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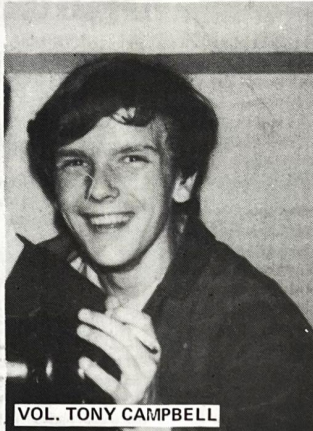
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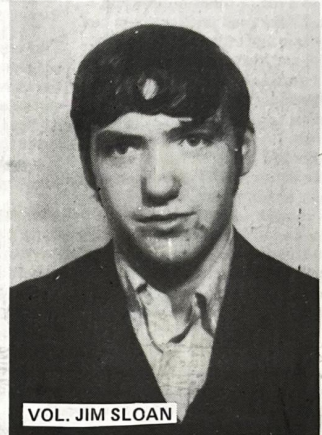
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VOL. JIM McCANN



VOL. TONY CAMPBELL



VOL. JIM SLOAN

40,000 Honour Murdered Victims

of British Massacre



AMBROSE HARDY



JOHN J. LOUGHRAN



One of the largest Republican funerals in living memory wended its way to Milltown Cemetery from St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast, on Wednesday.

The innocent civilian victims had been buried earlier that morning. The second funeral was for three members of Ogligh na h Eireann, Volunteers, Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan.

The Republican Publicity Bureau in Belfast, made it clear that none of the Volunteers were armed or engaged in an offensive action when they were murdered by British troops on February 4th.

As the funeral neared Conway Street, gunfire was directed without warning into the unsuspecting

mourners. The gunmen showed no mercy or consideration for the women and children in the vicinity.

Near Lesson Street, a volley was fired over the coffins after the mourners had quickly reformed ranks after the cowardly attack at Conway Street.

The general attitude of most people along the Falls Road was:-

LET CRAIG AND HERRON DO THEIR WORSE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A UNITED FREE IRELAND, COME WHAT MAY.

Beechmount,
Belfast.

Dear Editor,

I have just opened my "Republican News" and noticed you have given space inviting us to let you know what is happening in our area.

Well! I will tell you one thing I am sick of the young ones lifting my milk bottles from my door and I just heard to-day that it is happening to a lot of other housewives too. I have tried putting them out very late and still they are being lifted and then small children are being wakened out of their sleep at the sound of these bottles being broken against the walls of our houses. It's bad enough sleep getting broken at the noise the Brits make without these roughs, kicking doors, ringing bells, breaking bottles and if you dare to say anything to them you get the most foul language and threatened. Thank you for giving me an ear. Keep up the good work. God Bless You all.

"A Fed-Up Housewife"

Editor! Perhaps the local Sinn Fein Cumann would have this complaint investigated.

72 O'Dwyer House,
Harwicke St. Dublin 1.

A Chara,

On Sunday 28th January, I attended a meeting at the Garden of Remembrance to commemorate the deaths of the 13 men who were MURDERED by British Paratroops last year. I can sincerely say that the so called Irish Gardai provoked the people. It all happened when the Gardai (or was it the R.U.C.?) refused to lower the tricolour to half mast as a mark of respect of the 13 dead. As the Irish people got angry, the big brave men in blue, drew their batons and started to hit the people across the head and back. I was one of many who got this treatment and that was not all.

When a minutes silence was called for, these big brave men in blue started to snigger and talk. After wards as the people were dispersing these brave men drew their batons again. I was standing outside the garden of Remembrance, when I was struck across the back, as I fell to the ground I was kicked in face, and back, and stomach. I was then dragged across the road by the hair as I was getting into the aquad car I was bitten on the finger by one of these cowards. Next morning I appeared with five other men (one of them my brother who came to my assistance) at the Dublin District Court, charged with assaulting one of the bullies and disturbing the peace. We were remanded for a month. I would like to say that these charges are all lies.

Yours faithfully,
P. De Burea.

P.S. At the Police Station they refused to take my name and address in Irish.

SINN FEIN CONDEMNS GARDAI ATTACK

Sinn Fein Dail Ceannair Atha Cliath condemns in the strongest possible terms the attack by the Gardai on a peaceful Irish Civil Rights Association demonstration at the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square, yesterday.

This confrontation was deliberately planned and premeditated by the Gardai, who stubbornly refused to comply with a formal request by the Chairman of I.C.R.A. to lower the Tricolour to half mast, as a token of respect while a wreath was being laid.

As a result of this disrespect to Derry's dead, a violent reaction was provoked but brought under control by I.C.R.A. stewards. However, as the commemoration parade was dispersing, several attempts at provocation were made by the Gardai, these culminated in a brutal and selective assault on peaceful demonstrators.

Several Republicans, who were in no way responsible for earlier incidents in the Garden of Remembrance were attacked by the Gardai as the demonstration was dispersing. Some of these were held by the Gardai and brutally batoned. Four were subsequently treated in Jervis Street Hospital for multiple head injuries.

It was regrettable that the Gardai should allow themselves to be used in circumstances like these which can only be discredited and damage their image in the eyes of the general public regardless of their political beliefs.

statement

Sinn Fein welcomes reports that the Nationalist Party, the Republican Labour Party and the S.D.L.P. have followed the Republican lead in calling for a total boycott of the forthcoming Border Plebiscite.

Republicans have consistently denied the right of Britain to hold any Plebiscite in Ireland on any issue affecting the affairs of the Irish people. Continued interference by Britain in Irish affairs is the root cause of the present conflict. We believe that no Irishman or woman can in conscience vote in favour of either of the proposals offered, and that the Republican concept of a parliament for the nine Ulster Counties as a part of a Federal Government System should be seriously considered.

