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WHEN JACK LYNCH made his "I wont stand idly by" speech, the Nationally minded people in the Six Occupied Counties assumed that he was offering his resources as a "second guarantee" of their safety.

Judging by the actions of the 26 County Establishment this past year we have misunderstood just who in fact he was pledging his support to.

Obviously he was directing his "information" on "suspects" is statements to his English Masters as the campaign of harassment and imprisonment of Republicans within his illegal jurisdiction has proved his words to be very true indeed.

Many Republicans who have sought refuge over the border from certain imprisonment, brutality, internment or special courts in the North, have been subjected to the same repression in the South.

The arrest of Republican leaders such as Seán Mac Stiofáin, Máire Drumm, Ruairí Ó Bráaigh and Joe Cahill, demonstrates the eagerness and willingness of Lynchs Puppet Government to fulfill the wishes of Britain.

Special Branch detectives in the South work closely in collusion with their Northern counterparts. An exchange of "files" and

an accepted and demanded thing.

The 26 County Minister for "Justice," Mr. Desmond O'Malley has implemented to the letter his Offences Against the State Act using every means at his disposal to hinder the Republican Movement.

Many in the Six Counties have lost their lives, their limbs and their property. Everyone accepts that the English have nothing to offer except bloodshed and tears. There are those who are willing still to offer all that they possess even their very lives in order to bring peace and justice to this country of ours.

Unfortunately there are men like Lynch and O'Malley who are merely interested in preserving their own personal positions as dictators and are willing to grovel to an Alien Government to ensure

"their" future well being. The repression, harassment and imprisonment will undoubtedly continue against Republicans and their sympathisers but the sands of time are fast running out for Lynch and Company.

Many people, both North and South are fast realising that this crew never were and never will be, masters of their own ship.

The people will see through the guise of Lynch and as the Corrupt Regime of Stormont crashed, so too will fall the Lackeys of Leinster House.



Calculated act of Collaboration

VICE-PRESIDENT OF SINN FEIN ARRESTED

MRS. MÁIRE DRUMM Vice-President of Sinn Féin has been charged at a special court with incitement. Her arrest is a carbon-copy of her previous arrest and imprisonment and shows a blatant will by the 26 County regime to fulfil British demands.

Mrs. Drumm was remanded for a week on the incitement charge which refers to a speech she is alleged to have made at Navan last St. Patricks Day. A statement issued by Sinn Féin said, "The arrest of Mrs. Drumm is another calculated act of collaboration by the 26 County Government with the British regime in Ireland. The Drumm family have devoted themselves to the cause of their oppressed people in the 6 Counties. Mrs. Drumm herself has served two 6 month jail sentences last year. This one act above all others will bring home to the people of the North the fact that they have no friends, just collaborators and enemies in the 26 County establishment."

Anderstown Peoples Democracy said they deplored the arrest of Mrs. Drumm stating that "this was obviously in response to the Whitelaw, Green Paper."

The Republican Movement in Derry condemn this deestestable act by O'Malley and we call on the people of Derry to show their contempt for Lynchs administration by publicly protesting against it.

COLLABORATOR LYNCH

EDITORIAL

THE IRISH Republican Army, assisted by the nationalist people have defeated the combined forces of the British Army, the R.U.C. and the U.D.R.

This fact is obvious in the Propaganda War now being carried out by the British Government. The re-occupation of former No Go Areas by British Troops has solved nothing for Westminster. Instead it has marked an increase in the number of their men being killed and wounded. It has not prevented the bombing campaign from intensifying rather it has made a mockery of their "security" and intelligence. The only path left to the British to attempt to defeat the I.R.A. is by Propaganda.

Britain will use the most vile means at her disposal and if necessary create situations to discredit the Irish Republican Army. In this issue of Volunteer we feature an article on Black Propaganda. We trust that you read it carefully and leave it to you to decide between Truth and Deceit.

Easter Lily sellers to be hounded now?

SUMMONS HAVE been served on a number of members of Sinn Féin throughout the 26-Counties for being "concerned in the holding of a collection" without a permit on "the 1st of April, 1972."

The 1st April, 1972 was Easter Saturday.

The only activity in which Sinn Féin members were engaged on that day was the sale of Easter Lilies.

As many Sinn Féin members have been jailed on a number of occasions for the "crime" of collecting for Northern Aid. Did the authorities hope to get away with another such prosecution without referring directly to the Easter Lily?

Or at England's bidding, having done everything possible to strangle support for our people in the North, do they now propose to try and wipe out the memory of the men of 1916?

The continuous hostility to the Easter Lily by the 26-County authorities over the past 50 years is very significant; - significant in that it seems to remind them of their betrayal of the sovereign independent Republic which was proclaimed at Easter 1916.

There were black and bitter years when the Easter Lily could only be sold secretly. But sold it was and proudly and defiantly worn.

In the 1930s the then Fianna Fáil Government actually tried to introduce a substitute Easter emb-

lem, a "torch" (which was not unlike an emblem used in England in connection with a royal coronation a year or two before!) Even that party's supporters scorned the substitute and the Easter Lily retained its honoured place in true Irish hearts.

