

STOP PRESS

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Wednesday, June 28th, Seventh Year of the Republic.

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE FOUR COURTS

We have received the following message from Major General Rory O'Connor, I.R.A.:

9 a.m., Wednesday, June 28th

At 3.40 a.m. this morning we received a note signed by Tom Ennis demanding on behalf of "The Government" our surrender at 4 a.m. when he would attack.

He opened attack at 4.07 in the name of his Government, with Rifle, Machine and field pieces.

THE BOYS ARE GLORIOUS, AND WILL FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLIC TO THE END. HOW LONG WILL OUR MISGUIDED FORMER COMRADES OUTSIDE ATTACK THOSE WHO STAND FOR IRELAND ALONE?

Three casualties so far, all slight. Father Albert and Father Dominic with us here.

Our love to all comrades outside, and the brave boys especially of the Dublin Brigade.

(Signed) **RORY O'CONNOR,**
Four Courts. Major General, I.R.A.

The Republic is fighting for its life.

The Republic proclaimed in arms at Easter, 1916, established by law in January, 1919, defended by an army and people with heroic bravery and sacrifice through Terror, torture, and devastation in 1920 and 1921: the Republic consecrated by the blood of Pearse, Connolly, and the dearest and noblest of our patriots: the Republic once more is fighting for its life.

Citizens, defend your Republic!

The enemy is the old enemy, England; using new weapons lent her, to their shame, by traitors to the Republic in our midst. Mr. Churchill cracked the whip in his speech on Monday night when he ordered the Provisional Government to attack the Four Courts. His Free State agents have obeyed. Shame on them! Shame!

Mercenaries wearing Irish uniform, paid, equipped, and armed by England, and acting under England's orders, are attacking our brothers of the Irish Republican Army, who defend the living Republic, and will defend it to the death.

In the Four Courts, bombarded by guns borrowed from Churchill, and attacked by troops armed by Churchill, stand the men who have refused to forswear their allegiance to the Republic, who have refused to sacrifice honour for expediency, and sell their country to a foreign King. In Rory O'Connor and his comrades lives the unbought, indomitable soul of Ireland.

Irish citizens, give them support! Irish soldiers, bring them aid!