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Mrs. Norney, mother of the murdered boy.

BRUTAL AND CALLOUS MURDER

"BRUTAL AND CALLOUS MURDER. HOW OFTEN HAVE WE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH THESE BANNER HEADLINES IN THE NEWSPAPERS? TOO OFTEN THEY UNDERSTATE THE HORRIBLE DETAILS OF THE CRIME. ON THE OTHER HAND A CRITICISM THAT CAN BE MADE IS THE SELECTIVE NATURE OF THE REPORTING. SPACE AND PROMINENCE BEING ACCORDED DEFENDANT UPON WHO IS THE VICTIM AND WHO THE PERPETRATOR.

The murder of Leo Norney, 17 years old, of Ardmonagh Gardens, on Saturday night 13th September is a clear illustration of two points. Here we had a boy murdered in cold blood. This fact was recorded by the media as a "sniper, shot by British Army. "British Army shoot terrorists," with the minimum of publicity. The British army version being accepted without question, no reporter sought out the facts. When the full story began to emerge the British Army made clumsy and hasty efforts to substantiate their claim, and at the time of writing still insist that their version is correct, thus despite the fact that they can produce no evidence in support of their claim that the deceased was accompanied by another gunman who made good his escape. Overwhelming evidence has been produced by the Turf Lodge Tenants' Association that Leo Norney alighted from a Taxi at this spot, ALONE, minutes prior to the shooting. That he, in company of other occupants of the Taxi had been taken from the taxi and searched at a British Army check point a few hundred yards from the scene of the murder and that he belonged to no political organisation. The Belfast Republican Press Centre recently issued a Statement following the shooting and wounding of two young men on the Old Park. In it, we referred to "trigger happy British soldiers who, since the truce declared between O'glaigh na h-Eireann and the British Government were responsible for the murder of Chas Ervine, shot dead when his car back fired. Two members of Sinn Fein severely wounded in their car when fired upon by a British Army patrol in Ross Street on the unproven allegation that shots were fired from the car and the killing of young S. Geddis (10) who was alleged to have stoned a Saracen. We posed the question then - "when will the licence to kill issued to British Government Security Forces be revoked?"

We hadn't long to await an answer, given clear-

ly and unmistakably by the Black Watch Regiment at Shepherds Path in Turf Lodge.

Merlyn Rees has defended the activities of his Security Forces at all times, stating that he and he alone is responsible for activities directed at, or by these forces. We challenge Rees to order a full investigation into this latest atrocity and make those responsible amenable to the "due procession of the law." We will not accept another while wash. To assist Rees we suggest he find an answer to the following questions.

Why was Leo Norney's body taken to Springfield Road when the obvious procedure should have been to have it taken to Hospital? When did the savage mutilation of his hands occur, resulting in borken and smashed fingers. (This action is now being spoken of in comparison to the dreadful treatment meted out to Ann Ogilby).

Before he was taken to Springfield Road Barracks or during his stay there?

Why was the Norney home raided shortly after the murder, Mrs. Norney being told her son was missing, when in fact the raiding party knew that he was either in the morgue or Springfield Road Barracks at that time?

Why was Mrs. Norney not informed of her sons death until 3 p.m. Sunday, 16 hours later?

The circumstances of the murder of this boy certainly qualify for a "brutal, horrifying murder." Headline, certainly not the brief British army account accepted by the majority of the media.

We repeat our demand, that the licence to kill accorded these British Army killers be revoked at once, Rees must act, we cannot stand idly by whilst his Forces act with immunity in complete contravention of the Truce.



Pictured at the Press Conference, Mr. Sam Hylands, Mrs. Rita McHugh and Leo's girl-friend.

Kitsonism is the submerged iceberg of British politics, and any extension of workers struggles, such as the October strike wave in Scotland, is liable to founder on it. That is why it is urgent for the labour movement to tackle the problem at its source, and demand the closing down of the military "laboratory" in the North of Ireland, and the immediate withdrawal of the British Army.

SUCCESSFUL NEW LODGE FESTIVAL

After seeing the wonderful success of the Fleadh Cheoil that was held recently in Ardoyne, a group of young lads (all under 21 years) got together and despite the warnings of the old hands who thought they knew better decided to hold a Festival in the New Lodge Road area.

That was exactly three weeks ago and their faith, optimism and a lot of hard "graff" carried them through and made a wonderfully happy and care-free weekend for the district.



I enjoyed myself and everyone I spoke to was having a ball from the toddlers to those less mobile, grey beards who were seen throwing their sticks in the air so that they could join in with greater gusto.

The young committee went round the local bars, clubs and "caded" from them one and all. I don't think they got a refusal from anyone. Certainly all the donations were put to good use. The trophies, medals and prizes were lovely to look at and lovelier still to win. The committee recruited a gang of very hard working, willing workers and between them they did a marvellous job.

The festival kicked off on Friday evening with a children's fancy dress parade which made its way round the district led by three bands, The Charlie Hughes from Leeson Street, The Clonard Martyrs from the Clonard area and the local band, The Liam Reid. The glamorous "Miss New Lodge" (10-year old Patricia McDonald) and the sparkling Gary Glitter (9-year old Patrick Griffin) were the well deserved winners of the fancy dress parade.

The Disco which ran from 8.00 to 10.00 pm was directed by Phillip Curley the well-known DJ (who gave his time and equipment free) who made sure all the kids young and old enjoyed themselves.

The Teenyboppers were entertained for the next couple of hours until 11.30 by Belfast's answer to The Bay City Rollers "The Shang-a-Lang" pop group who come from Ballymacarrett. The stewards had to hold back the crowd on several occasions who in their efforts to get auto-

When everyone thought the evening was near over The Tara Folk Group took over along with the celebrity guest artist Tommy Tucker Kelly of recording fame. They kept the feet a tapping and the knees a knocking until the dawn. I made it home just in time to get up for another day.

On Saturday afternoon there was an invasion of the area by an army of Diddymen whose attack with a barrage of water bombs was victoriously repelled by a pasting with flour bombs from the New Lodge Wombles. Needless to say the children lapped this up and were very willing to join in the fun and it took a positive effort from the stewards to get the sack and egg and spoon race heats started. It was decided that a new branch of Pioneer Total Abstinence Association would not be needed when it was seen that the competitors in the drinking competition were only imbibing lemonade. Old and young were delighted by the exhibition of Irish Dancing which was put on by Mulligan's Dancing School in Sheridan Square. Dancers in their beautifully decorated costumes were a delight to the eyes. The main event of the day then took place, the ladies All-In Wrestling, ooops! Sorry Football Tournament. Four teams were competing in the five a side competition. The Circle, Bouncers, The Skinny Shimmers, The Artillery Roughs and The Pinky Porkers. What fun was had

graphs nearly mobbed the group and stopped the action.

The more mature crowd were then entertained by Drummer Kieran, Bass guitarist Jo, rhythm



guitarist Charlie and lead singer Billy of the well known Penny Lane, who kept the music going in their informal style until 2 am in the morning.

by all, unfortunately we ran out of referees. Two were taken to the Mater, one to Purdysburn and I never came out of a clash of opposing forwards, he is



pin in two shakes. I must say the people of Sheridan Flats are simply wonderful, the tolerance and hospitality they showed to the groups and visitors like my thought to have integrated.

The Saturday evening's entertainments were again voluntarily supplied by the same groups as Friday night's with the addition of The Rio Trio Pop group, guest artist John McCann, the well known cabaret singer, this pop group who are used to entertaining all ages went down a bomb.

Talking of bombs the next morning it looked as if one had gone off in Sheridan Square but the ever active organising committee had it all clean as a new

self during the festival is an example to all. You would not think that the people of the New Lodge Road have endured six years of horrible war, their spirit is unflinching. A committee man I was talking to said if it had not been for their co-operation and goodwill they would not have been able to get the Festival off the ground and he would like to give a big thank you to them.

