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OPINION

Military murders hushed up

THE BRITISH military intelligence agents responsible for the premeditated murder of three men on the Falls Road last January, will go free. The men, John McNeill, Eddie Hale and Peter Thompson, were raiding Sean Graham's bookmaker's shop at the time, but the robbery was not the reason for the killings.

Last week, a BBC Northern Ireland programme again exposed the fact, first revealed in *AP/RN*, that they were shot because they happened to come into the possession of secret documents belonging to 14th Intelligence, a back-up force for the SAS. It seems that the men destroyed the documents but this was not enough for the British military. It appears that they were sentenced to death in secret for simply having seen them.

Last week, the RUC took the unusual measure of leaking to the press the fact that it was advising the Stormont Director of Public Prosecutions not to proceed with charges. The move was designed to take the heat off the DPP when his office announced, on Tuesday, that it was going to let the murderers off the hook.

John McNeill was sitting in the driver's seat of the getaway car when he was shot in the head by someone standing two feet from him. He was obviously unarmed. His body was then riddled with bullets. The other two men, who were carrying imitation weapons, a fact which was probably known to their killers, were shot on the steps of the bookmakers. Their bodies were then riddled and a soldier administered two bullets to each of their heads to make sure they were dead.

Few in the nationalist community in the North will have been surprised by this week's news of no prosecutions. But how many outside that community appreciate its full implications? The proven fact that British forces can kill almost anyone and be assured of legal immunity is ignored by establishment politicians in the 26 Counties and, through their censorship of the media, public ignorance of the reality of military rule in the North is widespread.



● The bodies of Eddie Hale and Peter Thompson outside the bookies shop after they had been shot

Detective's luxury home blasted

THE LUXURY home of an RUC detective, on the outskirts of Armagh City, suffered severe structural damage in a bomb explosion which occurred on Friday evening, December 14th.

In a statement on the attack, the North Armagh Brigade, IRA, said: "On Friday evening an ASU attached to our command approached the home of an RUC de-

tective on the outskirts of the city. Armed with automatic rifles, they intended to enter the premises and execute the detective. On finding that their intended target was not at home the Volunteers withdrew leaving behind an explosive device equipped with a timing mechanism. Contrary to RUC statements on the incident an adequate warning was phoned to the media giving the size, nature and location of the device."



statement the IRA said:

BELFAST BOMB ATTACK

The IRA in Belfast has accused the RUC of "deliberate and wilful" endangering of civilians, following the RUC's failure to act on warnings, delivered to independent agencies, about the presence of bombs in the prestigious Castle Court complex in Belfast city centre on Tuesday, December 18th.

The IRA statement came hours after one bomb exploded and another was defused inside the multi-million pound complex. In the

"Belfast Brigade, IRA, placed two bombs in the Castle Court complex and delivered warnings, allowing one hour for the clearance of the area. The RUC refused to act on these warnings and it was only a shopper, who discovered one of the devices and raised the alarm, who prevented what was a clear attempt by the RUC to cause civilian casualties by cynically allowing people to remain in an area where they knew bombs had been placed.

"Given the actions of the RUC, we would ask those agencies receiving warnings from us to note the time of the warnings, and to make the RUC aware that this has been done."

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be no paper next week. The next issue of *An Phoblacht/Republican News* will appear on Thursday, January 3rd.

Glacann muid an ocaid seo le Nollaig shona agus athbhlain faoi mhaise a leathadh d'ár leitheoirí, díoltóirí nuachtán agus d'ár gcairde agus d'ár geomráidithe tríd an domhan.

Haughey sails dangerous waters

BY TOM O'DWYER

AS THE FOG began to thin after the weekend's EC Summit in Italy, the 26-County ship could be clearly seen. It was sailing relentlessly up the creek and its paddleless captain seemed totally unconcerned.

"We are very happy about the guidelines" on 'security' agreed at the Rome meeting, said the same Charles Haughey who once piloted his private yacht onto Mizen Head. If those guidelines are followed to their logical conclusion, they will dissolve whatever independence of the 26-County state remains and may help to form a new super-power.

Even if not brought to that conclusion, they will seriously limit Irish sovereignty. The right of Irish voters to have a say in their state's foreign policy, or to control the central bank, may become a thing of the past by 1993, under the terms agreed at the EC's Inter Governmental Conference (IGC) on Saturday. Haughey tried to reassure voters that neutrality was not in question. But the communiqué which he signed with the other eleven premiers, shows it is.

They agreed to have discussions on whether or not to delegate power over such matters to larger and more powerful future EC governments. Until the Single European Act, each state had a veto over EC policy. The removal of the veto meant a significant reduction in the rights of small states, like the 26 Counties, to block moves which their voters didn't want. At the Rome meeting, that process went further and the right of states to

have their own independent foreign policy is now endangered.

"Majority voting on the EC Council of Ministers, which it is now proposed to extend to areas of foreign policy as well as to monetary policy, currency and credit, severs the vital link between the Irish people and their elected representatives," says Tony Coughlan of Amárach/Ireland 2000 which defends Irish sovereignty. The EC 'line' would appear in bodies like the United Nations (UN) and all EC states would have to follow it. Leinster House foreign affairs ministers will not be free to vote against that line.

AGREED COMMUNIQUE

The agreed communiqué proposes that "the gradual extension" of the political union of the EC states over this matter, "should be considered". This will involve "questions debated at the UN, including peace-keeping operations; economic and technological co-operation in the armaments field; co-ordination of armaments export policy" and other issues.

More ominous commitments in terms of 'defence matters' follow. Neutrality has helped to keep Leinster House politicians out of nuclear politics, and thus defence matters were kept out of discussions under the title of "Political Union". But the communiqué suggests a future "role for the Union in defence matters".

By assenting to this suggestion, Haughey has plunged the 26 Counties into a dangerous power-game. The other EC states are divided. Some, like Italy and Belgium, favour the formation of a new super-power based on the Western European Union (WEU), which

would act as a counter-balance to the influence of the US. The WEU is the organisation of Western European members of NATO. The Italian/Belgian plan would effectively split NATO. By contrast, Britain and Germany want to retain the link with the US and keep NATO as it is.

SIMPLE GREED

Simple greed is what lies behind the WEU proposal. The Italian and Belgian governments want a greater share of the super-profits that stem from being a world power and they know they can't do it on their own. Their line means direct competition with the US which has serious implications for 'world peace'.

But the British and the Germans are following an equally dangerous course. Since the withdrawal of the USSR from the arms race, the US has become increasingly belligerent. Bush seems to feel he has defeated his last enemy and that, as victor, he deserves the spoils. Hitting oneself to the US wagon is just as likely to endanger peace.

At the Rome meeting, both sides were appeased. The communiqué did not take either line and even included a fairly meaningless genuflection towards 26-County neutrality. But the timetable which was agreed, will substantially alter that principle in the next two years.

Throughout his Rome trip and afterwards, Haughey maintained he was actually defending neutrality. But his decision on Tuesday night to set up a special, all-party Leinster House committee on foreign affairs lent still greater weight to fears that he was really selling out. This committee is likely to provide a forum for the opponents of neutrality in the 26-County parliament.

Judge's Christmas won't be spoiled

"I DON'T THINK we are going to let this spoil our Christmas," said Judge Lloyd, chief of the British Appeal Court, on Monday when he put the third appeal into the Birmingham Six case back to February 25th. The fate of six men unjustly imprisoned for 16 years, mattered less to him than his Christmas dinner.

Lloyd's statement might have been the most cruel turn of the screw for the Six, but it was not the only one during Monday's special, preliminary hearing into their third appeal. The hearing was not required by law and, when it was first announced, some hoped that the Six might be released in the same way as the Guildford Four. Relatives of the Six fear that it will be delayed still further.

It was hoped that Alan Green, the British Director of Public Prosecutions, would simply not contest the appeal by the Six. He had good legal

reasons to drop the case. The Devon and Cornwall police force is investigating the 'evidence' which was trumped up to put the Six behind bars in the first place. Using new electrostatic technology, the force discovered that a 'statement' by Richard McKenny was a forgery, assembled from other documents and that it was not written at the time the police swore it was.

DISCREDITED EVIDENCE

Because the Six were supposed to have been acting together, the disproof of one of their statements

meant that the others (which were all made under torture) could not be believed. The forensic 'evidence' on which the police case was also based, has been totally discredited already.

This weekend, a British Sunday newspaper reported that up to 20 members of the force which framed the Six in 1974 might be charged with perjury and perverting the course of justice. A firm of lawyers has been retained by a large number of serving and retired West Midlands officers. It is not yet clear whether they will be prosecuted, even if the Six are released.

"It was said in court today, that there were 50 new pieces of evidence in the case," said Paddy McKenny, brother of Richard, one of the Six. He pointed out that, in the Guildford case, only one new piece of evidence secured the re-



● Tuesday's night picket of Leinster House

lease of the four innocent people. Gareth Peirce one of the lawyers for the Six, asked "What more does an appellant have to do to establish his innocence?" No-one

really knows how the prosecution will try to justify the continued imprisonment of the Six when the case finally comes up.

Sense of freedom for the Six

IN WHAT must be one of the most deeply-moving tributes to the Birmingham Six during their 17 Christmases in prison, Oscar Gilligan and friends launched *The Birmingham Six — An Appalling Vista* on December 15th. The book is an anthology with pieces from 55 writers and artists and special hardback editions will be given to the Six. It should make what Margaret McKenny, Richard's daughter, called "the hardest year of the 16" a little easier to bear.

With the help of Jürgen Schneider and Ralf Sotscheck, who sub-edited material, and Professor Seamus Deane of UCD, who helped solicit contributions, Gilligan has produced an extremely powerful testimony about injustice.

Its cover illustration, *Condemned Man*, by Louis le Brocq, sets the tone and is probably the most powerful of all. The anthology includes a piece written by

Ernie O'Malley in 1945 describing the painting. For O'Malley it "is a mental as distinct from a visual idea of a gaol, and it has particular interest in a country where gaol was a natural place in which to meet people or to say goodbye". But, he adds that the picture also contains "a beckoning figure, the sense of freedom".

Welcoming the new book at Saturday's launch, Margaret McKenny pointed out that the Six had no illusion that this freedom would come soon. The authorities decided on Monday's Appeal Court hearing to simply "turn down the pressure and keep the press off their backs".

Paul Hill also welcomed the launch of the new book. He also called for freedom for Danny McNamee and condemned extradition as "appalling". He expressed the hope "that no-one else would be handed back to the [British] system".

● *The Birmingham Six — An Appalling Vista* is published by LitirEire, 30 Sion Hill Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 and costs £5.95.



McNamee judgement reserved

JUDGEMENT has been reserved in the hearing of the application for leave to appeal by Danny McNamee, which was held in the Strand in London this week. The presiding judge during the three-day hearing was the infamous Lord Chief Justice Lane, who was joined on the Appeal Court bench by judges Kennedy and Judge. McNamee's family is not optimistic that justice will be done, given the manner in which the hearing was conducted.

The Crossmaglen miscarriage of justice victim is seeking leave to appeal against his 1987 conviction on a charge of conspiracy to cause explosions. McNamee was denied permission to be present in court for the hearing. The hearing had been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, December 17th and 18th. The introduction of fresh fingerprint evidence by the defence team, however, led to an adjournment on Tuesday until the following day.

Retired Detective Chief Inspector and head of Nottinghamshire Police's Scenes of Crime Department Harvey Waghorn, had visited the Royal Army Research and Development Establishment (RARDE), where the prosecution forensic experts worked. He first testified that a fingerprint found on a Duracell battery, one of three alleged prints which helped ensure McNamee's conviction and which the prosecution had said was part of an abandoned bomb left in Philmore Gardens in London, was not in fact the defendant's.

However, after being invited by the prosecution to examine the fingerprint in question again, he said that he was satisfied that the print used in evidence was in fact McNamee's thumb print. He also confirmed that the two other prints, found on two separate pieces of tape at arms dumps discovered in Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, were McNamee's. The defence had consistently argued during the trial, however, that because of McNamee's work in an electrical

repair shop in Dundalk, anybody else could have used such materials which he handled daily.

Richard Ferguson, McNamee's counsel, also argued in court on Wednesday that the battery did not in fact come from the bomb. Jane Deighton, McNamee's solicitor, said that she found a schedule at RARDE that dated receipt of the battery by the Establishment at three days prior to the Philmore Gardens discovery.