In 1964 gardai made unsuccessful attempts to snatch Easter Lilies from sellers in Cahirciveen, Cloghane and Tralee. Only the good sense of a senior garda officer prevented a riot outside St. John's Church, Tralee, when bystanders started to close in on an over-zealous garda who was trying to take a box of Easter Lilies from a seller.

It was Mr. Haughey, the then Minister for Justice in the 26-County Government, who enacted the Street and House to House Collection Act, 1962, under which the sale of Easter Lilies becomes a matter for prosecution. That act was merely an extension and up-dating of a previous British act - of 1916! Probably Mr. Haughey now better appreciates that anti-National law is bad law - whether the British in the Occupied 6-Counties or their friends in the 26-Counties try to enforce it.

Whether other politicians, who are given power because of family favour, have their ambitions shattered as Mr. Haughey's were is no concern of ours.

But let them be assured that Republicans will sell the Easter

Ansmacht '72

Ní thig le haonduine a shéanadh go bhfuil baint an-láidir idir an chrochdheighilt a dinneadh ar Éirinn tá 50 bliain ó shoin agus an droch-bhaill atá ar an tír ó shoin. Ba uafásach an tubaiste é don tír seo nuair a dhinn an Bhreatain an droch-reiteach seo ar ár muintir in eadan toil formhór mhór na ndaoine. Fiú amháin sa lá inniu tá an Bhreatain ag déanamh amach gur tromlach atá san mhionlach ceanna agus gur mionlach atá in cuid den tromlach

agus tá siad ar fad ag dinneadh a geuid "réiteach" ar mhuintir na h-Éireann.

Munar oibrúigh an chríochdheighilt amach mar réiteach na ceiste Éireannach is cinnte nach n-oibreócaigh amach cibé "réiteach" úr atá beartaithe acu ná níl sócrú ar bith in ann do cheist na h-Éireann go dtí go sócrófar in Éirinn í idir mhuintir na hÉireann agus chun tairbhe d'Éirinn. Níl í "réiteach" na Sasana ach ansmacht.

Sinn Féin Action

Political activity by Sinn Féin must take place on an unprecedented scale to organise the people, articulate their demands and give them leadership and direction. Short-term directions will include:

1. The release of all political prisoners.
2. Abolition of the Special Powers Act.
3. Removal of the ban on Sinn Féin.
4. Withdrawal of all political test oaths and their restrictions on candidates contesting elections.
5. Removal of the oath of allegiance to the British Crown as a condition of employment.
6. Confirmation of the P.R. system of elections.

In the 28-Counties, we now have the sorry spectacle of Republican prisoners still being denied political treatment while their comrades in British hands north of the Border now enjoy full political status. If Mr. Lynch and his Government and their allies in Fine Gael and Labour are not completely insens-

itive, they must immediately:

1. Abolish the Offences Against the State Act and their Special Courts.
2. Bring all Republican Prisoners in the Curragh and Portlaois together and give them full political rights pending a speedy general amnesty.

An active campaign to force such action is now being planned by the Republican Movement. The possibilities for creating a New Ireland were never greater. To succeed, generosity is required from all parties. To miss the opportunity now presented would be a great tragedy in view of the tremendous price the people of the North have paid to reach this stage.

Sinn Féin calls on the people of Ireland to rally support to the Republican Leadership now engaged in a peaceful endeavour to secure a just and lasting peace. This call by Sinn Féin has the full support of the Editor and Staff of Volunteer.

Lily, and that Irishmen and Irishwomen will proudly wear it, when British laws and the puppets who operate them are as despised and forgotten as the politicians who tried in 1916 to damn the men who signed the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.

The Easter Lily emblem has a unique place in the national heart. In February 1916 Padraig Pearse told I.R.B. leaders at a secret meeting in Tralee that the Rising had been fixed for the following Easter because of that great feast's association with resurrection and renewal.

Easter 1916 meant the resurrection of Ireland from slavery and the renewal of sincerity in national feeling. The pure Easter Lily emblem perfectly depicts that renewal. In its colours of Green,

White and Orange it symbolises the Republic proclaimed on Easter Monday, 1916. Little wonder then that it was so widely adopted by all who cherish the memory of the men of 1916, and who desire the fulfilment of their dream of a sovereign 32-County Irish Republic. Down through the years since 1916, men and women of every class and creed have been proud to wear that emblem every Easter.

But there have always been those in Ireland who hate the memory of 1916, and they grow bolder in their speeches and in their writings. To the anti-Irish element the Easter Lily is no doubt a hateful emblem. Will their next step be to make the wearing of the Easter Lily a "crime" too?

EIRE NUA The Real Culprit

INDUSTRY

The outstanding features of the present divided economy are:—

(1) Distortion of the Producers Goods Industries (based mainly in the Six-County area) in the direction of supplying specialised products, for which demand is highly unstable, to the English market. Under-development of the Producers' Goods Industries in the 26-County area, despite State subsidy of foreign ventures.

(2) Failure to develop agriculture-based industries to any great extent, owing to the British economic pressure for agriculture to specialise in the export of live cattle. This holds for both areas.

The Sugar Company is beginning to reverse this trend in the 26-County area by proving that possibilities exist for industrial processing of agricultural raw materials in areas other than the East coast. Another important agriculture based industry is distilling.

