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TORTURE

BRITISH MARINE COMMANDOS TORTURE YOUNG IRISHMEN THIS WEEK. IT WAS A GREAT LAUGH BUT "HE WHO LAUGHS FIRST . . ."

Despite British enquiries and promises by British politicians that torture by British soldiers and R.U.C. would be ended, it is still continuing. Of this there can be no doubt — the proof can be produced.

Three young men were arrested last Monday night in Atlantic Avenue, Belfast, and brought in an open jeep by Marine Commandos to Glenravel Street, B.A./R.U.C. post. All three were tortured during their interrogation. The grisly details were given to our reporter by two of the men concerned.

A red hot poker was produced, they were beaten about their private parts, paper bags were put over their heads and set alight, they were shown photographs of people who were blown up, one was suspended from an overhead bar with his wrists tied, and beaten in the stomach with batons.

The sight of an unfortunate prisoner with a heavy paper bag on his head blazing on fire seemed to give the marine commandos cause for laughter and glee. "Do you not smell anything?" they shouted at him. "You are on fire", they taunted.

One of the young men said, "I didn't know where the punches and blows were coming from. I was hit from front, from behind, I could not see my tormentors with the bag over my head. I tried

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Ardoyne people want British troops to leave district . . .

SAY THEY WILL POLICE THEIR OWN AREA

Mr. Eddie Sharpe, a 30 years old married man of Cranbrook Gardens, Ardoyne, Belfast, was shot dead at his front door early on Tuesday morning by a single shot fired, according to local residents, by a British paratrooper from the bus station which is occupied by members of the British Paratroop Regiment.

Mr. Joseph Hughes said that the bullet which killed Mr. Sharpe embedded itself in the ceiling of his hallway. Blood spattered the doorway and hallway of Mr. Sharpe's home. This was proof beyond contradiction that he was shot in his own doorway.

Mr. Hughes identified the body of Mr. Sharpe at the Royal Victoria Hospital. On his way there, he was stopped by British soldiers and harassed on two occasions. A Miss Hamill said she was walking along Berwick Road when she heard a single shot. She saw Mr. Sharpe lying in a pool of blood at his doorway.

Other local residents insist that only one shot was fired, namely that fired by the British paratrooper. Mr. John Murphy said he was on his way home when he heard one shot. He then saw Mrs. Sharpe at her front door. She started screaming.

When he crossed the street, he found Mr. Sharpe lying on his door step with most of his head blown away. When Mr. Sharpe's children came to the front door and found their father dead, there were scenes of hysteria.

On Tuesday afternoon, almost 1,000 Ardoyne residents attended a protest meeting at Brompton Park. Among the speakers were Father Myles of the local Passionist community. He said that the people of Ardoyne had to drink

a cup of sorrow. He said that things could be made better or they could be made worse. It was essential, he said, that there be an early, proper, legal enquiry to ascertain the facts behind Mr. Sharpe's death. It was not good enough for a post mortem to be held many months after an event like this occurred. Fr. Myles said that an emergency meeting of Ardoyne People's Assembly would be held later that evening to decide what action they would take.

Mr. Jimmy Lynch, C.E.S.A. presided at the meeting. He said that there was no need whatsoever, for British troops to be in Ardoyne. He said that they would have to be completely pulled out of the district. He urged that local residents should organise their own local policing arrangements. He pledged the support and co-operation of his organisation towards that end.

Mrs. Mary McGuigan, Chairman of Belfast North/East Comhairle Ceantair Sinn Fein, also spoke. She called for the withdrawal of British troops not only from Ardoyne, but their complete evacuation from Ireland. She said that the view held by some misguided people that

British troops were in Ardoyne to protect them had now been exposed as a fallacy.

It was agreed that after the meeting the demonstrators would walk in peaceful protest to the British Army post at Estoril Park, and that a deputation of four would express the feelings of the people to the British Commander. The latter arrogantly refused to speak to the deputation.

There were angry shouts from the crowd when his refusal was announced and calls were made for an immediate sit down on the Crumlin Road as an expression of their feelings. The crowd then sat on the roadway at the junction of Twadell Avenue and Crumlin Road Traffic was held up for half an hour.

(We hope to publish photographs in next week's issue of the protest demonstration. Editor.)

agreed!

"I AGREE ABSOLUTELY!" — These words were expressed by a British soldier at a Check-point on the Falls Road, when he found a copy of 'Republican News' in a car and read the headline: — BRITISH MUST EVACUATE. "I can tell you mate," he added, "it won't come quick enough for me."

news and views from the cumainn

Statement from The Robert Emmet Sinn Fein Cumann, St. James and District, Belfast.

An ever increasing tendency amongst our school children to play truant from school has been brought to our notice. This trend causes us great concern for the future well being of our children. The present spate is not merely a matter of a boy or a girl playing truant once in a while. No it is much more serious than that, it is a case of boys and girls going absent for days and even weeks.

Many are brought to court and fines are imposed on their parents, thus placing an unnecessary monetary burden on their parents. Apart from that aspect there is the more frightening one that these children will fall so far behind in their studies that they will on leaving school end up in dead end and drudgery jobs.

Education is a must, we must see to it that our children are educated and capable of taking their rightful place in the Eire Nua of the future. Without education we will remain the heavers of wood and carriers of water for the unscrupulous conqueror.

Parents, see to it that your children attend school, it is your very grave responsibility to ensure that they do so.