CHARGES CHANGED

Most of the grounds for appeal cited by the defence team related to the performance of the original trial judge, Judge McCowan. His obvious bias in favour of the prosecution, during the entire course of the trial, amazed observers. The judge was criticised by Richard Ferguson during the appeal hearing this week, for allowing the prosecution to change the charge against McNamee just ten days before the trial. Judge McCowan had then refused the defence an adjournment to deal with a situation in which the defendant was now being charged with conspiring to cause the Hyde Park explosion, a particularly emotive bombing in Britain. Ferguson said:

"The evil we complain over is whereas up until then you had a trial of a man on fingerprint evidence, with the issue being whether or not there might be an innocent explanation of the fingerprint evidence. What one had now injected into the evidence was the horrendous nature of the evidence relating to the

atrocities at Hyde Park."

McCowan also allowed the charge to be changed again after all the evidence had been heard in the trial and before his summing up. He harried McNamee in the witness box, misdirected the jury on a number of occasions, and even told the 12 jurors that they need not be convinced that the conspiracy had taken place within the specified dates, or with the specified co-conspirators or within the specified jurisdiction in order for them to reach a guilty verdict. He spent five hours summing up the case for the prosecution and only one on the defence case.

All these points were raised at the appeal hearing by Richard Ferguson.

NO CHANCE

Despite having an excellent case in law, the McNamee family were not optimistic going into the appeal hearing that British justice would be willing to own up in this case. The news that Lord Lane, who rejected the last appeal of the Birmingham Six, would be the presiding judge, did not raise their hopes. Judge Igor Judge, also sitting, was the prosecution QC in the Birmingham Six case up to, and including, the unsuccessful 1987 appeal.

In the course of the three-day hearing the judges badgered the defence during its submissions. Speaking after the appeal hearing, Francis McNamee, Danny's brother, who was present at the hearing, said of Lane and Judge's performances: "My brother doesn't stand a chance. The original trial judge, McCowan, was bad enough, but these two have no intention of delivering justice. Lord Lane even had the gall to ask Danny's counsel, Richard Ferguson, if he did not think that he was over-identifying with his client."

ANC ultimatum for De Klerk

"OUR PATIENCE with this regime is running out," read a key resolution at the ANC's first full conference in South Africa for 30 years, as the 1,600 delegates gave the De Klerk government an ultimatum over negotiations. The radicalism of younger delegates from the townships clashed at times over last weekend, with the more cautious line of the older leaders. But the organisation was significantly strengthened by the open, democratic experience.

The conference welcomed back its president, Oliver Tambo, from exile, and a huge open-air rally was also organised to celebrate Tambo's return to his native land. But Tambo's suggestion that the ANC should moderate its calls for sanctions against South Africa, was firmly rejected by the delegates.

The open display of disagreement did not signify disunity in the South African liberation movement,

instead it proved the democracy of the ANC. It was inevitable that the experiences of the members in the townships would conflict with the experiences of some of their leaders who have been in exile for nearly three decades. Leaders such as Tambo carried on a long, diplomatic battle to gain international support for the movement.

The decisions to hold talks about with De Klerk; to seek talks

with Zulu tribal leader, Chief Buthelezi; and for Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the armed wing, to initiate a cease-fire, have given the organisation a stronger standing in the eyes of international leaders. But there have been negative effects as well. De Klerk has strung out the negotiations while the South African military have been collaborating with the Zulu Inkatha force in the massacre of ANC supporters. Many in the townships now feel defenceless.

DEFENCE UNITS

The conference responded by clearly stating that the MK will be directed to a defensive role in the townships. Delegates voted to form "people's defence units as a matter of urgency". De Klerk was told that ANC/government talks would be

broken off by April 30th unless all the political prisoners were freed, the political trials were ended, the 'security' laws were repealed, political exiles allowed to return and the state-sponsored township violence was stopped.

But the hands of the leadership weren't tied behind its back. It was mandated to continue talks about talks "without any secrecy or confidentiality". Tactical alliances with the tribal leaders, in order to isolate the government, were also endorsed. Nineteen ninety one is to become the year of "mass action for the transfer of power to the people" and a major civil disobedience campaign is being planned.

"We leave this hall closer to one another than ever before," said Vice-President Nelson Mandela. There had been some criticisms of



the ANC's leaders, but "they accept that they are servants of the people and that they must seek guidance from the masses". He added that "radical adjustments, even changes" might be necessary in policy.

CRITICISMS

But he was also critical of some delegates who "played to the gallery to prove how revolutionary they are" and emphasised that the organisation's present leadership had given the ANC "a dominant position" in today's South Africa.

The three-day conference showed both the diversity of the ANC and its ability to co-ordinate that diversity in clear decisions. Rank-and-file delegates were given total freedom to voice any differences they might have had with the leadership.

At the close of the conference, the delegates mingled with 50,000 people in a Soweto stadium to warmly greet Oliver Tambo who is recovering from a stroke. Many of these had waited for four hours in the rain to catch a glimpse of the ANC leader who bore the burden of responsibility within the organisation for much of the last two decades. The mass-meeting underlined the militant message of the conference and gave the racists who run South Africa a final warning that the will of the people will not be gainsaid.



● A momentous reception for Oliver Tambo on his return to South Africa after being in exile for 30 years



Gift-wrapped Robinson

BY CON CARNEY

BY FAR the most interesting thing about Fergus Finlay's book is the speed at which he got it out. *Mary Robinson. A President with a Purpose* appeared within a couple of days of her inauguration and includes both her speech and a photograph of her using de Valera's quill.

Topicality aside though, Finlay's book is a disappointment. There's no doubt that something astonishing happened with the election of Mary Robinson. Whatever our views on her unionism, she was a candidate of genuine class, particularly when set beside the clapped-out party hacks who have come to occupy the office.

Unfortunately Finlay, Dick Spring's assistant, Labour Party spokesperson and campaign insider, tells us little enough about either Mary Robinson or her run for the presidency that isn't already on public record. Sure there are revelations: the campaign team was divided between those loyal to Mary Robinson and those loyal to the Labour Party; the family wing commissioned private opinion polls and

used Eoghan Harris without initially informing the party wing; Harris was responsible for a couple of her worst mistakes; and the Robinson home and phone were electronically swept for possible buggers.

Aside from these there's nothing. Finlay takes us through the machinations with which Spring ensured her nomination, the long campaign, the *Hot Press* interview, the Tapes affair, the Red scare, and the disgraceful anti-woman rants from that pair of political cavemen, John Browne and Pádraig Flynn. In *Mary Robinson. A President with a Purpose* you get the main developments, a couple of key speeches, the election figures, and not a whole lot else.

And to get to them the reader has to wade through far too much

of the sort of Robinson campaign language that allowed the *Sunday Tribune's* Gene Kerrigan to dub her President Poppins. "If she had fallen in love with Ireland, it was clear that Ireland had fallen in love with her. The barriers between a shy, professional, somewhat academic woman and her own country fell away in that six months. She became a president for all the people because there were none of the people that she didn't understand, and none who could fail to understand her."

Her comparative radicalism Finlay sources in the States where she studied in the '60s during the Johnson administration that both plunged the US deeper and deeper into Vietnam while at the same time making a start on establishing civil rights at home. Mary Robinson spoke at anti-internment rallies in the '70s and should be smart enough to spot imperialism at work when she sees it, a bigot and supremacist when one pops up beside her. As to what happened that allows her to support imperialism and to hob-nob with a ghoul-like



● But is she as in touch with the working class? Mary Robinson with a mobile phone in Darndale, one of the most deprived estates in Dublin

Ken Maginnis of "Two-swallows-don't-make-a-summer-fame", no light is thrown on this at all.

● *Mary Robinson. A President with a Purpose*, by Fergus Finlay. O'Brien Press, 160 pages. Price £5.95.

Return to torture

IN WHAT is seen as a return to the worst days of the RUC torture squads in Castlereagh and Strand Road interrogation centres, four young men from Derry's Waterside, Freddie Harper (18), John Stewart (18), John Deehan (20), and Jonathan Gibbons, were subjected to sustained brutality at the hands of the RUC in a series of incidents over the past fortnight.

Freddie Harper, John Deehan and Jonathan Gibbons were lifted on December 3rd, and taken to Castlereagh. Harper was held for two days during which time he sustained bruises on his face, ears and underneath his arms. He was attacked by two RUC detectives at a time. The RUC threatened to

spread the rumour that he was an informer and ensure that he was shot by the IRA.

Jonathan Gibbons was slapped on the back of the head over a two-day period. He was also hit and kicked in the genitals and had his head pulled back by the hair. He was threatened by the RUC

who said that if he did not withdraw his formal complaint they would hold him for an additional two days and would have him shot.

THREATS

John Deehan was beaten around the head and kicked off his chair. He was grabbed by the hair by an RUC woman, who smashed his head repeatedly off the table. He was told that he would be released and the RUC would then lift 20 other people, saying he was the informer. He was also threatened with being shot. Deehan was not allowed to see a doctor until the

morning of the second day, despite repeated requests.

John Stewart was lifted on December 11th, and taken to Strand Road. At his third interrogation session, the RUC detectives slapped him on the back of the head, twisted his arm up his back, kicked him four times between the legs, slapped his face, punched his head and cut his lip.

FIVE INTERROGATIONS

During the fifth interrogation, the same man hit him at the side of the head with his, the RUC man's, knuckles. Stewart was also slapped twice on the back of the

head after his fingerprinting. He was told that nothing had been recorded on the video camera after he made his formal complaint.

When he refused to take £300 to act as an informer, he was also told that the RUC would send a letter to Gbolascale saying he was an informer. He was threatened by his RUC interrogators that he would be shot by the IRA, or the UVF, that he would be watched as he was signing on at the dole and would be shot and end up with "a wee hole in the forehead and a big hole in the back of the head". He was also told that he would be sent a parcel bomb.

Relatives condemn attacks on prisoners

THE Crumlin Road Relatives' Action Committee has condemned the increasing number of attacks on republican remand prisoners in Crumlin Road Jail and has once again called for an end to the discredited policy of forced integration which they describe as "the root cause of all the tension and violence within the jail".

In the latest attack, a Derry remand prisoner was attacked and injured by loyalists when returning from a visit with the doctor. A spokesperson, on behalf of the committee, described the incident as having "all the hallmarks of a planned attack."

"On Tuesday, December 11th, Danny Doyle was returning from the doctor when he was attacked by

two loyalist prisoners. One loyalist jumped Doyle from behind while another confronted him, appearing from an open cell. All cell doors are supposed to be kept locked at all times. Not only had this cell been left open but also, during the attack, the ten prison staff on the landing all miraculously happened to be out of the way."

This was the second serious at-

tack in a week. On December 6th, another prisoner was attacked and scalded with boiling water while returning from a visit.

VULNERABLE

Commenting on the recent escalation of attacks, head of Sinn Féin's POW Department Richard May said that the prisoners felt that the prison administration was creating situations which left republican prisoners vulnerable to attack. He went on to say that a period of relative calm had been initiated by republican prisoners to allow the prison authorities the "breathing space", they claimed they required, in order to improve the appalling conditions under which the prisoners were currently being held. He continued:

"A system of de facto segregation is presently in existence within the jail but it's a form of segregation which has left republican prisoners locked in their cells for 23 hours a day, with little or no access to the



canteen or exercise. We are calling on the prison administration and the NIO to recognise formal segregation in Crumlin Road, in line with

the policy in other jails in the Six Counties, and to begin to improve conditions and implement a humane regime."

Inquest sham grieves widow

THE SHAM OF INQUESTS in the Six Counties was exposed again when the widow of IRA Volunteer Gerry Casey, shot dead in April 1989, lost her appeal in the High Court for a fresh inquest into the circumstances of her husband's death.

Lord Justice McDermott contemptuously dismissed the appeal for a judicial review saying that, while Una Casey was entitled to her "suspicions" about crown forces involvement in the killing, there were no facts to support the suspicions and there was nothing "irrational" in the coroner, Robin Hastings, not empanelling a jury for the inquest.

Counsel for Una Casey had said there was an "avalanche of leaks of photographs and information", a reference to the thousands of documents, photomontages and videos that had been and continue to be 'leaked' by members of the crown forces. One such montage, subsequently found in Derry, contained a picture of assassinated Sinn Féin

Councillor John Davey and another shown to the press by the UFF contained a picture of Rathfriland man Laughlin Maginn, also killed by a loyalist death-squad.

BRITISH INVOLVEMENT

Una Casey's contention was that two facts indicated British forces' involvement. The first was that six months prior to the killing the RUC had raided their home in Shamrock Park, Rasharkin, and drew a detailed plan of the house. Secondly, on the night of the killing, the killers entered a dark house and made



● VOLUNTEER GERRY CASEY

their way up the stairs to the bedroom where they had shot Casey in bed. Their manner was efficient and professional, indicating a knowledge of the house.

