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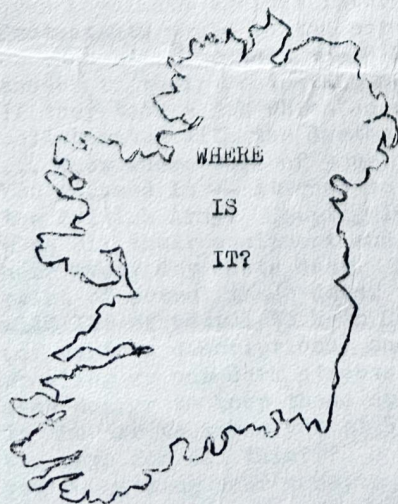
## THE DOUBLE STANDARD -- IN ACTION

While paying all due respect to his office as bishop and spiritual leader of ~~the~~ of our city, Dr. Daly has laid himself open once again to being used by the same British gutter press which a few years back called him a liar when it dismissed his account of Bloody Sunday. The statement made by Dr. Daly was given the full treatment by the media. Lost, as usual, was sympathy for the dead. Instead, it was presented as a crusade against the I.R.A., an opportunity for the British Army to push aside the Pomeroy murder, and the British Army's involvement in the death of a factory manager on the same day that Judge Conaghan and Mr. McBirney were executed. While understanding the feelings of a Man of God towards killings, we cannot understand at times the line taken by some clerics. Time and time again we see them turn out for the funerals of people killed by one side in this war, and are absent at others. Is it not a fundamental principle that all human life is equal?

Judge Conaghan and Mr. McBirney were just as much an instrument of war as any soldier on patrol. They chose some time ago to forego their consciences, learning and knowledge when they agreed to uphold the laws enforced by the guns of the British Army, and work within a system that should be obnoxious to any genuine man or woman of the law. There for all to see in criminal proceedings records over the past few years are cases whereby men of conscience who choose not to recognise British courtroom procedures have been sentenced to more severe jail terms than those who have not taken this particular moral stance.

This puts a stigma of political expediency on sentences handed out to those who oppose this immoral society, and puts the judiciary here in the same category as Lord Widgery, who based his findings on politics, not the evidence set before him. Dr. Daly should be telling Britain that she cannot hold his people in bondage and expect peace. He should be pointing out that the warring factions in cases such as Greece, Turkey, N. Vietnam and the USA, began an ending of hostilities by exchanging prisoners. He should know and make clear to Mr. Rees and Westminster that in all walks of life, trust must play a major part. And as they are the one's who hold prisoners, they are the ones who -- if their quest for peace is sincere -- must make the first moves by releasing unconditionally internees. This will leave the door open for reconciliation and negotiation, as an act of trust is always met by an act of trust.

-- Derry Provisional Sinn Féin  
Comhairle Ceanntair



## THIS WEEK'S CONTEST!

WHERE IS IT?

Clues:

- 1) amid the plains of Kildare
- 2) described in a song as a place with a "green grave"

ENTRIES -- to be left at 15 Cable St. by next Weds., October 2nd. First correct answer wins £1.

LAST WEEK'S CONTEST:

The correct answer in last week's "Guess the Person" contest was:

MARTIN MC GUINNESS

Winner: Rosina Thornton, 35 Abbotts Walk



# ASK ABOUT IT...

Throwing a bomb is bad,  
Dropping a bomb is good;  
Terror, no need to add,  
Depends on who's wearing the hood.

Kangaroo courts are wrong,  
Special Courts are right;  
Discipline by the strong  
Is fair if your collar is white.

Company output 'soars',  
Wages, of course, 'explode';  
Profits deserve applause,  
Payclaims, the criminal code.

Daily the Church declares  
Betting shops are a curse;  
Gambling with stocks and shares  
Enlarges the national purse.

Workers are 'absentees',  
Businessmen 'relax';  
Different as chalk and cheese  
Social morality  
Has a duality -- o  
One for each side of the tracks.



Like many people, you may still be on rent and rate strike. But if you aren't, -- or if you are working and tax comes out in big bites from every pay packet -- you may like to know ehre some of the money you hand over to the government goes.

...Remember the ads on television for prison warders? You're right -- they were expensive. The government has spent £25,000 on these wee ads so far. But according to a government statement, it has been "completely wasted". Designed to attract warders from Ulstermen, it hasn't worked -- because Long Kesh (and other prisons) conditions have turned even Loyalists against internment, and Protestants would be the normal target of such ads. Now they would have to answer to their Protestant Neighbours if they took a job which so openly collaborated with the System.

....Know where more of your money goes? You guessed it -- it goes to support the British Army. Keeping 15,000 men plus all their equipment and services here every day costs dear. You know the price of petrol these days. It takes a wild lot of petrol to keep Saracens, Pigs (of various descriptions) and Land Rovers prowling up our dark streets -- and it's even dearer to keep those spotter planes in the air to waken you at 5.30 am. Guess who pays for all this??? Do you think you're getting your money's worth??? Why not find out how much of your tax goes

to pay The British Army -- and think about REFUSING to pay for keeping the Brits here...

