

# TRAIN ROBBERY TRIAL

The State Trial of the Irish Republican Socialist Party continues in the Special Criminal Court. Four members of the IRSP have been framed with the Great Train Robbery. All 4 are innocent. This frame-up is the culmination of years of harrassment of the IRSP and began when the Gardai swooped on the 40 most prominent members of the Party and interrogated them about the robbery. The interrogations turned savage and degenerated into torture. Three were so brutalised they signed statements dictated by gardai 'confessing' to a crime they did not commit.

## TORTURE

Each day a blow by blow account of the torture is relived in Green St. Special Court. The men describe how they were kicked in the groin, had their heads bashed against walls, their hands stamped on, their bodies batoned. The evidence from both police and prison doctors is nothing more than a litany of the injuries revealed during medical examinations. It has been clearly proven that the IRSP members were subject to torture by the 'Heavy Gang'. The State doctors only quibble is that the beatings were not as severe as the men claim!!!

## PERJURY

The State case relies totally on these 'confessions'. Evidence is stage-managed by Dublin Castle with Garda witnesses well rehearsed in perjury. The Gardai all deny, for example, that they were aware of allegations of brutality being made against the 'Heavy Gang' which must make them the only section of the Irish population who have not been exposed to media reports over the past 18 months. They all claim also that the IRSP men were calm, cheerful and collected while in custody. This sounds far-fetched as anyone under interrogation is unlikely to look on the Bridewell as a second-rate holiday camp.

## CONSPIRACY

The evidence in this trial is embarrassing for the Government. The State have therefore invented a conspiracy theory and claim that the IRSP are deliberately blacking the Gardai! It was suggested to medical witnesses that the mens injuries were self-inflicted but independent doctors repeatedly stressed that such injuries could only result from constant and strenuous use of force. It is unfortunate that the State cannot explain how the IRSP organised the mass arrest of its own members - this would bring the conspiracy theory to its logical and ridiculous conclusion.

## 'SPECIAL' JUSTICE

The Special Court is a sentencing tribunal. Its job is to imprison people regardless of the law. This was clear in Osgur Breathnach's case when the judges ruled that although his arrest and detention were illegal the statement 'obtained' from him was legal because the Gardai did not know that they were acting illegally! This ruling is another landmark on the road to a police state.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Sit in on one session of the farce in Green St. and *you* judge the case for yourself.
2. Pressurise your union, association, political representatives to call for an end to the frame-up.
3. Sign our protest petition.
4. Join our pickets at the Special Court from 1-2 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
5. Attend our meetings at the G.P.O. every Saturday at 4.00 p.m. in defiance of contempt of court laws.
6. Support the Defence Committee which meets every Tuesday at 8.00 p.m. at 34 Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

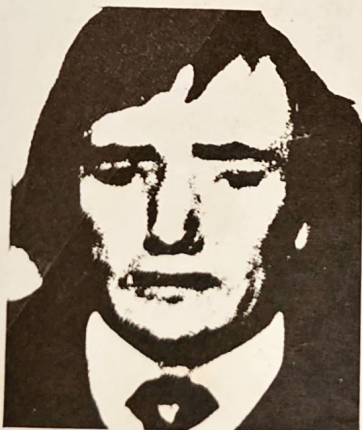
## STOP THE FRAME-UP NOW PROTEST AGAINST TORTURE ABOLISH THE SPECIAL COURT



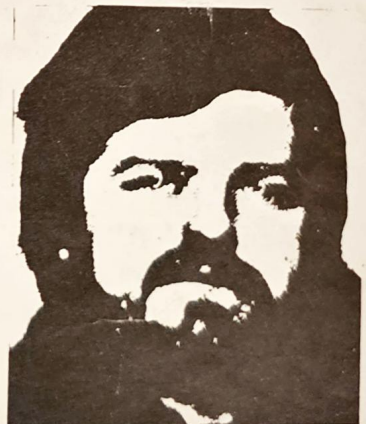
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