At the original inquest it transpired that up to eight men, acting in a clear military fashion, had hijacked a neighbour's car to use in the attack. Only one checkpoint was set up following the shooting, in spite of the fact that every crown forces base from Magherafelt to Ballycastle was alerted about "a shooting in Rasharkin".

Two pre-arranged checkpoints, at strategic crossroads in the area, were not set up because the personnel were redirected to the Casey home. The normal reaction time to set up these checkpoints is three minutes, but they took over 20 minutes to get to Shamrock Park.

The car used in the killing was

found burning within yards of one of the two crossroads, some 45 minutes later, and it seems certain that the killers, who would have been in at least three vehicles, were within what should have been a secure zone for up to an hour after the killing.

Counsel for the family was prevented from following several lines of questioning and was told he was "trespassing" when he tried to pursue issues.

COLLUSION

No hint of collusion was allowed by Hastings as he continually deferred to a QC sent to the inquest to represent Hugh Annesley, the RUC chief constable. He even congratulated himself on the amount of latitude he had allowed counsel for the Caseys.

All of this led the family to conclude that "the investigation was not incompetent, it was non-existent" and that the initial inquest had raised more questions than it had answered, hence the reason for a fresh inquest.

Once again the charade of an inquest, and the refusal to hold a second one, has left a family deeply frustrated and reinforced in their belief that they will not get any semblance of justice while the current system is in place.



● Una Casey (wife) and Gerry Casey's mother and father outside the Coroner's court last year

Tríd sáile an chime

Arm an tslánaithe agus an OTE

B'AISTEACH an radharc é nuair a léiríodh tuairisc ar an nuacht an oíche arú faoi Arm an tSlánaithe ag seinm a cheoil i bPríosún Bhóthar Chroimghlinne mar chuid de sheirbhís charúil na Nollag. As 430 príosúnach, bhí 40 i láthair, gnáthdhaoir neamh-pholaitiúla, agus adhmaidh go raibh na cimi eile — idir dhilseoirí agus phoblachtánaigh — faoi ghlas ina gcillíní 50 slat ón 'tseirbhís' de bhri an fheachtais leithscaraidh atá ar siúl sa charcair úd le cuid mhaith blianta anuas. Mar sheirbhís eiciúmanach, theip uirthi mar éadromán luaidhe.

Ar ndóigh bheadh an OTE an-sásta dá mb'fheidir leo iomhá bhreagach de 'athmhuintearais' a shocrú don lucht teilifíse, agus sa chás seo, ghéill Arm an tSlánaithe d'úsáid mar uirlis pholaitiúil. A fhios dó, nó gan fhios, bhí an t-Arm ag obair i láthair na bpolaitíochta agus isleofar pé meas a bhí ag poblachtóirí orthu mar gheall ar an tslí a ndeachaigh sé i gcomhair leis an OTE. Bhí socrú acu, chomh maith, leis an tseirbhís chéanna a chur ar siúl sna Blocanna H, ach dhúlaigh muid aithne ar bith a thabhairt dó.

Bhí seift acu a gceol a sheinm san 'fháinne', i lár an bhloic. Leoga, ní fheicfimis iad ar chor ar bith de réir na seifte seo, ach bheadh a gceol ag sióthlú síos na sciatháin agus bheidís abálta a rá gur 'seirbhís trasna an fháinne' a bheadh ann. Chuaigh fear againn amach chun a insint don rialtóir nach guirfimis fáilte roimh a leithéid de scéim a chuideadh le 'hiomhá athmhuintearais' a neartú, fad agus a bheadh ár gcomrádaithe á



O chliabhán go dtí an príosún (ó chlé go deas), Eoghan

gcoinneáil mar atá siad sa Chrúm.

"Agus seachas an t-uisce faoi thalamh polaitiúil", arsa sé, "Nach amaidheach, baoh, an rud é go mbeadh an bhuioin cheoil sin ag seinm a n-amhrán san fháinne folamh agus gan fhios acu má tá duine ar bith againn síos na sciatháin ag éisteacht nó gan éisteacht leo?"

"Tá an t-Arm cleachta le sin cheana féin" arsa an rialtóir gan leid ar bith d'íoróin ina ghuth. "Sure, ní eistean duine ar bith leo ar an taobh amuigh ach oiread!"

Agus ar an nóta sin, a léitheoir, tágfaimid ár mbeannachtai Nollag libh de bhliain eile. Cuirimid beannacht in áirithe chuig clanna na gceim, oibríthe An Chumann Chabhrach, clanna ár gcomrádaithe nach mbeidís sa bhaile i mbliana de bhri báis, deoraíochta na bbraghdanais, agus ar ndóigh dár gcomh-chimi polaitiúla sa tír seo nó thar sáile. Go dtuga 1991 bhur mianta go léir daobhse.

— Le Eoghan Mac Cormaic (An Cheis Fhada)

Ceacht 21 (lth 23)

Freagar :

1. Cé leis an mála? 2. Cé leis an peann?
3. Cé leis an leabhar? 4. Cé leis an cóta?
5. Cé leis an t-airgead?

Cuir Gaeilge air seo :

1. Who owns the pencil? It is mine.
2. It is not Nora's; it is Brian's.
3. I have a book but it is not mine.
4. I like tea; I do not like milk.
5. We like sweets, but we prefer ice-cream.
6. Can you come here? They cannot.
7. Can they come here? They cannot.
8. Do you remember your lessons?
9. He does not remember him.
10. They do not remember the day.
11. He is not here and I don't mind.
12. Do you want to stay here?
13. Does she want to come with me?
14. Come with me.
15. He is not coming with us.
16. She came home with them.
17. The little boy went to school with them.
18. Tell him to come with you.
19. Tell her to stay here.
20. Tell them to come with us.
21. Don't wait for him; wait for Brian.
22. You are not listening to me.
23. He is not listening to us.
24. Speak to her. Tell her to come here.
25. He spoke to them; he told them to come.
26. They told her to stay here.
27. Go home and eat your dinner.
28. He cannot run; he is tired.
29. The poor man was hungry and thirsty.
30. Wait for me in the garden.

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RUC tactics "doomed to failure"

COUNTY DERRY Sinn Féin has criticised the RUC for their unnecessary and heavy-handed presence at the annual commemoration in Newbridge for IRA Volunteers Jim Sheridan, Martin Lee and Johnny Bateson.

Magherafelt's three Sinn Féin councillors, John Hurl, Pauline Davey-Kennedy and Bernard O'Hagan, described the actions of



● PAULINE DAVEY-KENNEDY

the RUC as "designed to cause maximum disruption and antagonism to those attending the 19th annual commemoration" on Sunday, December 16th.

Prior to the commemoration the RUC, in armoured jeeps and Land Rovers, moved into the area around the graveyard and to within feet of the platform. They mounted checkpoints on the approach roads and prevented people from attending the commemoration.

During the proceedings they went through the car-park, and noted the registration numbers of all the cars present, and when the short wreath-laying ceremony was over they stopped all vehicles leaving the area, questioned the occupants and

pulled many in for lengthy road-side searches.

THEY WILL FAIL

Councillor Pauline Davey-Kennedy, in her brief address following the laying of wreaths from the Republican Movement and local cumainn said, in reference to the RUC presence behind her:

"Their attempts to cow us, to make us stay away and be afraid to voice our nationalism, have failed today in this lonely graveyard in County Derry. They were doomed to failure because a generation of Irish people, led by the likes of Jim Sheridan, Martin Lee and Johnny Bateson, have shown us how to come off our knees and resist their illegal occupation. They will continue to fail for we are never going back on our knees and we will be here long after they are gone from our country."

The proceedings were closed with the playing of the national anthem.

OBITUARIES

Brigid 'Ma' Sheils



"IT'S the end of an era," commented one Derry republican on hearing of the death of Brigid 'Ma' Sheils at her home in the Bogside. A staunch republican throughout her 87 years, she witnessed the entire modern struggle for freedom in Ireland up until her death on December 13th.

One of Brigid's earliest encounters with British rule came in 1916 when, as a girl of 13, she watched her future husband, Patrick Sheils, O/C of the IRA in Derry during the "Four Glorious Years" of the Tan War, being arrested and marched off to Frongoch Camp in North Wales.

She was a strong republican in her own right and her house was pointed out to every incoming British regiment to Derry. She flew the national flag every Easter and even when the RUC took down every other Tricolour, they were too frightened to interfere with hers. When the organisers of the 50th Anniversary Easter Commemoration were arrested, Brigid was one of the first people to picket Derry Courthouse in protest, a brave act at that time.

To the Bogside she was 'Ma' Sheils, for her home was always open to anyone fighting British rule, offering whatever help was needed. During the Battle of the Bogside her home was turned into a first aid centre. On Bloody Sunday, the first victim of the Parachute Regiment's attack, John Johnston, was carried into Ma's house after being fatally wounded. In a city which has seen much defiance and bravery she will be remembered for her courage during Bloody Sunday, riots, hunger-strikes and any confrontation with British forces.

Even as an old woman in her 80s she was present at almost every protest. A true socialist, her generosity will be remembered, especially by the homeless.

Ma enjoyed people coming into her home and loved to hear different rebel songs, especially *A Rebel Heart* which brought tears to her eyes as she thought of those who had died for freedom.

The Republican Movement extends deepest sympathy to the entire family circle of Brigid Sheils. Leaba i measc laochra ár muintire go raibh aici.



REMEMBERING THE PAST

Dorothy Macardle

BY PETER O'ROURKE

DOROTHY MACARDLE, republican, historian and novelist, was born in Dublin in 1889.

Educated at Alexandra College and later at University College Dublin, she qualified as a teacher and taught English at Alexandra College. She was a daughter of Sir Thomas Macardle, head of the well-known Dundalk brewing family.

Influenced by Maud Gonne MacBride, she became involved in Inghinidhe na hEireann about 1910 and was later active in both the Gaelic League and Sinn Féin. She supported the Easter Rising of 1916 and during the following years played an active role in the struggle for freedom.

Following discussions with Charlotte Despard and Maud Gonne, Dorothy Macardle became involved in the White Cross, a relief organisation established in January 1921 to provide assistance for thousands of Irish people who had been left destitute throughout the country as a result of the destruction of homes and businesses by the British forces.

She opposed the Treaty in December 1921 and took the republican side during the Civil War.

An active member of the Women Prisoners' Defence League (WPDL) she was arrested in November 1922 during a raid on the home of Maud Gonne. Imprisoned in Kilmainham Jail, Dorothy Macardle, along with several other women political prisoners, embarked on a successful hunger-strike in April 1923 in support of their demands to receive and send out letters.

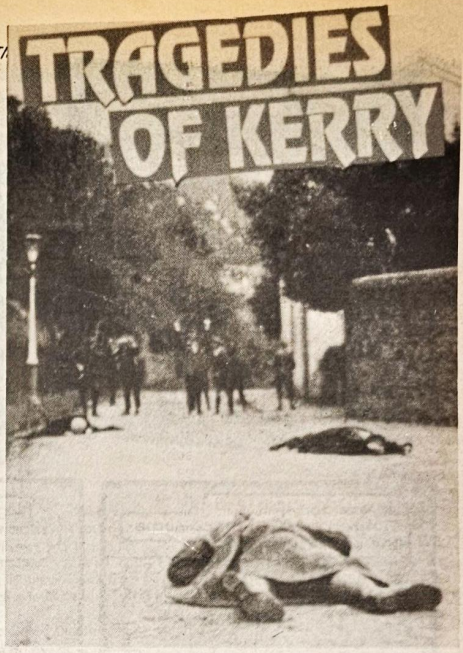
She took part in the mass hunger-strike by thousands of republican male prisoners and internees, held in jails and camps throughout the Free State, and 340 women imprisoned in Kilmainham Jail and the North Dublin Union. After the ending of the hunger-strike on November 23rd, Dorothy Macardle was among the women prisoners released the following month. Nine months previously in March 1923, while still in jail, she had been officially sacked as a teacher at Alexandra College for "not attending to her duties".

Although Dorothy Macardle joined Fianna Fáil following its for-

mation in May 1926, she continued to be actively involved with the Republican Movement. She took an active part in the campaign organised by the WPDL to protest at the hardships being endured in Portlaoise Prison by republican prisoners at the height of the Cosgrave coercion era, 1930/31.

In the mid-1930s she was involved in the Irish Women Workers' Union and organised opposition to the anti-women sections of the Conditions of Employment Bill 1935, which allowed the Minister for Industry and Commerce to prohibit the employment of female workers in industry and forbade employers to employ more women than men.