It remains for the Loyalist people to follow the example of the Republican Movement, the Republican Labour Party, the S.D.L.P. and the Nationalist Party in effecting a total boycott of the sterile exercise planned for March the 8th, which is designed only to aggravate sectarian feeling in Britain's interests.

I.C.R.A. Branch formed in Co. Louth

The inaugural meeting of the Co. Louth branch of the Irish Civil Rights Association was held in Bellingham Castle, Castlebellingham, on Sunday 21st January. Mr. Emmet O'Connell, a member of the national executive of I.C.R.A., addressed the meeting. Mr. O'Connell, outlining the need for a civil Rights Association, said that some people might ask why citizens could not work through the existing institutions in our society, his answer was that the working of parliamentary democracy depends on a good and credible opposition, offering alternative policies, and whose loyalty to the state is not questioned. When such an opposition collapses, said Mr. O'Connell, then there is need for a Civil Rights Association. Referring to an attack on I.C.R.A. by the L.F.M., Mr. O'Connell said that one must first win freedom of speech before talking about the language that is to be used. He pinpointed partition as the cancer in our country, and attacked the British Government for its unwillingness to allow the Irish people the right to decide their own destiny.

Miss Eileen Crowley pointed out that, despite all the statements and assertions of Mr. O'Malley to the contrary, it was now evident that anyone charged under the amended Offences Against the State Act must prove his innocence or be found guilty. Miss Crowley cited the case of Mr. Ruairi O Bradaigh as proof.

After questions from the floor, the following executive was elected for Co. Louth: Mr. P. MacSuibhne, Chairman; Miss E. Crowley and Miss E. Jones, Vice Chairmen; Mr. F. Godfrey, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Frank Brown and Mr. Michael Carr (Sen.) Hon. Treasurers; Mr. P. Muckian and Mr. Naill Mulligan, Directors of Organisation; and Mr. F. Brown, Public Relations Officer.

- Padraig Pearse Sinn Feinn
- Cumann
- GRAND CEILI
- 15th March, 1973
- Stardust Ballroom, Bogside
- Derry, Dancing 9/1.30
- Music: Jim Lyons, Green Cross
- Ceili Band, Bellaghy

Sympathy Notices

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Belfast Brigade Staff, Oglais na h-Eirann deeply regret the death of Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. killed by British Forces of Occupation: Imeach Laeagra na h-Eirann i bFrithais De go rabh siad.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Officers and Volunteers, 3rd Batt. I.R.A. regret the deaths of their comrades (killed by British Army), Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. Beidh Eile saor roimh i bfad.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Officers and Volunteers 1st Batt. I.R.A. deeply regret the deaths of Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. A Naomh Padraig guide ortha.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Officers and Vols. 2nd Batt. I.R.A. deeply regret the deaths of Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. I bFrithais De go rabh siad.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. deeply regret the deaths of their comrades, Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan. They died that we may live.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "A" Coy., 3rd Batt. deeply regret the deaths of Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan (killed by British Army). Those who die for Ireland, live.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "B" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. deeply regret the deaths of British Forces of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "D" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. regret the deaths of their comrades, Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "E" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. regret the deaths of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "F" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. deeply regret the deaths (killed by British Army) of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "G" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. regret the deaths (killed by Crown Forces) of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Sentenced Republican Prisoners, Internees and Internees Linn Kesh Concentration Camp deeply regret the deaths (killed by British Army) of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy. 3rd Batt. I.R.A. Orlaigh na h-Eirann. A Mhuire na nGael guide ortha.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Staff and Volunteers "H" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. regret the deaths of their comrades, Vols. Tony Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Republican Prisoners, Crumlin Road Jail deeply regret the deaths of Volunteers T. Campbell, Jim McCann, Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. killed by British Army.

CAMPBELL-MCCANN-SLOAN — The Republican Female Prisoners, Armagh Jail regret the deaths of Vols. T. Campbell, Jim McCann and Jim Sloan, "C" Coy., 3rd Batt. I.R.A. (killed by British Army). A Naomh Brid, guide ortha.

MAGUIRE-LOUGHRAN - HARDY — The Republican Movement, Belfast (Provisionals) tender their deepest sympathy to the relatives of Brendan Maguire, John Loughran and Ambrose Hardy, killed by British Army on New Lodge Road's Bloody Sunday.

THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE PATRICKVILLE RECREATION CLUB regret to learn of the death of the brave men who lost their lives on the New Lodge Road on Sunday and extend their deepest sympathy to all their relatives. Mary Queen of Ireland pray for them. Masses offered, Jim McMahon, Sec.

FERGAL O'HANLON SINN FEIN CUMANN (New Lodge Road) — The Officer Board and Members of the above Cumann wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the families of the six young men killed in our area at the weekend, Star of the Morning, Mary come, Mary immaculate guide them home.

AN I. CUMANN SEAN MCCARTNEY sympathise with the relatives of those killed in the New Lodge Road by the British Army and her allies. Ar Dhets De go Rabb a n-Anannaibh.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the families of the people who were shot by British Forces on the New Lodge Road from Anne, Deirdre and Marian, Remand Prisoners, Mountjoy Prison.

LYNCH FAILS TO PREVENT REPUBLICAN T.V. INTERVIEW

By Una O'Neill

David O'Connell, Vice President of Sinn Fein, was interviewed on Sunday last on an I.T.V., news programme by Mary Holland of the "Observer". Miss Holland, who has proved herself a very able journalist, taped the interview in the 26 Counties.

Her car was stopped and searched when she was leaving the Free State but the tapes were well hidden and escaped seizure by the Lynch regime who have imposed a rigorous censorship on the so-called Radio Televis Eireann.

The taped interview which is forbidden by "Lynch" law to be broadcast on "Irish" television or radio was conveyed to England where it was transmitted and viewed by millions.