I too would like to add my word to thanks, not only to the organisers but to all the friendly people of the New Lodge Road who allowed me to join in their festivities and have a "long weekend" like I never had before (and I can't wait until next year). Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.

Film on internment: IRELAND BEHIND THE WIRE

The showing of the film on Internment in The Town Hall Dundalk a short time ago, brought home to notice of the Irish people who saw it — the real facts relating to the Northern Troubles — it proved that the real root cause of all the war is — the continual presence of the English Troops on our soil.

We saw the result of the brutalities which the RUC and The British Forces had inflicted on Irishmen — prisoners who had survived the Hooded Treatment and the infamous sensory deprivation techniques of beatings, starvation, as well as having been made to stand in fatiguing positions for more than 35 hours in some instances — The tortures were so ferocious that several of the prisoners who were subjected to them have since died.

The most disturbing shot in the film was when one unarmed Irishman was waylaid by a crowd of about 3 Scots and 5 to 6 English soldiers — these were all engaged in beating, batoning, prodding and dragging him by the hair, and yet he wouldn't lie down — daily women and children screamed at such sights in terror.

The Northern Concentration Camps were filled to capacity — Irishmen held in wire cages like dogs, were constantly harassed by every conceivable oppression day and night — The Stormont Minister Brian Faulkner had opened the torture dungeons, and signed warrants for the arrest of men — interned without trial or conviction. Many of

these Irishmen are still lingering in cages — behind electrified fences — and guarded by Warders, RUC police, and alsatian dogs.

The women of Ulster are to be congratulated for the stand which they took in braving the wrath of English soldiers — their homes were raided both by day and night — and they were jostled constantly in the streets, when they attempted to assist their men folk who lay wounded and bleeding in the gutters.

This film has awakened interest in the hearts of the people of the 26 Counties; they had no idea that such atrocities were being carried on — this was due to a conspiracy of silence and censorship in the news-media in this State where a slanted and distorted picture of the daily happenings is put out so as to give the impression that the English were caught between rival factions and were there as martyrs as a "Peace-keeping force."

Many people who missed seeing this film are eager that it be shown again in the near future — and ask why have RTE not shown it?

In Dundalk funds collected from the showing of the film as well as those from the sale of handicrafts made by the prisoners have gone towards supporting prisoners and their dependants by An Cumann Cabrac — this State looks after the Welfare of the prisoners and their families.

Sec An Cumann Cabrac — Dundalk, UNA TOAL.

CRAIG-SDLP LOVE STORY

From the confusion which followed the announcement of the collapse of the U.U.U.C./S.D.L.P. talks last week, several important revelations have emerged. One of these, (revealed by the Rev. Ian Paisley, under pressure to justify his anti- "power-sharing" stand), was the S.D.L.P.'s willingness to agree to a pre-1969 Stormont-style, political settlement on condition that they be included in the new "government." Shocked by this public confirmation of their deceit, the S.D.L.P. immediately called for a wind-up of the Convention in a vain hope to hide their political embarrassment. Since their hurriedly arranged press conference of last week they have remained not surprisingly, very silent.

What also became apparent was the 'new image' being carefully manufactured for Bill Craig, by the local and British media. From the ultra-Loyalist, Craig had suddenly become — "Me Moderation," no one need be surprised by this 'change of heart.' It will be recalled that the same political 'plastic surgery' was carried out on Brian Faulkner when he joined Gerry Fitt in the ill-fated Executive in 1974. The media carefully 'erased' all memory of Faulkner's last remembered achievements such as the introduction of Internment, the physical and physiological texture of of internees, Bloody Sunday. Craig was not the only Loyalist politician to make "shoot to kill" speeches. The S.D.L.P. of course, made their own contribution. John Hume, writing in the Sunday Press 20/7/75 said "the Loyalist leadership had clearly been attempting to improve the climate and the atmosphere both inside and outside the Convention chamber." This 'new-spirit' of Loyalist reconciliation was confirmed by Paddy Devlin in Hibernia 5/9/75, when he assured us that the Convention, "will not break down."

Perhaps the most important revelation was the subtlety of Craig's plan for 'limited power-sharing' with the SDLP. Confirmation of his duplicity came from his comrade Glenn Barr. Writing in the Sunday World 14/9/75 Barr explained that the S.D.L.P.'s involvement in an 'emergency coalition,' "was a way in which parliament could have been restored with no commitment to power-sharing or an Irish dimension."

He said, "after the crisis period Northern would have a majority government again." Why involve the S.D.L.P. at all? Because, as Barr continued, "the S.D.L.P. could play their part in giving a lead to the minority community to recognise the state and accept the forces of law and order."

Barr not only explained the essence of Craig's plan but also the reason why the 'new image' was necessary. Craig had prepared a carefully laid political trap and the S.D.L.P. jumped right into it. Perhaps they did so willingly, perhaps they took the advice offered by Glenn Barr, in the Sunday World, 15/6/75. "After the basic principle of a United Ireland in rejected all things in the North are negotiable for the minority."

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SEVEN DAYS

Saturday September 6th

Commander Roy Habershon of Scotland Yard's bomb squad said today that the photograph of Miss Margaret McKearney ("the most dangerous woman terrorist in Britain" — sic) was not taken by a spy in the Free State ("who seized an unique opportunity to snap a quick picture") as was first reported, but that the photograph had been found during a house search in Manchester this summer.

The Press Association, which supplied the original McKearney story to the media in Britain and Ireland, says however that one of its reporters took a note of the original statement from a senior Scotland Yard press officer, who agreed that it could be attributed to a Scotland Yard spokesman. Mr. David Chipp, the P.A. editor in chief said "he has a note of the quotation and we stand by his account of what he was told."

The Press officer at Scotland Yard who gave the story to the Press Association said about the affair: "There may have been a misunderstanding over the scope of our conversation." And nobody believed him.

Early this morning two men from the Whitelock district were shot and wounded by soldiers from the 2nd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment in Oldpark Avenue, close to Ardoyne.

The two men had dropped off their girlfriends at their homes and were going home when they were stopped and searched by the soldiers. They were allowed to go on but had only travelled about 20 to 30 feet when a shot was fired through their back windscreens and then a further four shots were fired into the car. One of the men was hit by three shots in the back.

Sunday September 7th

On the R.T.E. programme This Week, John Hume of the SDLP in an incorrect and incomplete analysis of violent events said that "There can be little doubt that the purpose of the present campaign of sectarian assassinations in Northern Ireland is to upset the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention."

This gross over-estimation of the UVF's I.Q. is complimentary to the point of patronisation. They kill Catholics (not Republicans or Communists as their "Justification" runs) because that religion is synonymous with the Irishman. Hume's analysis suggests that Catholics are being killed because Catholics are on the verge of a major political breakthrough, which is a lot of nonsense. His reasoning continues: the UVF is killing Catholics to disrupt the Convention and thus bring to a halt this 'major' political gain.

However, UVF violence can only flourish while the six-counties remains a fascist breeding ground under the control of either the British or the Loyalists (even aided by the SDLP). If it is not UVF violence which is prevalent it is governmental repression and the denial of civil rights.

In the same radio programme the Rev. Desmond Wilson, in sharp contrast to the politicking of Hume, said in a personal comment on the situation in the six-counties: "I have believed for a long time that if anyone wants a civil war it is not with a view to what is going to happen in Northern Ireland but with a view to what is going to happen in Dublin. I would assume that any widespread civil conflict in arms in the North will be followed by an attempted coup in Dublin."

As people watched the All-Ireland final on Television in an A.O.H. (Ancient Order of Hibernians) hall in Armagh today a bomb was placed against the wall. Fortunately it was spotted before it exploded and many people escaped serious injury.

Several shots were fired at an Army patrol tonight on the Dublin road just outside Newry. The shots missed but hit a passing car. The occupants were uninjured.

The body of Mr. Wilmot McCreight, a 21-year-old Protestant, was found in a disused farmstead at Templepatrick, late tonight. Mr. McCreight had disappeared on August 25th last from his work at Ballyclare. His death appears to have been as a result of an internal loyalist feud.

