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'IT IS NOT THOSE WHO CAN INFLICT THE MOST...'

THE INVASION OF THE BOGSIDE and other Republican areas in the Six Counties, by the British Army during the early hours of Monday morning, was another glaring example of blatant British aggression and interference in Irish affairs. The invasion took place with a massive display of brute force that equalled that used when Nazi tanks rolled into Vienna, or when Russian tanks invaded Budapest and Prague. At that time, as now, the world was told that it was all in the interest of the people in the invaded territories . . .

Mr. Whitelaw, using the language of imperialists, said that the occupation of the Bogside and Creggan had been accomplished to protect the whole community. However, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Labour MP (St. Pancras, North), was more honest. He said that he saw the invasion by the British Army as an attempt to impose a political solution by military means because of pressure from the Unionists and the Conservative Party Right Wing.

British propagandists can repeat lies until they are blue in the face. The Irish people after 800 years of "British protection" will not accept them. The people of the North, who have actively resisted British aggression, particularly since 1969, will not lie down under injustice and denial of national freedom. They will continue to resist British oppression. It should be clear to freedom-loving fellow countrymen in the 26-Counties that they must help to expose to the world, British aggression here in the Six Counties.

No thanks is due to the British Army that no more than two lives were lost in Derry during the invasion. Greater loss of life was prevented by the good sense of the Derry Command of the Irish Republican Army and by the local citizens — it should be clearly realised however, that the British military commanders on the spot had their orders to go into the Bogside. They were prepared to shed as much

blood as they thought necessary to achieve their objective — of that let there be no doubt!

The Irish Press Editorial last Friday, quite rightly commended the Irish Republican Army for not mounting a full-scale resistance to the British Army assault on the barricades. This would not only have been military impossible but would inevitably have led to appalling loss of life among the civilian population — a loss of life that Whitelaw was prepared to recklessly gamble.

Decent Irishmen and women, unlike Brian Faulkner, will grieve the shooting dead of two young men and the wounding of three others by the British Army in Derry last Monday. How many other grieving households would there be in Belfast and Derry this week if the Irish Republican Army had decided to shoot it out against the greatest weight of armoured and men deployed by the British since the Suez debacle?

William Whitelaw said at a Press conference held at Stormont before noon on Monday, that Jack Lynch had been notified beforehand of operation "Motorman," the code name used for the British invasion. Yet Mr. Lynch insisted at his Press conference in Cork, early the same day that the first information he got of the British Army military operation, was only received around 11

p.m. on Sunday. When he was asked if he was disappointed or hurt at not getting notification from the British Government, he replied that he supposed that people like to get prior notification.

Mr. Lynch also said that there would be no military hospitals set up along side the Border as in 1969. At that time, he said, people in the North who were injured were afraid to go into hospitals there — but things were changed now, he added!

The house of veteran Derry Republican, Mr. Sean Keenan, who gave the oration at Bodenstown last June, was left in shambles after British troops raided it. This was no new experience for Mr. Keenan, whose former residence, Hut 21, Cage 3, Long Kesh Concentration Camp, often suffered the same fate during his enforced stay there.

Father Michael Macgreil, S.J., national chaplain to Pax Christ, said on Monday night that he wished to express the strongest possible regret at the appalling invasion: "This move is sure to provoke hostility, if it is not calculated to do so," he said. "I would congratulate the super-human restraint of the population of the invaded areas in the presence of such vulgar provocation — reminiscent of Czechoslovakia, August, 1968. What would have happened had there been some kind of violent resistance

in opposition to the invasion? God only knows!"

As this is being written, we can hear the rumble of British tanks, saracens and lorries outside. We have toured the Catholic schools in Andersonstown, all forcibly occupied by the British Army. Even youth centres, GAA grounds and social facilities have been commandeered by the British. All this in callous disregard of the people's right to go about the business of normal life.

The Association for Legal Justice are quite right in their statement that: "Internment, torture and previous attempts at severe military harassment have already demonstrated the futility of military repression."

Mr. Pdraig O Fainin, President of the GAA, made it clear that the British Army are in possession of Casement Park without the consent or permission of the GAA. He said that the loss of the Park could only be taken as an indication that repression has become an instrument of British policy.

While we do not agree with all the political views held by Mr. Neil Blain TD, we completely agree with him when he said: "Mr. Whitelaw has demonstrated that he is a double-dealing hypocrite. He deliberately created a Budapest situation in Derry after a massive built-up of propaganda, starting with the bombings, of which the

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LIAM MAC

POOR IAN

Paisley's propaganda department is angry that so much publicity was given to the wee man Faulkner cutting short his holiday in Scotland to get home to see Whitelaw and warning him he must throw everything against the IRA. Why does nobody know that Ian cut short his holiday in North Wales three days before the wee man and not a word about his sacrifice.

Beryl Holland letter to press.

GETTING SENSITIVE

I see Harry Taylor, the Special Branch skinhead is getting very sensitive these days. In a news item on the arrests during the weekend (23/7/72) the Sunday News mentioned the boyos name as being in charge of the interrogation of those arrested. On Sunday 30/7/72 they apologised. Our Harry it seems rang them up and told them he had nothing to do with this interrogation exercise as he had been on holiday. But of course one case more or less doesn't make much difference. Harry's case history is already well known and some day he will have to pay the price of selling his soul.