During the interview, Mr. O'Connell put forward the beliefs of the Republican Movement in a lucid and succinct manner. He stressed the conditions under which a cessation of hostilities would be possible in the Six Counties. Namely; an amnesty for all men and women "on the run"; a time limit on the retention of British soldiers in the Six Count-

ies; a declaration of intent from the British government on the right of the whole Irish nation to determine their own destiny.

He advocated the policies as presented in "Eire Nua" (A New Ireland) He stressed that through these policies, Republicans envisioned a Democratic-Socialist 32 County Republic in which Catholic and Protestant could play a meaningful part.



Mary Holland conducted the interview in an admirable manner. She questioned and drew out answers from Mr. O'Connell without intruding her own personality.

I found it a ray of hope in these dark days that such an interview could take place on British T.V., in spite of the "Lynch" ban on the like on R.T.E.

It seems to me that while the Republican Movement have advocates such as Mr. O'Connell, supported by our generous people, we cannot fail to achieve victory.

Green or Yellow

by 'Torch'

When I was a school boy during World War 2, I used to hear and read of the daring exploits of the Commandos. I little realised at that time that at one time in the future I would have the wonderful privilege of actually seeing these elite warriors in action.

The time was around September 1972 and the theatre of operations was Antrim Road, Belfast. The enemy was composed of half-a-dozen school boys aged approximately 14 - 16 who seemed to be doing nothing in particular except standing outside a shop talking among themselves.

I watched as the Commandos approached the unsuspecting Foe, then with a quick movement they had the school boys encircled. They put up no resistance as the heroic Commandos lined them up against the

wall fingers outstretched. They were made to remove their shoes and socks and this was accompanied by vicious kicks on the legs by the soldiers.

I thought to myself "so these are the descendants of the men who raided Narvik and stormed the beaches at Dieppe". Some native women protested vigorously at the brutal treatment the boys were receiving, but the soldiers threatened the women with their usual filthy language. After a short time the Commandos withdrew without suffering any casualties, another victory for the wearers of the Green Beret. I now suggest a different colour for their head-gear -- a more apt shade would be YELLOW.

The people of the Six Counties will remember the British Army - not as soldiers but as vomit that Heath and Whitelaw spewed out on our streets.

THE BRITISH ARMY SPEAK ENGLISH

What do you speak?

THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONQUEROR IN THE MOUTHS OF THE CONQUERED IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE SLAVE

ARE YOU WILLING TO REMAIN SLAVES?

- * The British Army are not standing at the ARD SCOIL gates with fixed bayonets and machine guns to prevent you attending our Gaelic Classes.
- * The Irishman who cannot speak his National language is an uneducated Irishman.
- * Make a start now in the cultural battle to win back what the English and false leaders took from our forefathers!
- * This will take guts, determination and hard work, . . . Have you got what it takes?

CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS IN THE ARD SCOIL, DIVIS STREET, BELFAST EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 8.00 p.m.

If the Jews could do it, so can we. Make Ireland Gaelic with Clann Cathal Brugha.

THE DERRY COLUMN

The Padraig Pearse, Sinn Fein, Cumann, Bogside, offers sincere and deepest sympathy to the relatives of the dead of the New Lodge's Bloody Saturday.

SEEING IS BELIEVING??

A British Army foot patrol fired at a "gunman" in the Bogside this week. The description of the "gunman" was relayed over the army radio, thus. "Wearing a combat jacket, black beret with a Tricolour flash on it, possibly a bandolier or at least a shoulder belt of some kind, carrying an M.1 carbine".

The "gunman" turned out to be a boy of seven who was carrying a piece of rolled carpet in for his mother and who was found by her in a terrified condition.

On Saturday 3rd February 1973, Tartan gangs attempted to disrupt a womens hunger strike, against sectarian murders, at Derry's Waterloo Place. In their usual efficient manner, Bogside and Creggan lads, sent the Tartan's running for their lives.

During the melee one of the Tartans pulled a revolver and was nearly kicked to death for his trouble, by the Bogside's.

It later transpired that the "Tartan" was in fact a Special Branch man who had to take cover behind the B.A. in the Strand Road Barracks.

This incident followed the discovery of a plain clothes army squad in Creggan estate, driving around in an unmarked van, the excuse being, "They were coming from a party and lost their way".

They lost their van too, for it was burnt by local people and two Saracens and eight jeeps had to be used to rescue the "party goers".

A march in the Shantallow, Carnhill area of Derry, organised by Sinn Fein on Sunday February, 4th 1973, attracted a crowd of over 1,000 plus six Cumman with their banners and the John F. Kennedy Accordion Band.

The March was a protest against army behaviour, or rather the lack of it, and also the method of emptying buses of their passengers in all weathers during search operations.

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YOU WRITE

A Chara,

It's with regret that I have to inform you that St. Edward's G.A.A. Birmingham refused to have two minutes silence in homage to the Derry 13, before playing the National Anthem at their function on Sunday 28th January.

The bandsmen were in full accord with our request. But a committee member stated that the G.A.A. were non political.

I pointed out that the Derry 13, were also non political, also they were just Irishmen who were murdered because they asked for a vote and a fair chance of a job and a house.

I would ask the committee of St. Edward's G.A.A., if they are indeed Irish and do they know that the British Army is at present occupying Casement Park and will give G.A.A. members the same treatment as the Derry 13, if they attempt to use it for Gaelic sports.

I think that anyone who presumes to be a human being let alone an Irishman, should return any medals presented to them by St. Edward's G.A.A. until that club behaves in a manner befitting people who claim to propagate our Irish heritage.

Is mise le meas,
Runai, South/O'Hanlon Sinn Fein
Cumann, Birmingham.

1 Bn. Queen's Regiment,
B.F.P.O 801, Belfast.

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter submitted by a Coldstream Guardsman, I

felt it was about time I expressed my views on Ulster, which I have seen develop to a desperate stage during my three month tour of duty.