It is noteworthy that most of the older-established East-coast food-processing firms are British owned (e.g. Batchelors) and as such are, of course, not interested in Irish social-economics, development of under developed regions, etc. Similarly the mills, which are dominated by the Rank organisation, are operating a centralisation policy which puts their own profits before local social needs; the social capital to be written off does not enter the balance-sheet when a mill closure is decided.

Dairying is largely in the hands of old-established co-operatives which, by and large, have shown little enterprise and few have diversified into the other lines of business open to them, such as cheese manufacture. The reason for this may perhaps be traced to the dead hand of the British Ministry of Agriculture, under whose auspices they were formed, in Sir Horace Plunkett's time. This however requires analysis.

Bacon production, once an important export, has fallen on evil days, owing to a highly variable product. This is a result of lack of scientific control. A variable price has deterred producers. There are signs of improvement here, largely due to the work of the Agricultural Institute. The belated establishment of this body a generation later than its European equivalents, is an illustration of the lack of attention paid to scientific research in Ireland.

(3) Failure to develop native industrial 'know-how'; neglect of

potential 'know-how' (in the form of scientifically trained people) which is produced in abundance for export by our universities. Failure to build up an adequate indigenous research and development framework in which economically important discoveries and inventions might be brought to fruition (Norway, with the same population, spends ten times what we do on applied science.) The cult of the 'foreign expert.' Any 'know-how based' industry at present in Ireland, of a foreign subsidiary, invariably depends on the parent company for its scientific research and development. There is, therefore, insufficient basis on which to grow a native applied-scientific tradition; there are not enough people doing scientific research to generate the necessary intellectual atmosphere. It is interesting to speculate how the Ferguson Tractor might have been developed by an Irish-oriented Belfast engineering industry, in order to revolutionise small-farm agriculture.

(4) Industries based on extracted mineral wealth are sacrificed to a policy of sale of rights to foreign concerns, whose sole concern is rapid exploitation when world prices are high, followed by neglect if the price drops. The melancholy history of Avoca may yet be repeated at Tynagh and other places.

(5) Relative backwardness of the Building Industry as regards stability and conditions of employment, as well as the use of modern methods. This contributes to the high cost of housing, although in this the interest rate is the dominant factor. A small number of highly mechanised, large-scale building firms exist; these are associated with British interests and are at present making large profits out of the rebuilding of central Dublin in the Imperial image. The same situation exists in Belfast; large office-blocks for importers' offices are replacing older industrial-type buildings.

TRIBUTE

"I would just like to say that as a volunteer in the I.R.A. I am very proud to do time for my country and the cause for which so many men and women have laid down their lives."

Spoken by a sixteen-year-old Belfast boy to a judge.

THOSE WHO witnessed the behaviour of the Gardai in Bun-crana on Sunday 15th October, should not be too surprised because the Free State Government has never been slow to use the methods of her imperialist master to degrade and desecrate the dignity of those of her own people who refuse to share her allegiance to Britain. In fact nothing better could be expected from a government whose authority was founded on this very principal and epitomised in the tragic civil war of the 1920's. The point is well made in the following quotation, taken from a book of the time.

"The Terror failed. The Empire resorted to a more subtle policy - "Divide and conquer" - a motto as old as Rome.

Believing, as they were told, that it was still the Republican army, that the oath to the English king meant nothing, that England was the only enemy they would ever be called upon to fight, Irish Volunteers joined the Free State army, and took the guns and the uniform and the pay.

When, without an hour's warning, they were given English artillery and ordered to make war upon their old comrades - upon those who refused allegiance to the English King - they were in a death-trap. To mutiny was to die.

Their tragedy is more pitiful than the tragedy of the men they killed. Fighting for a cause they hated against the cause they loved, hunting and killing their old comrades and leaders, dying, not a few, for their country's

enemy, executed by the people they betrayed - what reward could the Empire offer to atone for this? Debauchery was the only refuge, the only stimulus to such work as they had to do.

Of the degradation that followed one thing only need to be said. The unspeakable things done to prisoners in jails and camps and barracks and on lonely roadsides were not due to insane impulses of these drink-sodden irresponsible men. They were the fruits of a policy calculated, authorised and prompted by the government which they had to obey.

That Government was subject to England, bound by oath and interest to the English King. It was pledged to do the Empire's work, and the Empire's work can be done only in the Empire's way.

So let us not condemn those who have been misled by the facade of righteousness, so ably sported by the Lynch government. Rather let us seek to awaken their spirit to the cause of justice and freedom by our endurance and dignity in the face of oppression.

Felons of our land

A short profile on famous men of the past, who gave their lives for Irish Freedom.

HENRY JOY McCracken was born in Belfast in 1767. He was associated with Tone in the founding of the United Irishmen and he became one of the Society's leaders in Ulster. When the Society was outlawed he was arrested and taken to Dublin and spent almost a year in Kilmainham. On his release in 1797, he returned to Belfast and immediately set about organising the North for the 1798 Rising. During the Rising he was in command of the United Irishmen in Antrim. The insurgents having suffered heavy losses, McCracken and a small band of followers were forced to go "on the run" in the Slemish Mountains. The people hid him from the English and had arranged for him to escape to America but, just before he was due to leave, the English offered to free him in return for information about the other leaders. He refused and was hanged in Belfast on 17th July 1798.

