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MURDER AT CASTLEREAGH

Brian Maguire died in Castlereagh Interrogation Centre. Whether he hung himself or whether he died as a result of over-zealous treatment from his guardians is irrelevant. The fact is that those who run Castlereagh have created such a terrible and all-embracing torture apparatus that not only can they torture men to the point of death, they can force them to end their own lives to escape from their tormentors.

Torture in Castlereagh has been well documented. The Republican Movement has repeatedly said that surely someone would die in this vile centre. Eddie Rooney of Belfast last year was thrown from an upstairs window. Men from Derry have been hung on meat-hooks for days on end. Psychological torture has been used on men for up to 7 days.

Yet Castlereagh still flourishes. Brian Maguire's death will be glossed over. Time-serving politicians will mildly express shock at Brian's death. But the time for meekness is gone. All the adjectives to describe Castlereagh have been exhausted.

Castlereagh Torture Centre must be destroyed. The whole apparatus of torture and repression in the North must be dismantled. Remember, Castlereagh is only one effect of British occupation. End the British connection, end state murder, end the system that murdered Brian Maguire, and tortured countless others.

You, the people, must play your part. Return to the streets. Organise in your factories. Show the Brits that the Irish people will never submit to repression.

We all feel deeply moved by the death of Brian Maguire. Let us show our repulsion positively. Demand an end to torture, demand an end to Brit domination in Ireland.

FREE DRAW: WINNING NUMBER

The winning number of the FREE DRAW for PDF -- Creggan only -- was 4612. Please claim this prize as soon as possible! No doubt you will as soon as the lucky winner reads his winning ticket number.

Another draw will take place this month for Creggan. Tickets will be given out by your street collectors NEXT WEEK.

Don't forget to keep your tickets so as to claim your PRIZE.

GREETINGS***GREETINGS***GREETINGS*****

Many Happy Returns to Father Neil Carlin of St. Eugene's on his birthday, from the Boys in Long Kesh and Crumlin, with a message: Keep up the good work -- you are winning. By the way, Fr. Carlin's birthday was 1st May 1978. It was too late for our last issue.

-- Creggan Wasper

CELEBRITY WORKER THREATENED

17 year old Barry Fisher of 54 Rathlin Gardens, a collector for the PDF, a recognised charitable organisation, is harassed by the B.A at every opportunity. After following him and stopping him while he was doing his collections, they told him if he didn't stop collecting for the PDF they would shoot him. Another Brit on another occasion has threatened to plant rounds on him and get him sent away to the Crum...

HOW DO THE BRITS RULE HERE?

Don't think of the first and obvious answer -- their guns -- but of another means more subtle, by which they can do their crimes without reproach from anyone: The Emergency Provisions Act. Even if the Brits were to withdraw tomorrow, or Castlereagh closed, or Newman and Magon replaced, another dictator could replace him, another torture centre be opened under a new name. This law is more powerful than any of the personalities behind it. DISMANTLE THIS "LEGAL" SYSTEM.

IN Strand Road. Come on out of hiding, you leaders of Christendom. Let your voices be heard by YOUR people. Show you care. Don't wait until it is too late. Every day that you are silent about H-Block YOU will be held responsible, not only by the people of Ireland, but by the man who was Christ and still is today.

TRADE UNIONISTS: WHERE ARE YOU?

Is your silence on the hell holes of H-Block bought by the few crumbs thrown at the people you are supposed to represent?

You claim to be socialists. Where then is your voice? I read every day about your fight for the poor black workers in Africa, how they are imprisoned without trial, and the cruelty they suffer in prison, their torture at the hands of their white masters.

Oh, you hypocrites! Why do you look so far away? No where in this world are so many suffering as much as the men of H-Block. Their so-called crime is that they are socialists who hate injustice and oppression. You so-called socialists in the trade unions of Derry have you put on a cloak of respectability? Has love of power made you forget the writings and example of James Connolly? HE was not afraid to speak out against injustice or corruption in his own country. He was not afraid to back the workers by force of arms. He laid down his life for his fellow countrymen. I don't ask the trade unions to lay down their lives or to take up arms. I only ask them to speak out now before it is too late. Let your voices be heard against the injustices committed against the men in H-Block Long Kesh.

WHO FEARS TO SPEAK IN '78 LIKE THE MAN OF 32 A.D.?

God gave us a body full of energy to use in this life. All our energy should be used in following his teachings and example.

Christ to my mind was the first true socialist who opposed injustices, oppression and corruption when and wherever he came across any of these three evils. He never at any time in his short life on earth, turned a blind eye to anything which he knew to be unjust. He did not snivel at the sufferings of his flock. Nor was he backward in coming forward to tell his disciples to speak out against these injustices and corruptions. At no time did Christ ever warn his disciples NOT to speak out against the three evils. So I ask now WHY ALL THE SILENCE from those who profess to follow Christ, about the men in H-Block Long Kesh. Over 310 young men whose only crime was their love of country and their hatred of corruption, injustices and oppression. There are another 3,000 men, boys, girls and women held & tortured daily by thugs, Quislings and foreign troops in jails throughout England and Ireland, not forgetting the torture that occurs daily at the RUC Barracks