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WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE?

THREE INNOCENT LITTLE CHILDREN ARE DEAD, THEIR MOTHER LIES GRAVELY ILL IN HOSPITAL; THEY WERE HIT BY A CAR WITH A DEAD MAN AT THE WHEEL. SECONDS EARLIER HE HAD BEEN KILLED BY BRITISH SOLDIERS FIRING AT THE CAR FROM A SPEEDING LAND-ROVER.

The grisly catalogue of events leading up to the deaths was as follows:

[1] The blue Cortina driven by Danny Lennon was sighted on Andersonstown Road by a mobile patrol of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment which had been sent to intercept the vehicle.

[2] At a point where the Cortina was about 50 yards down Finaghy Road North

the Brit patrol opened fire without warning instantly killing Danny Lennon, and sending the car lurching violently out of control. The car plunged into the Maguire family group killing Joanne and Andrew and seriously injuring Mrs. Anne Maguire and her son John [John died in hospital on the following day].

[3] As a second man climbed free from the

wreckage the advancing British soldiers opened fire hitting him three times and leaving him seriously injured, despite the fact that he was directly in front of the Maguire family, who were obviously very seriously injured.

[4] The Brits completely ignored the Maguire's to haul Danny Lennon's body from the car and in their haste to seize an Armalite rifle from the back seat forgot to call an ambulance for the stricken family. The ambulance did not in fact arrive for some twenty-five minutes.

British Army spokesmen immediately issued a state-

ment that shots had been directed at them from the car and that they had only fired themselves in response to this action. This and subsequent statements were chopped and changed by various British personnel until the final version reluctantly admitted that no shots had been fired from the car at all.

UNITED IN GRIEF

The Republican Movement, in its entirety, is united in grief with the Maguire family, the most recent innocent victims of Britain's disastrous role of Ireland.

Despite an unprecedented drive by the British, who have now mobilised all their forces of reaction, including the Sticks, Women Together and SDLP, to use the tragedy as the rallying point for a political jamboree, the Irish Republican Army will continue to resist the British presence in Ireland. The blame for ALL THE DEATHS over the past seven years lies squarely with the British Government. The bloodshed would cease dramatically with the announcement of their intention to withdraw from our country.

Black propaganda war hots up

THE 'IRISH NEWS' AND THE PHANTOM NUN

by Peter O'Neill

The lies have started and it seems anything is admissible to discredit the Republican people. Foremost locally was the IRISH NEWS which in Tuesday's edition [August 10] carried a front page report on a nun's car getting hijacked and burnt on the Falls Road Belfast.

This just didn't happen. I have carried out extensive investigations and enquiries. I have phoned Convents throughout Belfast and spoke to people who on Monday were demonstrating on the streets of West Belfast.

On Thursday I phoned up the IRISH NEWS for further details and was told that the editor, Mr. Terry O'Keeffe, wasn't there. I telephoned him at home and he told me that Tom Samways had written the

report. I phoned back the offices in Donegall Street and was told that Mr. Samways would be in around four o'clock. At four o'clock I rang again and they said he was due in any minute. A few minutes later I rang again and told them who I was, but again I was told he wasn't in and wouldn't be in till six o'clock.

I finally caught Mr. Samways on the phone at 10 past six and by this time he had been well contacted by the IRISH NEWS about the nature of my enquiries, and they had all started to close ranks. Mr. Samways was most angry that I should challenge him on the truthfulness of the story. He said why should he supply me with facts for a story for Hibernia magazine [this was in reference to an earlier statement

of mine that I was considering sending the results of my investigations to Hibernia]. I told him that the report on the nun was vague and that even as a regular IRISH NEWS reader I was entitled to a bit more information. He got extremely hot under the collar and I told him that he was giving me the brush-off because the story was nonsense, and my enquiries were proving this.

Furthermore I stated that no Convents in Belfast were aware of any nun getting hijacked. Convent of the Holy Cross on the Glen Road in Belfast told me: "We've been trying to find out ourselves for curiosities' sake; we don't know where they [the IRISH NEWS] got it from." And I also reported to Mr. Samways the course of a conversation I had with a

spokesman for Bishop Philbin's residence. There I was told: "We're puzzled ourselves. If it were to be reported to any authority it would have been reported to us."

Mr. Samways paused and slammed the phone down! I was now so angry and frustrated at the treatment I had received that I called back the editor Terry O'Keeffe. He supported Mr. Samways and said: "It's up to you TO PROVE NO NUN'S CAR WAS BURNT." In other words the people of the Falls are guilty until they prove themselves innocent! I told him this was hardly responsible reporting and that it smacked of British propaganda to which he got most annoyed and said: "Wait till I tell you something Mr. O'Neill, or what-

NUN'S CAR HIJACKED AND SET ON FIRE



ever your name is, I've done a bit of investigating myself and nobody knows you. In fact, you don't exist." I give him my name and address and told him that unlike him or Samways I live in the Falls and was there all day Monday. But, I said, he was digressing from my enquiries, and that to print an untruth in fact a blatant lie, that people of the Falls Road hijacked and burnt a nun's car was to denigrate their name. He got very abrupt and curtailed the phone call.

Lastly, just for interests sake, I phoned the RUC information service and they had no record of any nun's car getting burned on the Falls Road. So please, could you the people challenge the IRISH NEWS and demand a retraction and an apology to the people of the Falls, or at least clarification from them of where this incident occurred and to whom.

Every organisation, regardless of its purpose, its make-up or its philosophy must sit back at regular intervals and take stock of itself, of its achievements and of its progress. An organisation like our own with revolutionary Republican objectives, fighting against a system such as the one which opposes us, must in order to be progressive effective and victorious, examine itself with honesty, realism and farsightedness. Because of the many obstacles ranged between us and our objectives it is important that we continually and constantly review our standing, our tactics and our overall strategy lest we be diverted from those objectives into joining the long list of glorious failures.

We must examine ourselves objectively. Experience is gained from making mistakes. Honesty is shown in being able to examine and identify mistakes and progress is made by implementing the lessons learnt. None of this can be done without a commitment above and beyond that of comradeship, above human failings or pride, and above shaky loyalty to, or prejudice against this or that personality. Any analysis from these standpoints will be cloudy or unclear and will indeed prevent progress. Without progress our objective will always remain ideals, and will never become realities.

