholics bore the brunt of it, and there was no victory in sight.

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Hume's shaky argument was certainly
good enough for the SDLP faithful, but
how will it be received by ordinary nationalists who have seen the IRA become
more selective in its operations, who know that the loyalist boot was on their neck

regardless of whether there was an IRA or not, and who have witnessed the fail-ure of constitutional nationalists in securing a victory?
For those nationalists, Hume's words

will not be good enough this time.

Even within SDLP ranks, unanimity was not complete when it came to rejecting pacts with Sinn Fein.

REJECTION

SDLP chief whip Eddie McGrady proposed a rejection of "any pact, alliance or understanding with any group" which did not reject violence. He explained that this meant pacts both before and after the elections.

But Hugh Logue from Derry quickly pointed to Free State parties co-operating with Sinn Fein at council level. A delegate pointed to "state violence", another said he preferred any member of Sinn Fein to the likes of Fermanagh unionist Raymond Ferguson.

Few senior SDLP members were present through the debate.

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The press, however, was there in force.
To cut short an embarrassing wrangle,
McGrady came back to re-interpret his
motion as referring only to "electoral
pacts" not to what would happen in the
councils afterwards. The motion was carried, with a few against and many abstentions.

FORUM

The conference found a greater un-animity, however, when it refused to spend

much time discussing the Forum report.

In spite of grand speeches about this "historical document" and its "pivotal" role", in spite of Hume's attempts to convince the rank and file that the Forum report would bear fruit, in spite of a lengthy motion from the SDLP executive

report, the delegates decided to cut the debate short.

Hume's poor performance might have been a factor. Watching your party leader flog a dead horse for over half-an-hour is ntog a dead norse for over inaliariant out.

not the most uplifting experience. Delegates were expecting some Thatcherbashing. "Mrs Thatcher told me that Northern Ireland is one of the priorities for her government...", Hume said.

Laughter, But Hume was serious.

He continued: "Does arruge think

He continued: "Does anyone think that it would be so were it not for the Forum?" At that point he must have lost the rest of the delegates.

DOWNHILL

Nothing he could say, not even the embarrassingly long list of quotations from the "serious international press", could stop the delegates from feeling that the SDLP had staked all on the Forum report, and it had lost, and that was that. After this, and the debate on pacts with Sinn Fein, the attendance went downhill to clos-

The leader's 'charisma' had been found wanting. The "high ground of nationalism" looked more like the gutter.

There was little else of note. A trite document was passed on the Fair Employment Agency.

There were embarrassed giggles when Belfast Councillor Cormac Boomer said he "no difference between Margaret Thatcher and Arthur Scargill".

UNIONISTS

And delegates were told that there would be informal talks with unionists. Such was Hume's will - although Eddie McGrady expressed reservations: better to wait until after the next Anglo-Irish

As for the "youngest executive of any party in Ireland", in Farren's words, well, many were quite young, unknown and inexperienced. Hume's pawns, or budding political careerists: next year will tell. But this SDLP 'paranoia' on youth could not hide the fact that there were fewer young oldenates than in 1994. fewer young delegates than in 1984.

Media comments ranged from pessimism to sycophantic praise. For the Belfast Telegraph, the conference "underlined the fundamental gap between the unionist and nationalist positions". with direct rule the only answer. "The SDLP put a brave face on things" after the Chequers "fiasco", the Irish Press wrote.

DISSOLVED

As for the Irish Times and the Irish News, they dissolved in praise for John Hume, "Opportunity Knocks", the Irish News ludicrously headlined.

Last year, Seamus Mallon had warned that Last year, Seamus Mallon had warned that if the Forum report was a "Day of dolly mid-tures", that would spell disaster for constitutional nationalism. The report was that; furthermore, Thather rejected it six months later.

Now Mallon warns that if the next summit falls to bring a new initiative, that will be the end of the SDLP.

Mallon's warning have a ring of truth, but

[Mallon's warnings have a ring of truth, but it is well to remember that next May Sinn Fein will be facing a party whose strength does not come from its achievements but rather from its being a "respectable alternative to the IRA", and the party of the Catholic, nationalist middle-clake.

UR MURDERER JA

A FULL-TIME member of the UDR who pleaded guilty to the murder of Armagh Sinn Fein activist Peter Corrigan in October 1982, and to a series of other sectarian attacks in the city, was sentenced to life imprisonment in a Belfast court last Friday, January 25th.

However, trial judge Murray imposed recommendation on the length which soldier, Geoffrey Edwards from Drumadd Barracks in Armagh, should serve in

Edwards pleaded guilty to murdering 47-year-old Peter Corrigan, father of 11 children, who was shot dead as he was making his regular fortnightly journey from his home in the nationalist Drumbreda estate to the local unemployment office.

The car used in the murder had been brought to Armagh from Belfast on the morning of the attack with no hindrance from numerous UDR and RUC check-

GUILTY

Edwards also pleaded guilty to 18 other



offences, including six attempted murders, one of which involved a second Sinn Fein election worker, Kevin Trainor, who was shot and wounded on his way from the same unemployment office on March

Ten days later, Edwards was involved in another attack on members of the Trainor family. Kevin Trainor's cousin Emmet Trainor, his of six-year-old son Dermot and a neighbour, Peter Rafferty, when a boobytrap bomb attached to Trainor's car exploded.

Admitting involvement in these and other crimes, Edwards implied that more UDR soldiers besides himself were involved, when he said that it was 'more than his life was worth' to give names.

RHETORIC

Despite the number and the serious nature of Edwards' crimes and despite the rhetoric which Judge Murray used to denounce them, the UDR soldier was given a relatively short sentence — short, that is, when compared to the savage sentences meted out to nationalists for less serious

Jim McAllister, Sinn Fein elected representative for the area, said in a statement:

"The arrest of Drumadd Barracks in a soldiers from Drumadd Barracks in a soldiers from Drumadd Barracks in a obvious attempt by the RUC to give obvious attempt of that only a few UDR spurious Impression that only a few UDR (that annies' were involved in were involved in sectarian 'bad apples' were invested in sectarian attacks, and that they, the RUC, are on

attacks, and top of the situation.

'The reality is that Edwards is a sca goat, a convenient way for the RUC to goat, a convenient way for the AUC to clear their books and at the same time attempt to claim some credibility nationalist community for 'solved' these crimes.

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"However, all of the available evidence
points to a large-scale UDR involvement
in sectarian attacks and RUC connivance

SECTARIAN

"The UDR and RUC are both sectarian forces dedicated to the preservation of unionist supremacy. Political considerations may mean occasionally sacrificing a Gent

may mean occasionary according a Geof-frey Edwards'.

However, for the nationalist com-munity, only the total disbandment of both forces and the Northern state they defend, will resolve this problem.

ATTEMPTS have been made to change the usual stripsearch procedure carried out in Long Kesh.

Lurgan man Damian McCann was returning to H5 after a visit on January 9th, when he was on January 9th, when he was singled out for a strip-search. Us-ually, this entails the removal of all clothing except underpants. In a statement from Long Kesh, the

prisoners say:
"On this occasion, however, Damian McCann was ordered to all his clothes and stand naked for scrutiny by all Screws present. He stated that he was willing to comply with the normal search procedure but refused to be subjected to the degrading and perverse search being inflicted on him. He was immediately charged and sentenced to three days in the punishment cells.

"The following day, Screws tried to inflict a similar strip-search on Harry Murray, from Lenadoon in West Belfast, when he was going out on a visit. He, too, refused to comply with the Screws' humiliating demand and was immediately taken to the punishment block. There he was

forcibly strip-searched and sentenced to three days cellular confinement.

"Nothing was found during either search but both men were punished and Harry Murray was denied the visit with his wife and children.

"This is the answer of the NIO to concerned people who have protested at the degrading searches of women prisoners in Armagh

– an escalation of the same humiliating procedure in Long Kesh. Strip-searching has clearly nothing to do with prison security but is a means by which the Screws and the NIO degrade and humiliate prisoners and punish them for trying to preserve some dignity.

STATEMENT

The Portlaoise Prisoners Relatives Action Committee, in a statement released on January 29th has given a cautious welcome to Free State Justice Minister Michael Noonan's decision on stripsearching.

"Republican prisoners in Port-laoise Jail have been informed by the governor, William O'Reilly, of the decision by Justice Minister Michael Noonan that as from Fri-day last, January 25th, the strip-searches being carried out in the jail would no longer include the degrading anal search. Up to now prisoners, when stripped naked, were required to bend over and be probed by prison warders.

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Protests against the degrading practice of strip-searching conti

'We welcome this change for the better, but remain mindful of

the fact that, as with all other practices within the jail, it can be changed at the whim of the gov-

ernor. We also remain opposed to strip-searching of any kind. "We will continue to step up our campaign to put pressure on Michael Noonan so that we may be afforded the facility of physical contact with our prisoners, i.e. open visits.

