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Pictured on the occasion of the Commemoration Ceremony held in Memory of Staff Officer Francis Hall and Staff Captain Anne Marie Pettigrew. Report and more pictures on Page three (Photo by Gerry Casey)

THAT MAGNIFICENT ESCAPE

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The biggest search operation ever in Ireland was undertaken last month after the great escape of nineteen Republicans held in the Portlaoise prison fortress in the "Free" State. Thousands of soldiers and police combed out the whole Leinster area south of Dublin.

All county Wexford was systematically searched, leaving hardly a house or blade of grass untouched, from Tuesday (20th) to Thursday (22nd). About 4,000 heavily-armed soldiers took part in the search. At the same time, roadblocks were set up right across the centre of the county.

On Friday (23rd) Co. Wicklow was combed. Then on Saturday (24th) the Southern navy was called in and patrolled the whole south-east coast. On land, the searching thousands, armed to the teeth, and accompanied by vicious dogs, were replaced in relays by thousands more. Armoured cars and helicopters were also in full use. But all to no avail. Midway through the week, the soldiers and policemen were fagged out. The south-east terrain, composed of heavily wooded fencibles, deep drains and woodland, could provide cover for any army of men. The "Free State" forces were reduced to searching it field by field, covert by covert. And there were rumblings from the men on the ground. By midday, they were fairly certain that the fugitives had long gone, but just in case, the search had to be completed. A young policeman, sprawled in a ditch after 34 hours continuous duty remarked:-

"What amazes me is that the officers in both the Army and police realise that these things (searches) are futile, and still they go on".

A soldier's comment was shorter and earthier.

THE PEOPLE RISE TO THE OCCASION.

Meanwhile, the local people throughout Wexford and Wicklow were active. Police headquarters were jammed with bogus calls, sending them on one wild goose chase after another. Footsore and dejected,

"Free" State forces were met with the grinning faces of the people, elated at the escape. The usual stories were told, jokes circulated and even the new songs were spontaneously composed.

The bridges along the roads were daubed with slogans reading "Brits out". And on a signpost not a mile from where the men were thought to be hiding on Wednesday, someone had written in blue marker pen "Up the Provos. We were here, all 19 of us".

WILD AND INACCURATE STATEMENTS BY THE "AUTHORITIES"

Driven to desperation by the futility of the whole affair, police and army chiefs began to issue wild statements. As late as Saturday (24th), a police statement claimed that they would surely catch the Republicans. One boasted 'definite lead' followed another, but the only results were

loud complaints of hunger and weariness from the searching horde of soldiers and police. In a last wild effort on Saturday, armoured cars, soldiers and helicopters, secret police and uniformed police, were sent out combing the countryside in Co. Donegal, at the other end of the country. But again, nothing.

THE COST IN MONEY

The full cost of the search has now topped the £200,000 mark, a disgraceful exercise in paying taxpayers money to support and uphold the British murder squads, north and south. This, while unemployment and poverty is rife in Ireland.

BAN ON FOOD IN PRISONS

The latest move by the Southern Government is a permanent ban on all food parcels going into all prisons throughout the state.

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THE TIDE TURNS

The success of the Republican campaign to have control of street fighting returned to the people of Newry, is a major defeat for the English Army. It will probably be written by future historians that the tide of Fascism was turned back by the stand made by Ogligh na h-Eireann against the arbitrary imposition of martial law by an invading army. The English generals have been telling their politicians that if they cannot 'peace keep' on their terms they will not peace keep at all. The English Army's terms for holding down Ireland are that they must be given a free hand to murder, torture and destroy the civilian population with minimum risk to themselves. If these terms are not accepted by the politicians they will refuse to act.

Until this turning point at Newry, the English government have capitulated every time to the 'New Model Army' the Kitsonian counter-insurgency force which thinks it is above the government, the moral law, and the people.

It is no accident that the two areas from which the invading army has announced its intention to withdraw, South Armagh and Belfast's Ardoyne are areas in which the casualties inflicted by volunteers of Ogligh na h-Eireann has been high. The mercenary army of a decaying imperial power does not take risks. It relies on its prestige and experience to over-awe the natives. But the last five years have already demonstrated that they cannot withstand the daring and skill of the volunteers, and the love which the people have for their own Ogligh na h-Eireann. When the SDLP frenziedly issued the challenge to the people of Down and Armagh "Choose between us, supported by the British Army, and the Republicans" the true soul of the Irish people rose to support their own valiant sons in a show of strength and solidarity which will surely drive the invader back from the Cooleys and the Mourmes and Slieve Gullion forever.

The acknowledgement by the people of Ireland of Republican leadership has become even clearer. An editorial in the Belfast Newsletter expressed what the 26 county editors dare not yet print: writing of the Wonderful 19 who escaped from Portlaoise it says: "What is more serious is the measure of support which they must have in the Republic - but if there were no sympathy tacit or overt for those men they would not have succeeded in retaining their freedom over so many days." It went on to acknowledge:

"For all the protestations to the contrary there is a fixation in the Republic for the ideal embodied in the struggle for Irish freedom."

The Times declared that the British Army has not the manpower to retain even its present commitment in the 6 counties whilst the skill and success of Republican operations becomes more marked.

But a high price is being paid in life itself and untold willing sacrifice for success. Patrick Mac Keown was killed on active service in Newry on 27th August. The Newry Brigade suffered this heavy loss in the hour of their triumph. Another Irish soldier has voluntarily laid down his life for his people. In Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight where Michael Gaughan slowly wasted to death for the cause of freedom Paul Holmes, sentenced to life imprisonment at the infamous Winchester charade has had again to invoke the dread weapon of hunger strike after being in solitary confinement for almost 18 months, because of the inhuman conditions in which he is held.

As the grip of the imperialists weakens in Ireland the repression becomes more severe. On 27th August 28 people were arrested in Divis Towers in Belfast and on 31st 40 people were arrested in Andersonstown, Ballymurphy and Turf Lodge. The next day the whole Clonard area was subjected to 'saturation searches and mass arrests. Mrs. Kathleen Ramsay, mother of six children aged between 2 and 7, whose husband is interned, was amongst those arrested. The whole town of Crossmaglen was subjected to a day long curfew. The incidents at Middletown on the Monaghan border and at the Olds Border Inn firing into the 26 county territory, Two Newry men have been wounded by velocity shells. Fortunately at Middletown the Monaghan duck-shooting party avoided injury.

It was interesting to note that after the Gardaí had protested about last Sunday's incident the invading army admitted for the first time that their border patrols in that area had come under sustained fire on the previous

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thirteen nights. The Republican Active Service unit operating in the Killeen area successfully ambushed a mobile patrol with rifle and machine gunfire at the soldier was in this daring action, and two others wounded. As it is no longer to their image there was no coverage of this incident in the media. A week later the Belfast Telegraph mentioned that an officer in a British unit was killed outright in a motor accident in Germany. Though the deceased belonged to a well-known 6 county family neither the place, date nor circumstances of the 'accident' were mentioned. In Britain deep concern is shown in every newspaper and periodical about the strains that the Irish involvement is putting on the enemy troops. As the British general election looms and the English in Ireland are being constantly reworked.

