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A BARRACKS devastated in Fermanagh, two top-ranking RUC detectives and a prison official killed in Derry, and a car-bomb detonated at a major British army base in West Germany — these and other attacks during the past week demonstrate yet again the resourcefulness and the determination of today's IRA to prosecute the war against British imperialism to a successful conclusion.

That war is fought at a price. People suffer in war and, as has been said many times in the past, no community has a monopoly on suffering. This week, republicans buried another freedom fighter, a young man who laid down his life not for personal gain but with the same selfless patriotism that has motivated countless generations of Irish freedom fighters.

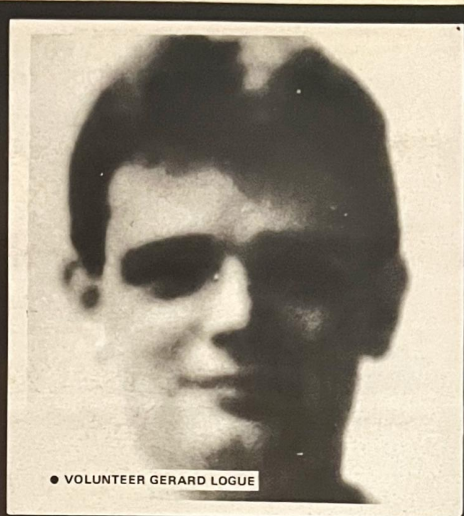
The republican struggle is not based on sentiment, misguided patriotism or blood-lust, as the British and their native allies suggest, but on the absolute and logical conclusion that there can be neither peace nor justice in Ireland so long as British interference in our affairs continues.

Lately, and particularly since the signing of the Hillsborough Agreement, constitutional nationalist politicians and parties have pointedly ignored this fundamental issue and have tried to divert debate into cul-de-sacs, all of which appear reasonable but none of which can or will resolve that fundamental problem.

DETERMINATION

Frustrated by the single-minded determination of republicans not to be diverted but to carry on the struggle, leaders of the political, church and media establishments have become increasingly strident — even hysterical — in their denunciations of each and every IRA action.

But as they rant and rave against the republican struggle, the silence of these same people on the issue of British repression rings louder and louder in the ears of ordinary nationalists who day and daily are at the receiving end of that repression. Far from isolating and defeating our struggle, the hypocritical leaders of church and state merely strengthen our resolve to achieve the Ireland for which Gerard Logue laid down his life.



● VOLUNTEER GERARD LOGUE

DERRY VOLUNTEER DIES IN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

See centre pages for profile and funeral report





● The scene of last Monday night's IRA attack at Magee College, Derry

IRA on the offensive

DEVASTATING attacks this week by IRA Volunteers in Fermanagh, Derry and West Germany clearly demonstrated the IRA's flexibility and determination to strike relentlessly at crown forces targets and to pursue the armed struggle wherever and whenever the opportunity arises.

The week's events were overshadowed, however, by the tragic death in Derry on Saturday of IRA Volunteer Gerard Logue, who died in an accidental shooting while on active service.

WEST GERMAN BLAST

There was consternation in British government and military circles when, for the first time in several years, IRA Volunteers attacked a major British military target in Europe.

Monday night's car-bomb attack took place at the joint British army/Royal Air Force headquarters at Rheindahlen, near Dusseldorf, West Germany.

A red Toyota car containing over 200 lbs of explosives was parked beside the base's officers' club. A warning was telephoned and a short time later, at 10.30pm, the bomb exploded. The blast, which was heard ten miles away, wrecked the club and injured a number of officers.

Claiming responsibility the IRA warned:

"British forces can count them-

elves extremely lucky. Our unit's brief was to inflict a devastating blow but was ordered to be careful to avoid civilian casualties. Because of the presence of a large number of civilians, including many women, in the immediate area a warning was given.

"The British government can save lives by calling off its war in Ireland. It has been warned."

DERRY STRIKES HARD

In a lengthy statement on Wednesday, the IRA outlined the background to and details of Monday night's attack in Derry which left two RUC and one prison official dead.

After careful consideration, Derry Brigade decided to strike at those who continue to administer and maintain the inhumane regime in Magilligan Prison. Leslie Jarvis — despite attempts by the media to portray him as a civilian — was an integral part of the prison administration and was another of that despicable breed which profits from the suffering of Irish prisoners.

Jarvis had been attending night classes at Magee College in the city for some time before he was

positively identified and targeted by one of our intelligence units.

On Monday night, at approximately 8.30pm, the area surrounding Magee College was secured by two five-strong active service units who were responsible for the entire operation. Jarvis was executed just after he got into his car at 8.50pm.

During the initial surveillance of Jarvis it was noticed that he always had a bulky briefcase in his possession. After he had been shot, an IRA Volunteer removed Jarvis's briefcase and substituted an identical one containing a 7lb movement-sensitive booby-trap bomb which was fitted with a timing device to ensure that no danger was posed to civilians.

Our Volunteers were aware that only the most senior RUC Special Branch officers would initially investigate the scene and our expectations were realised when, at about 9.40pm, the booby-trap exploded, killing Detective Inspector Austin Wilson and Detective Sergeant John Dennison.

Dennison, an Englishman, former Grenadier Guard and member of British Intelligence, had served in the North in the mid and late '70s before joining the RUC.

Detective Inspector Wilson's death has dealt a major blow to the RUC. One of its most senior officers, he had been involved over the years in almost every

major RUC operation against republicans in Derry.