"We are also becoming increasingly concerned at the continued imprisonment of Mick Kinsella from Monaghan, whose mental

health deteriorates daily

Conditions in Portlaoise Prison and the demands of the prisoners were highlighted in Cork on consecutive Saturdays, January 12th, 19th and 26th.

A photographic exhibition was A pnotographic exhibition was set up in Daunt's Square, Cork city, and over 1,000 signatures were collected for the petition in support of the prisoners. During the display on Saturday 19th, a prisoner's relative gave a detailed account of witting order.

detailed account of visiting conditions in the prison.

RUC had attempted to recruit interrogators.



SINN FEIN in County Fermanagh has strongly criticised a series of arrests in and around the Lisnaskea/Donagh area, in which five teenagers, two of them under 16 years old, have been lifted in dawn swoops and held in Gough Barracks,

Armagh, under seven-day detention orders.

One of the first arrested was brought to Gough Barracks on 16-year-old Paul Smyth who was Monday, January 21st. Four days



later he was charged with a number of serious offences including the killing of a UDR soldier in 1982. At the time of the alleged offence Smyth was only 12 years

Of the other youths arrested, two were only 17 years old. But two were only 17 years old. But on Friday, January 25th, the RUC went even further by arresting Declan Murray (14), and P.J. McCrudden (15), both under sevenday datastics order.

en-day detention orders.

A further three people arres-A further three people arres-ted and taken to Gough Barracks from the Lisnaskea area included Kathleen Gleeson, a well-known Sinn Fein activist in Fermanagh. This is her third seven-day arrest in recent months. in recent months.

LOCALS

Two other locals, Patrick Mark-ey and Colin McCaffrey, were also arrested and, following his release, Markey alleged that the

him as a paid informer. He had been given a phone number and a name to contact by his RUC

This is the latest of a series of attempts by the RUC to intimidate or bribe people in this area to give information about the movements of republican ectivists. In a streament confirming vists. In a statement condemning this practice and the arrest of last week, Owen Carron, Sinn Fein elected representative for the

"The RUC obviously intends to use arrests of this nature to recruit paid agents. Young people are always vulnerable in this type of situation, and there have been many documented cases since the early 1970s of schoolchildren beginning the common control of the control being intimidated into becoming agents by the RUC and Brits."

Sectarian attacks

BY JANE PLUNKETT

FOUR nationalists were injured and several others narrowly escaped death weekend in two separate sectarian attacks on families in the Short Strand area of East Belfast. The most serious casualties were a 21-year-old woman, shot in the leg, and a middle-aged fathereven, who suffered multiple stab wounds.

The first attack took place on Friday night, January 25th, at about 9.30pm, on the Rennick family, whose Albertbridge Road e is separated only by a road from the surrounding loyalist areas. Mother-of-five Mary Rennick was sitting watching television with her daughters Cather-ine (23) and Jacqueline (21) and a family friend, when there was a knock on the front door.

The women wrongly assumed it was children collecting money and their friend went to answer

it. Mary Rennick recalls:
"I'll never forget her screams
in the hall, she was trying to warn us. She came back in and two men came in behind her wearing balaclavas. They each had a gun. They didn't say a word, they just stood there and looked all around twice and then started shooting."

The loyalists fired first at Jacqueline, wounding her in the leg. Another bullet narrowly missed her friend who had dived for cover behind the settee. The murder gang then fired two shots at Mary Rennick, one of which lodged in her armchair. The other burst the radiator behind her. flooding the room.

The attackers then left, closing the front door and gate behind them, before running across the road into the loyalist Woodstock

All four women were severely shaken by their ordeal. Jacque-line, who had started work in health service three weeks previously, after being unemploy





ed for two years, is still detained

CALCULATED This calculated sectarian shoot-

ing was followed 24 hours later by an attack on the Bradley family, who live at Clandeboye ily, who live at Clandeboye Drive. At 9.30pm, there was a knock at the front door and 52-

year-old Agnes Bradley, assuming the caller was her married daugh ter Margaret Bennett, whom she was expecting, opened the door.

'Straightaway he just grabbed me. I tackled him, then he hit me in the eye. He knocked me down and kicked me.

Her husband, Robert Bradley (48), who is deaf, did not hear the commotion. He was caught unawares as the knife-wielding loyalist burst into the livingroom and quickly pinned him down, shouting "die, you Fenian bastard, die", as he knifed him. Robert Bradley suffered six stab wounds, to the face, neck and

He was saved from death by his 19-year-old son who rushed downstairs, pulled the intruder away and, despite himself suffer-ing gashes to his chest and fingmanaged to disarm the loy-

The attacker fled from the house, stumbling on the ice just as Mrs Bradley's daughter app-Alerted by the screams of her 12-year-old brother Carlo, Margaret Bennett forcefully struck loyalist with a bottle. He into a garden, but was eventually spotted by neighbours

According to local people, two other loyalists were seen in the area but they escaped.

On Monday, January 28th, the youth, named as Alan Carter, of Paxton Street in the loyalist Albertbridge area, appeared in court charged with attempted murder.

CONVINCED

Many Short Strand residents are convinced that were it not for the actions of the Bradley family the attacker would have caped, notwithstanding the fact nat Mountpottinger RUC Barracks is at the end of the street.

They point out that when the RUC came on the scene, they made no attempt to search even the immediate area. By contrast in the past, when engaged in ar-bitrary harassment of the local nationalist population, the RUC have sealed off the tiny Short Strand and searched it street by

One locally-based RUC man is currently out on bail charged with the sectarian killing of 18-yearold Tony Dawson in December 1983, in a blatant attack outside

Mountpottinger Barracks.

But nationalists this week pointed out that in the vast majority of cases, particularly in the Short Strand where dozens of sectarian attacks have taken place, the RUC have failed both to prevent such attacks or to detain the culprits, despite their extensive network of sophisticated surveillance equipment and customary heavy presence in nationalist

Several members of the Bradley family have been victims of sectarian attacks. Robert Brad-ley's deafness dates from a loyalist bomb attack on the Strand Bar in 1975 in which six people were killed. He was seriously injured and has not worked since. His elderly father was killed in 1971 when McGurk's bar in the New Lodge area was blown up.
These two latest attacks were

condemned by local Sinn Fein spokesperson Joe O'Donnell, who pointed out that recent sectarian outbursts by loyalist politicians served as a 'green light' for murder gangs, O'Donnell warned.

"Sinn Fein would advise nat-ionalists to take sensible precautions at all times and, in par-ticular, never to answer the door, or even approach it, until they have first checked the identity of the caller."

BY JANE PLUNKETT

THE SHOW-TRIAL began this week the of 28 nationalists charged on sole word of Belfastman Harry Kirk-

As the RUC's latest paid-perjurer As the HUU's latest paid-perjurer show-trial got underway on Monday morning, the defendants were re-arraigned on nearly 200 charges, including killings, attempted killings and INLA membership. Ship.
Outside Crumlin Road Courthouse, a

picket organised by the Stop the Show-Trials group was joined by members of the American Indian Movement delegation which is currently visiting the six coun-ties

Most of the defendants are from Belmust of the detendants are from bel-fast and most have been detained since May 1983, when Kirkpatrick, himself having been incriminated by two men, Jackle Goodman and Robert McAllister, agreed under RUC pressure to implicate others.

EXCHANGE

McAllister and Goodman, in exchange

for their perjured evidence - which both subsequently retracted — were given immunity by the RUC from prosecution.

In addition to a substantial sum of money, the deal with Kirkpatrick involved a reduced jail term. Though at his trial in June 1983 he was given five life terms, the judge, significantly, did not recommend

the Judge, significantly, did not recommend a minimum sentence, leaving the way open for a relatively speedy release.

That, however, will depend on Kirkpatrick's continued 'co-operation' with the RUC, whose powerful hold on him has ensured a steady trickle of new arrests the months.

Among those charged on Kirkpatrick's le word are his sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Bernard Dorrian. Neither was in court on Monday, having last week applied for and been given a separate

ATTENTION

One possible reason for the readiness with which their application was granted is that their presence in court would inevitably one again have drawn public attention to the powerful methods of blackmall upon which the RUC's paid-perjurer strategy depends.

that Kirkpatrick might crack the emotional pressure of their continued court

court on Monday, although three did not appear. One of these was 24-year-old Markets man John O'Rellly who, prior to being granted bail recently, had been held without trial for two years and eight months on the uncorroborated word of five different paid-purjurers.

VICTIMISED

Several other defendants have been similarly victimised under the internment-by-perjury system. In O'Reilly's case, three of his accusers eventually retracted their evidence and the testimony of the fourth, John Grimley, was dismissed repeated courtroom demonstrations of his tal instability.

One can only presume that O'Relily, in de-ciding to skip bail, had drawn his own conclusions as to the lengths to which the RUC were prepared to go to keep him in jail and that, having no ex-pectation of a fair trial from the colonial judic-iary, he decided that discretion would be the better part of valour.