The offensive against the invaders was redoubled during the past week. On 29 August the R.U.C. station at Kinawley was blasted by a 200lb bomb. Troops were also attacks on the enemy in the New Lodge area of Belfast, the Loup near Magherafelt, and at Edendork outside Dunganon. In Belfast the Loup near arrangements were thrown sky high by brilliant hoax bombs which created traffic chaos. This was followed by the explosion of an expertly planted 200lb bomb outside the offices of the Housing Executive. Though a 25 minute neutralise the bomb were wounded, one severely. Commercial buildings were damaged for hundreds of yards in all directions. In the New Lodge area a soldier was injured by rifle fire. In Armagh a building contractor's yard was destroyed by fire bombs. On the 31st there was another bomb blitz in Belfast. The B.B.C. offices were structurally damaged by a 200lb bomb, the Black gall St. (150lbs) and Marlborough House where Government Departments and Brian Faulkner have their headquarters. The customs post at Killea was blasted for the 26th time in a war of attrition on 1 Sept. and the Silver Saddle hostelry at Stewarstown was destroyed by a 100lb bomb after due warning and without casualties. On 2 September a bomb caused damage to the Court House in Lisburn where many unjust trials have been held. This was the day on which Fian R. Conroy was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment of which 3 years was for being a suspected member of Fianna Eireann. In Derry a travel agent's office in Market Square was destroyed.

On 3rd September an enemy helicopter was ambushed at Balsmill, South Armagh by 12 volunteers who severely damaged the aircraft and wounded two soldiers. On 4th September a 200lb bomb planted outside Unionist headquarters disrupted Enoch Powell's efforts at carpet-bagging in the North. Another 200lb bomb destroyed the Midland Hotel at York Street Station whilst in Armagh the Police station at Newtonhamilton was destroyed by a 600lb bomb. A large bomb intended for the police station at Kesh was defused.

The military campaign has been widespread and very effective. When backed by the support and strength of the united people Republican arms and principles are invincible.

IRELAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR

TOM WILLIAMS

The 2nd of Sept. 1942 — a date which should always be remembered with reverence by all true Irishmen and women. On this day, 32 long years ago another brave Irish soldier gave his life for the cause.

19 year old Tom Williams followed in the footsteps of the immortal Kevin Barry, when his life too was ended by an English hangman. In this year of 1974 the same struggle continues for the same cause for which Tom Williams died. Since he 2nd of Sept. 1942 a long litany of names has been added to the glorious roll of Irish martyrs. Let us remember them and re-dedicate ourselves to the cause for which they died — IRELAND FREE FROM THE CENTRE TO THE SEA.

"He died a martyr for her cause, Old Ireland how she weeps, Because he died for Ireland, In prison clay he sleeps, He fought to free a Nation, A Nation to the end, 'Twas the purpose of Tom Williams, His country to defend."

JOHN MCGOWAN

JOHN MCGOWAN: A native of Milltown Malbay, Co. Clare. As Vice-Commandant of the 4th West Clare Brigade, he was actively involved in many engagements against British Forces from 1917 to 1921.

After the treaty he remained steadfast to Republican ideals and did prison terms in Cork and the Curragh. John was a founder member of the Irish Northern Aid Committee in New York, and until his recent death played a major role in fund raising on behalf of the oppressed people of occupied Ireland.

A true son of Ireland has been laid to rest. He has left us an example to follow, and for this we give thanks. The Editor and Staff of REPUBLICAN NEWS salute this Irish patriot and his memory.

MICHAEL KANE

Since Friday, 4th September, 1970 Newforge Lane has become to Irish people synonymous with names like Edemulker and Ballysiddy.

The 4th Sept. was the day on which Volunteer Michael Kane gave his life that his land might be free. Michael was born and brought up a Republican, so it was natural for him to join the Republican Movement. Full of enthusiasm he strove hard in his duties as a volunteer. Not satisfied to be just a soldier of the people he was founder member of the Feral O'Hanlon Column and involved himself in the problems of the people.

We are proud to have known him and honoured to have worked alongside him in Sinn Fein. When a man like Michael dies the movement falters, stands still for a while and then as if reborn moves forward in an even more determined manner. Today, it seems as if Michael Kane is reborn in each and every one of us in Sinn Fein and it makes us more determined to finish the struggle that Michael became part of.

"SCUM" OF THE ENGLISH ARMY IN ACTION :

It has been apparent to experienced observers for some time that the English political arm in the 6-Counties only exercises limited control and restraint over its Army. The spying activities of the English on key witnesses in the case before the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, and the harassment and intimidation of these witnesses emphasises this belief. The torture that is the subject case matter against the English Government was carried out by the English Army, and it appears that they are being given a free hand to employ all manner of "dirty tricks" to prevent vital witnesses giving testimony.

The cold-blooded murder of a young man in Co. Tyrone last week by a marauding gang of English soldiers is merely the tip of the iceberg. The people in Nationalist areas of the North are being harassed and brutal-

ised by armed bowries in uniform, who to judge by their behaviour and attitudes must represent the drag and scum of English society.

Their sadistic and moronic behaviour towards helpless unarmed civilians points to really low recruiting standards and is indicative of desperate measures on the part of the English Army and its Government to try and boost the plummeting recruitment figures. They are obviously recruiting fringe-criminal elements, putting them in uniform and un-leashing these uncivilised animals (their actions fully merit such obloquy) on the defenceless civilian population. Protests about their behaviour to Rees and Co. seem to have little effect. Of course, this could indicate that the latter is not really trying to restrain the English Army. However, the crucial role played by the English Army in the decision not to move against Loyalist strikers a few months ago — is a fair clue as to who exercises greater political muscle, Rees and Co. or the G.O.C. of the English Army in the North.

If, however, the English Government wishes to dis-engage, which is a reasonable assumption, but lacks the courage to face the Loyalists with his unpleasant fact, the further splintering of the Loyalist forces will make their task easier, if the latter cannot unite on an agreed policy, it will leave the way open for Wilson to wash his hands of the whole Northern problem by a simple appeal to the English public. They are heartily sick of the whole business and any decision to withdraw would have wide popular support.

To encompass withdrawal by this method is much more attractive to the English Government than a head on confrontation with Loyalists and a direct decision to withdraw.

If public opinion can be made to appear to make the decision, it will be ideal solution for the English Government. Certainly, their present policies seem designed to provoke the Loyalists. The decision not to include Harland and Wolf's shipyard in their recent nationalisation plans is a very significant straw in the wind.



Damage to Kinawley RUC station, Co. Fermanagh, after a bomb explosion.

Call to Russia for Help?

The Greenacres Fishermen's Association - representing about 200 fishermen operating 50 boats have decided to send a deputation to the new Russian Embassy in Dublin asking for a Russian war-ship to provide protection for the fleet because of the Dublin Government's failure to do so. A spokesman for the Association said they were deeply perturbed by the lackadaisical attitude of the Government to fishermen's protection. "We have decided to send a deputation to the Russian Embassy. The Russians have always challenged British and American domination in Western Europe and we have decided to seek their help because of the Irish Government's failure to do anything about the matter". He said: "We have had trouble from British mine-sweepers here before. Two boats were seized last year".