Our philosophy is useless unless it is active philosophy. We can have countless theories but all theories are useless unless we implement them and our Republicanism serves no real purpose unless it is an active Republicanism. Our objectives, our Republicanism, is not merely for spoofing about, for getting up-tight about, for arguing dogmatically about. Our objectives are those which we believe will give us the best way of life, the best solution to our English problem, the best political philosophy for our people and the best alternative to the present system. Once we have determined those objectives (and the Republican Movement has firmly fixed its objectives) we must stick to them regardless of obstacles and regardless of opposition. We must implement activate and make realities of these objectives at each and every opportunity. We can settle for no less and we must always keep our objectives clearly before us. To do this, as I have said at the beginning, we need to continually review the situation, past present - and future, and that comrades is what I hope to do here.

I do not intend of course to pinpoint what I may or may not classify as mistakes. That type of practical analysis must, by its nature, be internal and the columns of Republican News are too public to serve that purpose. No, I intend merely to outline my case and to leave the activists to draw their own conclusions. The 'passive' role which jail imposes on me prevents me from doing more than that but the motivation

which has me here will ensure that I do no less.

"WE CAN HAVE COUNTLESS THEORIES, BUT ALL THEORIES ARE USELESS UNLESS WE IMPLEMENT THEM AND OUR REPUBLICANISM SERVES NO REAL PURPOSE UNLESS IT IS AN ACTIVE REPUBLICANISM"

What are our objectives? These, as contained in Republican Constitutions, can briefly be said to be the establishment of a 32 County Democratic, Socialist Republic based on the 1916 Proclamation. While much needs explained, expanded and discussed in this, space restricts us to stating that we require a system based on the principles of social justice in which the ownership of Ireland can be restored to the people of Ireland and whereby exploitation of man by man will cease. This objective must be firmly agreed upon because without agreement on our objective we will never ever find agreement on the means by which it can be achieved. If, after examination of Republican Proclamations

Programmes and the aims and objects of the Republican Movement; if despite education, some one person or persons find they disagree with these objectives, then that person or persons have no place within the Republican Movement and should be left in a more suitable supporting role (if even this is practical) without any means by which they can influence policy. No one should ever be allowed to influence policy except one whose adherence to the fundamental principles of our objectives is whole-hearted, clear sighted and single minded, influenced only by experience and by adherence to those objectives. To reach this position if of course we have not already reached it, needs an awareness of our objective, an understanding of its implications and an acceptance that the enemy will not concede these objectives easily to us. It needs a willingness at all

times to advance these objectives and to increase our knowledge of them, at every possible opportunity.

A basic awareness of Republican objectives will of course immediately bring us face to face with the obstacles before us, and the deeper our understanding, the more intense will be our grasp of these obstacles and of the tactics needed to overcome them. These ob-

stacles (apart from those which we may erect ourselves) are placed between us and our objectives by the enemy. Who is the

enemy, we must be educated ourselves.

The other enemy, that is those whom we cannot convince by sheer logic or by the righteousness of our cause, must be dealt with differently. They must be dealt with as they deal with us, by physical force, by making life for them as uncomfortable and unprofitable as possible. To do this we need determination.

Anyone lacking this determination, for whatever reason, has no place in the Republican Movement and should (even for example,



if he writes articles such as this) be placed firmly in a supporting role where he will have no influence on the policies needed to deal with such an enemy. There are two kinds of Republicanism - the Republicanism of defeat and the Republicanism of victory! They are incompatible and must, if we are to succeed, be separated. The Republican-

ism of Victory must always be in control. We must accept at the outset that our enemy is intent on defeating us and we need determination to make the risks in doing this too high for him. In order to find the key (tactic) to achieve this we must examine his motives and his objectives. We must accept that our enemy is Imperialism (both foreign and domestic) in Ireland and that the Brit-

fights for the profit, privilege power and wealth which that system guarantees to him and his backers. The most available enemy is of course the British Army, the R.U.C. etc, but they are not the enemy in total. They are the front runners of Imperialism. We must oppose the whole system.

A revision of Irish history will prove that the system of Colonialism; of neo-Colonialism, of Brit domination of our political, national, cultural (and military) potential is all done to ensure domination of our economy. The introduction of sectarianism the creation of a pool of cheap labour (to mention but two points) and the Brit attempts to buy off or to coerce at every opportunity, any threat to Brit interests, has profit and only profit as its objective. If for example Britain really wanted to withdraw from Ireland she would do so and would have done so before this. Instead she is intent for many reasons (and we must accept this) on defeating the I.R.A. and on retaining her control in Ireland. The tactics she uses for this are many and varied and will change to suit the situation she faces. For the Brit (and I use this term to cover the whole system) there is absolutely no difference between a military tactic or a political tactic. Both are used simultaneously, accompanied by the necessary concessions, promises, initiatives etc., etc., as part of his on going drive to defeat us.

Ultimately he sees the defeat of the I.R.A. as the rejection of the IRA by the people. In other words by isolating the IRA from its support and by undermining that support. Without support we are only of nuisance value and are of no great danger or threat to Brit interests. If we are serious about our philosophy

we must pose a greater threat to the Brit, on all fronts, than we have done in the recent past and we must dictate the pace in an offensive manner, determined not only to build up our support, but to weaken the cultural, political, military and economic/commercial hold which Britain exerts on our country.

Beidh Bua Againn....

A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

BRIXTON PRISON

WARDERS MAKE LIFE A LIVING HELL FOR PRISONERS

In Lambeth Court on Thursday Patrick Hackett, Sean Hayes, Sarah Vincent and Donnelly all appeared before the English magistrate. Adrian Donnelly and Sarah Donnelly came in first and were asked by the magistrate whether or not they minded the press being present, to which Adrian said "No." When asked if he had anything to say Adrian Donnelly said that his friend Patrick Hackett was constantly being subjected to verbal abuse by the warders in Brixton prison.

When Sean Hayes was brought into the dock he went on to say that the previous evening Patrick Hackett had special transport laid on, but the last time he appeared in court Patrick Hackett was made to get into a conventional Black Maria, and couldn't climb the steps with a crutch and one arm plastered. After the other prisoners being taken back with him protested about this and asked for

assistance he was dragged into the van with his one leg trailing along the ground. A letter appeared in "An Phoblacht" a few weeks previously about the treatment that Patrick Hackett was getting in Brixton prison. The wardens appeared in the cell of one of the prisoners and said to the four inside, "Who wrote this letter?" And no one answered a word. And he said, "We have a good idea," and he said to Sean O'Doherty, "You think that you are going to be allowed to give the friend who is over visiting you a painting that you did for her. Over my dead body you will." Since then the warders have proceeded to make this prisoner's life a misery. Finally it does seem rather ironic that although all the Republican prisoners in Brixton are sent "An Phoblacht" and "Republican News," none of which the prisoners ever receive, the warders themselves find time to read it.