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DURING HIS boxing career Paddy Devlin was matched against an opponent who was classes above him. After taking an unmerciful hammering in the first three rounds, Paddy practically had to crawl back to his corner. His second, who by this time could hardly recognise him tried to rally Paddy by saying, "You're putting up a great show, he hardly laid a glove on you yet." Paddy turned to him, looked at him through his near shut eyes, cleared the blood and loose teeth from his mouth and roared, "well if that's the case, keep your eyes on the bloody referee, for someone is bloody hitting me."

RTE Ban

RECENTLY LEADING members of the U.D.A. appeared on Television, claiming responsibility for certain explosions in the 26 Counties. This organisation stated bluntly their intentions were to "carry out similar operations against the Republic."

Mr. William Craig, leader of the extreme Vanguard organisation, makes regular appearances on Television, advocating genocide and murder. His recent "shoot to kill" speech was given a lot of coverage on T.V.

R.T.E. were very liberal with the amount of viewing time and coverage they gave to these organisations. Yet this same channel has banned Republicans from appearing on their network. Republicans are not permitted to express their views or put forward their policies on what the Lynch administration would claim as the National Network.

The fact that organisations who are intent on waging war against the Free State are given so much coverage by R.T.E. must expose their "ban" on Republicans as a blatant attempt to stifle the Republican viewpoint.

It is obvious also that the Lynch administration regard the policies of the Republican Movement as a serious threat to their already waning Social and Economic policies within their "fools paradise." Regardless of this ban by R.T.E. and the various methods employed by the 26 County administration, the Republican Movement is succeeding in getting its message across and are resisting and overcoming these restrictions.

We advocate an Eire Nua and are confident that this ideal will be accepted by the Irish People despite the combined efforts of the Partitionist Parties.

'Ear 'Ear "Miss" take

AN INTERESTING fact passed to Volunteer concerns court proceedings taken against the Free State Minister of Justice Desmond O'Malley. It seems that approx. five years ago, Mr. O'Malley was involved in a disturbance in a public house and in the melee that followed, Mr. O'Malley bit the ear of another person.

His canabalistic action cost the Minister of Justice £600 in fines and costs. He was subsequently barred from the premises. The same Mr. O'Malley is still performing in similar fashion to-day. His policy of harassment and imprisonment of Republicans is tantamount to "biting of the hand" of those willing to defend the people of the Six Counties against British and Extreme Protestant aggression and repression.

'Ear, 'Ear Mr. O'Malley for your Pro-British action.

An English newspaper recently carried a photograph of a British soldier who when off duty, he dresses up as a woman.

It is interesting to note that just shortly before this article appeared a "Female Searcher" in Belfast turned out to be a Male in disguise.

So ladies, the next time the "lady" red-cap wants to search you take a good look at her and see if "she" shaved or not that morning.

Justice done

PADDY MAXWELL and a fellow Magistrate were both summoned to appear in court on a charge of having no lights on their bikes. They both agreed to "hear" one anothers cases. Paddy heard his mates case first and after "careful" examination of the evidence, he fined him five bob.

When it was Paddys turn however his mate fined him £10, which Paddy did not like at all.

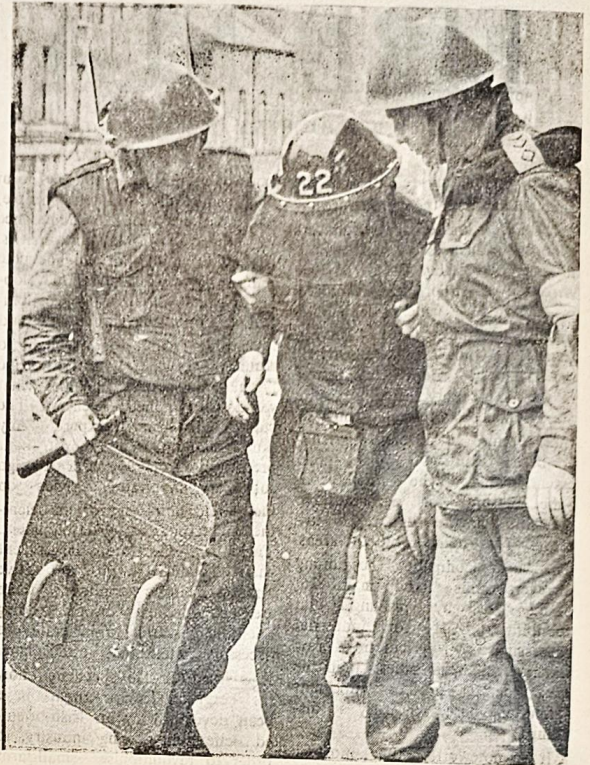
"Sure I only fined you five bob" he said, "and you fined me £10."

"Ah" said his magistrate friend "there's too much of this kind of offence going on to-day, we have to put a stop to it, this is the second case we had this morning already."