Firstly being neither Irish or British, I express an unbiased opinion of the guies, that without question has been allowed to go to such extremities, further provoked by the intimidation and force applied by British soldiers, whose only interests here is money, beer and forceful brutality that I have myself witnessed at interrogation sessions, during which I picked up a copy of the "Republican News" from a unfortunate victim of circumstance - a Catholic worker whose only crime was having a private drink on Saturday night, near a Tommy Patrol.

As a Socialist I am in complete sympathy with the Sinn Fein Movement and totally disagree with the British Imperialists, who have for hundreds of years exploited the hard labour of its past colony's, can has always looked upon the Irish Republic as the "Peasant State".

In conclusion Sir, I wish you luck in your fight for freedom which you rightly deserve.

Yours respectfully,

2421 PTE. K.

P.S. 45 Commands, Advance Party have now taken over Donegall Police Station, Girwood Park and Carnmoney.

Dear Sir,

The following is the text of a tele-

gram sent last Monday to Mr. Jack Lynch by Co. Roscommon Sinn Fein Comhairle Ceantair.

The First Guarantor, whom you claim are there to protect, have murdered six unarmed civilians in New Lodge Road. Are you as self proclaimed second guarantor going to stand by once again.

Statement

STATEMENT OF I.C.R.A. EXECUTIVE ON THE COMMEMORATION MEETING HELD AT GARDEN REMEMBRANCE, DUBLIN ON SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1973.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a dignified commemoration for Derry's dead. Following a short meeting at the British Embassy, there was a peaceful march to the Garden of Remembrance in Parnell Square, for the purpose of laying a wreath there. Unfortunately, the national flag was not at half mast in the Garden, and the Chairman of the Association asked a senior police officer if he could arrange for the lowering of the flag. The police officer stated that he could not do so as the gardai could not interfere in the matter of the flag.

Before the wreath laying ceremony could commence, some members of the public sought to lower the flag to half mast. The gardai prevented this being done. The organiser thought it inappropriate in the circumstances to lay the wreath and suggested that it be laid at the G.P.O. or sent to Derry. The latter decision was adopted by public acclaim. Subsequently the national flag was completely lowered by a Board of Works official.

After two short addresses, a minutes silence was observed and the meeting, in accordance with the express and repeated requests of the organisers, then peacefully dispersed.

Unfortunately, a fracas developed outside the garden of Remembrance in Parnell Square between the gardai and some members of the public. The organisers did their utmost to prevent any disorder developing further.

I.C.R.A. regrets that is peaceful commemoration on a solemn occasion should have been marred by these incidents and re-emphasises again that it is dedicated to peaceful and orderly demonstrations and activities in pursuit of its aims.

The Executive Committee will seek an early meeting with the Gardai Authorities to have an exchange of views to ensure that the possibility of such incidents will be eliminated in the future.

A BLOODY DISGRACE

Our total circulation in England, Scotland and Wales, is 1,125. This in our view is a bloody disgrace. We should be selling 10,000 copies at least.

We know quite well that many of the Irish there are merely Irish in name and that they do not give a dam about the suffering of their fellow-countrymen and women in the Six Counties.

Some of our exiles may be under the foolish impression that they have to join Sinn Fein if they want to buy Republican News. We don't care if "Stickies", Tories, Jews or what have you, are reading this paper. You don't have to be in anything before you can buy or read it. You don't have to agree with what we are writing. Naturally we would like as many Irish people as possible in Britain to support the struggle for Irish Freedom and we would like to see English, Scottish and Welsh people taking a stand on the side of justice.

If you believe in the concept of Ireland Free and United; if you believe that publicity is necessary in Britain to expose British injustice in Ireland, you are invited to become a Republican News seller.

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Our Resident Representative for England, Scotland and Wales is Mr. Eddie Purdy, 2 Leabon Grove, Harborne, Birmingham.

The need for sellers is urgent. Please volunteer your services as quickly as possible.

your man says...

THE MODERATES

There they were, sitting in front of the television cameras last Sunday morning on U.T.V. Week-end Report — the five big white chiefs of their tribe, happy to show their unity before the English audience, in that they were all ordinary moderate people who only wanted to live in peace with their Catholic neighbours and to show their concern for their Catholic minority, yes they would love to see a Bill of Rights being included in the new structural set-up for the return of Stormont.

And who were they?

First we had that moderate Captain Orr, the leader of the "Unionist M.P.s at Westminster. The Grand Imperial Wizard of the Orange Order, and, if they are successful, the new leader of the 'Loyalist United Front'!

Secondly

Secondly, we had the 'Fixer' Billy Hull, the chief stop-steward of the Engine Works in Harland and Wolff, also leader of the Loyalist Association of Workers who when Howell from Whitelaw's office, suggested this past week, that maybe some of the extra jobs in the shipyard would go to Catholic workers, had a go at him for suggesting such a mad idea and in turn stated such a suggestion meant discrimination against Protestant workers.

Thirdly, Billy Craig, himself, sitting there at peace with the world as he sees his "shoot to kill" policy being carried out by his friends against Catholic children.

Fourthly, Our Tommy Herron, who in order to keep himself in the leadership of the U.D.A. had to crawl on his hands and knees and apologise to the other gangsters that his Mother was a Catholic.

Last, but not least that Defender of the Catholic Faith as he so often tells us until one reads his 'Protestant Telegraph' and finds the contents not fit for a sewer. Yes, the Rev. Ian himself.

So there they sat and conversed and showed the English how civilised they were. But we the natives know them only too well and are not amused.

HELPING TOMMY

By the way now that I have mentioned Tommy Herron having to apologise for his Mother being a Catholic and pushed in front of the television to withdraw his statement that the U.D.A. would take strong action against the assassination squads. I have some good news for him. The next time he meets his friend the Rev. Martin Smyth the leader of Orangemen, he should

simply ask him has he visited his nephew (by marriage) at Long Kesh where as a member of the Provisional Republican Army he is serving eight years.

