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There can be no doubt that the present campaign, initiated and sustained by the Central Belfast Sinn Fein Comhairle Ceanntair, directed towards the object of achieving freedom for the schoolboy internees, has, for the present, stemmed the tidal wave of 'detentions' which would have followed in the wake of inaction and apathy after the internment in July, of Alex Murphy, the first 15 year old internee.

The members of Sinn Fein have illustrated their political foresight by quickly 'weighing-up' the long term consequences of political inactivity and blind acceptance of what has become for us the 'status quo.' By providing an immediate catalyst to forestall what would have been a rapidly escalating policy by the British administration, of internment of children.

The campaign of the Comhairle Ceanntair is in marked contrast to the ominous silence of the S.D.L.P. a group who pledged itself, during the pre Assembly

## SINN FEIN FORESTALLS FURTHER CHILD INTERNMENT

election campaign, to obtain an AMNESTY for ALL political prisoners. Since that promise was made, MORE men have been interned, MORE women have been interned and now we have internment for CHILDREN. While they have been engaging in academic political discussions with the British administration, which will ensure their future political advancement, Sinn Fein has been active 'on the ground' organising protests and propagating the potential danger that this policy of internment holds for the future. By their 'acceptance,' however qualified, of the N.I. Constitution Act, the S.D.L.P. have accepted in principle, internment without trial now firmly established as part of the 'due process of the law' in the occupied 6 Counties. The S.D.L.P. have placidly accepted the internment of children as a fact of political life.

Reluctance has also been shown by the

clergy to become involved in this campaign. Hardly surprising in view of their past record of unequivocal silence. Not since the introduction of internment has a member of the church Hierarchy publicly condemned it, in principle, not once since the revelations of torture and brutality against internees has a member of the church hierarchy publicly condemned it, not since 13 people were murdered on Bloody Sunday has a member of the church Hierarchy publicly condemned it, not since the commencement of internment of children has a member of the church Hierarchy publicly condemned it. Rather they have used their churches as quasi-political platforms and as a media for the spreading of the malicious propaganda of the British administration. Let us not forget how Bishop Philbin condemned the people of the Falls Road for their heroic defence of their area during the Falls curfew in July 1970. The fact

is that the clergy, with a few honourable and well known exceptions are pursuing a policy of non-co-operation with their people, amply illustrated by their acute embarrassment over the highly constructive work of Mother Teresa and her nuns in Ballymurphy prior to their 'eviction' by Canon Murphy. They are refusing to identify themselves with the people in their present struggle, and would rather lend themselves to the black propaganda machine of the British administration, where they are used as willing tools to frustrate the legitimate protests of their people.

It is most important that the parents of school children realise the implications of the present policy of internment for children. When some criticise the one day strikes, organised to display publicly the children's opposition to this policy, by saying that the children are being

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## Seamus Twomey Exposes Free State 'Court' . . Bootlickers to the British Army

Seamus Twomey, one of the North's leading Republicans, was handed down a searing three year jail sentence in a Dublin "Court" on Monday, in one of the most blatant acts of collaboration with the British forces of occupation ever witnessed in this Country.

From the moment of his arrest, on September 1, Seamus Twomey, true to his Republican principles, refused to bend the knee to his captors, and openly showed his contempt of the farcical "Court" proceedings by denunciations from the dock.

On hearing a statement from collaborator, John McMahon, that he believed him to be a member of the I.R.A., this normally shy, retiring Republican, was moved to call out a challenging question, "Is it illegal to fight against the British forces of occupation in Northern Ireland?"

However, the full extent to which the Free State authorities are prepared to go, to lick the boots of the British oppressors, was yet to be revealed. An additional charge of being in possession of stolen money, was slapped on. This charge was necessary, since the I.R.A. membership charge normally carries a 6 to 12 months sentence, and Cosgrave had given his word of honour to Heath that he would leave no stone unturned to "put away" all those who might in any shape or form oppose British rule in Ireland, North or South.

This money is in fact, the proceeds of a collection taken up in the Six Counties for a memorial to Jack McCabe. We are informed, that the Secretary of the 'National Graves Association, whose property it is, has made an application for the return of the money.

Although Seamus Twomey denied that the money was in his possession, the "Court" had no hesitation in finding him guilty and he received a sentence of three years PENAL SERVITUDE plus 12 months imprisonment for membership of the I.R.A. After his conviction, Seamus Twomey, speaking from the dock, had this to say, "The only thing I have to say is, that the state down here is now on a par with the British Army for brutality. My wife and daughter were physically assaulted last week; my daughter got her arm fractured, and, my wife was refused admission this week.

"My home has been wrecked and re-wrecked by the British Army every week. I am glad that people will see that you have come down to the same level, bootlickers of the British Army. "And don't forget that when you do go down, and kiss their boots, they will shove your face into the muck."

22 year old Miss Patricia Twomey, told our Staff Reporter what happened in "Court" on Monday October 1. "When my father came in I waved to him and said "Hello Daddy," when the charge of being in possession of stolen money

was read out, my mother and I exchanged words something like 'Oh no, that's not true.' I was ordered out of the Court by a member of the Gardaí, there were about 20 to 25 of them present at the time. I refused to go and they proceeded to haul me out along with a friend Ailish O'Brien. On the way out we were kicked and beaten unmercifully. Ailish O'Brien was beaten unconscious and I received a fracture to my left arm. However I had been beaten so much all over my body that I was not aware my arm was broken until coming home that night. I went to the Royal Victoria Hospital on Tuesday and after treatment I was informed that my left arm was fractured. All I can say is that the Gardaí were like a pack of wild animals setting upon two defenceless girls."

The people of the 26 Counties would do well to take note of the arrest and imprisonment of Seamus Twomey, and the brutality meted out to his daughter and her friend. Read the signs; they all point to a police state, where the rights of the individual are subverted to ensure the continuance of a neo-colonial government under any name. The people of the North are alive to the evils which surround them. They place their faith in men like Seamus Twomey, knowing that he is not "come lately to the flag," nor into the vineyard at the 11th hour. His Republican principles of liberation and justice for the people of Ireland

have withstood the test of time. The same principles will withstand the test of captivity.





# Blackout continues on IRA operations

In spite of the news "blackout" on Oglagh na hEireann military operations in the Six Counties by the British regime, numerous reports verified by reliable eye witnesses reach us which prove that the armed struggle continues for Irish national Freedom.

On September 22, one shot was fired striking a B.A. jeep and 4 shots into the back of a saracen by A.S.U. in Belfast.

When a B.A. check point was set up on the Upper Springfield Road in September 26, an A.S.U. fired 2 shots. The Brits returned fire with 5 shots.