Kirkpatrick, who is known to have been in-tensively schooled in his evidence by senior crown



at the Crockard show-trial lawyers, is not expected to appear in court for

LOYALISTS

Another RUC perjurer, James Crockard, con-ued giving evidence this week against 29 loyal-s he has implicated in more than 90 UVF-

related charges.

On Monday, Crockard, who is serving two life terms legain with no recommended sentence) and who has implicated his brother Isaac, told the court he was testifying "to clear his con-science", and had been thinking of "cleaning the slate" since about 1977.

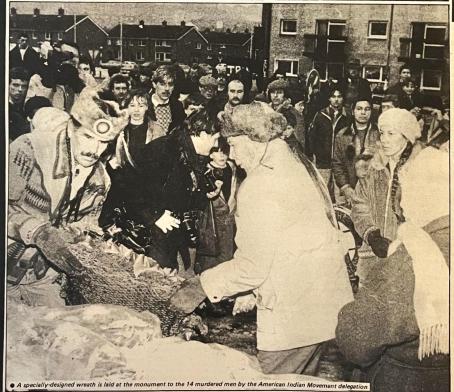
Thus far at least, Crockard has followed RUC instructions to present himself as a "converted

terrorist.

It is a said that he had agreed to give evidence in the hope of "getting back onto the street". Under further cross-examination, he admitted that since 1977 he had taken part in two sectarian murders, in 1979 and 1980, as well as









Clyde Bellacourt, spokesperson for the Americal dian Movement delegation, addresses the crowd

BLO RE

IN A huge display of resistance to I in the occupied six counties, one cest crowds to attend a Bloody Su memoration in years gathered in the oremember the 14 men murdered paratroopers on that last Sunday in 13 years ago.

Undeterred by freezing rain and icy win of people from all over Ireland and Brita from Creggan shops to follow defiandly the by their predecessors on that fateful day in Led by relatives of the 14 Martin Memor

Dy their predecessors on the 14 dead, carrying wreaths and accompanied by a group of children carrying black flags, the procession followed the original route through the twisting streets of the Cregan, Brandywell and Bogside. On the long drop from the Creggan to Brandywell, marchers and observers alike struggled to keep their balance on the treacherous road surface.

No such difficulties were encountered by the young man and women making up the dozen or so bands from Ireland and Scotland, Their verve and enthusiasm made up for their lack of warm clothing, and even the youngest of them seemed not to notice the biting cold.

Among the procession were delegations from Sinn Fein cumainn the length and breadth of Ireland, as well as solidarity committees from England and Scotland. Leading the bands was the newly-formed Hogan/

Martin Memor Dunloy. At Rossvilla the marchers relatives of wreaths at the An American In laid a wreath traditional Indi ory of the dead

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Martin Memorial Band from

Dunloy.

At Roundle Street Flats, the marches stopped while relatives of the dead laid wreaths at the memorial cross. An America Indian delegation laid a weath and sang a traditional ladian song in memory of the dead

GREETINGS

Reaching Free Derry Cor-ner, the assimbled crowd heard speeches from Clyde Bellacourt, speeches from Clyde Bellacourt, spokesperson for the American Indian Movement, and from Caoimhight O Caolain, Sinn Fein nation organiser.

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Extending freetings from the American Indian Movement to the people of Ireland, Bellacourt Pad tribute to the the the surface of Bloody Stunday. 14. men nurdered by the British on Bloody Sunday. At the en'this short add-called "trodaith at la", bring-loud best and loud cast and loud cas called training ar la", bring-ing loud chers and clapping from the large crowd, In his speech, O Caolain

congratulated the people on the large turn-out. He brought sombre mood to the proceedings when he announced the death of AP/RN

editor, Mick Timothy. He said:
"Most of you here will
have known him under another name, most of you will have known him as Kevin Burke, of 'Burke's at the Back'

The announcement sent a murmur of disbelief through the crowd, stunned to hear of the death of the man whose weekly column was the one most people turned to first. A minute's silence in memory of Mick Timothy was then observed.

RESISTANCE

O Caolain went into the history of resistance in Derry, particularly since the early 70s, and described the Derry men and women as "a classic example of a risen people"

The general theme of his speech was Irish prisoners in Ireland and England. He quoted a verse from the song Back home in Derry - "A song written by a prisoner, for prisoners, about prisoners." He continued:

The suffering and anguish of our prisoners is balanced by their determination to resist the forces aligned against them. The struggle that the POWs are engaged in is the embodiment of the people's suffering and equates with their determination to ultimately suc-



Referring to the essentially revolutionary nature of current struggle, he quoted

James Connolly: The two currents of revolutionary thought in Ireland - the socialist and nationalist are not antagonistic, but

complementary."

The struggle, he said, embraces all facets of the Repub-

lican Movement, the membership and leadership of Sinn Fein, the men and women of the IRA and also all those present.

He attacked the SDLP, who had held their annual conference at the weekend, saving they were where they belonged - in the Europa Hotel

In conclusion, and to rap

BY ROBERT CARLIN

turous applause, O Caolain again quoted Connolly: "We will fight for our

cause with words when words are useful, and with arms when arms are needed."

Also present on the rostrum vas Noraid representative Peter King, and veteran Derry repub-lican Sean Keenan.

The march passed off peace-

fully, largely because the RUC British army had decided to keep a low profile, no doubt because of the large turnout.

Later on, however, there as rioting in the William was rioting in the William Street area when a blast-bomb and several dozen petrol-bombs were hurled at the RUC. The RUC fired a large number of plastic bullets in an attempt to break up the show of resis-

TORONTO

Derry's Bloody Sunday was commemorated in Toronto, Canada, where about 80 people attended a function organised by the Irish Prisoners of War Committee on Sunday, January 17th.

Martin Galvin of Irish Northern Aid (Noraid) was the guest speaker during the highly successful function. In the course of his address, Galvin compared Derry's Bloody Sunto the events in Belfast last August when John Downes was shot dead by the RUC during the anti-internment commemoration march.

He pointed out that after 13 years nothing had really changed, and that the British still maintain their rule by

Galvin's visit to Toronto attracted widespread media interest and the Bloody Sunday commemoration function was filmed by a television crew.

NOTTINGHAM
Nottingham Trades The Nottingham Trades Council held a well-attended public commemoration meeting last Thursday, January 24th. Speakers included Paul Harrigan, an eye-witness to those tragic events in Derry. Dave Douglas, a member of the Yorkshire NUM area executive, also spoke, drawing a number of parallels between the British state's repressive activities in Ireland and its role in the current 11-monthold strike by British miners.

The annual Bloody Sunday march in England will be held next Sunday, February 3rd, in Leicester.



A DELEGATION of American Indians paid a visit Belfast this week on what spokesperson Clyde Bellacourt described as "our chance to see the situation political and cultural of our Irish brothers".

Representing members of the Dakota, Lakota and Anashinobia nations were Clyde Bella-court, Mel Youngbear, John Brown, Conrad Hisgun, Yvonne Swan, Amos Owens and Floyd Westerman.

Bellacourt was a co-founder of the American Indian Move-ment (AIM) in 1968. AIM was brought into being in response to police violence and increasing anti-Indian sentiment. In 1971 they organised their own school system, the survival

"We knew the truth had to be told to our children. The public school system had tried to change us and had ignored our way of life. In the public school system children were taught that Indians were savages - dirty, lazy and drunk. We couldn't change that system, we had to make our own.

we had to make our own.

"Like the Irish people we have had to fight against cultural genocide. We visited the Irish school today (Tuesday). In many ways the schools are very similar, and I would hope some day to see some kind of cultural exchange whereby kids from here could come and attend our school and live with us for maybe a quarter, and vice-versa."

WOUNDED KNEE

On their arrival in Belfast on Friday, the group attended a press conference in the Con-

Jim Daly, Clyde Bellacourt and Margaret Doherty laying a wreath on behalf of AIM at the Republican Plot in Belfast's Milltown Cametery

Mill. A large crowd heard Bellacourt describe the famous Wounded Knee Battle of 1973, when hundreds of Federal officers attacked the Indian reservation at Wounded Knee in response to a takeover by AIM. Bellacourt himself was shot and another Indian, Buddy Lamont, was killed.

On Saturday morning the group visited the Republican Plot at Milltown Cemetery. Also present were Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, Margaret and Al-fie Doherty, parents of hunger-striker Kieran Doherty, and James Daly, husband of Miriam Daly, the prominent IRSP mem-ber murdered by loyalist gun-men. The Indians laid a wreath at the plot and played the national anthem of AIM. In a short speech after the ceremony, Gerry Adams extended the soli-darity of the Republican Move-"the representatives of people as oppressed as our

The Indian delegation wishes

to forge links with the Republican Movement because of the similarities of the experience of the two peoples at the hands of an occupying power. Bellacourt said that AIM would be issuing a formal invitation to Sinn Fein to attend their annual Internat-ional Treaty Council, to be held in Washington State in ional held July.