Teenagers wrongfully accused of involvement in the shooting of a British soldier in Bishop Street in 1984 say that Wilson personally beat confessions from them. He was also the senior 'scenes of crime officer' at the SAS murders of three young Strabane IRA Volunteers in 1985. His death will throw the RUC's anti-republican strategy in Derry into disarray.

In conclusion, Derry Brigade warns all those involved in the administration of injustice at Magilligan Camp that it is leaving all options open. Further repression of prisoners will lead to further reaction from us and we will carefully decide the extent of that reaction.

Several hours before the funeral of IRA Volunteer Gerard Logue on Tuesday, his comrades in the Derry Brigade brought the city to a standstill with strategically-placed hoax-bombs in Derry and on the new Foyle Bridge.

MORTAR ATTACK

Thursday, March 19th, saw IRA Volunteers in Fermanagh, Tyrone and Belfast strike at crown forces targets.

In Fermanagh, IRA mortar-bombs devastated Kinawley RUC Barracks.

An IRA active service unit managed to place a tractor and trailer-load of hay within 20 yards

of the barracks' walls — the hay concealed nine mortar tubes. At 1.30pm, all nine mortars were fired simultaneously, each of them hitting their target and causing severe structural damage as well as injuring at least two British soldiers.

This was the seventh attack on Kinawley Barracks in recent years; in one attack, in September 1984, the main building was demolished by IRA mortar-bombs and had to be completely rebuilt.

COOKSTOWN AMBUSH

Earlier that same day, a UDR soldier narrowly escaped death when IRA Volunteers opened fire on him as he left his Cookstown home shortly after 8am.

The night before, the Volunteers had commandeered a nearby house where they waited for the UDR soldier to leave his Coagh Road home to go to work. Despite intensive crown forces activity in the area, including several road-blocks, the IRA Volunteers carried out the attack, firing several shots and wounding the UDR soldier.

GRENADE ATTACK

In the final attack of the day, IRA Volunteers in Belfast fired a grenade at a British army observation post in Springfield Road Barracks, West Belfast. The bomb detonated on impact, causing some damage to the post.

A long way from Bodenstown

BY MAIRIN Mac DIARMADA

IT'S A LONG WAY from Bodenstown to Leinster House. It's a long way from Fianna Fail rhetoric in opposition to that party's role when in government.

In Leinster House this week, Charles Haughey ate the words he uttered at Fianna Fail's Bodens-town ceremony where he pledged that he would renegotiate the Hillsborough Agreement. He told deputies that Fianna Fail now has no intention of renegotiating it despite the fact that they "did not accept the constitutional implications of Article One of the Agreement". They would not renegotiate it because the British would not agree to change the most fundamental part of it which recognises their rule in the Six Counties. And that, as far as Charles Haughey is concerned, is that.

He went on to say how Fianna Fail would continue to fully implement the Hillsborough Agreement with Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan acting as the Dublin government representative on the London-Dublin Inter-Governmental Conference. Earlier in the week, Haughey had made administrative changes giving himself and his department more powers in dealing with the British and the EEC and reducing the role of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

DUKES

Listening with approval to Haughey's Hillsborough pledge was the new leader of Fine Gael, Alan Dukes.

He had been elected leader on Saturday, March 21st, beating John Bruton and Peter Barry. His win was more of a selection than an election as he was the favoured choice of Garret FitzGerald, who had brought him into his Cabinet straight after his first election to Leinster House in 1981.

Dukes began his career as Fine Gael leader with a strong attack on the Progressive Democrats, whom he described as a "destabilising influence". The friction between the PDs and Fine Gael will continue as they struggle to

occupy very much the same political ground, especially as Dukes is identified with the 'liberal' wing of Fine Gael.

SUPPORT CONDITIONAL

In his first interview as leader, Dukes also made it clear — as Peter Barry had done the previous week — that Fine Gael support in Leinster House for the Fianna Fail budget and for other economic measures was conditional on their full collaboration with the British government under the Hillsborough Agreement.

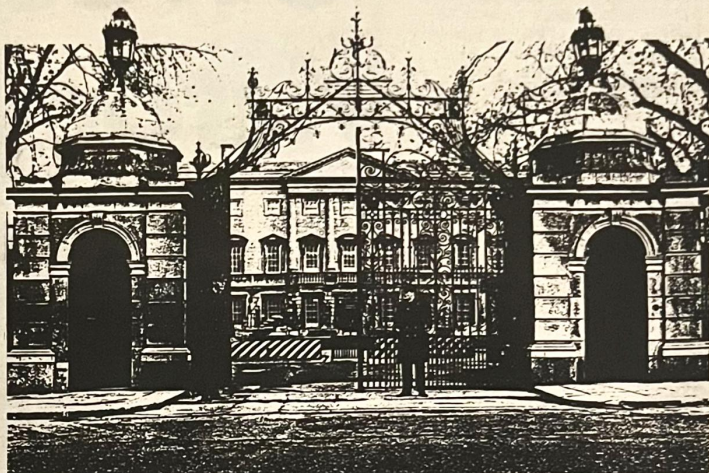
Another interesting announcement in Leinster House was that an all-party committee may be set up to review de Valera's 1937 Constitution. Undoubtedly, one of the proposals likely to come before such a committee would be the abolition of Articles Two and Three which claim territorial jurisdiction over the Six Counties. This would be pushed by Fine Gael and the PDs and remains a strong possibility.

BRITISH SPIES AND THE GARDA

Meanwhile, former British spies Fred Holroyd and Colin Wallace are continuing to rattle skeletons in the cupboards of both the London and Dublin governments with their embarrassing revelations about British army/M16/Garda collaboration making the headlines again.