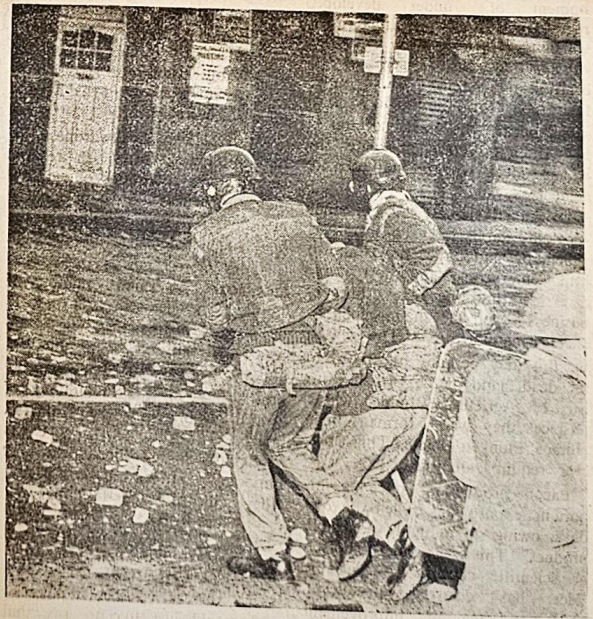
Who wears the trousers now?

IT SEEMS Terence O'Neill annoyed the Ulster Unionist Council members by stating in his book that while Lord Brookeborough was P.M. of Northern Ireland, he was influenced in his decision making by his late wife.

We wonder just who is influencing some of the morons at the head of the various Unionist groupings of the present day.



BOGSIDE MARKSMEN FIND THEIR TARGET AND EVEN THE SCORE PUTTING THE TOMMIES OUT OF ACTION.



HEARD IN THE PALACE

LAST WEEK while the Queen heard remarking to one of her of England was presenting a medal to the officer who was in medal to Mr. Jack Lynch, he is command of British Forces in doing just as good as this officer Derry on Bloody Sunday, she was here."

BLACK PROPAGANDA

THE BRITISH Army has set up a Black Propaganda department in Belfast. This department is completely on the lines as suggested by Brigadier Frank Kitson

This undercover operation depends for its success on statements issued daily to the Press and Television. Statements, that at times even the most gullible would find hard to believe. Examples of Black Propaganda can be found every day.

The classic example being the story recently of how two young girls aged about eight years old rolled a pram bomb towards a British Army post at the Royal Victoria. According to the British, the girls ran away and the bomb exploded.

Television that night gave "full coverage" of this story. They stated that the "soldiers on duty did not open fire as they were "absolutely shocked" that the

the Irish Republican Army has been used against many other countries in the past. They used it in World Wars one and two and during the period known as the Cold War.

Any method that can be exploited by the British will be used.

Their Propaganda Machinery is fully geared to go into operation at a moments notice and covers the World Service in a matter of hours. Remember Derry's Bloody



THE MIGHTY BRITISH
ARMY ARREST YOUNG
GIRLS

public and to bring pressure against the Republican Cause. Typical of this is the efforts being made to liquidate the Northern Aid Committee in America. In this instance Britain has the full co-operation of Mr. Desmond O'Malley the Free State Minister of Justice.

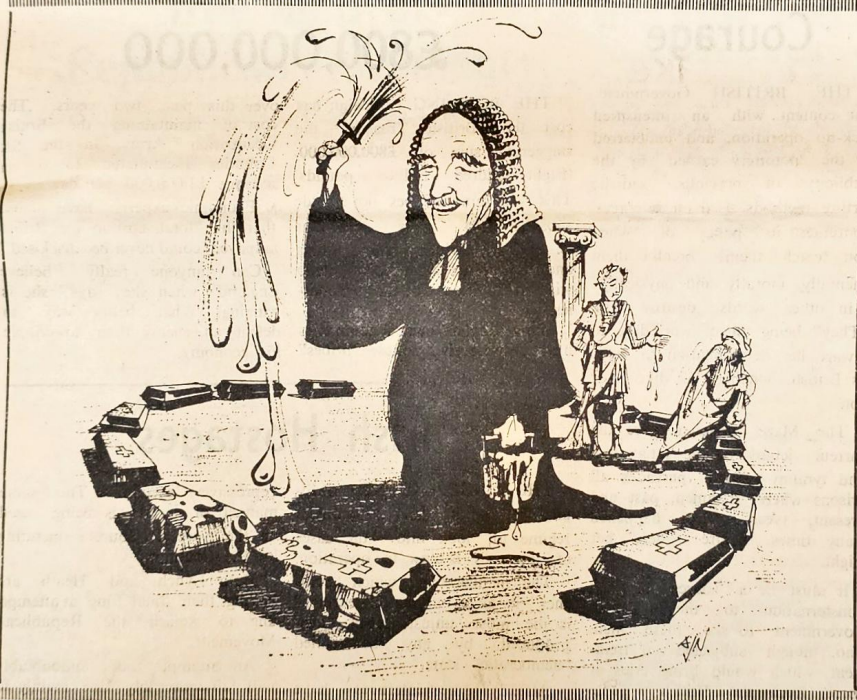
An example much nearer home on just how fast this Propaganda Machine can go into action. A short time ago an Active Service Unit of the Irish Republican Army laid a booby trap for members of the Occupation Forces. The A.S.U. was operating in the Carnhill Area and took every precaution to ensure no danger whatsoever to innocent civilians. Within a couple of hours after the explosion a British helicopter flew over the area dropping leaflets. This in itself proves the ability of the British to spread their Propaganda.