A Republican sniper fired one shot at B.A. mobile patrol on October 2. B.A. returned fire with 3 shots. It was later reported that one British soldier was hit in the leg.

A Republican A.S.U. fired 16 shots at 4.45 p.m. on September 20, at B.A. sentry post in Northumberland Street, Belfast. A loud yell was heard coming from the post by passers by.

Six shots were fired at the B.A. post in Albert Street at 5.30 p.m. on September 25, all shots entered a window leading into dormitory. The A.S.U. claimed that one British soldier was shot in the arm.

Six shots were also fired at B.A. foot patrol on Falls Road at 11.30 a.m. on September 26. Red Cross appeared on scene after this incident.

Two shots were fired at B.A. sentry on Divis Tower on September 30, a definite hit was claimed.

Three shots were fired at B.A. jeep on Shaws Road on September 27, when one hit was claimed. Fire was not returned.

A B.A. foot patrol was ambushed in Monagh Drive in September 27. Two hits were claimed and 4 return rounds were fired.

One shot was fired at B.A. road block in Glen Road on September 28. Two rounds were fired by Brits in return.

A British foot patrol was ambushed in Ramoon Drive, Andersonstown on September 29, when 7 rounds were fired. 10 rounds were fired in return by the Brits.

Three shots were fired at O.P. Fort Monagh on September 30. No hits were claimed by Republican A.S.U.

One hit was claimed by I.R.A. after 2 rounds were fired at British Road block on Monagh Road on September 30. Return fire of 4 rounds was heard by local residents.

Nine rounds were fired into a saracen at Leason Street/Falls Road junction on October 4, following incident in Leason Street when British soldiers shot a local woman resident in the face with a rubber bullet.

Five shots were fired at R.U.C. patrol on Falls Road area last Monday. One hit was claimed by Republican active service unit which was later confirmed by B.A. press statement.

A British foot patrol was fired upon the same day in Divis Flats complex. One hit was claimed by the A.S.U., although fire was not returned.

# BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Those Socialist/Working Class activists who received with any pleasure the recent news of America's intention to withdraw 4 in 10 of her armed forces stationed abroad would be well advised to consider more closely the less readily apparent effects of this move.

It will be easily seen of course as a sop to the anti-war lobby and left wing groups in the States but our interest is with how it will effect us.

Everyone of course sees that few withdrawals will be made from American bases in Asia and the "developing countries," most will be from Europe.

In public, naturally the NATO leaders are holding up their hands in horror, though in private a vast sigh of satisfaction arises from the hearts of all far sighted capitalists. Their reasoning is this:-

The press, always ready to oblige their true masters, will spread abroad alarm and despair that Europe's masses are to be abandoned defenceless under the threat of Eastern Europe's Communist might. The right wing militarists will call for an get a build up in the strength of the various national armies, increases in 'defence' spending with more cash devoted to military research. All of course for the protection of the people!

The immediate effects in Europe and Britain will be a decrease in unemployment, firstly due to military recruiting and secondly in the ensuing industrial upsurge as a massive injection of public money goes in to finance the hard and software of war. Things will begin to look brighter, the image will be of us being able to look after ourselves and doing it well.

Temporarily, inflation right across Europe and Britain will be halted, and we will once again have never had it so good while the right wing builds up its military strength to control the immense dissatisfaction that will follow inevitably as the boom sputters out into a fizzle and becomes a miserable depression. A depression for which we were due anyway, which most Socialists were expecting around the years 1974 - 76, and which this mini-boom will merely postpone while the militarists tighten their grip on the populace.

Make no mistake, it will be the militarists who will control the masses then, right across Europe and Britain. Northern Ireland may be a "Guerilla Workshop" but it is also a workshop - a training/testing ground - for riot and crowd control, anti-terrorism and general perfection of new and sophisticated methods of military policing.

THE DEVICES AND TACTICS NOW ON TRIAL IN "ULSTER" WILL WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS BE IN USE AGAINST STRIKERS AND DEMONSTRATORS FROM ROTHERDAM TO ROME.

He would only be a fool who would not admit that there are many devices now in existence or under development which could be used by the military to seize and maintain control of an entire country with very little loss in military personnel.

BY OUR  
OWN  
CORRESPONDENT

Let us take only two that are known and couple them together to see what we get.

We have all by now heard of the new riot control device using high frequency sound waves to disorientate and cause giddiness and fainting. Not so widely discussed is the device being developed at Short Bros. and Harland, called the "Sky-Spy." This lovable little character is similar in shape to a small flying saucer, about three quarters of a foot in diameter. It carries a small T.V. camera; can fly and hover under the direction of a ground control. Adapt the "Sky-Spy" to carry high frequency sound gear and T.V. camera (using day and night sighting) and you have the perfect population control device any military dictator could desire.

From a well defended control centre, entire populations could be under constant surveillance with punishment meted out immediately when any signs of deviance is detected.

I, FOR ONE, AM NOT SO TRUSTING AS TO BELIEVE IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE. THE PROSPECT AND OUR PRESENT POSITION ONLY INCREASES MY DETERMINATION THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR IRISH NATIONAL FREEDOM MUST GO ON!

## IS THERE A P.D.F. COMMITTEE IN YOUR AREA?

There are more Republicans imprisoned now throughout Ireland and Britain than there has ever been during the last 50 years. This means a heavy demand on An Cuman Cabhrach (Prisoners' Dependents' Fund) who are doing a wonderful job helping the relatives of the Political Hostages.

The dedicated PDF workers go out week after week quietly making sure that the relatives of the Republican prisoners do not want during the time their breadwinners are behind the wire of concentration camps or prison bars.

These dedicated workers need our continued support. They need more funds and workers. Subscriptions and offers to do voluntary work may be sent to our offices: 192 Brompton Park, Belfast 14. WRITE TO US NOW. There should be a P.D.F. Committee in every village and town in Ireland. If no committee exists in your locality and you are willing to try and form one, write to us and we will put you in touch with someone who will send you the necessary details.



## IS THERE A SINN FEIN CUMANN IN YOUR AREA?

There should be a Sinn Fein Cumann in every town and village in Ireland. Is there a Cumann in your locality? If not, why not?

Let there be no mistake about it. The political arm of the Republican Movement is Sinn Fein and no other political group can claim this title. Sinn Fein can be more effective. You can help to achieve this by joining if you are not already a member; by forming a cumann if one does not exist in your area; and by being an active member if you have already joined.

Write now to the General Secretary, Sinn Fein, Lower Kevin Street, Dublin, or to the Secretary, Ulster Executive Sinn Fein, 77a Andersonstown Road, Belfast BT11 9AH, for more details.

