

YOU ARE GOING HOME TO THIS THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACT

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Under the Acts the authorities are empowered to:—

- (1) Arrest without warrant.
- (2) Imprison without charge or trial.
- (3) Enter and search homes with force at any hour of day or night.
- (4) Censor or ban any newspaper or publication.
- (5) Punish or torture internees.
- (6) Deny recourse to Courts and arraign before a Military Tribunal.
- (7) Intern under military control.
- (8) Ban organisations and seize their property.
- (9) Throw out of their jobs people working for the Government or for Local Authorities, or semi-state bodies.
- (10) Arrest persons it is desired to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions under penalty of twelve months' imprisonment.
- (11) Fingerprint any person without warrant.
- (12) Negative the presumption of innocence in criminal cases of a political nature.
- (13) Suspend all rights under Law.

A SHORT TIME AGO, A MAN WAS RELEASED FROM THE CURRAGH INTERNMENT CAMP WHERE HE HAD SERVED A SENTENCE, HAVING *BEEN* CONVICTED ON AN ARMS CHARGE. A FEW DAYS AFTER HIS RELEASE HE WAS RE-ARRESTED IN HIS LOCAL PUB BY A LOCAL GARDA OFFICER. THIS MAN IS NOW BACK IN THE CURRAGH HAVING BEEN CHARGED WITH BEING A MEMBER OF THE I.R.A.

IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE GARDA WHO ARRESTED HIM, AND GOT HIM CONVICTED, HAD A PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST THIS MAN

The above situation is not make-believe. It is fact. And it is a situation in which you could find your-self during your stay in Ireland.....Under the Offences Against the State (Amendments) Act, any citizen of the 26-Counties can be arrested, charged and convicted on the spoken word of a Garda Officer.

At present, we are told that this new "law" is being used against "terrorists" and "gunmen". How long will it be, before the "authorities" see fit to bring it into use against all critics of the Government, against other political parties. Against the ordinary individual. The wheel has started to turn. It's victims so far have included Sean McStiophain, Rory O'Bradigh, Joe Cahill and Rosin McLoughlin. It has been them today.....

IT COULD BE YOU TOMORROW