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: VIETNAM ---- ONE YEAR LATER :

To the people of Vietnam, the month of January 1973 was to be a momentous occasion. For the first time in 100 years the oppressed people were to find peace in their homeland. Due to brave and effective action, the 'People's Army' had pushed the Yankee occupation forces further and further back, and had finally forced the United States administration and the Saigon collaborators, under Nguyen Van Thieu, to the conference table.

This was a great victory for the Vietnamese people, who had made a superhuman effort to overcome the might of the imperialist forces. It seemed to them, that the long years of destruction and death were over. The years of attacks by murderous American forces, when atrocity after atrocity were committed against a Nation, economically little developed.

Thus the Treaty, signed on January 27th, came as a great victory. It was recognised as such, throughout the Non-aligned world. The revolutionary forces had brought down the old colonial system once and for all. There were now hopes then, that peace would ensue. Alas, for the Vietnamese people this was not to be. Now, over one year later, we have watched as the fighting has increased and eventually broken out all over. Just recently we heard Thieu announce, "We are at War". So to the great mass of freedom loving people in Vietnam, war, destruction and death has returned, if it ever did cease.

To find the main reasons for the resuming of hostilities, one has only to look South. The Saigon administration under Thieu has continued where Yankee imperialism left off. They have continued to murder and imprison Vietnamese people. The Saigon collaborators, subservient to Nixon, Kissinger & Co. will continue to do so as long as her capitalistic masters in Washington wish. This in turn is keeping a Nation and her people divided. Throughout the year, the Saigon administration have carried out a campaign of slander and threats against the P.R.G. (People's Revolutionary Government). This has been put into operation to cover up the truth about their forces and the frequent truce-breakings which they have committed. Most progressive peoples throughout the world have realised this already.

The blame for the break down of the peace pact lies only at the feet of the Yankee and Saigon governments. While they continue to indulge in acts of repression and terror against the people they will have to bear responsibility for all consequences. It is now left up the Saigon administration to show that they seriously want the Nation to have peace. In making a determined effort they could cease 'land-grabbing' operations, end repression and cancel all Fascist laws. This could lead to an agreement on internal affairs being signed and following on this, elections could be held, in which the Vietnamese people would be given the genuine right to seek self determination. Failure to do so will lead to a prolonging of the conflict and pile extra agony on the war weary Vietnamese people, who, have gave so much for freedom.

The new phase in the struggle will not find the N.L.F. (National Liberation Front) wanting, indeed 1974 shall see the revolutionary forces striking harder and much more effectively than ever before. This final struggle will send the forces of American imperialism and Saigon collaborators into defeat and find, at long last, freedom and peace for the long suffering nation of Vietnam.

: PAT MC MENAMIN :

: SINN FEIN :

Arthur Griffith, a Dublin printer, founded Sinn Fein, which was a political party in 1905. The meaning of the words 'Sinn Fein' is 'Ourselves'. They put up their first candidate in a by-election at North Leitrim in 1908 and although Redmond's party carried the day after a vital contest, the threat to the 'Home Rule' party was already emerging. Redmond's party had to either produce the results or make way for those who could.

Sinn Fein when first founded had some policies which differed greatly from what we know them today. They were agreeable to a role of 'Dual Monarchy' and it wasn't until about 1919 that these policies began to change. Sinn Fein fought against conscription, which never became law. In 1918, during May, De Valera, Griffith and other Sinn Fein leaders were arrested. In due course Sinn Fein and the 'Volunteers' were proscribed illegal. In November 1918 the 'Great War' ended, this was followed by a General Election. Sinn Fein contested every constituency, except a few in the North where they made an agreement with the Nationalists, so that the Catholic vote wouldn't be split. The final results showed that Sinn Fein had swept the boards, they had gained 73 seats, the Unionists collected 26 and the Nationalists 6. This made Sinn Fein ruling Political Party and they could now claim with justice to represent majority opinion in Ireland.