Incident at Greencastle

(The following statement was issued by the Joe Cunningham Sinn Fein Cumann, Newtownabbey)

On the night of 9th March, 1973 at approximately 11.45 p.m. the silence around Greencastle was almost deafening but it soon became obvious why. About 400 U.D.A. thugs, origin Shankill and elsewhere, were gathering in Graymount under the fatherly eye of their comrades in arms the British Army. When the British Army had made sure that their comrades were all kitted out e.g. batons, bottles and sidearms, they decided to take a trip offside up the Whitewell Road. What happened then was the most unprovoked sectarian onslaught on civilian population of Greencastle.

Two men who did not manage to escape in the wake of what followed were bludgeoned to the ground and were later removed to hospital. Every window in Greencastle was smashed, but the most damage was caused to Conway's pub where the civilians, unlucky to be there, were attacked with bottles and stones. Eventually when the popul-

ace retaliated the British Army decided to come out of retirement and as usual pointed the guns in the 'Taigue' direction. So, once again we have had the overwhelming evidence of the protection that the "Security" forces can afford the minority.

Through this statement we would appeal once again to the people of Greencastle to form under the banner of Sinn Fein to rid our community of this cancer in our midst.

New Cumann set up in Maghera

At a well attended meeting in Maghera it was decided to set up a Sinn Fein Cumann.

A committee was elected and the following statement was released: "The Roger Casement Cumann utterly condemns the activities of the local loyalist thugs who have been terrorising the citizens of the area with full approval of the so called security forces. Furthermore, we would like to protest at the dual standards of justice meted out in the local courts. Loyalists are permitted to parade openly in the streets with loaded guns while members of the minority are interned on mere suspicion. This Cumann will in future highlight local injustices and strive to promote the policies of Sinn Fein.

soldiers concerned were known to their C.O. They were not even put on trial. Dear Mr. Whitelaw they were given a reprimand.

"On January 30th 1972 the British Army murdered 13 Irish civilians in Derry. The action was called mass murder by several Catholic Priests and foreign Newsmen who were witnesses. Such atrocities continued throughout the year. No English soldier was ever disciplined. Dear Mr. Whitelaw they were all reprimanded.

"Hanging is a medieval obscenity which is known to be a failure as a deterrent. Mr. Whitelaw you should lose no time in seeing that the death penalty is commuted"

A.G.M. Election of Cumann Officers for 1973.

Father Murphy Sinn Fein Cumann, Derrybeg Park, Newry.

CHAIRMAN	Mrs. A. Morley
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mrs. A. Rodge
SECRETARY	Miss M. Morga
P.R.O.	Mr. P. McAtee
COMMITTEE	Mr. E. Grant Mr. D. Brady

Sinn Fein Press Officers in Ulster are requested to send Press statements, etc., to reach on Tuesday mornings.

UDR

HENRY JOY McCRAKEN/
LOUIS SCULLION SINK FEIN
CUMANN (UNITY FLATS)

We see the disarming of 10 U.D.R. members by gang in Loyalist areas as a complete farce and clear attempt to hide the obvious; that being, that this by us is clearly seen as active collusion between Loyalist extremists and members of the U.D.R.

This disarming of 8 U.D.R. members in Berlin Street and the disarming of a further 2 in Dee Street, coupled with the raids on U.D.R. centres recently, clearly points to blatant blind-eye on part of "security forces", in allowing Loyalist extremists to arm at their expense.

As the U.D.R. have shown by their negative approach in guarding their weapons, why then are they being put on the streets to guard installations?

By their own actions, the U.D.R. are being shown in the same light as the B Specials, and therefore should be disbanded, and not permitted to continue as an armory for Loyalist extremists.

Derry News

NEWS SHEET

The Padraig Pearse Cumann, Bogside, has added to their activities by introducing a weekly News Sheet aimed at forging a link with the people of the area, and promoting Sinn Fein policies.

HARASSMENT RESULTS

Following increased B.A. terror tactics in Creggan Estate, the past week has produced the worst riots in Derry for months.

The B.A. admitted using 700 baton rounds and 67 gas canisters. Barricades are constantly erected and vehicles burned.

The sole blame for all this rests squarely on the shoulders of the Grenadier Guards.

FEET FIRST

The newly formed J. McDaid S.F. Cumann, has already 'taken on' the Derry Commission in demanding repairs to footpaths and roads in their area. They want the Commission to get cracking on providing better all round facilities for the people of Belmont Estate. A 'mixed' community.

THE DOLE AGAIN?

Derry, with 5,000 out of work, is holding its breath in view of reports that Essex International is to close down.

This would mean a further 1,000 people being faced with the Dole and will certainly not help to cool this angry city.

WHAT BORDER?

Tony Devine was arrested by British Troops on Wednesday 7th March. HIS ARREST TOOK PLACE 1 and a half MILES ACROSS THE BORDER IN CO. DONEGAL. This happened on the day before the so called BORDER POLL.

It would appear that somebody forgot to tell some one that there was a Border at all.

P.S. LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF THE 35,000 PEOPLE IN FREE DERRY TOOK PART IN THE POLL. BORED CUMAINN MEMBERS ON PICKET DUTY WENT HOME AFTER A FEW HOURS. AT NIGHT POLLING CARDS AND POSTAL VOTES WERE BURNT ON TOP OF A UNION JACK.

REPRIEVE CALL

BY SINK FEIN

The Father Murphy Sinn Fein Cumann, Derrybeg Park, Newry have written to Mr. William Whitelaw, the Secretary of State asking him to commute the death sentence passed on the U.D.A. man Albert Edward Browne for the murder of a policeman.