Stories and statements designed to plant very damaging effects on the I.R.A. will be increased by the British Army and thus will make Black Propaganda a major factor in the Six Counties in the coming months.

It will be done in such a way that subsequent corrections are not given at all or else played down greatly.

Remember, British military sources are the main sources of news used by journalists working for the B.B.C., I.T.N. and major English newspapers.

The Republican Movement feels confident that the general public will identify the British lies when they appear and will help in their own way to ensure that nothing less than a true account be given. There is no Propaganda like Truth.



I.R.A. should be so callous as to use such young girls in this task." There was of course no truth whatsoever in this story. It was subsequently "denied officially" by the British Army Press Office later that evening, but only after it had been broadcast widely on local and overseas services.

British Television did not carry this denial nor did it apologise for broadcasting the lie.

The Black Propaganda War being waged by the British against

Sunday victims. Within an hour the British had released a "run-down" on those shot dead. "Gunmen," "petrol bombers," "snipers" and "men high on the wanted list." When the true story was really known the British had by that time already prepared their "excuse." A hurriedly prepared Tribunal headed by Widgery, papered over the cracks in their lies and white-washed the black marks clean. Even at this very moment British Ambassadors and Foreign Envoys

are playing their part in other countries. It has been disclosed that these "gentlemen" are at present involved in a scheme to discredit the Republican Movement in the eyes of neutral and sympathetic countries. The manner which they carry out this task is simple. First they invite large numbers of Foreign Ministers to evening "socials" or "parties" and attempt to sway them away from their neutral position with blatant lies and try to enlist their help in misleading the

Where Sinn Fein Stands

We are unanimous in that there can be no question of rapprochement or of meetings with those who are opposed to us. For their part, their attitude before and during the Ard-Fheis was as could be expected. On Saturday morning, January 10th the opening day of the Ard-Fheis, a Dublin morning paper carried an alleged "Northern Command" statement which said in reference to those against recognition "the divisive tactics of these few malcontents" and "it is being openly suggested that Fianna Fail has already succeeded in planting one of its agents in this group." The smear tactic was early in use. On Saturday night before the Commission recommendations could be considered by the Ard-Fheis delegates, a statement was read from the already compromised "Army Council" which urged the delegates to accept the proposals. It spoke in typically hard-line terms of the Provisional Army Council and its supporters, saying that "if they persisted in error, then all sentiment must be put aside in dealing with them." This dogmatist attitude is surely worthy of the Inquisition of many years ago in its dealings with "heretics."

The same source said later regarding recognition that "as long as they advanced one step in revolutionary theory, it did not matter if they slipped back two in "organisation." Again, on the Saturday night, "Minorities" which would not carry out whatever policies were adopted were told that they would have to get out."

So much for the attitude of the new Parliamentarians before Sunday, January 11th. Since then they have found our support to be nation-wide and decisive. They talk of "healing the split" now that they are on the defensive. We reject their overtures for the reasons given in this statement. We believe that what divides us is fundamental and runs very deep.

We call on them to cease describing themselves as "Sinn Fein." That honoured name has never belonged in Westminster, Stormont or Leinster House. Let them join with their new-found friends in their "National Liberation Front" or whatever they wish to call it and leave the Republican Movement alone.

We call on those who would follow a leadership which flies in the face of all reason and experience of Irish conditions. We say to them: "Think again. The road to Westminster, Stormont and Leinster House is paved with the good intentions of erstwhile Republicans. To-morrow may be too

late. Give your support now to the Republican Movement which will last. Do not throw your efforts away on yet another parliamentary debacle."

For a number of years now those involved in the take-over bid have traded on the good name of Sinn Fein—a name respected for honesty, sincerity and national ideals by Irishmen everywhere. Now that that umbrella has been removed from them, they stand exposed and the Irish people in their own way can now form their judgement.

The Fruits of Courage

THE BRITISH Government, not content with an intensified lock-up operation, and undeterred by the notoriety earned by the publicity of previous sadistic torture methods used on internees, continues its policy of "when you catch them, break them mentally, morally and physically" - in other words, destroy them. "They" being men who dare to thwart her determination to make us British, whether we like it or not.

The Maze prisoners are the current victims of the satanic evil and tyranny which pervades all prisons where Irishmen, past and present, (yes it has happened many times before:) defy her might.

It must be a source of great consternation to the British Government to see these men, who, though subjected to treatment which would bring cries of horror from the British people and imprisonment for the offender from their courts if meted out to ANIMALS, have not only endured but have flung the gauntlet in her face by rising to new heights of heroism.

The message never seems to get through to the British Government that for every man she tortures or kills, there is touched off in another, first compassion for the victim, then indignation and finally rebellion. So that the very weapon she uses to destroy the Irish will, in the end, be her own undoing!

McGUIGAN GOT AWAY

It's near the M1 motorway, not far from Lisburn town. A barbed wire cage erected, by the forces of the crown.