RTE's *Today Tonight* programme on the two spies last week contained little new but did place emphasis on the role of the Garda in assisting British kidnappings and assassination attempts along the border in the mid-70s.

It emerged this week that two gardai are the subject of an 'inquiry' into their activities in that period. The Monaghan-based detectives were centrally involved in collaborating with the British army and one of them was trans-



●ALAN DUKES



●CHARLES HAUGHEY

ferred to Dublin after his contacts with the British became notorious.

The Garda has been clearly embarrassed into this latest 'inquiry' which, no doubt, will not disturb the cover-up of cross-border collaboration which now goes on more extensively than ever. The only difference between now and the mid-70s is that crown forces/Garda co-operation

is institutionalised under the Hillsborough Agreement and there is less room for slip-ups in 'unofficial' operations.

BUDGET HINT

Finally, a hint of what the poor can expect from Fianna Fail was given by the new Social Welfare Minister, Michael Woods. He said that his first priority will

be the elimination of 'welfare fraud'. He thus takes up from his Coalition predecessors the policy of penalising the less-well-off.

Fraud in the welfare system is miniscule in comparison to the millions spirited away by big business swindlers, while thousands of people are not claiming benefits to which they are entitled.

Prisoners fight extradition



ROBERT RUSSELL

ROBERT RUSSELL'S long fight against extradition entered another phase when he began his appeal in the Supreme Court against a High Court decision which upheld the order to hand him over to the RUC.

The H-Block escapee and Portlaoise prisoner appeared before the Supreme Court in Dublin on Tuesday, March 24th. He has been nearly three years in custody in the 26 Counties, having been arrested by gardai in May 1984 after his escape from Long Kesh the previous September. He took part in the escape attempt by republican prisoners in Portlaoise in November 1985 and later received a three-year jail sentence for this.

The Supreme Court is Russell's last court of appeal against the original district court order to extradite him to the Six Counties. His counsel, Sean Mac Bride, told the court on Tuesday of Russell's history showing that he was a

political prisoner and had joined the IRA to end British rule in Ireland.

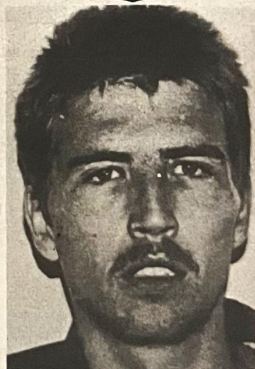
The offence of escaping from Long Kesh and the other alleged offences for which the RUC sought Russell were clearly political, said MacBride, and thus precluded his extradition.

As the case continues, much interest now centres on the fate of Russell and of fellow prisoner Patrick McIntyre, who was also in court in Dublin this week. The former H-Block prisoner, who escaped to the 26 Counties while on parole last Christmas, was further remanded for a month in the District Court on Wednesday, March 25th, while the RUC case for his extradition is being assembled.

ONUS ON FIANNA FAIL

The new Extradition Act introduced by the Coalition last year remains in suspension until December. If Fianna Fail does not rescind it, wholesale extradition will be the order of the day with no political exceptions.

PATRICK McINTYRE



BY TOM O'DWYER

THE SHELBOURNE HOTEL pay strike, which lasted nearly six months, is over. After assurances from Bishop James Kavanagh, the 75 ITGWU strikers voted on Tuesday, March 24th, to return to work the following day.

Jimmy Dixon, a porter, said:

"We're taking the bishop's word for it that it's a good settlement." But it seems that the haze of hints and rumours now surrounding the Dublin hotel is intended to cover a management climb-down on some crucial issues.

The Shelbourne is owned by the multinational Trusthouse Forte (THF) chain whose boss, the British Lord Forte, said last April:

"There's no need for unions in our business."

THF continually refused to negotiate "under duress" and demanded a return-to-work before talks. But it was THF which asked Bishop Kavanagh to act as a go-between - not surprising when you remember that they lost over £1 million in the dispute. In order to save face THF has imposed silence on all concerned but it seems workers received assurances of a substantially increased offer before their meeting in Liberty Hall, ITGWU headquarters, on Tuesday where they voted 48 to 27 to return to work.

If, as seems likely, the union has won, it will be an historic victory for workers in the catering sector, weakening anti-union and miserly employers. One of Ireland's most exclusive hotels paid its workers less than any other in Dublin. At Christmas the strikers distributed a 'menu' which contrasted rates of pay such as a porter's (£1.70 an hour) with game and meat dishes (costing between £16 and £26).

Teachers strike

There was widespread disruption of schools on Friday, March 20th, when almost half of the North's 18,500 teachers staged a half-day strike.

The 7,500 teachers, belonging to the National Association of Schoolmasters & Union of Women Teachers, took the strike action in protest at the imposed pay settlement by the British government and the withdrawal by the government of the teachers right to free negotiations on wage rates.

According to Tom McKee, the union's spokesperson, the half-day protest was an "absolute success" and he warned of more disruption in the weeks ahead, including an end to all extra-curricular activities outside school hours.

Commenting on the strike action, Sinn Fein's Six-County spokesperson on education, Councillor Pat Rice, criticised the claims by Kenneth Baker, British Minister of Education, that teachers are

Sweet victory?



receiving a 25% rise over two years as "misleading". *"Even if it were true, it would still leave the average teacher 10% worse off in real terms than they were at the last major agreement,"* said Rice.

"Teachers are having an extra eight hours per week and an extra five days per year added to their workload and their right to negotiate wages and conditions is being removed. It is small wonder that they are resisting."