Late tonight the body of Mr. Andrew Craig, a 20-year-old Protestant, was found in the Markets area of Belfast.

Monday September 8th

Mr. Michael O'Toole, a 41-year-old Catholic father of six, lost both legs in a booby-trapped car explosion outside Larne.

Lynch's bar on the Grosvenor Road, Belfast came under fire from four loyalist gunmen tonight. Three men were injured.

In Brompton Park, Ardoyne, Belfast, Loyalist gunmen opened fired on customers in a chip shop.

Loyalist Convention members at a meeting in Parliament Buildings Stormont, voted on a proposal from Ian Paisley and reaffirmed complete opposition to power-sharing. William Craig of the Vanguard Party had suggested limited power-sharing in times of national emergency, but this too was overwhelmingly rejected.

In the struggle for leadership of the UUUC this incident represents a minor coup for Paisley. He had been planning to embarrass Craig at some stage of the secret inter-party talks which began at the beginning of August. Paisley stayed well clear (his delegation met Alliance only) of the SDLP in the discussions and instead sent his taperecorder, William Beattie.

At Vanguard headquarters in the Newtownards Road tonight, Craig's PRO rumoured to the press that Craig had received overwhelming support from Vanguard executive members. Craig's apparent blunder was explained by the political moderates as the man 'seeing the light.'

His move, however, was a genius stroke. It was meant to under-

cut the intransigence of Paisley and at the same time promote a statesman image; to mesmerise the inept Harry West; to accommodate the founding Irish policy of the British Government and to compromise the SDLP into accepting his idea carte blanche (no doubt) that would not have been too difficult. However, his action wasn't so much a case of the man 'seeing the light,' but of the man seeing the end of the light.

UDR Captain, Dudley Farrar, of Dundela Avenue, East Belfast, was remanded in custody today for the illegal possession of a .32 pistol and ammunition.

Thirty internees were sentenced to a total of almost 22 years for their part in a mass break-out from Long Kesh on November 20th 1974. It was during this escape bid that British soldiers murdered Hugh Gerard Coney after he had emerged from a tunnel outside the perimeter fence.

Mr. Arthur Byrne, the solicitor for Margaret McKearney's family, said tonight that all the papers, television and radio services which had used the Press Association story ("most dangerous woman yah yah yah") uncritically would be sued.

Tuesday September 9th

William Craig today resigned as leader of the 14-strong Vanguard Convention Party. On Monday only six members of his Convention Party supported his request at a UUUC meeting that like before talks should continue with the SDLP on the possibility of coalition government.

And as the split in the UUUC continued to open, the polarising (along traditional lines) began among the paramilitaries. The UVF came out in support for the stannic Paisley. The UDA-dominated 'Ulster' Army Council (and Vanguard/paramilitary politician Glen Barr) supported Craig.

On UTV Reports tonight Glen Barr said he was finished with the Loyalist coalition; someone inside the UUUC had leaked the result of Monday's evening voting figures to the BBC even before the meeting had ended.

A 67-year-old Ballymurphy man was found battered to death beside a disused quarry on the Upper Springfield Road, Belfast. His body was so mutilated that it was impossible to say whether or not he had been shot.

Today's Newsletter newspaper carried death notices for Robert McCreight (whose party-decomposed body was found at Templepatrick on Sunday night) purporting to be from the UVF and describing the dead man as a "murdered Volunteer" — a reference to UDA complicity in this killing.

Two UDA men were sentenced to jail in Belfast today for an assassination attempt on a Catholic shopkeeper last November. The shop-keeper was

shot twice at close range but later recovered. Frederick Baillie of Emerson Street Belfast, who assisted Denis King got four years while Dennis King of Drisraeli Street was sentenced to 15 years.

Wednesday September 10th

William Craig was asked today by his 13 Convention members to resume the leadership of the Vanguard Convention Party even though they failed to give him full support for his policies.

This represents, in fact, a further power-struggle within the Vanguard party itself. Earnest Haird, Deputy leader, had said on Tuesday: "I am committed against power-sharing — even at the risk of Northern Ireland Being Expelled from the United Kingdom . . ." and in a more personal tone "I am loyal to no man. I have never given loyalty to persons." He is supported by party chief whip, Cecil Harvey.

Craig has refused to consider withdrawing his resignation until a further meeting next Monday.

Paisley kept things on the boil when he said today that "The UUUC has rejected voluntary coalition with the SDLP. We would not have the SDLP in any future government."

D.U.P. attacks on Craig continued throughout the day. Mr. Charles Poots (whose constituency in North Down embraces Purdysburn mental hospital) said, "many staunch Vanguard supporters were deeply hurt to hear their leader praise the SDLP."

The British Army confirmed today that the intelligence document Paisley produced two weeks ago, referring to the movements of veteran Republican Seamus Twomey, was genuine. At the time Paisley insisted that it showed there was an agreement between the British Government and the Provisional IRA.

Another victim died as a result of the Harp Bar bomb blast in Belfast on Saturday week. Mr. John Doherty from the New Lodge Road had been seriously ill since the explosion which was carried out by the UVF.

Death notices in today's Newsletter described Mr. Andrew Craig, who had been shot in the Markets area of Belfast on Sunday night, as a member of the UDA.

The new procedures (for reviewing the cases of internees) initiated on August 21st last when the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions Amendment Act 1975) became law, and which are controlled by Merlyn Rees and his "advisers" were announced as beginning today.

Thursday September 11th

The UUUC today showed itself to be in complete disarray. At a coalition meeting in Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Ian Paisley and his followers walked out after he demanded the disciplining of Glen Barr (V.U.P.). The chairman of the meeting had ignored the call so Ian stormed out.

Shots were fired at a crowd of Catholics on the Shore Road, north Belfast, where two people were injured.

In Armagh an off-duty UDR man escaped injury when four shots were fired at his car in the Shambles Yard area.

Detective James Wilson, RUC, appeared in court today charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Gerard Lamour during a political interrogation in Cookstown barracks last February.

Friday September 12th

Three internees were released from Long Kesh Concentration Camp today.

A 32-year-old Protestant was shot dead in Derraghly, Belfast about eight o'clock tonight.

In Elmfield Street, Belfast, a man was kneecapped. Late tonight in Newry a youth was shot twice in the head from a passing car, in Monaghan Street.

Saturday September 13th

At a special court in Belfast this afternoon Robert Wilson, a 31-year-old Protestant, was charged with murdering Michael Mulligan who was killed along with four women in a bomb "explosion on the Catholic Strand Bar last April.

In Strabane Shots were fired at an RUC man, slightly grazing him on the head. A Smithstown Cross, Portlone, another

RUC patrol came under attack — one member received an ankle wound.

UVF members burst into a Catholic pub outside Dungenen and sprayed the bar with gunfire. Four customers were wounded, one critically.

Shortly after Leo Norney, a 17-year-old Turf Lodge youth, had got out of a taxi in the estate he was shot dead by British soldiers. The soldiers in a statement said that he had fired at them first. However, Mr. Norney was not a member of any paramilitary organisation and was certainly not using a gun when he was murdered. Soldiers rushed to where the body was lying and beat the dead boy's hands with their rifles — forensic reports will now subsequently report that he had traces of lead on his hands.

On the Crumlin Road, Belfast, soldiers captured three UVF gunmen after they had shot dead James Hardy, a 20-year-old Catholic from Andersonstown.

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DE VALERA'S DEATH UNFOLDS HISTORY

The great irony of the life of Eamon de Valera, who was buried recently with a state ceremony in Dublin, is the fact that the spirit and the significance of the Irish Republican Movement which animated his initial indisputable idealism from which he later strayed, has withstood a cruel test of history and extends beyond his lifetime. During the week past a tremendous amount has been written about the man as a person and an individual—little of his fight in arms for freedom before he 'outgrew' his youthful enthusiasm as an active soldier in the Irish Volunteers.