Resentment 1

The editorial of the Tyrone Democrat (27/7/72) sums up the feeling of the anti-unionist population faced with the troop activity in their areas "The troops succeed in restoring the resentment of those residents by their sometimes brutal behaviour. The resentment is made still greater, of course, by the knowledge that at least thirty people have been brutally murdered in recent times by gunmen, whatever their allegiance, were certainly not bearing arms on behalf of the Provisional or any other IRA. When they see these 'other' gunmen apparently able to shoot down their fellows with impunity and without the follow-up of massive arms searches in 'their' areas then the ghetto dwellers decide that the devil they know is not such a bad fellow after all."

Resentment 2

Very little publicity has been given to the complaint of Jack Hassard the NILP man in Dungannon who is also secretary of the Post Office

Workers Union, that the police and an army held back the news from the staff of Newry Head Post Office that a bomb had been planted in the building. A warning had been received by the police at 10.40 a.m. on Friday yet when the bomb exploded at 11.4 a.m. no notification had been received by the staff there would have been a number of certain deaths."

(See Tyrone Democrat 27/7/72).

Don't worry - Says Ivan

With the mass media-press, television and radio preparing the way for repressive action by the British Army on the no-go areas of Derry and Belfast, it is well worth reminding the rank and file members of the SDLP in whose name their leaders decided to have talks with Whitelaw and Co., that in their statement they pointed out that "We remain firmly and relentlessly opposed to internment or to any acts of military repression against Catholic areas?"

But since that statement we have now got Ivan Cooper telling us not to worry, "that he had been assured that paratroopers would not be used in the Bogside where residents were now resigned to imminent invasion by the army. He predicted that the invasion could come at any time from dawn today." (Sunday Press 30/7/72)

Thanks Ivan that's a relief . . . so we can look forward to being shot down by other uniformed thugs and not by the Bloody Sunday murderers.

The question the ordinary men and women will be asking will the SDLP leaders keep on talking and just ignore the military repression? Let the politicians jockey for position the people will remember them.

No comment

"Many industries came to a halt on Wednesday as the UDA and LAW members stayed off work and spent the day 'in solemn remembrance.'" (East Antrim Times 28/7/72). "Many of those who did leave work mourned in an unusual way.

The AA reported heaviest traffic to and from the Co. Down resorts." (Belfast Telegraph 27/7/72).

THE NAZI METHOD

I remember in the 1930's the Nazi in Germany had a method of stamping the members of the Jewish people so that they were easy identified by all the other gangsters and thus were able with impunity carry out a programme of not only discrimination but later a policy of genocide against them. Now that Whitelaw's thugs have hit on a new method of identifying Catholics who they can't arrest, by stamping on the palms of their hands which will make them easier to be identified as Catholics by the hooded gangsters and the assassination squads I am waiting to see which organisation - other than the Republican Movement - is going to be the first to protest against this system. Where are all those 'peace at any price' merchants . . . where are all those Catholic spokesmen from the SDLP and the Alliance Party . . . it took Napier Holmes and Fitt a hell of a long time to protect Whitelaw about the murder gangs from the UDA and the UVF. What about N.I.C.R.A. executive will they wait until they can only recognise their membership by the Army stamp on their hands?

Establishment

The trick played by the Law Lords to get the Heath Government off the hook regarding the Dock strike has raised eye brows in Britain, and of course the denial of the Government in having done such a thing. The political commentators point out that Lord Chancellor Hailsham was at the Cabinet meeting prior to the decision being taken by the Law Lords and he is the official link with the Judiciary.

Now if they had called in wee man Brian he could have told them how to do it without any one being suspicious. He could have called on fifty years of unionist history and quoted case after case of how it was done. It was never collusion, it was just one section of the establishment helping the other. Maybe this is just what happened in the Docks case.

THE TRUTH

I like the reply of Claud Gordon in the Sunday Press (30/7/72) to the New Ireland Movement regarding

the question that the N.I. people should be given the right to decide their own future. "The New Ireland Movement should do a lot more thinking about it. Deeper thinkers maybe, then, the truth will dawn on them that the Northern people have never had the right to decide their own future. They have been ruled over, ruled for, ruled against and generally kicked around and pushed around by the sovereign will of another parliament, which does not even consult them in any major decision affecting their future, is, at the moment, quite academic. Britain decides for them. They themselves will only be able to decide when Britain gets off their backs. They will gain freedom to decide only when they obtain their share of power in a 32 County Ireland."

Tut-Tut Erne!

Now no one in their right mind would call our old friend Erne Sense of the Fermanagh Herald a revolutionary, so that when one reads in his column 29/7/72 about the British Army consulting the residents of a certain town as they walk past the army post, and Erne's conclusion that if someone blew up the post, not one person in the town would have much sympathy for the troops, shows how much the ordinary people are sick and sore at the attitude of these so-called disciplined troops.