YOUNG TURF LODGE P.O.W. REFUSES VISITS IN SOLIDARITY WITH COMRADES IN PORTLAOISE

As a P.O.W. in Mountjoy, and in support of my comrades in Portlaoise Hell-Hole, I shall be refusing visits for the month. The atrocities recently committed by puppets of the Irish Government against the prisoners, are shameful, degrading and inhuman. The conditions in Portlaoise are abnormal. Not only is Mr. Cooney content in using brute force methods of suppression, but he is now waging a psychological war as well. This, no doubt is directed toward breaking

health and spirit, and while the former remains a possibility under such conditions have no fear of the latter, for they will never break our spirits. Nine prisoners are badly injured and have received no medical treatment to date. The other measures taken are well known by now, and no honest Irishman or woman should condone these vile actions of England's Lackey administration here in the South.

Christine Graham P.O.W.
Mountjoy

IN MEMORIAM

VOLUNTEER QUINN

In loving memory of our dear son Patsy, who died 16th August, 1973.

I remember a bright August morning I stood by an open grave and watched them lower the one I loved and would have given my life to save. I knew my thoughts could not awaken the silent remains in the clay, so I laid my heart down beside you, son, and quietly walked away.

Always remembered by his loving mother and father, 62, Lisnall Park, Dungannon.

VOLUNTEER QUINN

In loving memory of my dear brother Patsy, who died 16th August, 1973.

Those who think of him today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

His quiet nature his kindly ways leave golden memories of bygone days. As long as I live I'll always be glad and thank God for the brother I had.

Always remembered by his loving brothers and sisters, 62, Lisnall Park, Dungannon.

PAUL MAGORIAN
Second Anniversary of Paul Magorrian, Batt. Adj., South Down, Oglaih na hEireann, Killed in Action, 14th August, 1974. R.I.P.

Whether on the scaffold high, or on the battle field they die, Oh what matter when for Ireland, dear we fall.

Always remembered by his Comrades, C. Devlin, J. J. McLean, S. McKenna, Magilligan P.O.W. Camp.

PAUL MAGORIAN
Second Anniversary of Paul Magorrian, Batt. Adj., South Down, Oglaih na hEireann, Killed in Action, 14th August, 1974. R.I.P.

Always remembered by the Peter McNulty Sinn Fein Cumann, Kilcoo.

STAFF CAPTAIN DAN MCANALLEN
In proud and loving memory of Staff Captain Dan McAnallen and VOLUNTEER PATSY QUINN who died in action on 16th August, 1973.

Always remembered by the Officers and members of the Carty, Crawley, Loughran Sinn Fein Cumann, Dungannon.

The Supreme Sacrifice was given when you both gave your lives fighting for freedom and justice. This sacrifice is an inspiration to us all and has made us more determined than ever to fulfill the aims for which you both so bravely died.

ANATOMY OF A MURDER

BY PETER
WRIGHT

Wesley Nicholl's life ended at teatime on a Saturday some weeks ago when five bullets were pumped into his chest as he lay resting on a settee in the living room of his home at Larch Grove in Seymour Hill, Dunmurray. His assailant had coolly walked to the front door from a waiting car, asked for Mr. Nicholl by name, and, equally calmly, sidestepped Mrs. Nicholl to shoot her husband dead.

Predictably the R.U.C. issued a statement the dead man was a victim of the "Continuation of the vicious tit-for-tat sectarian murders. Then, acting on their own press statement they arrested Joe Gibson, an ex-internee and a Nationalist who had an abundance of evidence to show that he could not possibly be connected with the crime.

The pattern is, of course, familiar to a Nationalist population now well used to "Internment by demand" but this particular case has some very disturbing aspects. Apart from the usual extraction of "confessions" by torture, and intimidation of witnesses by the RUC, Special Branch, other facts have come to light in this case which should reasonably lead to Gibson's release.

In mid-afternoon on the day of his death Wesley Nicholl attended a very important meeting in the Seymour Hill U.D.A. Club,

a meeting specially convened to hear his reply to an accusation of misappropriation of club funds. It is not known exactly what was discussed in Nicholl's absence but one fact emerged that was to cost him his life, and that was his own admission that he had mishandled the Club's finances. The investigating committee relieved him of his club duties and asked him to wait while his punishment was decided in secret.

At this point the assassin's only mistake occurred for, instead of being on the premises ready to escort Nicholl to his death, he was

speaking urgently into a telephone instructing the committee to hold Nicholl until he could be collected.

When the killer arrived at the club, Nicholl, suspecting nothing, had become restless and had strolled home

ward. It was not difficult to trace his movements however, because at this time the UDA and UVF were involved in one of their obscure feuds and UDA

vigilantes were already in strategic positions along the route.

The UDA gunman was entitled to be confident when he left his two associates in the car and casually shot Wesley Nicholl dead, but even he must have gasped with surprise and relief when Gibson was charged with the murder. The bond of love and comradeship that exists between the UDA and

the RUC was further strengthened.

The stage-management of the RUC in conducting this arrest was nothing short of incredible, for, despite the fact that some twenty-odd photographs of Gibson were on police files, an 'identikit' picture was issued to the press to give the impression that they were seeking an unknown assailant. (Gibson was asked to identify various people pictured accompanying him on a photograph shown to him by the R.U.C.)

When he was "threatened" with an identification parade to establish his guilt he readily agreed and asked for his father to be present as a witness to the proceedings; in case the R.U.C. should later retract. Gibson's father recalls that the identification was called off because the police were unable to produce a witness to testify against his son. Never the less Joe Gibson was savagely beaten for thirteen hours and his main alibi witness was arrested and threatened so much by the R.U.C. that he has gone into hiding and will not reveal his whereabouts until after the trial.

This is the sort of treatment one comes to expect from the 'reformed' R.U.C. where an innocent man who can clearly prove his innocence had whose description does not even match the one given prior to his arrest, can and will be held for ten months in prison before he can even explain his case.