## Students Action

COMMITTEE

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO OBSERVE ONE DAY SCHOOL STRIKES ON 15th and 22nd OCTOBER.

Your support for our last strike has stopped further internment of children temporary, but further protests are required to secure the release of the three boys held in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

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## "LOYALISTS" TRAINING SECRETLY IN ENGLAND!

British Special Branch men checked 13 men believed to be from Ireland, who were found with guns in their possession on a deserted stretch of Yorkshire moorland near Grassington, England.

Local people in Grassington, who know about the incident have been warned by police not to discuss the incident with anyone. Why?

After a dozen shots were heard, two policemen went to investigate. It seems they came across 13 men, aged from 18 to over 50, near a disused quarry.

The men had camped in tents overnight after arriving the previous day in two cars and a van. It is understood they had several air guns and shot guns with them.

While some villagers thought the incident had "something to do with the I.R.A." it was revealed after inquiries were made that the men might be connected with an English-based Orange Lodge.

No further police action has been taken at this stage. There is some local speculation that the matter is being "hushed up."

# comment corner



If by next March the 'new' Stormont Assembly has not elected an Executive, the British Government will be faced with the task of choosing between four possible basic policies on the North.

(1) A continuation of direct rule from Westminster (as an intermediary or 'final' solution). (2) Full integration into the U.K. (3) A new attempt to restore Stormont or (4) withdrawal.

The first of these possibilities is really a non-starter. Since the first imposition of 'direct rule' the Northern conflict has worsened, simply because 'direct rule' is unacceptable to both communities. As a 'final' solution it would be totally rejected by the people of the Six Counties and Mr. Heath himself is on record as saying it would be unacceptable as a stop-gap measure (again!) to the British Parliament and people.

Full integration of the North into the U.K. is favoured by the genuine — if misguided — Loyalists and also by such Tories as Enoch Powell. It has been rejected utterly, however, as a potential solution by the British Labour Party in public and by many Conservatives in private. It is unacceptable to the Free State elements in the South! Most important of all, it has been rejected by the Republican Movement and by the peoples of the Bogside, Creggan, Falls Road and Ardoyne — the peoples the mighty British Army has been unable to defeat. Integration is just not on — and never will be.

At the moment, the British Government is trying to establish a new-look Stormont — distinguishable, however, from its predecessor only by the seating arrangements. But the results of the

June election have ensured that only a form of coalition can now make the Assembly work — a coalition of S.D.L.P. Alliance and pledged Unionists, the other parties having clearly indicated their intention to do all possible to wreck the attempt.

Because of Mr. Heath's blundering on the integration issue recently, many of even the pledged Unionists now believe that they can stay within the union, without having to engage in even the small compromises the new Stormont involves for them. In the erroneous belief that integration is still possible, the unionist elements look like scuttling the Assembly and thus contributing to making inevitable the fourth British alternative — withdrawal.

If, as now seems more than likely, the Assembly fails to get off the ground, then the British will have a plausible excuse to withdraw, by no means the least of which being the lack of an alternative.

A declaration of intent to withdraw would not mean a civil war — after all, the "thousands will die" bluff of Bluffer Bill Craig was called when the 'B' Specials went, when Stormont was prorogued, when Whitelaw negotiated with the I.R.A., and nothing happened. The British government knows that and is also aware that such a declaration would force the unionists to sit down to real and meaningful negotiations — negotiations which can never be held while the British Army is there to load all the dices in their favour.

But withdrawal will only be adopted as the policy of the British Government if the Assembly fails.

The Republican Movement has openly declared that a commitment to withdraw by the British is one of its primary aims and its attitude to the Stormont Assembly is, therefore, logical.

Great irony is not required to deduce such logic and it must be presumed that the S.D.L.P. realise this as well. WHY THEREFORE DO THEY CO-OPERATE WITH WHITELAW IN TRYING TO MAKE THE ASSEMBLY WORK, UNLESS THEY ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH A DECLARATION OF INTENT BEING GIVEN.

There are two probable reasons for the attitude of the S.D.L.P. on this matter. It must be remembered that the S.D.L.P. originated from members of the N.I.L.P. the Rep. Labour Party and other groups coming together to further their chances of gaining power.

Now if the British decided to withdraw, the S.D.L.P. would find itself politically outflanked by the Republican Movement. Secondly, in an all-Ireland context, the S.D.L.P. a dwindling Six County organisation, would have no future and certainly no prospects of power. But at Stormont, the S.D.L.P. can hope for at least three places and perhaps five on the executive. A share of power — in their eyes is well worth selling out not only the internees, the nationalists of the Six Counties but also the hopes of the Irish people for a united Ireland.

Ironically, however, the S.D.L.P.'s manoeuvring for the maintenance of partition have been kicked "up the transom" by Mr. Heath's unwitting incentive to the Loyalists to wreck the Assembly — and the Union.

Next March looks like being the most momentous month in Irish history and the month of victory for the men, women and children behind the wire or on the streets or at the firing-line.

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## Be on your guard for strange cars

A car bomb exploded in McQuillan Street, near the Falls Road/Springfield Road junction on Monday morning about 9.30 a.m. Little damage was caused to surrounding property apart from some broken windows.

A local resident told our reporter that the car, a Vauxhall Viva, was stolen from Sugarfield Street, in the Shankill Road area.

British military started clearing the area about 8.30 a.m. It is not known if those responsible for placing the bomb gave any warning.

When our reporter visited the scene, a number of workers were busy replacing broken windows. One of them said if the car bomb had not been detected in time that old age pensioners calling at the nearby Post Office or children going to school could have been killed or seriously injured.

We urge our readers to be very much on their guard for strange cars parked in your neighbourhood.

It is possible that extreme 'loyalists' will act on William Craig's recent provocative speeches.

### NEWINGTON'S MR. "LAW AND ORDER"?

The spokesman for the Tom Williams/Bernard Fox Sinn Féin Cumann, which serves the Newington/Cavehill area, in a recent statement says:

"On Monday, 24 September, a patrol of 40th Marine Commandos, led by Intelligence Officer Alan Streeter, entered the 'Hole in the Wall' bar in Baltic Avenue. After the Management refused to serve them alcoholic drink, Streeter threatened that if he could not drink in the bar, he would make damn sure that no one else would.

"Later that evening the bar was surrounded by Marine Commandos; for over two hours no one could enter or leave the premises. The Brits searched it from top to bottom (naturally finding nothing). The performance was repeated on Wednesday.

"This Cumann would like to ask the people of Newington if Alan Streeter, (sometimes referred to as 'Sunshine') is 'the law and order' in the area? Can he have YOUR HOME raided on his slightest whim?