GOOD OLD TOMMY

Now that Tuzo is leaving us I wonder if the Alliance Party will now claim that it was they who got him removed. The day before the announcement of his leaving, Tommy Gormley the Alliance M.P. had called for his replacement because he was tainted with the Faulkner regime and that he had lost control of the UDA who were now actively supporting and helping the UDA. Now Tommy what about complaining about the whole of the Army and maybe the Alliance could also claim they got rid of them!

DENIAL

THE IRISH REPUBLICAN PUBLICITY BUREAU, DUBLIN, WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT THE CLAIM BY DR. JOHN O'CONNELL T.D. THAT HE HELPED TO BRING ABOUT THE TRUCE IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

Dr. O'Connell had neither hand, act or part in the arrangements or talks that led to the Truce. He is in no way a mediator for the Republican Movement.

The I.R.P.B. also states that the views expressed by DESMOND FENNELL in a Sunday newspaper were his own personal views and in no way represent Republican views or policies.

THE MARK OF CAIN

Many Irishmen and boys, and indeed girls were hauled from their beds recently be raiding parties of the British Army.

After lengthy interrogation those who were 'clear' were allowed to leave. However, before their release was final their hands were stamped with indelible ink with the mark 'Provisional' or 'Official', sometimes with a rank or battalion area included.

These tactics have a familiar ring to them. Perhaps the Jewish community in the north could shed some light on the subject.

HOOLIGANS:

Unarmed protestors against the loss of legal civil and moral rights in spontaneous, unorganised demonstrations.

ILLEGAL ORGANISATIONS:

Freedom fighters who refuse to recognise (within their own national boundaries), a foreign administration and its courts; courts whose rulings can be abrogated by Parliament overnight to absolve murders by occupation troops, and can be back-dated for years if necessary to prevent claims for illegal damages and injuries.

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INTIMIDATION

THE WHOLESALE intimidation of Catholic families in fringe areas in Belfast have been IGNORED BY THE RUC. "We don't know of any intimidation" is the answer usually offered.

INTIMIDATION is a very embarrassing and touchy subject for the Whitelaw administration. It is ignored because of British policy of appeasing the UDA. So the mass exodus of families and their belongings continues.

A recent series of victims of this cruel occurrence happened in Clovelly Street on the Springfield Road. This was a street of 50 per cent. of each denomination. The last straw of INTIMIDATION took place with the murder of a young resident on Friday, 21st July (see picture on Page Seven). Later in the morning another Catholic was fired on by UDA men. Other residents had live rounds of ammunition put through their letter-boxes. Yet the Press and TV would have us believe that no INTIMIDATION took place, that the Catholics left their homes of their own accord. The British propaganda machine failed to mention the fact of the bomb that was dismantled on the windowsill of a Catholic tenant, or of the house that was wrecked in mistake for a Catholic, or of the frequent sniping at Catholics walking in the street.

A visit to the street now would show just where INTIMIDATION exists. The roads into the street are packed and armed UDA men are in possession of abandoned Catholic homes. It should be said that the hired gunmen of the British Army are there giving a hand to stop the INTIMIDATION spreading!

(Why bomb warnings were kept secret)

BRITISH CYNICISM

The British government, aided by a hysterical mass media, has mounted its most intensive propaganda campaign against the Irish Republican Army in a bid to equate the explosions on Friday, July 21, with Derry's 'Bloody Sunday.'

In one sense there is a similarity. In Derry, British paratroopers cold bloodedly killed fourteen unarmed demonstrators in an attempt that totally failed.

In Belfast on Friday week last, apparently under a plan kept secret from all but the most senior British military strategists, IRA warnings of impending explosions were not passed on or deliberately so delayed that heavy civilians casualties became inevitable.

The cold blooded plan was very simple — to have the IRA bombers depicted as conscience-less madmen, and in the natural revulsion that followed the deaths to find a gullible public support massive military counter assault on the Nationalist ghettos.

That cynical manoeuvre paid off in a series of horror publicity reactions, and the British are now poised for attacks on civilian homes which, if they succeed, will make Bloody Sunday look like a picnic.

Delaying public safety measures after bomb warnings is a tactic the British used against the Jews

in Jerusalem and against the Arabs in Aden. *But the blame rests squarely on the men who wouldn't give the orders to clear the danger areas.*

Their type of cynicism has angered the Secretary of the Post Office Workers' Union, Mr. Jack Hassard, who has demanded that the Chief Constable of the RUC and Mr. W. Whitelaw should issue a statement regarding the failure of the RUC to notify the staff of Newry Head Post Office that a bomb had been placed in the building.

Mr. Hassard said the RUC received notice at 10.50 am that a bomb had been placed, but that at 11.04 am when the bomb exploded, no warning had been given to the post office officials.

Mr. Hassard said that but for the action of a local businessman in alerting the staff, there would have been a serious loss of life.

The British delay-trick didn't work in Newry. Alas, it was all too successful in Belfast.

NLF v IRA

THE IRISH NEWS of the past few weeks has been used as the media by which attacks have been made on the Provisional IRA by the National Liberation Movement.

