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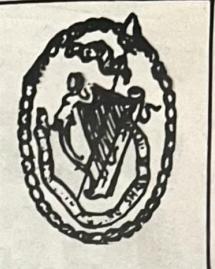
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THE DEFIANT ONES

The immense potential and strength behind the street politics of last weekend were the last blow to the flagging morale of the SDLP. The massive size of the protests had two major effects; one political, the other military.

On the military side the British had to use brute force to combat the spirit of a risen people. It was the militancy of so many people combined with the defensive action of the Republican Army that has virtually overnight transformed professional politics back into the streets where the people can really exert an influence.

On the strength of second and third hand reports Gerry Fitt feels authoritative enough to comment on the cause and sequence of the violent events. His assessment was so far removed from reality that it did more to dash his credibility as a representative of the people than any rational denunciation of his treachery. The elitism, bureaucracy and weaknesses of parliamentary representation were exposed.

Fortunately on this occasion journalists compared the Belfast Brigade statement with the British Army version and honestly admitted that they were in no position (despite the fact that some were present) to contest what the IRA has stated. It was the people of the Divis Flats who pointed out to the active service unit the actual firing position of the UVF gunmen.

For Fitt, who wasn't within miles of the place, to cynically dismiss the action of the people as "rioting started by people who wanted to engage in trouble of that nature," places him firmly on the side of the British Army.

After the engagement the residents of Divis Flats in a magnificent display of Resistance and solidarity with Republican Volunteers produced a defening encore — the blowing of whistles and the rattling of tin plates throughout the complex.

The consciousness of the Republican ghettos once aroused in '69 has been sustained and developed. This consciousness is not reflected by the parliamentary representation of the SDLP. They claim to have the talking experience of professional politics to press for the people's demands. On examination we find that the SDLP have been allocated several thousand pounds by the British Government (and the Rowntree Trust — a counter-insurgency body) for expert assistance and, in fact, they have consulted Mr. Geoffrey Bing, Q.C. and may engage him professionally.

In sharp contrast to this the political experience of the people has its origins in the ghetto legacy — bad, over-crowded housing; discrimination and unemployment and oppression.

It is this major difference which is the difference between the Republican Movement and the SDLP collaborators, between the real People and traitors.

TEXT OF BELFAST BRIGADE STATEMENT

Over the weekend (August 8th until August 10th) the Republican Movement was engaged in a series of demonstrations and protests against the continuation of Internment.

The protests were of a peaceful nature and thousands of people demonstrated their solidarity with the prisoners and the Republican Movement. The peaceful nature of the protests however, did not meet with the approval of elements within the British Army, the RUC and Loyalists' paramilitary forces.

On Friday night/Saturday morning the British Army made hundreds of arrests of men and youths who were blowing whistles and rattling bin-lids. Subsequently forty of these people appeared on various trumped-up charges relating to riotous behaviour. But, it was the provocation of these arrests which produced the first in a series of 80 to 100 riots throughout Belfast.

On Saturday afternoon after the huge Sinn Fein meeting in Castle Street demonstrators on their way home towards the Falls area were attacked by some soldiers who fired rubber bullets at them. This was incidental.

However, at the junction of Townsend Street the first shooting incidents began. Here we witnessed the open collusion of the British soldiers and UVF members who fired indiscriminately into a crowd of militant youths on the Falls Road. This incident developed into a full scale confrontation between Loyalists and locals engaged in the defence of their homes.

In another incident at Unity Flats the RUC opened the gates of the wall dividing the Flats from the Upper Shankill and allowed gangs of Loyalists into the complex. The RUC along with the Loyalists, as in 1969, threw stones at the windows of residents. Local people led by courageous youths repulsed this attack.

In Percy Street the Loyalists produced firearms and two local people were injured. At this stage the Belfast Brigade were forced to intervene in the defence of the local population.

After a short period the unit of Oglaiha na h-Eireann had the situation under control and the area was cleared of Loyalist gunmen. The unit then retired.

On Sunday, 10th August, 20,000 people supported another peaceful Sinn Fein anti-Internment rally to Dunville.

park. To protect the people Active Service Units mounted checkpoints and vetted all traffic in the area. It was stressed many times before from the platform that the demonstration was absolutely peaceful and no-one offered provocation. The demonstration broke up peacefully.

Shortly before all the demonstrators had dispersed we received an accurate intelligence report that loyalists were massing at the Flats in Peter's Hill, Lower Shankill, and at the top of Percy Street. Monitored police transmissions confirmed this and the RUC were given a general order not to travel into the Shankill.

At 5.30 p.m. the first gangs of Loyalists appeared again in open collusion with British Army patrols. There was a movement towards the Lower Falls area. An Active Service Unit was directed to the scene and after a short but intense engagement the mass of Loyalists were again dispersed.

The British Army ignored the continued sniping of some Loyalists. The Army then took up positions and fired

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This week we continue with another extract from *Faoi Glas*, the Journal of the Sentenced Republican Prisoners.

OUR JOE

I don't know if any of you fine up-standing citizens, hopefully enjoying the contents of *Faoi Glas*, ever seen the inside of Long Kesh or some similar type of "correction centre," but if you have then what is written below will hardly be of interest. However, should you belong to the minority and not yet have had the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of Robert Trudeau (Governor 1st-class) and his well trained staff, don't despair — this is where I can be of help. For, if nothing else, this literary masterpiece may serve as your passport to an indefinite stay behind the wire. Just try walking past an intelligent Brit with a copy of *Faoi Glas* sticking from your back-pocket and you'll see what I mean. But perhaps you don't want to go to all the bother of walking around until you bump into a Brit that can actually read. As an alternative to all that foot-slogging here is a fool-proof system, guaranteed to gain you entry into Long Kesh.

Pick up your daily newspaper and turn to the 'situations vacant' column. Cast your eye around until you focus on 'two funny looking wee men' — as my mother calls them — no, not the advert for the latest Walt Disney movie — but the advert which is headed 'Strike into a better future with the Northern Ireland Prison Service.' Now fill in the coupon and within three weeks you shall be in a job that is 'interesting, challenging, and offers security of employment with prospects of promotion with even higher rates of pay.'

The very first time I came into contact with these 'pillars of society,' I laughed. A few years later on and I am still laughing. After I had been arrested, charged, made my first court appearance and played out the rest of the formalities, I was bundled off to H.M.P. Crumlin Road and there placed in a cell to 'reflect upon my crimes' as the nice special branch man told me. The silence of my new world was suddenly shattered by the sounds of key rattling in the lock of my cell and suddenly the door was flung open.

Milling around the open doorway were ten of these eager boys in blue. They did look odd with their oversized caps, loosely fitted tunics, baggy trousers, and of course their shining three-sizes-too-big boots.

Oh no, I thought. They're going to do me. But the force with which I gripped my straw mattress proved to be unwarranted. A slightly stooped, 6' 3" bespectacled, middle-aged, immaculately dressed officer, breast pocket coming down with ribbons, addressed himself to the assembled audience — a group of trainee screws.