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De Valera always insisted he was a Republican, but not however a "doctrinaire Republican." With the help of Republicanism he attained power in the Free State in March 1932, one year after he had stood shoulder to shoulder with Republicans at a commemoration by the grave of Wolfe Tone, the father of Irish Republicanism. The commemoration was held in defiance of a ban by the Free State government which was led by Mr. W.T. Cosgrave. The Irish Free State, officially in existence since 6th December 1922, was the product of a treaty which had provided for the "temporary" partition of part of Ulster from the rest of Ireland.

In common cause with Republicans and in defiance of both Church and State, de Valera maintained that the imposition on the people of Ireland of the Free State government and the government of Northern Ireland was something inherently unjust and immoral, imposed by force and the threat of force, that is, by "poison" in the North and Civil War and murder in the South. The result was Partition which effectively gave the Unionist minority control over as much of Ulster as they wished so that, once firmly entrenched, they initiated policies of discrimination against and persecution of the Nationalist minority.

The 26 County Parliament was built on deception. According to de Valera's own words in a letter to Joe McGarrity in America dated 10th September 1922:

"The new Parliament is now, frankly, as Churchill wants it — a 26 County Parliament. They feel that they are strong enough now to throw away all camouflage and reveal themselves as the creature of the British institution. There can

not be deception any longer. Cosgrave is a ninny. He will, however, be egged on by the Church."

Not many years later the same Parliament with a maximum complement of camouflage, deception and Episcopal backing, was led by Mr. Eamon de Valera himself.

THE ART OF POLITICS

De Valera's apprenticeship to the art of politics began in earnest when as the War of Independence raged, the British decided at last to treat directly with Sinn Féin. Lloyd George invited de Valera to meet him in Downing Street. After a truce was arranged and came into effect on 11th July, 1921, Mr. de Valera crossed to London. In a letter of great historical interest, written on 21st December during the treaty debates, de Valera had this to say:

"Through my conversations there with Lloyd George, I gathered that an offer of some form of Dominion Home Rule would be made, and I am convinced that if Ireland were willing to go within the Empire she could, by holding out, eas-

ily secure, on paper at least, the same nominal status and degree of liberty, that Canada and Australia enjoy, except as regards Ulster and naval defence. On both of these Lloyd George would be afraid to give way on account of the political opposition his doing so would arouse in England. With such an offer, and no alternative before them except that of continuing the war for the maintenance of the Republic, I felt certain that the majority of the people would be won over to us."

The talks came to nothing and Mr. de Valera returned to Dublin. But when subsequently another five man delegation headed by Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins signed the Treaty for a partitioned Ireland with the British in December 1921, de Valera was no present.

"Having decided that I should remain at home, it was necessary that Collins and Griffith should go. That Griffith would accept the Crown under pressure I had no doubt. From the preliminary work which M.C. (Michael Collins) was doing with the IRB, of which I had heard something, and from my own weighing up of him, I felt certain that he top was contemplating accepting the Crown, but I had hoped that all this would simply make them both a better bait for Lloyd George — leading him on and on, further in our direction. I felt convinced on the other hand that as matters came to a close we would be able to hold them from this side from crossing the line."

PERSISTENT ASSERTION OF THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT

Early in 1921 de Valera sent this militant message to an Irish meeting in San Francisco:

"Sinn Féin will conduct no peace negotiations that do not provide for the recognition of the Irish Republic and complete political separation of Ireland from England. Ireland is holding fast to her ideal and the goal is in sight. We know that the heart of America is with Sinn Féin and we appeal to our American friends to hold the fort of American opinion until final victory is achieved."

Since then the Republican Movement alone has maintained that a partition settlement could not bring peace or stability to the North or end the historic conflict between the Irish and English nations. Several times in the intervening years

events in Ireland have shown to the world that this persistent assertion of the Movement was correct. The tragic occurrences of the last five years have put the matter beyond all possible doubt. De Valera in communion with the Irish Republican Army had refused to accept the Treaty because it compromised his allegiance to the permanent Irish Republic declared in 1916 and given a mandate in the 1918 election — the Republic for which he himself had fought.

At the instigation of and with the support of the British government the temporary Southern Free State Government attacked the I.R.A., thus precipitating Civil War and preserving itself in office. De Valera seeking terms to end the Civil War dickered with Cosgrave through his former Southern Unionists, Senators Andrew Jameson and James Douglas, but got nowhere. The military ignored the cease-fire order; they continued to attack, pursue and kill Republicans. Cosgrave demanded the surrender of arms and an undertaking from prisoners. De Valera, who wanted negotiations re-opened with the British on the Oath of Allegiance, offered to bring all arms "under effective control" by storing them in provincial arsenals pending an election. Cosgrave's only concession was to invite the Bishops to act through local clergy as intermediaries "for collection of Republican arms."

The parley ended and de Valera sent a message (the I.R.A. having issued orders to dump arms) "to the soldiers of the Republic, Legion of the Rearguard" that further sacrifice would be in vain and continuance of the struggle unwise. "Military victory must be allowed to rest for the moment with those who have destroyed the Republic, "his message went on. "Other means must be sought to safeguard the nation's right."

And so the sad saga of Irish history unfolds. De Valera defected from Sinn Féin to found the new Fianna Fáil party which has to lead for the next 35 years. At the general election in February 1932, against a background of continued Free State government repression, Republicans rallied behind the slogan "Put Cosgrave out." It was with such help that Fianna Fáil won the election, and de Valera was elected President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State on March 9th. The Fianna Fáil government demanded that the arms and services of the I.R.A. must be put at the disposal of the government. To this the Army Council of the IRA replied:

"We have always been prepared to obey and support a Government for all-Ireland elected by the Irish people and functioning 'without faith or fealty, rent or render or any power under heaven.' Indeed the Organisation is such that once the

Republic is again proclaimed and functioning, the Organisation as we know it, dissolves. We state this fact to dispose of the calumny so energetically circulated by our enemies that under which it would give allegiance to an established government."

MAJORITY RULE

De Valera withheld the land annuities and moved to abolish the Oath of Allegiance. The British retaliated with a heavy duty on Irish imports. As a new crisis grew in the old conflict for the mastery of Ireland, the I.R.A. offered de Valera a united front against "British aggression."

He rejected the offer. His attitude was that the I.R.A. should accept majority rule and disband. The government would not be dictated to by people on the outside. When he took control he also took over responsibility for law and order. If the I.R.A. did not like his policy it could go to the people with its own programme.

The I.R.A. officers countered by citing de Valera's own record on 'majority rule.' It might be a good principle in a free country, but Ireland was not free; it was not even a single unit under the control of one majority. Historically, progress towards freedom in Ireland had not been through majority rule. The majority opposed the 1916 Rising and the majority favoured the Treaty. Even within Republican ranks, de Valera had rejected majority rule when he cut loose from Sinn Féin.

MORE FREE STATE THAN THE STATERS THEMSELVES

The gap between the I.R.A. and de Valera grew wider as Republicans pursued a Boycott British Goods campaign. De Valera's response was to set up Special Branch Political Police ('Brov Ranks'), revive military tribunals and many Republicans went back to jail. In 1936 de Valera introduced the Offices Against the State Act and showed little mercy to his former comrades, nor respect for the righteousness of Ireland's claim to national sovereignty.

Many who remained faithful to the Republic proclaimed in 1916 and endorsed by the overwhelming majority of the British people in 1918 were now suffering the untold torture of years of solitary confinement in the dungeons of Portlaoise prison. Some were to die on hunger strike, some to fall by the hand of an English hangman, at the behest of former comrades who had become more Free State than the Staters themselves. And so it has been. The Fianna Fáil government through one of its Ministers pronounced the I.R.A. dead. The same government today is a political non-entity — their glib promises withered before the burning idealism of Republican freedom fighters.