"Perhaps his Commanding Officer, (if he has one) would care to comment."

## 'COMMUNITY' POLICE

Much recent discussion has centred on the role and function of the police. The S.D.L.P. demand a 'reorganised' R.U.C. (what ever that means!): the Unionists want the force preserved intact; some people in minority areas express interest in 'community' police.

In order to make sense of this discussion it is necessary to define the basic terms. A POLICEMAN, essentially, is an agent of the state. He cannot be anything else. He is paid by the state to enforce the laws of the state. Laws are made by state governments (i.e. professional politicians influenced by economic and colonial interests), and express the bias and character of those governments. Thus a corrupt and repressive government will make corrupt and repressive laws. Examples of this can be found in the Six County's 'Special Powers Act' and the 26 County's 'Offences Against the State Act.'

Therefore in a repressive state, policemen are agents of repression. They are not social workers. Despite what some of them say they do not exist to 'serve

the people'; they exist to 'serve governments.' When Rita O'Hare was arrested in Dublin recently on an extradition warrant, the 26 County policeman involved in the arrest, apologised. He was very sorry, he said, but he HAD to do his duty.

A realisation of this essential role by the police, is relevant to our present situation. First, it will show that all talk of 'reorg

First, it will show that all talk of 'reorganisation' of the R.U.C. is meaningless. As long as this county is occupied and dominated by Britain any state police force is BOUND to represent the illegal, colonial interest. Second it should put us on our guard against demands that Republicans act as policemen. For Republicans to accede to such demands would delight the forces of occupation. If Republican soldiers were to act as a full-time police force they would, in a roundabout way, be acting as unofficial agents of the state they are fighting against. Such a role would prove a serious distraction from the military struggle.

An unbiased, respected police force can only exist on this island when we have a just, democratic government for the whole island in place of the unjust, corrupt 26 County/6 County set-up.

To state all of this however, does not mean that the people should be subject to the thief, the vandal, the sex-criminal and the drug pusher. There are obvious anti-social acts from which every community should defend itself. The important words here, of course, are 'defend itself.' Action against anti-social elements should come from within the community and not from external agents of a corrupt and discredited state. Communities can defend themselves through street committees, vigilantes, etc. It is essential however, that such 'semi-police' actions are controlled within the community and do not allow themselves to be placed under the direction and control of the state or the agents of the state (British Army/R.U.C. for example).

THE GERARD McAULEY SINN FEIN CUMANN.

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### PARENTS DEMAND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN

A chara,

Catholic schools and youth clubs have been attacked by so-called "loyalists" recently in the Newtownabbey area. A school, a parochial house and a bar were among the targets. No warning was given.

There is now a growing demand by parents of children attending Stella Maris Secondary School, which has been under frequent attack, for a school bus service as these children are being harassed en route between the White City estate and the bridge on the Whitewell Road.

It remains to be seen whether the children get the same protection from intimidation as is apparent on the Crumlin Road.

P.R.O.,  
Joe Cunningham Sinn Féin Cumann, Newtownabbey.

## Mirror, Mirror on the wall

British soldiers from the Fusiliers regiment spent several hours on Tuesday night searching for several youths in the upper Andersonstown area.

What was the object of the search? Where the lads carrying some new weapon?

Had the Provos introduced ground to air missiles into their battle?

Well, not quite, the lads were carrying . . . wait for it . . . a mirror!

It seems that the helicopter, known locally as "Moonbeam" was on the prowl again, this helicopter circles the area three or four nights a week with a powerful searchlight seeking out baddies (Provos) who might be lurking in the dark with Armalites up their jumpers.

On Tuesday night a small group of "skinners" turned up with a large mirror and spent their time blinding the poor soldiers in the helicopter. (Shades of Sunday Night at the London Palladium). A case of reaping the whirlwind?

Anyway, a foot patrol and two Land Rovers appeared shortly after the mirror made its debut and began searching, several passers by were asked, "Did you see anyone with a large mirror?"

Not surprisingly the Brits got some funny looks. Sources close to the skinners claim that the mirror was brought back safely to base and the A.S.U. were unharmed after their confrontation with the "Moonbeam" chopper.

## Letter

### A FEW WANT IN . . . MOST WANT OUT!

A Chara— As Long Kesh Concentration Camp is constantly in the news, I wonder if you would allow one of its inhabitants space in your columns.

I read in 'The Irish News,' 20th September, a statement by Collrs. Jim Sullivan and Ray O'Hagan, speaking on behalf of the 'Officials' in B Wing, Belfast Prison. It seems that they are appealing to the British to have these men transferred to Long Kesh. Many politicians and organisations, including M/s. Sullivan and O'Hagan, have consistently told the people what a hell-hole Long Kesh is.

Since that fateful morning 9th August, 1971, everyone who has the misfortune to be held captive here have yearned for their freedom. Now we behold the strange spectacle of political spokesmen craving admission to this British concentration camp for some of their followers! This makes me believe that either I have been here too long, or else Councilor Sullivan was not here long enough! Mise le meas JOE McKEE, Political Hostage.



# HOLLAND

## NOT LIBERATED BY PIOUS RESOLUTIONS

BY MICK TOBIN,  
OUR MAN IN  
AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam: A warm sunny afternoon. Banners, flags, noise, colour, movement . . . people in their thousands, six and more abreast, clapping in unison to the raucous chant of simple slogans . . . anger in their faces, defiance in their voices, passion in their hearts . . . men and women, boys and girls, people with a conscience . . . real and fully alive human beings with a marked and open concern for their fellows in less fortunate parts of the world.

I am one of the marchers; and this is the first demo I've took part in since coming to Holland three weeks ago. It is Saturday, September 15th. We are demonstrating in support of the Chilean working masses who have just come under the yoke of the military Junta.

We pass down the Damrak, packed with shoppers and onlookers, and enter a square called the Beursplein. The speech-making has already commenced. A friend translates those words which have the greatest impact on the crowd.

I glance around at the sea of colourful banners. In large and small graphic slogans they proclaim support for the Chilean working masses while condemning the Junta and foreign imperialism. And not one of them is a party banner. This huge demonstration was organised inside a few days by all the main left-wing groups in Amsterdam. But so far as the demonstration itself is concerned there is no way of telling what particular group or party the individuals taking part in it belong to.

