

RESISTANCE

George McBrearty and Pop McGuire were two local youths who experienced the effects of oppression more than most. Harassed from their early teens they were finally murdered opposing British Rule.

While a pupil at the College and later St. Peter's, Pop was constantly stopped, searched and harassed by the Army. He was often threatened that he would be lifted when he reached 16. Two days after that birthday he was arrested for the first time. During this period Pop was involved in a Y.O.P. scheme which he was to describe later as youth exploitation. Fortunately with his father's help he got the opportunity to serve his time as a bricklayer. While an apprentice he was regularly lifted on 3 and 7 day orders for interrogation. Despite everything Pop never faltered in his relentless resistance to British Rule.

George left St. Joseph's but was only able to work for one year before being forced to go on the run. From an early age he was committed to resisting oppression and as a result he was interned at 17. On his release his home was searched almost weekly and he was threatened with death but he refused to be defeated. George was no sooner married when he was held for five months on false charges. Tortured by the Military, deprived of his youth he died with Pop fighting British Rule.

As two local youths, they were aware of the cynical disregard local political and business interests had in their future. They suffered the consequences of British Rule more than most but they never despaired, they fought.

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YOUTH OPPRESSION

British Rule offers youth no future. We experience persistent harassment, years on the dole and cynical manipulation by local politicians and businessmen.

When we leave school we have no job. To conceal high unemployment we are offered work in Y.O.P. or Y.T.P. schemes. They use the guise that they are providing training as an excuse for paying us low wages. We are sent to study gravestones but we are not fooled. We experience working in local shops — the assistant earns £45, we get £25. We are ignored by Trade Union leaders.

We are constantly harassed by police and military. Every time we stone their vehicles we are condemned by local politicians quick to grab newspaper headlines in a cynical attempt to advance their own careers. The businessmen cry to the heavens if we miss and break their window but they stay mute when we die from baton rounds and landrovers.

We understand oppression better than anyone else. We are the ones who suffer it most. We are the youth and WE oppose British Rule.

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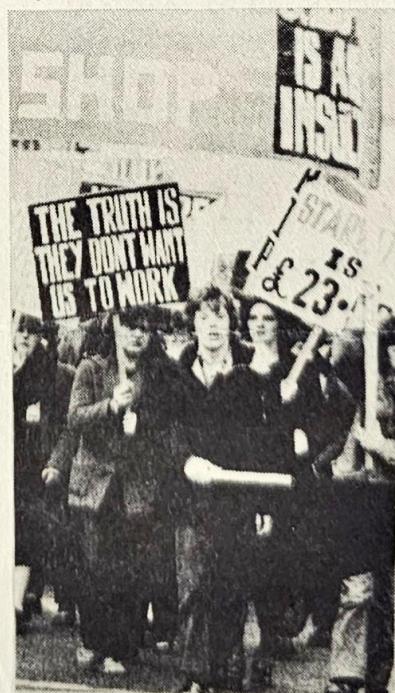
Those who rule this country today face a fierce and unrelenting enemy, the militant youth of Ireland"

— NA FIANNA EIREANN,
EASTER, 1981

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"The basic raw material of our work is the youth. In it lies the salvation of this country, both boys and girls". — GERRY ADAMS



"A People, a country, a movement that does not value its youth does not deserve its future."

— LIAM MELLOWS