After the Elections, in accordance with the principles laid down by Griffith, Sinn Fein members ignored Westminster. In Dublin in the month of January 1919, the members of Sinn Fein met and proclaimed themselves the Parliament of the Irish Republic, (Dail Eireann) ---- The Assembly of Of Ireland. De Valera, who had escaped from Lincoln prison in England was elected President of the First Dail. In the elections of May 1921, of the 128 members elected to the House of Commons, 124 were Sinn Fein members. Not one of these candidates had been opposed. The remaining 4 were representatives of Trinity College, Dublin. These were the only elected members to appear when Parliament was formally opened in June 1921. The Parliament adjourned almost at once. Southern Ireland, as a political intentity was still born. Sinn Fein had emerged as a political wing of a revolutionary movement. De Valera was head of Sinn Fein and the revolutionary movement.

: KEVIN SULLIVAN :



: THE BALLAD OF THE PRICE SISTERS :

In a cold English prison
Two Irish Colleens lie,
They showed the British, and the world
For their rights, they'll gladly die.

Marion and Dolours Price
They come from Andytown,
Life in prison, they received
For a blow against the crown.

Their gaolers tried to make them wear
The filthy prison gear,
The sisters proudly answered 'No'
For you, we do not fear.

Instead they went on hunger strike
To get their just demands,
The right to serve their sentences
Back in their native land.

God Bless you Marion and Dolours
We are behind you all the way,
For the torture you are going through
We'll make the British pay.

Their message to the people
Was carry on the fight,
For we are now a risen race
And we'll beat the British might.

We can't forgive you England
For what you put us through,
For every Irish life thats lost
We swear we'll make you rue.

So come all you Irish people
Take heed to what I say,
Marion and Dolours are
Showing you the way.

Their spirit has inspired us
Right from the very start,
So help bring these Colleens home
Go out and do your part.

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(AIR : NOREEN BAWN)

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: BRITISH INTELLIGENCE :

British Intelligence is composed of several different bodies, each with a special defined directive. There is Military Intelligence comprising:-

(A) MI5, (B) MI6, (C) Special Duty Army Units (MRF and SAS), as well as police force intelligence ---- Special Branch. We will consider each in turn :-

(1) MI5:

British Military Intelligence is divided into ten sections. Section 1 - 4 and 7 - 10 are important in their own right, but are specialist or liaison sections such as Air liaison and Marine Operations. MI5 and MI6 are the biggest and most important sections in the Ulster situation. Their presence is large here as their directive is 'to prevent espionage and insurgency within Britain and Northern Ireland'. The well known MRF (whose member, Sapper Ted Stuart, was executed by the Provisional IRA while he was driving the 'Four Square Laundry' van through the Twinbrook Estate in Belfast) is sponsored by MI5. MI5 headquarters are in London. They are at Leconfield House in Curzon Street near Hyde Park. These are their only offices in London, apart from a liaison office in the Ministry of Defence. The head of MI5 is currently Sir Martin Turnwell - Jones. It employs only British Nationals and the retiring age is 55. Every man in MI5 (which is a thoroughly military body) is a trained counter-espionage and counter-insurgency operative. MI5 duties in Ulster include locating wanted men and arms dumps and operating foot patrols. Their plain clothes patrols (PCP's) consist of two junior officers or NCO's of MI5 who drive lightened cars with N.I. 'DOI' registrations. Assassination is a commonly used weapon of these PCP's.

(2) MI6:

Military Intelligence Section 6 (MI6), also known as Secret Intelligence Service, (SIS). It is the largest branch of British Intelligence. It deals with overseas counter-espionage, counter-insurgency and it engages in espionage itself. MI6 - SIS was formed in 1929 when the Secret Service was formed with Military Intelligence Dept. I.C. (later MI6). MI6's first chief was the one-legged Captain Sir Mansfield Cumming who, signed all his official documents simply 'C'. He started a tradition which still continues to the present day. All Irish Republican Publicity Bureau statements are signed in the same way. 'P.O'NEILL' being the usual signature. MI6 offices are scattered over London in places similar to the Metropole Hotel in Northumberland Ave, which is only yards away from the old War Office in Whitehall.---- where MI6 issue orders to their agents. MI6 has ~~xxx~~ also an office in the unlikely 'Research and Information' section of the Department of the Environment. MI6 has its headquarters at Queen's Anne Gate, Kensington. From here, it issues orders to each of its agents and sections operating in different countries. It is the section, reputedly, most involved in 'Black' operations against the Republican Movement. Although not as successful as in Aden, the reason probably being that their activities are directed overseas. (N.Ireland being their directive, as being included within the 'realm' of the U.K.) They have made various attempts to infiltrate the organisation, David Seaman, who successfully covered up his activities by taking on the guise of a 'crackpot', claimed that his headquarters were in the Metropole Hotel, Northumberland Ave. His alleged boss a Lt.Colonel Simpson, was mentioned recently in connection with the British Embassy 'spy case'. MI6 is the section concerned with gathering data on the IRA in the 26 counties. Incidentally it alleged in the 'Sunday Press' on December 24th 1972, that MI6 has a network of British businessmen and reporters working in the 26 counties., as well as a MI6 officer based at the British Embassy. Both MI5 and MI6 have the directive to operate in the 26 counties.

: GEARORD MAC GILEAN :

There have been several articles written on how we as Republicans can best spend our time in here. I personally would have thought that it was clear to everyone by now, that only ~~key~~ by educating ourselves in the policies of Eire Nua, and equally important, the policies of our enemy, can we both defeat the object of putting us in here, also leave us better equipped to lead the people in the political struggle which is sure to come. Make no mistake about it, it is you who the Nationalist population in your own areas will look to for advice, guidance and leadership, if we do not or cannot give them these things, they will be forced to look elsewhere. Be sure of this also, our biggest challenge will come not from the North or the Unionists, but from the South and the gangsters of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, ably abetted no doubt by the traitors of the SDLP, who we have seen will throw their lot in with anyone who can guarantee them a place in the corridors of what they call power.

Can you not see then, how important it is for us to rededicate ourselves now to this, the second phase of the struggle for complete Political and Economical freedom from Britain and her Irish lackies, and educate ourselves to meet this challenge.

The ordinary man or woman outside have neither the opportunity nor the facilities to learn all that is needed to understand how the capitalist system works, or how best to fight it. We have both the opportunity and the facilities and something else, a duty, a duty to provide this knowledge and also provide an alternative system of government, Eire Nua does this, but how many of us are familiar with it.

The people of this country, have been subjected to some of the worst British terror tactics witnessed in the Western world this century, constant harassment, searches, beatings, arrests, torture, internment, assassination and more. They have stood up to this because at the end of the road they see 'OUR' promise of a United Socialist Ireland. In which they will really have a say in the running of their lives and country and not just technically as under the capitalist system, like in the 26 counties or indeed in Britain itself. However to walk around the huts and look into some of the cubicles, one would think that all this was news to a great many men in here. They lie in their beds from one day to the next, the most energetic thing they do is walk down to the dining hall to watch British propaganda on the Television, and the extent of their reading is, you guessed it, British War comics!! Then there are those who turn out article after article of handicraft every week. How many of them would think of doing something for the PDF or the co-ordinating committee. Very few, from what I have seen. And there are those who would boycott the Gaelic football so as to have soccer every week and who laugh and try to belittle men who are learning their native language, and these men still call themselves Provisionals.

Don't they understand or realise their duty as the leaders of the revolution to the people of this country. To knowingly turn one's back on this duty is to be guilty of selling out to the British, just like the SDLP, who these people so vociferously condemn. The SDLP are traitors by choice, are these men traitors by default, are you one of these men? Ask yourself these questions:-

- (1) What are the needs of the people in your area?
- (2) What am I doing to help them?
- (3) Is it enough?

How did you answer?