The Cumann's letter states:-

"We wish the Death Sentence passed on U.D.A. man Albert Edward Browne to be commuted. The Death Penalty is not a deterrent. Instead, it sanctifies the right to take human life, and in Northern Ireland particularly, this is open to broad interpretations. Justification for this reprieve is, in Britain the Death Penalty was abolished. You Mr. Whitelaw being a minister of that Government could not in conscience allow it to happen here. On October 1971 three young men were shot down dead in Newry by the British Army, the

same light as the B Specials, and therefore should be disbanded, and not permitted to continue as an armory for Loyalist extremists.

ASSASSINATION FACTS

BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

THE FACTS relating to assassination in this article, relate to the period, March/December, 1972. Excluded are deaths resulting from explosions and the Bloody Sunday murders

Catholic deaths are represented on the graph by a continuous line, non-Catholic deaths by a dotted line. The most obvious fact to emerge even from a casual study of the graph is that Catholic deaths far out-number non-Catholic, increasing from the introduction of direct British rule to an all-time peak in July, when Orange madness went into full swing.

The dramatic reduction after July is due in part to the passing of this phase and also in part to precautions taken by various street committees to combat the assassination squads.

Despite precautions, the assassination rate increased during December, shortly after William Craig made his 'thousand dead by Christmas,' speech.

A lot remains to be done, both by Defence Committees and by individuals, to combat sectarian murders. It is hoped that the facts in this article will be of value as a guide line in planning protective measures.

Most people assume that the bulk of assassinations is the result of gunfire from passing cars. THIS IS NOT SO. Out of the 119 cases of Catholic deaths shown on the graph, only 17 proved to be the result of gunfire from passing cars. By far the greatest figure was that of people shot on premises including work and places of abode. These cases accounted for 30 known deaths. People found shot dead in cars, either their own or stolen, accounted for 16 cases.

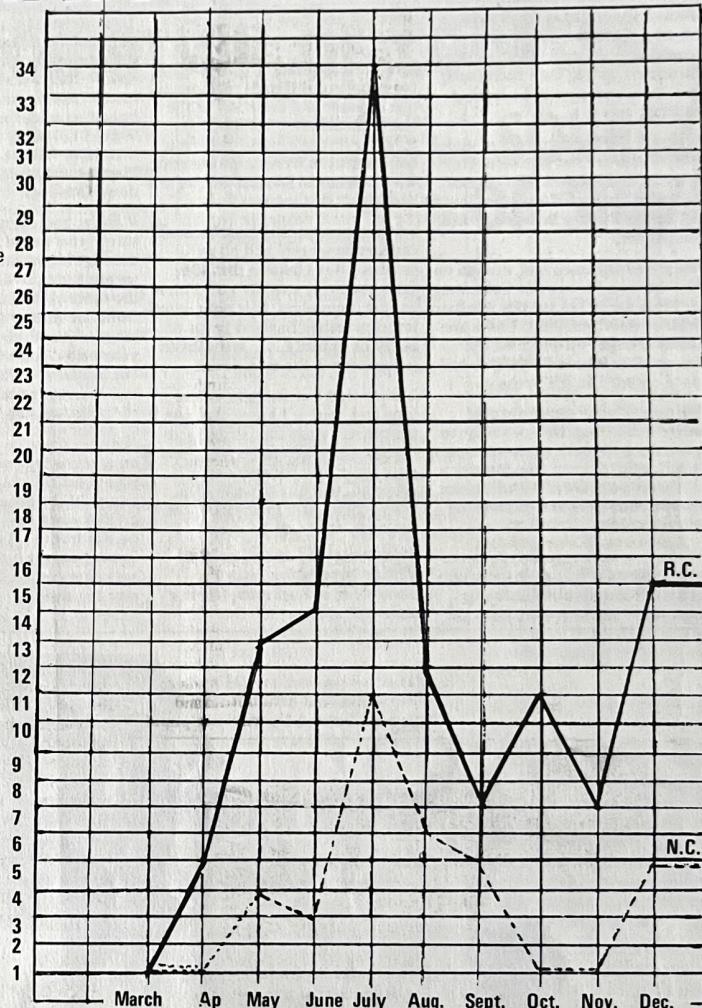
British snipers and British Army Units accounted for the deaths of eight innocent Catholics. We are NOT including in this figure, two deaths at the hands of plain clothes British soldiers and a further five where S.A.S. involvement is strongly suspected.

The remaining 41 cases are not so clear and are surrounded by vague details.

The prevailing pattern seems to be that the victims were alone and outside Catholic areas. Many of them showed signs of horrible and brutal torture before death. It must be assumed that in the case of torture victims that attempts were made to obtain information from them. In view of the fact that Catholics under interrogation by the British Army have been threatened with this fate, it puts yet another question mark as to the involvement of British Army men in the present spate of killings.

The facts to be learned are clear:-

1. Do not assume that by being indoors you are safe. Take precautions and strengthen your home security. Indoor assassinat-



ions represent the highest figure in this study.

2. When out walking, make sure you have a clear view of traffic, this applies especially to cars containing a group of men on routes having handy exits into loyalist areas. Be on your guard at night of vehicles following close behind British Army personnel carriers. It is believed that the S.S.A. favour this method of assassination as it affords them some protection in entering Catholic districts.
3. If possible, use areas safeguarded by Defence Committees and co-operate with them in every way possible.
4. Walk within easy reach of shelter and if in doubt, use it.
5. Do not approach strange

drivers who beckon you to go towards their car by way of seeking directions.