"Before you open the door," he barked, "Observe through the peep-hole that your 'ward' is in the cell and not preparing to ambush you as soon as you open the cell." Quite wise, I thought, and all the heads bowed in awe. "Now ensure you have the correct key with you before you insert it in the lock." Bloody obvious, I thought, and all the heads bowed in acknowledgement.

"Right Thompson, you try it." A baby-faced, 5' 5" 21-year-old, enthusiastically accepted the task. He banged the door shut and threw it open with the same vigour as a child attacking a fancy wrapped Christmas present. Too much, I thought.

"Very good, Thompson," remarked the officer in charge, "but extract the key once you've opened the door. We wouldn't want the likes of this scum (directing his gaze at me) snatching the key from the lock, would we?"

For ten minutes they stayed at my door, opening it, closing it, peeping through the spy-hole, until their instructor seemed satisfied that each of them could actually open and close a door.

Amazing, I thought, anxiously puffing at a cigarette and wondering what else I would hear witness to — think they actually get paid a couple of grand a year. There must be some special sort of wrist action perhaps, or some (unseen) quality that warrants such rewards for their work. A few years later on I can tell you that there isn't. In addition to their weekly wage, however, there are many unadvertised benefits accruing from this interesting, and challenging job. You do not have to think for yourself, for a start. Someone higher up will save you the bother, just do as you are told. You will have ample opportunity to pilfer from prisoners' parcels and never be in fear of reprimand (from the establishment). But special qualities? — none, unless you want to class some of the above as coming into that bracket. On the other hand should you display that you will not act out any orders, perform any task, no matter how meaningless or humiliating, with unquestioning loyalty, you could rise to the 'top.'

Look at the guy who got a mention in the queen's birthday honours list — Bobby Truesdale! For his faithful devotion to duty in her majesty's Prison Service Bob had conferred on him, what everyone who drinks in the Europa desires — the O.B.E.

Whether this was conferred as a subtle or gentle reminder that it is time this 'faithful servant' thought about retiring or a cynical comment by Mrs. Elizabeth Mountbatten, on the fact that it was because of Robert's bungling that Long Kesh was burned, I don't know. Perhaps in the latter case O.B.E. represents Order of the Burning Empire. Still whatever the reason, it's not bad for a guy whom, many years ago, was himself learning how to open and close doors.

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"Then turning the key in an anti-clockwise direction, push on the door with your shoulder like this" (he banged the door shut and unlocked it again). "That was easy, wasn't it?" Good Lord, I laughed to myself as all the heads bowed in agreement.

Eye-witness accounts of loyalist invasion

Sir,

The Army did not come into Ardminion Avenue, until lorries were being hijacked in Andrews Mill.

Two people had already phoned before this, when they did come in, they were accompanied by the UDA.

When they approached us about this they said there was nothing they could do as they had no control over them.

The army were standing with the UDA when they said what they didn't finish in 1969 they would finish there and then. Then they were shouting abuse about the priests in St. Peter's. The Army refused to do anything about this.

Yours,
MISS D. MC

Sir,
When the rioting was half over the army came into the street with the UDA. I asked what the civilians were doing at the top of the street, he told me he had no control over them.

The cameraman went up to take photos and they knocked him to the ground and the UDA then proceeded to pushing him to the ground causing him to get his head cut.

The UDA shouted they were going to burn the street down. They called the priests all the bad names. They also called us Fenian B. s and other names.

The UDA were on Falls Road at the Bank along with the army. They also helped the Army to get the lorries back to Andrews Mill.

yours,
JEAN

'SECTARIAN' MURDERS

On Friday 11/7/75 Mr. George Madigan organiser for the 'Thomas Clarke Cumann' Sinn Fein, Kevin Street was putting up posters about the 'sectarian' murders in the six counties at 'Temple Hill' Blackrock Co. Dublin at about 1.30 p.m.

He was stopped by members of the Free State police and arrested. He was driven to Blackrock police station and charged under section 14(10) of the Royal Irish Constabulary Dublin Police Act, 1842, which forbids the posting of bills.

A charge sheet was typed out and Mr. Madigan was put in a police car and driven to Dún Laoghaire Court where he appeared at 2 p.m., he was convicted and fined £2 with 7 days to pay or 7 days imprisonment the maximum sentence that could be imposed under this act.

The total time the elapsed between the arrest and conviction of Mr. Madigan was a mere 30 minutes and

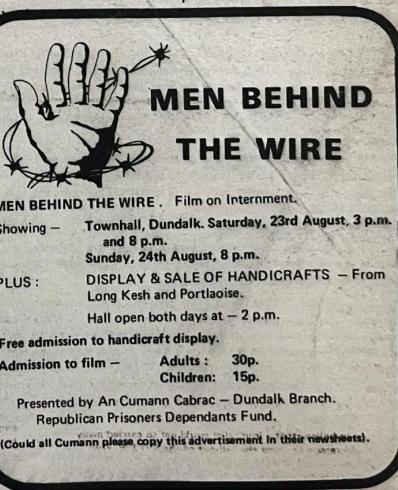
this must surely be something of a record for "Free State" efficiency, when one considers that almost 15 months ago, 32 men, women and children were blown to pieces on the streets of Dublin and Monaghan and as yet no one has been brought to justice by the Free State police for this terrible out rage.

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(Could all Cumann please copy this advertisement in their newsletters).

2nd BATTALION I.R.A. STATEMENT

Recently, at the request of local people in the Ballymurphy area, the Republican Movement took action against the 'drinking club' known as 'Maggies.' The reason for this that repeated requests from residents coupled with warnings from the Irish Republican Army about late night drinking and subsequent drunken disturbances, had been completely ignored.

Since this action was carried out the Stalinist group (connected with the organisation of the club) has issued various hysterical statements attacking the Republican Movement. It is not the intention of the Republican Movement to dignify this hysteria with a reply.

The credibility of this anti-Republican group can be judged by recent actions of some of their members, namely the theft of goods from the Peoples' Garage in March of this year, and more recently, the burglary of the Spar supermarket on the Whiterock Road.

DISHONEST BRIT

DERRY NEWS

What about the dishonesty of the red-haired soldier who let his name and supposed "heroism" be broadcast all over the news at 1 p.m., 6 p.m., the main British and UTV news that day?

We refer to the story of the woman "saved from drowning" by a "heroic British soldier," and carried in the Journal and Telegraph as well as on all radio and television newscasts.

We publish here the facts:

"Derryman, Paddy McCallion, was walking along the quayside on Saturday fortnight when he saw a woman go dangerously near the water. No one else was about when Paddy McCallion ran to the water's edge and saw the woman paddling around in the Foyle.

So acting on his own good sense he flagged down a passing car. Another Derryman got out, and although he couldn't

swim and didn't have a rope or float, agreed to help. Together they flagged down a passing lorry.

The driver of the lorry had a rope, and they were just preparing to rescue the woman when up comes a routine British Army mobile patrol. A soldier got out, and they saw the lorry driver's rope, and took over the rescue. Which involved jumping down a hole at the quayside, tying the

rope around the woman's waist and pulling her up, (she'd already swam to the pilings and was grabbing on to them, and wasn't in any real danger). Then the soldier — who didn't bother to take off more than his flak jacket for this "rescue" — has to be pulled up by the rope too! The British Army then drove away without waiting for an ambulance for the woman, or for the RUC to be called or

notified (which, if they were concerned, they should have done).