The Irish Republican Movement has always been loathe to enter into a pen war with others than British Propaganda Press; but recently we have seen it necessary to answer scullulous accusations made by the NLF.

We would point out to our supporters that the National Liberation Front has been actively supporting the British Press in their attack on the IRA. Considering the past statements against our policies; for every seven published from the NLF five have been anti-IRA.

We have no desire to be shown as a "bickering" organisation, but in the pen war being carried on, we believe that the NLF would do a better job of it by leaving the IRA out of their future statements.

SUBVERSIVES:

Any who attempt to overthrow foreign-imposed government, and defend the victims of its' repressive laws.

William Craig's promise to the Catholic minority in the North

LIQUIDATION

The following is the grim compendium of death and mutilation as has been meted out to unsuspecting Catholics beginning with the 1st May of this year.

Following the death in the Ardoyne area of Belfast of a member of the Catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association, BERNARD RICE, a pattern of liquidation soon became clear. The murder of this man took place on February the 8th. Shortly after this killing another equally brutal assassination was undertaken, the victim being a 16-year old youth, who was murdered by men who asked for street directions. The sequence of killing thereafter reads as follows (as accurate an account as possible):

May 4th, 1972:
VICTOR ANDREWS, age 20.

This young man was a seaman and was home on leave. He was stabbed to death by two men in an alleyway not far from his own home. Altogether 18 stab wounds were inflicted in a most vicious and maniacal fashion.

May 12th, 1972:
PATRICK McVEIGH, age 45.
Married. This man was a vigilante on patrol in the Finaghy Road area. He was shot several times in the back, from a passing car.

May 17th, 1972:
BERNARD MOANE, age 46.
Married with six children. Wine Salesman. This man was murdered in a most brutal way. His assailants way laid him on the Shankill Road and his tortured and mutilated body was found at the Knockagh Monument at Carrickfergus. The killers drank beer and sang while torturing of this man was carried out.

May 28th, 1972:
GERARD DUDDY, age 17.
Single man. This youth was shot from a passing car, in the same general locality as Patrick McVeigh (Finaghy Road).

May 28th, 1972:
Protestant extremists, operating from Springmartin planted a bomb at Kelly's Bar on the Whiterock Rd.

Then they waited to snipe at the fleeing customers. This attack claimed the lives of:

THOMAS McILROY, age 49
MICHAEL MAGEE, age 16
MARTHA CAMPBELL, age 13
ROBERT McMULLAN, age 32, was seriously wounded.

End of May, 1972:
GERARD McCUSKER, age 24.

Marchioness Street. This young man's body was found on waste ground at Hopeton Street. He had been brutally beaten, his wrists were broken, and his hair had been torn out by the roots.

CRAIG'S PROMISE FULFILLED

From the aforementioned names a dossier of death for Catholics is clearly seen. To all who seek the truth of the situation we publish it in black and white. However, to the security people, to Mr. White-law, etc., these deaths are a — "Mystery." So much so that no attempt whatever has been made to investigate them. In the case of FRANK ARTHURS, taken from a taxi by a UDA patrol, why if the UDA are so well organised, could the RUC not elucidate who was in that UDA patrol, at that time and on that particular night.

Careful examination of recent bigoted outbursts by WILLIE CRAIG would seem to hold the key to the mass murder of Catholics that has been taking place in the last two months. It was he himself who declared that the only way to deal with the minority was by LIQUIDATION! 34 deaths in two months bears out the reality of his threat.

However, a clever smokescreen is being cast around these deaths. First they are 'mysteries', then they are IRA assassinations. No emphasis at all is put on the fact that it is the sworn oath of the UDA and Vanguard to kill at least "one Fenian a day."

In all the wailings of recent days by Catholic Church leaders and the SDLP and NLF about the bombings in Belfast, none have felt obliged to even comment on the wave of mass executions that are being carried out. Mr. Gerry Fitt and Co., should take note of the fact of these terrible deaths. They are still going on. The UDA are not a force to be reasoned with as human beings. They have proved beyond doubt that they have the capacity of a ghoul when it comes to murdering a "Taig."

June 5th, 1972:
GERARD MURRAY, age 26.
Shopkeeper. This man was shot to death as he was locking up his premises in Lisburn. His murderers escaped in a car.

June 12th, 1972:
SEAN MADDEN, age 48.
Resident of the Oldpark. This man was shot dead by a sniper. It was four hours before anyone could reach him.

June 16th, 1972:
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June 27th, 1972:
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at a street corner
July 3rd, 1972:
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BRITISH AUDACITY

IT SEEMS TO be an occupational disease with British politicians that they must always claim a strong moral foundation for the activities of the British Army in other people's countries.

Mr. Whitelaw is no exception. When the British military commanders submitted to the UDA at Ainsworth Avenue and at Lenadoon, they were only doing publicly what had already been done in private — collusion with the UDA and Vanguard.

Mr. Whitelaw called the world and his wife to witness the purity of his intentions and his motives. Of course, there is no difference between him and Mr. Heath who also called the world to witness the justice of his cause — to witness his efforts for "peace."