Hospital cuts

Threats to jobs were made by the South Eastern Health Board, based in Kilkenny in its financial report issued last week when officials said major expenditure cuts were necessary. The health board, which covers Kilkenny Carlow, Wexford, Waterford and parts of Tipperary, expects to receive £5 million less from the Dublin government this year than in 1986.

The Bank of Ireland has decided to add insult to the injury of this savage cut by imposing extra charges of £150,000

on the board and have given it a mid-March deadline for paying up.

Hobson's choice at Semperit

"We were given Hobson's choice," said a spokesperson for workers at Semperit, Ballyfermot, on Friday, March 20th, after they voted to accept management's reorganisation plans. Continental AG, the German multinational which recently bought the West Dublin plant, threatened to pull out of Ireland if the workers rejected plans which involved a changed bonus system. Multinational bosses are increasingly using such threats, as the recent events at Packard, Tallaght, have shown.

The management plan, which got the support of the Labour Court, was accepted by 277 workers with 117 against. The court said that the workers' attitude towards reorganisation was "far from negative" and denied the company's drive against "loose standards" was a wage-cutting exercise.

The workers were angered by repeated suggestions in the establishment media that the vote means they've accepted wage cuts:

"We haven't given in on that issue at all!"

Next stop feudalism?

A bold plan to take Ireland back to the 1700s was unveiled by the 26-County bosses' union last week when the Federated Union of Employers (FUE) demanded the right to fine workers for carelessness. The forward-looking 'captains of industry' want to reintroduce the centuries old 'Truck Acts' which made it legal to fine workers if the boss thought their work wasn't up to scratch. The FUE thinks that this proposal is "a coherent and modern approach to the payment of wages".

Trade unionists found the idea breathtakingly stupid. John Carroll, president of the Congress of Trade Unions, called it a "dreadful carry-on" and asked "Where is the FUE going at all?" The Federated Workers' Union of Ireland said that the reintroduction would create an "industrial nightmare".

Mayo knocked again

Unemployment levels in County Mayo took another blow recently with the announcement of 20 redundancies at the Castlebar Bacon Company.

Castlebar faces 250 redundancies this summer when the Travenol plant closes and a recent survey in the town shows that two thirds of employers won't take on extra staff in the next 12 months.

Staff at Horan International Airport in Knock are on part-time as a cost-cutting measure. The 27 workers at the Mayo airport system despite the proposed expanded Ryanair service into Knock involving new flights to Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow.

Cobh jobs prospect

Cobh republicans highlighted the lack of local jobs on Monday, March 16th, when they picketed Cobh Council in protest against its "disgraceful record on local labour", said Kieran McCarthy of Cobh and Cork Sinn Fein. Work on the Cobh sewage scheme was given to a contractor hiring virtually no local people.

Sinn Fein is calling on the local council to award contracts to firms employing local labour.

The protesters were also angered by the likely sale of part of Fota Island, a national park, to private speculators intending to build a racecourse and hotel on the land belonging to University College Cork. They feel that this would seriously affect the environment and would fail to provide an answer to local unemployment.

Shorts backs contras

SHORTS, the Belfast aircraft and missile company where the UDA holds sway, tried to sell missiles to the Nicaraguan contras last spring.

Despite British government denials, American investigators have proved that Shorts, which virtually refuses to employ Catholics, tried hard to sell its Blowpipe missiles to the American-backed counter-revolutionaries. The Belfast bigots know who their allies are - the World Court banned such sales after hearing evidence that the contras were guilty of mass-murder, rape and wholesale destruction of crops.

The 'Irangate' investigation in Washington examining illegal sales of arms to Iran and the contras

recently discovered a memo from Colonel Elmer North which said:

"Short Brothers, the manufacturer of the Blowpipe missile, is willing to arrange the deal, conduct the training and even send technical representatives..."

The Tower Report, published at the end of February, showed North had paid a 10% deposit on the delivery of ten launchers and 20 missiles. The US has recently given 40 million dollars to the contras, making a joke of the World Court which last June found the Americans guilty of intervening "in the affairs of

another state".

In the hands of the contras, the weapons could have inflicted appalling carnage. The shoulder-held missiles have a range of four miles and can be used against aircraft or land targets. It is estimated that the contras have killed 12,000 people in their campaign of terror. The Blowpipe missile could be used to obliterate whole villages and the contras' past behaviour indicates that if they got the weapons they'd be likely to try.

THATCHER EMBARRASSED

News of the proposed deal has deeply embarrassed Margaret Thatcher,



● A Brit dummy holding a Blowpipe surface-to-air missile, which is made by Shorts Brothers

cher, who continues to deny the attempted sale in spite of the evidence.

However dishonourable is Thatcher's role, her government at least has formal diplomatic relations with the democratically-elected Sandinista government,

On March 25th, Brian Lenihan told Leinster House that his government wasn't going to do the same. Diplomatic links are vital to this tiny country threatened by the most powerful nation in the world.

Assassination attempt

BY JANE PLUNKETT

A BELFAST MAN was the target of an apparent murder bid at his home on Wednesday night, March 18th.

The attack took place at the Cavendish Street home of Dan McCann, who within the previous fortnight had received death threats from both the RUC and from British soldiers.

McCann's 56-year-old mother, Sheila McCann, was alone in the house watching TV when, at about 8.15pm, two masked men, one armed with a sawn-off shotgun, the other a handgun, smashed their way into the house.

"I went out and there were two men in the hall using their guns to push the glass in. One ran up the stairs and the one with the handgun backed me into the living room."

The man, who was wearing a blue balaclava and blue anorak, demanded, "Where's Danny?"

Where's Danny?" several times. He had a Northern accent.

Sheila McCann was severely shocked by the incident.