Or the next time he is having a drink with his old pal Billy Hull, just whisper in his ear and ask him is it true that a lad, kidnapped by the U.D.A. a few months ago at a road block but released on Billy's instructions, was a cousin from the Catholic side of the family?

THE CROPPIES

Stephen Preston, columnist of the Sunday News is now a Paisley supporter and used his column almost every week to show how superior full integration would be over an U.D.I. policy. This week he is at it again but it is his final argument that I would like you all to take note of.

"They haven't a chance in a million of winning compliant support for their Independent British Ulster, and that they can only contain Catholic disenchantment with the idea by a "Croppies lie down" policy".

"Not that such a policy might not be a good thing. When you think of the murderous villainy that the Croppies have been up to these past few years. You would dearly wish them dealt with once and for all."

The trouble is that if the continuing presence of 16,000 British troops, not to mention the U.D.R., the R.U.C., and all else can't cope - what do you give for the chances of the Royal Ulster Republican Militia or whatever?

Stephen your slip is showing, after so often telling your readers how moderate your politics are and that you are against all forms of violence, now your pen has told us the truth.

That although you would have loved to see the Croppies completely and finally exterminated like the Jews under Hitler, unfortunately the Brits with all their forces have failed, so there is little hope of Craig's U.D.A. forces being any more successful. Now we see why you don't support Craig.

THAT TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

With thousands of shop stewards linked to the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions it was expected that the conference called by the Confed would attract quite a high percentage of stewards who wanted to know how to fight against intimidation in the workshops and factories. It was a very disappointing turn out and only about fifty people attended, Transport Ho use

on Saturday 3rd February.

Let us be honest about this conference, it was a good idea to try and organise the stewards into a fighting force to safeguard the principle of the right to work for all workers., but the campaign should have started quite a few years ago when intimidation and discrimination was already in existence — when the shop steward stood up at the conference and complained that his loyalist workers of the Sirocca Works had to have a military escort to and from work, he was answered very forcibly by Billy Wallace of the Garment Workers Union that he had Catholic members employed on the Donegall Road who were not even allowed to attend their work.

The platform party — Chairman Andy Barr with Betty Sinclair Jimmy Cosby, Jimmy Graham and a few others including Billy Bleasie know what side their bread is buttered on and their dependence on the votes of the Unionist workers who keeps them in their jobs as Trade Union officials. So they walked warily on the white line so that they wouldn't hurt any ones feelings — that is except the Republican Movement — the Communist Party line at present is if only the Provisionals would disappear everything would be great and they would expect Whitelaw too to embody a Bill of Rights into his White Paper and we would all live happily ever after. So it was not surprising that they would embody into their resolution that the conference condemned the Provisionals for threatening war on the U.D.A. if they carried out any more sectarian assassinations.

The trade union better make up its mind where it intends to go, is it still going to close its eyes to the fact that discrimination in regards to employment of Catholics is the corner stone of the policy of all the right wing ultra-loyalist groups and the success of keeping Catholics out of jobs gathers support for the L.A.W. of Billy Hull who in turn hopes to pull the trade union movement down and its present leadership with it.

The Andy Barr's are only helping Hull to attain power as long as they refused to face facts and like Sandy Scott the other day made such a stupid statement that their is no discrimination in the shipyard,,,,,,yet the last survey showed that out of 10,000 of a labour force only 305 were Catholics.

A NEW WEEKLY FEATURE

This time last year the trade union movement started a campaign to fight for the right of the unemployed to have a job — two meetings and we have heard nothing since. How do they think this attempt to fight for the employed to have the right and safety of employment will go when they think back on their past failures?

The Republican Movement has a better method of dealing with anyone who carries out intimidation and assassination of workers because of their religion. That is why they have warned the U.D.A. and the other ultra-loyalist gangsters.

JULIE DOUGAN SINN FEIN CUMANN, PORTADOWN

We deny most emphatically the statement by the Portadown R.U.C. in the Belfast Telegraph in which they stated that the car used in the recent cowardly bomb attack in the "Tunnel" mysteriously disappeared. This is a downright lie. Large pieces of the car including the engine were cleared off the street and are still lying on a piece of waste ground about a dozen yards from the scene. The number plate was given to the police, and two special branch men were seen taking pieces of the car (which our Intelligence Officer says, was stolen from the Birches area) away. Maybe now they have this evidence we can expect their usual 'speedy' results. Another lie given out by their 'Chief' Rodgers on the U.T.V. programme was the daddy of them all. According to him, only two sectarian murders occurred in Portadown. We make it five, and several attempted ones.

Finally, we as Republicans, are most concerned about the rumour that Brankin's Pub was looted after it was bombed. This as Mr. Brankin will verify, is yet another bit of lying propaganda designed to discredit the minority.

Signed: Press Officer, Julie Dougan Sinn Fein Cumann.

ADVANTAGES OF DEMOCRACY

Democracy means that in decision making everyone has a voice. Even if the decision goes against some, their voice will at least have been heard. Government can then be carried on by dialogue between the current decision-makers and the organised opposition. People achieve collective wisdom when working in a group. We believe, like Aristotle, that the majority of people are likely to be right in their decisions, if they have the opportunity of making those decisions. It will be our job to guarantee the necessary conditions.

PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY

(1) HABEAS CORPUS:

This is a British Act passed in 1671 which states that people should "not be subject to arbitrary imprisonment," in other words - internment is illegal. This is also found in Article VII of the Declaration of the

Rights of Man. The power to intern in the Six Counties comes directly from the Special Powers Act, an Act passed originally by the British Government in 1922. This Act was for operation in the Six Counties alone. It would not be tolerated in any other part of the British Isles. Since Direct Rule, Britain operates the S.P.A., so setting herself double standards. The Habeas Corpus Act must be embodied in the constitution of all Ireland. Under the S.P.A., as with the Offences against the State Act in the 26 Counties, a basic principle of law is reversed, i.e., that a person is innocent until proved guilty, the onus for proving guilt resting with the State or the Crown.