A prolific writer and eminent historian, her historical writings included *The Irish Republic*, first published by Gollancz in 1937 (out of print for over 20 years), undoubtedly the definitive history of the period 1914-'23. *Tragedies of Kerry*, first published by the Kerryman in 1946 (recently re-published by Republican Publications), a graphic and moving description of the appalling atrocities committed by the Free State forces against republicans in



Kerry during the Civil War and *Children of Europe* (1949), on the subject of refugee children.

Her other writings included a number of novels, plays and collection of short stories, the best known of which are *Uneasy Freehold* and *The Uninvited*, which were made

into films, the plays *Asphara Dark Waters* and *Ann Kavanagh* and a volume of short stories, *Earth-bound*.

Dorothy Macardle died in Drogheda on December 23rd, 1958, 32 years ago this week.

Nellie Donaldson (Nee McKinney)

THE DEATH occurred on December 17th, of life-long republican Ellen 'Nellie' Donaldson, aged 70. Nellie passed away quietly at her home in Belfast's Short Strand. Although she had been in ill-health for a long time, her death still



came as a shock to all who knew her as she was always very active and a popular figure in the community. Only recently she was, as usual, to the forefront of the anti-extradition protests and the various activities organised around Dessie Ellis's hunger-strike against extradition.

Nellie grew up in the Short Strand and attended St Matthew's Primary School from where, like many others, she went to work in one of the mills on the Falls Road. She married Robert Donaldson (himself a prominent republican) in 1947 after his release from Crumlin Road Jail where, due to hardships inflicted on him, he suffered a collapsed lung. This eventually led to his own untimely death at the age of 58.

Nellie and Robby were a popular couple around the céili dance halls of Belfast where Nellie could more than hold her own as an individual dancer. The Donaldson home, behind the wee shop in Anderson Street, was an open door to republicans at all hours of day or night, even though Nellie's husband, Robby, was responsible for most of the activity.

Like many women of her time she kept the wheels of family life turning. She went back to work to provide for her young family and even though times were hard, you could always be sure of a warm welcome and cup of tea.

After her husband Robert's death and over the last 20 years, Nellie herself worked unceasingly for the republican cause. This was consistent with her no-nonsense common-sense attitude to work. No job was too big, or too small, nothing was ever too much to ask, whether it was selling *AP/RN*, collecting for Green Cross, distributing leaflets, tak-

ing part in protests or the many other things with which she became involved.

Nellie was always there, sometimes we wondered how her frail figure contained such an indomitable spirit. She had the most surprising ability to be able to bridge any generation gap, whether she was talking to her grandchildren or to the many republican activists, young and old, who passed through her house or with her many contemporaries. Nellie was always at ease yet her cheery smile hid the steely determination of one who had faced all the hardships, yet whose heart still burned with the flame of freedom.

To her sons Denis, David, Sean, Robert and her daughter Patricia and her entire family circle the Republican Movement would like to extend its sincerest sympathy.

Frank McCarron

The death occurred on Monday, December 10th, of one of County Monaghan's oldest active republicans. In his 80th year, Frank McCarron of Doogary, Tydavnet, had given willingly of his talents and time in each decade during his long life in the service of the cause he held so dear.



Staunchly republican, he was always eager to help the struggle for freedom. There was always a light of welcome in the window of his home for comrades in need of assistance. A builder by trade, Frank was a respected member of his community.

On Wednesday morning, December 12th, his Tricolour-draped coffin, flanked by a guard of honour drawn from the ranks of the Republican Movement in North Monaghan and led by a lone piper, was carried by his family and friends from Tydavnet chapel to the nearby cemetery.

An oration was given at the graveside by Sinn Féin Ard Chomhairle member Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. In a tribute to Frank, he remarked that he "has left many monuments to his gifts as a mason but the monument he worked hardest to build has yet to be completed".

Inviting the several hundred people in attendance to

Volunteer Jim McGinn remembered

THE annual wreath-laying ceremony in memory of Volunteer Jim McGinn, IRA, who lost his life on active service at Clady Bridge on the Tyrone-Donagall border on December 15th, 1973, took place on Sunday, December 16th.

The parade marched behind a colour party bearing the national flag from Cloughfin to the spot on Clady Bridge where the young Volunteer lost his life.

The proceedings were chaired by Councillor Liam MacElhinney from Lifford.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Aotín O Treasaigh, An tSraith Bhán. Two minutes silence was observed. Following this, an oration was delivered by Tony McDaid, also from Lifford.

In the course of the oration, McDaid reminded those present of the sacrifice made by Jim McGinn and many others, in the struggle for an independent 32-County Irish Republic and urged those present to redouble their efforts to accomplish this objective.

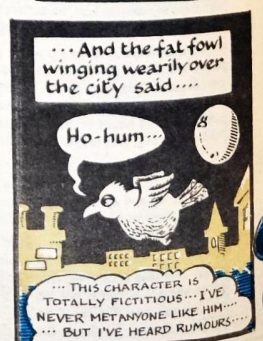
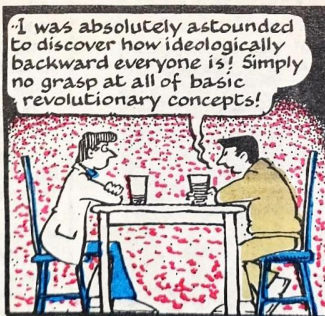
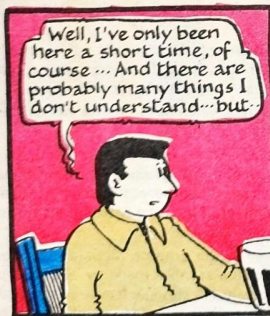
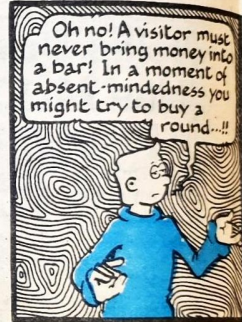
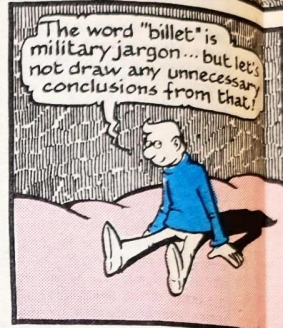
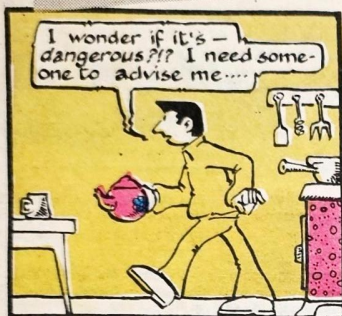
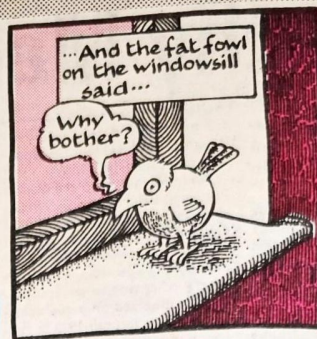
The parade then made its way back to Cloughfin. Among the attendance, which included many comrades of the late Volunteer, was his mother and other members of his family.

"pick up the trowel that has fallen from this great Fenian's hands", O Caoláin urged them to emulate Frank's commitment to the achievement of lasting peace with justice in Ireland.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Joe B O'Hagan and on behalf of Sinn Féin by Hugh Bogue.

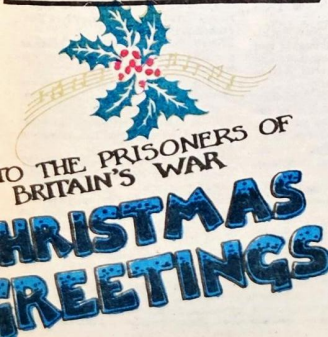
The sympathy of the Republican Movement is extended to Frank's widow Alice, his son Packie, daughter Marie, brother Patrick James, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and many relatives and friends. I measc laochra na hEireann go raibh a anam dílis.

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THIS CHARACTER IS TOTALLY FICTITIOUS ... I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM ... BUT I'VE HEARD RUMOURS ...

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

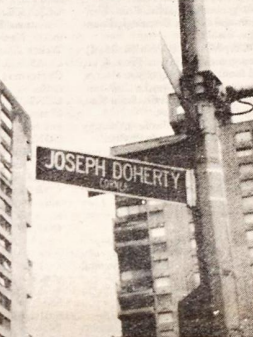


1. WBO Middle-weight Champion Chris Eubank, who KO'd ex-Brit Nigel Benn in November. Jack Charlton's 'Irish' soccer team also indulge themselves in this activity to warm up before international games.
2. Margaret Hilda Thatcher, who now joins her loyal accomplice Norman Tebbit on the Commons' back benches.
3. Patrick Gallagher, who was given the option of serving meals to republican POWs as part of his orderly duties in Crumlin Road Jail.
4. 1983 Long Kesh escapees Dermot Finucane and Jim Clarke who, with Owen Carron, beat extradition proceedings as Fianna Fáil tried to send them back to the Six Counties and British 'justice'.
5. The News From Nowhere bookshop, which featured in the "Scandal of Wicked IRA Calendar for Sale". And the special 1991 calendar commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 1981 hunger-strike and the 75th anniversary of the 1916 Rising is now on sale from all the usual outlets.
6. Princess Diana, who appeared in a US tabloid story headed "Terrorist Threat Forces Di To Try For More Kids".
7. Ex-US president, Ronald Reagan, as recalled by Peggy Noonan, his former speech-writer.
8. Terry Wogan.
9. Publicity seeker Brian Feeney. Not surprisingly, he had a lot less to say to the media afterwards.
10. Roger Casement. An Irish educational and social centre in Islington was named after the 1916 leader.
11. DUP councillor, Sammy Rodgers.
12. Somebody stole the only copy of the entire section of the first definitive English/Welsh dictionary translating words beginning with the letter P.
13. The ubiquitous Irish miscarriage of justice victim, Nicky Kelly.
14. South Armagh's own Jim McAllister, of course, who appeared this month in a clip from Ken Loach's excellent film on shoot-to-kill during Barry Norman's Film '90. It was OK to hear his voice as he was not officially speaking for Sinn Féin as a councillor. Councillor McAllister was only acting as a councillor. Phew!
15. Ian Gow (deceased).
16. Astra Holdings Ltd.
17. False, of course. Captain Will 'Buck' Rogers received the US armed forces' highest peacetime award, the Legion of Merit.
18. They were all upset that 40,000 Orangemen would not be able to stomp all over the site of the Battle of the Boyne during the 300th anniversary celebrations because the cost was prohibitive.

19. False. It was, in fact, former British Paratrooper Dominic Gray describing his experiences during the Malvinas War.
20. The Sun.



21. Pat Hackett.
22. He was fired by his boss, Virgil Griffin, when it emerged that he was not one of the chosen people but had been born Jewish. Gollub's protests that he had been brought up a Catholic didn't wash either as Griffin is equally bigotted against Catholics.
23. Soccer supremo Bobby Charlton, Big Jack's brother, referring, not to the Republican Movement's team in Europe, but to the 'Irish' soccer team's match against England in Cagliari during Italia '90.
24. Jack Charlton of course, referring to the summer's most universally-depised Irish person, Eamon Dunphy.



25. New York. The corner outside Joe Doherty's cell in the Metropolitan Correctional Centre, where he has been kept without charge for seven years is now officially called Joe Doherty Corner.
26. Take your pick.



27. Nelson Mandela.

28. The late Cardinal Tomás O'Fiaich.



29. George 'Clueless' Coleman was referring to the discovery of an IRA bomb at the Royal Overseas League in London on September 27th, during a conference of 'terrorism experts' due to be addressed by British Foreign Office Minister William Waldergrave. The bomb was found by a sound engineer.



30. Charles J Haughey.



31. Mary Robinson, who used to be a member of the Tri-continental Congress.
32. Martina Shanahan, Finbarr Cullen and John McCann.
33. Iraq.
34. Don O'Leary.
35. Seventeen. A testament to British justice.

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ADAMS, Dominic (Portlaoise). Love and miss you at Christmas Daddy. Love Niamh and Seán.

ADAMS, Dominic (Portlaoise). Thinking of you at Christmas. From Noleen.

ADAMS, Dominic (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas to our son Dominic and to all freedom fighters. Love from Mammy, Daddy and family.

ADAMS, Dominic (Portlaoise). Táimid ag smaoineamh ort um Nollaig. Le grá mór ó Bhríd, Chris, Deirdre, Eoghan agus Ciera.

ANDERSON, Martina (Durham). Happy Christmas Martina. You are always in my thoughts. See you soon. I love you, Mother.

ANDERSON, Martina (Durham). To my darling wife at Christmas. Although the miles separate us in our hearts we are together. Your loving husband Paul.

