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PROTEST AT MURDER OF BELFAST YOUTH

The Caretaker Executive of Sinn Féin protests in the strongest possible terms against the murder of Daniel O'Hagan, a 19-year-old Belfast youth, by British military. Eye-witness accounts, including that of a Stormont M.P., show the British military version of the shooting, to be false. It is worth recalling that on July 4 last, the same Crown Forces claimed that they had shot two snipers, a statement which was later proved false - they had shot three civilians, one a Polish visitor from London.

It is obvious now that the Crown Forces consider themselves to have authority to drive into any area of Belfast and shoot down civilians in cold blood. During July, these Crown Forces have taken five lives in Occupied Ireland, injured scores, jailed hundreds and plundered houses. The Irish people will not stand for this indefinitely. In the light of all this, Mr. Jack Lynch's sympathy with the British troops and his condemnation of the Republicans and Defence Committees as "subversive" is blatant treachery.

Sinn Féin calls for protests by all the Irish people against British military murders in Ireland. In the case of Daniel O'Hagan we call for an impartial inquiry into the circumstances of his death by the United Nations.

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