SISTER-IN-LAW REFUSED VISITS

A Chara, It is a known fact what the P.O.W.'s are going through here in English prisons, to add to the long list of harassments they are now being stopped having visitors of their own choice, only visitors with a police pass. I am enclosing a letter I had from Wormwood Scrubs. The man in question is my future brother-in-law Ronald Mc Cartney. Although I have not been able to see him for over six months, I cannot write to him either; apparently correspondence is not appropriate. Perhaps you would print this in the Republican News.

With thanks.
Sarah Caughey.

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Wormwood Scrubs P.O. Box 757 Du Cane Road London W12 0AE
Telephone 01-743-0311 ext

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Harborne
Birmingham
B17 0LE

Please reply to the Governor

Your reference

Our reference

DM(A)/DH

Date

28 July 1976

Dear Miss Caughey

The attached letter written by you to 463799 McCARTNEY is returned to you as the Home Office have ruled that correspondence between yourself and McCARTNEY are not appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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B. March
Assistant Governor II
r.m. Governor

RIGHT: A copy of the letter informing Miss Caughey that the Home Office deemed it 'inappropriate' that she should correspond with Ronnie Mc Cartney.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BELFAST BRIGADE, IRA. ON ACTIVE SERVICE DURING THE PAST WEEK



STRUGGLE GOES ON

THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR; THE FIGHT FOR POLITICAL STATUS FOR OUR PRISONERS OF WAR MUST CONTINUE UNTIL THE DEMANDS ARE MET IN FULL.

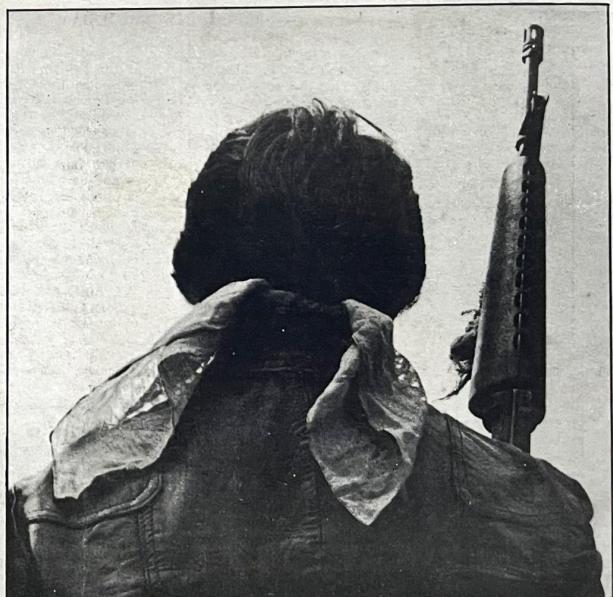
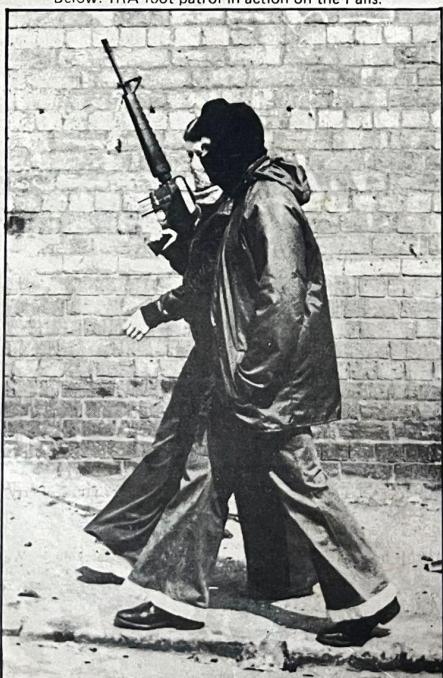
WE MUST NOT BE DETERRED IN OUR EFFORTS BY BRITISH INTIMIDATION, ARREST AND MURDER IN THEIR LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON A RISEN IRISH NATION.

STRUGGLE GOES ON

Above: Two Volunteer soldiers of Oglach na hEireann taking up firing positions during one of the gun battles which followed the Rally in Support of Political Status.

Right: A Volunteer on guard duty in West Belfast where British troops went on the rampage.

Below: IRA foot patrol in action on the Falls.



LONG KESH MAN DEFENDS STATUS

A Chara,

Does Mr. Rees think he is media carries reports on the kidding the people when he actions of the so called dismisses the troubles of the thugs and criminals in this past seven years as the work country that reach the head. young men and women of lines in any of the daily the Republican movement newspapers. For a country who daily risk their lives with less than a quarter and freedom to free Ireland its crime rate according to these thugs. Mr. Rees figures is higher than some major cities in America. Does Mr. Rees think he is for the excuse to use the term Political when referring to Irish Prisoners for if everyone in Long Kesh, Armagh etc, is a criminal then the state of this country is in a very grave position from which it will never rise.

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Patrick McKinnely,
Cage 12.

Mr. Rees should be glad

After the 'death of liberalism' British group call for . . .

TROOPS OUT

Troops Out is a new journal published by the Troops Out Movement. This excellent publication makes a determined effort to break through the wall of silence erected in Britain around the Irish war. The task of education is enormous. As Eamonn McCann puts it in an article on "The death of British Liberalism" - "The media have so managed to distort the reality of the war that the overwhelming majority of British people are in the end unable to exercise the issues objectively." A prime example is the recent treatment meted out to AJP Taylor, the eminent British historian. After Taylor spoke out on R.T.E. in favour of British withdrawal the British

people to self-determination. The British Labour Movement has supported this right of peoples in many distant lands. Now for over seven years a war has continued in what was retained of Britain's oldest colony, Ireland. It is surely time the voice of the Labour Movement is heard on this question."

DELEGATION

As a contribution to developing a progressive policy inside the British Labour Movement the next major venture of the Troops Out Movement is a delegation due to visit here in mid-September. Troops Out reports that support for this delegation continues to grow with thir-



media attacked him through a combination of distortion and biased criticism. Troops Out carries a double-page interview with Taylor. In it he explains how "the British have always been the root cause of the trouble in Ireland." He thinks that "the presence of the British Army in Ireland prolongs the period of conflict and uncertainty" and that "the policy of any British government should be withdrawal."

WELL-PRESENTED

This interview is one of a well-presented collection of articles, interviews and news items. Overall, Troops Out tackles its job very well and is pleasantly readable. It displays a good feel for the situation over here and manages to avoid the abstract scheme and the tracts of jargon so dearly loved by the British Left. In a front-page policy statement T.O.M. emphasises that, "It is the duty of socialists and other progressive forces in any country to support the right of

step.