ANDERSON, Martina (Durham). All the best Martina, we will be thinking of you as always. Love from your brothers, sisters, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

ANDERSON, Martina (Durham). Sorry we didn't get to see you. Have a nice Christmas. Love May.

ANDERSON, Martina (Durham). Christmas and New Year greetings Martin. From Ann (No. 5).

ANDERSON, Martina; O'DWYER, Ella (Durham). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year Martina and Ella.

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BAKER, Liam (Long Lartin). A wish from me to you for a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Thinking of you. Love Patty.

BAP, ART, CLEARY (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and New Year boys! Oops men! From Onagh.

BARBOUR, Frank (Maghera). Happy Christmas Daddy. We will be thinking of you. I love you. From Kevin and Isabella.

BARBOUR, Frank (Maghera). Happy Christmas Twinkle. From Betty and the Anderson family.

BEGGS, Anthony (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas. Thinking of you, especially now. Love you always. From Wanda.

BEGGS, Anthony (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings and birthday wishes. Love from all your family.

BEGGS, Anthony (Portlaoise). Thinking of you while having a pint. Love from Sandra and kids.

BEGGS, Anto (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings. We are thinking of you. From Tony and Susan; also from the Pugh family, also thinking of you, Sandie, Philip, Jackie and Elliot. XXX; also from Brenda and Joe in Canada; also from two also friends (Hic) Glenda and Derek; Christmas greetings from Sean; also love from Caroline, Declan, Eddie, Sean and gang.

BOLGER, Ken (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas Ken. All the best for the New Year. Love from Catherine. PS. We're still minding the whiskey.

BOLGER, Ken (Portlaoise). Wishing you a very happy Xmas Ken. From Catherine, Jimmy, Maurs and John; also from Cormac, Aisling and Kieran.

BOLGER, Ken (Portlaoise). Xmas greetings Ken. From Mick and Tipp.

BOLGER, Ken (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas Ken and a quick New Year. From Aine and Sandy.

BOLGER, Ken (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Xmas and the New Year Ken. From Frank, Peggy and Deirdre.

BRESLIN, Michael (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Michael. From Mum, Dad, Eamon and Paul.

BRESLIN, Michael (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Michael. From Seamus and Jayne.

BRESLIN, Michael (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Michael. From your granny, grandad, aunts and uncles in Belfast and USA.

BRESLIN, Michael (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Michael. From your aunts and uncles in Derry.

BROWNE, Mike (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas and always. From Mom, John and Liz.

BROWNE, Mike (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas Mike. From Jimmy, Ber, Linda and Susan.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT sends seasonal and solidarity greetings to all our imprisoned comrades and their families in Ireland and abroad. "The struggle must be well thought-out. It must be mature, but once it has begun it must be continued to the end. There can be no compromise; no middle terms. No peace that will only half-guarantee the stability of a country. The victory must be total." — Che Guevara. Tá ár lá ag teacht.

BROWNE, Mike (Portlaoise). Best wishes Mike. From Pat, Marita, Patrick, Maria Ann and Alan.

BROWNE, Mike (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas Mike. From Mary, Edd, Marie and Cara.

BULLOCK, Martin (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Martin. From your darling wife Anne Marie. XXX

BULLOCK, Martin (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Daddy. Lots of hugs and kisses. From your sons Martin, Seamus, Karl and daughter Catherine. XXX

BULLOCK, Martin (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Martin. See you in the New Year. From Michael, Susan and family, Downings, County Donegal.

BULLOCK, Martin (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Martin. From Danny, Marian and family, Downings, County Donegal.

BULLOCK, Martin (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Martin. From John, Rose and family; Thinking of you always, from Cailt, Dan and family, London; Christmas greetings Martin, from Ned, Marian and family, London.

BURKE, Pascal (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas. From your loving wife Phyllis.

BURKE, Pascal (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas Daddy. Missing you. We all love you. From Conor, Tyron and Pinton.

BURKE, Michael (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas. Thinking of you always. Love from your ever-loving wife Sheenagh. UFF XXX

BURKE, Michael (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas Daddy. We love you very much. Lots of love from Vicky, Tanya and Peter. XXX

CALDWELL, Danny (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas. Hope to see you soon. Your mate Paddy, Liz, and kids.

CALDWELL, Danny (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas. Hope to see you soon. Your mate Gips.

CARMODY, John (Portlaoise). Have a good Xmas John. All my love, your wife Jennifer. XXX

CARMODY, John (Portlaoise). Have a nice Xmas Day John. From Mam, Kennedy. XXX

CARMODY, John (Portlaoise). Have a nice Xmas John. From your mother-in-law and all the family.

CARNEGIE, Kenneth (Portlaoise). A very happy Christmas and New Year. From Kenny. XXX

CARNEGIE, Kenneth (Portlaoise). All the best wishes for Christmas and New Year. From Kenny. With love from Mummy and Daddy. XXX

CARNEGIE, Kenneth (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings Kenneth and best wishes from 'the aunts' Lillia and Charles, Nora and Gerry, and uncle John. XXX; also from Brendan, Jane and Conall.

CARNEGIE, Kenneth (Portlaoise). Love and best wishes to our brother Kenneth at Christmas and the New Year. From Thomas, Eibhlin and Lorna. XXX; also from Charles, Ann and girls, New York; Jim and Kathleen; Deborah and Pat; Brendan and Colette; also with love from Elaine and Paul. XXX

CARNEGIE, Kenneth (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and New Year Kenny. With love from all the O'Deas; also from Jacqui and Fergie.

CARROLL, Dermot (Crumlin Road). You can't chicken out 'cause I'll know where to find you. Happy Christmas. With love from Ailish.

CARROLL, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Wasn't that a great Christmas present from St Nicholas? Happy Christmas. From Mum and all the family.

CLARKE, Gerard (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Gerard. From Marion and Aoife.

CLARKE, Seamus (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas. All our love from Marion and Aoife.

CLARKE, Seamus (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas. From Yvonne, Ronan and all at 96 in Derry.

CLARKE, Terry (H4). Wishing you a very happy Christmas Terry. Loving and missing you always. All my love Mary. XXX

CLARKE, Terry (H4). Happy Christmas Daddy. We love and miss you so very much. Your loving children, Marie and Seamus. XXX

CLARKE, Terry (H4). Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year Terry. Thinking of you always. All our love, Hugh, Anne and family; also Martin Barbara and Hugh.

CLARKE, Terry (H-Blocks). Happy Christmas Terry. From Marion and Aoife.

CONLON, Stephen (Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Stephen. From Dymna, Bert and baby Conor.

CONNOLLY, Tarlach (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas, Studs. We'll be thinking of you over the boozing period. Love Shobhan and Clara.

CORBETT, Kevin (H4). Happy Christmas Daddy. Lots of love and kisses. Ryan, Clodhne and Ailish. XXX

CORBETT, Kevin (H4). Merry Christmas love. Happy New Year. Love and miss you, Erin. XXX

CORBETT, Kevin (H4). Happy Christmas Kevin and a happy New Year. Best wishes from Crumphy Mary and Cecil; also Paul and Terence.

CORRIGAN, Seamus (H5, Long Kesh). Wishing you a happy Christmas and all the best for '91. God Bless. From your Mother.

CORRIGAN, Seamus (H5, Long Kesh). Wishing my brother a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. You'll soon be spending your Christmas at home. Love Celine and Clara.

COYLE, Kieran (H6, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas David. From Tanya, Tracy, Shay and Clara. XXX

COYLE, Kieran (Long Kesh). Christmas and New Year greetings to Kieran and all his comrades, especially Sean O'Flannagan, Patrick Grimes, Louis McNally and Brian Gallagher. Love always, Kieran; See you soon, from Tina and children, Daddi Mummy and all the Coyle clan.

COYLE, Tina. To my darling. Love you very much. Kiss the kids for me. From Kieran (H6, Long Kesh). XXX

CROSBY, Art (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Jim, Pat, Brian, Gerry and Bridie.

CROSBY, Arthur (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas Arthur. Best wishes from Robert, Margo and Cláirín.

CROSBY, Arthur (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas Art. From Boko, Tasi, Donkey, Tim, Tigors, Val and Gus; also all my love, Marion; Mary and Bob; Jane and Brendan and Conall; Dessie, Colette and family.

CROSBY, Arthur (Portlaoise). All our love Brendan, Jimmy, Barbara, Eithne, Terry, Zola, Arthur, Catherine and Kate.

CROSBY, Art (Portlaoise). All the best wishes for Christmas Art. Christmas greetings to all the POWs in Portlaoise and in jail everywhere, at home and abroad. From the Carnegie family, Newry.

CULLEN, Carol (Maghera). Nollaig shona agus bliain óir mhaise duit, a mham. Tá grá againn ort dí dí na n-ádh. O Chloídh agus Eamonn. XXX

CULLEN, Carol (Maghera). Nollaig shona duit, Carol, agus ádh mór sa bhliain óir. Le grá, ó Shéan agus Anne. XXX

CUNNINGHAM, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Christmas and New Year greetings to you son. Love and God bless. Mum. XXX

CUNNINGHAM, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Christmas and New Year greetings to you Peter, from all your brothers and sisters, brother-in-law, and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

CUNNINGHAM, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Christmas and New Year greetings Peter. From Mrs Devenny and all the Devenny family, Short Strand.

CUNNINGHAM, Peter; DEVENNY, Paud; McQUIGAN, Kevin; ROONEY, Gerald; McCOMB, John & Damien; HALPENNY, Noel. Christmas greetings and all the best for the New Year. Love from all your many friends in the Republican Movement, Short Strand.

DEVENNY, Paud (H3, Long Kesh). Christmas greetings to Paud. From Mum, Bernie, David, Etsie, Molly, Jim, Geraldine, Sue, Gerard, Danny, Deborah, Dolores, Bernadette, Raymond, Liam, Brough, Margaret, Clare, Kieran, Rose, Paul, Connie and family.

DEVENNY, Paud (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Uncle Paud and to all your comrades. From Sinead, Brangh, Nuala, Cara, Lisa, James, Cláirín, Una, Jolene, Danielle, Rosie, Sarah, Paul, Brendan, Caoimhghín, Orla, Gerard, Conchabhar and Kerry. We all hope to see you soon.

DEVENNY, Paud (H3, Long Kesh). Christmas and New Year greetings to you Paud. From Mrs Cunningham and family, Short Strand.

DOHERTY, Dee (H4, Long Kesh). All the best Dee. Settle down now. Happy Xmas. From Anna, Rose, Rosie and Brenda.

DOHERTY, David (H4-Block). Hello David. Merry Christmas. Love and best wishes. From the Molloy family, Bracka, Maghera.

DOHERTY, James (Fronces, France). Happy Christmas Dad and good luck for the New Year. From Jimmy and Frankie, Sydney, Australia.

DOHERTY, James (Fronces, France). Christmas greetings James. Best wishes from Anna, Rose, Rosie and Brenda.

DOHERTY, James (France). Christmas greetings James. From Michael, Germany.

DOHERTY, James (France). Merry Christmas. From Fr. A.P.R.V.

DOHERTY, Joe (MCC, New York). Though prison walls divide us and we are far apart. They have you in their keeping but we have you in our hearts. Merry Christmas, son. Love from Mum and Dad.

DOHERTY, Joe (MCC, New York). Merry Christmas and good luck in the New Year. Lots of love. From sister Pat and Joannah bag.

DOHERTY, Joe (MCC, New York). Merry Christmas and New Year wishes, brother. Always thinking of you. From Anne, Paul and kids.

DOHERTY, Joe (MCC, New York). Thinking of you in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year. Love and miss you. From sister Sharon, Adrian and kids, Tralee, County Kerry.

DOHERTY, Joe (MCC, New York). Merry Christmas, uncle Joe. You're the greatest. We love and miss you a lot. Love and kisses. From all 13 of us. XXX

DOHERTY, Michael (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). For the one I love at Christmas. Miss you Joe Noreen.

DOHERTY, Michael (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). To my Daddy at Christmas. Love from wee Michael. XXX

DOHERTY, Michael (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). Love and miss you. Looks like another Concorde Christmas Michael. Love Mother.

DOHERTY, Michael (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). To my big son at Christmas. I'll have a drink on you. From your Daddy Bo and Nellie. XXX

DOHERTY, Michael (A-Wing, Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas. Love from your brother John, wife Eileen and kids Emer, Terry, Pearse and Clodhna. Miss you; Miss you and thinking of you at Christmas, from your loving sister Eileen and brother Anthony; Even though I'm far away you're always in my thoughts, from brother Jim, Tracy and kids, England; Merry Christmas and happy New Year. We'll be thinking of you. Love and miss you, from your big sis Patricia, Chris Doe and Christopher. XXX; also from sister Máire, husband Joe and kids, Lisa, Joseph, Eileen and baby Patricia; To our grandson Michael. God bless you at Christmas, from Gran and Grandad; also from your nieces and nephews. We all miss you.

