

# Shantallow News

Give Now for Peace -- Justice -- Freedom -- Prosperity

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## MURDER IN CASTLEREAGH

Brian McGuire's death in Castlereagh is nothing short of cold-blooded murder, designed to terrorise those on the outside. RUC members have been known to boast to victims just entering Castlereagh, "that you've read in the Irish News and the Republican News is nothing like what you'll get from us in here. It's twice as bad." Given the all-embracing powers of the Emergency Powers legislation, the victim knows all too well that he is totally at their mercy for up to 7 days. What chance has a man of withstanding the pressures that can be put upon him during 7 days of solitary confinement in a totally artificial environment such as that created in RUC Torture Centres? Knowing the construction of law prevailing in the Six Counties, whose Emergency Provisions gives to the RUC total power to do what they please with any individual, every person enters Castlereagh and similar Torture Centres with a foregone feeling of total helplessness.

Nowhere else in the Western world do trade unionists, schoolteachers, doctors, tenants associations, parents groups, youth associations and ordinary groups of citizens allow such totalitarian legislation to exist against their fellow citizens. Nowhere else do the leaders of the Christian churches silently watch as their parishioners are dragged off for 7 days solitary torture without benefit of doctor, priest or family to see them until interrogation is/ over & a false confession tortured out of them.

In the last fortnight, we have seen the Emergency Provisions Act close down a newspaper and arrest its writers. This was a Republican paper. But the Emergency Provisions Act applies to EVERYONE, and those who fail to act now to do away with Emergency Provisions will be among the most surprised when they find their own families its victims.



VICTIMISATION OF A FAMILY

When Gary Page was battered until he was vomiting blood and signed away his life in a false confession prepared by the RUC, and held in Musgrave Park Hospital to be charged at his bedside with shooting a Brit, people were horrified. Now this victimisation moves on to another branch of his family -- his cousins, the Tracy family from the Waterside.

On Monday morning of this week, Brits and RUC raided the Tracy home and took away all three sons: Spencer, 19; David, 18, and young Sean, just turned 15.

The Republican Information Centre in the Brandywell was contacted to try and get a doctor in to these boys. The doctor himself wasn't cooperative -- a problem encountered before, where the doctor sees no reason to rush in to the RUC Barracks. This is an example of how vital it is to ABOVE ALL, GET A DOCTOR IN TO SEE WHOEVER IS IN THEIR HANDS: young Sean was rushed from the RUC to Altnagelvin Hospital, after being victim of a savage kicking to his stomach area, and underwent an emergency operation on Tuesday morning as a direct result of the beating he received.

It cannot be stressed enough the importance of a doctor: NO ONE ELSE, not priest, not family, not a solicitor, is legally entitled to under the present savage legislation to get in to see the prisoner. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DEMAND A DOCTOR OF YOUR OWN CHOICE. Tell the RUC the last thing your son, brother, husband or whatever demanded before he left the house was to see his doctor. The RUC will tell you he hasn't asked for a doctor, and that the doctor cannot be admitted; that the prisoner has seen an RUC doctor. But demand to speak to someone higher-up and insist they give you a time for the doctor to visit. Make sure everyone knows, too, to ACCEPT ALL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS offered if you are sure it is a genuine doctor. Accept even RUC doctors' examinations, even if still uninjured -- BECAUSE IF LATER YOUR OWN DOCTOR EXAMINES YOU, AND FINDS YOU INJURED, THE RUC WILL CLAIM YOU ARRIVED AT THE BARRACKS FROM HOME WITH THAT INJURY. And sure you pay nothing and sign nothing unless your solicitor is present.

THE POWER BEHIND THEIR GUNS

The advice in the previous column about the doctor getting in to visit the prisoners, etc., is all very well and true, but you know and I know that the RUC and the Brits are a law unto themselves. Once you or anyone are in their hands, they have literally -- the powers of life & death over you, and should they choose to exercise their power to end your life, none will ever say a word or take any action against them for it. Further proof is totally unnecessary, as it has been to anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear: Brian Maguire's death was only the latest murder -- Colm McNutt, Jim Moyne, Hugh Coney, Jim Gallagher, Annette McGavigan, Kathleen Thompson, Seamus Cusack and Dessie Beattie, Jimmy Casey of Creggan -- the list is longer, more sickening and will be endless unless we DEMOLISH THE SYSTEM that allows Brits and RUC to kill at will.

Once, early in this campaign, there was world-wide support for the Civil Rights demands -- because the whole world could see that we were victims of a totally illegal system. We are still victims of that totally illegal system -- BUT the world is told by Britain that the laws under which the Brits and RUC work are accepted as necessary by the people.

The ABSOLUTE POWER of the Brits and RUC are even more sinister than their presence. IF there were to be a "political settlement", but the Special Powers were still left intact, their control would be as strong and as dictatorial as ever.

The Republican Movement is fighting to smash British control forever in our land. Not everyone may be able to join the Republican Movement and work directly to end British power. But everyone can do one simple thing. Surprisingly, it is one of the few legal things left to do: Organise in your factories, in your schools, in your tenants associations, your sports clubs, your parish councils: demand the abolition of the Special Powers legislation. The Brits of course cannot afford to allow these laws to be dismantled; their power rests with them and 14,500 troops. BUT such action will show to all that there is a genuine police state, in operation totally against the will of the people. Think about it -- this could cause some opportunist politicians to sweat.