For the sake of this joint effort all these people have sunk their normally divisive political differences and are united as one. That is good. And they are expressing their heartfelt support for a suffering people in South America. That is also good. But as I listen to the speech-making to the clapping of thousands of pairs of hands, and to the cheering of these fine Dutch people, I am thinking not just of the Chilean masses but of a far longer suffering people — the people of Ireland and especially those in Occupied Ireland. I am thinking about the fact that this time thirty years ago, when Anne Frank and her family were in hiding in a house in the central part of Amsterdam, this same city was occupied

by foreign German troops — just as to-day Belfast and Derry are occupied by foreign British troops.

I reflect upon the fact that Amsterdam was not liberated by pious resolutions, or protest marches, or letters, or speeches. No, it took the bomb and the bullet combined with strategy, tactics and organisation to do this. And but for this Amsterdam and the rest of Holland would be just a German statelet to-day — as both Northern and Southern Ireland are statelets of Britain at this moment in history.

But for the military campaign of the Irish Republican Army the Stormont regime would not have been brought down. And but for the continuation of the same military campaign the final and just ending of the 800 year long occupation of Ireland would not now be so near.

Let those who might have doubts about the value of the military campaign remember that. The Wehrmacht was driven from Holland by military might backed by a capacity of the Dutch people to endure much. But because the Irish people do not have a powerful friendly foreign army to help them, as did the Dutch, they must of necessity depend on their own native military genius and courage and capacity for enduring without surrender.

The people of Occupied Ireland have already proven their ability to take on the hated army of occupation and deal it hard blows. And they have also ably shown their capacity to endure great suffering and terrible hardship at the same time. In this way they are showing a marvellous example to the rest of the down-trodden mankind.

They have endured their savagely repressive burden for years. And having experienced the maddening effects of CS gas, the crippling shock of a rubber bullet in the stomach at close range, followed soon after by sixteen months in an English jail, I have some small idea of what they have suffered.

But we are nearly home and dry. The long and hard-fought battle is almost won. We have only to hold out for a short while longer over these next critical months and complete victory will be ours — and then the long-awaited making of a New Ireland can begin.

NAR BHFLAITHIUIL an mhaise ag Arm Shasana lena ra chomh muinte manla sin gur run doibh astarraingt a dheanamh as Pairc Mhic Asmoint faoi thus mhi na Samhna seo chugainn! Maise, an tArm seo a d'fhag na murtai mallachtaí ina dhiaidh gach uile ait a raibh se riann ann in aghaidh toil na ndaoine, ní hé is dunghaois doibh a bheith chomh "fial" sin. Nach eol duinn go maith cad e ata taobh thiar da raiteas faoin astarraingt? "Ma choinnítear an scéimhlitheoireacht ar bhun iséal imeoidid as Pairc Mhic Asmoint, ach, ma chaitear oireadh agus focal amhrasach le saighdiúir a Morachta, ní dheanfaimid aon astarraingt."

Sin an mana ata ag Arm Shasana, an mana ceanna is a bhi riann acu, mana na hanfhorlaine agus an smachta, an mana a ba chumhacht do Shean Bui sna sean-leathanta orga glormhara nuair a bhi cuideanna da Impireacht ag sineadh go criochna imigineacha an domhain.

Ta drochbhlas ar Pairc Mhic Asmoint. Ta se smalaithe ag na bithiunaigh seo a raibh se de dhanacht orthu a gcosa a chur ar an talamh beannaithe seo, talamh ata ainmnithe as duine de na laochraí a b'ansa linn, Ruairi Mac Asmoint, a cheas siad agus a chroch siad i ndeireadh thiar.

Agus a cheart a thabhairt doibh, d'fhan feidhmeannaigh Chumann Luthcheas Gael doiscanta go leor ina dearcadh faoi Pairc Mhic Asmoint. Ní chuirfeadh

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imreoir da chuid cos air fad is d'fhanadh Arm Mallaithe Shasana ann. Ní as an Pairc is mian linn iad imeacht — ach as an tir ar fad — go forcheann.

Is doiligh foighne a dheanamh leis an dream seo a thugann Pairti na Comhghuaillachta orthu fein, leitheidí Napier agus Cooper, agus Feilimí O'Neill, an Torai is mo dar mhair riamh. Ta cuid da bhfuil bail leis an phairti sin ata bail fosta le cuis na Gaeilge. Ach, nach e an chontracht a fheicimid anseo? Ce mar is feidir leo a bheith measuil ar rud a raibh drochmheas riamh anall ag an mheanaicme seo air, is e sin, an Ghaeilge.

Tuigimid nithe i gceart. Níl speis da laghad ag an Phairti Chomhghuaillachta i saoirse na hEireann. Níorbh e sin a ba chuspóir riamh do Thoraithe Shasana a bhfuil an pairti beagmheasuil santach cumhachtaigh seo ina chraobh de.

Ach labhraíonn roinnt tacadoirí an

phairti seo an Ghaeilge nuair a labhraítear an Ghaeilge leo. A leitheid de chluain earacht. Ní fheidir leis an ghobadan an da thra a fhreastal. Biodh siad dileas da dtir agus da dteanga, agus ciallaíonn sin go gcaithfidh siad an uile nasc da bhfuil ag an tirin seo le Sean Bui a scothadh.

Ar an taobh eile, caitheadh siad díobh an bhreigriocht — an Breig-Eireannachas a ndéanann siad maoinm as. Ní leor fainne oir na Gaeilge a bheith ar a lipéid acu agus ní ad an ceanna mordhalach as a meas ar uailmhianta Shasana. (Is seann de na huailmhianta sin an dachas a dhíothaí in Eirinn mar in iúl agus gur fusa a bheith se acu an forlamhas a fheidhmíu.) Ní iarrtar orthu an rud do dheanta a chur in eifeacht. Is leor leo a bheith in a ndéa-Eireannaigh, agus gan leathbhrog a bheith acu le Sasana. Mo ghorm iad lucht na Comhghuaillachta, idir Ghaeilgeoirí agus Bearloirí!

## Road Danger

At the weekly meeting of the Cathal Brugha Cumann, Andersonstown, grave concern was expressed at the dangerous traffic hazards which the main Andersonstown Road presents to children and elderly people.

On Tuesday a young girl was knocked down on this stretch of road, the scene of several fatal accidents.

Since the road was widened some years ago the stretch between Finaghy Road North and Kennedy Way has been turned into a mini "Brands Hatch," drivers reach top speed when negotiating this dangerous straight.

The arrival of British army vehicles on the roads aggravated the problem to an even greater extent, some of the British army drivers seem to have passed their test in a bulldozer.

Plans are afoot by the Cumann to have at least two more zebra crossings placed at intervals on the road, one thing is certain, if something isn't done soon more coffins will be leaving the estate on route to Milltown Cemetery.