: REPUBLICAN :

: A STAR IN THE MAKING :

Unconfirmed reports have reached us which seem to be very interesting. It is rumoured in the musical scene in Ireland that a new face has emerged on the scene and is making a determined bid for stardom. Her name is **ROSE MC LAUGHLIN** (known to her friends as **BIG ROSE**) and she is none other than **SEAN MC LAUGHLIN's** sister. She has been appearing at all the well known cabaret spots and nightclubs all over Ireland including that centre of showbusiness activity **BEACON's BAR** (at the corner of Springfield Rd.)!!! **DIDN'T SHE DO WELL!!!** She has now progressed to the **CLUB ORCHID** in King Street where she is appearing nightly and commanding the substantial fee of 800.....**FENCE A WEEK!!!!**(£8). Here she appears with such exalting company as **TOMMY (TUCKER) KELLY** (of Opportunity Knocks fame)!! We would like to take the opportunity of offering our congratulations to **SEAN** on the success of his sister. Its not every cage that can say they have a brother of a superstar in their ranks!!!!

: ESCAPE 1974 STYLE :

We have heard a hilarious story from the top hut (119) concerning the day **GEORGE DUFFY** tried to leave us. It is alleged that **GEORGE** (alias **YOGI O DUBRAIG**) was wearing **JOHN NOONAN's** coat and **RAB MC CALLUM's** shoes. Both lads were later heard commenting, "Thank ---- the screws caught him!!" Possible hit there **GEORGE!!**

: SURRENDERED :

A denial here, **JOE MALLON** denies that when he was caught he had a false I.D. on him, with his **OWN NAME** on it!! "Completely untrue" he told us. A Staff Officer says that he gave himself up, now there's possibilities there!!

: EMBARRASSED :

Stories have been circulating the cage about those 'Terrible Cousins' from the middle hut (118) **TONY** (Close up your lockers) **CLARKE** and **MICKY** (Pele) **O'NEILL**. It seems that both lads were infuriated at the article on the girl lecturers which appeared in our last issue. It has annoyed both lads so much that **TONY** has gone off his food (**A miraculous achievement**) and **MICKY** now serves out more food at meal times (**which is even more miraculous**). The question is "Why did the article annoy both lads so much?"".....**WE WONDER WHY??????**.....

: THE BOURGEOIS REVOLUTIONARY :

We would like to counteract this following 'untruth' once and for all. There is no truth in the story that **MICKY LINEHAN** is different from the rest of us. Just because he receives £60 **GUITARS, LEATHER COATS AND GOLD RINGS** at the drop of a hat. **MICKY** receives these presents just like any 'ordinary working class lad' would receive his dinner!! The fact that **MICKY** belongs to the bourgeoisie does not matter at all. Nor the fact that **MICKY's** father has large business interests all over the U.K. and that **MICKY's** family live in the residential upper class area of **BEN MADIGAN**. Not even the fact that **MICKY's** family have a very close relationship with the deputy chief executive Mr. Fitt. Nor for that matter the fact that **MICKY's** family and Mr. Fitt's family spend joint holidays together on the most exquisite beach in Ireland which is known to be reserved for the 'upper types' in this world. None of this matters at all. **MICHAEL** is really one of us, **SURE WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU THINK HE WASN'T!!!!!!**

: HAPPY OCCASIONS :

We have just been informed of an occasion, which enables us to finish off on a happy note, one that brought tears to our eyes and made sweet music in our hearts, that 'big rugged sexy male', the man who on his own admission, made all the female hearts in Andytown flutter with excitement everytime he looked at them, **TOMMY (BIG O) MC CANDLESS** was engaged to **MAUREEN** on the 20th March. Congratulations **BIG O xxxxx**.....

NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH.....NEWS FLASH.....NEW CRAZE IN THE CAGE.....

This week we have seen the appearance of a **NEW CRAZE** in the cage, of course as we all know its **LAWN TENNIS!!** Already we have noticed a few promising players, these include **MICKY (GOOLAGONG) ?'NEILL, CHRIS (EVERT) KEENAN** and **ANN (gerry HAYDEN) JONES**. Of course we have all witnessed the thrilling talents of the reigning champ **BILLY JEAN KINS !!!!** **KINS** says he will learn us all how to play, he used to play in the **FALLS PARK** you know!!!!!!.....