6. When driving, do not give lifts to strangers. Try also to time your approach to traffic lights in order to avoid being stopped for long periods.
7. If you see suspicious movements when you are driving that suggests your stopping might be unwise, then ignore the traffic lights using caution in regards to pedestrians and other vehicles.
8. Under no circumstances should you stop for hostile groups of men. Look well ahead and avoid such gatherings even if it means your turning back.
9. Keep all car doors locked from the inside and keep a jack handle or other large car tool handy in case of need for your personal

defence.

10. Most important of all, choose your route with great care before starting off even if this means adding to your journey. If you have a radio that receives R.U.C., taxi or British Army calls, use this in advance as a guide to possible trouble spots.
11. Apply variations to your route and times of travel. Never settle for habit or rule of thumb methods.
12. Think and watch well ahead, at all times stay alert.
13. If your car breaks down in a friendly area, make sure you put local people at ease by informing them if you have to leave it.
14. If the area is hostile, leave your car as quickly as possible, get (Continued on Page 6)

Open letter to English people

We as Irishmen have for hundreds of years, been led to or rather forced into believing that we were foreigners on our own native soil, and therefore, should be treated as such.

We were tried and convicted under laws which are not our own. We were judged by men who are not our countrymen. We were executed for things that we believed in and fought for.

We are all Irishmen and women on this fair isle. We are not Catholics or Protestants, we are not Northern Irish or Southern Irish. There are labels thought up and used by Imperialists who are trying to bring your country to its knees.

We do not now, never did and never will, recognise your right to govern us, to make harsh oppressive laws for us, to treat our country as if it were your own. We will never accept your arrogant claim to be our masters.

We have always regarded Imperialism, especially British Imperialism, as an unwanted intruder in our country. This is how we have al-

ways felt and how we always will feel.

I do not claim that it will be easy for people of different religions to live in peace and harmony in the Six Counties after the devotions that the British created here. But I believe that in living together that we will learn to lose the fear of one another.

I do not expect that Irish National Independence will end all our troubles, but I believe that the Irish people as a whole are entitled to rule themselves. It is not a question of whether England treats us justly or unjustly . . . we want to be masters in our own house.

I know that our struggle will be long and hard — I know that our people will wage that struggle no matter what the cost — when and only when, our independence is achieved, will our struggle stop. Only when our human dignity is restored, can there be peace.

Your army, the strong arm of British Imperialism, may be stronger than ours now, but our time will come.

Your armed thugs keep adding to the numbers of our fallen dead as they shoot our innocent people down — but I can see and hear the future troubles as THE WORD is passed around, that Irishmen and women are going to stand up for what they believe is right and that they are not prepared to be shot down like dogs.

If Hitler had overrun your country, surely you would have tried to dislodge him somehow? Well, all we are trying to do is to dislodge the tools of British Imperialism from our shores. If you have any sense of justice or patriotism in your veins, you will understand our attitude — after all, we want our country, nothing more and certainly, nothing less!

(Editor. These lines were penned by a young Irishman who as he said in his covering letter, "I hope you publish this as I would like the English people to get some insight on our feelings. I have no claim to fame. I do not belong to any organisation (not just yet). Please forgive my spelling as my schooling ended at 15". It is likely that our

By Thomas R. Donaldson (Age 19)

young writer never wrote before for publication. His obvious, sincerely-held views hold a warning for British politicians intending to impose a "solution" on the Irish people. If they sow this sort of seed — make no mistake — they will reap the whirlwind — and reap it soon.)

British Intrusion Across Border

By Sean Mac Donagh

KEITH GREAVES HAS LEFT THE NORTH . . . NOT BEFORE TIME!

It should be noted that he took over the main reporting spot for Six Counties politics from JOHN HUMPHREYS.

The BBC recalled Humphreys — post Haste — to London in late '71 and severely reprimanded him over his reporting of a British Army incursion 1½ miles into the South over the Border at Crossmaglen.

Humphreys stated on BBC News that he could not understand how an experienced B.A. sergeant could make the error of misreading a map to the extent of 1½ miles and leading his men "off course"! He went on to add that a few hundred yards is understandable, but landmarks on a map are numerous and therefore easily recognised. If such a mistake is not spotted by the Troop Sergeant, then most certainly by his Troop Corporal or Lance Corporal.



YOU WRITE

33 Point Road,
Dundalk.

Sir,

A snippet from a newspaper of that time for publication in your excellent newsheet, I quote.

"A magistrate examining a man in the Co. of Louth dropped a couple of musket balls into that unfortunate person's pocket whilst making a pretence of searching him. "What's that you've got here?" he exclaimed, as if astonished at the discovery. "Not much, your honour, just some of your play things that are sometimes left in honest men's houses, your honour, on purpose for you to find them again" unquote.

Shades of happenings to-day. England does not change her tactics. The incident quoted above took place in 1817.

Catherine Adams (Mrs.)

Criticism

Sir,

Just a few words of criticism of your otherwise excellent tribute to the late Peter Duffy, R.I.P. I am sure Peter himself would not like you to have printed anything about him which was not correct.

When Peter came back from Crumlin Road Jail after the last campaign he was re-employed in Rawson's Shoe factory and worked there until the factory was burned out. Between then and his employment in Weyenberg's Canteen he did have other jobs. I write this to you in fairness to our town and also because I know you believe in "The truth in the news".

Catherine Adams (Mrs.)
33 Point Road, Dundalk.