THE LATE JIMMY CREANEY AN APPRECIATION

The recent death of Jimmy Creaney has severed a link with the glory days of Lurgan Gaelic League in the 1940's and early 50's, and those who remember that auspicious era will readily recall the outstanding contribution made by the late Jimmy Creaney to the Irish Language revival movement. Jimmy resided in Grattan Street in those days and he was an enthusiastic member of the St. Peter's Branch of the Gaelic League, or 'Croagh Naomh Pheadair' as it was affectionately termed.

Lurgan was a top Gaelic town, with its annual Fete in the Old Town Hall; frequent Cellithe; nightly Irish classes in every district; the 'Seibhall na Páistí' Gaelic scheme; our own Gaelic publications ("Glor Lurgan", "An Gaodhail", "Gaelic News" etc.); the Cumann Gaelach in North Street — and ever so many Gaelic League functions. The Gaelic Athletic Association prospered too, and we took back with pride to the massive effort in the mid-40s to see us become a young and old to purchase and equip Davitt Park, or the 'New Field' as we first named it.

Glory days they certainly were, which will never slip from our memories, but

thanks to the writings of Jimmy Creaney, our own mortar of muse, many of those events have been excellently recorded for future generations. How we loved to hear Jimmy's "home-made" songs at Ceili, Concert and Socials. "The New Field Ceili Song", "The Irish Class in Freecrow", and "The Agallagán Róad", were only a few of the gems in Jimmy's countless collection.

Sinn bó leis na blianta sin, and God rest you Jimmy Creaney! Your songs will keep your memory green, and what better tribute could to the late Jimmy Creaney than to publish these fine verses in booklet form as a reminder of great days and great people.... like Jimmy Creaney, the genial genius from Grattan Street.

Sinn Féin, Kevin Street, Dublin

A PUBLIC MEETING

THE EVE OF THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL

- SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

Outside the G.P.C. at 8p.m.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS FROM DUBLIN — BELFAST — KERRY

End Internment NOW!

UNITED, GAELIC AND FREE!

A Chara,

The steadfastness of the Republican Movement shall ensure that the present struggle will bring about the achievement of that long sought after goal and objective - an Ireland 'United, Gaelic and Free'. The policy of Divide and Conquer which has been pursued by the British here has brought about a serious situation where a Civil war could break out. The Republican Movement has made its policies clear, not for a United Ireland alone, but for a New Ireland with a Federal Structure of government in which all its people will have a part of the six-county to play. A form of government that shall seek to accommodate all its people, the Protestant population of the six-counties who believe their religion and culture would have under threat in a United Ireland. We have no desire to make them submit to the wish of the majority but we want them to be one with us in building a new nation in which all the people of the nation shall be treated equally.

The loyalist paramilitary groups declare themselves preparing to wage civil war to get their unjust demands, this does not deter the Republican Movement. If the loyalist paramilitary groups aim to establish a fascist state then the full might of the Republican Movement will be brought against them.

However the fact that the British are to disown the (loyalists) and the fact that they have lived on Irish soil for three hundred years, they see themselves as an extension of the British nation as much as did the British believe that North America was British until the Americans beat them out of it. The intransigence of the Loyalists cannot hold back the march of a nation that seeks to be free. The majority of our nation seeks a free Ireland - the fact that only a minority are prepared to fight for this goal does not alter the undeniable fact that the Irish nation wants its freedom. It will be Ogleigh ne hEireann that shall finally achieve this age old struggle. The threat of a minority to wage civil war to stop this struggle will be met and defeated if the threat is carried out.

P.R.O. Cas 22,
DOMCHA MACDONAILL.

STATEMENT FROM MAGILLIGAN C.C.D.C. REJECTED

A Chara,

The C.C.D.C. in their statement to Irish News (30/8/75), made certain claims which cannot pass unchallenged.

Firstly, on behalf of the Republican Prisoners in Magilligan, I wish to make it absolutely clear that the C.C.D.C. has no right to speak for the man in this camp - or to assume that we agree or disagree with any decision which the C.C.D.C. may make. We certainly did not express our agreement with their recent hair-brained decision to deprive visitors to the camps of the transport they relied upon (as was implied in their statement). Quite rightly the CCDC point out that visitors to the camps were not denied visits - they were simply left stranded

without the transport they depended on to get them there. Secondly, the C.C.D.C. in claiming that vast majority of our relatives "accepted their decision", are once again exploiting the plight of our people. The truth of the matter is that visitors when faced with the reality of no C.C.D.C. transport, made last minute arrangements for an alternative means of travelling - and suffered such hardship in the process. Our relatives and friends endure enough on their weekly trek to see us (with the prospects of degrading searches and harassment awaiting them) and a burden placed on them by the C.C.D.C. - whenever the notion takes them - is an inconvenience they can well do without.

We condemn the use of our visitors as a means of expressing the views of Tom Conaty and Co., and call on our friends and relatives to disassociate with this organisation. In future we ask our visitors to use and support the facilities provided by the Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Committee - who have our full support, and to whom we extend appreciation for their efforts on our behalf. We are confident that the ungainly situation created by the C.C.D.C. will not recur under the capable management of the I.R.P.W.C.

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SEOSAMH O'DONNAILE,
P.R.O. Republican Prisoners
Magilligan Prison Camp.

THE SECRET TRIBUNALS

Statement from the P.R.O.
Long Kesh

By setting up a new procedure for "secret tribunals" manned by "advisors", Merlyn Rees has surely given notice of his intent to ensure that the gates of Long Kesh will not be opened to innocent men for a long time to come. It also must expose his talk of closing Long Kesh by Christmas as the massive hood-wink of the minority population that it is.

As ever, the internees will in no way facilitate Rees in his little games. Our boycott of all such tribunals, commissions, secret courts, etceteras, will continue. However, Rees' ad-hoc playing of politics with the internees must be confronted and exposed by all right-thinking people. Surely he cannot now deny that we are being used as political hostages.

Our intention is to see internment smashed forever, for all. It is an obscenity which is permitted to pervade our commun-

ity. It cannot every be justified in any civilised society. Toleration of such immorality as imprisonment without trial, can only lead to the undermining of our moral fibre. Internment is intolerable. It has already been tolerated too long. Let us use the implementation of these new laws, designed to keep us in here, to bring home to Rees and Britain that internment must be ended now.

By October 29th, at the latest, Rees must either release or serve with indefinite internment orders, all those held under Interim Custody Orders. Make October 29th, a date which Rees will fear! He must not be allowed to intern men indefinitely in this fifth year of internment. He must certainly will, though, unless he is made aware of the extent of the popular backlash to such action at this time. Thus let all voices be raised now! Never before was there such support for the ending of internment amongst all sections of the community as there now is.

The continuation of internment and all its attendant evils is representative of the bankruptcy and injustice of British policy (or non-policy) in Ireland.

Between now and October 29th, we have another chance to renew our abhorrence of this 'cancer' (Rees' own term) in our society. Rees must not be allowed to go back to 'Special Powers' type repression, which his reactivation of secret tribunals implies. He must be made to call a halt. Internment has been shown to be a counterproductive and its end has been demanded by even loyalist paramilitary organisations. We call on all citizens genuinely concerned with civil liberties and human rights to ensure that no one is served with an indefinite internment order by Merlyn Rees. Remember constantly October 29th. Internment must be smashed now. With your help we will surely succeed!

P.R.O. INTERNEES,
Long Kesh.

Donegan's statement

"FRIGHTENING and irresponsible" was the description given to Mr. Donegan's statement that the Army would not cross the Border under any circumstances whatsoever, as well as endorsing this description I would also like to add that Mr. Donegan's statement, with its extraordinary timing, is an open invitation to the loyalists to escalate their campaign of murder and mayhem on the nationalist population.

The British have already given the green light to these murder gangs by refusing to act against them, and now Mr. Donegan has further endorsed this by informing the loyalist that they have nothing to fear from him.

He has, in fact, gone a step beyond the Pontius Pilate attitude by promising to use his forces against all those who seek to defend the nationalists and even against those who seek to defend themselves.

The people of the 26 Counties, who weigh in Mr. Donegan's words, should realise that amidst all his fine phrases of 'propaganda and hypocrisy', the reality of the

situation is that Catholics are being daily slaughtered on a scale which has already surpassed the entire death toll of the civil war in the 20s.