It was tailored for security, they put it there to stay.

But through the Mesh, around Long Kesh.

McGuigan got away.

He didn't use a hack-saw. He didn't use a rope.

They don't know if he dressed up, as a soldier or the Pope.

There is no doubt that he got out, no matter what they say,

For through the Mesh, around Long Kesh.

McGuigan got away.

He was only gone a day or two, when they missed him from the camp.

They never even searched for him, with a tracker-dog or a lamp.

For he slipped over the border, free and far away.

Yes! through the Mesh, around Long Kesh.

McGuigan got away.

£800,000,000

THE BOMBING campaign has cost the British Treasury the staggering sum of £800,000,000. (Eight hundred million pounds) This vast amount does not include subsidies to firms such as C. and A. British Home Stores and the Co-operative Society who wish to "pull-out" of the 6 Counties.

Many English owned companies have been receiving these "bribes"

over this past two years. The cost of maintaining the British Occupation Army in the Six Counties is estimated to cost on average £1,000,000 per day.

Economic experts have stated, that the "total cost to the British taxpayer could never be disclosed."

Can anyone really believe England when she says she is winning. What better way to defeat an enemy than to cripple his economy.

Irish Hostages

THE "INDEPENDENT" Tribunal set up by the Westminster regime to "look into" the cases of internees is now in operation.

The manner in which "evidence" is given at the "hearings" is the most unjust set-up ever produced by any so called "democratic" state.

Already some internees have appeared before this tribunal and have been "detained" for a further period.

It should never be forgotten though that the 26 County regime were the first to introduce this

repressive system. The same manner of "trial" is being used in the Special Courts operating in the South.

Both Lynch and Heath are having their final fling at attempting to smash the Republican Movement.

An attempt that undoubtedly will fail miserably due mainly to the men whom these laws will be used against and the support of the people outside the cages and prisons in demanding the unconditional release of these Irish Hostages.

BIG DEAL

IT MUST be consoling to the workers in the Textile industry to hear Jack Lynch state that their unemployment benefit will be subsidised by the European Social Needs Committee.

Redundancies in this field of industry are inevitable with entry into the E.E.C. Surely Lynch can find a better alternative to offer the workers than more dole money.

Letters to the Editor

BRITISH ARMY HARASSMENT

SINCE "OPERATION Motor-man" the British Army have raided my home 4 times.

The first occasion they acted as "perfect gentlemen." On their second "visit" they smashed down my front door, the sitting room door, broke the wash-hand basin and were very abusive. Their 3rd raid followed a similar pattern, this time they emptied the bin over the back yard, a mess which the Commission refuses to clean up.

Their 4th "visit" was worst of all. They smashed their way in, my daughter heard loud voices in

the hall. They refused to allow me to enter a bedroom to calm one of the younger children who was in hysterics. They would not let another daughter aged 15 dress herself. I believe that the British Army has adopted a deliberate policy of harassment against my family. As a result of these continuous raids, 3 of my daughters are being treated for bad nerves and the doctor is in regular attendance.

Although subjected to this type of oppression we are determined not to submit to the British.

Is mine,

Mrs. Fleming,

Leenan Gardens, Creggan.

True aims of Republican Movement

THE STRUGGLE being carried on by the Republican Movement at the present moment in time is not merely a campaign to force the British out of Ireland or to establish an independent nation, though this is a primary aim of the Republican Movement. It is to attain, through real democracy and socialism, man's true stature in society.

Capitalists control the riches and wealth of Ireland and inside the existing systems of government in both the six and twenty-six county areas will continue to have an economic stranglehold over the working class people of the country. The rich will continue to exploit and impoverish by manipulation of the skills and labour of those who are powerless to defend themselves. Sinn Féin proves that this can be eliminated with her social and economic programme, "Eire Nua."

When socialism is brought into debate it immediately conjures up images of Russia and the opponents of Sinn Féin have been quick to point this out, but like all Republicans, we want nothing to do with Russia or the system in operation there. Russia is a totalitarian State, with a governmental structure ensuring the control of the people by one party, the Communist Party, and, through these controls, no opposition is permitted. There are no free elections there. She is also an imperialistic power wanting and gaining control of other nations, Hungary, Poland, etc., and using her Fascists methods

in those poor countries too.

With the type of governmental structure envisaged by Sinn Féin, federal down to community government, the people, the grass roots of society, are guaranteed complete control of the nation and so control of themselves. With a policy of co-operatives, nationalisation of major industries, and the re-investment of profits into the State, we will be able to throw off the yoke of capitalism and gradually provide a better, more stable way of life, with a welfare system equalled by no other state or nation. These are only a few points from the "Eire Nua" programme which for the working class, must make it imperative reading and call for further investigation.

"Just as working people organise themselves into trade unions to defend themselves against an economic force that tends to depress them and their wages, etc., so also must the Irish nation organise itself in such a way as to defend itself against the economic force that is associated with the imperialistic system that tends to its depopulation and impoverishment." That quote from "Eire Nua" should and can be the guideline for the people to follow. They must make themselves politically aware, form Sinn Féin cumainn, form and or join tenants' associations, fight the evil that is here, the capitalistic system. The struggle is for all the people. It is a class as well as a national struggle. Workers must unite now.