"If there had been any man in the house, I'm sure they would have shot them dead. I'm only glad my husband or my other son weren't in either."

Finally, realising she was alone, the men ran out and were picked up by a waiting large car which drove off up Oakman Street.

As they sped off, eyewitnesses saw one of the men fire a single shot into the air, apparently as a signal to two other men who then ran out of the entry behind the McCann home.

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A particularly sinister aspect of

the attack is that the murder gang escaped even though Cavendish Street is under constant surveillance from two cameras which are monitored in the RUC Barracks close by. The professionalism of the attack also suggests that the crown forces may have been involved.

Dan McCann has been a frequent target of harassment since the late '70s when Amnesty International exposed the fact that he was tortured in Castle-reagh. Another sinister factor in last Wednesday's murder bid is that within the previous fortnight McCann has received death threats from the crown forces.

On Friday, March 6th, three members of the McCann family were arrested from the family butcher's shop on the Falls Road following an IRA bomb attack nearby. Their house was raided and the RUC took photographs inside the house. During the 48 hours he was held in Castle-reagh, McCann says he was threatened repeatedly. One RUC man said: "We'll get the Protestant Action Force to take you out."

A week later, in the early hours of Monday, March 16th, British soldiers were seen leaving a makeshift wooden cross bearing the words "Danny McCann RIP" outside the family shop.



© Danny McCann displays the cross left by British soldiers

More feud deaths

ANOTHER two men were shot dead at the weekend in the continuing feud between factions of the INLA. This brings to 12 the number of INLA-linked people killed in recent months.

On Saturday night at around 8.30pm, Belfast man Emmanuel Gargan (25) was shot in the head as he was drinking in the Hatfield Bar on the Ormeau Road. He was still on crutches following an assassination bid in January.

The target of the latest shooting, which took place at around midnight on Saturday, was Armagh man Kevin Barry Duffy (20), who lived in the Drumarg Estate. His body, which had been shot several times, was found the following morning in the grounds of St Brigid's Boys' School.

Responsibility for both deaths was claimed by the faction calling itself the INLA Army Council.

In recent months, Sinn Fein has repeatedly called on both groupings within the INLA to disband completely.

Torthaí crannchur

Republican Prisoners Relatives Transport Committee, Draw
1st: Mark Delaney, Dublin 9; 2nd: Mrs C. Lynch, Ballymun.
Strabane Sinn Fein
February Draw
£50: Pat Stewart, Strabane; £25: Raymond McGowan, Strabane.
West Belfast Sinn Fein
February Draw
£100: L. Dornan and Mrs Hilland, Poleglass; £50: T. Cahill, Mid-Falls; £25: T. Price, Falls Road and E. Curry, Upper Springfield; £20: Hugh, Castle Street; £10: Seosamh Mor, Teach Uí Giollaibh and D. Mac Connihali, Poleglass; £5: P. O'Reilly, Roddy's and A. Morris, Andersonstown.

MAGILLIGAN PROTEST ENDS

BY JANE PLUNKETT

REPUBLICAN prisoners at Magilligan Jail, County Derry, have ended their three-month-long boycott of prison visits.

In a statement from the jail, the prisoners say they decided to end the protest because of the "additional burden" of "stress and worry" it caused to relatives, and in order to focus public attention on the British government's forced integration policy.

The republican prisoners began their protest at Christmas after the prison authorities introduced a new open-visit system which denies all privacy to the men and their families. The men now plan to challenge the open visits with "new tactics".

The prisoners believe that the visits boycott was overshadowing the main issue: the British government's attempt to impose forced

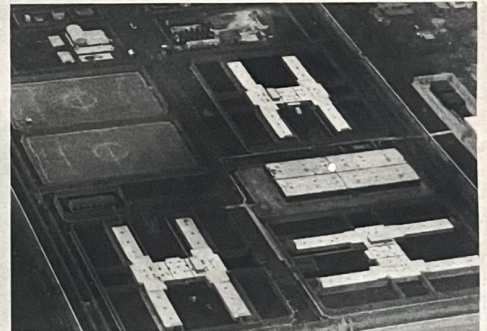
integration of republican and loyalist prisoners at Magilligan.

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In their statement, the republican prisoners said:

"Under the existing highly-charged and extremely dangerous climate within the jail, we consider the stress and worry caused to families as a result of not knowing exactly what is happening to be an additional burden on them and a weak point which the Northern Ireland Office has been energetically attempting to exploit through releasing fabrications and deliberate distortions of facts.

"Only through contact can we



neutralise this psychological weapon, by reassuring family and relations with accurate information."

The prisoners also thanked supporters of their campaign against the repressive conditions in the jail.

RUC BRIBERY ATTEMPT Derry man offered money to inform

A MAN from Derry's Waterside revealed last Friday how the RUC attempted to pressurise him into providing information in return for money.

Michael Carey, from the Strabane Old Road, was arrested last week and taken to Waterside RUC Barracks, where he was questioned about burglaries. He was struck in the face by an RUC man and sustained a broken nose. Before being released the following day, he was told to go to the Top of the Hill Bar and "watch what is being said".

"If I came back to them with information they said they wouldn't press charges against me - despite the fact that I haven't done anything to merit being charged."

According to Carey, this is the second time he has been approached by the RUC to collect information. Several months ago, shortly after he returned from England, he was arrested and questioned by the RUC, who wanted him to watch local republicans. After his release a frightened Carey fled to Belfast, where he stayed until recently.

Sinn Fein Councillor Hugh Brady has appealed to anyone in a similar predicament to Carey to come forward and expose the sordid tactics employed by the RUC.