The British were able in the past to surround our island with a "paper wall." They were thus able to prevent us from stating our case to people in other countries. At the same time, they suppressed from the eyes of the world, the injustices and brutalities that was caused by British Imperialism in Ireland.

Modern communications has altered this state of affairs. It seems now that world opinion is now more aware of what is really happening in the Six Counties than Mr. Lynch or RTE. In fairness, there are honest news men working for RTE who would like to broadcast the true facts but the Lynch regime has them effectively gagged.

When Mr. Heath now calls the world to witness — he might very well discover that the world can bear witness to ugly happenings here that the British news media deliberately suppress.

There are still some people who can remember when the British Empire was in its "glory." As G.B. Shaw wrote in one of his prefaces: If a dog barked in Alexandria, a British gun boat was on its way immediately to investigate! Or when a British Labour MP, once asked how many delayed action bombs had been dropped in India that year, he was told that the British government did not keep those type of statistics.

Some people are still alive who can remember the holocaust of Dresden on 13-14th February, 1945. The dates are important. That ancient city, a garden city, it had no military objectives, it was undefended with many wounded soldiers belonging to both sides,

All this did not prevent the British causing a "fire storm" by sending their bombers to drop 3,000 tons of bombs. These included 650,000 incendiary bombs. 135,000 people died in that carefully planned "operation." More people died in that raid than were killed by the Atomic Bomb dropped by the Americans on Hiroshima which claimed 71,000 victims.

We can see from this, that attacks without warning on civilians is nothing new as far as the British are concerned. It is only a step from occupying people's homes in Lenadoon and on Shaws Road to using them as hostages.

British troops ordered families out of their homes on Shaws Road within the past few weeks at 3 a.m. during heavy rain. When the people asked where they could go, the troops replied: "Go wherever you F..... well like."

Of course, these brave soldiers had the presence of mind to remove all regimental marks and insignia beforehand in order not to be identified. They had to protect themselves from the innocent women and children. So unlike their attitude when they play peek-a-boo with the U.D.A.

Clovelly Street. This young man was shot dead in his own doorway by members of the UDA. On answering a knock at his door he was riddled to death in the hallway.

July 21st, 1972:

FRANK ARTHURS, age 34.

Single man. This young man was escorting his girlfriend home in a taxi to Ardoyne. This was intercepted by a UDA patrol. The man was taken from the car. His body was found some hours later. He had been shot dead and his corpse horribly mutilated.

July 22nd, 1972:

JOSEPH ROSATO, age 46.

This man lived in the Deerpark Rd., area and death came as a knock on his front door. The men who called inquired after his own son and they shot him where he stood.

July 23rd, 1972:

ROSE McCARTNEY, age 24, Irish Drive, engaged to:

P. J. O'NEILL, age 36, Havana St., Ardoyne.

This young couple were found shot dead in their car in the Glencairn Estate. The couple had suffered the most bestial atrocities mentionable before their deaths.

July 26th, 1972:

FRANK CORR,

Norglen Gardens, married with a family of five. This man's body was found in the burnt out ruins of a car. He had been shot dead.

July 26th, 1972:

JOHN MCGERTY

Married man from Monkstown. This man's body, charred beyond recognition was found in the same vehicles in which Frank Corr's body was found.

July 28th, 1972:

FRANK McSTRAVICK, age 44.

This Belfast man was just home from England, where he had lived for some time. He was found shot dead, wrapped in a sack at railway lines in the Sandy Row area of Belfast.

July 29th, 1972:

PHIL MAGUIRE, age 55.

Salesman. Lived at Andersonstown. This unfortunate man was waylaid and done to death. He was also robbed. His body was found on the Carrowreagh Road.

STATEMENT

We have been asked to publish this joint statement from the North Fermanagh, East Tyrone and North Armagh Commands Irish Republican Army:

We know now the Officers and Volunteers of Oglagh na hEireann in Belfast must feel at the civilian deaths in their city. There is not the slightest doubt in our minds that they are stating the truth when they say that they gave ample warning on each operation for the neighbourhood to be cleared.

On similar operations in the areas under our commands, the RUC and British military have ignored our warnings and put the public in danger of death. In two particular cases they actually warned the Unionist sections of towns while the Nationalist sections of towns closer to the bombs were ignored.

The Ghouls — the paid politicians, the hypocritical clergymen who allowed injustices to flourish without protest, the moderates (so-called) who stood by while our nation was mutilated and allowed without protest a bigoted, Orange junta to trample the people of the Six Counties into the ground for 50 years. Our former comrades (The Officials) whose anti-Republican utterances and lying statements show that once you compromise on your principles, you then hate those who have remained firm. All these till now have used the tragic civilian deaths for their own ends as political football.

To the public we say, nothing has changed; the fight for freedom must go on. Look past the propaganda which is being churned out by our powerful enemies who have the Press, radio and television at their disposal.

Remember these same people have allowed the 'B' Specials, RUC, UDR the British Army and the UDA licence to torture prisoners, wreck homes, abuse women and school-children and shoot down people on the streets.