The spokesman said the net was seized from a local fisherman and represented a loss of about £1,000. The minesweeper had deliberately steamed over the nets of four other boats which would represent a further £4,000 loss.

He said the area in which the incident took place was about three miles inside Irish Territorial waters — an area where the fleet had traditionally fished for over 100 years.

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Two members of the Hall/Pettigrew Cumann stand to attention as the Last Post is sounded at the graveside of Staff Officer Frances Hall and Staff Captain Ann Marie Pettigrew, during the commemoration ceremony at Milltown Cemetery last. Left: Members pictured before the parade set off up the Falls Road, Belfast. (Photos Gerry Casey).

FRANCIS HALL - ANN PETTICREW COMMEMORATION

1st Sept. 1974 - 1st Anniversary Commemorative for staff Officer Francis Hall - Staff Captain Ann Marie Pettigrew killed in action 1973.

The Commemoration was attended by several hundred people, many in uniform. The Parade was led by colour Party and guard of honour from Fianna Eireann followed by women and girls carrying wreaths among these tributes from "B" Company 2nd Battalion, Cumann na nban and Hall-Pettigrew Cumann.

The Hall/Pettigrew Sinn Fein wish to thank the Seamus Steele Accordion Band, the Cathal Bruagh Band, and Mr. D. Campbell who screwed the last Post.

This oration was to be delivered by Mr. Paul Wilson, Sinn Fein.

The oration was not given because of extreme, bad weather; nevertheless we believe our readers will welcome it's publication.

We have come here today to honour the memory of Staff Officer Francis Hall, and Staff Captain Ann Marie Pettigrew, and to re-dedicate ourselves to the cause for which they died. We must prove to the world that their deaths were not in vain and ensure that the fight against the British Crown forces continues until our just demands are met.

Francis Hall and Ann Pettigrew gave their lives for our ideal therefore we must use every possible method to make that ideal a reality.

The Republican movement can ill-afford to lose men and women of their calibre, but the fight for freedom must, and will continue until the last traces of British Imperialism have been driven from our shores.

The Volunteers of Oglagh Na h-Eireann with the backing of the people, destroyed the Stormont Parliament.

just as they will destroy any further institutions set up against the will of the people - while traitors of politicians are both sides of the border will be cast into the limbo of forgotten things.

As we call to mind the memory of staff officer Freddie Hall, and his companion Staff Captain Ann Marie Pettigrew, let us not forget the principles for which they died. Let each of us draw enough strength and courage from their memory to play a full and active role in the struggle for our national independence.

"Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead,
Dear as the blood ye gave!
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her record keeps,
Or honour points the hallowed spot,
Where valour proudly sleeps".

THAT MAGNIFICENT ESCAPE

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The Government statement announcing the ban - which takes immediate effect - said no evidence was yet available as to how the explosives used in the Portlaoise escape were smuggled in and it admitted such evidence "may be impossible to uncover". The statement continued: "There can be no absolute guarantee that such parcels cannot be used as a means of sending in small quantities of explosives concealed in, or disguised as food".

In view of the latest escape it said, the risk involved was no longer regarded as being acceptable and the privilege was now withdrawn. The ending of food parcels was to apply to prisoners generally and not only to Portlaoise the Government Information Service statement emphasised.

REPUBLICAN COMMENT ON GOVERNMENT DECISION.

So in the crowded prisons, all prisoners can now hope for is the sub-standard 'food' offered them by the standard Government. Mr. Ruairi O Bradaigh, President of Sinn Fein, described the latest Government moves as 'mean and petty victimisation and collective punishment'.

"Are we now to witness a British-style gradual whittling away of the rights of political treatment so dearly won over the past few years?" he said.

The following statement was issued on 26th August by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau, and signed P. O'Neill Secretary.

"The Government ban on food parcels

to political and other prisoners is causing great concern within the jails. There is a real possibility of trouble erupting inside prisons over this measure which is childish, spiteful and purely vindictive. Though a greater number of escapes have taken place in the North than in the South, the English have not impeded the supply of food parcels. Even Nazi Germany, at the height of its terror, permitted food gifts to P.O.W.'s. The extra food oners as the prison diet is inadequate from a health viewpoint. The Republican Movement calls on public bodies and the general public to protest against the punitive policies of the Government. The events of the last week demonstrated the practical concern of the general public for prisoners, escape or otherwise."

Long Kesh Escape

Joe McKee, serving a seven-year sentence for actions against the English Army, escaped from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast on Sunday, August 11, scarcely 48 hours after having an appendectomy. He escaped disguised as a woman, in a wig and clothes similar to those worn by women domestics in the hospital, which were smuggled in to him.

After walking past the guard, which was maintained round the clock, he entered a woman's ward, and from there reached the corridor leading out of the hospital and freedom. The escape was followed by an attempted cover up but eventually leaked to the press on Sunday night.

"Last Friday a young 14-year-old boy was taken by the troops into Springfield Barracks and while two soldiers held him a third beat him. On his release after a couple of hours he had to have stitches to his mouth."

Republican newspapers banned in Long Kesh

A Chara,
The authorities in Long Kesh Concentration camp, are determined to deny political prisoners the right to read any Republican papers or magazines, by their blanket refusal to allow any papers with a Republican content into the sentenced end of the camp.

Any Republican Literature that comes in our parcels is confiscated and all protests about the matter to the respective cage Governors are met with the same standard reply that:

"The censor reserves the right to confiscate any literature which he deems not to be conducive to the smooth running of the camp." The upshot of this censorship is that we are completely starved of all Republican papers.

The so-called legalising of Sinn

Fein, has not changed matters, whether a paper is registered at the G.P.O. or not, does not influence their decision. They think by denying us these papers, that they can isolate us from the struggle for freedom which is being waged and create a feeling of non-involvement.

We demand the right to read the material which expresses the Republican view point, and the political philosophy, which we aspire to.

We ask everybody to continue sending in all Republican papers and when the contents of parcels are being signed for by visitors to write on the list the actual papers instead of using the word, Papers, so that we can build up a dossier on what is being confiscated.

We are confident that when the Long Kesh Authorities have to use such petty bureaucracy. That the day of freedom is not too far away, and that all people can live in harmony and peace, without British intervention.

Is. Mise,
Le Meas,
P.R.O. Cage 10.

Dossier being prepared on English terror

Town councillors, community leaders and clergy of different denominations on both sides of the Border are co-operating in the preparation of a dossier detailing the horror of some English Army activities in the North.

The dossier, which will be distributed abroad, is expected to be used as a "lever" for pressure on the English authorities for a withdrawal of the troops. The documentation will not only include published cases involving English soldiers and civilians throughout the North, but it will also contain details of a number of incidents, hitherto unrevealed.