Things they said

"The unemployment rate in Derry is particularly worrying."
W. Whitelaw.

"A toast is drunk every Saturday night to commemorate the destruction of an Orange Lodge banner last 12th night."
U.D.A. Comment on bombing St. Johnston pub.

"Sheer boredom was the cause of unrest."
Rev. W. A. Agnew. L.O.L.

"Safeguard our border."
Capt. John Brooke Unionist M.P.

"Screen all members of the U.D.R."
Alliance Party.

"Make Craig and his followers outcasts."
C.R.A.

"Unity not in my time."
Terence O'Neill Ex. P.M.

A new nationalism for the new Ireland

COMHAIRLE ULADH, the Council for Ulster, is working to achieve two aims simultaneously:

1. The establishment in the historic province of Ulster of a network of self-governing communities grouped as four self-governing regions, under a provincial parliament, Dáil Uladh.
2. The integration of this system of self-government with similar systems in the other three provinces of Ireland, under an all-Ireland parliament possessing sovereign powers.

But Comhairle Uladh does not stand alone. The initial impetus which inspired and established it came from the Republican Movement. The scheme of Irish self-government which the Comhairle proposes is the basic plank of the Republican political programme. In Connacht, moreover, a sister-body, Comhairle Chonnacht, has been working for the same project from the Connacht angle. Throughout Ireland, during the past year, various groups and individuals have expressed support in varying degrees for the political changes that we are advocating.

So, we can place the work of Comhairle Uladh in context, and describe our common endeavour more adequately, if we put it like this. The Republican Movement and a number of groups and individuals who are in some degree inspired by it, have come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing to replace the existing government structures in Ireland by new ones. We are proposing an Irish political commonwealth, based on self-governing district

communities of, say, 10—40,000 people. These would be grouped as self-governing regions under four provincial parliaments, with an all-Ireland parliament over all, possessing sovereign powers.

There is much to be said for including a fourth, non-statutory tier of "community councils" for the parish or similar unit. The Comhairle Chonnacht proposals state: "The parishes will be encouraged to form community councils containing representatives of the local voluntary bodies. These community councils will send one member each to the District Council. The other seats on the District Council will be filled by direct election."

It is fair to say that this project which is barely a year old, came into existence in an ad hoc and piecemeal manner. The immediate occasion of its origin was the war in the North; the initial aim, to offer a political solution for the Northern conflict which would "unite Ireland" in a way that might prove acceptable to the Northern Unionists.

However, the project as it has now developed goes far beyond anything that might be required for this aim alone. We are now proposing not merely that the Northern Unionists modify their political allegiance and that the government system in the Six Counties and neighbouring counties be remade from the bottom up. We are also proposing the dismantlement of the 26-county state as it now stands and its replacement by our communitarian and pluralist republic.

To be continued in future issues.



The BRITISH call him a **YOBBOE** . . .

THE YOUNG unarmed lad, running from a certain brutal beating, if caught by the baton wielding British Tommy is nicknamed a "Yobboe" by his English oppressors. He looks no more than 16 years old. When it all began 4 years ago, he was still at school. Not part of the struggle then and not fully understanding the reasons why his city was torn by strife he probably took part in stone throwing at the infamous R.U.C. To-day he is part of the struggle. The boy of yesterday has grown in knowledge and in hate. He hates the uniform that confronts him now. It has changed to British khaki

Undoubtedly he has had a friend who has suffered at the hands of these invaders. Maybe someone close to him is imprisoned, interned or has been murdered by his "would be" masters.

He has witnessed cold blooded murder on his streets. Yet like so many of his kind, he refuses to yield and faces an armed might with a stone. His only weapon in hitting back.

Does he look like a "terrorist," a "thug" or even a "murderer." Too often he is labeled a "hooligan."

Four years ago he had no thought of the future. Now his school days are over, what is his future? Like so many before him the answer lies in the long dole queus or emigration.

Or maybe there is at last an

other alternative, Freedom.

Freedom from domination that has held his City in a grip of economic depression for the past 50 years. Freedom from an apathy that has gripped so many of the Irish People, an apathy that his generation is determined to overcome. Freedom to live his life to the full and not merely to exist. Freedom for his country so long held in chains of bondage and so long desiring to break loose.

He runs away, but only so far. He will stop and turn to meet his enemy and fight for what is his. His enemy will retreat and go on retreating until he finds there is nowhere else to run to except the cursed land from where he came. Soon that day

will come and the "yobboe" will smile and feel proud.

Proud that he played his part in the struggle. Proud that his courage did not fail and he stopped running. Proud that he has proved to all that he is neither hooligan, nor "yobboe" but one of the generation of Irishmen who Fought and Won.

PARATROOPER: "Doctor since I came to Belfast I can't seem to make friends with anyone."

DOCTOR: "Why do you think this is?"

PARATROOPER: "Mind your own business you cross-eyed Irish bastard."

Freedom

The end of freedom is human happiness.

The end of national freedom is individual freedom; therefore, individual happiness.

National freedom implies national sovereignty.

National sovereignty implies control of all the moral and material resurces of the nation.



The Wit of Fools