

DEERRD BULLETIN

12 days on

HUNGER-STRIKE

WILL THATCHER NOT SEE REASON? — PROTESTS TO BE STEPPED UP!

IS THIS CAMPAIGN TO SEE THE BEGINNING OF MASS ARREST?

SINCE THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF MASS ARRESTS BY THE BRITISH SECURITY FORCES. INDEED, WITH THE RECENT VISITS BY THE RUC TO THE HOMES OF MANY OF THE 'H' BLOCK/ARMAGH ACTIVISTS, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE BY THE RUC TO STOP ANY SERIOUS RESUMPTION OF THE CAMPAIGN. THIS VIEW HAS SINCE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE BRUTAL AND UNWARRANTED HANDLING OF LAST FRIDAY'S DEMONSTRATION BY 'H' BLOCK PROTESTERS. DURING THAT PROTEST A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WERE HURT AND TWO YOUNG MEN WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO STRAND ROAD BARRACKS. WHAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING THEMSELVES IS: WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP IT?

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the British government has decided that this campaign for political status for the prisoners must fail. That one method of ensuring this is the traditional methods of the RUC is without any doubt. Margaret Thatcher and her lackey at Stormont Castle, Humphrey Atkins, have quite clearly issued instructions to the Chief Constable and the British Army G.O.C. that the 'H' Block campaign must be dealt with as a matter of priority and urgency. They are quite clearly aware of the political implications of this campaign and are determined that regardless of the cost in terms of their public image, they cannot afford to allow us to succeed.

And yet, succeed we must, if only to ensure that the principles for which we have been fighting these many years, are not lost forever.

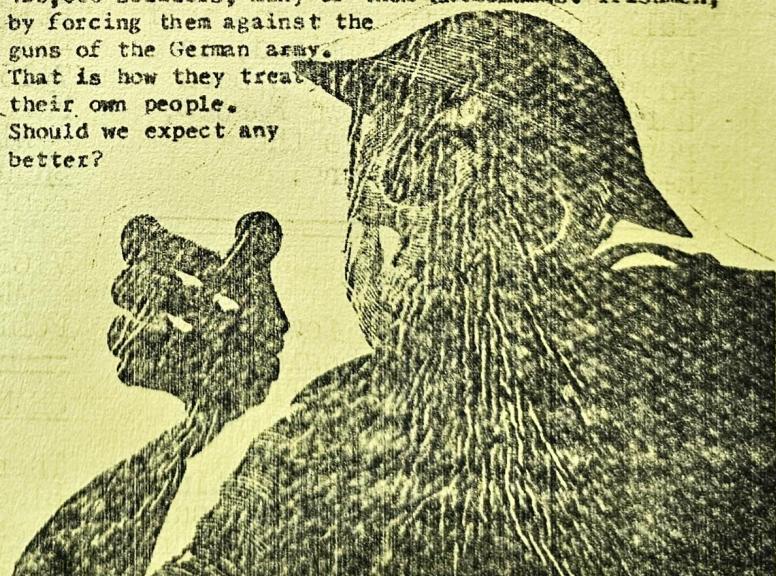
BUT, WHAT CAN WE DO?

WE MUST ORGANISE NOW! BRING THE PEOPLE OUT ON FRIDAY. BRING THEM OUT AGAIN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND SHOW MARGARET THATCHER AND THE RUC THAT WE WILL NOT LOSE !!

SOME FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT BRITISH IMPERIALISM !!!

No one nation has suffered as heavily as a result of British expansionism than the Irish. There have been many 'Bloody Sundays' throughout our whole history. However, just to show how thoroughly corrupt their political system is, we have decided to show you how they treated their own soldiers:

During four short months of the first world war, the British Generals were responsible for slaughtering 420,000 soldiers, many of them nationalist Irishmen, by forcing them against the guns of the German army. That is how they treat their own people. Should we expect any better?



DEATH! — THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE BRITAIN EVER OFFERED US.

ORGANISE! BRING PEOPLE OUT ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

STUDENTS' H-BLOCK/ARMAGH ACTION GROUP

Members of the Coleraine/Magee group attended the National Conference in Dublin recently. They return with solidarity greetings from 22 colleges and universities and further education establishments. Messages of support were read out from colleges in England, Scotland, Wales, USA and Europe. A coordinating committee was formed to organise action on a national level. We urge all students to join their group now and if you haven't got one — form one NOW.

HARASSMENT AGAINST STUDENTS

Reports have continued to come in about the disgusting behaviour of certain members of the RUC/BA who descend like sneaks in the night once darkness falls. We condemn this behaviour which does not deter street violence but encourages full scale confrontations. If you have been victimised, or know of someone who has been harassed by the Crown Forces, report it at once to the H-Block/Armagh Centre.

RADIO SAOIRSE

During the next few days, transmission will begin on Derry's own **RADIO STATION**, Radio Saoirse. Over the past few weeks, Radio Saoirse technicians have been testing the air waves to select a suitable position so that everyone can receive broadcasts. At the start, it will be broadcasting on 1600 medium wave, but will soon be on FM band as well.

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(Radio Saoirse)

If you have any requests, contributions, suggestions, etc please forward them to the following addresses:

RADIO SAOIRSE
c/o H-Block/Armagh Office
Waterloo St
DERRY
or any Sinn Fein or IRSP Advice Centre.

WHAT'S ON

WATERSIDE ACTION GROUP:
A torchlight procession, followed by a public meeting will take place on Sunday, 15th March, starting at 7:30 p.m. from the Top-of-the-Hill. Band in attendance.

Hunger Strike Appeal Fund

A DANCE: Gobnascale Community Centre, Friday, March 20th. Hot food available. Dancing til 2 a.m. Admission by ticket only — £1.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE:
Belfast, Sunday, March 15th. Bus leaves Creggan shops at 7:15 a.m., Bogside Inn, 7:30am Fare — £2.50

All members of youth groups should attend. For information contact the H-Block/Armagh office, Waterloo Street. VICTORY TO THE BLANKETMEN and ARMAGH P.o.W.s!!!

POLITICAL STATUS NOW!!!

SHANTALLOW H-BLOCK/ARMAGH CENTRE

There are 2 locations for H-Block/Armagh activists in Derry: the Waterloo Street offices above the Rocking Chair and the Shantallow Hunger Strike Centre at the Shantallow Shops (Sinn Fein Caravan). ALL activity in Shantallow, Galliagh Carnhill, is coordinated from this office, which is open regularly each day.