(2) SIMILAR TREATMENT:

All persons should receive similar treatment before the law. For the same offence different people should receive the same penalty, unless there are any extenuating circumstances. This has not been the case in Northern Ireland, particularly in the field

of political offences, where both sections of the community were treated separately.

(3) SPEEDY TRIAL:

People accused of crimes should have speedy trial before impartial jurors. The continual remand system contravenes this principle. Accused persons should be tried by their peers. Loyalists should not be tried by Republicans, and vice-versa, as this leaves scope for allegations of impartiality and bias. People should not be tried before military courts, as is provided for in the 26 Counties. This impartiality is guaranteed by the British Bill of Rights, 1689, but it has been lacking in the North so far. One can see just how impartial this democratic state is by examining the Flags and Emblems Act.

(4) INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY:

Judges in a democracy must be appointed on merit alone, and not on service rendered to any political

party, be it Republican or Unionist. An independent judiciary will ensure impartiality, and will generate confidence in the workings of the State.

(5) MAJORITY RULE:

The fundamental unit for decision making is the majority. A majority, however, is not always necessarily right, even leaving aside a concept of a contrived or artificial majority.

(6) LIVERGENCE OF THOUGHT:

Democracy hinges on the concept of divergence of thought. Freedom of thought, speech, assembly, protest, organisation - FOR ALL must be guaranteed by law. All political, religious, cultural, humanist and other groups must be assured freedom to work peacefully for their particular goals. Banning of political organisations and newspapers, etc., must not be permitted in a united Ireland. Everyone must be free to propagate his own views, and everyone must be left free to choose for himself. Such a free, divergent society will be a tolerant one, and will prove stable and democratic.

"A regime is democratic when the will to social co-operation of its members is stronger and more spontaneous than its anarchical impulses". (Guerin).

(7) ACCOUNTABILITY:

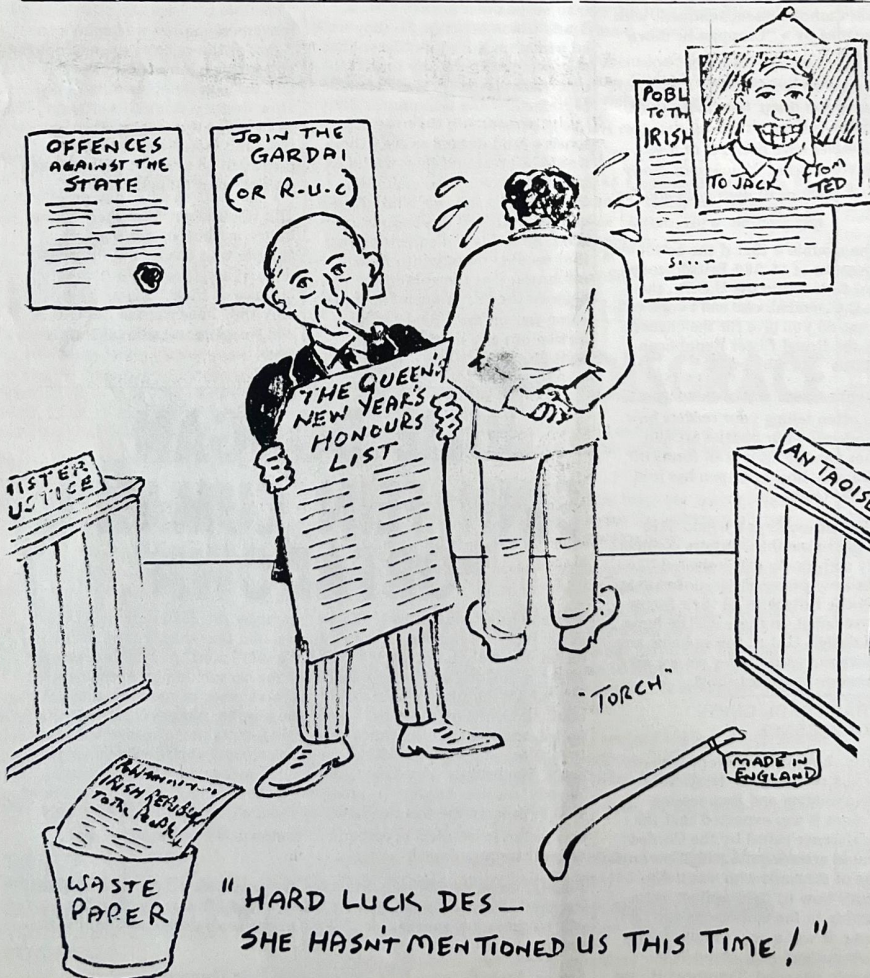
Government officials, of whatever degree, must be made accountable for their actions. This principle was evolved during the Civil War in Britain, where even the King was not above the law. Republican men and women have been arrested and jailed for making "seditious" speeches, while M.P.'s. and government ministers can go scot free. The banning of inquests under the Special Powers Act is another method by which certain people are unaccountable for actions they take.

(8) CONSTITUTION:

A country must have a written constitution, because this safeguards the rights of the ordinary citizen, and limits the power of the government and the state. The Black Panther Party used the rights guaranteed to them by the American Constitution to protect themselves from attack by the police. A Tyranny of the Majority is avoided by a written constitution, as advocated by James Harrington in "Oceana", 1656.

(9) MINORITIES:

The rights of minorities must be protected. Again, they must never be, or never feel, that they are outside the pale of political activity and power. Under Section 5 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, Westminster has a responsibility towards the anti-Unionist minority in the Six Counties, but she has steadfastly shirked this responsibility.



FENCE-SITTERS—OPEN YOUR EYES!