TURTLE ISLAND

Describing the dire social and economic problems of the American Indian, Bellacourt said:

"In Turtle Island (North America), the Indians are suf-fering a 95% unemployment rate in places, a high infant mor-tality rate, an average life ex-pectancy of 43.5 years, a suicide rate 20 times the national averand, when the disposage, and, when the dispos-sessed Indians are moved into the urban ghettoes of New Mex-ico and Albuquerque, the sul-cide rate rises to 50 times the national average. Yet, when the US started to talk about civil rights in the '60s, we looked at our conditions and wondered. The civil rights issue was purely a black/white one. We were shoved aside again."

On Sunday, the group was joined by their spiritual leader and medicine man, Amos Owens, along with Floyd Westerman, a noted Indian singer, and Yvonne Swan, who was the subject of a controversial trial in the US.

YVONNE SWAN

Accused of murdering a 62-year-old man in 1972, Swan was found guilty in 1973 of 2nd degree murder and senten-ced to 12 years in prison. The state rejected Swan's defence that she had acted in self-defence and said she had been guilty of "cold-blooded murder". Swan had shot the man, a known and previously convicted child molester, in defence of her-self and a group of children she was minding, including her own son.

Describing that court as racist and anti-Indian, Swan points out that on appeal she walked free from court.

free from court.

The group attended the Bloody Sunday commemoration in Derry on Sunday. At Rossille Flats they laid a Wreath at the monument and sang in memory of those who had died. Their spiritual leader, Amos Owens, prayed silently in the background. At Free Derry Corner, Bellacourt extended the greatings of AIM to the people of Derry.

of Derry.
On Monday the delegation attended the Kirkpatrick show-

trial and on Tuesday they visited the Shaws Road Irish School before they joined Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams MP, Belfast Councillor Alex Maskey and the Sinn Fein PRO for West Belfast, Liam Boyle, for a two-hour meeting.

SOLIDARITY

Following this meeting, Adams said in a statement:

"Today's discussions were educational and informative, and deepened Sinn Fein's understanding of the plight of the native American Indian community and of the similarities of struggles of oppressed peoples throughout the world.

"The American Indians have been dispossessed of their land, robbed of their cultural and religious way of life, and criminalised by successive American governments and by the American models in the them."

ican movie industry.
"Today the American government is attempting to rob the American Indians of their few remaining land rights. Sinn Fein extends greetings to these opp-ressed people and promises soli-darity to them in their strug-

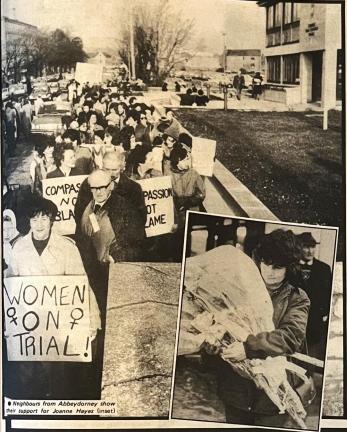
"In particular, on behalf of Irish political prisoners, I ex-

Irish political prisoners, I ex-tend solidarity greetings to Leon-ard Petiter, an American Indian political prisoner. "An exchange of informat-ion between Sinn Fein and AIM of educational and cul-tural material was arranged at tural material was arranged at today's meeting, as was an agreement to formalise contact between the two movements.

tween the two movements."

On Thursday and Friday, the delegation will be visiting republican prisoners in Long Resh and Armagh, while on Saturday they will be back at the Conway Mill for an all-day folk session before leaving for Dublin on Sunday. ing for Dublin on Sunday.

RALEE TRAUMA CONTINUES



OUTRAGE at the method of cross-examination of Joanne Hayes and the ruthless pursuance of intimate details of her private life has been publicly demonstrated in Tralee during the last week.

Neighbours of the Hayes family from Abbeydorney and the surrounding townlands picketed the Urban District Council Office, where the tribunal is being held, on Wednesday, January 23rd. They were there, they said, to show the family that their neighbours supported them.

The next day, over 200 women, some from as far away as Dublin, gathered outside the building, carrying placards and shouting "who's on trial?". There were jeers and heckling of the judge, the counsel for the gardai and the gardai themselves. Judges, lawyers and gardai are not used to their actions being questioned. It is they who do the questioning

WARNINGS

This was made clear on Monday, January 28th, by Judge Kevin Lynch, who is conducting the inquiry. He began the proceedings with a half-hour-long explanation of the terms of reference of the of the terms of reference of the tribunal, having first directed that all parties to the inquiry be pres-

His address ended with strong warnings to anyone "disturbing the tribunal" that they could be liable to a fine of £10,000 or two years imprisonment.

Within hours of Judge Lynch's warnings, over 50 people picketed the offices of the Free State Department of Justice on St Steph-en's Green in Dublin to protest against the treatment of Hayes family.

ORDEAL

When Joanne Hayes' ordeal ended, it was the turn first of her sister Kathleen and then her brosister ther Ned, Both told of the abuse



physical, verbal and mental, that they suffered in Tralee Barracks.

Kathleen described how she was slapped on the back of the head, and how a garda had pushed his face close to hers and stared for a long time, breathing heavily. Ned told how he was held upsidedown while a garda tried to grab his genitals, and how he was pun-ched in the ribs.

On Wednesday, January 30th, counsel for the gardai sought out Bridie Fuller, Joanne Hayes' elderly aunt. She is in Tralee Hospital, and Judge Lynch ordered that, since she was unable to attend the tribunal, the tribunal should interview her in her hospital bed. Bridie Fuller was, however, too ill to be questioned

It will soon be the turn of the gardai to be questioned, we are assured. They, too, will be rigorously cross-examined, we are told. But they will not be asked if they are fond of drink. None of them will be questioned in public about their sexual past, nor indeed about any details of their personal

For that, apparently, will not be within the terms of reference of this tribunal.



Solidarity with Palestinian struggle

A MEETING to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the foundation of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) was held in London's Conway Hall on Saturday, January 26th

Sinn Fein spokesperson Gerry Mac Lochlainn gave a message of support and solidarity from Sinn Fein to the dispossessed peop of Palestine and linked the struggles of the Irish peop-le and the Palestinian people, who have the common experience of British im-

perialism.

He saluted all those who have taken up the struggle for justice in Palestine, as well as the innocent mar-tyrs of Sabra and Chatilla

refugee camps.

A representative from the PFLP spoke of the past

17 years of the struggle and of the future hopes of the Palestinian people. In their first manifesto, published in December published in December 1967, the PFLP recognised the need for all forms of struggle to reclaim their homeland, he

Now, in 1985, remain committed to the achievement of nothing less than total national self-determination.



MEMBERS of Sinn Letterkenny, Lifford, Convoy and Buncrana picketed a meeting of county councillors in Lifford Monday morning, January 28th, in a protest against water charges.

Most of the councillors who were canvassed going into the meeting hedged on the issue, though Fine Gael councillor Sean McLaughlin said that the charge was too small and should be in-

Donegal Sinn Fein states that the only to the Imposition of these unjust water charges is to refuse to pay them, as they are only the beginning of a series of such charges.

Sinn Fein spokesperson Sean Gal-lagher, from Letterkenny, points out that the uniform rate of £30 may rep-

resent a very small percentage of income for professional and business people, but was an unjustifiable burden for already poor families.

At a meeting prior to the protest, which was organised by Letterkenny Trades Council, Sinn Fein's Eddie Fuln, the only councillor to attend, that 58% of water charges in the lerton. county had been paid. In Buncrana, how-ever, only 24% of the demands had been collected. He attributed this to the impact of a strong Water Rates Protest Committee which has been in existence for four years, and added that no-one had been cut off for non-payment.

Dennis O'Donnell, secretary of Letterkenny Trades Council, told AP/RN that efforts would continue to organise county wide resistance to charges for water and that the uniform rate of £30 may report other essential services.

BY JANE PLUNKETT

THE LAST 'special category status' prisoner in Armagh Jail, North Belfast woman Pauline Deery, was re-leased on Friday, January 11th, after nine years incarceration. During the previous 20 months, Pauline had been held alone, having refused to abandon her officially-recognised po-

litical status, despite persistent pres-sure from the prison authorities. Pauline was 19 when she was arrested in January 1976, two months before the 'criminalisation' policy was introduced in the North's jails. During the protests by republican prisoners which followed over the years, culminating in the 1981 hunger-strike, the scores of 'special category' prisoners in Armagh and Long Kesh were living proof that the British government - contrary to its propaganda - in fact recognised republicans as political prisoners.

September 1979, there By only four 'status' prisoners remaining in Armagh, three of whom, Dolores and Mar-ion Price and Chris Sheerin, were subsequently released on medical ground By May 1983, Pauline Deery was alone.