To Whitelaw, we say — You and your thugs broke the Truce, you allow the UDA to go about armed, you know who shot more than nine during the Truce period. These are our people who died so tragically. Get your professional murderers back to England and leave us in peace to sort out our own affairs.

To the Belfast Command, we say — The operations themselves were brilliant. You are an inspiration to us all. We salute you and all your brave Volunteers.

COLLUSION WITH ENEMY

ONCE AGAIN Gerry Fitt and Paddy Devlin make an effort to jump into the limelight, trying to cash in on the events on the Friday when nine civilians tragically lost their lives.

It has become clear since, that the British mounted a major propaganda campaign to cover the fact that their so-called security forces deliberately allowed these nine people to die and a large number to be seriously injured in order to discredit the Republican Movement. The British used every means of propaganda in their power to try and make the public believe that the British were given no advance warning of the bombing.

Unfortunately for the British Security Forces, there are still some honest and unbought men in Ireland. The Samaritans and the Public Protection Agency (all honour to them for their courage) acknowledged that they received advance warning about the two fatal explosions and that they had passed on the warnings to the British.

In the case of the Cavehill Road bomb, the Public Protection Agency were able to pass the warning to the British at 2.07 p.m., this bomb eventually exploded at 3.20 p.m. — one hour and 13 minutes later. The PPA passed on the warning about the bomb in Oxford Street at 2.40 p.m., and this exploded at 3.10 p.m. — half an hour later.

Notwithstanding the fact that ample advance warnings were given, and passed on the Samaritans and the Public Protection Agency, Fitt and Co. joined with the enemies of our country in their anxiety to calumniate and vilify the only move

ment which has put forward a solution that has a reasonable chance of being accepted by Protestant, Catholic, Republican and Unionist. A solution which will guarantee a final end of the genuine fears of the two communities, in which Protestants can take their rightful place in the Irish Nation. Tone's dictum will come to fruition when Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter become united under the common name of Irishmen.

Freedom-loving Irish people will sharply resent the audacity of Party politicians like Fitt, Devlin and Currie suddenly re-appearing on the scene to make a vicious attack on the Republican Movement.

The SDLP MP's claim that they left Stormont on the interment issue, but Fitt and Devlin are on record as supporting imprisonment without trial on the grounds that it should be selective.

Fitt described the Republican Leadership as politically inept; but let us examine the facts — Republicans refuse to deviate from our demands that the Irish people have the right to National Self-Determination. We mean of course, all the people of Ireland, irrespective of religion or class. To meet what the Republican Movement considers the legitimate fears of the Protestant majority in the historic Province of Ulster (nine counties), we propose that a Regional Parliament be set up in which the Protestant people, because of their numerical strength, would have the largest representation.

The Republican Movement also proposes that a similar regional Parliament be set up in each of the other three Provinces. We also propose that the members of each regional Parliament elect an equal number of TDs or MPs to sit in Dail Eireann, the federal parliament for all Ireland. Dail Eireann, of course, will not give allegiance to any foreign power, but will be responsible only to the Irish people.

We suggest, therefore, that the SDLP should spell out in clear terms for the Irish people, their solution and the Irish people, their solution and their plans to bring a just and lasting peace to our country. We await with interest their re-action.

LOST

Would the persons from County Armagh who took parcels of literature from the Monaghan bus at the Curragh on Sunday, July 9th, please contact Sean O' Bradaigh, 2a Lower Kevin Street Dublin, at once.

WELL DONE!

WE CONGRATULATE the Republican prisoners who have been on hunger strike, some of them up to 33 days in prisons in the 26-Counties, for their victory in achieving their demands for political status.

Their victory is a tribute to their courage and self-sacrifice in practising this supreme form of non-violence. We commend those people throughout Ireland and abroad who worked to draw public attention to the plight of the hunger strikers.

LIEUT. JACKIE McILHONE

Lieut Jackie McIlhone, 3rd Battalion, Oglagh na hEireann, died as a result of an explosion on 28th May. If he had lived, he would have been celebrating his 18th birthday on 8th August

This little notice is inserted at the request of some of his Comrades. Ar dheas de go rabh a nam.

SINN FEIN NEWRY COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR RALLY

Newry Town
Tuesday, Aug

All supporters
welcome

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Whiterock Industrial Estates Ltd., Springfield Rd., Belfast 12

A Chara - We are pleased to be able to inform you that work will commence on the factory site at McAulfield's farm on Monday 7th July. A. Contract has been placed with Ms. P. J. Walls & Sons for the completion of road works, sewage, all site excavations, services, fencing etc.

This contract which is costing over £100,000 will be completed in six months but before the site works are complete we propose to build our first couple of factory buildings.

We are currently negotiating with the Ministry that they rent one of these as a training centre for the area.

This is the first Local Co-Operative Factory Estate in Ireland and as such we have to try and make our terms, the appearance of the whole development and the efficiency with which it is carried out attractive to potential clients.