If it wasn't for Derryman, particularly Paddy McCallion, no-one would have seen this happen and the woman could still be paddling around in the Foyle. Without the intervention of Mr. McCallion there would have been no rope, no passers-by stopped, and no help . . . (Free Derry News)

VOLUNTEER SEAMUS BRADLEY

Friends, relatives, and representatives of the Republican movement in Derry attended the wreath-laying ceremony on Sunday marking the anniversary of Volunteer Seamus Bradley, shot unarmed by the British Army on the morning of Operation Motorman three years ago.

Wreaths were laid by representatives of Oglach na h-Eireann, all Provisional Sinn Fein Cumann in Derry, and by the family.

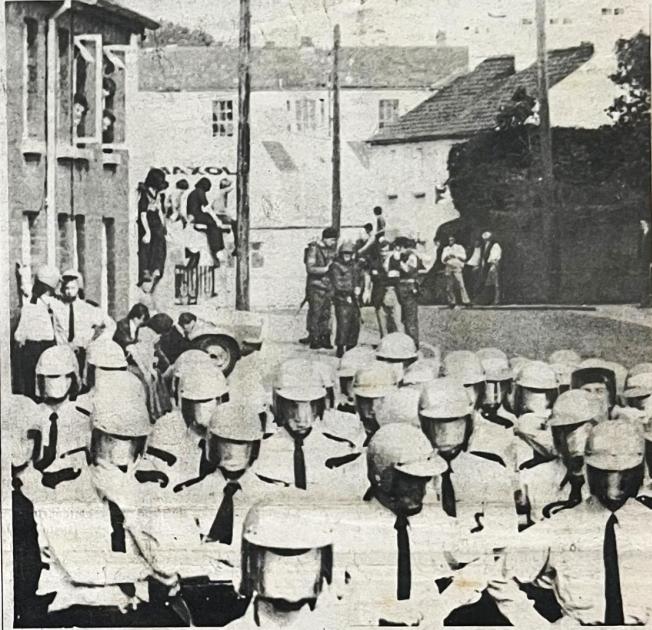
After a decade of the Rosary was recited in Irish, a member of the Seamus Bradley Sinn Fein cumann gave the oration, saying:

"Today we are here to honour Volunteer Seamus Bradley, a young lad, who in the prime of his life was brutally murdered, unarmed, by the British Army. Seamus Bradley gave his life for you, the Irish people. He knew the sacrifice he would make would be the loss of his liberty or the supreme sacrifice — in his case, the loss of his life — but when he joined the Republican movement, he dedicated himself to end injustices in Ireland and to remove the cancer of British rule.

Today, Seamus Bradley's ideals have not been achieved. Injustice is still with us. Over 2,000 political hostages are still being held in Britain's hellholes. Nearly 250 men and boys are still held without trial in Long Kesh Concentration Camp. The founder members of this cumann, which took the name of Volunteer Seamus Bradley, have been interned by the unjust society that Volunteer Bradley was fighting against.

"Since the Truce was called by the Provisional movement, Merlyn Rees has had ample opportunity to end political imprisonment and give England's declaration of intent to leave Ireland. This Rees has not done, and as the days go on the Provisional Republican Movement are getting more impatient. Since February of this year, over 80 of the minority community have been assassinated by such groups as the S.A.S. and Loyalist murder gangs. The massacre of the Miami Showband, which was claimed by the U.V.F., proves that Merlyn Rees has no justification in holding Republican internees a day longer, especially when he has released all Loyalist internees.

"It is very interesting to note that after all these deaths, there has not been one peace march by senior clergy and their politicians. The Republican Movement state, as we have repeatedly stated, that peace with justice will come when the ideals of men like Volunteer Seamus Bradley are fully achieved. Life springs from death, and from the graves of patriotic men and women spring living nations. These are the words of Patrick Pearse, and as we leave the grave today of this young patriot, we should re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of the Republican Movement, for which Seamus Bradley died."



DERRY OCTOBER,
1968?

PORTLAOISE
AUGUST 1975!

Looking at the boy one wouldn't think he was so sensitive to criticism. The boy of course being Paddy Devlin. Seeing he can hand it out himself on anyone he care to select for his own type of vituperation.

I can remember Paddy having a go at Michael McKeown of Hibernia Magazine away back in December 1974.

McKeown writing on the two trends inside the S.D.L.P. The Dublin dimension as expressed by John Hume. The British dimension as expressed by Gerry Fitt. The struggle going on inside the party because of these different trends and more important the changed attitude of both London and Dublin to the S.D.L.P. since the fall of the Executive.

The editor of Hibernia's ears must have felt very sore and red when he read Paddy's reply. Said he with his usual dignity: "McKeown's article on the 6th December was a lot of rubbish and unworthy of a reply, but it is not true to say that we in the S.D.L.P. intend to march people in the North back to the barricades. Personally, I have as much intention of fighting Paddy Maguire for the Donegal-ban-want championship of Ireland as I have of going to the barricades, never mind going back to somewhere I have never been."

I was reminded of the above when I read the Irish Times on August 6th, Paddy was at it again.

Peter Hadden of the N.I. Labour Party had written an article in the Irish Times on the 1st relating to the struggle of a minority in the NILP to change the leadership. Of course Hadden was merely reiterating what usually happens inside the N.I.L.P. from time to time and we know from experience no matter what group gets control they always relate to the six county state and the British connection or being blunt — one group of unionists oust another group.

But in Devlin's eyes, Hadden committed a grievous sin when he suggested that the S.D.L.P. was not a socialist party but merely the old type nationalist party under a new name. Paddy's reply took almost a whole column but only two points need interest us, he wrote: "I have difficulty applying socialist values to the U.U.U.C. to determine what views I should hold of them."

"It is only someone like himself, who know so little about the North, who would suggest that a vote for me in West Belfast is in reality a vote for Eddie McAteer."

I wonder does Paddy forget that a few years ago in Derry, his friend and comrade Hume tried to fold back on the Derry people the very same Eddie McAteer.

I wonder what funny ideas Paddy had sitting at the same table at Stormont secretly planning with members of the U.U.U.C. on the form and shape of the new six county state. His socialist values seem to be a bit bent when it suits him.

LIAM MAC

Do you remember the year 1973? After three elections — The Border Poll, Local Government and Assembly — Faulkner, Napier and Fitt started their secret negotiations in October, they carried on through November, any little news that seeped through to the press or public was of deadlock or discord and breakdown. That is until Willie Whitelaw on the 21st November shook hands with the three conspirators and announced that a new administration — the Executive had been formed. The rest is history. Are we on a similar course this time the actors names have been changed on the unionist side, while the same three actors still represent the nationalists. The press and TV are also helping everyone's morale by getting hysterical over the news of the present discussions just as they did away back in those days prior to the setting up of the Executive.