Protest from "A" Wing Crumlin Road Prison

A Chars,
 We, the political hostages of A Wing, Crumlin Road Prison, wish to protest in the strongest possible terms about the methods employed during the British Army searches in the prison.
 During the most recent search by the wrecking crews of the British Army, the Republican prisoners once again suffered at the hands of this collection of sadists. The routine, for anyone, who does not know is as follows.
 All prisoners are locked inside their respective cells and await their turn for searching. Two prison warders go into a cell and make the inmates strip off their clothes which are carefully searched before being handed back. The prisoners are then escorted to the canteen where they are made to wait for a period of from 20 to 50 mins. They are then escorted back to their cells which has been searched (taken apart is more apt) by two British soldiers.
 The cell at this stage shows all the signs of having been hit by a tornado with beds wrecked, contents of cupboards and drawers (food and clothes) scattered on the floor along with pin-ups and family photos torn from the walls and smashed and bed-clothes all being mixed up with the contents of the wastebasket and chamber-pot. Quite a mixture, and certainly enough to make a car use four-letter words. Yet more is to follow. When the cell has been put back in something resembling order, it is common to find that handicraft work has been broken or stolen along with other items of personal property. Specific items last week included stolen - cigarettes, a personal letter from a prisoner's girl-friend, and new tube of toothpaste. Broken - Cresses and table lamps made from lollypop sticks and match-sticks. This is just a fraction of the damage and loss sustained, but is sufficient, to give readers the picture.

Added to all that we must protest at the hardship suffered as a direct result of being locked up all day long on these search days. Perhaps to explain it, I should state exactly what happened on Wednesday 28th August, 1974. On that particular morning all cells were opened at 7.45 a.m. as is usual to allow prisoners to wash, brush out and tidy their cells and get water from the canteen for breakfast. At approximately 8.30 a.m. everyone was again locked up. Normally this lock up continues until 9.30 a.m. then we are allowed out until 11.30 a.m. But the British Army descended on the prison without warning at 9.00 a.m. to begin their search and so the lock-up continued until 7.30 a.m. next morning. During the whole day no one was allowed out of the cells for any reason, except the few lucky prisoners who had a visit arranged for that day. They therefore had 30 mins. respite from what amounts to solitary confinement. The others are not even allowed out to go to the toilet.

This isn't a humane way to treat anyone and while we don't blame the individual warders for the system, still we feel that we must protest most strongly and deplore the obvious fact that the British Army can enter the prison and impose their vicious vindictive will on the prison authorities at any time.

I may be attacked for calling the soldier searches sadists, but I leave it to you, the public, to place the proper name on these bully-boys who take pleasure in performing the acts already stated and especially the two unknown warriors who in one particular cell, gathered up dirt from the floor and mixed it in thoroughly with the inmates marvel - a substance we are compelled to use instead of milk.

Is, mise,
 P.R.O.,
 A Wing,
 Crumlin Road Prison.

CESA Hall, Beechmount Pass STATEMENT FROM BEECHMOUNT

A very serious situation has developed in the Beechmount area in the past 2 months; a situation which has resulted in and fatal wounding of one man, with several others seriously injured and many women beaten up. We realise that a good proportion of Beechmount residents know what has taken place in the area, but we are now making the entire matter public knowledge, so that there will be no misunderstandings.

Eight weeks ago members of the National Liberation Front (NLF/Officinals) moved into the CESA Hall, stating that they were taking it over 'for the people'. The CESA Committee refused to surrender their club to these thugs, and declared that they would hand the Club over to GREEN CROSS rather than allow the NLF to take it by force. The NLF then retreated stating that "they would be back later". Subsequently they (NLF) called a meeting of the various groupings in Beechmount, i.e. Tenants Association, Green Cross, Handicapped Children etc. to be held on a particular Thursday night in St. Mary's School. At the meeting the delegates from each group, without exception, got up and declared their complete opposition to the NLF's actions and that they would not work with them. The situation settled for a period and it was announced officially that the CESA Hall would be run by GREEN CROSS. It was after this that the shootings and beatings began.

Former committee man JOE COX was taken out and beaten by NLF.

FRIDAY NIGHT - approx 3 weeks ago

Members... of the NLF burst into EAMON CLARKE'S father's shop on the Falls Road. There they broke one of Eamon's legs, and shot him in the other, severing an artery. They left, leaving him to bleed to death in his shop. As you all know EAMON CLARKE Because of this attempted murder bid by the NLF the committee were afraid to open the Club that night.

MONDAY 5th August, 1974

ARMED NLF men moved in, took over the club, declaring it was now theirs.

TUESDAY 6th August
 Women from the area assembled in the Hall, in a peaceful protest to take the Club back. One NLF member grabbed a girl by the hair; her mother who came to her aid was knocked to the ground, kicked in the stomach, and battered with a chair. The NLF then stated that they would burn the club down, and deal

THURSDAY NIGHT - approx. 3 weeks ago.

FLASHBACK

The Government of Ireland, Government Buildings, Dublin.

The undersigned, being public representatives of County Louth, have come as a deputation for the purpose of making representations to the Government on behalf of Richard Goss, at present lying under sentence of death.

We appeal to the Government to exercise clemency and to commute the sentence of death passed by the Military Court on Richard Goss. We make this appeal principally on the ground that there was no loss of life involved and that this is the first occasion since the Civil War that anyone was sentenced to death in respect of an offence not involving loss of life.

Joseph O'Hagan Chairman Dundalk Council
Michael Edward Churnan (Dundalk Trades Union)
Paul McCann (N.O.S. Finance)
Patrick Curran (Dundalk Trades Union)
James Coburn T.O.

with all those people in it. In view of this threat the Green Cross Committee decided to move their drink from the

club for safe-keeping. A local resident offered his lorry and other men helped to load the lorry.

At the corner of Beechmount Pass/Oakman Street a member of the NLF threw a brick through the windshield of the lorry, hitting the driver, who lost control and the lorry overturned. LIAM HENDERSON received 3 broken ribs and back injuries. JOHNNY CRANE was knocked out. In all 3 men were admitted to hospital. The driver had 7 stitches inserted in his head. Damage to the drink stock was in the region of £400. Some of this stock was looted by various individuals (Names and addresses known). Other residents retrieved some of it, and have returned it to the Committee.

WEDNESDAY 7th August.
 In the region of 200 armed NLF members invaded the Beechmount area and surrounded the Club. Residents fearing killings by the NLF remained indoors. IT IS PERHAPS WORTHY OF OBSERVATION that not one single British soldier was seen in this area during this time.

FRIDAY 9th August
 The NLF issued a threat that anyone who used a whistle; bashed a bin lid, or lit a bonfire to mark the 3rd Anniversary of internment would be burned out of their homes. The people ignored this threat and were greeted by rampaging gangs of NLF wielding hurls.

MARGARET HICKEY was knocked unconscious. KATE HALL and MARIE McCURDY were beaten up. FRA WARD was intimidated by 8 NLF men. GREEN CROSS collectors were intimidated from making collections in the area.

We, the ordinary residents of Beechmount are fully determined that the NLF will not get this club. It is being run by GREEN CROSS in conjunction with groups representing the TENANTS ASSOCIATION; HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, O.A.P. for the benefit of all the residents of Beechmount. The murdering thugs of the NLF will have no part of it.