EASTER SPEAKERS

Requests for Speakers at Easter commemorations to

The Secretary
Republican Commemoration

Committee
44 Parnell Square

Dublin 1

Rent strike pressure mounts

THE RENT STRIKE by local authority tenants throughout the 26 Counties is continuing as pressure builds on the Fianna Fail government to honour its election promise and resume negotiations with the National Association of Tenants' Organisations (NATO).

During its term of office, the Fine Gael/Labour coalition denied NATO its long-standing right to negotiate on changes in the rent system. Local county and city managers were given the power to impose unilateral rent increases which were implemented on a wide scale. The rent strike called by NATO in response to this has received wide support and is set to continue until negotiations resume on the punitive rent increases.

TALLAGHT

One of the strongest areas of support for the strike has been in West Tallaght, County Dublin. Since January 1st, rent offices have been picketed every week and in most areas up to 70% of tenants are withholding rents

while in some estates the total is over 75%.

The strike is being co-ordinated by the West Tallaght Community Council, and involves the local tenants' associations. NATO representative Tommy Byrne, speaking at the rent office in Killinarden, told AP/RN that hundreds of tenants have received notices to quit because of their refusal to pay rents. John Noonan (Tallaght Sinn Fein) told AP/RN that "with increases of 50% to 100% low-income tenants who form a majority of those in Tallaght, have had no choice but to resist in spite of threats of legal action and eviction".

WICKLOW

The latest county to be hit with rent increases is Wicklow, where rises imposed by the county



● A NATO protest outside the new Dublin Corporation rent offices in Fishamble Street in February of this year

manager have come into effect this week. The rent strike there will be stepped up with a general meeting of all tenants' associations due to be held this weekend.

NATO general secretary Matt Larkin says that they are still awaiting a reply from Fianna Fail Environment Minister Padraig Flynn with whom they had

requested a meeting as soon as he came into office. In the meantime, the rent strike continues and will likely escalate if no action is taken by Fianna Fail.



WEXFORD WATER RATES CASE DROPPED

THE NEW ROSS Anti-Water Rates Campaign has claimed a success in its fight against service charges with the withdrawal by the urban council in the County Wexford town of its case against a householder who refused to pay.

At a court hearing on Monday, March 23rd, New Ross Urban District Council withdrew charges against Thomas Hayden of Charlton Hill. He was one of the large number of householders in New Ross who resisted the £40 water rate imposed by the council and was taken to court last year. The court deferred the hearing until January and then to last Monday

when the council dropped the case against him.

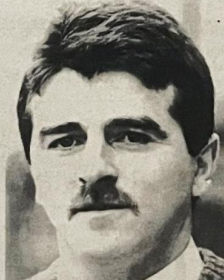
A spokesperson for the New Ross Anti-Water Rates Campaign told AP/RN that the latest development was a vindication of the stand taken by the townspeople. He said the campaign would continue until the unjust tax was totally abolished.

CROSS-BORDER BRIBES

A NORTH LOUTH man has revealed that the RUC has tried to bribe him and pressurise him into supplying them with information.

While visiting Newry on Friday, February 27th, Patrick Harrison of Faughart was arrested by the RUC and taken to the local barracks. He was not released until the following Sunday afternoon and during that time was offered bribes by the RUC in return for acting as a crown forces spy on the people in North Louth. Harrison was threatened with framing and a jail sentence of 15 to 20 years if he refused to cooperate.

Frightened by the RUC threats and eager to be released, he agreed to provide information and was told that he could meet his RUC handler the next day, Monday, in Newry at 4.30pm.



●ARTHUR MORGAN Immediately after his release, Harrison contacted Sinn Fein and told the organisation of his ordeal,

as did two other men arrested with him who were also threatened and offered bribes.

BUGGING DEVICE

Harrison told Arthur Morgan of Louth Sinn Fein that he had revealed the incident immediately so that he could try to prevent others being caught in the same trap.

"After the finding of a bugging device in Glaslough recently it now seems that the RUC want to plant human bugging devices," Arthur Morgan told AP/RN.

"I have reason to believe that there are others who have had similar experiences to Patrick Harrison. They should contact Sinn Fein immediately and combat this latest sinister form of RUC intimidation."

20 raids in Monaghan

IN AN ONSLAUGHT of harassment in North Monaghan last weekend, the Special Branch raided 20 homes and caused damage to property in several of them, with up to nine Branch officers among Gardaí invading each house.

The raids took place on Saturday, March 21st, throughout the North Monaghan area and included the homes of a number of Sinn Fein activists. Monaghan Sinn Fein Councillor Caoimhghin O Caoilain accompanied one of the householders to Monaghan Garda Barracks to lodge a formal complaint about the damage caused to his proper-



●CAOIMHGHIN O CAOILAIN ty by the Special Branch raiders: "Is this what we can expect from Fianna Fail now that they are in power and operating the Hillsborough Agreement?"

Taxis under threat

WEST BELFAST'S now universally famous fleet of 'black taxis' is currently facing one of their toughest battles for survival as plans for a development scheme in the city centre proceed and threaten to jeopardise their use of traditional pick-up points.

As the largest independent employer in the job-starved West Belfast area — providing 275 direct jobs and around 50 other ancillary jobs — the Department of Environment's plan is viewed as the latest in a series of state-authorised attempts to destroy the black taxi service.

Now organised under the umbrella of the West Belfast Taxi Association (WBTA), the black taxis first appeared on the Falls Road in 1970 because of the failure of privately-owned bus companies to provide transport during even the most minor disturbances. And in spite of constant crown forces and state harassment, the black taxis have become an integral part of life in West Belfast, providing a reliable and comparatively cheap service in competition with higher bus prices.