However one fact remains clear. The overwhelming majority of the British Left have completely failed to live up to their responsibilities during this war. Every excuse has been found to justify their inactivity. Conditions have been set for supporting self-determination. Some "Socialists" have said the Irish Independence movement must be in their image. Others have said there must be no bombs in Britain. Still others have said that what is needed is British democracy brought about through the Bill of Rights enacted in the Mother of Parliaments. In fact the majority of the British Left have such a narrow sterile view of the world that they recognise (or perhaps, choose to recognise) only one form of working class struggle. That is, a grimy, belligerent labourer demanding a wage increase off a fat bowler-hatted factory owner. The complexities of real life pass them by.

ALGERIA

The excuses and prejudices of the British Left uncannily reproduce those exhibited by the French Left twenty years ago during the Algerian war. Troops Out uses the voice of Frantz Fanon, the scourge of French imperialism to crack down on these chauvinist positions. Born in Martinique, Fanon studied psychiatric medicine in France and at the start of the war of independence he was assigned to a hospital in Algeria. His experiences and observations there led him to throw in his lot with the national liberation movement. He became one of their most articulate spokesmen. He pointed out, how the French

government propaganda service cynically exploited the bombs in Algeria. The Left had faltered. Then French civilians were killed in an ambush and "the entire French Left, in a unanimous outburst, cried out; we can no longer follow you. The propaganda became orchestrated, wormed its way into people's minds and

For the most important lesson of Algeria is that the liberation war was successful. And this was despite the one time presence of nearly half a million French troops. The foreign fighters of the F.L.N., although hard pressed at times, always retained their ability to carry out military actions against the French. Troops Out correctly con-

By Peter Dowling

dismantled convictions that were already crumbling. The concept of barbarian appeared and it was decided that France in Algeria was fighting barbarism."

FINAL VICTORY

There may yet be further parallels of much wider significance than the formulae parroted by Merlyn Rees and other British propagandists.

cludes that, "The war was won because the F.L.N. had the support of the Arab population and because they were able and willing to press forward the military struggle on all fronts against French imperialism."

Copies of Troops Out are available from Eire Nua Bookshop, 170a Falls Road or directly from T.O.M. 1 North End Road, London W.14. (Send 10p per copy plus post).

'CLEAR THE STREETS- IT MUST BE THE SAS'

Evidently the summer hasn't been good for the Brits. Sniping seems to be coming the new summer sport - although it isn't reported often in the establishment media. The Brits have been retaliating by saturating the Bogside especially, with patrols intent on using tactics favoured in Hollywood gangster films, and language which wouldn't be permitted in the same films. Despite saturation numbers of troops, their "skill"

at soldiering ensures that the forces of freedom are at little risk from the Limates. Case in point: last week, Brits raiding an area in the Bogside thought (or maybe they did) they heard the whizz of Armalite bullets too close for comfort. They bravely dived to the ground, seeking the cover of a tarmac-surfaced car park. The brightest among them, realising what little protection was afforded by the open spaces, cleverly dived under a car belonging to a local resident. Presumably his idea was to try to fire back at the attackers - at least that what one eyewitness thought, as he was seen fumbling with his SLR. This eyewitness got a surprise when the next thing he saw the bullets dropping out of the Brits rifle as he lay there fumbling with it. No wonder the British lost in every modern

war they have fought themselves! The official Brit version mentioned a "gunman" sighted in Cable Street was fired on "but no hits were claimed." Some chance - with the clip falling out and the bullets scattering in the street.

Clear the streets - it must be the SAS! - What other conclusion could Creggan residents come to when the new Brit regiments patrols were seen wandering about Greenwalk and Creggan-Broadway areas, with puzzled frowns covering thick-skulls as they examined maps stuck on to the butts on their rifles? By the time the Brits figured out directions, a Jeep was sent for. It spotted a Brit standing up in the sun-roof - but not for long: some Creggan youngster sent a brick flying through the air, with an aim that comes from years of practice.

By our
DERRY CORRESPONDENT

PEACE WITH JUSTICE' MEETING

A MASS DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED BY PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN WILL ASSEMBLE AT SPEAKERS' CORNER, HYDE PARK; ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd, AT 3.00 pm

Prominent Speakers will attend from Ireland and also in attendance will be the James Connolly Flute Band, from Glasgow.

J. KISSANE,
P.R.O., London

Political Status - Derry Sinn Fein continued its door-to-door campaign to publicise the fight for political status by a picket held in Waterloo Place on Saturday. Scores of Sinn Fein members were joined by friends and relatives and sympathisers in passing out leaflets, and Sinn Fein members addressed the passers-by with a loudhailer.

18,000 PEOPLE MARCH IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL STATUS DESPITE BRITISH INTIMIDATION

In the wake of Rees' statement that there was no evidence of support for the retention of political status for our prisoners of war, a massive 18,000 crowd assembled in and around Dunville Park on Belfast's Falls Road to support the demands of the Republican Movement in their fight against Rees' decision.

The meeting followed a march from Andersonstown and speakers included Mrs. Maire Drumm, Andreas O'Callaghan and Joe Stagg, and was timed to coincide with the well attended nationwide meetings organised by Sinn Fein.

Mrs. Drumm stated: "when the first boy or girl is sentenced and does not get political status, will you march after us till we pull this town down. If



Mrs. Maire Drumm, Vice President of Sinn Fein, Pictured at her home. Mrs. Drumm is being held under an order signed by Merlyn Rees.



Just a section of the massive crowd who came out and showed their support for Political Status.

they do not maintain political status, by God, it will come down stone by stone.

"Long Kesh was burned once and the girls in Armagh took the governor hostage and wrecked the jail. If it is necessary, it will be done again. Long Kesh will be burned and we will destroy this town, and any other town that goes for Britain as well."

Mrs. Drumm said Mr Merlyn Rees had said that only one per cent of the

people supported the Republican Movement. "If you people who are assembled here are only one per cent, then God help England if we had two per cent."

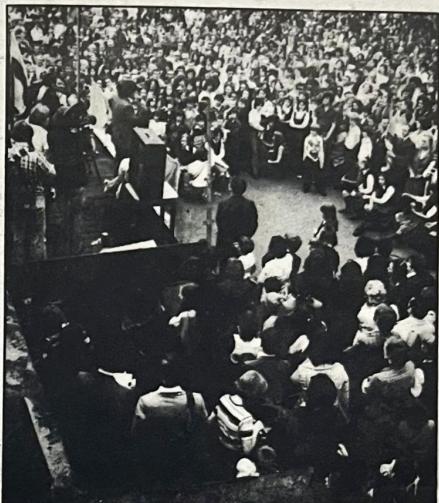
"We need your support. You have given your support today for the retention of political status and we only wish the boys and girls in jail could have seen the people coming down the Falls Road. This crowd was something we only hoped

for but it has surprised our wildest expectations and hopes. You are the risen people and no government has been able to stop the march of the risen people."