AT STORMONT FANCY DRESS BALL



THAT OTHER EETIF SAYS I'M A GREENFINCH !!

I KNOW! - YOU MUST BE THE 'THIRD FORCE'!

AS LONG AS HER FIRING BARBERS ON THE RECKLESS - WHO CARES?

The Secretary of State, Mr. Merlyn Rees, accompanied by Birdie Greenfinch on the first anniversary of the introduction of the women's section of the UDR.

A Chars, Enclosed find Document pleading for clemency for RICHARD GOSS who was executed by the Free State in the forties. There was also thousands of signatures from all over the County of Louth. People demanded that this man should not die. At the Monument in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, which was erected to Richard Goss THEY DID NOT FOOL ANYONE.
 Is Mise, PRIONNSIAS DE BRUN, 63 Coxs Demense, Dundalk. P.S. Please return.

Children manning the barricades

THE HEROIC CHILDREN OF BELFAST



19th August 1971 - An English translation of an article by the Irish writer and journalist, Brendan O hEithir, written ten days after internment.

Sitting here in Dublin and thinking back on Belfast, it is the children who stand out most clearly in my mind. No generation so courageous has been brought up in this country since the time of the Black & Tans and I even doubt that as a comparison. They are pitiful there, under siege in the narrow, half-burnt street and in the bullet-riddled housing estates. But in spite of the pity and sadness one cannot help being proud of them. One is looking at the age-old courage and the determined will that has been converted into coldness and cynicism in this part of the country down here.

"Black Babies, Black babies" they shout at the negro troops, "we fed ye with pennies" and on seeing paratroopers with their boot-polish-blackened faces "Sing Mammy" for us".

Last Saturday a commemoration notice appeared in the Irish News which read: "Mac Amhlai: In proud loving memory of Gearoid, who died on the 15th August 1969. His death was a sad loss to his comrades in the 2nd Battalion of Fianna Eireann, Belfast". And on the same page another notice remembering Patrick Rooney, aged 9 1/2 years, who was killed by gunfire

the same day. Two of the heroic children, bright and articulate of that city who are now part of the hard history of the country.

I was searched and questioned many times in Belfast during the past week but one such occasion stands out especially in my memory. I had heard that a meeting was to be held in the courtyard of the Divis Street Flats. On going in, I was approached by three boys, the eldest could have been no more than 14 years. They addressed me in a formal and business-like manner.

"Who was I? What was my business? Could I show an identity card? When I satist... their queries, I was conducted by one of them into the courtyard? were some hundreds of people were listening to a speech from Kevin McCorry (since interned) about a civil disobedience campaign. They boy spoke to a man in charge and I was looked after from then on.

At the time this incident appeared in no way unnatural. The authority shown by the boys was unquestionable. They were part of the defence of their neighbourhood just as much as their fathers and that was understood by them.

In those even younger, you can see the growth of adult wisdom that is startling. You speak to a child who witnessed an event and he begins to tell the story - then his mother speaks "you can tell the truth to that man - that's right, tell it straight as it happened". One story for the enemy; another for those who are on their side.

You meet a small boy collecting stones behind a barricade. He tells you he is 11 years of age. Where was he last night? He spent t' night helping those who were e' fending the street. Did he get any sl' ep? A few hours,

and tonight? He'd be out again if need be. The neighbourhood had to be defended and everyone could do something to help. Whatever his actual age he was already a long way into his teens. The obligations of life had fallen early in his childhood.

How would it mark him in his future? You put this thought out of your mind for it is not a time for prophesying, but a time for action.

You also feel ashamed when he asks you without malice what the "Free State" (Southern Government) are planning to do for them. You mutter a few casual words of excuse and then leave him collecting the stones.

Later you are watching through a window looking out high over Sandy Row. The railway station is full of poor people fleeing to the south. You notice the lorries, covered with Union Jacks and Ulster Flags, going from corner to corner collecting youths carrying stones and then heading towards the railway. You understand then that the train carrying the refugees is about to be attacked. "... and where is the army and the police during this attack": a Catholic will ask - answer "hunting our crowd as is their wont".

Back over the border going south, south, your heart rises and then your conscience stings when you remember the old-young boy at the barricade who asked, without malice, what was the "Free State" planning to do. For he was not thinking of Government but of people - and you have to admit that you have no answer to anything that you see nothing for this boy and the other children but a long road of hardship.

ENGLISH YOUTH WORKER BRUTALLY BEATEN

A 22-year old Englishman who has been living in Derry for the past seven months doing youth club work, has written to his M.P. in Birmingham and to his local councillor on Birmingham City Council, about brutal treatment he said, he had received when arrested by English soldiers on July 30th.

Mr. Brian Parsons, a native of Birmingham, said he was in the home of a Mr. Patrick Flanagan of Cooke Street Derry, with a friend, Mr. George Binick, an American, who is also doing youth club work in Derry, when the house was raided by English troops.

Mr. Parsons said "George Binick and I were arrested. This was the first time I had been arrested and at first I was not too worried. I thought that once the soldiers discovered who we were, an Englishman and an American, we would not have much trouble. We were soon disillusioned".

Mr. Parsons was spreadeagled against a wall, made to stand facing a wall, abused and threatened, photographed against his will, and questioned by an intelligence officer about everybody he knew in Derry. He said he heard other people being interrogated in another room nearby and soldiers abusing and threatening them.

Mr. Parsons added: "I now know what the people of Derry have to stand from the army from personal experience. I have sent a full report of my experience to Councillor Doug Bandbury, my local councillor on Birmingham City Council, and also to my M.P. Mr. Ray Carter. I have asked them to press for the destruction of the prints and negatives of the photos taken of men and I want some sort of statement from liberal-minded Labour leaders, like Roy Jenkins, on how they can justify this sort of brutality in the name of Britain.

Lloyd George To Rees

Modern Ireland seems to have been cursed by Welshmen. Lloyd George and his Secretary of State, Thomas, were the architects of the Treaty of 1921 which imposed partition on Ireland, and laid the foundations of our present agonies. As if that was not enough, we are now saddled in the North with a bumbling and ineffective second-rater, Rees, who is adding to an already critical situation by his incompetence. His total failure to have any effect on the political climate of the North, and his comprehensive inability to give any sort of lead whatsoever, is fairly driving both the Social and Democratic Labour Party and

Unionist politicians to distraction. From a Republican viewpoint he is of very little consequence. On his performance to date he could not settle a row in a Darts Club. The boldness and vision necessary to end the North's agony are totally beyond his very limited talents. Wilson has no affection at all for Unionists and Loyalists. His failure to formulate any positive policy on the North is the greatest contributor to a deteriorating situation. The thought strikes one very forcibly at times that Rees is a sardonic black joke, who has been imposed on the North by Wilson as revenge on the Unionists whom he detests.

