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PEACE-RED-HANDED MAKERS

We prefer the murderer who murders andis satisfied. The Cromwellian who drivels biblical justifications of his infamy is a criminal of an infinitely baser type. In the Partition Parliament on Thursday the same "government" who carried their Murder Bill by a hired majority breathed contemptible offers of peace to men they had a few minutes before described as in the majority belonging to the 7. criminal class, They did this as they do everything in the desecrated name of the Will of the People. If the I.R.A. accept the popular vote they can have peace, they say. But the popular vote returned a Coalition Ministry pledged to avoid Civil War even at the cost of jettisoning the Treaty. When they set up that Coalition Ministry, restore the all-Ireland Dail and throw Churchill overboard it will be time for them to talk about the Will of the People and time for us to consider their indecent offers of a sham peace. They cannot deal with the I.R.A. Chief of Staff, says Ernest Blythe, because he is not "an honourable man"—Blythe who betrayed nation, comrades, friends, everything to hold his salaried post. They are criminals, said Mulcahy and cannot be treated as prisoners of war: Mulcahy who has raked into his army every scoundrel the British discarded and who has fathered the painting of naked Republican girls, and the murder of his colleague's son. A few of the I.R.A. are brave men, said Cosgrave, which from such a man is perhaps the meanest insult of all. There will be no sham peace. The cause of war is the surrender of our independence and the attempt to bludgeon Ireland into the Empire. When that is abandoned it will be time to think and talk of peace.

An official statement issued from F.S. G.H.Q. says 12 "irregulars" were killed in Dublin City and County and in Co. Wicklow from Aug. 1st to Sept. 20th. The announcement omits to state that 9 of these were murdered while in custody.

An official statement by F.S. G. H.Q. announces that from August 1st to Sept. 20th two of its troops were killed and 16 wounded in Dublin City and County and County Wicklow. This is an example of how F.S. vention by F.S. G.H.Q. to suggest casualties are concealed. The Free general fighting in which the four men State Press itself admitted during the same period 3 killed and 30 wounded and gave the names in all cases.

The Fourteen Points

OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. Is this the Will of the Irish People:

- 1. The surrender of our independence.
- 2. The re-establishment of British suprem-
- War on Churchill's secret orders without consultation with the electorate which had voted unanimously for peace;
- Drastic censorship of the Press; and the official circulation outside Ireland of foul propaganda against the I.R.A.;
- 5. Midnight raiding and wholesale arrests of 6,000 Irishmen and boys;
- Imprisonment without charge or trial; Ill-treatment and torture of hundreds of prisoners;
- 8. The branding of captives;
- 9. Shooting down prisoners in their cells in Maryboro' Mounijoy, Kilkenny, Clonmel Waterford, Cork and Curragh prisons, 5 being shot dead and many wounded;
- 10. The formation and public encouragement of Governmental murder-gangs by whom men have been taken from their homes and slaughtered like cattle;
- 11. Murder of I.R.A. officers and men in custody including two members of Dail. Eireann and the Republican son of Prof. Eoin MacNeill;
- 12. The establishment of secret Military Courts empowered to sentence men to death for carrying arms or aiding I.R.A. in any way;
- 13. The deportation of Irish citizens;
- 14. The suppression of Coroners' Inquests.

Are these the things the Irish people voted for in June? Is this the will of the people? Cosgrave and Mulcahy in 1919-20-21 ordered young men to die by the hundred to save Ireland from these very tyrannies. And now they themselves direct them.

THE MURDER OF PROF. EOIN MacNEILL'S SON.

One of the Partition Ministers responsible for the Murder Bill is Prof. Eoin MacNeill. One would think he at least had his surfeit of murder. On Sept. 20th-21st his son Col.-Comdt. Brian MacNeill was surprised and captured in the Sligo hills by F.S. troops with Brig-Gen. Seamus Devins, T.D. and two others, Capt. P. O'Carroll and Driver Banks. All four were savagely murdered, Devins himself receiving 14 wounds. The F.S. Command issued two lying reports, one saying "many irregulars were killed" in a "desperate conflict," the otner saying that "after many sharp engagements nine bodies of. irregulars were found" including those of Devins and MacNeill. No date or time or detail of any kind was given of these alleged actions. It has since been indubitably established that there was no "desperate conflict" when Devins, MacNeill, Carroll and Banks were murdered. No nine bodies were found—this being merely an infell. No F.S. troops were killed or conflict." No inquest was held, a be triumphantly vindicated.

special curfew being imposed by the F.S. Command so that the bodies might be brought into Sligo without public notice. No contradiction of the accusation of murder the 'Poblacht' brought against the F.S. Command has been issued although reports on other incidents in the same 'Poblacht' have been contradicted. No military inquiry in lieu of inquest has been held or even asked for by the F.S. Ministry. The plain self-evident fact is that just as Vol. Neville was slain in Dublin and Capt. Kenefick in Coachford and Capt. Daneford in Limerick by the Provisional Government's murder-gangs so Devins and MacNeill died helpless at the hands of the same assassins.

And not only does Eoin Mac-Neill remain a colleague of the man primarily responsible for the murder of his son but he assists him in drafting and passing a Murder Bill by which other people's sons may be murdered as his was. By such men is Ireland being governed to-day.

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THE LAST CHECK ON MURDER GONE.

In August 1920 Coroners' Juries in Ireland had the courage to return verdicts of murder against the R.I.C. Macready soon settled that. On Sept. 5th 1920 he issued an order suppressing Coroners' Inquests in certain counties. One of these counties was Cork. After that, the last check on murder being removed, Irishmen fell nightly at the hands of Greenwood's gangs.

On Sept. 12th 1922 at Coachford a Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of Murder against Gen. Dalton and Richard Mulcahy in the case of Capt. T. Kenefick, savagely slain by F.S. Officers under Gen. Dalton's Command. On Sept. 18th at Dublin a Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against F.S. troops from Beggars' Bush who slew Comdt. P. Mannion as he lay wounded on Mount St. Bridge. But Mulcahy and Dalton soon settled that. The Dublin Press of Sept. 28th reports:

"A public notice appears in Tuesday's Cork Press signed by Maj.-Gen. Dalton intimating that no iuquests are to be held in future in the county unless written authority for the holding of same shall have been given by him."

No doubt in a few days the suppression of inquests will be general. Then murder may go on unchecked. wounded in the alleged "desperate Thus the "Will of the People" will