"When I went into Armagh there were about 70 republicans, all with poli tical status. The ordinary prisoners were kept completely separate. Sentenced and remand republicans were all together and we organised our whole day ourselves, we had our own command structure and had nothing really to do with the prison warders.

'They accepted that we took orders from our O/C. Now, republicans on the wing are put on charges if they mention orders from anyone except the governor.

"The prison was open, right through from 'A' to 'B' Wing, whereas now every landing is divided off. When I first went in we could stay out in the yard all day if we wanted. By the time I was released, it was reduced to an hour a day

NO-WASH

"The times of the no-wash protest and the hunger-strike were terrible, knowing what the other republican prisoners were going through, and knowing that we had political status and there was nothing we could do to

"We were standing all day at the window trying to hear whether anyone was being beaten. It was worse when the women were on hunger-strike. watching them every week at Mass getting weaker and weaker. But they re all in great spirits throughout it a

'As 'status' prisoners were released. As status prisoners were released, the area we had was getting smaller and smaller. Finally, I was moved to B1, into five cells which were converted into a bathroom, kitchen and three rooms and partitioned off from the rest of the wine. of the wing

"Even before that, the prison authorities were continually exerting pressure on us to give up political status, saying we would have much more contact with other prisoners if we Murtagh also suggested that I could go out to work in a factory in Portadown (which two loyalists did) and come in at night, but of course I refused

"After Chris was released, and I was on my own, they said I could go onto the wings with the rest of the republican prisoners, but that would have been giving up political status, which I wouldn't do. They also offered me ociation with non-political prisoners, but I thought they would use that, so I refused that too.

"During the day I would see nobody If other republicans came over to talk to me through the window, they were threatened with being put on charges. For example, one of the remands, I think, got two nights lock-up.

"I saw the other republicans only at Mass on Sundays, and during the last year I saw some of them at classes in the evening. It was lonely, but I was determined not to let the system beat ne. There was plenty to do, as I was

inside Story



doing laundry, cooking, cleaning etc.

REGIME

"When Murtagh became governor, the regime in Armagh was tightened up. While he was there our republican prisoners came off the no-work protest. The work they were given was pointless, just intended to break the republican prisoners' morale

complete isolation wing uilt, which had never existed before in the prison. I rarely saw the Screws but the other republicans were being niggled by them all day. For the slight est infringement of prison rules, repub-licans were put on report and locked up.

"Murtagh also brought in the strip searching, which is the worst thing for the women. Scott (the British direct-rule prisons minister) says they are normal practice, but even during the worst time in Armagh, strip-searching was never introduced.

"I was in Armagh for nine years and strip-searching was never carried out prior to November 1982. These searches were another move to get back at republicans because we took orders from our own O/C and not the gover-

Since the strip-searches were much duced, Pauline, who is engaged to a republican prisoner in Long Kesh, has refused lican prisone visits to see her fiance. to take inter-prison visits to see her fiance. Several other republicans in Armagh have done likewise. Her first experience of strip-searching was when she was released. She recalls:

it. I knew what to expect but it's worse, you couldn't imagine it. You're standing there completely naked and you

just feel defenceless when you're standing in front of the Screw. She inspects the soles of your feet and then she your feet and then takes your clothes away and searches them. And you're left standing there, for about ten minutes.

"I knew I was walking out and I had thought it would be OK. But I felt terrible. I was standing shaking in the cubicle. The Screws know you're mbarrassed and they chat to y the middle of it. That's badness, they're trying to act as if it's normal, when it's no way normal and could never be normal."

H-BLOCKS

In the H-Blocks of Long Kesh, too, the harassment of republican prisoners has been stepped up in recent months. A recently-released republican prisoner told AP/RN

The riot squad are being used more The riot squad are being used more often and the frequency of cell searches has also increased. As well as the routine searches, special search squads are brought in very frequently. They are very aggressive and seem to be looking for confrontation. ing for confrontation. Prisoners' books and family photographs have been taken, they never go out of a cell empty

"If there is any incident, the riot squad are brought in straight away. They're made up of Screws who were actively involved, during the protests, in beatings, force-washing of prisoners,

"On one occasion our block, H7, was being searched for the second time in two days. There was a confrontation involving one prisoner. There were al-ready 15 to 20 prison warders on the wing but the riot squad was immediately brought in.

"Two republicans who weren't even on the landing were taken out of their cells and beaten. At least two more were badly beaten, and one man needed stitches to his head.

"The prison authorities have made a couple of attempts to force integration between loyalist and republican prisoners, but they've always met with resistance. They are now integrating prisoners in a punishment wing in H4.
That's another means they can use to victimise and harass individual pris-

"Generally now, men are being charged for very petty, minor things. A curse word, as they call it using abusive language to a prison officer' and you can be in the isolation wing for

ESCAPEES

"The former escapees are still being singled out for special harassment. After the escape, of course, they were brutally beaten. Most are still being moved from wing to wing about every two weeks and a number of other two weeks, and a number of other republicans have also been singled out for this treatment.

The authorities even pettily moved some of them on Christmas Eve. Each prisoner is watched constantly, his cell is checked every 15 to 20 minutes, and no matter where he moves in the

wing, it's written down.
"Yet there's no difference in terms
of the authorities' so-called 'security' etween those prisoners and the others. The prison authorities seem to be selecting individuals to try and break them. Yet it's having the opposite effect, because the men are refusing to let it get them down.

"In fact, morale among the republican prisoners is very strong, one as-pect of which is the increase currently in education and the study of Irish lan-

guage among them.
"After the escape, education classes run by the prison authorities were 'sus-pended' (except for remedial education) which meant that no education materials were allowed in, including Irish books and letters with Irish in them. But despite the shortage of materials, I would say we have done more ourselves education-wise, through discussions, debates, books, than the authorities ever did."

cremlins, ghosts and commies

HAVING begged for more films throughout 1984 HAVING begges for movies throughout 1984, pecember saw a deluge of movies opening in Ireland. In a lightning-fast review, I've looked at three of these in a lightning which have been swallowing up your kid brothers and sisters' pocket money in recent weeks.

Best of this modey crew of overhyped dreck we looked at was Gremlins, the new kiddle flick with the video-nasty aftertaste from whizz kid and multimillionaire Steven Spielberg. Gremlins is set in fami-liar Spielberg territory — mid-dle America where the lawns neat, all the children's teeth clean and even the gold fish are housetrained. Into this fish are nousetrained. Into this sleepy town, with its Osmond-like inhabitants and the other cranky but lovable folk, comes a strange, furry animal found in a Chinatown gift shop by cap inventor who wants to buy a Christmas present for

This lovely, furry animal looks sweet as pie at first but, and listen carefully childbut, and listen carefully emid-ren, you must not do three things to it or it will trans-form into a nasty human-sating gremlin. (These three things have been cited laboriously by every reviewer so I won't bore you further. However, they don't include read-ing An Phoblacht/Republican ws which must have annoyed some people.)

Gremlins, which begins as a

twee film, soon turns nto a very violent one with the gremlins eating up those nice people. These gremlins are great fun, even all going into a cinema together to watch Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, At the risk of receiving a letter from John Hume demanding that I condemn violence, I must say that the gremlin-infested part of Gremlins is a scream

MEGABUCK

Less of a scream, despite the ghosts in the movie, is the megabuck hit-of-the-year, Ghostbusters. Like Gremlins, the quality of Ghostbusters is very neatly divided into two sections. There's the very two sections. There's the very enjoyable low-budget section, where the cast is forced to come up with a few good jokes to get by, and then there's the big budget special-effects section, where the east 90 to sleep and the movie 90es to the dogs. Ghostbusters is written by

Ghostbusters is written by the team who brought you Trading Places, so if you liked you might like this. It deals with university professor types who decide to make a

Best of this motley crew of living out of clearing ghosts living out of clearing ghosts from haunted buildings. Like good little capitalist, they form their own private company and will exorcise your haunted house at any time during the day or night. One day however, they come day, however, they come across a monster ghost far worse than all the rest.

Will they be able to save New York city the same across are not save to the same across a monster ghost far worse than all the rest.

New York city from calamity?

Can the funny professor save
the woman he loves from
being possessed by the monster? Will test to the monsbeing possessed by the mons-ter? Will you be awake at the end of this movie? These are just some of the questions that Ghostbusters raises for our generation, folks. Verdict: a few laughs at first, but then yawnsville.

INVADED

But if Ghostbusters fails to come up to scratch, what about Red Dawn - the film that has us believe that Nicar-agua has invaded the United States of America? I mean the scriptwriters of Ghostbusters would have sold their last jacuzzi for a joke as funny as that.

But Red Dawn is no joke. It's two hours of volcanic hilarity. Take along someone you love to wipe away the tears of laughter.