The actions taken by frustrated elements of the nationalists against Protestants has been used by the media to completely obscure this continuing genocide. No details are being given of the horrible mutilations and tortures being meted out to Catholics who have been kidnapped and held for weeks by loyalist gangs.

Evidence has clearly shown that these tortures and mutilations, which have included severing of parts of the body, were inflicted while the victims were still alive and for these people death must have surely come as a relief.

This is the reality of the situation. No amount of emotional play on words can ever change these facts. Mr. Donegan's words will ring through the besieged Catholic ghettos, not as the words of a man who has committed genocide, but suicide, by abdication.

DEREC MAC THOMAS.
Long Kesh.

Discrimination at Gartree

THE DISCRIMINATION and harassment of Republican Prisoners in Gartree still goes on in the form of the degrading conditions governing our visits of all the Cat. "A" prisoners here - Republicans are the only ones being subjected to closed visits. We are forced to stay completely for search before and after visits. Initially our visits were conducted in a room measuring eight feet by eight feet. A table took up half this space - the visitor on one side, the prisoner on the other. At all times a prison officer sat beside the prisoner. The latest form of punishment re: visits at the moment is that the prisoner is forced to sit inside a small structure and conduct his visit through a wire screen. It is our contention that this situation contravenes our basic Human Rights and we are therefore refusing to accept them. As a further protest at this blatant discrimination we are refusing to do prison work or wear prison clothing. This action began on September 1, and will continue until a more humane attitude is adopted to our visiting conditions. Since this action began the intimidation has become more intense. The prison authorities have refused to post letters written by us to the European Commission on Human Rights, The National Council of Civil Liberties and our solicitors complaining of the treatment we are receiving.

At the time of writing we have been refused exercise and a bath. We are confined to our cells 24-hours a day. One of our number has been denied dental treatment. At meal times our food is left uncovered and when we receive it is cold. This further harassment only makes us more resolute to carry our action through to the end. In conclusion as we are not being treated as other non-Irish Cat. A prisoners. By way of protest we are reverting to political status by refusing to work or wear prison clothing. This action as stated started on September 1.

P.G. MAGEE P.R.O. Gartree Prison.
N.B. I contacted Gartree today 12/9/75 and was informed the situation is as stated above and I am still going on.

THE BEHIND THE BACKS DEALS OF THE SDLP

A Chara,

While Gerry Fitt and his SDLP cronies continue their 'behind the back deals' with William Craig at the Convention, the RUC continues with its harassment of the Republican population, confident that the thought of a 'Chairmanship on a Committee' shall be sufficient to silence those 'erstwhile politicians' who, a couple of years ago, resigned from a parliament because of the actions of this same force.

This morning a Republican Prisoner, Michael Johnston brought under the usual heavy security from Long Kesh to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast to have a sinus complaint examined. With typical British over-dramatic, the entrance, the short corridor leading to the X-ray theatre and the X-ray room itself, were saturated with Military Police and members of the RUC Special Patrol Group, guns trained on anybody in the vicinity.

Notwithstanding this, the prisoner was handcuffed to a Long Kesh Warden, and despite the obvious discomfort incurred and a request from the Consultant to have them removed, the prisoner remained handcuffed throughout.

Part of the incident involved the removal of a man from the infected area, and it was at this point, that one of the RUC men present began directing snide remarks towards the prisoner to the effect

that 'he was going to enjoy watching him suffer, and if he had his way he would give the Provos treatment alright.'

Again the Consultant objected, this time to the abuse being vented on his patient. He requested this particular RUC man to leave the room or remain silent. His request was refused.

The abuse continued unabated, until a Military Policeman present, either embarrassed by the RUC man's utterances or in an effort to placate the Consultant - ordered the RUC man to leave the room. This was complied with.

In this then the 'police force' the SDLP ask we support? Are these the people you are asked to co-finance information to on the sectarian killings?

Will Gerry Fitt seek a Special Branch escort to his party's next conference in Donegal, as he did a couple of months back?

Do the SDLP still state that a 'power-sharing government' will automatically lead to the 'reform' of the RUC?

Maybe when Thomas MacGiolla and his Bill of Human Rights are passed - things will be different. The difference will be that instead of William Craig exonerating the RUC and dismissing your complaint - it will be Gerry Fitt, Austin Currie, Paddy Devlin or John Hume who will assume the well-paid position.

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RISTEARD O'GLAINE
Cage 23, Long Kesh.

Boy beaten by British troops

A 16-year-old New Barnley youth had his head split with a rifle by British soldiers last week when making the sign of the Cross passing St. Paul's Church.

OVERNIGHT

The Liam McFarland Sinn Féin Cumann, Ballymurray, named the injured youth as Kevin Fegan and added that after being taken to Springfield Road barracks he was kept overnight without medical attention until 8 a.m. on Sunday last when the RUC brought him to the Royal Victoria Hospital. He had five stitches inserted in a head wound and was discharged from hospital at 4 p.m. when he was allowed to go home. The cumann said the incident occurred as the youth was passing St. Paul's Church on Falls Road on his way home on Saturday night.

Naming the regiment involved as the Royal Highland Fusiliers, the cumann said: "We demand that these sectarian thugs be taken off the streets of Belfast."

EX-INTERNEES RIGHT TO WORK

THE JAUNDICED EYE OF MRS. KNIGHT

One of the problems which faces former Republican prisoners, whether they have been interned or sentenced, is the difficulty of obtaining employment. There is too the added difficulty of obtaining work in an area free from the danger of assassination, if such an area exists, especially in Belfast.

Since industry is scarce in Republican areas then the obviously the opportunities for local employment are practically nil. With a view to providing some employment and at the same time providing local people with the opportunity of shopping at competitive prices, 'Eire Nua co-ops were launched.

These are shops where goods e.g. meat, groceries etc., of high quality can be purchased at lower cost than those of the supermarkets etc. The original capital for these enterprises was provided by the "men behind the wire."

It represented a breakthrough in the approach to finding such schemes. Hitherto such schemes had been launched by people like Fr. M. Dwyer of Glencolumbkille and Fr. Shields of Siratragh. The public were united to participate either by subscription on the purchase of shares.

Similarly with the "Whiterock Industrial Estate." It too was launched by local people and financed by their own fund raising activities coupled with the issue of shares. A measure of its success can be gauged from the fact that it is officially recognised as a training centre for youths and men who are learning various trades and crafts.

"Eire Nua" co-operative was conceived in the prison camps, an idea, been not of desperation but of hope for the future and confidence in their own ability with the successful launching of the co-op shops attention was next turned to the housing problem. The idea behind this was two fold. One was the urgent need to restore vandalised property to accommodate victims of terror attacks from Loyalist thugs. The other was to employ as many men as possible.

After a series of negotiations with the Housing Executive a contract was obtained and work was commenced on repairs and renovations. Unfortunately certain members of the Establishment, especially in England look upon these self help activities with a jaundiced eye.

The latest and most despicable attack to date comes from Mrs. Jill Knight an English M.P. who still clings to the memory of her country's once far flung Empire and who believes that the "natives" and foreigners are inferior breeds.

Mrs. Knight, who to the best of my knowledge has never set foot in Ireland, nevertheless claims to have conclusive proof that "Eire Nua is merely a front for the Provisional I.R.A." Such allegations are not true, but Mrs. Knight goes further.

She claims that the whole structure of "Eire Nua" in relation to its building enterprises is a criminal conspiracy with intent to defraud. She alleges that there exists a pay roll with 190 names on it of whom only twenty persons are flesh and blood. The others simply do not exist.

It is further alleged by Mrs. Knight that the wages for the non existing workers goes to the I.R.A. On top of that she further alleges that the twenty who are working must pay £15 per week to the I.R.A. in return for the privilege of working.