The next speaker was Mr. O'Callaghan who said "They are all tired, Merlyn Rees is tired and the soldiers are tired. If they do not go home, we will put them to sleep for good. Britain has not the will or the determination to hold on to the Six Counties for much longer."

After calling for a declaration of intent from Britain to get out of Northern Ireland, an amnesty for all political prisoners and a new constitution for the whole of Ireland, Mr. Stagg declared: "We promised them a long, hot summer and I don't know of anywhere hotter than Portrush" last week. It is fair speculation to state that they will get a long, hot winter as well."

Following an orchestrated barrage of complaints from Loyalist politicians Mrs Drumm was arrested and as we go to press she is still being held under the



"We support the Prisoners of War" was the message at Dunville Park.

notorious PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT on an order signed by Merlyn Rees. There is much speculation that she will be charged with offences related to the INCITEMENT TO HATRED ACT

which was passed some years ago in an attempt to stifle the same loyalist politicians who now shriek for its implementation. (No one has ever been convicted under this act since its inception).



THIS PICTURE (RIGHT) WAS TAKEN AT SPRINGFIELD ROAD RUC STATION AND SHOWS BRIT RIOT SQUADS PREPARING TO ATTACK A PEACEFUL CROWD ATTENDING THE SNN FEIN RALLY AT DUNVILLE PARK, BELFAST LAST SUNDAY.



Thanks

The Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare would like to thank the Shamrock Social Club and Ardoyne Ladies Committee who organised the successful function in aid of our prisoners of war.

An Apology

In our issue dated Saturday 3rd July we carried a brief article headed 'Political Craft in the SDLP'. It was alleged in the article that Paddy Devlin had used his influence within the Stormont Ministry of Health and Social Services to obtain jobs for his two sisters, Rose and Mary. We now realise that

the information received concerning this article was completely inaccurate and malicious. We therefore apologise for the distress that the story undoubtedly caused her and retract, without reservations, the allegations made.

Editor, Republican News.

THE SECRET SERVICE

By Dhearg Doom

Many people are somewhat vague and confused about the various British secret service agencies. This short summary is designed to simplify things a bit. Firstly, MI5, MI5, also known as D15 and "the security service" was founded in 1909. Its supposed function and role is to gather intelligence on all subversive or potentially subversive organisations or individuals operating within the UK and Britain's few remaining colonies. In fact its actions go much further than that, for by "subversive" MI5 means anyone who is opposed to the capitalist system or who is prepared to organise and demonstrate to the ruling classes. This may sound a sweeping allegation but it is true none-the-less, for MI5

agents have been involved not only in trying to track down "mad bombers," but in infiltrating Labour Party branches, trade unions, the CND movement, student unions, Women's Lib groups and even factories where the bosses have complained about "troublemakers" workers.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, Director General of MI5 from 1946-53 has defined the role of MI5 as follows:-

"To collect information about people who intend to subvert British institutions and also devotes ways and means of countering their activities. The Department's job is to identify the enemy, to find out what he is doing and by what methods he is working then, to pursue and neutralise him." By "neutralise" Sir Percy meant (1) to arrest and bring

to trial legitimately and failing that, (2) to frame, whether by perjury or planting or using agents provocateurs the suspect and failing that, to kill the alleged subversive. Since Sir Percy was the head of MI5 they have also introduced what is known as "positive vetting" which means that employees and government departments, the civil service etc, can by making the right approaches find out a prospective employee's political form. No one is safe from this, from office cleaner to University professor. If they want you to be denied a job or to get the sack, they can do it.

The Denning Report, which resulted from the Profumo scandal of 1963, defined the status of MI5 thus:- "The security service in this country is not established by Statute

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Sir Martin Furnival Jones left in 1972 - to become head of security at the Playboy Club in London!

M16.

The present head of M16 is Sir Maurice Oldfield, though he is due to retire this year. His predecessor, Sir John Rennie resigned in a huff after a naughty German magazine named him as head of M16 and the next week his son was done on a possession of balaclava charge - well, if your old man was Sir John Rennie you'd need something to keep you going! The role of M16 is to gather intelligence, i.e. spy, outside of Britain and her colonies. The foreign office also does this of course, as G. Mc Donnell, former foreign office adviser to M16, puts it so nicely in his book "after all, the truth is that diplomats are, in the strict sense of course, human spies." The foreign office also uses the services of the Government Communications HQ which is based in Cheltenham, under Sir Ian Hooper, GCHQ monitors and decodes all radio, tele and telegram communications going out of Britain. They also send the messages going out too. Still, it's nice to know that it's still 8 years to 1984 and that we live in a free country where there are no horrible secret police.

M16 costs the tax payer another £10 million a year.

nor is it recognised by Common Law. Even the Official Secrets Act do not acknowledge its existence. The members of the service are, in the eyes of the law, ordinary citizens with no powers greater than anyone else. They have no special power of arrest such as the police have." Reading this, the innocent might believe that the entire M15 apparatus was an illegal conspiracy. They might be right at that! However, what about Parliament? The money for M15 approximately £10 million a year, is paid for by the taxpayer. Parliament votes it every year so they must have some say. No, they don't, the reason being that since, according to Statute no such thing as a secret service exists, MP's can't ask questions about it. They just vote money for what is called The Secret Vote. The Public Accounts Committee of Parliament, which is allowed to investigate the funds of any other agency, cannot query or investigate the secret vote.

They have in fact, got a free hand to use our money as they see fit. Not even a cabinet minister can ask questions about them and expect to get an answer.

M15 employs about 5,000 people. Its computers have files on well over 5,000,000 people. It engaged in all sorts of illegal activities from phone tapping, mail opening and right up to murder. Its present head is Sir Michael Hanley. Its previous head,

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

FOR BRIT WHO
MURDERED A FRIEND

Recently following a week which saw an increase in the Irish Republican Army's War of Liberation against the British occupational establishment in the Six Counties, and in the counter-revolutionary violence of the Loyalist paramilitaries, perhaps the most important but least publicised statement of the week was made by the former British Government Chief Whip and Cabinet Member of the Wilson Administration, Mr Bob Mellish.