(Continued from Page 3) out of the area as smartly as possible in the event of break-down. You may be able to return in safety during daylight with companions. Don't take chances about this. Do not discuss your movements with those likely to pass it on to hostile elements. This may sound a very elementary precaution. We know from experience that it is necessary to give it.

15. The sniper is harder to combat. Even he establishes a pattern and is as likely to be a Brit as a Loyalist. Watch for the obvious vantage points during periods of tension. Never adopt the idea that it only happens to others and won't happen to you.

16. Take time off to think. Examine your routine and that of your family. Take nothing for granted. Stay alert and stay alive.

RECOGNITION OF COURTS?

Dear Sir,

I wish to write on a subject which I know causes considerable controversy among Republicans, namely the recognition of courts. Personally I feel that in our present situation, we should recognise them.

It is no good your quoting Terence McSwiney to me. How do you know what he would have said if he had been alive to-day in the Six Counties? As far as I am aware the idea of non-recognition of courts was the brainchild of Sinn Fein in pre-treaty days. But this policy did not rest here. Sinn Fein not only refused to recognise the courts, they also refused to recognise the jurisdiction of the British Government in Ireland. We do not adhere to this principle to-day. My husband spent 13 months in Long Kesh. During this time I and my children were supported by the British Government. If I had been arrested during this time I would as a Republican have been expected to say that I did not recognise the court. Can you not see the stupidity of my position. In the past Sinn Fein rejected entirely the authority of the British Government. To-day we accept part of it. I ask you as an Irish Republican, do you, do any or all of the following:-

- a collect Family Allowance?
- b collect sickness benefit?
- c collect unemployment benefit?
- d collect social security?
- e collect old age pension?
- f pay car license?
- g pay T.V. licence?
- h pay income tax?
- i pay road tax?
- j have children on school meals?
- k have children getting free milk?

If you do any or all of these, you recognise the British Government. It is no use telling me that if you didn't do some of the above you would be gaoled. If you are charged with an offence in the courts in the Six Counties and do not recognise the court, you will certainly prejudice your case. May I say I admire one who sticks to a principle, but not one who sticks to part of a principle.

To return to Terence McSwiney, he believed that if he drank a glass of water during the night he could not receive the Holy Eucharist in the morning. He also thought it was wrong to recognise the court. To-day it would be quite in order to drink water before Communion. Like the Church the Republican Movement is a living organism. One of the signs of a living body is its ability to change. The Catholic Church has this ability. Has the Republican Movement?

Is mise le meas,
Ellis Aine Nic Geabhrainn.

(Our position is quite clear. The Republican Movement refuses de jure recognition to any British laws or institutions in any part of Ireland. This does not mean that we do not recognise facts. For example, that Long Kesh Concentration Camp exists and that Irishmen are held there by brute force by the British - that thousands of British troops are on Irish soil - that the British Government is collecting income and purchase tax from Irish people in the Six Counties etc.

It is necessary for us to live from day to day. Therefore, until we achieve National Freedom and are able to use our own institutions, we will find it necessary to use on occasions, services provided by the British Government. This will mean buying British postage stamps, using their postal service, collecting social security, etc. We can do all this and deny at the same time that the British have any de jure authority in Ireland.

Republicans can and do use British courts for civil matters. When there is a question of a charge of a political nature, the situation is changed.

Editor.

Men stand idly by

I would like to ask the men of all our districts are they going to stand idly by and watch (as I have stated below) as these crimes against Catholics go unhindered.

1. Assassinations by Loyalists extremists of Catholics.
2. Assassinations by plain clothes British soldiers of unarmed Catholics.
3. Intimidation, hundreds of families burned, shot, and threatened out of their homes.
4. Internment, special courts, torture all speak for themselves.
5. Catholic schools and sport grounds occupied by the British Army.
6. General harassment of the Catholic population.
7. Heavier sentences meted to Catholics in courts.

The list is endless regarding the plight of the Catholic minority. How many more must die before these men wake up and face the facts that the British Army are only here to protect the Loyalists.

Yours Hopefully.

SOURCE OF SHAME

Sir,

Phil McCullough's letter (Republican News, 23/2/73) is a brave and sincere attempt to heal a rift that should be a source of shame to all Republicans.

While 'Provos' and 'Stickies' engaged in a war of mutual recriminations which, unfortunately, on occasions bubbled over into violence, the British stood aside and waited to pick up the pieces. Luckily, cooler heads prevailed so the British and their Unionist lackeys were disappointed.

"Divide and Conquer" has always been a basic tenet of British Imperial policy - here in Ireland, they didn't even need to try for this as we were stupid enough to do it for them.

The British would view any attempt at reconciliation with grave misgivings and I believe a large percentage of their black propaganda is now aimed at maintaining the 'split'. I know the reasons for the split are very deep rooted, but surely, under present circumstances, it is illogical that our leaders don't try to find some common ground on which Republicans of all shades could agree.

I believe the respective leadership have a solemn duty to search for that common ground. They should put aside any personal differences they may have and remember that no man, or group of men, is bigger than the ideal we all serve.

A final point, a good way to show the world that Republicans have more to unite than divide them would be a joint parade on Easter Sunday in Belfast.

Yours truly,
Volunteer, Belfast.

(Editor: The Easter Commemoration Committee have made it quite clear that National Organisations and members of the general public are invited to participate in the Easter Sunday Commemoration.)



Don't forget . . . one of our top reporters will be interviewing an important member of the Belfast Brigade, Oglach na h-Eireann, so send your questions in early.