I don't know what's funniest. Maybe it's the bit where dear old Dad, who is imprisoned in a Russian concentration camp, tells his child-

"Remember, boys, when I played with you on the swing - you've got no-one to hold you now.

At this his 'boys' collapse in tears. They have never seen such bad acting. But, with a frog in his throat, Dad tells them:

"Don't ever cry again. Turn it to something else, Avenge mel"

But then Dad is carried back to his prison cell by his fellow inmates, thereby averting a mass slaughter of the cinema audience whose sides are starting to split open

Red Dawn follows the for-tunes of a group of American kids who take to the hills when the communists invade. Watching wave after wave of apple pie-loving Americans be-





ing shot by firing-squads these scenes are presumably to tell the Americans who the bad guys are — the kids the bad guys are — the kids form a guerrille group called the Wolverines. They then take on the Russian-Cuban-Nicaraguans (what about the Albanians?) and mow down the communist armies with great success. The reason for this is clear — the actors playing the Russians have been

issued with blanks.
Yet, as this drags on, a token Wolverine or two gets hit by the stray missile which, the film hints, we can all expect from anyone slightly to the left of Margaret Thatcher if they ever get their way with us.

It would be no problem for a paper like this to slag

off Red Dawn when all the liberal press have gone through their indignant ritual of 'right-wing rubbish'. It's not even an enjoyable shoot-em-up film a la Clint Eastwood. It's just badly-acted, badly-written, badly-directed junk that could only find an audience through taking a political position that would attract a lot of atten-tion, A plague on it.

Tá nua Ghaeilge curtha ag

Jouphur

Scéalaíocht na Féinne

LE D. MAC DIARMADA

TA Agallamh na Seanórach ar an scéal is mó cáil de chuid scéalaíocht na Féinne. Ní mó gur féidir scéal a thabhairt air, óir séard atá ann go bunúsach bailiúchán de scéalta ach iad uilig á nascadh le chéile ag na Fianna.

Ba sa dara leath den dara haois déag a cumadh an scéal teo. Ite isteach sa scéal te donta áilne - tá dán ag gabháil i chuile scéal beagnach ann. "Is marbh leis uile Fianna Fhinn

Cé do chuadar glinn do

trua an bheatha bheith mar tar ēis Dhiarmada is Chonsin."

Is cuid den Fhiannaíocht
f ina bhfuil an Chríostaíocht
ag brú isteach ann. Bíonn
Naomh Pádraig ag caint le
Caoite Mac Rónáin, le ítósín Mac Rhónomhartha, ar na
héachtaí a rinne Cú Chulainn
agus á rian ogánaí (mar dha agus is taitnearmhach an t-ábhar leitheoireachta é. Tá na
refalta soiláir, soláite, réidh. scéalta soiléir, soléite, réidh

ad leis na huaisle go dtí an dara haois déag agus tá siad ar fáil inniu bríomhar

DORAS

IS dianchúrse é ar an chui-túr Ghaelach, scéalta a bhí beo i dtraidisiúin agus gcuimhne na ndeaine, is doras isteach ar an tseanlitríocht an leabhar seo agus Foras Feasa ar Éirinn, Athnua, leis an Bharrach cheanna.

Beidh rachairt an-mhór ar an chineál seo leabhair mar tá

AGALLAMH NA SEANOIRI · 1



Padraig de Barra

a háit féin ag an Fhlanna-íocht sa bhéaloideas. Bhí an ghné den tsaíocht dúchais beo i mbéal agus i lámhscríbhinní agus ba chóir do lucht na linne seo bheith eolach ar an chuid tábhachtach seo di. an Bharrach go snasta cruinn ar an seantéacs agus is ábhar maith leitheoireachta é dá bharr. Tá greann, grá, stair, miotaseolaíocht, dinnseanchas laochlitríocht agus go leor de scoth na filíochta le fáil mar aon leis an phrós.

SCOTH

Molaim go mór an leabhar beag seo ina bhfuil breis agus dhá chéad leathanach de scoth na Gaeilge agus na litríochta.

" 'Beir mo bheannacht. Éirigh do d'thigh' ar Fionn le Fionn mac

Bhreasail.

'Luach a nduirt Guaire

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Finglas DUBLIN

REY, H.J. (H8). Birthday greet-for Saturday. From your moth-father, brothers, sisters and he family.

MEEHAN, Bill. (Long Kesh). Our thoughts and every good wish to you, Bill, for a very happy birthday on January 31st. From Bridget and all the Hacketts in Tipperary.

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MORROW, Anthony. (Portladis).
Sending lots of low your way,
and warmly wishing too, that all
the things you want from life,
will always come to you. Happy
birthday, 'Dodger'. Congratulations,
you're one up kid. See you soon.
Love from Irene, xxx
MORROW, Anthony. (Portladise).
Happy 24th birthday 'Dodger'. Congratulations on yyu first year.
Thinking of you always. Love from
Francis.

rances,
ORROW, Anthony. (Portlaoise),
lany happy returns, 'Dodger', on
our 24th birthday and congratulatns on completing your first year,
ee you soon, From the Duffy
amily, the Black family and Nanna,
'CONNE'! Los (Dekhurst) Sort CONNELL, Joe. (Parkhurst). Sor-for not writing lately. Regards 'cousin' Hughle. Maybe I'il get lother painting for this. From nomas, Noreen, Plaras and Tomas. Thomas, Noreen, Plaras and Tomas.

O'DOHERTY, Shane, (Long Lartin), Birthday greetings and best wishes for the future, Shane. From An Cumann Cabhrach, Walkinstown.

O'NEILL, Eddle. (Durham), All our very best wishes on your birthday, dear friend, From Raymond, Mary and Patrick, Buncrana. County Donas and Patrick, Buncrana. County Donas and Patrick, Buncrana. County Donas r friend. From Raymond, Mar Patrick, Buncrana, County, Done

Support the POWs

SUPPORT THE POWs in English jails and show your solidarity by sending a letter or a card.

The following POWs have bir-thdays in February: February 11th: Tony Clarke, 726381, HMP Wakefield, Love Lane, Wakefield, Yorks. February 25th: John McComb, B51715, HMP Parkhurst, New-port, Isle of Wight.

Buíochas

HE Dublin contingent who trav-lied to the Bloody Sunday com-nemoration in Derry last weekend rould like to thank the kind people of Derry for their generous hospi-lity. A special thanks to Derry inn Fein who organised the event o well.

Cumann Cabhrach Dublin Com An Cumann Cabhrach Dublin Com-nittee wishes to thank the Billy leld Sinn Fein cumann, Ballyfer-not, for its donation of £40, Thanks iso to all those who gave help in ny form towards our Christmas fair. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sinn Fein **AGMs**

Austin Stack cumann, County Kerry: Chair: Danny Sullivan; secretary: Mary Fusco; treasurer: Mary Cashman.

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urer: Billy Kelly.
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Isas-cathaoirleach: Milchael Loughrey;
Isas-cathaoirleach: Milchael
Loughley: Milchael
Cabhann, David Masterson; OCP;
Seamus O Naralph; cúntóir; Billy
Molloy; espraís Eoin Mac Cofraidh; oideachas: Caoimhín Mac
Cathmhaoil; leachtaí don chomhcathmhaoil; leachtaí don chomhcriaidh, Llam Mac Gabhann,
John Joe Sheeby cumann, Coun-

John Joe Sheehy cumann, Coun-ty Kerry:- Chair: Eddle Riordan, secretary: Pauline Hutchinson; treasurer: Jack O'Callaghan.

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TÁ AN ceol dúchasach in Éirinn faoi bhláth. Is cuma cen chuid den tír ina bhfuil tú bíonn ar gceol féin le cloisint. A bhuíochas san do Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann agus do cheoltóirí ar fud na hÉireann agus fiú thar lear, as an obair éachtach a dhein siad. Tá toradh a gcuid oibre le feiceáil i méid na gceoltóirí óga atá ag seinm agus níl dabht ar bith ach go bhfuil an traidis-iún chomh beomhar is a bhí riamh.

Is beag an chabhair a bhí le fáil ón stát riamh chun an obair sin a chur i gcrích. Mar, cé go bhfuil na mílte ar fud na hÉireann ag glacadh páirt sa traidisiún sin níl an Comh-airle Ealaíon sásta ach a dó faoin gcéad da bhuiséad a chaitheamh ar chaitheamh aimsire dúchasach.

Bhunaigh an Comhaltas scéim ceithre bliana déag ó shin le ceol agus rince na hÉireann a chur ar fáil i rith an tsamhraidh. 'Seisiún' a bhí mar ainm ar an scéim agus faoin scéim cuireadh oícheanta cheoil ar fáil i ndaicheadh ionad ar fud na sé chontae fichead a bheidh ar fáil ar a laghad uair sa tseachtain. Bhí taighde ar siúl ag an gComhaltas ar bhealach d'fháil chun Seisiún a chur ar bun sna sé chontae.