Over the past 17 years, the black taxis'



● The West Belfast Black taxis' pick-up point in Castle Street

traditional loading point has been Castle Street, close to the city centre, but now the Department of the Environment (DOE) plans to pedestrianise the taxis' access route to Castle Street and move them further away from the city centre. The WBTA feels this will seriously damage the service and cause unnecessary inconvenience to the public. Furthermore, the DOE's

plans are clearly discriminating against the taxis in favour of the bus companies who would still be able to use the one-way system in Castle Street.

Jim Neeson, manager of the WBTA, told AP/RN:

"We're not against the buses or jobs being created, all we're saying is that these new jobs should not be created to the

detriment of 275 existing jobs. If we have to move then the buses should move from Castle Street otherwise they will have an unfair advantage over us."

The overwhelming majority of taxi drivers are married with families and, as Neeson pointed out:

"Their prospects of finding employment elsewhere in West Belfast is extremely slim. At the moment, their future is uncertain. All we want the DOE to do is to be honest with us and we're asking the public and all political parties to support us in whatever we do to keep this vital service operational."

CAMPAIGN

As part of a pressure campaign by the WBTA, the association's 275 drivers have lodged individual objections to the plans with the DOE and more than 20,000 signatures have been submitted from the general public in the hope that increased public and political pressure will force an independent inquiry.

Expressing Sinn Fein's support for the WBTA, Sinn Fein MP Gerry Adams said:

"Many small shops, garages and businesses in turn depend for survival on the finance generated from the operation of the taxi service. British government-inspired attempts to destroy this primary source of employment in West Belfast must be viewed against the background of the massive subsidies the British government pours into Harland & Wolff each year to secure the jobs of loyalist workers. And while the WBTA receives nothing of this nature, last year alone these subsidies amounted to £68 million (almost £20,000 per worker) while West Belfast is systematically stripped of all employment."

Sinn Fein has already lodged a formal objection to those aspects of the DOE plans which discriminate against the WBTA, but Gerry Adams added:

"All political parties have a duty to oppose the DOE's victimisation of the West Belfast taxi drivers. Instead of the naive and verbal condemnation of unemployment, here is a real opportunity to help safeguard the livelihood of almost 300 workers by actively opposing those aspects of the development plan which are threatening these jobs."

DIVIS RESIDENTS PLAN FUTURE

AT A PUBLIC MEETING last weekend, Divis residents took the first step towards preparing their own plan for alternative housing to replace the present flats complex.

Almost 150 residents packed into the Divis Community Centre on Sunday afternoon to listen to a discussion plan prepared by the local Residents' Association (the DRA) with the expert help of the London-based Divis Planning Aid team, a group attached to the Town & Country Planning Association.

Secretary of the residents' association, Fra McCann, is one of many tenants who believes that the Housing Executive has consistently failed to take the views of the residents into account:

"Contrary to its claims, the Housing Executive has not engaged in meaningful discussions with residents about the future of the area. Indeed, the Executive is publishing its own plan for the area next month without getting the views of residents. We are determined not to have a plan for new housing simply foisted upon us."

Brian Anson, a member of the London-based support group, warned against trusting the Executive and described how the old Pound Loney area, which had had a "genuine sense of community" had been replaced by a complex



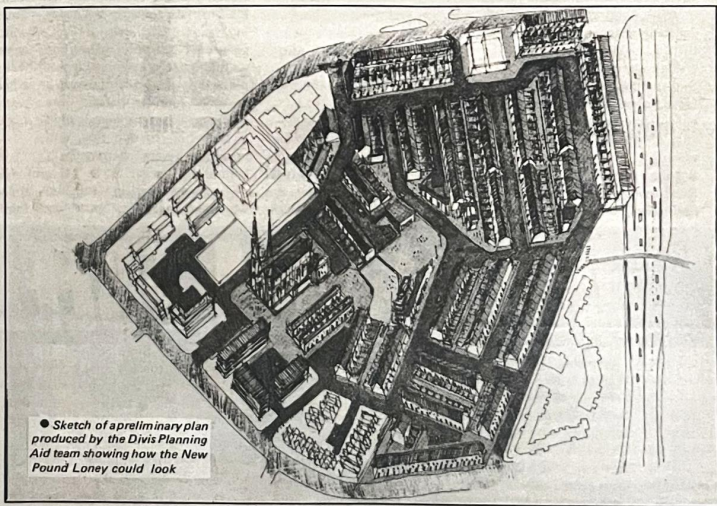
● BRIAN ANSON

which had changed the area from "one of life to one of death".

FOUR PHASES

The preliminary plan produced by Anson's group and the DRA would be implemented in four phases and accommodate between 284 and 319 houses. But the reports warn:

"In the drawing up of a proper community plan, many aspects will need attention — social surveys, the needs of the disabled,



● Sketch of a preliminary plan produced by the Divis Planning Aid team showing how the New Pound Loney could look

the elderly, children, the family structure and single parents."

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the residents' association would carry out an intensive two-week survey to gather the sort of information spelt out in the plan. As McCann explained:

"We intend visiting every home in the complex. We will sit down with residents and ask them their views on the type of house and street design they would like to replace the complex with. Armed with this information, we are determined to force the Executive to negotiate on the future of our

area and our housing needs."

West Belfast MP Gerry Adams — who was present at the meeting — urged residents not to allow the Executive to dictate the shape of the new Divis but to agree a community plan which would meet their needs and requirements.