These absurd claims have been publicly refuted by Mr. Gerry Maguire

who also challenged Mrs. Knight to substantiate her allegations. It is not without significance that come twenty four hours before Mrs. Knight's allegations were made public the British Army, in a raid on the officers of "Eire Nua" on the Andersonstown Road, carried away the company's ledgers, invoices etc. For what reason we can only guess.

The real tragedy of Mrs. Knight's vile accusations is not that it exposes her for what she is, but that it places in jeopardy an enterprise which was established not for profit or political gain but to assist in alleviating distress and hardships in two areas, namely housing and unemployment.

If Mrs. Knight is sincere in her desire to expose graft and corruption I suggest she should turn her attentions to affairs much nearer home. There she will find enough work to keep her fully employed for the remainder of her working life.

However such endeavours may not earn her the publicity or popularity so beloved of politicians. Indeed they could well prove so embarrassing to certain members of the establishment as to merit Mrs. Knight's hasty departure from the political scene. Speed the day.

Bishop Daly

Dr. Daly, Bishop of Derry, is quoted as saying when he went recently to Magilligan Camp in Co. Derry, the Republican prisoners refused to see him.

Sinn Fein is not at all surprised that the prisoners refused to see him. On a previous occasion, when he visited the prisoners, some months ago, he used the occasion to attack publicly the prisoners, their ideals and their struggle.

Greencastle Protest

On Saturday all traffic was blocked and stopped at the bottom of the Whitewall Road from 4.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. A hum chain of locals formed across the road in a protest against the sectarian killings and the biased activity of the RUC. The local cumann the Joseph Cunningham Cumann, of Sinn Fein reported that almost 200 people took part in the protest which went over smoothly not a hitch despite their presence of a large force of RUC. The large turnout indicates the united feeling of this community in their determination to combat the fiendish forces that are trying to drive them from their homes. No group no matter how evil their intent will succeed in exterminating the ideas and aspirations of a people.

THE LIAM MAC COLUM

THE QUESTION MARK

"The bombing at the HILTON HOTEL occurred on the day of the signing of the Middle East "Kissinger" agreement between Israel and Egypt. It was also the Jewish New Year.

So is Commander Habershon of the Yard's bomb squad, absolutely certain that the man who gave the warning was not speaking in a soft Palestinian accent?

But now we get this Habershon issuing a special appeal to the Provisionals. Will they be good enough—in order to save Scotland Yard the nuisance of answering countless hoax calls—to arrange a proper code word, which will be inserted in their warning calls, and also be kind enough to tell the newspapers or the Press Association or for heaven's sake, somebody just where the bomb actually is.

Is every terrorist group in the world supposed to provide Scotland Yard with a code word? And, if not, might it not be wise for the Yard in the meantime to refrain from attributing to the Irish acts which may be the acts of quite other people.

It is assumed that the Hilton bombing was the work of the Irish. Perhaps it was. But nobody has made much effort to prove it. And, given the campaign of the Loyalists to prove that the cease-fire has broken down, the efforts to pin the Hilton killings on the Provisionals would be most convenient for the Loyalists."

(Claud Cockburn Column, Irish Times 12/9/75)

THE COMMUNIST — LEFT - WING

"Since at least 1962 the CPI has been repeating that there can be no peace or progress in N.I. until the sectarian repressive apparatus in use for 50 years is dismantled, until the State structure is separated from its organisational and ideological involvement with the sectarian Unionist Right.

These things could be done by the passing of a Bill of Rights at Westminster."

Part of letter in the Irish Times 12/9/75, from Brian Roe West, Belfast Branch of the CPI).

Why tinker with a dying police state, Brian? Why not help the Republican Movement and the Irish people, to smash once and for all the obscenity that partition created.

THE COMMUNIST — RIGHT-WING

"The right-wing Communist Workers' Association, a few weeks ago put forward their cure of the unemployment

situation in the six counties, it was the usual anti-Catholic sneer that they have acquired to keep their "loyalist" support. Their cure was that if all those Catholics who are drawing the dole while they are actually working, would stop playing such a racket, the figures would be greatly reduced, and it would then show that the six county economy was not in such a mess that everyone believes it is.

To show also how this group of oddities are in line with the thoughts and ideas of Bill Craig, the following item in their newsheet (8/9/75) is quoted:

"In the short term, the formation of a broadly-based coalition government in NI is the best way of reconciling the Catholics to the continuous existence of NI as an integral part of the UK. We have always urged the UUUC to make such an offer to the SDLP. If the UUUC do so they will stir up political conflict within the Catholic community. The majority of Catholics would pressurise their political leaders to drop their senseless aspirations and accept. And if the leaders did not respond (an unlikely event given the opportunistic history of the SDLP), the way would be clear for other parties (Alliance, in particular) to bid for large Catholic support."

So along with Craig's thinking, promise a couple of seats in a "Loyalist" government to the SDLP hoping that they will split into those for, and those against, stand by and watch the Nationalist peoples so-called leaders split up into groupings of every shade of the political spectrum, while the various unionist parties from the NILP, Alliance and Faulkner start recruiting the discontented and disillusioned Catholic people.

In the opinion of the right-wing Communists and Bill Craig, we will all be a happy family. Living in a new police state, all united, all unionist. What a nightmare!

THE NEW MESSIAH

LAST WEEK the newspaper columnists have been giving us their intellectual assessment of what they think of the Craig proposal to invite the SDLP to take part in any future majority unionist dominated government.

In this regard the readers of the Sunday News got the benefit of two well known columnists on the same page (Page 10, 14/9/75).

"Late in the day, but nonetheless welcome, convert Craig has made a stand for trust with the SDLP and declared that they are courageous, sincere and deserving of better treatment by the loyalists. Let us hope

the William Craig is able to redress some of the terrible damage which some of his past policies has caused. No one can say what the outcome will be. William Craig seems to be the only hope left for democrats. We must all wish him luck."

(JOHN D. STEWART).

"Mr. Craig has praised the demeanor and attitude of the SDLP in the negotiations that have taken place. He feels that in some way they deserve to arrive somewhere. There is on the UUUC side quite a widespread and genuine desire to hold a hand to the SDLP to help them towards getting off any hook they have got onto, even to help them in some fashion to climb aboard a government, but they must do it on their own merits. It will never work if they come along solely through some blatant contrivance, as indigestible outsiders, fingers on the end of a long arm stretching out from Dublin. A real effort to integrate themselves into the total Ulster political scene might well demand of them the courage to shift the basis of their electoral support, to perhaps to lose some Republican support and win some Alliance and Labour votes. They will have to do this themselves if they are to get across the credibility gap. This cannot be done for them by Mr. Craig, Mr. Rees, or any of the other helps from heaven that are around outside their own ranks."

(JOHN MORRISON)

After reading that stuff and getting your mind blank into focus. I would appeal—especially to the rank and file members of the SDLP—to once again read that little book issued by Paddy Devlin "The Fall of the NI Executive" and read the profile of Bill Craig by our Paddy (pages 107/113). According to Devlin, Craig is not a very nice person to build up a dossier is not a very nice person to know and one not to be trusted. "At a Vanguard rally in Ormeau Park, Craig stated, 'We must build up a dossier of men and women who are a menace to this country, because if the politicians fail us, it may be our job to liquidate the enemy. And at a Monday Club meeting on 19th October, 1972, "I can tell you without boasting I can mobilise 80,000 men who will not see any compromise in Ulster. I am an ex-officer in the Aid Force. I am prepared to come out and shoot to kill. Let us put the bluff aside. I am prepared to kill and those behind me will have my full support. We will not surrender."

And Devlin's final words in his book; "Craig's insatiable desire for position is matched only by that ancient Roman, Crassus in the First Triumvirate in Rome. Crassus was devoured by his desires. Will William Craig fare any better?"

LEINSTER HOUSE AUDACITY

THE NAVAN ZINC deposits are in the news in Britain, in no less an organ of big business than "THE FINANCIAL TIMES". However, they don't have anything flattering to say about the project. Indeed, the reader who uses his critical faculties discovers that "F.T." supports the idea of financial investors holding back capital investment to bring the Irish Government to heel.