...Which reminds me -- you think your pay packet is small? It's an unequal world here: know how much a B.A. guard watching over sick soldiers at a public hospital near here gets? A corporal gets £240 a month, with about £40 taken out in tax. Hard work? Probably not half as hard as yours -- they need only sit like lumps all day, trying hard not to fall asleep...

## More Harassment...



Does the B.A. now make a policy of harassing those who visit prisoners in their concentration camps? It is expected that the British Army would enthusiastically deny such a charge -- as usual. But when three people who visited prisoners last week were raided -- and I mean a really thorough search of their homes -- just the day after they came back from the prisons, you begin to wonder.

"We're just after getting raided," one woman told me a few nights ago. "I can just about sit and wait for on the B.A.'s thump at my door after I come back from the Kesh, the Crum, or Armagh." Others who went the same day to visit friends behind the wire were raided the same day. WHY???

One family so harassed has been raided five times in three weeks. The neighbour next door is a nervous wreck from similar raids...Isn't it enough for the Brits to lock away our friends and relatives -- do they have to persecute those who've managed to stay this side of the wire, too?

.....The Derry Journal carried a report of the arrest of Frankie Clifford, a Creggan boy with multiple sclerosis which leaves him handicapped. The Brits have been mocking his handicap for a long while, nicking his way of walking and calling hurtful things to him. That night, when he was lifted, they'd jeered at him once again, this time saying that the reason he walked the way he did was that he'd been shot by the Provos, kneecapped for being an informer. This is, of course, completely false. Frankie lost his head over this, and in the scuffle, got himself lifted. He was kept up at Piggery for 4 hours -- in disagreement with the Army's statement about the length of time they kept him.

Oh -- one more correction to the B.A. statement about this in the Journal: C.S. gas was fired -- only it was blown back into the B.A.'s faces by a kind wind. So now you know...



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Remember this day???

Derry Streets (tune: The Foggy Dew)

The sun did dawn so grey and cold on Derry's empty streets  
The buildings echoed one by one the sound of marching feet  
But not a soul who braved that day, not woman, man or wain  
Knew 13 men would never walk on Derry's streets again.

The people gathered silently, to march to Guildhall Square.  
They came in peace to state their case among their own kind there.  
But butchers waited there for them, with bullets, blood and pain,  
And 13 men will never walk on Derry's streets again.

The tramp of feet on Rossville street was broken by the sound  
Of armoured cars and rifle shots, and death was all around.  
Some ran to tend the fallen men -- by cowards they were slain!  
And 13 men will never walk on Derry's streets again.

Let England hang her head in shame: now all the world can see  
The day there was a massacre they called a victory.  
Let Ireland stand united now, and speak the message plain  
That honest men may dare to walk on Derry streets again.

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GRAND DRAW  
for

<sup>a</sup>  
LAMP SHADE

made in  
Crumlin  
Road  
Prison

31st October

Tickets:

5p each  
25p book of 6

Get them  
from any  
Sinn Féin  
member...

John Starrs  
Cunnann



HAVE NEWS ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH DOIRE NUA READERS?

Tell a Sinn Féin member, ask them to tell the editor of DOIRE NUA

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CRUMLIN ROAD PRISON SEARCHES -- one more protest

*Isn't it the same in Kesh!*

We, the undersigned cummáin, wish to protest in the strongest way possible  
way about the British Army searches in Crumlin Road Prison. There Republican  
prisoners are psychologically tortured at all hours of the night and day by  
sudden invasions of their quarters by the British Army. The soldiers go into  
each cell and strip the prisoners' clothes off them and then search them very  
carefully before handing them back to the shivering men. The British Army then  
take the prisoners out to a cold, damp building.

When the men are finally herded back to their quarters, they are confronted  
by a cell which ~~is~~ has been torn apart by the search procedure. Lockers have  
been burst open and personal belongings strewn in a wild manner around the floor  
-- not to mention seeing bedclothes prisoners must use, ash trays and chamberpots  
all mixed into one. Add to this visual shock the emotional blow at seeing your  
time-consuming handicraft work --- Celtic crosses, table lamps, etc, painstakingly  
made from matches and ice-pop sticks -- broken or stolen, and you have the picture

We protest most strongly to the prison authorities that the British Army is  
allowed to enter a man's cell and enforce these bully-boy tactics. It is obvious to  
the prisoners that the British Army take pleasure in these wild rages.

P.R.O. Carr-Brady Cunnann  
WolfeTone Cunnann  
Patrick Pearse Cunnann  
John Starrs Cunnann  
Provisional Sinn Féin

SAY IT IN IRISH!

Greeting -- Dia duit. ("gee-a gitch") // Means "God be with you."  
Reply -- Dia's Muire duit. ("gee-iss nwirra gitch") // "God and Mary be with you."  
How are you doing? -- Caidé nar tá tú? ("kuh-jay nar taw too")  
An answer -- Tá mé go naith ("ta-may guh ny") // "I am well."  
It's a nice day. -- Tá an lá go deas. ("Taw 'n law guh jass")  
See you again. -- Chifidh mé thú arís. ("Chief-ee may hoo areesh.")  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR? NEWS ITEMS? ))) Give to any Sinn Féin member, or drop in  
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