BUNCHI OCH

D'éirigh go han-mhaith leis an scéim agus d'fhreastal breis is céad míle duine ar na hoícheanta cheoil sin gach bliain. D'íoc an Comhairle Ealaíon na ceoltóirí a bhí páirteach sna hoícheanta agus cé nach raibh ach £60,000 i gceist ar fad ba mhór an maitheas a dhein an t-airgead sin Bhí na Seisiúin sin mar phost Samhraidh ag iomaí ceoltoir óg.

Chomh maith le sin go léir fuair na ceolt-óirí oiliúint ar conas seó a chur le chéile agus bhí an traenáil sin mar bhunchloch do thur-

asanna an Chomhaltais thar lear.

D'fhógair an Comhairle Ealaíon le déanai nach mbeadh siad ag tabhairt tacaíochta do Sheisiún ó Eanáir 1986 agus go mbeadh athraithe i gceist i 1985. Ní raibh aon chaint-eanna leis an gComhaltas mar gheall ar na hathraithe seo agus léiríonn sin an droch-mheas atá ag gComhairle Ealaíon ar chaitheamh aimsire dúchasach.

SUIRBHÉ

Dhein Lansdowne Market Research suirbhé i 1983 don gComhairle Ealaíon mar gheall ar phártaíocht an phobail i gcaithimh aimsire éagsula. Tháinig ceol traidisiúnta

amach ag barr an liosta. Ar an dtaobh eile den scéal is beag an spéis a cuireadh i mbailé. Mar sin féin tugtar £400,000 don complacht bailé i gCorcaigh agus níl ach an £60,000 atá i mbaol, á tabhairt don gComhaltas.

Deargmhasla do phobal na hÉireann is ea nach bhfuil ach £60,000 as buiséad de chúig mhilliún go leith a tabhairt don gComhaltas. Ní nach ionadh thóg an Comhaltas raic anuraidh mar gheall ar an éagóir sin. Mar thoradh ar sin shocraigh an Comhaltas agus an Comhairle Ealaíon ar chruinniú a reachtáil taca an ama seo le breis tacaíochta a phlé agus ar an dtaobh eile go bhfanfadh an Comhaltas ciúin idir an dá linn.

IOROIN

Beidh cruinniú éigeandála d'ardchomhairle an Chomhaltais ar siúl ar an dara lá de Feabhra chun an cruachás seo a phlé. Beidh an Comhaltas ag buaileadh leis an gComhairle Ealaíon ar an seachtú lá de Feabhra agus níl dabht ar bith ach go gcaithfidh an Comhairle Ealaíon géilleadh.

Is íoróineach an rud é ach tugadh tos-aíocht do Sheisiún ar chlár teilifíse beo a mhair dhá uair a taispeánadh sa Ghearmáin mar gheall ar an tír seo cúpla seachtain ó

IRISh 12

PHRASES Cá bhfuil mo chóta? - Where is my

Níl a fhios agam. – I don't know. Bhí sé ansin nóiméad ó shin. Bhí sé ansin nóiméad ó sh was there a minute ago. Cá raibh sé? — Where was it? Bhí sé ar an gcathaoir sin. - It was

on that chair

on that chair.

Níl sé ann anois. — It's not there now.

B'fhéidir gur ghoid duine éigin é.

— Maybe someone stole it.

Sin an t-aon chóta amháin atá agam. - It's the only coat I have.

B'fhéidir gur chuir duine éigin do chóta sa chófra. - Maybe someone put your coat in the press.

Féach ann led' thoil. - Look there

Féach ansin é faoi do thóin. - Look at it there under your backside.

Gabh mo leithscéal, bhí sé ann an t-am ar fad. — Excuse me, it was

Bemembering the past BY PETER O'ROURKE

JAMES LARKIN, socialist and trade union leader, the second son of impoverished Irish parents, was born in Liverpool in January 1876.

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He spent his early childhood with his grandparents in Newry, County Down, After returning to Liverpool in 1885 he became a labourer and later worked as a seaman, His life-long work as a trade union activist began in 1894 when, as a dock foreman, he joined the men under him in a strike as a result of which he lost his job.

As full-time organiser for the National Union of Dock Labourers he was sent to Belfast in 1907 and within a short time had organised a wave of strikes for better wages (including one by the RIC which had been sent in to quell the strikers). His militant methods alarmed his union and in 1908 he went to Dublin to found his own organisation.

The Irish Transport and General The Irish Transport and General Workers Union, launched by Larkin in 1908, catered for unskilled workers like carters, dockers, labourers and factory workers, who lived in conditions of great misery in the slums of Dublin, then among the worst in Eurong.

of Dublin, then among the worth in Europe.
With his magnetic personality and gift of oratory, 'Big Jim' soon had thousands of workers enrolled. His success aroused hostillity from employers, who, led by William Martin Murphy, demanded that all employees should leave Larkin's union. The workers rerused and were locked-out by their employers.

LOCK-OUT The Great Lock-out of 1913



Disguised in false beard and frock coat, Larkin is arrested after addressing a crowded Sackville Street from a balcony of the Imperial Hotel

followed. Despite being reduced to starvation, the workers starvation, the workers kept up the struggle for eight months, and although the result was, in James Connolly's words "a drawn battle", the worker had established rights which could never again be denied them.

In October 1914, leaving the union in the hands of Connolly and William O'Brien, Larkin went on a lecture tour of the US to raise funds. During his stay he became involved in the American labour movement which resulted in his imprisonment for three years. for three years.
From his cell he denounced the

Treaty of 1921. Upon his release in January 1923, he returned home to lealand to a triumphant reception. In June 1924 he left the ITGWU, which he believed was not acting forcefully enough in the cause of socialism, and founded the Workers Union of Ireland.

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He led a campaign in the 1940s against a wages standstill order and forced modifications of its terms. His last main achievement was to æcure a fortnight's annual leave for manual workers, after a fourteen-weeklong strike,

"Big Jim" Larkin died in Dublin on January 30th 1947.

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MOHAN, Peadar. (4th Anniversary).

In proud and loving memory of Vol Peadar Mohan, Oglalgh an AE(reann, who was killed in an accident on February 1st 1981. Always in our thoughts. From Frank and Betty.

IN PROUD MEMORY of the four-teen Civil Rights marchers who were brutally murdered by Prince Charles' Parachute Regiment on January 30th 1972. Always remembered by Aus-tralian Ald for Ireland.

MALONEY. Deepest sympathy is extended to our friend and comrade John on the death of his father. From Pat Corrigan, James Plus Clerke and Garry Tulte.

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Mick's death is not only a keenly-felt personal loss to us but also a political loss to the republican

political loss to the republican Sin, a chara, Ní dhéantar dear-mad ort go deo.

TIMOTHY. The GHQ staff, offi-cers and Volunteers, Cumann na mBan, deeply regret the sudden death of Michael Timothy, editor of An Phobiacht/Republican News, and extend deepest sympathy to his family, relatives, friends and com-rades. I measc lacchra na nGael go

'albh a anam.

TIMOTHY. The republican POWs in English Jalis extend their heartfelt sympathy to Alice Timothy, children and family circle on the death of our friend and comrade, Mick.

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compromise." — Padrajo Pearse.
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Timothy. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a agam. From An Ard Olfig Flanna Éireann. TIMOTHY. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Timothy. From Sinn Féin National Youth Committee.

TIMOTHY. The leadership of the Republican Movement has learnt with great shock of the sudden death of our comrade Mick Timothy, editor of An Phoblacht/Republican News. His death is a major loss editor of An Phoblach / Republican News Interest a major loss to our struggle and a personal loss to his many friends in the Movement. To Alice and children, Clara, Flachra and Fionan, to Mr and Mrs Patrick Timothy and to Mick's sister Honoria and protecting states. rick and Joe we offer our deepest sympathy and condolences.

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TimoThy youth movement, extends sincere condolences to the
family, friends and comrades of
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occurred on January 26th. Ni dhêanrar dearmad air 900 Prisoners of War
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of Mick Timothy.
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TIMOTHY. Deepest sympathy is ex-tended to the family of Mick Timo-thy on their recent trapic loss. From the Jackle Griffith Sinn Féin cumann, Dublin.

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TIMOTHY. The Portlaoise Prisoners
Relatives Action Committee extends
its sympathy to the wife, family
and friends of Mick Timothy, who
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25th. His assistance as editor of
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fraternal abuse and, above all, guidance, will be sadly missed.

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1985. From Jim Gibney, H-Block.
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untimely death. As a republican,
a socialist, a first-class journalist,
and as a wit, his loss will be sorely feet, particularly by have known him
as a friend and colleague. From
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remember his kindness towards myser and other comrades. "The highlife to ten thousand things and does
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January 26th. From Miceal and Mary. TIMOTHY. Deepest sympathy is ex-tended to the wife, family and friends of Mick Timothy whose sudden death on Saturday, January 26th has shocked us deeply. Who'll keep us all on our toes now?! You'll keep us all on our toes now?! You'll keep us all on our toes now?! You'll cents, Ale., Rose, Ursula, Elieen, Ann, Angela, Shelle, Cliodana and Luclitta.