According to "F.T." the Irish Government was a bit sticky about giving a mining lease to TARA EXPLORATION of Canada, which includes the Canadian Mining houses of COMINCO and MORANDA, London's CHARTER CONSOLIDATED, and Pat Hughes' Irish-Canadian NORTHGATE EXPLORATION GROUP."

By reading between the lines we find that somebody at Leinster House must have fixed terms to the Lease (what incredible gall and audacity) which would mean Ireland would get a bigger cut from the vast profits the financiers were prepared to shovel into their bank accounts. As "F.T." puts it: "the companies involved were far from happy" with the terms of the Lease.

International finance does not invest in the economy of any nation out of any spirit of philanthropy. If Irishmen and women break up family associations, and leave the land of their birth to seek employment far across the sea, the big financiers will not lose any sleep over it: they have little, if any, social conscience. What motivates them is, not the plight of the unemployed in Ireland; but the level of their profits.

The big investors of finance will not sink their capital into a country unless terms suit them, such is their economic power that they are able to interfere with the rights of the Government of the Irish people in the 26-Counties to build up the Irish economy in such a way that it will be of benefit to the Irish people. If they meet with any opposition from a sovereign government they are not averse to using what is in effect, industrial blackmail. Refusal to invest capital. This is what seems to be taking place with TARA EXPLORATION.

Leslie Parker, "F.T." Mining Editor, tells us Tara seems to be finding difficulty in raising capital. He quotes one "formerly active" Irishman as saying: "Why should I risk my money?" and ends up saying himself: "Why indeed?" The solution to the problem of raising finance, according to Parker, is for the Irish Government to come to heel and give Tara the right to shovel the profits and can get back to its sleepy jaunting-car days, with no benefit gained from the lode.

Records now available from Eire Nua Bookshop

Alas for human greatness every
doggy has his day,
too ra loo ra loo ra loo ra loo
And Sergeant William Bailey is get-
ting old and grey
too ra loo ra loo ra loo ra loo
Some long-haired youths with
placards,
Have called his army blackguards,
And told the British youngsters
what to do.
He has lost his occupation,
Let us sing in jubilation
For Sergeant William Bailey too ra
loo.

THE LID OF MY GRANNY'S BIN

As I was climbing into bed, my
poor old granny sighed,
I looked out of the window, the
Army had arrived.
The house was soon surrounded,
They smashed the front door in,
I knew they'd come to take away
the lid of my granny's bin.

Chorus!
Well it was scream, bang, shout,
raise an awful din,
We've got to spread a warning when
the army they come in.

She opened up the window and she
clambered down the spout,
Soon her bin was rattling for to call
the neighbours out.
She then took out her whistle and
blew away like hell,
And soon we heard an echo as the
neighbours blew as well.

A soldier came right up the stairs,
a rifle in his hand.
She kicked him with her button
boots along the hall she ran.
Up and stepped another one, some
medal for to win
But all he got, right up the gob,
was the lid of my granny's bin.

The music rose like thunder, as the
bins and whistles played.
The army soon retreated, they knew
they're overstayed.
It wasn't made of silver, it was only
made of tin,
But once again it saved us all, the
lid of my granny's bin.

Now war has had its weapons since
man began to fight,
And everyone has different ways to
try and show their might.
The army has tried everything to
cover up its sins,
And now the plastic bullets failed
they're trying plastic bins.

Come all kind friends and go to bed
and sleep as best you can.
But if there's trouble come along,
go out and give a hand,
To all you fair young ladies, if
trouble does begin,
Run out into your backyard, love,
and rattle away your bin.

These songs are available on various
recordings. Behind the Wire has
been recorded by, among others,
the Wolfstones on their LP "Let the
People Sing". The Lid of my Granny's
Bin is on an LP of the same name
by various artists.

CATHOLIC EMPLOYERS USE RUC AS STRIKE BREAKERS

The latest role for the sectarian R.U.C. is that of strike-breakers, we know they and sunk very low in the past but this new level of heinousness was achieved with the help of "Gombeen" Catholic Businessmen (i.e. exploiters of other efforts) from the Markets. The unbelievable thing about this strike in this modern age was that it was not so much for a living wage as for the right to live to earn a wage. The strikers are mainly Catholic Market workers who have been threatened with the "sack" for refusing to move to a new site for the Fruit and vegetable market at the Boucher Road or as one of the strikers called it Butcher Road.

This area which is beside the "village" is infamous for the number of Catholics who have been assassinated in it. In orders for the Market men to get to the new market site, they would have to go through the notorious Sandy Row and Donegal Road across which would be suicided in present day Belfast.

A spokesman for the men's Union amalgamated transport and General Workers Union says they were never consult-

ed about the new site until the individual firms gave an ultimatum to their employees to either move or else be dismissed which would also mean no redundancy money.

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET EMPLOYMENT AT THEIR AGE.

Some of these men have over 41 years service and would find practically impossible to get other employment at their age. Over 100 families would be affected by this sacking threat which would mean many a miserable hearth this Christmas in Joy Street, Eliza Street, Stanfield and Cromac Street. Have these people not suffered enough with British Army brutality and sectarian murders over the past 6 years without been set up now like clay pigeons at a Loyalist shoot.

The men with no alternative decided to ask for an amount that would cover transport costs to the new site in fact when you examine this sum it would barely cover the recently increased bus fares. There is no claim for the 1½ hours extra travelling time each day at

preset most of the strikers live within 95 minutes walk of their work. The request was turned down flat by all the Catholic employers who mainly control the fruit and vegetable markets. (There is an old saying "Your own are always the worst"). Most of the small firms were only too willing to comply with the men's requests. The directors of the firms believe it or not profess to be Christians and are regular church attenders.

On Tuesday the 15th September 1975, the directors of Wm. McGrattan and Son and May's Market and a Director of George Bates Ltd, St. George's Market attempted to drive vehicles loaded with fruit and vegetables through the pickets when they did not succeed they contacted the RUC and obtained armed escorts from these sons of satan. With their help and guns they forced their way through the pickets and almost ran down one man. The odd thing is that two of the McGrattan Brothers who were driving have both been banned from driving for 5 years because of drunken driving offences. The guardians of the law and protectors of the Queen's Highway acted like Nelson and turned a blind eye.

ACTROCITY

The campaign to drive out or exterminate the Catholic population of Newtownabbey continued on Friday with a murderous bomb attack on the house of an isolated Catholic family at Shore Road, White-rock. This was the only inhabited house in a row of kitchen houses directly opposite Barbour's Mill and a very soft target indeed for our murdering hero's. How no one was killed was a miracle. The Thompson family were preparing for bed when the 10lb bomb packed in a duffle bag was flung through the kitchen window. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson who were in the room attempted to escape by the stairs and were blown through a brick wall into the empty house next door. Their daughters bed was blown through the roof vertically and when it landed wedged itself in such a way that the girl in it was able to crawl out onto the roof of a shed with barely a scratch on her. Her brother who was just going to bed and had not yet removed his clothes found himself on the roof of the shed with practically no clothes on him.

Local people who rushed to the scene found themselves faced with a pile of rubble and they started to dig through it with their bare hands, they were unaware of the family's escape. Whilst they were pulling and tugging at the wreckage a number of RUC men arrived on the scene, unbelievably they stood back and sickeningly jeered and insulted the res-

cuers calling them Fenian B's and Cs.

There was a natural reaction from the locals and the British Army who had witnessed this inhumanity but not before one of the rescuers was struck by a nRUC man (No. 6341) who had been guilty of some of the foul mouthed utterances. No wonder the British Army officer fargon for them is P.I.G.S.

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Thinking of you on this birthday,
and wishing you all that you wish
yourself. (The key). Love from
Paddy, Mary and kids.

MARTIN BRADY, Hull Prison.
Happy birthday greetings Martin,
There's a drink left for you in
Dain Lane's. God Bless you. From
Peter, Ann and kids.