DONAGHY, Brendan (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas. From Dad and Mum; Marie, Michael and children; Jackie and Martin.

DONOGHY, Brendan (H3, Long Kesh). Thinking of you at Christmas. Love from your sisters Anne, California, and Patricia, New York.

DOUGLAS, Dave (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas Dave. From Mick, Rita and family, Ballymun.

DOWD, Brendan (Full Sutton). Christmas greetings to my son Brendan. Love from Mam.

DOYLE, Phonus (Long Kesh). Don't be getting too drunk, but have a happy Xmas. From Kella and Michelle. UFF

DRUMM, Pauline (Fluery Merogis, France). Christmas and New Year greetings Pauline. From Ann.

DUFFY, Sean (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From Peter, Brangh and Seana.

DUFFY, Sean (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings Sean. From Sean, Patricia and family.

ECCELES, Tommy (Portlaoise). Happy birthday, merry Xmas and have a good 1991. I wish all the best always for you and yours. Love from Frances.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton). Happy Christmas Dessie. Love from Mammy and Daddy.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton). Happy Christmas Dessie. Love from Martha and Tommy.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton). Happy Christmas Uncle Dessie. Love from Elaine, Karen, Desmond and Cara.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton). Happy Christmas Dessie. Love from Letitia; also love from Sammy, Noel, Patricia, John and families; also from the Dessie Ellis Anti-Extradition Committee, Finglas; also best wishes from Tina and family, Finglas.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton). Wishing you a blessed Christmas and as short a stay in our country as possible. From Helena (York); also from Paul McDonnell, Finglas.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton); KENNA, Brian (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas. Love from the Clarke/Smith Sinn Féin Cumann, Finglas.

ELLIS, Dessie (Brixton); KENNA, Brian (Portlaoise); KANE, Pamela (Limerick). Happy Christmas and a happy New Year. From Bob Day, Finglas.

ENNIS, Seamus (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings. Lots of love from your wife Karen.

ENNIS, Seamus (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings. Lots of love from your son Seamus.

ENNIS, Seamus (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings Seamus. From Tom, Helen and kids.

ENNIS, Seamus (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and New Year. Shayo. From Gor and Barbara.

FERRIS, Martin (Portlaoise). Best wishes to Martin, John Crawley and all the Kerry lads. From the Browne family, Fenit.

AN CUMANN CABHACH CENTRAL COMMITTEE sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all our POWs in Ireland, England, continental Europe and America. We also send our greetings and sincere gratitude to all those who have contributed to our funds and made it possible for us to continue with our work on behalf of the prisoners.

ANTRIM TOWN SINN FEIN CUMANN sends Christmas and New Year greetings to Gerard Magee, H-Blocks, Jimmy O'Neil, H-Blocks, Raymond O'Neil, H-Blocks, Sean Griffin, Crumlin Road, Sean Kelly, Crumlin Road, Brian Gilhe, H-Blocks, Gay Adams, Portlaoise. You are never far from our thoughts lads. Keep your spirits high. Victory will be ours!

THE SINN FEIN POW DEPARTMENT, Dublin, sends solidarity greetings to all republican POWs at home and abroad.

THE CRUMLIN ROAD RELATIVES' ACTION COMMITTEE sends Christmas greetings to all republican POWs on remand in Crumlin Road Jail. We salute you and know that together we can win our demand for segregation.

THE ERNIE O'MALLEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, Drumcondra, Dublin, sends solidarity greetings to all republican prisoners, especially Hugh Doherty.

from Uncle Gerard.

McKINLEY, Sean (H-Block). Happy Christmas and New Year. From Dad.

McKINLEY, Sean (H-Block). Happy Christmas and happy New Year. Stay sober, ha, ha. From Patrick and Maureen.

McKINLEY, Sean (H-Block). To Uncle Sean. Happy Christmas and New Year. From Leah. XXX

McKINLEY, Sean (H-Block). Merry Christmas and happy New Year. From Uncle Gerard.

McKINLEY, Sean (H-Block). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Don't be getting drunk, ha, ha. From Pauline and Oliver; also from Patricia, Tommy and Aine; also from Mary Bo XXX; also from Anne Marie. Lots of love XXX; also from Mick and Vera; also from Marty and family; also from Jean, Don and family; also from Lizzy, Barney and the McReynolds family; also from Bobby, Martha and family; also from Maureen, Robert, wee Robert and Elizabeth; also from Big Joe and the McCabe family; also from Michael Quinn. I'll have a few drinks on you, ha, ha.

McLARNON, Brian (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings from Father, Mother and Nuala.

McLARNON, Brian (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings from Gerard, Kathleen and Fedeos.

McLARNON, Brian (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings from Elaine and Stephen.

McLARNON, Brian; **McSTRAVOG**, Hugh; **CAMPBELL**, Jimmy; **QUINN**, Frankie. Happy Christmas from Sean, Patricia and family.

McLAUGHLIN, Paddy (Parkhurst). You'll be in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas and always. Miss you. Much love. Su and Jasben.

McNALLY, Louis (Long Kesh). Christmas greetings from your loving wife Annette. XXX

McNALLY, Louis (Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Daddy. From your darling daughter Louise. XXX

McNAUGHT, Mick (H3). Lots of love for Christmas. From Monica and Christine.

Mac SIACAIS, Rab (H3, Ceis Fhada). Nollaig shona agus breithnís shona duit. Nollaig fada shean agus faoi mhaise duit. Adh mór don bhliain dhá gcéim sinmhert i gceol. Le gáir mór breithnís dhá, a Bab. Do ghrá gheal. O Aingeal. XXX

MAGEE, Gerard (Crumlin Road). Solidarity greetings for Christmas and the New Year. Keep smiling. From Paul, Dolores, Eamonn and Emmet. UTP

MAGEE, Gerard (Crumlin Road). Solidarity greetings for Christmas and a revolutionary New Year. From Mary, Panny, Sharon and Katrina. Until you are free we are all imprisoned.

MAGEE, Gerard (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a revolutionary New Year. From Lecky, Karen, Seánín and Caitríona. UTP

MAGEE, Sammy (Crumlin Road). Be down to see you soon. Merry Christmas. From Christine. XXX

MAGUIRE, Harry (Long Kesh). Happy Christmas and a happy New Year to a very special wee brother. Love you big mucker. From your brother, Seán.

MAGUIRE, Harry (H-Block). Nollaig shona duit, mo chara mór. Do ya na reckon you're a bit old for looking for toys off David Nollaig. How could he ever put anything in them snelly socks of yours (ha, ha). No harm in trying, eh! Gadh mór O Christy. Sue and family.

MAGUIRE, Thomas (H-Block). Merry Xmas Hatched. From Shane.

MAGUIRE, Thomas (H-Block). Merry Xmas. From Alice and Lucy. UTP

MAILEY, Steven (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas Steven. We miss you always but especially today. From your wife Roseleen and kids Clara, Clodagh, wee Steven and Donal.

MARKEY, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Peter and happy New Year. Thinking of you always and especially at

this time. Love always, Patricia. XXX

MARKEY, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Daddy. See you soon. Lots of love from Peter. XXX

MARKEY, Peter (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas son. Thinking of you all ways. Lots of love from Mum and Dad. XXX

MARKEY, Peter (H-Block). Happy Xmas. From Peter, Brendan, Jane and Connal.

MATHERS, Sean (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. Lots of love from Marion.

MATHERS, Sean (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas Daddy. Lots of love from Darren, Seánín and Melissa.

MATHERS, Sean (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From Eileen and Seamus; also from Bridget and Eunice; also from Margaret and Flump.

MATHERS, Sean (C-Wing, Crumlin Road). Wishing you a happy Christmas Sean. Lots of love, Veronica; also from Dessie Murphy and family; also from Anita and Seamus; also from Ciarán and Deirdre.

MATHERS, Sean (C-Wing, Crumlin Road). Wishing you a happy Christmas and a happy and brighter New Year. Love Jackie Hillen; also from Ciarán and Pat; also from Nicholas and Kathleen; also from Paddy, Janet and kids; also from Jane, Brendan and Connal; also from Taxi and Sinéad.

MOLLOY, Martin (H3). Wishing you a happy Xmas. Love and best wishes. From Mum, Dad, Anne, John, Patrick, Ciarán, Connor and Barry.

MOLLOY, Martin (H3). Hope you have a good Christmas and a happy New Year. Love from Mick and Teresa.

MOLLOY, Martin (H3). Christmas greetings to you and your comrades imprisoned at home and abroad. From Eddie; easy on the turkey and hard stuff from aunt Rita and John; Hope Santa arrives. From aunt Kathleen, Harry, Michael, Patrick, Cathy, Gerard, Bernadette and Emmet; also from uncle Jamesie, Elizabeth, Cahal and Róisín; Don't forget to hang up the stockings, from uncle Peter, Cenne and Kerry. Lots of hugs and kisses.

MOLLOY, Martin (H3). Best wishes to you and your comrades for Christmas and the New Year. From the Shaw family.

MOLLOY, Martin (H3 Block). Merry Christmas, boss! Take it easy on the turkey (and on the sausage roll!) Sláinte. O Seán Mór; Good luck and blessings on your birthday. Don't try to knock down any more prison walls to get into the next cell. Tiofaidh ár lá. From Susan, James, McPeake and family, Brackagh, Maghera.

MONTGOMERY, Rob (H-Block). Happy Christmas and a very happy New Year to my brother and his comrades. From Seán, Kathleen and family.

MONTGOMERY, Robert (H-Block). Happy Xmas Robin. From Mick and family.

MOORE, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Love and miss you always. From your loving wife Kathleen and children John, Joanne and Kyla. XXX

MOORE, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From John and Seánín.

MOORE, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From Martin, Robbie and family.

MOORE, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From Mary and family.

MOORE, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas. From Brian, Roseleen and family; also from Desmond, Donna and family.

MORGAN, Leo (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas Leo. See you on the 4th. From all the lads. UTP

MORGAN, Leo (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas. All the best from Marie and Flump.

MORRISON, Danny (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. In solidarity from Jean, Luc and Frank, Belgium.

MORRISON, Danny (Crumlin Road). All the best for Christmas and the New Year Dan. Hope I don't have to put in many more greetings for you. Looking forward to seeing you free in 1991. Good luck. From Dan, Deborah and kids.

MULVY, Brendan (H15). All the very best for Christmas and the New Year. From Liz, Gunnar and Roland in Germany. Tiofaidh ár lá.

MURPHY, Alex (H-Block). Nollaig shona duit mo chara. NÁ bí innmí out about getting swallowed at Xmas. I'll do enough for the both of us, ha, ha! O Christy, Susie and family.

MURPHY, Alex; **MEEHAN**, Martin (Long Kesh). Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. From Mrs O'Reilly and family.

MURPHY, James (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas. All the best. From the mad men in Caley.

MURPHY, James (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings James. Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year. All the best. Tiofaidh ár lá. From Dessie, Mary and Ann Mackin, Banbridge.

MURPHY, Declan (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Mammy, Camough.

MURPHY, Declan (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From the Seamus Steele Sinn Féin Cumann, Camough; also from Gramie and Sharon, Newry; also from Brendan, Deborah, Ciarán and Deirdre, Newry; also from Brendan, Jane and Connal, Newry; also from Marion and children, Newry; also from Eileen and Seamus, Newry.

MURPHY, Declan (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Maevie, Tomber and family, Camough; also from Joe and Judy McElwail, Camough; also from Gerry and Mary and all in Carlingford; also from Jess Hall in the US; also from the O'Reilly clan, Dublin; also from the Murphy clan, Camough; also from Dessie, Colette, Niamh, and Cliona, Camough.

MURPHY, Declan (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From the McDonald clan, Newry; also from the McGuigan clan, Newry; also from Carol and Ann Seehan and family, Camough; also from Boro, Wogal, Gowie and Ranch, Camough.

MURPHY, Declan (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas and a free New Year. From the Madden clan, Newry.

MURPHY, Miles (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas. Pity we couldn't be together. See you soon. Lots of love from Geraldine. XXX

MURPHY, Miles (Crumlin Road). Wishing you all the best at Christmas. From Marie and wee Lisa.

MURRAY, Brian (Long Kesh). Happy Christmas. From Alice, Lucy, Pete, Shane and Danny.

MURRAY, Patrick (France). Happy Christmas. From your loving wife Kathleen and daughters Fiona and Aisling.

MURRAY, Patrick (France). Happy Christmas. From your daughter Corrina, son-in-law Leo and grandchildren Patrick and Leo.