That great democratic newspaper The Sunday Independent, which for generations has reflected the views and interests of the Establishment (British and Irish) as against the interests of the Irish people acclaimed the setting up of the Executive as follows:

"A British-imposed junta has ruled the North for over fifty years. Now it is in ruins. A well-organised party stands ready to build from the wreckage.

The SDLP achievement is almost a miracle. Political genius. You have got to go back to Parnell to find so many strands of Irish life brought together.

Now this gallant group is poised to reap the harvest. My New Year awards Men of the Year. Undoubtedly the SDLP.

(The Ulster column Sunday Independent 30/12/73)

It is hard to believe that a journalist could get so carried away. But he had reason to cheer the sell-out of the S.D.L.P. Two days before — Friday 28/12/73 — on the instructions of Faulkner and Napier, the leaders of the SDLP issued a statement calling on all those who had been on Rents and Rates strike to call it off and start paying their "debts." The ques-

tion of the reason for the strike — Internment — was not even mentioned. The man delegated by Faulkner to deal with the collection of the debts and arrears of rent and rates was none other than our old friend Paddy Devlin, who would take up the post of Minister for Health and Social Services.

In 1971 a very different Paddy stated: "No rents are being collected and no arrears will be paid when the strike ends. It will end when every dweller will be released. Of course the Executive did not last — and the S.D.L.P. men where out of a job again.

But you have to admit it was a great chance for the con men to have got away with selling their souls.

So the circle starts all over again — Faulkner has vanished. But Craig, Paisley and West are the new boys who are in the position of having cut the spoils with our carpet-baggers. Of course the share of the spoils for selling out this time will have to be a lot less than they forced out of Faulkner. The present leaders of the unionists realise their hands are tied, they got rid of Faulkner because he gave too much away to the S.D.L.P., they know they can't play with their supporters votes, because they have another election to win. What have the S.D.L.P. to sell this time to the men of the new unionist leaders? The same as before their willingness to accept the re-birth of the six county state. The right of the unionists to run their bastard state in the interests of Protestant Ascendancy. Their right to show their British rulers can still hold power with the new dimension of S.D.L.P. support. They will be able to point out that the S.D.L.P. as representatives of the Nationalist people have a share in the running of the state — the running of the local councils in the nationalist areas. Bill Craig has promised them that he will add on to the councils the right to look after houses and schools as well as emptying bins. So this will ensure that the SDLP will be able to share out "jobs for the boys" inside their party.

And the most important thing of all in this new set-up they will get away with the blessing of both Dublin and Britain not to mention the millions of subsidy and other charity they will be guaranteed once the sell-out is signed.

ANTI INTERNMENT PROTEST

(Text of Maire Drumm speech)

Many a time I have stood on this platform and many a time I came depressed to it. But today I could not feel depressed when I look at the crowd that has stood behind the Provisional Republican Movement. After 4 years to see this crowd out still fit and fighting; to see that you are ready to stay on the streets and protest; this is the most heartening thing that any prisoner could possibly know about.

A lot of people all over the world and in Ireland too thought that the 9th August 1971 was something new. They thought that this was the first time of internment. From 1922 there have been successions of internment. In this rotten state that was formed in 1922 we have internment in every decade. In 1922 there were thousands interned by the First Free State Government, and father of the present Cosgrave.

A man who murdered 77 Republican soldiers in 1923. The man who was steeped in blood up to his neck. Now we have internment in the '70s. Previously internment was ignored by our people. And so the British thought, we will use it again, because this way we can crush them and nobody cares. On the 9th August, 1971 they came with their armoured cars, their tanks and their guns, but this time there was a big difference. The people came out on the streets and the people stayed there, and the people for the first time stood behind the internees, behind the boys and girls. This is why we are victorious and the British are beaten into the ground. They thought that the Republican Movement was dead, and on the 9th August, 1971 may be some of our own thought it. On the 9th August and before it we had a Republican Army, and after the 9th August we had what was more important, we had a risen people, and no-one can beat a risen people.

Faulkner with internment used it rather crudely, he grabbed everyone, opened Long Kesh and pushed

them in. Cosgrave, does it differently, he takes Republicans to court and locks them in. We have here the S.D.L.P., a pack of liquorice allsorts, doily mixtures of every hue under the sun. They said they would never talk to the British, they would not sit in a house of legislation until every internee was free. Gerry Fitt ran like a rat for his £12,000 and he was thinner and lighter than Paddy Devlin and he got there first for the British gold.

They sold out the internees, but they did not know that we were there, there to back our imprisoned people. Then we had Austin Currie's 25p on the rent and rates strike, when he stole the cattle of the farmers to force them to break their strike. But they did not get very far, their Assembly fell, and now they are making another great effort at power-sharing with Paisley and Craig. We saw the sight of them in the past few days, the S.D.L.P. sitting with the Loyalists. Billy Craig was the man who went on Radio Eireann and stated that sectarian assassinations were understandable and excusable, and now the S.D.L.P. are in with them. Those are the people who are smothered in the blood of our children, our men women and our volunteers, and this is what the S.D.L.P. are stuck in with now and this is what Paddy Devlin is going to get his blood money out of.

We have brought down Stormont, the assembly is gone. Nothing will ever satisfy our people but a republic, and there will be no peace until we get our demand. Our demand initially was for the end of internment, but our demands will not cease. We want every man, woman and child every political prisoner, who went out to fight and went to jail. They must be brought home to their parents, or to whoever owns them. Because to us there is no difference between internees and sentenced prisoners. They are soldiers of the Irish Republican Army and they are ours, and we want them. Merlyn Rees released 7 detainees last week. If he was to do no less than



NEWRY REPORT

The largest Sinn Féin demonstration ever seen in Newry took place in protest against 4 years of Internment on August 9th. A crowd estimated at over 2,000 assembled at Meadow Car Park and headed by the National Flag and a black banner calling for the release of all Political Prisoners proceeded along the "banned" route, Sugar Island, New Road, and Hill Street.

At the meeting in Marcus Square, prominent Republican, Mr. Charles McGlade, Ard Comhairle, said that in times gone by internment was partly successful, because the people on the outside, did not, by and large, support the prisoners or the dependents. However, on August 9th, 1971, when Faulkner and the British Government tried again, they made a grave miscalculation, and the people of the Occupied Six Counties, risen and courageous, were now in the position of having the most magnificent Guerrilla Army ever seen in the world.

He went on to say that at the time when England was the head of a mighty Empire, Irishmen, in every generation had taken a stand for Freedom against overwhelming odds. Now, when England was a tenth-rate nobody, this generation would finish the fight. To tumultuous applause, he said: "The struggle being waged today, is the final struggle for freedom. Victory is within our grasp." Mr. Cyril Toman, Chairman, Newry and South Down Comhairle Ceannair, and Mr. Niall Vallely also addressed the meeting. The platform party included ex-internees from the area.

To mark the part played by women in the Freedom Struggle, the National Flag and other banners were carried by prominent women Republicans.

Perhaps the reality of the plight of the Political Prisoners was brought home clearly to all by little 4 year old Ivan Morley, who clutched his Mother with one hand, and in the other carried a placard saying: "I want my Daddy back."