In a statement on Monday, May 12th, he declared in the House of Commons that the only way to end violence in the Six Counties... "for religious leaders to talk peace and not continue to hate on the basis of religion..." Now you are probably wondering why in the midst of all the violence and uncertainty I maintain that this was the most important statement of that week! The reason is quite simple, for within those few lines the whole basic inability to comprehend what is happening in this part of Ireland on the part of the British, shines through. Here we have a former Cabinet Minister extolling his belief that the basic problem here is one of religion! Is it any wonder we're in the same mess we're in? However once again I will try and briefly explain what is going on.

For an understanding of this situation we must once again examine our history books, a tedious and boring job but a necessary one. What do we find? In short, England partially occupied Ireland for 400 years up until 1649 and following that date, she totally controlled this island. Throughout this whole period Irishmen for various reasons, some for land, some out of nationalism

fervour and some just for food, fought against this foreign occupation however for various reasons they continuously lost these wars.

D. A. McCann

crushed.

Fearing another such revolt the British ruling class decided to make use of the old maxim, divide and conquer. They helped establish groups like the Orange Order, a blatantly sectarian organisation, and through raising the spectres of 'Rome Rule', 'Catholic Domination', 'Economic Slavery' etc, they turned what had been a feeling of comradeship between Catholics and Protestants into hatred. The Protestant population having been lulled into a false sense of elitism fell beautifully into the trap.

This false sense of superiority has existed to this day, with the Loyalist population fearing that under a government which embraced the whole of Ireland they would suffer. In desperation they have begun to do part of the job of the British Government for them by engaging in counter-revolutionary tactics. I.e. attacking the civilian population from whence the Irish Republican Army draws its support.

The war being waged in Ireland is between the I.R.A. and the British Government and is not a war of aggression against British imperialistic dominance of our country.

The policies and politics of the Republican Movement unlike the British Government are not sectarian, but are based on socialist principles, as we recognise that it is only through sectarianism that we can.

In the 18th century these two groups, the labouring class, united, against the common enemy. Under the leadership of the United Irishmen,

they rose in rebellion against British capitalist interests and control. Unfortunately the establishment was too strong for them and they were

another soldier to death, walked out of the court a free man!

Private - Peter - Price

stabbed Signalman Robert Hamilton SIX TIMES after hamilton had jumped the queue at the chip shop in Catterick Army camp.

But Price had a good defence in court. He only had to explain about his gruelling service in Gibraltar, Cyprus and Northern Ireland and the judge was immediately on his side. Though found guilty of manslaughter Price was only sentenced to six months SUSPENDED for one year.

Mr. Justice Thesinger said: "In your state of mind that follows on your service dealing with urban guerrilla warfare, you went too far. I don't think you are a bad fellow at all and the army thinks you are a good one. Don't use a knife so readily as you did on this occasion."

Anyone who uses a knife like Price is welcome in the Army. His commanding officer, Major Frank

Gladden said "Were I to go back to Northern Ireland tomorrow I would be pleased to have Price with me." In other words, we can forget all the whitewash about the British Army playing a 'peace-keeping' role protecting the civilian population in Northern Ireland. The army wants killers - professional ones, the nastier the better.

It's worth remembering that the hired killers recruited in Britain to fight in Angola were all ex-soldiers many from notorious units like the Parachute Regiment and the sinister S.A.s.

May be the fear and hatred felt by the nationalist people of Northern Ireland towards the British army of occupation is understandable after all.

How would you like your streets patrolled by people like 'Colonel Callan' who massacred innocent civilians as well as 14 of his own men, or Private Peter Price who stabbed a man 6 times because he jumped the queue at a chip shop?

from the socialist paper,
BIG FLAME

A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION

We must employ tactics which will have the maximum effect on the establishment with minimum risk to ourselves and our support. We must undermine support for the enemy and we must counter him by emerging ourselves with the people. We must build up our support, we must establish peoples' alternatives to the Brit system and we must implement Republican philosophy at every opportunity on as many fronts as possible. If we are to deserve victory we must fight for that victory.

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We have seven years of war behind us and perhaps another seven years before us, that is if we are not to be defeated before that. We have personnel capable of making tremendous sacrifices for the common good, we have comrades willing to operate and work against a powerful, mercenary and unscrupulous enemy. We can win, of that I have no doubt, but we will only do so if we have the determination as a whole movement to do so. We can

win if we have the honesty, the clear mindedness and the objectivity to examine and analyse ourselves, our tactics, our structures, our security, our mistakes, our philosophy and our weaknesses. When we do this we are strong, and with such strength we can go forward capable and worthy of victory. But as Terence McSwiney wrote, 'If we are to be fit for the heroic tomorrow, we must arise and be men today'. Think about it!

VOLUNTEER DANNY LENNON OGLAIGH NA HEIREANN

Vol. Danny Lennon.

The Belfast Brigades First Battalion has lost its second Volunteer soldier in several months. Danny Lennon, known to his friends and comrades as 'Jack' was killed while on active service. His death will come as a great shock to his comrades in Long Kesh where Danny had spent the last four years of his life. On his release from the camp he reported straight back for duty and resumed his role in the struggle for national liberation. The editor of REPUBLICAN NEWS, on behalf of the entire Republican Movement, offers sincerest condolences to the Lennon family and to Danny's comrades in the First Battalion.

THE RUC

In a normal society, the police are necessary to ensure the peaceful every day working of the community they serve, and they are therefore accepted and aided by every law-abiding citizen within that community. However, in the Six Northern Counties of Ireland, this situation does not prevail and it might be a good thing if we examine a few of the relevant reasons for this state of affairs.

The R.U.C. which is the Six Counties' police force, are at the present time under an ever-increasing attack from the Active Service Units of the Provisional I.R.A. and while everyone here should be aware of the reasons for these attacks, there are undoubtedly many people who have allowed the passage of time to erase from their memories the instances of bias, brutality, and even outright sadism which have been an integral part of their treatment of any members of the minority population unfortunate enough to fall into their clutches.

The innocence or guilt of the victim is of little importance. The single fact which determines what treatment is to be meted out is quite simply his or her religion.

Since 1968 the hatred of the R.U.C. towards Catholics has become more and more evident and in every police division there are numerous recorded cases of R.U.C. interrogators subjecting young Catholic girls to the most vulgar and degrading questions, gestures and suggestions, while the teenage boys are brutalised and intimidated until they eventually sign statements which are prepared

for them.