MURRAY, Patrick (France). Happy Christmas. From your daughter Marie.

MURRAY, Pat (France). With all our best wishes for Christmas and good luck in the New Year. We miss you and hope you're well. All our fondest regards. From Rusty and Milt. XXX; also from Máiréad and Máire; also from Gilie and Milo.

MURRAY, Pat (France). With all our fondest wishes for Christmas and every success in 1991. We love and miss you. Keep your chin up man. Tiofaidh ár lá. All our love. From P. PJ, Fuggy and all the gang. XXX; also from Rusty and Helen.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). A very happy Christmas Eamon. All our love. From Mam, Dad, Conor and Daryl.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. From the Fox/Crawford Sinn Féin Cumann, Waterford.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). Have a great Christmas Eamon. You're always on our minds. From Ger, Jimmy and kids.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). Have a peaceful Christmas Eamon. See you soon. Best wishes from Marion, Seamus and the gang.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. From Liam, Trevor and Noel; also thinking of you this Christmas. Go easy Christmas.

NOLAN, Eamon (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas from Finnuala and Colin; also Christmas and New Year greetings to all republican POWs at home and abroad. The republican POWs that we are imprisoned this Christmas. The way to honour a political prisoner is to keep the freedom flame burning. From Vincent and Ann Kelly and family.

ONELL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas from all on the Hill, also



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on the trifle. Le ghrá, O Nicola.

NORNEY, Paul (Long Lartin). Thinking of you at this time. Hope you have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. Love from your sister Lillian, Tommy and Bernadette. XXX

NORNEY, Paul (Long Lartin). Have a good Christmas, we'll have a drink for you. Good luck for the New Year. God Bless. Your brother. UTP

NORNEY, Paul (Long Lartin). Merry Christmas Paul. Thinking of you always. Lots of love and take care. Bernie and your niece Dearbhla.

O'CLEIRIGH, Eamon (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas Eamo. See you on the 2nd. Love Ann.

O'CLEIRIGH, Eamon (Portlaoise). Best wishes for Christmas. From John, Christine and family.

O'CLEIRIGH, Eamon (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings from Eileen.

O'CLEIRIGH, Eamon (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas from your sister Ailish.

O'DUBHUIR, Liam (England). Happy Xmas. No problem. Hope your hair's grown a bit! All the best. Theresa, John and Caidhe. XXX

O'DUBHUIR, Liam (England). Best wishes and New Year greetings. From Ann.

O'DUBHUIR, Liam (England). Athbhlain na gaois iontaife cile. Coinnigh ag cur as dóibh. Adh mór & Aengus.

ODWYER, Ella (Durham). Christmas and New Year greetings Ella. From Ann.

ODWYER, Ella (Durham). Was really disappointed we didn't get to see you both. Happy Christmas, May.

ODWYER, Ella (Durham). Happy Christmas Ella. See you soon. Love Betty and all the Anderson family.

ODWYER, Ella; **ANDERSON**, Martina (Durham). Always thinking of you. Hope you have a really happy Christmas. Lots of love, Martina.

OHAGAN, Sean (H6, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas my darling husband. From your ever-loving wife Róisín. XXX

OHAGAN, Sean (H6, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Daddy. Lots of love from Tracy, Máiréad, Denise, Kevin, Sean & Ursula.

OHAGAN, Sean (H6, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas son. From Mum and Dad and all the family.

OHAGAN, Tracey, Máiréad, Denise, Kevin, Sean & Ursula. Love and miss you all. Hope to see you at Christmas. XXX. From Daddy (H-6) Long Kesh.

OHAGAN, Róisín. To one very special lady in my life. From your ever-loving wee man. XXX. (H-6) Long Kesh.

OHAGAN, Sean; **COYLE**, Kieran; **BULLOCK**, Martin. Happy Christmas. From Sean, Patricia and family.

O'NEILL, Declan (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas and thinking of you always. Lots of love. From your wife Lynda and daughter Kim.

O'NEILL, Declan (Portlaoise). Christmas and New Year greetings. From George, Phylis and family.

O'NEILL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas darling. I love and miss you. From Mam, Dad and all the lads. XXX

O'NEILL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). To your Santa. We miss you Dad. Love from Tirnan, Connell and Seánín. XXX

O'NEILL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). Thinking about you this Christmas. Love Mum and Dad.

O'NEILL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas from Finnuala and Colin; also Christmas and New Year greetings to all republican POWs at home and abroad. The republican POWs that we are imprisoned this Christmas. The way to honour a political prisoner is to keep the freedom flame burning. From Vincent and Ann Kelly and family.

ONELL, Feargal (Crumlin Road). Merry Christmas from all on the Hill, also

from the hard workers at No.21 (ha, ha).

O'NEILL, Martin (Crumlin Road). I'll be thinking of you at Christmas love. I love you lots. Your Carmel.

O'NEILL, Martin (Crumlin Road). Happy Christmas Daddy. We love and miss you very much. From your two girls, Róisín and Máiréad.

O'NEILL, Raymond and Jimmy (H-Block). Solidarity greetings for Christmas and the New Year. From Paul, Dolores, Eamonn and Emmet.

O'MEARA, Dessie (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Dad, Mily and Gerard.

O'MEARA, Dessie (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From Seamus and Sheila.

O'MEARA, Dessie (Portlaoise). Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. With love from Sadie and Tony.

O'REILLY, Jim (H4, Long Kesh). Seasons greetings. Happy Christmas Jim. From all the family. Thinking of you as always. All our love and best wishes for the New Year. XXX

O'REILLY, Neil (H3, Long Kesh). Wishing you a very merry Christmas sweetheart. Hopefully one Christmas soon we will be able to spend it together. I love you. From your fiancé Siobhán.

PRITCHARD, Kieran (H3, Long Kesh). Happy Christmas Kieran. Love from Fionn, Seánín and Sean. XXX

PRITCHARD, Kieran (H3, Long Kesh). Revolutionary greetings Kieran. All the best. From Anna and Kieran.

QUINN, Pauline (Maghaberry). Christmas greetings Pauline. From Anne Marie, Martin (Crumlin Road) and family.

QUINN, Pauline (Maghaberry). Merry Christmas. Hope to see you back out soon. Thinking of you always. Do chara Irene. XXX

QUINN, Pauline (Maghaberry). Christmas greetings. From Sean, Patricia and family.

QUINN, Pauline (Maghaberry). Best wishes for Christmas Pauline. Hope to see you home soon. From Ailish and Dermot.

QUINN, Pauline (Maghaberry). Christmas greetings. From Peter, Bronagh and Seana.

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QUINN, Dermot (Crumlin Road). Christmas greetings. From Peter, Bronagh and Seana.

ROGERS, Peter (Portlaoise). Christmas greetings Peter. From Pat, Michelle, Sinéad, Brenda, Julianne, Peter, Nuala, Terry, Gary, Catrina, Sean, Brian, Kevin and Donna. You can figure out who is who (ha, ha).

ROONEY, Gerald (Portlaoise). All the best for Christmas Ron and much luck for the New Year. From Dan, Deborah and kids.

RUSSELL, Robert (H5, Long Kesh). Christmas and birthday greetings to our brother Robert. Although we are miles apart you are always in our thoughts. From your sister Rita, brother Philip and families (Canada).

RUSSELL, Robert (H5, Long Kesh). Christmas and birthday greetings to my

FERMANAGH REPUBLICANS send solidarity greetings to all republican POWs at home and abroad.

FERMANAGH SINN FEIN sends greetings to all republican prisoners at home and abroad.

THE MATTHEW KANE SINN FEIN CUMANN, County Offaly, extends Christmas greetings to all republican POWs at home and abroad.

THE REPUBLICAN POWS at home and abroad wish to thank An Cumann Cabhrach, Green Cross, Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare and Prison Transport for all their hard work this past year. Your work has been greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Donnell Sinn Féin Cumann, Crossakiel, Meath.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all POWs at home and abroad. From the Cogan/McDonnell Sinn Féin Cumann, Crossakiel, Meath.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Eugene McKee (Crumlin Road). From the McLaughlin family circle, Strabane, UTT.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Eugene Gilmartin, Peter, Pod, Kevin and Rab (H-Blocks) and Big Eugene and Hodgies (Crumlin Road), Damien and Johnboy (England). From Tony, Bernie and family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Charlie McKiernan, (H4, Long Kesh). Best wishes for Xmas. Will be thinking of you. All my love. Always yours, O Claire.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Eugene Sloan, Ken Bolger, Declan O'Neill, Eamon O Cleirigh, Paudie Lavin. Wishing you all the best. From Nicola.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Barney Gallagher (Long Kesh), Geraldine Ferty and Pauline Quinn (Maghaberry) and all the other Tyrone POWs. From Barney, Kathleen and family, Loughmacrory.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all POWs in Ireland and Europe. From Splash and family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all POWs in Portlaoise. From Eileen Murphy.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Kenny Carnoghe, Art Crosey, Jimmy Fox, Denis Griffin, Leonard Hardy, Tony Heaney, Don McEvoy, Eoin Morrow and Gerard Sloan (Portlaoise). Happy Christmas lads. From Mickey, Bernie, Brendan and Ciaran.

CHRISTMAS and New Year solidarity greetings to all our POWs and families and to those people who supported our fight throughout 1989. Best love. An Cumann Cabhrach/POW Campaign Committee (Bhrathair).

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to all the men and women in Long Kesh, Maghaberry, Portlaoise, England and overseas. Love from all the Russell family.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to all the men and women in Long Kesh, Maghaberry, Portlaoise, England and overseas and to the lads now fighting extradition. They, Boaky, Dingus, Fat, Also to Desdie Ellis, we wish you all the luck in your next fight in the British courts. From the Belfast Anti-Extradition Committee.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings and many thanks to everyone who supported Desdie Ellis and the campaign against extradition. We hope for your continued support. From the Belfast Anti-Extradition Committee.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to the Tyrone POWs imprisoned abroad and to all those Irish republicans jailed in foreign countries. Special greetings to Vincent Donnelly (Long Lartin), Peter Sherry (Parkhurst), Also to Gillian and the children. From Barra Mac Giolla Dhuibh and Pólín Ní Cheallaigh.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to all republican POWs in Ireland, England, Europe and the USA. Thinking of you all. Best wishes from Patricia, Pól Wilson and family.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to all Irish republican POWs in prison in Ireland, England, Europe and the USA. Solidarity and strength to their families. From Fight Racism Fight Imperialism.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to Liam, Sean and Laddy McColl. Nollaig shona daobh mo chairde. O Christy, Susie and family.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to Joe. How the poor wee Irishman keeping. Not too bad I hope. Nothing a few bottles of crest of ten wouldn't cure hal hal All the best for the future mate. O Martin agus clann.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to the Limerick POWs in Portlaoise and England and to all republican prisoners at home and abroad. From the Clancy/O'Callaghan Sinn Féin Cumann, Limerick.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to all republican prisoners in jails in Ireland, England, continental Europe and the US. From the West London Support Group.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to Eugene McKee (Crumlin Road Jail). From Regina and Eoghan, Loving and

MID-LOUTH SINN FEIN extends Christmas greetings to all republican POWs throughout the world. Your commitment and dedication to our struggle is an inspiration to us all.

missing you, XXX **CHRISTMAS** and New Year greetings to Gerard Magee (Long Kesh). From Orla and Tanya.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to Sean Kelly and Harry McCann. From Leddy, Karen and kids.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings Daffy, from your friends in Antrim, Leddy, Karen, Seánín and Caitríona.

CHRISTMAS and New Year greetings to the Turtle Commander. From the Turlettles and Turppins. XXX **GREETINGS** are extended to all republican POWs at home and abroad. Tiofaidh ar lá. From the O'Shanahans, Watford.

GREETINGS to all republican POWs at home and abroad. From Ann. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** to all republican POWs in Irish and foreign jails. UTT. From the Molloy family, Brackagh, Maghera, County Derry.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all republican POWs. From Mike Bawl.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all POWs. From Sheenagh and family, Cork.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to Peter Sherry (Parkhurst), Fergal O'Neill (Crumlin Road) and to all republican prisoners incarcerated in prisons throughout Ireland, England and wherever they might be. To all family and friends scattered throughout Tyrone. God bless you all. Tiofaidh ar lá. From Philomena McGuigan.

HAPPY XMAS to Shay Ennis, Les, Nailer, Eane, Dermot and all the republican POWs. From Míne Bawl.