# Liam Lynch ceremony: Moss Twomey's unveiling oration

I AM proud to be amongst you today. This spot is for ever sanctified by the blood of Liam Lynch, one of the truest patriots and greatest of fighters for freedom and Independence of any generation.

The organising committee honoured me with an invitation to unveil the plaque on the monument today, an invitation which I accepted with pleasure when I received it.

It is a great disappointment to me that I am not physically capable of doing what I promised. But I am delighted that this honour has now been given to my old friend and comrade, ex-Brigadier "Pax" Whelan, Waterford Brigade.

Nobody is better qualified or more worthy than he to perform the task. Brigadier Whelan, because of his close and long association with Liam Lynch, from 1918 until the time Liam was killed, is worthy in his own right by his record to be associated with any function connected with Liam Lynch.

I recall accompanying Liam Lynch early 1919 to Dungarvan. Liam wanted to confer with "Pax". In 1921 Brigadier Whelan's West Waterford Brigade became one of the constituent brigades of the First Southern Division, of which Liam was Commander.

Brigadier Whelan served under General Lynch with loyalty, devotion and faithfulness and was proud to serve and carry out Liam Lynch's orders without any reservations.

I ask you to bear with me while I refer to some memories, very sad memories now, of this Knockmaldown area. They are connected with the years 1922 and 1935.

In 1922 Liam Lynch, and some of his staff, operated from this very neighbourhood. It was here that the famous meeting of the Army Executive of October, 1922, was held.

That meeting called on De Valera to set up a provisional government of the Republic, of which he would be president and with which the Army Executive would co-operate.

A few days after that meeting Liam Lynch left for Dublin where the GHQ was to be re-established.

Three days after General Lynch had left, Staff-Captain Erskine Childers, of G.H.Q. Publicity Staff, arrived in the Glen of Aherlow.

On April 7, 1935, Maurice Twomey, then chief of Staff, Ogligh na hEireann, in the presence of some 15,000 people, unveiled the round tower memorial on Knockmaldown, near the spot where Liam Lynch was shot on April 10, 1923.

On Sunday, September 9 last, almost 40 years later, "Moss" Twomey performed an unveiling ceremony at the round tower. This time he unveiled a tablet placed on the memorial by the Cumann na hUaigheann Naisiunta (National Graves Association), to mark the 50th anniversary of Liam Lynch's death. The tablet is of limestone, bearing the crests of the four provinces with an inscription in Irish.

Staff-Captain Childers was travelling in response to a call from De Valera to go to Dublin. This call reached him in mid-Cork in the Ballingearry-Ballyvourney area. Captain Childers made what I then and now regard as an epic journey on a bicycle, through all that territory, then heavily garrisoned by our opponents.

I sent a guide to bring him here to Goatensbridge. After two days' rest I secured him transport — a horse and trap willingly and cheerfully given by a patriotic Co. Tipperary farmer.

He drove Captain Childers, who was accompanied by his cousin, Captain David Robinson. I set them on the route which Liam Lynch had taken.

What was our horror when we read in the newspapers some days later that Capt. Childers had been captured at his cousin's home in Co. Wicklow.

Personally, I knew his fate was sealed. For months he had been slandered, libelled and maligned by the black propaganda machines of the enemies of the Republic, Irish and British.

He was accused of crimes of which he was entirely innocent, and of actions by our forces in the field for which he had not had the slightest responsibility.

They were determined to kill him and they did. He met his death like a true soldier and patriot. I rarely met anybody whom I so admired and who influenced me so much. Captain Childers is one of my idols.

We come to 1935. On that never to be forgotten day, 38 years ago, for all those thousands of true Republicans who assembled here for the unveiling of this memorial, there were contingents here from every county in Ireland, and delegates from abroad, especially from the U.S.A. and Britain.

They toiled and fought their way up this mountainside in a storm and torrent of rain, arriving here soaked to the skin.

Today, thanks, our sincere thanks, to the Council of Co. Tipperary for having this marvellous road constructed; leading right up to the memorial. So, you are able to come here in comfort. Every year, I'm informed, thousands of tourists and admirers come here, throughout the year, to pay homage to Liam Lynch's memory.

On this memorable occasion in 1935, the late Brian O hUginn presided. I had the great honour of unveiling the memorial that day. Brian, too, has passed away. With his death we lost one of the noblest, most unselfish and gifted of Irish patriots and statesmen.

In the darkest days in the fortunes of the Republic he held the flag high, never faltered, never compromised and never lowered that flag one inch. May his noble soul rest in peace.

But we owe Brian a debt which we can never fully repay. We can pay an instalment of that debt with the aid of you all. There is a Brian O hUginn Memorial Committee in existence and its work is bearing fruit. At his native village, Kilsyre, Co. Meath, a Gaelic athletic grounds is nearly ready to be opened — Sunday, September 30th has been set tentatively for the opening.

These grounds will be dedicated to Brian's memory. The expense of providing the gates and frontage of the pitch is being borne by the Co. Meath branch of the Memorial Committee.

But the major portion of the tribute will take the form of the reading room in the Meath Co. Library, An Uaimh. It will be named the Brian O hUginn Room.

The building of the new library is well advanced. The Memorial Committee will furnish it and it will have all Brian's numerous writings on the shelves, as well as all the Irish historical writings which we can get from his admirers.

You all, I know, will wish to be associated with this tribute to Brian. I appeal to you all — send a subscription or a book as a gift to the Memorial Committee.

But if I were capable of ascending this platform here today, I would address a fervent appeal, with all the emphasis I could command, to the surviving veterans of the Army which General Lynch commanded and in which they were proud to serve.

My appeal to these brave and gallant survivors is: "Stand today, as you stood under Liam Lynch, ready to sacrifice all, give all, even your lives, for the ideals for which Lynch and you then fought to defend and uphold the sovereignty and unity of the Republic."

I appeal to you, you gallant survivors, to stand solidly behind your disciples and Lynch's — the women and girls as well as men and boys who are in the forefront of the battle in north-east Ulster.

They are waging what we are confidently and proudly hoping will be the very last and successful phase of the war of national liberation.

Stand by them. Defend them when they are libelled and calumniated, as were you yourselves in 1922 and 1923.

Defend them against the British black propaganda machine. Give them your support moral and financial to the extent you can afford.

Taking on myself to speak in your name, because I, too, am of your generation, I pledge, on your behalf, to these marvellous freedom fighters your support and your admiration.

They are gladly giving their lives, regardless of sex or age; their homes are being bombed and burned; they are being thrown into prisons and concentration camps; they are being maddled by bullets while they walk along their streets of our lost province. But their spirit and morale increase under attack.

Defend them against the quelling, collaborating parties of Leinster House.