S. HOLLYWOOD
P.R.O.
Newry and South Down Comhairle Ceannair, Sinn Féin.

Brendan Magill addresses



SECTION OF FALLS DEMO

LURGAN RALLY

Approximately 2,000 people took part in the anti-internment march and rally in Lurgan on August 9th.

The parade headed by St. Mary's Accordion Band left the Kilwilke estate and finished at Francis Street where a meeting was held. The main speaker was Mr. Malachy Fooths PRO

Ulster Executive of Sinn Féin. Other speakers were Mr. Liam Haddock, North Armagh C.C. Sinn Féin and Mrs. Joe Haughian vice-chairman Ulster Executive Sinn Féin. Mr. Owen McCann North Armagh C.C. was chairman.

Commenting afterwards Mr. Liam Haddock PRO, North

MENT TESTS

They spread them over to Christmas he would have to cut them in two, send one part home today and one day tomorrow. We don't give a damn about Christmas, we want them home now, today.

Something is happening now which people thought never could happen. The Republican Movement is now negotiating with the British. They are carrying out these negotiations honourably. We ask you to trust the leadership of the Republican Movement. They will not sell you out, they will not barter you for British gold. We want a just and lasting peace in this country. Hopefully looking for peace, they want peace with surrender, peace with any cost. We want peace with justice, peace and freedom and justice must go hand in hand.

When peace comes we will need everybody in this country. You will all have to work hard, to build our new nation. Our shoulders will have to be to the wheel, you will all have to your best.

Yesterday I was speaking in Dublin, after speaking in Belfast, and we had the greatest turnout there, and it is coming now from every corner of Ireland, and Ireland is going to be ours.

Dan O'Conal wrote to my young daughter: "I know you people are the leaders in the front line. We are asking you now to stand firmly just as you have done in the last week, in the last 4/5 years. When you stand up here and look around you think of many things and when our boys and girls are home again, there will be people who won't come home. People like Dorothy Maguire, Maura Meehan, James Bryson and all the lads who died with them. There is going to be many an aching heart then. There will be many an empty chair by the fireside. They will not come home to us. We will not take any steps backwards our steps will be onward, for if we don't the ghosts of the martyrs who died for you, for me, for this country will haunt us for eternity."

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REPORT

Armagh Comhairle Ceannair said: "It is interesting to note that although press men were present at the large demonstration no coverage was given in the National papers. It is therefore evident that news from the Lurgan area is being suppressed by the authorities."

Is mise,
LIAM HADDOCK.



Above: The People stand for the National Anthem.



Left: Rory O'Bradaigh at Portlaois.



Right: Victim of Gardai violence.

Bottom: Vicious attack on peaceful demo.



INSIDE STORY

Between one thousand and two thousand words. Well that's what the note said anyway. Not very accurate but there may be the young blood that was it was more accurate than the note. What? Aways with loose talk and into the mists gritty to the nab of the matter, no heating about the bush. Yes, dear readers, this is the result of that brief missive. I don't know how I'm going to finish it. By the time I have it chiselled and polished I'll be dead and spelling my time will be done. Taped, the note said about life in jail, resistance behind the wire; etc. etc. four our 'Jail Journal' page. The place must be going mad. Two thousand words. Some head-case in the REPUBLICAN NEWS office has decided to shake us out of our beds and into print. Does he know how many pages of Mr. Trudeau's paper this will take? And typed as well. The mind bogs. Surely everybody knows that terrorists can't type. A type of terrorist is a type of terrorist of stickiness - the type writer I mean, not the Republicanism. So what am I going to write about? And what if they don't print it? All this effort wasted.

Well actually I'm in bed at the moment, covered in bread crumbs and skimpy grey Brit Army blankets, the knees tucked up under the chin and a blue plastic mug of blue plastic tea in my hand. The only thing I'm doing is doing his strenuous Republica bit - "McSwiney taught us how or die" he is saying to the locker at the moment and him (the ejit, not the locker) only two weeks without a visit. God bless Trudeau, they tell me he used to be an appren-

tice screw in the Crum in the fifties. Now he's the big Daddy screw in the Lazy K (Long Kesh, alias the Maze) - depending on whether you're a Brit who has put someone in or someone who has been put in) and some British things. George Bernard Shaw had a thing about screws as well - "The second oldest profession in the World" he said. Well that's what I'm told anyway, by some of our more intellectual comrades. An intellectual Republican. Can't believe it. Can't believe it, but then he must know something he not only refuses to read Republican stuff, he puts our friend Eamon Mac Thomas in Portrush. How dare Republicans print a newspaper, and with a real live bookwriter as editor. Away with ye, lock him up! People might say, "What's Soundman Conor (sic) Sounderman Lamont, and you still haven't sent us a copy of ME JEWEL AN? DARLING! DUBLIN."

Dublin! There's felas from Dublin here as well. One from this Cage and also one from Limerick. It just shows you what happens when things get tight. Two gamblers. Can you imagine dodging Brit in D.C. and you're running down with "the ghetto" and "the ghetto", and box latin. Must be said, I'm only here by accident myself, but then so is Mervyn Rees. Only his accident is greater than mine. A good stiff dose of withdrawal pills would get him right. Bolt cutters would do the job at a night. But then talk's cheap as the man said: The S.D.L.P. do it for nothing - well almost nothing. Every try to buy an S.D.L.P. man? Ask friend Faulkner or West or Cosgrave.

Reports on Brit

Violence

A Chara,

The news broadcasts over the past weekend have laid great stress on the violence attached either directly or indirectly to the anti-internment protests. Violence there was, but none of the media seemed to have bothered to check on the real culprits behind the violence. The guilty party was the British army.

We in our area held a vigil at the bottom of the Whinck Road on Friday night and Saturday morning to mark the fourth anniversary of the crime of internment. From eight o'clock on Friday night patrols of the British army roamed the area equipped with full riot gear. These patrols took great pleasure in hurling provocative and abusive remarks from the backs of their jeeps at the people taking part in the vigil. Yet only a few days before that the members of this regiment had expressed their opposition to internment to people of this area. Why the sudden change of heart?

Members of our cumann had gone into other areas to check the situation at other vigils and protests found that the story was the same all over. Protestors were being harassed by the British Army.

It was on returning to our own area that we learned that the British regiment stationed in Fort Pegasus on the Whinck Road had savagely beaten a fourteen year old girl who had turned out to watch the protests associated with the 9th August or to take part in them. Members of the cumann and the general public who witnessed the incident were shocked and horrified by the savagery of the British Army on this occasion.

Early news bulletins stated that the girl in question had been in-

volved in an accident. An accident had happened earlier on that morning but an older woman was involved. It is a remarkable fact that the news media made no effort to correct this announcement. It must be stressed by us that at no time was violence offered by the demonstrators for the British army to turn out in riot gear, there was no reason for the beating which they gave a fourteen year old girl.

The beating of the girl in question caused great anger among the assembled people and it was only with difficulty that they were restrained from taking violent action against the bullies of the British army responsible for this action. At the present time this anger is just under restraint. The anger is coupled with anxiety on the condition of the girl which has been described to us as being critical. It is our opinion and that of the people to whom we have talked that the violence of this weekend was carefully engineered by the British army for reasons best known to themselves.

