

OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN

(IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY)

England's Agents in the portion of Ireland known as 'The Irish Free State' are endeavouring to their utmost to bolster up and perpetuate the Imperial Regime of the past seven years, by strengthening their Military Forces.

With this object an attempt is being made to more thoroughly organise Military Reserves, and to raise a new force to be known as 'The Volunteer Reserve Force'.

Every effort is being made by propaganda to give the new body the complexion of a Citizen Force, and to conceal its real object and purpose. It is sought to involve citizens more intimately in maintaining England's imposed rule and institutions in Ireland. The existence of a practically unpaid and voluntarily recruited military force would help in fostering the misrepresentations that the Irish People freely will and accept the present status of their country.

The new policy is inspired by, and has the benediction and active backing of England's leading supporters, and of every element hostile to Irish Nationality, and the assertion of Ireland's Sovereign Independence. These alone benefit by the existing evil conditions, so disastrous to the liberties and interests of the vast majority of the Irish People.

The Military Forces of 'The Irish Free State' which are an avowed part of the Military Forces of the British Empire, exist and are maintained primarily to suppress the effort at the assertion of Irish Sovereignty, and to maintain the political and economic conditions of servitude imposed by force on Ireland by England.

The Army Council, on behalf of The Irish Republican Army, appeals to Irish Citizens to give neither countenance nor support to the 'Imperial Volunteer Reserve Force'—the latest effort to fasten the grip of the British Empire, and its Agents on Ireland, which is designed to give British domination voluntary sanction, Irish Citizens! Do not assist England's policy in Ireland any longer. If England is determined to hold Ireland in subjection, leave the task to—Englishmen.

The duty of young Irishmen of military age is to join Ireland's Army (The Irish Republican Army) which is determined to break the Imperial connection, and re-assert Ireland's inalienable rights as A Sovereign Nation.

Do your duty to your own country, and help Ireland's Army to vindicate your rights as Freemen.

The Republic of Ireland proclaimed in 1916 is alone entitled to your allegiance, or to demand Military service from Irishmen.

Issued on behalf of Oglagh na h-Eireann