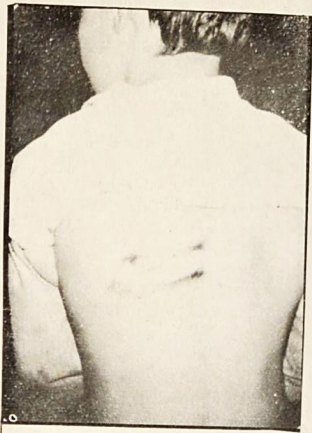
We appeal to the local community to assist the development as much as possible by protecting plant and machinery on the site and by contributing to our fund raising appeal which we will be launching in a few weeks' time.

Le Meas,
SEAN MACKLE, Secretary

ORANGE COM

The Orange Communists (B & ICO) are finding it difficult these days to keep up with events what with all the various types of 'Loyalist' groupings they don't really know which group to support. On the front page of the 'Workers Weekly No. 17 they have a go at the Vanguard for not welcoming the move of the SDLP to talk with Whitelaw, this is wrong because they have Fitt's word that the minority intend to respect the wishes of the majority regarding the link with Britain, thus this in itself will be a necessary step for the development of ordinary bourgeois democracy . . . you guessed it get back to the democracy that was in existence up to 1968.

On the inside page they then try to prove to the UDA that it is not enough for them to 'express noble sentiments' to the Catholic population, no they will in fact have to stop murdering the Catholics who in behind the UDA barricades . . . they condemn this activity - not on moral grounds - to hell with that. No just that if they keep on murdering Catholics then it will only help the IRA.



THIS LITTLE BOY, only eight years of age, was struck by rubber bullets fired at him by the British Army in Andersonstown.

A PARITY

1913-1972

THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE, although describing a situation taking place in 1913 bears such a resemblance to 1972 that it is uncanny.

The man to draft out the plan in 1913 was James Craig (Lord Craigavon), our man in 1972 is William Craig (Lord)?

"On January 31st, 1913, a carefully detailed draft plan for a provisional government (UDI)* was submitted by the Ulster Unionist Council. It even provided for a separate judiciary. Here was an exquisite paradox indeed: in order to protect their cherished Act of Union the Ulster Unionists were prepared to establish their own administration.

They also set up their own army, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UDA, Vanguard 1972)* amalgamating into one organisation in numerous groups of volunteers from Orange Lodges all over the province who had been drilling and training ever since the big demonstration at Craigavon in September 1911. Such 'unofficial' military activity was quite lawful (Mr. Whitelaw take note)*: any two Justices of the Peace would sanction it in their area provided that the object was to maintain the Constitution of the United Kingdom and to protect the rights and liberties of its citizens. There was no denying that the aim of the volunteers was to do exactly these things as the Justices of the Peace, Unionists almost to a man, were delighted to recognise.

Rifle clubs provided a splendid cover for training in the use of firearms (none different today)* and rifles in ever increasing numbers

began to be imported into Ulster. The British Government looked upon the UVF as something as a joke (the current British Government look upon the UDA in somewhat similar fashion)* but the Ulstermen were well organised and, with plenty of ex-army officers to help drilled assiduously and with determination.

"Craig (Willie or James)* meanwhile had been exceedingly active, stumping the country, soliciting support, but he still found time to organise yet another massive demonstration at Craigavon at which the formation of the UVF (UDA or Vanguard)! was officially announced. This followed the seizure of consignments of rifles which could have been imported legally, but were smuggled in order to preserve secrecy." (see 'A State of Disunion, by Calton Younger)

* the words in brackets are the writers own comments



This tragic photograph of Tony Davidson, only 22 years of age and married with two small babies. Tony, was gunned to death in his own hallway by members of the UDA. He has been one of over 40 Catholics to die so callous a death.

Association for Legal Justice

Statement given to ALJ by Mrs. Ward (wife), on 31st July, 1972 — Gerald Ward, 84 Beechmount Pass, Belfast, Age 30, Married, three children ages, 7, 3, and 3 yr. 4 mths.

We lived in 27 Peel Street at the time Gerald was shot (23rd or 24th July, 1971).

Gerald was in his mother's house and had just left it when he was shot. He was taken to the RVH where he underwent an operation. The surgeon said he had to remove part of his intestines, part of the bowels and his liver. This was during one operation. He went through two more operations after that.

Gerald complained of a severe pain in his leg and it was discovered that he had a hair crack in the spinal column.

Gerald spent 7 or 8 weeks in the hospital and then was discharged. He had to attend the hospital three times per week for physiotherapy treatment. He was on crutches. He was still on crutches right up until he was arrested. He was arrested on December 3, 1971, on the Grosvenor Rd., whilst he was trying to make his way down the road on crutches he was detained from the 3rd Dec. until Dec. 24th then he was interned. Dr. Hendron has a full report on this case and has written to Mr. Whitelaw pleading with him to release Gerald owing to his most serious condition, but Dr. Hendron only got a card to say they would look into it. Gerald is still there.

Gerald was taken to the Lagan Valley Hospital on Monday, 24th July, 1972. The surgeon said after the ~~ex-ray~~ had been taken that as his spine had been damaged he would have to be fitted with a steel brace and if this did not prove a success he would have to devise other treatment. — Signed Mary T. Ward, Witnessed by R. O'Boyle

RESPONSE?