Denise, Aline, Rose, Ursula, Elieen, Ann, Angela, Shelia, Cilodna and Lucilita.

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anny, Pat McGovern, Paody 'D' and 'Harpo'.
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TIMOTHY. Alex and Liz Maskey and family wish to extend their condolences to the family of Mick Timothy. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anamusal.

TIMOTHY. Deepest sympathy is ex-tended to the wife, family and fri-ends of Michael Timothy who died suddenly on Saturday, January 26th, Deeply regretted by Jackle Crawford.

Death of Terry Dunne

THE CAUSE of Irish freedom in exile lost one of its most fervent advocates with the unexpected death last week in London of Dubliner Terry Dunne.

A familiar figure in London on platforms at republican commemorations and meetings for over three decades, Terry will be perhaps best remembered for his uncompromising stand against Free State treachery

and collaboration.

His funeral to St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, on Tuesday morning, January 15th, was attended by representatives of all the Irish republican organisations in South-East England

Castlewellan commemoration

THE 13th anniversary of the death of IRA Volunteer Peter McNulty was commemorated in Bryansford Cemetery, Castlewellan, County Down, on Sunday last.

Danny Fitzpatrick chaired the com

Danny Fitzpatrick chaired the commemoration at the graveside of Void McNulty who died in a premature explosion on January 26th 1972.

Weather were laid on behalf of the McNulty Magorrian and the Francis Rice Sinn Fein currainn in Castlevellan, by the Peter McNulty Sinn Fein currainn in Castlevellan, by the McNulty Cannon Sinn Fein currainn in Dublin.

An oration was delivered by Vel Lynch of Dublin, who said that violence directed against the nationalist community in the North is ignored



by the establishment media, as is the root cause of that violence, the British

MICHAEL TIMOTHY was buried in Palmerstown Cemetery, Dublin, on Yednospay, January 30th, after Mass in Our Lady of the Nativity Church in Leixlip, County Kildare.

Flanked by a guard of honour from Fian-na Eireann, the Tricolour-draped coffin was carried from the church past a large crowd of mourners which included Mick's family, friends and neighbours from Leixlip, local Republican Movement, including Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, vice-president John Joe McGirl, treasurers Joe Cahill and Seamus McGarrigle and former president Ruairi O Bradaigh,

The simple and moving ceremony at the graveside was conducted by Tom Hartley, general secretary of Sinn Fein, Decades of the Rosary in Irish were recited by An tAth Piaras O Duill and by Micheal Mac Conmara of Dublin Sinn Fein.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Reublican Movement, the ard chomhairle of Sinn Fein and from An Phoblacht/Repub-lican News in Dublin and Belfast. The graveside was also banked with floral tributes from his family and his many friends.

ORATION

The oration was delivered by Danny Mor-on, Sinn Fein elected representative and director of publicity. In his tribute to Mick Timothy, he said:

"It is with great sadness that we stand ere today at the graveside of our comrade, Mick Timothy, who only a few days ago was so full of life and who had so much before

"There are a lot of things about Mick which I didn't know until in conversation last night with his mother and father - the background to his republicanism and a lot of other matters about which he never spoke but which now explain, even more, his generosity and loyalty and his willingness to make sacrifices.

"Without engaging in elitism, his parting is a serious blow to our organisation in the twenty-six counties since he was a key figure in the research and planning committees of Sinn Fein. In the paper, he developed a style of revolutionary journalism which AP/RN is going to be hard put to, but which it has to, maintain.

There is another side to Mick which we cannot forget and it is Mick as the husband, as the family man. Alice, who along with he family bore another tragedy very recently with the death of her father in Dublin, was also at Mick's side during the early years of the paper's development. Without Alice's support and encouragement Mick would

have found it difficult if not impossible, to have realised his

commitment and full potential.
"Our loss, and it is no exaggeration, even if it is of some comfort to the enemy, is truly great.

SHARED GRIEF

"But there is another loss loss of a loving husband to Alice, a father to their children, a son to his parents and a brother. We can offer nothing them, except the shared communion of grief and per-haps the comfort to them of the undoubted heights of influence which his character and talent have stamped upon the direction of our struggle.

"He did not live a wasted

"Our Movement is all the richer for having known the man and genius behind Kevin Burke."

"Slán agus tchífidh mé tú, mo chara. we will see you thrthe unfolding strug-

SPECIAL BRANCH

After the funeral, the van carrying the Fianna was stopped by six Branchmen, including Patsy O'Leary, John Fortune, Ahearne and Mulroy, who forced one of the young people against a wall and verbally abused him when he insisted on seeing their identification.





MICHAEL TIMOTHY, editor of An Phoblacht/Republican News, died suddenly at his home in Leixlip, County Kildare, on Saturday, January 26th.

He took over as editor in October 1982, after the then editor, Danny Morrison, was elected as a Sinn Fein representative in the Assembly elections

Mick was born in Manchester on August 4th 1948, into a family with a strong Irish identity and a great awareness of their Irish ancestry. His grand-parents were born in Ireland and the family have connec-tions in Mayo, Roscommon, Galway and Newry, County Down, A brillîant student, Mick Down. A brilliant student, Mick was educated at St. Bede's College, Manchester, and took consisted the Republican Movement in the early 1970s and was an active member of Sinn Fein in Manchester speaking at ubblic Manchester speaking at ubblic member of Sinn Fein in the consistency of the consisten Manchester, speaking at public meetings and lectures and be-coming deeply involved in or-

ganisational work. In January 1975 he left Manchester to escape imminent arrest for his republican activities and came to Dublin. He was billeted with a well-known republican family, the Sillerys of Drimnagh, and in true romantic tradition fell in love and married a daughter of the house, Alice, in August 1975.

ADMINISTRATION

Mick started working for An Phoblacht in December 1975 in his capacity as a qualified accountant, and stayed on the administrative side, becoming manager of the amalgamated An Phoblacht/Republican News, until 1980. He had been combining administration with writing for the paper for some time. but concentrated on editorial work from 1980 onwards.

Mick's ability as a journalist was even more evident when he became editor of the paper in 1982. He made several innovative changes in the paper, not least the major expansion from 12 to 16 pages. This allowed for a greater coverage of social, economic and political issues throughout the thirty-two countries. well as introducing ties as lighter side to the paper with review pages and, of course,

the extremely popular Burke's at the Back column.

It was Burke's at the Back that most reflected Mick's per-sonality. Written in his own wry style, the column humor-ously but ruthlessly exposed the hypocrisy and arrogance of the establishment, North and South. If often made some people se red, the same colour as AP/RN's masthead. Mick changed the masthead from green to red, which generated a great deal of controversy both in our letters page and at two Ard-Fheis-anna. One of the reasons it stayed red was, as he explained at the 1983 Ard-Fheis, because Mick liked red.

Mick encouraged controversy in the columns of the paper It made AP/RN interesting and reflected the views of the rea-

Another new departure the paper, encouraged by Mick, was the use of full-colour photographs on our front page, intro-duced this week.

He always strove to make AP/RN relevant, accurate and professional. Mick's standards were high, standards that were a result of his commitment to

the Republican Movement as well as his obvious ability.

SINN FEIN

Mick also played a pro-minent role in Sinn Fein and was on several planning and research committees. He was head of the strategy committee for the EEC elections in 1984, where his ability to analyse political situations and pinpoint areas for action ensured that Sinn Fein always had a position on whatever were the issues of the day in the Free State.

Co-opted on to the ard chomhairle in 1983, Mick took his appointment seriously, contributing consistently and incisively to the debates and business of that body. He gave unstint-ingly of his time to the committes he was appointed to, in spite of his already heavy commitments. He was in his last year of studying law at the Kings Inns in Dublin, and achleved the distinction of being of the best of his year. was devoted to his wife. Alice, and to their children, Ciara, Fiachra and Fionan. Dethe great pressures on from both his republican spite activities and his law studies, he never failed to be a conscientious and loving husband and father who spent as much time as he could with his family.

REMEMBERED

That Mick Timothy will be missed, that the many positions of responsibility he held will be difficult to fill, is an understatement. The loss to the Republican Movement is immercially and will be described. easurable and will become more evident when the shock of

his death eases.
To his wife, Alice, children, his parents, brothers and sister, we extend our heart-felt sympathy and share in their sorrow. Although he has left us, Mick will always be a part of An Phoblacht/Repub-lican News. His ready wit, his insules and exiting with lican News. His ready wit, his intellect and political acumen, his capacity for hard work and his dedication, will all be lovingly remembered. So too will his kindness and his loy-alty to his friends, amongst whom I am proud to have counted myself