Let our watchword be Forward. Long live the Republic one and indivisible!

## TEENAGE DRINKING IN FALLS CAUSES CONCERN

A spokesman for the Central Belfast Sinn Féin Comhairle Ceantair told our reporter that teenage drinking in the Falls, Andersonstown and Ballymurphy areas is causing a great deal of concern.

He said that reports have been received of boys and girls, 14 years of age and even younger, causing trouble at dances, etc., in these areas while under the influence of alcohol. Warnings have been given to some of the culprits and investigations have commenced to discover the identity of those responsible for selling drink to youngsters.

The Republican spokesman said that he had been informed that teenagers found guilty of causing trouble through drink, will be dealt with severely when apprehended. He said that parents are reminded that they are liable for their children's conduct.

The spokesman appealed to all publicans in the areas mentioned, not to sell drink to anyone under age, especially carry-outs. Stern action will be taken against any bar, off-licence or club, if it is confirmed that they have been involved in selling drink to youngsters.

## PEOPLE AILING FOR FITZGERALD'S FOREIGN TRIPS TO ENGLAND

"The recent pro-British remarks by the Free State Minister of Foreign Affairs in America, highlights once again the sinister influence asserted by the British Government in 26 County affairs," said Mr. Malachy Foots, spokesman for the Sinn Féin Ulster Executive, at a recent meeting of the Belfast Executive.

Mr. Foots said that Dr. Fitzgerald's hollow claim that the Irish Republican Army were responsible for sectarian conflict in the North proves how desperately he and the other members of the Dublin Government were trying to cling on to the little power they had.

He reminded Dr. Fitzgerald that sectarianism was created in Ireland by the British as part of their divide and rule policy.

"We in Sinn Féin advise Fitzgerald," said Mr. Foots, "that he would be better employed seeking out and exposing British spies in Ireland, rather than using the people's money to finance his foreign trips in aid of England's campaign against the Irish people."



# Defend freedom of Press

*The R.U.C. in Dungannon, admitted in a recent press statement that one of their members approached a "Republican News" seller to find out what he was selling. They also admit that a R.U.C. man asked a lady who bought a copy, "if she would mind revealing what paper she had bought."*

*The R.U.C. statement says: "It is the duty of the police to make enquiries as to the type of newsprint published." They also say that it is their duty as required by law to so act.*

*The R.U.C. say that: "they were interested to note that the copy of "Republican News" given to the police constable was dated June 1973." Why?*

*Now that the R.U.C. are aware that "Republican News" is on sale publicly in Dungannon, and that they have read at least one copy, perhaps it is opportune to ask them what they propose doing about it?*

*We might add that this paper has been on sale publicly throughout the length and breadth of Ireland now for over three years. It is also on sale in many centres in England and stocked by many news-agents.*

*Are the R.U.C. acting on orders from their H.Q. on this matter or are some of them acting out of spite in Dungannon?*

*In spite of what they say, we are satisfied that some R.U.C. men in Dungannon and other places, like Downpatrick for example, for going out of their way to harass our sellers.*

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR SELLERS INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF ANY ATTEMPTS BY ANYONE TO INTERFERE WITH THE SALE OF THIS NEWSPAPER.**

# YOUTH IN ACTION

THE SCHOOL ACTION Committee say in a leaflet distributed at the Rally: "We oppose the internment of all, not only schoolboys. Britain is the only country in the 'civilised' world which is interning schoolboys. We also condemn British Army harassment of school children going to and from school.

"We demand your support for the campaign of resistance to the internment of all those incarcerated in Long Kesh, especially school children.

"There must be no rioting or disorder of any kind; at this just meeting as this would defeat our own ends. **SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN! YOU COULD BE NEXT!**



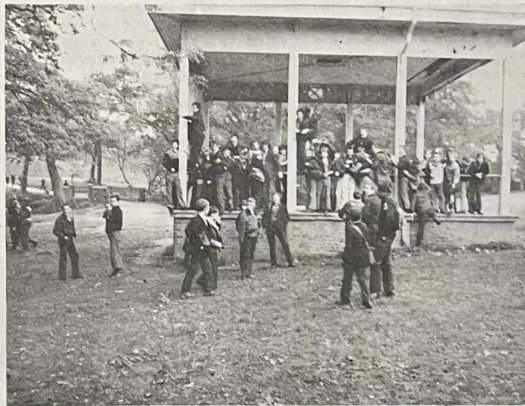
## The Rally in pictures

Top picture: Intent young listeners at Protest Rally organised by Schools' Action Committee, held in Falls Park, Belfast, last Monday, in protest against the internment of schoolboys in Long Kesh Concentration Camp.

Middle picture: School children starting to assemble at the bandstand in Falls Park. A host of TV and Press cameramen attended

Bottom picture: Mrs. Maire Drumm, vice-president Sinn Féin, comforting Miss Maura Murphy (13), one of the speakers who broke down after she spoke. Miss Murphy is a sister of Alex Murphy (13) one of the interned schoolboys.

Bottom right: A young speaker at Falls Park rally which attracted over 500 school children involved in the one day school strike.





## Sinn Fein Forestalls Further Child Internments

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 deprived of their education they are simply not being realistic. To talk of educational deprivation when the very LIBERTY of the child is at stake displays a complete ignorance of what the situation is all about. Alex Murphy is apparently not being educationally deprived, but should he turn out to be an academic wizard his talents can hardly be utilised in Long Kesh. We must now rally round the families of Alex Murphy, Kevin Donnelly and Seamus Finucane. We must support actively the protests of these parents and indeed all constructive protests in the future which are designed to obtain the freedom of these boys.

"Confronted with the case of a boy clearly in need of control I must face the fact that my first responsibility is to the child." (Mr. William Van Straubenzee, Minister of State writing in the 'News of the World,' Sunday 7th October). These words personify the hypocrisy which permeates the British administration here, Van Straubenzee now puts forward a new theory in child psychology - internment of difficult children. For how much longer must we continue to suffer the arrogance of these egotistical hypocrites? How dare they tell us how we should govern our children's lives. They have taken our men and our women, now they have come for our children.

ARE YOU GOING TO LET THEM BE TAKEN???

## Former Freedom Fighter tells Brits: Get Out and Stay Out!

A British Airways Jumbo jet, forced to land in Aden last Monday, was ordered down by a Yemeni officer who would still be in jail if "British justice" had not been booted from that country.

The officer, Major Jalil Atik, was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment by the Brits in 1967 for being O.C. of an anti-British guerrilla unit.

Major Atik was in command of a two plane flight of Yemeni Army Air Force fighters which intercepted the British airplane when it entered Republic of South Yemen air space without permission.