PORTADOWN POLICE say they have had a "tremendous response" to their Press appeal asking people going on holidays to leave firearms at the station for safe-keeping." (Portadown Times 28/7/72)

"The latest rabbit out of the Vanguard hat demonstrates the paucity and bankruptcy of their politics." (Protestant Telegraph 29/7/72).

DO YOUR BEST TO ATTEND

A Seminar/Conference organised by Comhairle Uladh will be held in the Western Hotel, Monaghan, on Sunday, 6th August, 1972 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Frank McManus, chairman of Comhairle Uladh will preside, the lecturers are — Mr. Desmond Fennell and Mr. Emmett O'Connell.

Public representatives, whether at local or national level, are particularly welcome as people with much to give to and much to gain from such a Seminar. It is hoped that as many members of Sinn Fein as possible may be able to attend.

The Aims of Comhairle Uladh are: 1, to promote the establishment of Dial Uladh, 2, To co-ordinate campaign of Civil Disobedience. 3, To secure the release of all political prisoners. 4, To co-ordinate measures for the relief of distress and suffering.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir — May I vigorously contradict Rev. J. T. R. Rodgers's version of the attack on Mr. Frank Gogarty's house, as described in his August 1st letter to the Irish Times? Rev. Rodgers identified himself as "a near neighbour, witness of the incident and one who played a leading part in calming the situation."

I can identify myself as one of three journalists visiting Mr. Gogarty's house before and during the attacks, which were intermittent and intense over a period of almost three hours. Rev. Rodgers suggests Mr. Gogarty was "partly responsible" for the attacks. He could not be more mistaken, as Mr. Gogarty was sitting in his study being interviewed by three journalists when the attacks first began.

Moreover, throughout his protracted ordeal, Mr. Gogarty repeatedly warned his sons that there should be no acts of retaliation. Rev. J. T. R. Rodgers further states he personally witnessed "deliberate acts of provocation by Mr. Gogarty." I'll be charitable enough to suggest Rev. Rodgers might have been so confused by the excitement that he imagined things because there were absolutely no acts of provocation by Mr. Gogarty. Not only can my words be backed up by my two fellow journalists, Mr. Jack Deacy of New York Magazine and Msr. Georges Bagget of Paris, but they will also be backed up by a French Presbyterian minister who was visiting Mr. Gogarty at the time and who very narrowly escaped serious injury.

Was Rev. Rodgers in the crowd when they broke the front door and smashed the side windows in their attempts to enter the house? I personally barricaded the door after they broke it. Along with Mr. Deacy and Msr. Bagget, I helped to turn them back when they tried to climb through the windows. I suffered injuries of the face,

arm and leg, for which I have a medical certificate signed by Dr. J. Tohill. Mr. Gogarty was rendered senseless when struck on the head by a brick hurled through the window.

Rev. Rodgers claims: "both the Army and the police acted very properly in giving Mr. Gogarty protection." Was it proper for Chief Inspector Nichol to tell us that he could not guarantee his control of the crowd, but the situation might be cooled if a middle-aged civilian, who identified himself only as John, were allowed to search the house? Because of Mr. Gogarty's injury I personally conducted this person John and Chief Inspector Nichol through a search of every room in the house and back again. I can prove this. Can Rev. Rodgers prove that John was not the representative of the Mount Vernon Estate UDA?

It might interest Rev. Rodgers to know that I have a tape recording of the attacks on the house, copies of which I will make available to anyone who supplies me with a tape cassette. It will be interesting to see the reaction of the various news media people I intend to play this tape for back in the United States when they hear the language used by the crowd. Does Rev. Rodgers claim these — Christians" for his congregation?

Finally, let me remind Rev. Rodgers that when the middle class residents of Ft. William Park petitioned to obstruct the erection of the Mt. Vernon high flats six years ago on the grounds that it would be a scenic disgrace and would lower the values of their properties,

it was Mr. Frank Gogarty who fought that petition with the argument that "It's more important that these working class people have some place to live." Ironic, isn't it, that these working class people have now succeeded in driving Mr. Gogarty and his family out of his home?

Since Rev. Rodgers claims to have written what he calls "a detailed and accurate" account of these events to Mr. Whitelaw, I will send my detailed and accurate account to Mr. Whitelaw as well. If he has any doubts as to which account is more detailed and more accurate I can call on two fellow journalists and a clergyman to substantiate mine. JACK MCKINNEY Philadelphia Daily News.

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British Army had due warning, but did not pass on." What freedom-loving Irishmen could disagree with Mr. Blaney when he calls on the people of the 26-Counties to assist the Northern resistance in every way possible?

Mr. Blaney voices the thoughts of many Republicans when he said: "All collaboration with Mr. Whitelaw and the British Government must cease. Steps must be taken to bring to the notice of the world the rape of the Nationalist people in the Six Counties, coupled with the indiscriminate assassination campaign of revolting murders by Unionist-led extremists."

Alright Mr. Whitelaw, you had your fling last Monday. But let us make our position clear — our attitude remains the same — DAMN YOUR CONCESSIONS, WE DON'T BOW TO REPRESSION, WE WANT OUR COUNTRY!