FED UP



"We are fed up being treated as second class citizens in our own country". This statement did not emanate from a member of the minority in the Six Counties. It was made by the Indians, the only true Americans in the U.S.A.

These Indians live on a reservation i.e. a rural ghetto. While the plight of black Americans is widely publicised in films, on T.V. and in books and magazines, the plight of the "red" Americans is mostly unknown to us.

The recent troubles began about a month ago. Alcohol is forbidden on the Reservation's perimeter. In one of these bars, a brawl occurred, during which a white man killed an Indian.

No charges were preferred against the assailant. The Indians, justifiably angry marched on the local courthouse. A riot ensued during which the courthouse was burned and several Indians were arrested. Now the Indians have rallied round the trouble spot, and taken hostages to draw attention to their grievances. Do I need to tell you their complaints? Poor housing, encouragement to subsist on Social Security rather than live on a just wage.

It is worthwhile, I think for us to realise, that there are peoples throughout the world, suffering the same degradation as ourselves. But apart from ourselves, I can think of none except the Jewish people who have endured as long as we have.



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Why was Browne admitted to Long Kesh?

The term 'Yellow Press' is one used to describe newspapers that stoop to any level in an attempt to hold, or increase, flagging circulation figures. The 'News of the World' and 'The Sun' are two that spring to mind but the accolade for this type of gutter journalism must go to 'The Daily Mirror'.

On Wednesday, 21st February, they carried an editorial condemning the detention without trial of Mr. Peter Nieswand, a Rhodesian journalist. They said: "If he (Nieswand) is guilty of any crime then let him appear in open court. If he's innocent then he should be released". It then went on to condemn the 'evil' Rhodesian Special Powers Act. Needless to say, they have never condemned the 'evil' Special Powers Act enforced by the 30,000 members of the so called security forces in the Six Counties. Nor did they comment when more than 1,000 innocent men were detained in Long Kesh.

The sentiments expressed in the editorial were very commendable and no one could possibly disagree with them. However, on page 5 of that same issue 'The Daily Mirror' published an article that shows just how hypocritical they are.

A Mr. Browne, said to be a leading journalist with associated press, England's foremost news service, received permission to visit Long Kesh. He is the first journalist to do so and in view of the nature of his story this isn't surprising. Any hack from Whitelaw's press office could have wielded the Whitewash brush with equal skill.

The reasons for the timing of the article on Long Kesh are obvious, Republicans, both detained and sentenced have long been campaigning for improvements in their appalling living conditions. Rather than improve these Whitelaw has hired a hack to write an article syndicated to every newspaper in the English speaking world. A massive piece of black propaganda designed to quell mounting criticism of the only concentration camp in Western Europe.

The prominence given to this story by the 'Daily Mirror' shows where their sympathies lie. They condone internment, torture and even murder when it's on their own door step, but talk in altruistic terms about abuses of law in other countries.

Statement

We have been asked to publish the following . . .

The following operations have been carried out by ACTIVE SERVICE UNITS of the 2nd BATTALION, Oglach na hEireann.

BEECHMOUNT — 1st March an active service unit engaged a mobile patrol at the junction of Springfield Avenue and Forfar Street, wounding one of the enemy in the chest. Active Service Unit reported safely to base.

BALLYMURPHY — 5th March an active service unit engaged a policeman wounding him in the face and arm, this was at the junction of Rockmore Road and Falls Road. On the same day an active service unit engaged a British mobile patrol wounding one M.P. at the top of the Whitelock Road. On the 6th March, 1973 an active service unit engaged a British Foot Patrol and killed one member of the patrol (Ballymurphy area).

LOWER FALLS — 4th March, an active service unit engaged a foot patrol in Divis Flats, wounding one member. On Monday the 5th March, a member of enemy was deposited in the area for intelligence observation. An active service unit approached and tried to arrest him. However, he refused to be arrested, raised his rifle to fire and the A.S.U. had no option but to shoot him. He died later in hospital. We would categorically state that at no time did any of the women present accost this soldier.

RODNEY — 7th March an active service unit engaged a mobile patrol at the corner of the Donegall Road and the M.1 Motorway, wounding one Brit. The A.S.U. returned safely to base.

LATEST — On going to press the latest news we have is that an active service unit engaged a military patrol at Divis Flats area wounding at least one of the patrol.

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your man says

LAW AND ORDER?

I know you won't believe the following story, but it is really true, and for confirmation you can read it in the East Antrim Times (9/3/73).

The local police in Newtownabbey decided to search the home of a U.D.A. man living in the Rathfern Estate, so they got a search warrant and visited the house. The man, Sidney Brown, wasn't at home so they sat outside and waited.

The boy at last turned up and when the policemen told him their business, he invited them in. But when they got inside the doorway, our Sidney let his alsatian dog loose and shouting "Seize him boy, get him boy, he then waited until he saw the dog worry the policemen, ran out to look for help from his U.D.A. mates.

At the local court, the police evidence showed that the dog went wild and bit one cop on the hand and the other in the leg and ruining a good pair of pants.

The police at last got our Sidney back into the house after the dog had been controlled. Sidney still fighting for his life and doing quite a bit of damage to the facial beauty of the cops. Everything cooled down after that, so the police left the house and went to the hospital for treatment.

Well Sidney apologised to the policemen in the court, and was sentenced, **A FOUR MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE, FINED £1, AND HAD TO PAY THE COSTS £1.25p.**

The moral of it all is, it pays to be a member of the local U.D.A. If our Sidney had lived in Andersonstown or Ballymurphy, I shudder to think what would have happened to him.