Despite these well-known facts, the media, under the direction of Merlyn Rees, are engaged in a campaign designed to portray the R.U.C. as an efficient, unbiased force which is completely dedicated to the impartial rule of law and order, with justice for all citizens, irrespective of class or creed, and therefore acceptable to the Catholic people.

It is claimed that they have been reformed since the days of Burntollett and the beating of Sam Deveney in the Bogside; a brutal and unnecessary beating which resulted in his premature death. Let us examine this image more closely. The R.U.C. have been reformed and the bigots and murderers weeded from its' ranks! I think not. Cast your memory back to the time of Sir Arthur Young and remember well the 'conspiracy of silence' which defeated all his efforts to unmask and apprehend the guilty ones in uniform. So much for the one genuine attempt to reform the R.U.C.

The Catholic people know the truth about the Six County police force. They have suffered too much and for too long to forget the faces of their torturers and that is why the R.U.C. are unacceptable in Catholic areas and why they will remain so.

In the time remaining until the British Forces withdraw from Ireland, Mr Rees will continue to talk about the need for law and order and he will no doubt continue his futile efforts to push the R.U.C. into Catholic areas. He declares that the only lasting solution to our troubles will come with a return to normal law and order



THE HEAVILY ARMED RUC SQUAD SEARCHING A CAR SEEN COMING FROM A NATIONALIST DISTRICT.

enforced by the R.U.C. and aided by all the Northern community. He also states that our courageous police are already far along the path to this objective, backing up his statement with a conglomeration of statistics which look impressive at first glance, but in reality prove nothing.

These figures consist of a total number of murders committed, followed by a total number of people charged with murder. One set of figures equal the other and therefore imply to the casual observer that every murder has been solved and the person responsible in each case apprehended. However, if one takes the trouble to consider that there have been very very many instances of six or more people charged with one single murder, the picture looks less rosy and we begin to doubt the accuracy of our initial opinion.

A more detailed breakdown of the

facts will reveal an entirely different kind of picture, one which instead of the facts will reveal an entirely different kind of picture, one which instead of reflecting credit on the R.U.C. shows how completely biased and sectarian they really are. So we have discovered once again that the silver-tongued Welsh wizard has been telling us less than the truth.

But of course, this is not surprising, nor is it anything new. Since his earliest dealings in Irish politics, his brain-washing activities imply to the casual observer that every murder has been solved and the person responsible in each case apprehended. However, if one takes the trouble to consider that there have been very very many instances of six or more people charged with one single murder, the picture looks less rosy and we begin to doubt the accuracy of our initial opinion.

His latest effort to whitewash the sectarian bully-boys of the R.U.C. and make them acceptable to their Catholic people, is doomed to a

similar fate. Merlyn Rees calls most earnestly for a return to 'normality' but what does he mean by the term? Does he want the Irish people to act in a normal manner, while at the same time the R.U.C. have abnormal powers and laws at their disposal? Is it his wish that we forget the Special Powers Act?

No, Mr Rees, you can't have your cake and eat it too! You are in a position to begin the process of a return to normality and you can do this by removing the Special Powers of the R.U.C. and by weeding from its ranks the bigots and murderers who have made it unacceptable to the Catholic population. Of course, if you consider this simple task to be beyond your limited capabilities, then you have one and only one alternative. Withdraw your British Forces now instead of next year or the year after and we will reform the R.U.C.

POW attacks Unionist policy

Recently, Mr Michael Long, Security Spokesman for the Unionist Party of Northern Ireland (U.P.N.I.), declared that a 'Life sentence' should be imposed on those people involved in terrorism and its 'fringe' activities.

This train of thought is quite in line with the 'Lock-them-up' sentiments of Mr Brian Faulkner, the leader of U.P.N.I., who, in August '72, re-introduced internment, and, it is on historic record how the Nationalist community of the

6 counties reacted then.

To lock an individual away in prison for his Political convictions does not deter that individual. Nor does it remove the reason as the why that individual was forced into the position of actively opposing a foreign occupation in Ireland.

It seems apparent that the U.P.N.I. and suchlike would rather have vast numbers of people imprisoned for life, to enable them in some way, to continue enjoying their privileged positions for that little bit longer.

All efforts to maintain the

cancer that is 6 county Ulster, have failed. Military and State repression, internment and long terms of imprisonment have most certainly failed.

The U.P.N.I. rather than take the honourable step and help end the present conflict, that is end British interference in Ireland and set about building an Ireland where every citizen is equal, are prepared to live in a State of siege, and to preserve the political Status Quo where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

by SEAN MAGEE, P.O.W.

ULSTER EXECUTIVE OF SNN FEIN

CASEMENT COMMEMORATION ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWD

Despite the inclement weather several hundred people attended the annual Casement commemoration organised by Antrim/South Derry Sinn Fein, Murrough Bay Ballycastle, Sunday 19 August.

The colour party, comprising members of Na Flannan, proceeded the parade, followed by Cathal Brugha Band, Belfast. The first speaker, P. O'Suodhal, President Gaelic League, referred to Casement's Association with the language movement, being one of the prisoners of Fols na Gileann.

Malachy Doherty, Vice-President, Sinn Fein, whilst paying tribute to Casement as a humanitarian, citing the work he did for the oppressed in the Belgian Congo and his love for the language and culture, emphasised that it must never be forgotten that he was done to death by the British as a consequence of his involvement in the armed struggle.

The struggle that is being carried on today by the worthy successors of Casement and the men of 1916 and of which Casement would surely have allied himself. She referred to the convenience between the Free State and British Governments whereby his body was taken to Glasnevin, encased in concrete, instead of Murrough where he had asked to be interred. The same convenience was used later when Frank Stagg's body was hijacked and buried by the Staters. The Republican Movement and the freedom fighters of today will complete the task undertaken by Casement and secure and British withdrawal, lock, stock and barrel.

Kevin Agnew, Maghera, also spoke. The Chairman, Seamus Clarke Ballycastle, revealed that when the news of the return of Casement's remains to Ireland was made known 10 years ago, Head, chairman of the Casement Reparation Committee wrote and said to Seamus Lehane, 'if it was a straight-forward reburial with no strings attached. If the letter was the case then his Committee would have no part of it. His letter was ignored. He concluded by thanking all who attended and how gratifying it was to him to find Casement's memory still revered.

Patricia Davidson,
Secretary.