BY A DUNDALK CORRESPONDENT

Almost 700 people have died in the Six Counties - 700 that we know of. There is no number to the British casualties of "unattached" soldiers. By "unattached" I mean the orphans who have found their death in Ireland and the others, who, having died in Ireland, are shipped home ex Germany as accidental casualties.

Men, boys, women and children all of them Irish born have also died. Some have been killed by the British Army, some by the bombs of the I.R.A. others by bombs of the Loyalists and the S.A.S. Others have died by the assassin's bullet. The one fact we all recognise is that they are dead and shall never return to walk our streets.

Some of these people died for their love of Ireland and their love of

freedom. Others have died because they will not recognise the right of a majority of the Irish people to full independence. Some have died as innocents have always died in a war situation - simply because they lived within the area of strife. Others have died because, as representatives of an unlawful force they tried to assert a foreign nation's will on an unwilling people.

This is the basis of all the trouble in Ireland to-day and it will also be the basis of trouble and strife in Ireland and in the future unless we can solve our problems to-day.

The Six Counties for three long years looked to the South for support but nothing was forthcoming. The Nationalists looked South and saw their most active men and women arrested by the Dublin authori-

ties thus giving further freedom to the loyalists and the British to carry on their campaign of death and oppression.

The Loyalist backlash 'a la' Craig, Vanguard, Ardill, U.V.F. etc., is now seen throughout the Six Counties. Why was it not seen earlier? Simply because the loyalists like the nationalists, now recognise that the South will not interfere.

Rather than upset their own personal status quo in the South the people stand idly by. Their only interest in Belfast is in how active or inactive Mr. George Best happens to be.

Am I too harsh, maybe I am, but this is the feeling of the Bogside, Ardoyne, Ballymurphy etc.

Dear God, when oh when, will you

people of the South say to the party politicians of Leinster House - if you cannot help the people, our brothers, in the Six Counties, then don't hinder them.

What other nation in the world would stand by and see a usurping country do to us what England are now doing day after day?

History has always had a label for a country's traitors, but we in Ireland do not have to await the verdict of history to identify the present day traitors.

OPEN YOUR EYES YOU PEOPLE WHO STAND IDLY BY, AND ASK YOURSELVES JUST ONE FINAL QUESTION. ARE THE I.R.A. VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING AND DYING JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT?

Britain sued in U.S. Federal Court by

American confined to Long Kesh

A suit has been filed against the British government in the United States Federal Court by an American citizen held in Long Kesh Camp near Belfast, Northern Ireland. Gerald Brady, age 22, a Chicago resident, instituted this suit against the British Government charging that it had violated his U.S. Constitutional rights. Brady is confined to Long Kesh and was originally taken into custody by the British army under the Special Powers Act on June 23rd last, as he was "led through a field on the way to a relative's home near Newry, in County Down, Northern Ireland.

The suit alleges that Brady was beaten and tortured twice, first by the Royal Ulster Constabulary on the day he was taken into custody, and later on September 22nd while he was held in the Long Kesh Camp. Brady further alleges that he was held over 3 months before he was even charged with the commission of a crime. Charges were finally served on him on September 26th, some 3 months after he was taken into custody. He was convicted on a trial held on October 10th.

The complaint also states that the Royal Ulster Constabulary, (RUC) asked for and obtained 14 adjournments from the court, alleging each time that they had no proof against Brady and needed more time to look for the necessary evidence. The complaint also states that the British government advised the U.S. Consul in Belfast before the trial that the government had no evidence against Brady and discussed with the Consul, Brady's deportation. Later, however, the gov-

ernment insisted on trying Brady. The suit also alleges that Brady was deprived of an attorney of his own choosing and had to act as his own attorney on the trial.

Brady alleges that no evidence was introduced against him on the trial and even the military witnesses who appeared failed to identify him as being a participant.

The American Consul had visited Brady several times and the U.S. State Department has asked the British government to release him. However, Mr. Heath has refused to do so. Several Congressmen have attempted to assist Brady.

The suit was filed in U.S. Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. by attorney James C. Heaney of Buffalo, New York. The complaint alleges further that Brady was beaten and deprived of his freedom since June 23rd in violation of his rights under the 4th, 5th, 6th and 14th amendments of the U.S. Constitution and other federal statutes. The complaint asks for one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars in compensatory damages and three million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars in punitive damages. A jury trial is also requested.

Brady's family in Chicago claims that the British government has attempted to keep Brady's imprisonment from the American and British public.

The law suit could strain relations between the United States and

Great Britain. Whatever the outcome, the litigation places before U.S. courts and the American public the issue of the British presence in Northern Ireland, a development British officials will hardly welcome. The operation of the Special Powers Act will also be reviewed by the Federal Court as the British Army seized Brady under the provisions of this law. The act permits internment without charge or trial and has been severely criticised.

Britain has employed the act to intern about 2,500 people in Nor-

thern Ireland since August of 1971. All internees have been Catholics. Catholic leaders point out that no Protestant has even been interned since 1922 when the law was first enacted. Brady is a Catholic. It is expected that the Brady suit will embarrass Britain within the Common Market where she has been already severely criticised by other members because of her position in Ulster. Britain's march from Long Kesh to the Federal Courts in Washington, D.C. may prove to be a long and arduous journey.

GREEN CROSS

After the first week of internment small groups were formed all over the Six Counties to help the dependants of internees. The wives and mothers of internees found that they could not visit their sons and husbands on the small amount of state assistance they were receiving. Food parcels and clothing had to be bought and continually replaced, after being destroyed by the rampaging soldiers and dogs let loose on the defenceless internees.

In September 1971 the Green Cross Fund was set up in South Armagh to help the dependants of internees and political prisoners from this area. Dances, concerts, raffles, and collections were held in every parish, with the result that every family who have a member jailed or interned receive a small amount of money each week. This year the South Armagh Green Cross has extended into Co. Louth and families from this area who have members jailed or detained are also receiving assistance.