COUNCILLOR ERNIE BURTON

One of the leading lights in the Carrick area, which has had its fair share of 'loyalist' reaction in burning out Catholic families, is Councillor Ernie Burton, a loudmouth who has had a good innings for quite a few years now. But it seems our Ernie's luck has run out. It all started when the police and the Brits arrested 16 Tartan gangsters after they went on a rampage of burning and looting through the Catholic area. Among these thugs, was Ernie's nephew. Later he was sentenced to six months imprisonment. Ernie thought his family honour had been insulted, as no 'loyalist' should be even arrested for merely burning out a few Taigs. So there he was in front of the Town Hall where the Court was sitting, threatening to shoot the 'black bastards' who had arrested his nephew. Now the 'black bastards' were a bit worried because, you see our Ernie was, himself, already on remand, with a friend - an R.U.C. Reservist - on a charge of running around Carrick with guns and ammunition, so they took the threat seriously and arrested him. Subsequently, he was brought before the Magistrate for threatening the 'black bastards'.

When William Doyle the Magistrate had a look at the record of Burton, the defender of the 'British way of life' and upholder of Christian morality, he

was shocked to find the following items. As a youth Burton had been charged with breaking and entrance, found guilty and fined. Two years later he was arrested for Indecent Exposure in the public thoroughfare and fined again. A few years later again, he was fined for being drunk and disorderly and fighting in a brawl in the street. Even when he became 'respectable' and a Unionist Councillor for Carrick he had the habit of losing control in the council chamber and taking his coat off and threatening to fight any councillor who disagreed with his viewpoint.

Asks Willy P. Doyle the Magistrate, "how did this character ever become a Unionist Councillor?" We suggest where else could the poor half-wit go to get a living other than join his other friends in the rackets. Anyway our Ernie is appealing against a four months sentence. What's the odds he'll beat the rap?

"FLAG WAVERERS"

There was one individual at least who before the border poll was honest enough to admit that they needed 100% Protestant vote plus 20% Catholic vote to prove to the Brits that the Six County natives wanted to keep the link. That boy was John Taylor and I was sorry that he was not invited to attend the inquest on television.

At least he could have joined with his chum Bill Craig against the flag wavers of the Alliance Party and the N.I. Labour Party and brought them back to earth, with the awful truth that 42% of the population who were opposed to the link had to be lived with.

At least, Craig had the intelligence to realise that, and from that knowledge we can see how his mind is working to get some form of agreement with the S.D.L.P.

No such thoughts from Oliver Napier of the Alliance Party or Erskine Holmes of the N.I.L.P. who admitted that they merely looked upon the link from the economic point of view, but yet they waved the flag more often than the official unionists.

They should remember now they have done the job so well, in calling for support of their members to vote early and often, they are no longer necessary in the political set-up there is no place for them. To make sure they are not a factor in the future political structure all unionist groupings have warned Whitelaw they will wreck any plans he has for the introduction of the P.R. system of voting. The history of the Six Counties since 1920 has proved that without P.R. the N.I.L.P. will never exist as a political force. It was in the 1920 Belfast City Council, in a period when the Irish people were fighting a life and death struggle for national dignity and independence. The N.I.L.P. were so concerned in fighting those elections, and succeeded in getting 13 members elected, to them this was the beginning of a great future but the Unionists soon put a stop to their future by abolishing P.R. and they have lived in the wilderness ever since.



Once again they have sold their political soul, for what?

THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THE WORDS OF LORD CARSON WHICH HE MADE IN HIS MAIDEN SPEECH: IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS: HE DECLARED, "I WAS IN EARNEST, WHAT A FOOL I WAS, I WAS NOT PLAYING POLITICS, I BELIEVED ALL THIS. I WAS A PUPPET AND SO WAS ULSTER AND SO WAS IRELAND IN THE POLITICAL GAME THAT WAS TO GET THE CONSERVATIVES BACK INTO POWER".

THE REVOLUTIONARY

At a Connolly Association rally in Trafalgar Square, London at the beginning of July 1967, Mr. Gerry Fitt was quoted as saying "If constitutional methods fail, the people of N.I. who are at present victims of oppression are quite entitled to take what means they can to end it". At an Orange function in Cloughmills, the Prime Minister, Captain O'Neill attacked Fitt for his statements advocating a return to violence. Later Mr. Gerry Fitt denied that he had made such statements. (Belfast Telegraph 5/7/67).

Another year of frustration and Gerry made another speech this time in Derry on the 21/7/68 at a Connolly Commemoration rally.

"Declaring that nothing was to be gained by talk at Stormont or Westminster, Mr. Fitt said, 'the days for talking have long since gone. The time for action has arrived. If every individual here to-day goes home and rededicates himself to change the system as it operates in Derry then we will change the system as it operates in the Six Counties and in the whole of Ireland. He warned that if constitutional methods did not bring social justice to N.I. then he was prepared to go outside constitutional methods. There are people who are prepared to accept

Terence O'Neill because he walks over you with bedroom slippers while Paisley would walk over you with hopped boots. I am not prepared to let anybody walk over me". (Belfast Telegraph 22/7/68).

THE MORAL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS FROM HISTORY, SEEKS TO BE THAT IT IS ONLY AT CONNOLLY COMMEMORATION RALLIES THAT GERRY SHOWS HIS REAL REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT, THE TRAGEDY OF COURSE IS THAT IN BETWEEN RALLIES HE FORGETS WHAT HE SAID.



