INVITATION
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION!

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1993

On January 1st the EC policy of open borders across member states comes into effect. However one border is being closed even tighter - the British Government is fortifying and militarising the border between the north and south of Ireland.

The Border was imposed by Britain in the 1920's along an unnatural boundary. It cuts through communities, farms and has even divided families. The border region was once serviced by up to 300 roads providing access to and from communities' natural hinterland. Since the 1970's most of these crossings have been blown up and closed by the British army, dividing communities and causing serious hardship.

SINCE 1988 COMMUNITIES ALONG THE BORDER, THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, RE-OPENED THESE ROADS, BUILT NEW BRIDGES AND RE-UNITED THEIR COMMUNITIES. THESE NEW ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE REPEATEDLY DESTROYED BY THE BRITISH ARMY.

To cross the border, people are forced to travel through British military posts where they are regularly harassed, humiliated and arrested. While walking in broad daylight, through such a checkpoint in 1988 a young man, Aidan MacAnespie, was shot dead by British soldiers. New survillance equipment used in these posts emit dangerous levels of radiation. Such military posts have been sited beside houses and schools to protect them against attacks. This 'human shield' policy resulted in the closure of a school in September 1992 as parents refused to allow their children to be used as shields - a clear breach of the Geneva Convention.

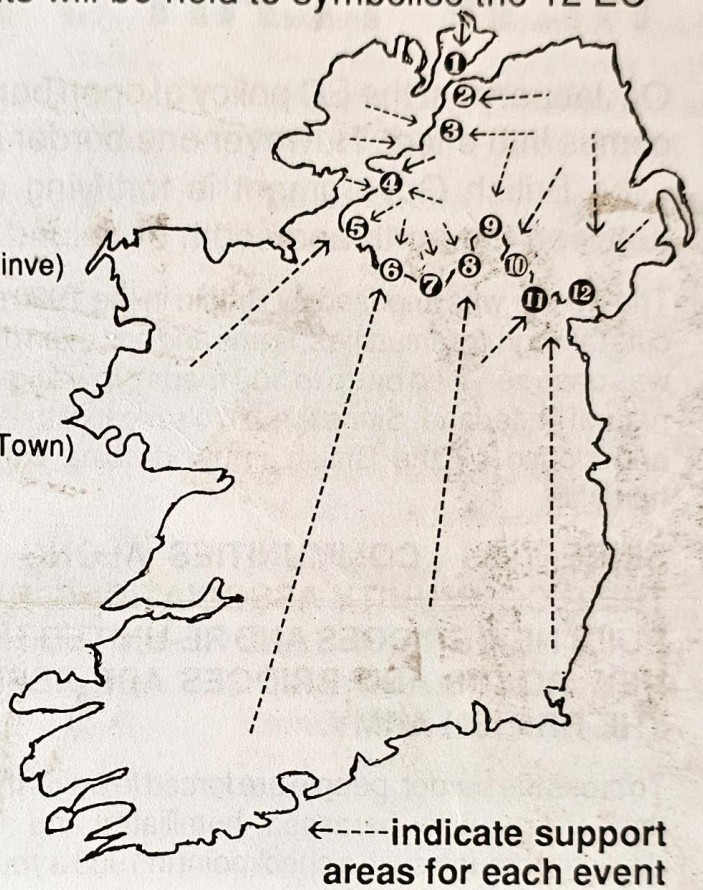
TO HIGHLIGHT THE EFFORTS OF THESE COMMUNITIES, TO DEMAND THE DEMILITARISATION OF THE BORDER AND TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION IS BEING ORGANISED ON JANUARY, 1st. 1993.

HELP RE-OPEN IRELAND'S CLOSED BORDER!

JOIN WITH US!
2pm NEW YEAR'S DAY '93

Twelve simultaneous events will be held to symbolise the 12 EC member states.

1. Derry/Muff (Checkpoint)
2. DerryBuncranna (Checkpoint)
3. Lifford/Strabane (Checkpoint)
4. Pettigo (Checkpoint)
5. Dooard Crossing (Garrison/Rossinve)
6. Farrely's Crossing (Swanlinbar)
7. Lackey Bridge (Clones)
8. Derryvullan (Roslea/Scotstown)
9. Aughnacloy (Checkpoint)
10. McMell's Crossing (Monaghan Town)
11. Crossmaglen, Co, Armagh.
12. Newry (Cloghue Checkpoint)



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72 Hour Vigil at Lackey Bridge New Years Day to 2p.m. 4/1/93

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Bray 10.00a.m., Killiney 10.15a.m., G.P.O. 10.30a.m. Finglas 10.45a.m.

These events are in each case being organised by local community associations and human rights groups in each area and are being co-ordinated and publicised by the Irish National Congress, a non-party political organisation working on issues of human and national rights.

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