Is mise le meas,
ROBERT EMMETT-FRANCIS
LIGGET, P.R.O.
Sinn Fein Cumann, St. James' District.

At Broadway on August 9th, when attempting to disperse stone throwers, Mr. Derry Cullerton remonstrated with a soldier for his crude treatment of a young boy. Another soldier knelt and calmly blasted a plastic bullet into Mr. Cullerton's face at point blank range.

Mr. Cullerton is now in the RVH suffering from a broken jaw, a severely gashed cheek and may have been blinded permanently in one eye. He is said by his wife to be unrecognisable.

How did I get into all that? Must be the tea, maybe I'll get two thousand words out o.k. God's good, BUT WILL THE TEA GO ON? The tea is the thing. Our friend next door has retired to his leaba, pink pyjamas neatly creased and rosary beads in hand, it's the lack of vision that does it you know. Ever seen an R.T.P. weep? You haven't lived, as Harry Taylor would say, but then they say Harry hasn't too long to live anyway. God help the poor man, he doesn't know where he is. Nor do they but sure - maybe to-morrow.

Somebody's decided to brush the floor, floor in here, of thirty men lying, sitting, squatting sprawled and shattered all over it. Thirty to a hut, three huts to a cage, a washroom, an empty hut, and a "study" hut threw in for the crack. Wired off with a couple of strands of wire, played about and that's us in. I never notice that all the gates in this place open inwards? They probably do the same outside but you notice it more in here - it's called "going bird". And everyone with an alarm clockwise direction. I can't see what the Brits do. Loyalties do it as well. "Will you do a lap" or "I fancy a bowl" or "Ar mhrath leat dul ag siul and away you go around and around. And always against the clock, maybe some instinct is at work. That's the funny thing about this place, simple things become matters of life and death, I suppose it has always been like that.

Jail is unnatural. Even this hut is wired up. Imagine thirty men all locked up together. I don't know how they stay in such good form. My well informed comrade Eyes-in-Glass, told me years ago (it seems long when it's written down, Yahoo!) that if he was building a tye for his pigs, that he could only get a 50% success rate, in fact, closer. Apart from the "eye" see he, "there's a caught insulating and the walls must be breeze block or brick" so he when he feels out, rage at something or other. "This place isn't fit for pigs" not sure that's another thing. The floors are dirty and some of the boys are waiting for the news. Sometimes we miss it and then there's a shouting match, but tonight everyone is a wee bit anxious.

There was some floating about that someone had been shot in North Belfast. It's funny how rumours start in here. We can only wait to see what the score is, please.

Treacherous SDLP

A Chara,

The mouthings of Paddy Duffy S.D.L.P. in the Irish News, (6/8/75) would be laughable if they were not so sick. The people of the 6 counties have long since ditched the treacherous S.D.L.P. The people are no longer the tools or the tools of the S.D.L.P. have previously taken advantage of in their climb to power. In the last farcical election here the S.D.L.P.'s manifesto indicated that internment was not an issue. It is strange now to see this pseudo-unionist party attempt to climb on the backs of the internees in order to redeem themselves.

In 1971 after the introduction of internment by Brian Faulkner thousands of people were rounded up for the concentration camps, many more were left dead on the streets. A civil disobedience campaign was mounted and onto this bandwagon of protest climbed the S.D.L.P. However, a promise of power by the British Government soon saw them turn around. They betrayed the internees by going back on their word on the rent and rates strike. They doubled their betrayal of the prisoners by viciously impounding the Irish people on behalf of the foreign government. They placed a levy of 25p on the strikers, and effectively ostracised themselves from the minority community.

The S.D.L.P. are a dead duck, struggling to survive in a political situation which is threatening to bury them once and for all. They have only themselves to blame. In participating in Stormont III, they betray the prisoners, they betray the Irish people.

In sitting around a table with Brian Faulkner, William Craig

God it won't be true. Sectarianism helps no one but the Brits, that's what we heard that still goes on. Tongues and oranges, Prots and micks. But it goes deeper than name-calling as you know better than I do about that. It goes to the core-benefits. "Let you and him fight", sez one wily Sassenach, "while ye are at it I'll be left alone to impose solutions, to build new profits on the backs of old scores. Let you and him fight and me and the privileged few will see things through."

Sectarianism would have gone down better. Or Eire Nua made easy, perhaps the Convention could have attacked us. I don't know, as Gerry Fitt said to Brian Faulkner, "I didn't think I would have gotten this far when I started." With Gerry, the price was right, with me? Well with me it was the pen. It just seemed to scribble away on its own. AND I'M STILL NOT SURE IF THEY'LL PRINT IT!!!! Me, in black print, pouring forth about everything at great length, if they do print it I'll have to be more serious in the future, change my style a bit. Work at it a wee while.

My name? No, I won't put my name to it. You'd take an awful redder in here over the name up in print. Ask the Dark. No, I'll settle for a pen name. How does Brownie the Dog Sound? Maybe I'll scribble again next week and let you know what's happening here and what we think of things (or non-things) out there.

Like Cardinal Conway NOT going to Downing Street to push for an amnesty, like Cosgrave NOT being an Irishman, like Paddy Devlin NOT getting anything, like the British NOT getting anything but nice things. Or, maybe about Alex NOT getting his peace. The third week running and me NOT getting peace to finish this godson our NO, getting his two thousand words. He'll probably count them. Only on thousand and eighty-five, and you deaf reader, being nuts enough to read it might count them as well.

Me? Well I've another day done, another day to go. I'm not going out in here, the orange lights outside are taking over, the boys are still gauching. I wonder how the wife is doing? Hope the child has cut all his teeth. You know, I haven't even mentioned the Troubles. I used to keep the fingers crossed. Come night, I wonder if I'll get a letter tomorrow. Ach well, Slan agus Beannacht.

Is mise
BROWNE
No. 195a L.K.

JIMMY STEELE

Five years have gone now since the passing of Jimmy Steele, founder of REPUBLICAN NEWS, patriot and teacher.

For many of us in the Republican Movement the death of Jimmy Steele was the end of an era for we were the pupils - he was the teacher. It was from him that we learned of the centuried struggle of the Irish people for their right to self-determination: it was he who told us that the workers of Ireland were the rightful owners of the soil and all the wealth therein. It was from his lips that many of us first heard that Ireland had a history of her own and a language, and a culture (dead secrets that the schoolmaster in the national school dare not reveal).

Like countless generations of Irishmen who lived before him he carried in his heart an age-old dream, a dream that one day every Irishman would own his fair share of Ireland and that the exploitation of the poor and the weak and the humble would never again be permitted in the new Ireland after the Revolution.

and all the rest of the loyalist coalition they even betray the dead, for these two men in particular are responsible for all the dead incurred by the violence here from 1969. We would inform the S.D.L.P. that they are too, too late to redeem themselves.

Is mise,
PATRICIA DAVIDSON P.R.O.
Clonard Martyrs Sinn Fein
Cumann.

(First Anniversary)

In proud and loving memory of Paul McGorrian from Leo O' Hanlon Cumann Downpatrick.