ENGLISH ARMY GONE BESERK

COLD-BLOODED MURDER

Late on Wednesday evening (August 7th), a 23-year old youth, Patrick McElhone, was murdered by the English Army at Limehill, Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone. Mr. McElhone was taken from his home by the soldiers and shot dead in cold blood. The shooting demonstrates the desperate situation facing the civilian population in the Co. Tyrone area, where English forces have been running wild for the past few weeks.

The murder was condemned by both Nationalist and Loyalist leaders.

OPEN TERRORISM

Mrs. Bernadette McAlliskey, the former Independent M.P. for the area at Westminster, who visited Mr. McElhone's parents after the shooting said that the security forces were committing acts of "open terrorism" and called for an immediate investigation into the killing.

Mrs. Edwina Stewart, Secretary of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movement, said that the shooting represented the strongest evidence ever in cases where people in custody had "been executed by the British Army.

"The administration will find it more difficult to protect the culprit on this occasion than they have done in previous cases" she said.

UNDISCIPLINED THUGGERY

Mr. James Doris, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, said the murder was the culmination of severe harassment of local people during the past weeks, and therefore could not be regarded as an isolated incident.

"The local community" he said, "is in a state of terror as the result of un-disciplined thuggery by the British army. There has been several incidents of young men being taken from their home, beaten and threatened that they will be shot.

"The regiment concerned has also been involved in an illegal census operation which included asking housewives their age". The Civil Rights Association demands the end of "this martial-law,, and the immediate removal of the regiment.

PREMEDITATED MURDER

Rev. Father Faul, the Dungannon priest who has written two booklets on the torture of men in the North, described the shooting as "premeditated murder of a very deliberate kind". He demanded that all the soldiers in the group be charged with complicity in the murder and that they be moved from the area in the meantime.

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Members of MALDEN UNIT, NORTHERN AID, protesting against internment outside the English Consulate Office. Left to right: (with Fianna Flag) G. Griffith, J. Cosgrave (holding banner), M. Deeney, M. Fitzpatrick, D. Deeney (with Focus Stars), J. Fitzpatrick. Taken August 9th, 1974.

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A CHARA

Once again it becomes necessary to focus attention on the oppressed people of Ireland. For over 800 years the people have been living under the yoke of English Imperialism and the terror, and tyranny that it brings.

Gradually over the years, Ireland has been struggling to free itself from England's oppressive power, and this struggle continues to this very day. The Central issue of this struggle is one of who shall rule Ireland, the Irish people, or the English Government. All other issues are subordinate to this.

Until England acknowledges the right of Ireland to be a free and independent nation there will never be peace in that strife torn land.

England has portrayed itself as the peace keeper between sectarian factions, this is not true.

England formented the strife in Ireland, which is con-England England formented the strife in Ireland, which is consistent with it's divide and conquer policies. (As witness the turmoil in the Middle East, Cyprus, Aden, Africa, and India Pakistan, all former English Colonies, and all divided and exploited along racial and religious lines by the English in order to rule more effectively).

England and it's colonialist policy in Ireland, England is the murderer of

innocent men, women, and children. Over 1000 deaths have resulted these past four years in Ireland, due to the terrorist tactics of the English Government and their lackies. Over 2000 men, women, and children have been imprisoned and tortured by these inhuman beasts.

We here in America, showing complete solidarity with the oppressed people of Ireland are demonstrating against the English Ship, Queen Elizabeth II, at Commonwealth pier, Northern Ave. Boston, Mass. on November 2, 1974, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Queen Elizabeth II, represents symbolically, the English Government and its terrorist policies in Ireland.

We welcome your support, for further information write to the above address.

ENGLAND OUT OF IRELAND

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Each Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Mr. Sean O'Biadaigh, Director of Publicity, Sinn Fein, delivers a series of lectures on the Irish situation and explains the policies and aims of the Republican Movement. The lectures have been devised solely for visitors to Dublin and is an excellent analysis of Ireland's problems.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN ARDGLASS

A concert was arranged to be held on Friday, 30th August, in aid of the National Graves Association by some people from Ardglass and district.

A special bus was laid on departing from Downpatrick, picking up people at different points on the road to Ardglass. Two groups had generously agreed to give voluntary performances, viz. "Long Kesh Ramblers" and "Sands Group". A group of lady volunteers had made catering arrangements and some people travelled long distances in support of a very worthy cause. They were all bitterly disappointed at the outcome.

On arrival at St. John's Hall, Ardglass, permission to use the hall, was refused by Fr. Fitzpatrick, every one was turned away and the promotion had to be cancelled.

Fr. Fitzpatrick is a constant visitor to Bishops court NAAFI.

SPORT'S WEEK AT LONG KESH

On the 9th August 1974 began a full week of Sport's activities in Cage 22, Long Kesh Concentration Camp which proved entertaining and worthwhile. Although the necessary equipment for the field events was not available and being confined to a rather small area, the organisers nevertheless, improvised in fine spirit and laid out a splendid programme that catered for every age group in the cage.

With over twenty events to choose from the sports took up every available moment of the seven days and held the constant attention of all. The Track events included the 100 Yards Sprint, 220, 880 and 1 mile. Later in the week a relay and marathon of four miles were held. For the non runners there was the long jump, triple jump high jump, shot putt, volley ball and also many variety events including a donkey derby, three legged race, sack race, hurling penalties, a crocks race for those over forty.

Mr. Eamonn Caughey a Trainee Teacher from Belfast proved to be the "Victor Ludorum" snatching five trophies in true champion form. On the evening of Thursday 15th the trophies and medals were presented. A concert and play followed to round off a most enjoyable week, a tonic that had lifted the morale and spirits of the men, despite the passing the 3rd anniversary of Internment without trial.

The following are the results of the Sport's Week in Cage 22:

100 Yards: 1. E. Caughey, 2. T. McArdle
3. M. McNulty, 4. G. Harte.
220 Yards: 1. E. Caughey
2. N. McCloskey.
3. E. McLain, 4. G. Hayes.
880 Yards: 1. E. Caughey,
3. B. Duffy, 4. N. McCloskey.

1 Mile: 1. P. McElvanna,
2. B. Devlin,
3. B. McGurgan, 4. A. Murphy.
Relay Race 1. P. Henderson
2. N. Rooney, 3. O'Neill, L. Shannon.
2. P. McElvanna: J. Hayes T. Powell
G. Coney.

Marathon: 1. O. Callaghan,
2. B. Devlin, 3. P. McElvanna,
4. J.J. O'Neill.
Over Forties Race: J. Roe, B. Agnew
G. Maguire, E. McLain.
Long Jump: 1. E. Caughey
2. E. McLain, 3. J.J. O'Neill
4. L. Shannon.

High Jump: 1. J.J. O'Neill,
2. N. McCloskey, 3. P. McElvanna,
Triple Jump: 1. E. Caughey
2. T. McArdle, 3. P. McElvanna,
4. G. Coney.
Shot Putt: 1. B. McGurgan
2. B. McElroy, 3. T. Duncan,
Donkey Derby: 1. B. McKeating
M. McNulty, 2. J.J. O'Neill
R. Rooney, 3. M. McCloskey,
P. McElvanna.

