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ARREST OF DERRY REPUBLICAN

Caretaker Executive Protests

Charles R. Carlin, a Derry Republican, has been charged in the District Court in Donegal to-day with illegal possession of firearms. There are circumstances surrounding his arrest which we should like to bring to public notice, in view of Mr. Neil Blaney's statement of to-day.

Mr. Blaney has called for the use of 26-County troops to protect the people of the Bogside in Derry. Yet, Mr. Blaney supports a government which is actively engaged in collaboration with the Crown Forces which have attacked the people of the Bogside and the Falls Road.

Charles Carlin was arrested between Clady and Donnyloop on the Donegal-Tyrone Border. He was in fact caught in a deliberate pincer movement of British and 26-County military patrols. In the course of this pincer movement the 26-County forces actually drove into Co. Tyrone.

The Caretaker Executive of Sinn Féin protests most vehemently at this blatant collaboration and wishes to point out that the military patrols on both sides of the Border are using the same kind of jeeps, the same kind of radio equipment and similar uniforms.

In the circumstances of all this, Mr. Blaney's statement is just arrant hypocrisy. Northern Republicans can expect nothing better from any 26-County government, whose role has always been one of collaboration.

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