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IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

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TO THE IRISH PEOPLE. GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Resistance to British rule in occupied Ireland has now entered a decisive stage. Early today, northern units of the Irish Republican Army attacked key British occupation installations.

Spearheaded by volunteers of the Irish Republican Army, our people in the Six Counties have carried the fight to the enemy. They are the direct victims of British Imperialism and they are also the backbone of the national revolutionary resurgence.

This is the age old struggle of the Irish people versus British aggression. This is the same cause for which generations of our people have suffered and died. In this grave hour, all Irish men and women, at home and abroad, must sink their differences, political or religious, and rally behind the banner of national liberation.

We call on Irishmen in the British armed forces to stand by the motherland and refuse to bear arms against their own countrymen. We call on members of the R.U.C. and B Special Constabulary to cease being tools of British Imperialism and either stand one side or join us in the fight against tyranny. We warn them that should they reject this plea they will be adjudged renegades by the Irish people and treated accordingly by the Resistance Movement.

This is the fight of the Irish nation struggling to be free and in it all Irish men and women must play their part. They must recognise too that we want no aid from any foreign power and have received none and that in the final analysis it is the Irish people themselves - by their sacrifices, their endurance and their will to victory - who must free Ireland.

The whole of Ireland - its resources, wealth, culture, history and tradition - is the common inheritance of all our people regardless of religious belief. The division of this country by Britain, and its subjection to British political control in the north, and to British economic domination in the south, must now be ended forever. It is up to this generation of Irish men and women to resolve for all time our unity, independence, and freedom from foreign domination. The alternative, if the present situation continues, is extinction as a nation.

The foe will use his considerable resources to divide us by fanning the fires of bigotry and sectarianism - twin enemies of Irish Republicanism. Let us be on our guard; a free Ireland cannot tolerate the one or the other.

Out of this national liberation struggle a new Ireland will emerge, upright and free. In that new Ireland we shall build a country fit for all our people to live in.

That then is our aim; an independent, united, democratic Irish Republic. For this we shall fight until the invader is driven from our soil and victory is ours.

ISSUED BY THE ARMY COUNCIL,  
IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY,

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