Sack Race: 1. T. Duncan 2. T. McArdle
3. B. McConnell.
Three legged Race: 1. B. Duffy
P. McElvanna, 2. M. McNulty,
N. McCloskey, 3. L. Shannon
T. Duncan,
Obstacle Race: 1. T. Duncan
2. T. Gribben 3. T. Kelly.
Football Penalties: 1. M. McNulty,
2. B. McGurgan 3. J.J. McCrickard.
Best Goal Keepers: P. Henderson,
B. Toal.

Spot Hurling: 1. C. McNally
2. J. Roe, 3. S. Murphy.
Hurling Penalties: 1. F. Broily,
2. J.J. O'Neill 3. T. Duncan,
Fancy Dress: 1. L. Shannon
2. B. Devlin, 3. T. McArdle,
Musical Chairs: B. McGurgan,
2. T. Duncan, 3. N. McCloskey,
Volley Ball: 1. J. Roe, A. Murphy,
T. Enright, C. McNally, B. McCreavey
2. G. Coney, P. Henderson, S. Woods
B. Weir, F. Rafferty.

WARNING FROM BORDER A.S.U.

The Ogligh na h-Eireann A.S.U., operating in the Killen area, in a statement "condemn most strongly the action of those so-called Republican free-lancers who robbed and assaulted the travelling grocer at the Border Bar last week."

The A.S.U. say the assault was a most degrading action and: "We assure those most evil men (and any others who may consider similar deeds) that they will be justly and severely punished."

WORLD NEWS



by Brian Gaffney

The Catholic hierarchy in the Philippines has strongly condemned the government's programme of martial law and the suppression of basic human rights. In a statement issued from all pulpits in Catholic churches in August, the church stated it "deplored" what it called tyranny on the part of the government. The press reported it was a direct slap in the face of Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos. In Northern Ireland, the church stands firmly on the side of the British government and its programme of military rule and the suppression of basic human rights. What the Philippine bishops can do Irish bishops can also do . . . or can they?

One-third of all British troops stationed in Northern Ireland wear civilian clothing according to the Chicago Tribune, one of America's largest newspapers. In a special report dealing with Northern Ireland, the Tribune also reported that "politically, the IRA has won Housing, jobs and an end to the Protestant controlled Parliament and administration. But Britain has spent more in 5 years in Ulster than it did in the last century and a quarter of British rule. No political solution is in sight." A fair summary we would say, especially for the U.S. news media which relies heavily on British sources for its foreign news on Ireland.

Many Americans feel that the 120 children from Northern Ireland sent to the Mid-west sector of the United States have been used by the U.S. news media. Several children have been put on television and questioned about religious beliefs and their feelings toward members of other religious faiths. Religious differences were heavily accentuated. As usual, the facts on Northern Ireland were never discussed. To many American TV viewers, the children were exploited. Many feel that rest areas in Southern Ireland should be used in the future. The travelling expense for the U.S. project severely restricted the number of children who could participate in the programme. The use of rest camps in Southern Ireland would allow more children to participate.

The British trade deficit increased in July when it rose 23 per cent above the January 1974 deficit and tripled the deficit of July 1973. In August, the London stock market fell to its lowest point in 19 years. This should come as a warning to all investors. Don't invest in British industry or business. To do so, invites disaster.

The British tourism has fallen disastrously this summer. The news of violence in London and elsewhere in the United Kingdom has caused a 40 per cent drop off in tourism according to British travel experts. The current issue of "Caterer and Hotelier", journal of London's hotel industry reports that U.S. tourism has fallen by 25 per cent in the first 5 months of 1974. Later figures show an even heavier drop-off. U.S. tourists are the big spenders. The article quotes Raphael Cazada, Chairman of the Caprice Restaurant Group in Britain as stating:

"It has been a terrible summer for many restaurants in London. We have all suffered to some degree or another. It wouldn't be at all surprising if some restaurants closed down."

British businessmen are now feeling the full brunt of the war Britain declared against the IRA in 1971. Most don't like it a bit since it hurts them in the pocketbook.

UNDER SEIGE

The residents of Clonard area awoke on Monday morning to find themselves hemmed into their respective streets by hundreds of British soldiers. Men and women going to their work were stopped and searched by these invaders; some had this operation repeated two and three times before they were able to pass Clonard Monastery.

The gates of the building site at the bottom of Clonard Gardens were broken in by these foreign troops. A house in Clonard Gardens was ransacked and damage to the tune of £200 done to this home which was in the process of being repaired.

What the Brits expected to achieve by this form of early morning harassment is not clear, unless they received one of their 'reliable tip-offs' that the wonderful 19 from Portlaoise had made their way to the Clonard area.

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NEWRY LIGHTS

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On the 9th of August, as we regard this as an active sign of resistance against the evils of internment. Bearing in mind that we have boys interned from August 1971, and after, without Trial or Judgement of any kind.
We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to the people of Newry for their gallant stand in managing while martial law is enforced by English Forces in our town. We fully pledge our support to the continued fight against English Imperialism. As our stand against these foreign Dictators has been taken we want: (1) Our Lights (2) Our Town, (3) Our Country.

Is. Mise Le. Meas,
P.R.O.



MISS SALLY CAUGHEY, Fergal O'Hanlon Sinn Fein Cumann, Birmingham, snapped at the REPUBLICAN NEWS Mobile Unit during a recent visit to Belfast.

Classified Section

MEMORIAM

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GREETINGS

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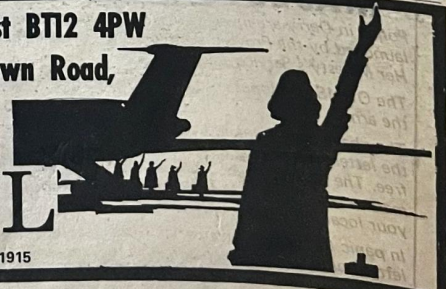
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ANOTHER YOUNG BELFAST GIRL INTERNED

Geraldine Canavan, age 18, was arrested on Wednesday, 28th August, about 5 a.m. She was taken with four or five other girls to Townhall Street R.U.C. office where she was held for 72 hours.

Geraldine's parents went to visit her on Saturday morning. Before they left, her Mother asked when she would be released. She was told that Geraldine was being removed at that moment to Armagh Jail to be interned.

The Canavan family have been continually harassed during the past two years. Their home has been wrecked on a number of occasions. The two youngest children in the family are under doctor's care with their nerves due to being dragged out of bed at all hours.

The English Army have stated a number of times that they would "get" Geraldine one way or another.

A spokesman for the Peadar de Blaca Sinn Fein Cumann, which covers the Clonard area said. "While Mr. Rees informs us that internment is being phased out and the S.D.L.P., talk of collaborating with the English, young Irish boys and girls are still being interned."



MR. FRANCIS MCAULEY, Liam McParland Sinn Fein Cumann, shown selling Republican News at the re-opening of Corrigan Park, Belfast.

Army puts the North on file

THE BRITISH army has built up a card-index filing system containing the names of almost every person in Northern Ireland, according to an article in yesterday's Financial Times.