(First Anniversary)

In proud and loving memory of Paul McGorrian killed in action. Ever remembered by the Officers and members of Peter McAuliffe Sinn Fein Cumann, Castlewellan.

A Chara,

Two Students were observed by the Chairman of the Leo O' Hanlon Sinn Fein Cumann, Downpatrick, removing posters relating to the Anti-internment campaign. When approached and asked by whose authority they were tearing down the posters they replied "Mr. Patterson of the Administration of Environ-

ment, Crossgar."

Since these posters were not on road signs and didn't interfere with other commercial advertisements we consider this act as a deliberate attempt to wreck our protest in aid to the people.

Is mise,
P.R.O.
Leo O' Hanlon Sinn Fein Cumann, Downpatrick.

A Chara,

As an ex-member of the N.L.F. and someone whose sympathies are divided fairly evenly between the true Republican Movement in Ireland – the Provincials – and the newly formed I.R.S.P., I would like to comment on the article "The Red Flag and May Day" in your issue of 9.8.75.

C. Mac T. has written an interesting article, but I plead for companionable understanding in relation to the last two paragraphs and brainwashed young enthusiasts joined the NLF years ago, thinking they were socialists while the provos were narrow nationalists, right-wing bigots etc. Certainly I (along with others) slandered the true Republican Movement and even was physically belligerent to its members because of the stream of hate poured into my naive ears by the poisonous, moscow-oriented clique which runs the sticks.

The stick leadership from its "hate factories" in 14 Ton Street and Cyprus Street 30, Gardiner Place, outrageous lies about the honourable men who led the "provo split": e.g. "I was told in all seriousness Daithi O Connell" is a Free State agent," during the years the States and British could not locate him.

The stick volunteers in what they jokingly refer to as an "army" are encouraged to divert whatever militancy they have against fellow-Irishmen provos and now IRSs – never against the British or Loyalist murder gangs!

Of course a lot of people "wised up," "caught themselves on" and left the NLF, a cancer in Irish society.

I appeal to C. Mac T. and others to recognise this in a good thing, I am sorry for my former attitude to the Republica Movement and so are scores of ex-sticks.

Maybe the IRS is not perfect (I haven't yet joined it or the provos) – maybe the provos aren't perfect, but at least they should have dialogue with the IRS on the common ground of the National Question.

We ex-sticks were wrong in the past; we admit it, we regret this; don't turn your backs on us for our mistaken attitude now we've realised the truth.

We recognise the paramount role of the legitimate Republican Movement and would like to help it build a new Ireland free from political as well as religious sectarianism.

Is mise,
MICHAEL WALSHE.

P.S. please do not print address.

Editor's Note: The Republican Movement does not condemn anyone out of hand. We have sympathy for the writer and others like him who had not the experience and knowledge of those people.

BELFAST BRIGADE'S STATEMENT

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indiscriminately into Divis Flats.

Oglach na h-Eireann returned the fire. When it became apparent that the situation was well in hand the unit disengaged and returned to their base.

We cannot emphasise enough the important role played by the people, particularly the youths of the areas concerned, in the defence of their districts. Their action was courageous and in the traditional spirit of Irish resistance.

We are the right of the People and the Republican Movement to peaceful protest. We reserve the right to take retaliatory action should circumstances demand it.

The level of our activity will at all times be related to the activity of the British Occupation and RUC forces.

S. O'NEILL.



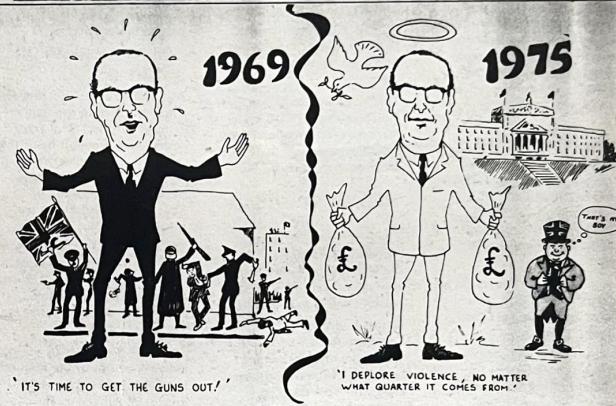
"PEACE-LINE" –
British solution – 15th
August, 1969.

"PEACE-LINE" –
British failure – 15th
August, 1975.



...Hundreds of teenagers had armed themselves with sticks and iron bars and were of the opinion that we should march to Victoria Barracks and take revenge. At the corner of Wellington Street Gerry Fitt was saying that 'It's time to get the guns out.'

(From Eamon McCann's 'War And An Irish Town.')



REPUBLICAN NEWS



SEVEN DAYS

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At a meeting at Stormont between the SDLP and the Loyalist Coalition the private talks on power-sharing continued in an amicable tone as the dwindling civil rights of Catholics were again substantially sacrificed.

In an Internment anniversary message the Belfast Brigade IRA warned that if its demands were not met in Peace, it would achieve them in war. Community workers from the Shankill estate in Lurgan, shawed the SDLP opportunist, Hugh News, collaborated with the RUC and Vanguard Party in an attempt to demobilise the resistance of local Republicans to loyalist attacks and RUC incursions.

Saturday, 9th August:
4 a.m. the body of Martin McMenamy of Carlisle Parade, was delivered to the Royal Victoria Hospital. He died from gunshot wounds in the chest and mystery surrounds the circumstances of his death.

Bonfires were lit and thousands of people in Republican areas took to the streets to rattle bin-lids and blow whistles to commemorate the introduction of Internment on Monday, August 9th 1971.

The over-reaction of the Occupation Forces to this noise protest produced scuffles and some confrontations. At the Springfield Road and in the

Lower Falls soldiers fired rubber bullets. Hundreds of people engaged in protest were arrested in Belfast and throughout the Republican districts of the north similar British Army crack-downs on peaceful protests produced between 100 and 130 separate riots.

In Belfast RUC barracks were attacked on the Springfield Road, New Barnsley, Hastings Street, Mountpottinger Road and Willowfield. Army patrols came under sniper attacks. In Newry roads were blocked and vehicles were set on fire.

During Saturday afternoon the protests continued.

Sinn Fein held a big anti-Internment rally in Castle Street. Again British harassment ensured that a serious riot developed but the soldiers got more than they bargained for. Militant youths attacked brick-up houses which were used as observation posts by the Brits. The houses were set on fire and the youths beat back soldiers in riot gear who had dismounted from five saracens. The empty houses were gutted and angry soldiers indiscriminately fired hundreds of rubber bullets.

A cavalcade of black taxis registered with the Falls Taxi drivers Association drove to St Long Kesh and blocked the M1. Inmates climbed on top of the hut roofs and haled

messages to the drivers. A loyalist group of rioters stoned the taxis on the return journey.

Other Loyalists, later in the afternoon, attempted to get into Divis Street, Belfast, but were repulsed by the youths of Divis Flats. Shooting across the so-called "peace-line" then began with soldiers siding with the loyalists.

In Derry serious rioting broke out after an anti-internment rally broke up in Bishop Street. Soldiers fired gas and loyalists threw stones into the Republican crowd.