REV. GILLIES AND PROPAGANDA

I see my old friend the Rev. Donald Gillies has published a pamphlet "In Place of Truth. Ulster, the Victim of Propaganda". He argues that N.I. has been brought to the verge of disaster by "unscrupulous anti-Christian propaganda" and urges the unionists to mount a counter attack against it. His argument is that conditions during the fifty years of the existence of the six county sub-state belie the accusations of misrule and that they were no better or worse than other countries, the government was well aware of the existence of laws and practices which they already had started to do away with, but unfortunately the anti-unionists took to the streets and the television screen and destroyed all their achievements.

So you see our Donald still has a few blank spots. Yet he proclaims that "only truth can set us free and liberate us from the crippling effects of a guilty complex".

No you won't find that last question in his booklet, it is from a letter he sent to the Telegraph on the 8/2/73.

When was first Easter Commemoration held in Belfast?

Torture

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to protest my private parts with my hands, with the result they got the worse of it. I was with my doctor this morning. When he saw my swollen hands, he advised me to see a solicitor and told me to go immediately to the Mater Hospital for X rays".

People in Ligoniel, Ardoyne, New Lodge and Newington areas are warned to be on their guard. It is expected that British troops will step up this form of torture and brutality within the next fortnight as part of "softening-up" process for British White Paper. So be on your guard. Report all forms of torture immediately to your community groups.

Our Picture shows bandaged wounded hands of the young man from the Newington district, in Belfast, who was tortured by British Marine Commandos in Glenravel Street, R.U.C. Station, Belfast, on Monday night. His hands were treated and dressed by nursing staff in the Mater Hospital.

MIXED-UP KIDS

Once upon a time we had the Unionists. Now we have the Alliance Unionists, Labour-Unionists, Democratic-Unionist, Faulkner-Unionists, LAW-Unionists, Vanguard-Unionists, NUM-Unionists. Which of this bunch do you personally dislike the most?

READ THIS
WILLIE WINKLE

HALLO WILLIE! You and Gerry may try to make a secret deal, but remember Gerry does not speak for the Republican Movement. You should remember this too, Gerry!

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South Down and South Armagh Sinn Feinn - JOIN THE REBELS AT A BUFFET SUPPER AND IRISH NIGHT on Saturday, 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) in Ye Olde Border Inn, Commencing at 9 p.m. Admission 75p. Bar Extension. Free Transport

This question has been raised at meetings of the Easter Commemoration Committee, but no one present seemed to know. It was decided that two members of the Committee would interview veteran Belfast Republicans to try and get an answer to this and reminiscences about other Easter Commemorations in former years.

One member recalled annual ceremonies held in Milltown Cemetery on 8th December, from 1924, in honour of Liam, Dick, Rory and Joe, who were murdered by Free State Forces during the Civil War. He thought that this had continued for about 10 years.

Someone else recalled Peadar O'Donnell speaking from the bandstand at Floral Hall, Bellevue, sometime in the 30's. We have heard tales of the Commemoration being banned by the Stormont regime and of the Rosary being said outside Falls Park. Can anyone remember the four or five Republicans who succeeded in getting into Milltown Cemetery despite a heavy R.U.C. cordon flung around it?

We would welcome letters or articles, especially from our older readers about former Easter Sundays in Belfast.

We understand that at least eleven bands have arranged to participate in the Parade. We were told that 300 yards of materials has been ordered for making flags for people in the Ardoyne area.

As many householders as possible should display the National Flag this Easter. In certain areas, this is just not possible, but where it can be done, it should be done. Get your flag as early as possible. Don't leave it to the last minute. Sinn Fein members should make sure that an ample supply of flags is available and that members of the public know where they can be obtained.

Let us all do our bit to make sure that the Easter Sunday Commemoration this year is something special - something to be remembered with pride.

Pictured here is 13-year old David McAuley of Fairfield St., Belfast, who was beaten up by the British troops.



volunteer now

The Belfast Republican Press Centre has been re-organised and re-activated. This is in response to suggestions that much more must be done to counteract black propaganda issued daily by the British and their collaborators in the Six Counties.

The Centre will co-operate with Sinn Fein and other organisations in exposing British injustice and brutality in the Six Counties. It will also seek to expound Repub-

lican aims and policies.

It is hoped that the Centre will provide training facilities for Republican publicity workers. It is agreed that many trained speakers and writers are needed to expound the Republican cause.

We need volunteers urgently to combat British black propaganda. If you are willing to WORK, contact the Director, Belfast Republican Press Centre, 182 Brompton Park, Belfast BT14 7LE.

Rent & Rate Strike Goes On

Andersonstown Central Civil Resistance Committee are to be commended for their speedy and effective response in replying to William Whitelaw's call to trick people off the rent and rate strike.

As the Committee say, "On 15th August, 1971 the people of Andersonstown decided that, while internment lasted, they would not pay rent or rates".

The Committee made it clear to Whitelaw that they are still behind the men behind the wire. They have told him in no uncertain terms in a 1/4 page advertisement in a Belfast newspaper, that he should not attempt to patronise them.

We are still laughing at the silly statement made by the chief of the Six Counties Housing Executive that "housing should be taken out of politics". Who does he think he is kidding? What about Long Kesh Concentration Camp and its inmates who are suffering daily mental and physical torture? Should all that be taken out of politics also?

The ending of the rent and rates strike would make things nice and cosy for Whitelaw and the Housing Executive Big Chiefs. Make sure they get the message IT IS NOT ON - BUT THE STRIKE IS.

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