"No item is treated as unimportant, and the cards contain information on what clothing an individual wears, what brand of cigarette he favours, and who his friends are," it states.

"Because the army is in Northern Ireland in support of the civil power, it is often the only visible representative of this power in Catholic areas.

"Many of these areas have not been patrolled for years by the RUC with the result that on top of attracting whatever odium the latest government policies may provoke, the army has found itself responsible for many of the day to day duties of an ordinary police force even to the extent of acting as arbiters in marital disputes."

The article says that, in the circumstances, it is not surprising that the impression has gained ground that the army in fact "runs" Northern Ireland and that the experience of doing so has made a military coup in Britain a real possibility.

It adds that the army has learned, however, that it cannot run the North and that this was graphically illustrated during the Ulster Workers Council strike last May, when life in the North was brought to a standstill.

Villagers want Border road reopened

THE BRITISH Army, with the aid of helicopters, early yesterday reinforced the barrier on the cross-Border road leading from Killyclogher in Co. Leitrim to Cashel, in Co. Fermanagh.

The barrier was partially demolished at the weekend by a group of men with the aid of acetylene cutters and pneumatic drills. At a meeting at the Killyclogher villagers on Monday night it was decided to send a telegram to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. FitzGerald, expressing criticism at the lack of communication and apparent inactivity regarding the problem being experienced by the people of the area over the sealing off of the Border road by the British Army.

The meeting was unanimous in demanding an immediate reply and action in having the road reopened. It was also agreed that a special committee of the Leitrim Council should be called to consider the matter and the damage done to the bridge on the Killyclogher Cashel Road by the British Army.

The meeting was attended by Fianna Fail T.D., Mr. Ray McSharry, and Councillor J. Cullen (Independent) and Mr. J. M. Mooney (F.F.). A letter was read from the Fine Gael deputy, Mr. Joe McLaughlin, regretting his inability to attend and enclosing an acknowledgment of his and Deputy E. Gilhaweley's representation to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the matter.

It was claimed at the meeting that the action of the British Army, if not actually carried out with the co-operation of the security forces in the Republic, certainly had their blessing.

SERIOUS CRISIS

IT HAS BEEN OBVIOUS TO ALL BUT THE BLIND, that Ulster has long since passed the stage or reconciliation bet ween her minority and majority population. The genuine hand of friendship offered by us to our Protestant fellow-workers, has been utterly rejected by those on the Right who claim to be the champions of the Royalist working classes, and even the smallest of concessions reforms and even basic Human Rights, have been found impossible to wring from the hands of these Royalists. The Minority have for long suffered humiliation, unemployment, discrimination, second-class citizenship, assassinations and torture, and have watched silently until now whilst the Royalists have prepared for all-out war against them, even under the eyes of the British military and in collusion with its UDR Units. The Minority have waited in vain for the British Administration to withdraw the 120,000 legally held firearms which the loyalists have control of; have watched and complained but alas without success against the anti-Nationalist and sectarian UDR who have been issued with 10,000 automatic rifles and machine-guns.

COWARDLY ATTEMPTS BY BRITISH LABOUR GOVERNMENT

The cowardly attempts of the British Labour Government to placate the Royalist rebels has angered to the extreme the Minority population, who have suffered so much for so long only to find themselves being delivered on a platter to the hands of Fascism. The UWC Rebellion (some still call it a strike) was the final break. Rees now openly sits at Stormont negotiating with these Fascists of the UWC, and let us note that the word "Fascist" was first allocated to the UWC by the British P.M. Harold Wilson. The British now say NO regarding the demands for a Royalist Home Guard, but still fail to take the necessary measures to stop its recruitment. We, the ignored Minority, must now and immediately reassess our dangerously precarious position. Our survival or Extermination may depend on it. The use of these two extreme words may be termed by some as hysterical, but I do believe that it is the only criterion which can be applied to our pending future.

WEAK POSITION

Whilst the British have never in history been in a weaker position in relation to the Union, so too have the Minority never been so confused and splintered, and in the holocaust which is but pending we must strive as we never have before to find unity among our ranks. The SDLP, Republican Labour, Nationalist, Provisionals, Officials, People's Democracy, League of Ex-Servicemen, and all other Minority groupings MUST for the sake of our very existence sit down and formulate a common defence policy. Unlike the Fascists we shall not be left unhindered in this task by the British administration and her forces.

IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES

Between these groupings I have mentioned I know only too well that there are strong ideological differences policy and long-term aspirations, etc. But they must be put on ice in the interests of our people. Survival must be our new bond, and in order to survive the forthcoming events we must be prepared and highly efficient in organisational capacity.

When the fascists do begin to implement their extermination policy against the Minority population, every man woman and youth will then sink their differences in defence of their families and homes just as in 1969. But we cannot wait on that moment arriving before we decide on Unity. It must be accomplished NOW, and we must be efficiently organised and equipped suitably for the occasion. Our enemy, and let me make it clear, is NOT the protestant religion, but it is those forces who are presently preparing by the force of arms under the very gaze of the British Administration to dispose of all anti-British and anti-Unionist elements within their self-proclaimed Ulster "homeland".

APPEAL TO THE MINORITY

This appeal to you the Minority may sound fatalistic and be classed by others as intending to exacerbate an already serious crisis, but let us not be under any illusions. We are going to be forced to defend ourselves and making overtures to the Right Wing fascists and appealing to their better judgment regarding reconciliation will be and has been useless. Their utter contempt for the Minority is well-catalogued. We must face reality or face extermination. Several Right Wing politicians have openly declared our fate.

The British Administration has ably assisted by attempting to completely disarm our areas by the brutal force of her Army, whilst ignoring the arms build up in the Royalist districts. We are faced with a possible total 1/4 of a million small arms in opposition to us, which the breakdown as follows; 120,000 legally-held Royalist firearms, 10,000 automatic rifles and machine guns in the hands of the Royalist British Army Aux, Ulster Defence Regiment, 13,000 fire-arms under the control of the sectarian Royal Ulster Constabulary and its Reserve Force, Weapons held by Ulster Territorial Army units and the countless thousands of illegal weapons under the control of the Royalist para-military factions. On top of this gigantic weapons pile, we shall also have to contend with the heavy armaments which undoubtedly still exist in Unity if we the Minority are to survive against such formidable weaponry and power.

The usual dis-unity factor i.e. who is to be in overall control of such a Peoples Defence Army must not be allowed to interfere or enter into the arena in relations to the formation of such a vital plan. The Security, Defence and survival of our people depend on this.

Venceremos.

PHIL McCULLOUGH, LONG KESH, CONCENTRATION CAMP, Cage Three.

MAJESTY'S SERVICE

Police in Derry are investigating a propaganda campaign launched by the Provisional IRA using "Official Paid — On Her Majesty's Service envelopes.

The OHMS envelopes contain propaganda letters against the army.

They have been franked by the Post Office, unaware that the letters were being used to transmit Provo messages post free. The letters stated: "Save a life. If you have any information which will help to defeat British terrorism, contact your local intelligence office."

In panic the English occupation forces manufactured a new letter-bomb scare to keep anti-Irish feelings on the boil.