"The days when the British could do what they liked in Yemen are over," the former freedom fighter said, later, in a radio interview.

His wing man on the flight was 27 year old Captain Mohammed Niknejad, a former internee who in 1966 was held for a year in a British concentration camp in Aden.

The Jumbo was en route from London to Nairobi in Kenya - where President Kenyatta is another ex internee of the Brits. Its journey took it close to the scene of fighting in the Middle East where many senior Israeli officers did their first soldiering as members of the Hagannah or the Irgun - against the British. Most senior Egyptian and many Syrian officers are also former inmates of British concentration camps.

Meanwhile, in Cyprus, President Makarios, another former internee, was photographed with the Chief of Police in the Republic of Cyprus, and several senior detectives - all of them are ex-internees.

## RUC Statement re: Republican News incident in Dungannon

The following statement has been issued by the Carty Crowley Loughran Sinn Fein Cumann, Dungannon:-

"The members of this Cumann reject the statement by the R.U.C. in Dungannon, regarding an incident on 15th September, involving 'Republican News' sellers. The facts as first stated by us are true and can be verified by reliable eye witnesses.

"The distortion of the facts by the R.U.C., was to be expected. Perhaps their version of what happened as released to the Press came as a result of the coverage given to our earlier exposure given in the national and local press.

"We reject the R.U.C. allegation that people were pressurised into buying the paper mentioned. The lady mentioned in the R.U.C. statement states most categorically that the paper was not forced on her in any way.

"It is interesting to note that the R.U.C. set a great store on the date of issue of the paper in question. We are certain that the paper taken by them was the issue for week commencing 15 September.

"We agree the persons selling the 'Republican News' ran away when approached by R.U.C. men carrying machine guns. They ran because they sincerely believed that the R.U.C. intended to seize the papers. We repeat that they took up firing positions.

"We know too well that the R.U.C. are adept at denials; they denied police brutality against internees and at Burntollet. They took several copies of the paper and not only one as they assert.

"One good aspect of the matter is that the truth seems to hurt. It is interesting that no further harassment of our sellers has occurred since the 'Irish News' published our first statement."

## Ceannaigh Treimhseachan Gaeilge go Rialta

Is trua é ach ta se fíor sibse ata ag ceannach agus ag leigheadh an paipear seo, ta sibh ag cuideadh leis an Bearla a chionnail beo.

Nt feidir Eire a dheanamh Gaelach, mura a bhfuil daoine ag scriobhadh agus ag leigheadh Gaeilge go rialta. Dar ndó, caithfidh pobal na hEireann an teanga naisiunta a labhairt go rialta fosta.

Is minic a chonaic an scriobhnoir seo coipeanna de'n "Ultach" ina luigh sa'n Ard Scoil, Beal Feirste, le fíor-bheagan duine ag chur speis ar bith iontu. Glacann se obair agus airgead le treimhseachan no paipear ar bith a fhoilseadh. Mura bhfuil daoine ag ceannach agus ag leigheadh aid, ní spreagadh ro-mhaith seo do na scriobhnoirí no na foillsith-eoirí.

Ta feachtas ag deanamh anois le treimhseachain Gaeilge ag chur ar dhíol i nuachtóirí i mBeal Feirste. Ta seo eadar laimhe ag An Ghiomhaireacht Foillseachain, 55 Ascal Atlanta, Beal Feirste, Guthan 745573. Ma ta speis agat ins an abair tabhachtach seo, ta cuireadh agat teagmhail a dheanadh leo.

RIGHT: The remains of a car bomb which exploded without warning in McQuillan Street, Belfast. Be on your guard against strange cars.

## B.A. CHIEFS WORRIED by DESERTIONS

There has been a dramatic rise in the number of British Army deserters reaching Sweden.

This is the news made public this week in Stockholm's leading daily newspaper, which claims that the number of Brits seeking political asylum has increased by a startling 300% in the last few weeks.

The new Swedish Government has said that the policy of granting asylum to any political refugee from Ireland will continue to be extended to Brit troops, and a number of Swedish liberals have urged other European countries to adopt a similar attitude to British soldiers fleeing from what the Swedes call "Britannia's Vietnam."

Meanwhile, in Britain, a big witch-hunt continues against British anti-war groups which are distributing instructions to British forces at their home bases telling them that "it is easy to get to safety in Sweden."

One leaflet draws attention to the certainty of Britain's withdrawal from Ireland, and points out that many men who were crippled in Aden, Cyprus and a score of other British colonies are now forgotten, not only in these countries - which are now free - but in Britain where they and their families are forced to live on small pensions and charity.

The case of a 'hero' who was maimed in Aden is quoted. He is now a one-legged car park attendant in Birmingham.

News of the sudden rise in the number of desertions has caused shocked concern among Brit Army chiefs coming, as it does, just days after the disclosure that recruiting figures for the B.A. have reached an all-time low.

Last week the official organ of Britain's Tory Party, the "Daily Telegraph," made known that there has been a fall of more than 40% in the number of persons volunteering to be killed in British uniform in Ireland.

## STATEMENT

We have been asked to publish the following statement from "A" Company, Lurgan, North Armagh Battalion.

Volunteers executed a member of the Territorial Army in Kilwilke Estate on Wednesday 3 October. This man was one of those "asked to leave" the U.D.R. following the U.D.A./U.V.F. arms raid on Lurgan T.A. Camp earlier this year. He was then transferred to the Territorial Army, and at the time of his execution was working for British Military Intelligence.

We will deal with any member of the British forces or R.U.C. in a similar manner. Let this action serve also as a warning to every informer or collaborator in our area: we will show no mercy to such people.

Volunteers have also recently attacked the R.U.C. Station, and an R.U.C. landrover on the Portadown Road. We have reliable information that three policemen have been wounded, two seriously.

## Letter

Dear Editor,

We have read in the "Irish News" that the N.L.F. (Republican Clubs) have threatened the people of St. James's and district with punitive action after a paper selling episode.

The internees from the above district have taken note of this threat and the activities of the Henry Munro Club. We would like to let them know that the gates of Long Kesh and Crumlin Road will open someday when full restitution will be extracted from these so-called Republicans.

We thank the people for their consistent support and assure them that we as Republicans will never fail them.

To the N.L.F. we say, bear in mind, that if one person from our district is harmed in any way by you, you will have to contend with us in due course.

Sinne le meas,  
 JOHN HUDDLESTON, SKIPPER BURNS,  
 ARTHUR DAVEY, HARRY BURNS,  
 GAFF O'PREY, BERNARD FOX.  
 Political Hostages.