Sunday, 10th August:

A customs-post in Armagh was bombed and extensively damaged. In Lurgan the new railway station was wrecked by two explosions.

Claiming responsibility the North Armagh Battalion of the IRA said the explosion were carried out in retaliation for continuous harassment by the Occupation and RUC. Forces in the Lurgan area in recent weeks and referred particularly to the recent riots which had been taken place in the town: "We wish to make it clear that unless there is a rapid change in attitude by the security forces in the immediate future we will have to reconsider our position regarding the true."

The anti-Internment protests reached their climax with a huge 20,000 people strong march from Andersonstown to Dunville Park, Falls Road. As the march was dispersing armed Loyalists mounted an attack – without any opposition from the British Army – on the Lower Falls area.

This attack was repulsed by the street fighting of local courageous youths and by the armed intervention of active-service units of the Belfast Brigade IRA.

A four-year old girl, Siobhan McCabe, and a 15-year-old, youth, Patrick Crawford, were shot dead, and ten other people were wounded – some of them seriously – during the gun battle.

A 1000 people marched in a Sinn Fein demonstration at Portlaoise. Gardai drew their batons and attacked the peaceful protest against Internment. The clash was short but vicious and demonstrated that the 32 counties of Ireland is ruled by a consortium of Free State Fascists and British Imperialists.

In London over 500 people gathered at Hyde Park for a march organised by Sinn Fein. The marchers, many belonging to Socialists and workers organisations, were not permitted to hold a rally in Westminster and were forced to cross Lambeth Bridge to the South side for a meeting.

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REPUBLICAN NEWS

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SEVEN DAYS

(Compiled by the Belfast Republican Press Centre)

Saturday, 2nd August, 1975

The trial by newspaper of the six Irishmen accused of causing the Birmingham pub bombings took a sinister turn when the 'Daily Mirror' rag featured a front page 'scoop' showing the men's photographs under the banner headline "Accused," and quoting at length the prosecution allegations while entirely ignoring their defence case.

Monday 4th August 1975

Kenneth Littlejohn, self-confessed agent provocateur, who had been extradited in Dublin, appeared before the Special Criminal Court charged with escaping from Mountjoy jail in 1974.

Littlejohn was arrested in the home of Thomas Watt, Alum Road, Birmingham in December 1974. Incidentally, Watt was not charged with harbouring a fugitive; instead he is the Chief Prosecution Witness in the Birmingham bombs' trial, swearing (at the behest of the Special Branch) that two of the defendants often warned him in work not to go out on certain nights. Of course those particular nights just happened to be the nights that bombs exploded in the Midlands area.

ANDERSONSTOWN ANTI-INTERNMENT FESTIVAL

Andersonstown Anti-Internment festival began when a large crowd of people assembled in Casement Park, were addressed by members of the Republican Movement and members

of the Andersonstown Anti-Internment Committee.

The Vanguard Unionist Party in a statement alleged that leading Republican Seamus Twomey had been arrested and then freed by an army patrol between 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. at the Whiterock shopping centre in West Belfast on July 28th. A spokesman for the Belfast Brigade refused to comment on the veracity of the report.

The Vanguard accusation, however, founded on RUC information, is confirmation of the collusion between a State force and a political party.

THE NEW "A" SQUAD

The RUC's new 'A' squad's "intensive" investigations into the Miami Showband murders conveniently evaporated. One person remains held under the British Law, the Prevention of Terrorism Act — and all but two of the suspects were released. Bill Nimons and Laurence Tate from Co. Tyrone were both unspecifically charged with possessing a 'bom' somewhere, sometime on May 30th last. Not a very difficult charge to challenge and beat in the courts.

Four Protestants — two in the Ravenhill Road area and two in north Belfast — were injured in shooting incidents of a feudal nature between members of the UVF and UDA.

Tuesday, 5th August:

In an attempt to combat the political grip exercised by the transformation of the Truce Incident Centres into organisational centres of minority political expression, and as a result of pressure from so-called

representatives, Merlyn Rees met SDLP (and Loyalist representatives to discuss their status with regard to constituency matters.

On the Upper Crumlin Road a Catholic lorry driver narrowly escaped injury when a small bomb which had been attached to his vehicle fell off and exploded in the street.

STICKY LIBERATION FRONT .

At Linden Street, Falls Road, a man was shot in the leg by members of the Sticky Liberation Front. Rumour has it that the man was punished after he had earlier defended himself against the relation of a local SLF councillor in a personal argument.

The Rev. Sean McManus, an Irish priest based in America, has complained that he was refused permission to visit Daithi O Conaill by the authorities at Portlaoise Prison.

There was two hours of rioting between youths of the Republican Shankill estate and the loyalist Wakehurst estate in Lurgan.

Wednesday 6th August:

Writing in the Tory paper, The Spectator, Glen Barr sharply criticised Mr. Enoch Powell (Official Unionist Party) over his controversial views on how the Six-counties should be governed. This criticism is bound to increase tension in the already Disunited UUC, since Barr is a member of the right-wing Vanguard Unionist Party and not of the Official Unionist Party.

Seven more Internees were released from Long Kesh Internment Camp.

A 16-year-old youth from the

"COME OUT
AND
RATTLE
YOUR
BIN LIDS."

"YEH,
COME
OUT!"

Whiterock district was taken from his home and shot three times in the left leg in what appears as a punishment shooting.

Crowds from the Shankill and Wakehurst estates in Lurgan again faced each other in four hours of vicious rioting to-night. British soldiers and RUC men intervened by leaning on the Republican Shankill estate.

IN THE EVENT OF THE CONVENTION COLLAPSE

Oliver Napier, leader of the middle-class Alliance Party, forecasting the conditions in which paramilitary organisations could take control in the event of Convention failure said that: "The apparent impotence of elected representatives was a factor," contributing to a Convention failure.

Thursday, 7th August

A 31-year-old Protestant man whose wife is a Catholic was taken out of a house in the

Republican Short Strand district and was shot in the thigh at 1 a.m. this morning.

Rioting continued in Lurgan for the third night running. Protestant teenagers had broke into three Catholic houses and caused considerable damage. The behaviour of the Occupation Forces aided by the RUC was overtly anti-Catholic. Gas and rubber bullets were fired into the Shankill estate to disperse Republicans who were on the defensive.

The Rev. Brian Brady accused RTE (Free State Television and Radio service) of suppressing the truth about events in Northern Ireland as a matter of policy. He said that RTE was ignoring intimidation, assassination and torture of northern Catholics while at the same time whitewashing the "nefarious activities" of Protestant extremist leaders with weekly "soft interviews."

Friday 8th August:

The Irish Press — a Dublin newspaper — took up the theme of Father Brady's attack on RTE policy and expanded it to include an attack on the Government's policy: "Since Sunningdale the Dublin Government has adopted the lowest of low profiles in relation to the north. It has shown little evidence of being concerned or of doing anything other than issuing diplomatic protests at the continuation of internment, sectarian murders, the continuance of one-sided policing arrangements and job discrimination. The Dublin Government stands aside as though the northern were a foreign country and leaves major policy decisions to the British Government."

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