Mr. Jim Murphy Chairman of the Green Cross Fund told a member of the Michael Watters Sinn Fein Cumann that he would like more people to visit the men in Long Kesh and Crumlin Road Jail. Some of the men do not receive regular visits and like to keep in touch with the outside news.

Funds are urgently needed and all fund-raising groups are asked to make an extra effort in the coming months.

A REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE SIX COUNTIES

Anniversary of Ballyseedy

On the night of March 6/7, 1923, nine helpless Republican prisoners were tied to a landmine by Free State soldiers at Ballyseedy Cross, outside Tra Li, and eight of them were blown to pieces. In the same fiendish manner other prisoners were murdered at Countess Bridge Killarney and at Bagaghs Worlhouse, Cahirciveen. From the southern most reaches of Kerry to Drumboe Castle on the border of Donegal, in those terrible days of 1923, Republicans died defending the 32 County Republic against Free State traitors who sold out to Britain's partition of Ireland.

On Sunday, March 11th next, all who died in defence of the Republic in 1922-23 will be commemorated at 50th anniversary ceremonies at the Ballyseedy Memorial. (Details of the arrangements will be given in a later issue).

Politicians of the two-nations ilk or who preach the Colley brand of bracketed "Republicanism" will no doubt decry the remembrance of what they misname "the civil war". The Fine Gael Free Staters would like to suppress the memory of the barbaric methods used by them in "founding the state". The Fianna Fail Free Staters, who did Sean McCaughey to death like a dog in Port Laoise and who now mistreat Republican prisoners in jails throughout the 26 County state, no longer choose to remember "the 77" when vote-catching. These are the lying politicians who have the gall to-day to condemn the use of force against British terrorists in Occupied Ireland!

In commemorating the tragic years of suffering for the Republic in 1922-23, Kerry men will remember all who down to the present day are giving their lives for the Republican cause, and will rededicate themselves to all out support for our Northern people until justice and freedom shall reign throughout the land.

WARNING FROM TYRONE COMMAND

A statement from the Tyrone Command of the Provisional I.R.A. condemns the wave of burglaries in Dungannon and district in recent weeks.

The statement said it was to be hoped that the action taken and the treatment meted out to certain individuals during the past week would serve as a deterrent to others guilty of such crimes.

TO ALL U N DELEGATORS AND FOREIGN EMBASSY'S IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Britain continued her policy of military repression in the Six Counties into 1973. The situation remains static, as it has since 1969. Civil rights remain suspended. Internment of civilians without charge or trial continues. Local elections remain cancelled. The Catholic ghettos remain saturated with British troops. Protestant supremacy continues as the goal of the Heath government. Mr. Heath rigidly pursues his efforts to impose a military solution to what is, in reality, a political problem. The courts are used to carry out policies of the executive.

HERE IS A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SIX COUNTIES DURING 1972

On January 30th, 1972, the British army shot 30 Irish civilians in Londonderry, killing 13. The action was called mass murder by several Catholic priests and foreign newsmen who were witnesses. Such atrocities continued throughout the year. No English soldier has ever been disciplined. Hundreds of civilians have fallen before the guns and "rubber" bullets of the British Army.

Throughout the year, the British Army saturated Catholic areas, allowing Protestant areas to be controlled by the private Protestant armies of the U.D.A. and the U.V.F., both secretly trained by British Army personnel. Several thousand Catholics in Belfast have had their homes fire bombed by the government supported U.D.A. and U.V.F. In some areas, these groups patrol jointly with the British Army. The homes of internees are special targets of the Army and some homes have been raided as many as 60 times. Army tactics have now alienated the entire Catholic population of one-half million, including the Catholic clergy. In December, 65 Catholic priests publicly protested what they call British atrocities.

On February 23rd, 1972, the High Court of Northern Ireland ruled that the British Army had no authority to suppress civil rights. This meant that the Army's part in internment, the invasion of Irish homes and torture and beatings of civilians was illegal. One hour after the decision, Mr. Heath convened Parliament, and 12 hours after the decision, Parliament passed the "Ireland Act of 1972" which nullified the court decision and legalised the army's actions retroactively to 1969.

In October, Britain was indicted by the Council of Europe's Human Rights Commission in Strasbourg.

The Commission heard and rejected British arguments put forth to justify that government's conduct in Northern Ireland. Mr. Heath now faces international condemnation. The Common Market now faces the political pollution of Britain's excesses in Ulster.

135 civilians, mostly Irish Catholics, have been assassinated since last June. This is part of a reign of terror promoted by the British government in an effort to stifle Irish opposition to British rule. The assassins, for some reason, are miraculously able to drive by army patrols and police units without detection. There has not been a single conviction. It is generally accepted that the S.A.S., the counter-intelligence unit of the British Army (which wears civilian rather than military clothing) is responsible for several of the killings. In October, the I.R.A. claimed to have executed 5 S.A.S. operatives in Belfast. Press disclosures broke the story and forced the

British government to admit S.A.S. operations shortly thereafter.

British propaganda efforts are tightly controlled by the Foreign Office in London. In the United States, the British Embassy is used to conduit and is staffed by 3 full time propaganda officers. A New York public relations firm is also being utilized to plant articles in the news media in the United States and in Europe.

At this time, Ulster remains a military dictatorship under the control of William Whitelaw and the British Army. 1973 promises to be a repetition of the past with no reforms in sight and a military regime in power.

A Chara,

The Father Murphy Cumann, wish to thank all the people of Derrybeg Park who supported the Sinn Fein Rally in Derry on Bloody Sunday. We hope this will be expected by all. We look forward to your support throughout the coming year.

Is mise le meas,
A. Morley, Press Officer.

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This picture was taken in "A" Wing, Crumlin Road Prison and the smiling faces are those of (back row): M. Leonard, Billy McKee, Martin Boyle (front row): P. MacAirt and Gerry O'Hare.