HAPPY XMAS to Ken, Nailer, Eamo, Dermot and all POWs. From Miley.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all the Tyrone women in Maghaberry. From Tina and Eoin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all republican prisoners in Ireland, England, Europe and the USA. From the Glenholmes family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a revolutionary New Year to Seamus Ennis and Eugene Sloan (Portlaoise). Peace on earth by whatever means necessary. From Danny Dunne and all the Noraid supporters in Chicago, USA.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and happy New Year to all republican POWs at home and abroad. From the Eoin McNamee Sinn Féin Cumann, Kildress.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and happy New Year to Mark Molgrew (Long Kesh). From the Eoin McNamee Sinn Féin Cumann, Kildress.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and happy New Year to John Brady (Crumlin Road). Best wishes from Kevin and Denise.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and happy New Year to Brendan Donaghy and Martin Mallon (Long Kesh). Best wishes from John and Winnie Daly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all republican POWs in Maghaberry. From Zig.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to Pauline Quinn, Bronwyn McGahon and Geraldine Ferrity. Love from John and Winnie Daly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all POWs. From Fergal and Maire.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to Pauline Quinn, Bronwyn McGahon and Geraldine Ferrity. Love from Denise and Kevin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to John Boy and

Damien (England) and to Eugene, Pod, Peter, Kevin, Rab and Phil McCullough (H-Blocks). From Tucker, Janette and kids.

NOLLAIG SHONA to all on our comrades in jail in Ireland, England, Europe and the States. In the words of one of our great philosophers, "Sure if we weren't winning you'd be depressed."

From the Campbell family, Belfast.

NOLLAIG SHONA agus athbhallín faoi mhaíse is faoi shona do Pamela Kane (Luinnéach) agus Eamonn O Cleirigh (Portlaoise) agus ní pohlachlánaigh go léir in Eirinn agus thar lear. O Sheán Mac Bhráigh (Laghbail).

SEASON'S GREETINGS to all Irish political prisoners in jails in England. From Irish Prisoners' Appeal, Bristol.

SEASON'S GREETINGS to Peter Sherry (Parkhurst), Pamela Kane (Limerick) and all republican prisoners in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road and jails in the South and abroad. From the Corrigan family, Cappagh.

SEASON'S GREETINGS to Sean Kelly, Seamus Madden and Harry McCann (C-Wing, Crumlin Road). From all at McCrory Road.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS to all republican POWs from Louth. From Pearse.

SOLIDARITY and Christmas greetings to all POWs at home and abroad, especially Brian Kenna, Aodh O Dochartaigh, Joe, Martin Ferris, Liam O'Dwyer, Jim Coll, James Doherty and Gay Kearney. From Gerry and Monica Tuise.

SOLIDARITY GREETINGS to all republican POWs wherever they may be. From the Donnelly family of the graveyard of the fairy fort.

SOLIDARITY GREETINGS to republican POWs everywhere. From the Dunganannon Martyrs Sinn Féin Cumann.

SOLIDARITY GREETINGS to all republican prisoners in Ireland, England, Europe and the US. Tiofaidh ar lá. From Pete, Lurgan.

WISHING all republican prisoners of all the men and women from Tyrone who are imprisoned in Maghaberry, Crumlin Road and Long Kesh. From Barra Mac Giolla Dhuibh and Pólín Ní Cheallaigh.

WISHING all POWs at home and abroad and those who won't be at home a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From the Wright family.

WISHING all the women POWs in Maghaberry a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Best wishes from Kevin and Denise Wright family.

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THE MILLIGAN/HARTE SINN FEIN CUMANN, Loughmacrory/Mountfield, extends Christmas and New Year greetings to all Irish republican POWs at home and abroad with a special thought for Barney Gallagher (Long Kesh) and the other Tyrone POWs.

cially Big Shout Brian Keenan, Tommy Quigley, John Boy and Damien McComb, Pat Magee and Paul Kavanagh. Also Martina and Ella. Nollaig shona daobh and all the best for the New Year. O Christy, Susie and family.

XMAS and New Year greetings to all republican POWs in the H-Blocks, Ceis Phada. Especially Alais, Harry, Sean T. Fergal, Eugene Gilmartin, Brendan Mul, Gerard McKee, Jimmy, Gary and Chopper, Cleaky, OK, Muscles Moad, Ned, Sid and Bernard, Harry Murray, Pickles, Jim Crane, Dominic, Tuo, Bobby Storey, Jimmy Burns, Mickie Timmons, Pat Kane, Frankie Quinn and Joe McQuillan. Nollaig shona daobh mo chairde, ádh mór for the New Year. O Christy, Susie and family.

XMAS and New Year greetings to Pat 'the Pope' Murray. How's the French coming along ya boy yel? You should be fluent by now. The tea-pots still on the range if you ever fancy a cup ha, ha. Take care, and all the best for the future. O Martin agus clann.

XMAS GREETINGS John A Heaney. Happy Xmas. Lots of love. From the Kelly family, Grange.

XMAS GREETINGS John A Heaney. Thinking of you. From the Heaneys, Armagh.

XMAS GREETINGS John A Heaney. Very happy Xmas. Love and best wishes. The Dougnans, Armagh.

XMAS GREETINGS for Dermot and Harry (Crumlin Road). Love and best wishes. From Jenny and John A Heaney, Armagh.

XMAS GREETINGS to John Duffy, Martin Gough, Gerry McKee, Robert Jackson, Brian Campbell, Robert Murray, Barry Reid, Gerry McKean, Paddy Grimes, Joe McQuillan, Kevin Pritchard, John McLaughlin, (Long Kesh). From Peter Boyne and family, Dublin.

XMAS GREETINGS to Ella O'Dwyer. From Brian and Dennis.

XMAS GREETINGS to all POWs at home and abroad. From Liam, Mary and family, Manchester.

XMAS GREETINGS to all POWs at home and abroad. From the Vol Tom Smith Band, Dublin.

XMAS GREETINGS to all republican POWs in Crumlin Road Jail. Especially Kevin and Jim, Hodgies, Danny Beggars, Benny, Seán, Bo, Jimmy, Seán A. Big Mouth, Pat Sheehan and Derry. Nollaig shona daobh mo chairde and all the best for the New Year. O Christy, Susie and family.

XMAS GREETINGS to Jimmy Flood and Mickey Burke (Portlaoise) and the Arklow and Enniscorthy people. From Mick Murray.

XMAS GREETINGS to all POWs in England and Europe. From Mick Murray.

XMAS GREETINGS to Pamela Kane. From your fan club in Eccles St.

XMAS GREETINGS to Shay Ennis (Portlaoise). Happy Xmas and happy New Year. Thinking of you. From Shay and Nuala.

XMAS GREETINGS to Desdie Ellis from the Desdie Ellis Anti-Extradition Committee, Finglas.

XMAS GREETINGS to all the POWs at home and abroad. Especially to the lads in Portlaoise jail, Nicky, Bru, Mick and Gerry Kearns. Also for Liam O Duibhir, Paddy McCullough and Pamela Kane.

XMAS GREETINGS to all POWs in Ireland, England and Europe. From Joe Lynch and family, Limerick.

XMAS GREETINGS to POWs everywhere. Stay strong! All the best. Theresa, Damien and Catherine McComb.

XMAS GREETINGS to all the POWs in Portlaoise, H-Blocks, Maghaberry, England and Europe. From Dicky, Lily and kids.

XMAS GREETINGS to Gerard Rooney, John Boy McComb, Eugene Gilmartin, Paud Devenny, Peter Cunningham, Damien McComb, Derry Joe and all the POWs incarcerated this Christmas. Hope you are all free next year. From Willie and Minny Higgins and family.

XMAS GREETINGS to Noel Noonan, Desdie O'Meara, John Carmody and Pajo Griffin (Portlaoise). From Sean and Susan, Limerick.

XMAS GREETINGS to our cousin, Gerard McCann (Long Kesh) and POWs everywhere, including Nicky Keogh, Dave Douglas, Gerry Kearns, Eugene Sloan, Jimmie Flood, Dermot Adams, Peter Lynch, Peter Rogers, and Bag Hardy (Portlaoise). Also greetings to Patrick McCaughlin and Liam O Duibhir in England. From the McCann family in Cabra and Enniscorthy.

XMAS GREETINGS to my husband Pat (Portlaoise). From Dora, Noel, Kevin, Stan and Sínead.

XMAS GREETINGS to all Irish POWs in jails at home and across the world. From the Fergal O'Hanlon/John Davey Sinn Féin Cumann, Lavey, South Derry.

XMAS GREETINGS to all republican prisoners at home and abroad, especially James Doherty (France), Hugh Doherty (Parkhurst) and Jim Coll (France). Also belated greetings for your birthdays on 20th November, 7th December and 22nd December, respectively. Happy Xmas and a happy New Year. From the Donegal POW Department.

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PICKET
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County Antrim

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Music by Saoirse
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Pick your brains for Christmas



1. What middle-weight world boxing champion from Brighton psyches himself up before all his fights by singing Irish rebel songs?
2. What hated leader (who has also paid at least one memorable visit to Brighton) has now got plenty of free time to start on the *Brighton Beach Memoirs*?
3. Who received what republicans know as imprisonment but 'executive detention' being a more appropriate tag in his case, in 1990?
4. Which terrible twosome made their second miraculous escape this year, provoking a storm of protest from the British tabloids?
5. Which Liverpool bookstore sold out of Republican Resistance Calendars in January after getting a free plug from the *News of the World*?
6. Which member of the British royal family was reported to have said earlier this year, "I want lots more babies. We have to have lots more because of the IRA, you know?"
7. Of whom was it said earlier this year that "the battle for his mind was like trench warfare in World War One. Never have so many fought so hard for such barren terrain?"
8. What chat show host threw a fit when his father-in-law considered claiming his 26-County Tan War pension?
9. Which SDLP councillor claimed in March that the IRA had kidnapped a Linfield striker for two days, a claim which was rubbished by both the IRA and the RUC?
10. What "Irish traitor" was honoured in London this year to the disgust of the *Sunday Torygraph*?
11. Which Strabane councillor said in March that "no Protestant children would use the swimming pool as Catholic children before them would only dirty the water?"
12. What was the "problem with a capital P" which had Dafydd Glyn Jones stumped in April?



13. Who is this Unquiet Man, pictured here with world-famous movie star Maureen O'Hara?

14. What Sinn Féin councillor's Hidden Agenda involved acting as an actor to act as a Sinn Féin councillor and beat the broadcasting ban in 1990?
15. What Tory MP said following Owen Carron's release that "this marks a black day for justice"?
16. What fireworks company which also manufactures Britain's murderous plastic bullets, found itself the target of the British Ministry of Defence Fraud Squad this year?
17. True or false? The captain of the US warship who ordered the shooting down of an Iranian civilian airliner over the Gulf in July 1988, killing all 290 people aboard, was this year court-martialled and given a dishonourable discharge.
18. What did the leader of the Orange Order, the former president of the Workers' Party and a Fine Gael member of the World Anti-Communist League have in common last May?
19. True or false? Sir Peter Terry, former Governor of Gibraltar, admitted this year that: "It was my fault I got shot because I was having a bloody good laugh at other people being killed."
20. Which British newspaper in May ran the headline: "If you value your life crawl under your car"?



21. What Tipperary republican POW arrived home in May to a hero's welcome after enduring 14 years of harassment and torture in English jails?
22. Why did Jordan Gollub, head of the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi, lose his job this year?

23. What British expert said in June that "the Irish have done some damage in Europe over the past three years"?
24. Which great Irish patriot said this year that "anybody that's not proud to be an Irishman I'm certainly not gonna talk to"?
25. What famous city's councillors voted to name a street corner after an Irish POW this year?
26. Was the Eastbourne by-election a victory for: (a) The IRA? (b) The Liberal Democrats? (c) John Major?
27. What famous POW, released this year, enraged the British establishment and press by suggesting that peace in Ireland might be achieved through negotiations between the British and the IRA?
28. What respected Irish clergyman who died this year said once to Margaret Thatcher of the Six Counties: "Look, you've had it for some 60 years and you haven't even figured out a name for the bloomers' place yet?"
29. What top copper said "It failed due to the extensive vigilance and precautions taken by the organisation and the police" and to what was he referring?
30. What 'prominent member of Fianna Fáil' had his private yacht boarded by British Marines in Carlingford Lough this summer?
31. What former member of a US-based right-wing group of cold warriors became head of state in a neo-colonial statelet in 1990?
32. What three Irish prisoners received a belated and begrudged release this year in a British Appeal Court?
33. To what Desert(ed) nation did Britain sell its entire stock of desert uniforms four years ago, to Whitehall's current embarrassment?
34. What Cork man, jailed for the heinous crime of possession of a republican poster, was finally released in November?
35. How many Christmas's will the Birmingham Six now have had stolen from them and their families by the end of 1990?

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Remember Them This Christmas

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