IRA defies massive RUC presence



Salute to an IRA Volunteer

IGNORING last week's unequivocal IRA warning to steer clear of republican funerals, the RUC turned out in massive numbers on Tuesday to disrupt the funeral of Derry IRA Volunteer Gerard Logue, who was tragically killed as a result of an accidental discharge of a rifle on Saturday night.

Despite the suffocating RUC presence, armed IRA Volunteers daringly breached the crown forces' lines to deliver a final farewell salute to their fallen comrade.

After enduring ghoulis cat-calls and obscene remarks from British soldiers outside the wake house all day on Monday, the bereaved Logue family faced further trauma even before the funeral procession got underway on Tuesday morning. A solid phalanx of riot-clad and baton-wielding RUC men (some with Alsatian dogs) had completely surround-

ed the Logue family home in the Gobnascale Estate before 9.15am as mourners from nationalist estates throughout Derry arrived to pay their last respects.

VIGIL

In an exceptionally cold and biting wind, the mourners maintained a silent vigil outside the Logue home, watching the ever-increasing RUC intrusion

with mounting disgust.

As soon as Volunteer Logue's coffin was carried by his brothers towards the waiting hearse, the lines of RUC personnel speedily converged on the cortege in an aggressive pincer movement. Following a by now familiar pattern, the coffin's pallbearers were jostled and pushed to one side, and mourners were hemmed in behind the hearse.

Fearing repetition of the violent scenes of RUC brutality

at the last republican funeral in the Gobnascale Estate (that of Volunteer Kieran Fleming in December 1984), the Logue brothers immediately placed their dead brother's coffin on the ground. At the family's request, Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness confronted RUC Superintendent Turkington and demanded that he call the aggressors off. When the request was not complied with, the coffin of the dead Volunteer was carried back into the Logue home.

BATTLE OF WILLS

A two-hour battle of wills then began between the Logue family and the RUC to deter-

mine whether the funeral was going to be hijacked and the mourners frog-marched by the RUC to the church grounds, or whether Volunteer Logue was going to be buried by his own people with honour and dignity.

During the stalemate it emerged that the RUC had taken advantage of the confusion to seize the keys of the hearse from the undertakers and were threatening to drive it themselves. A major confrontation between the Derry crowds and the RUC intruders seemed inevitable and for a lengthy period it appeared that the funeral would not proceed at all.

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DEATH OF A FREEDOM FIGHTER

GERARD LOGUE (27), an IRA Volunteer, was killed last Saturday night after an accidental discharge of a rifle. He was on active service at the time.

His untimely and unfortunate death is deeply regretted and mourned by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife Eilish and their three sons Gavin, Tomas and Sean, his mother and father, seven brothers and four sisters, and his comrades in the Republican Movement.

Gerard, known to many as 'Bogie', was born and grew up in the Top of the Hill area of Derry city. Through-

out his early life, he experienced the type of treatment that is all too familiar to the working-class people of Ireland. He applied to join Fianna Eireann in 1978 at the age of 17 but found that it was more or less defunct in his area. So 'Bogie' being someone who got things done, took on the task of rebuilding and reorganising a slua, which is still going strong to this day. His initiative and resourcefulness in that instance were characteristics which made his contribution to the Movement all the more vital.

By early 1979, Gerard had moved into the IRA, but he maintained

strong links with the Fianna, advising and assisting them where possible and, as he said himself, learning from them all the time.

His keen interest in the development of Derry youth led to his involvement in various other activities outside the Movement. He joined Conradh na Gaeilge, learned to speak the language fluently, and later helped to set up a naiscoil in the area. He also played and organised football and hurling. In early 1982 he was one of the founder members of a flute band in memory of IRA Volunteer Francis Hughes.

Gerard and Eilish were married in 1982. He was a loving and devoted husband and father who believed that a better future in a new Ireland was necessary and possible for his and other children to inherit. Because of this, and despite the hardships and dangers faced by an IRA Volunteer, Gerard Logue remained actively committed to the struggle for liberation until his tragic death robbed the people of Derry and all of Ireland of another freedom fighter.

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● Flailing RUC batons outside the Long Tower Church, above Derry's Bogside

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confines of the narrow street, mourners found themselves squeezed in against the flanking RUC lines. Many were being crushed and anyone who dared to even brush against the RUC was savagely batoned.

However, throughout the journey to Creggan Cemetery, the mourners managed to hold their heads high and bear themselves with dignity.

After crossing Craigavon Bridge, the procession faced another severe test of its resolve when it was greeted at the Wapping Lane entrance to the Fountain Estate by a mob of gloating loyalists. Under a hail of missiles and racist/sectarian obscenities, mourners halted on Abercorn road to allow a Tricolour to be draped over the coffin.

The procession moved steadily towards the Long Tower Chapel overlooking the Bogside. There, South Derry priest Fr Kevin Wilson conducted Requiem Mass entirely in Irish to the accompaniment of Irish traditional musicians.

Shortly after the Mass had ended, rapturous applause erupted in the chapel grounds as the Derry Brigade of Oglai na hEireann give its unequivocal message of defiance to the vast military force encamped just outside. Unseen by the RUC (or the electronic eyes of helicopter surveillance cameras, which had momentarily flown away), two masked Volunteers



emerged from the crowd to fire a volley of shots over the coffin of Volunteer Logue which had been draped with Tricolour, beret and gloves. As the Volunteers vanished, one could sense in the faces of the RUC outside the church gates the bitter realisation dawning that they had not prevented Gerard Logue's comrades from paying a final tribute to him.

When the cortege finally reached Creggan Cemetery, followed by 75 RUC Land Rovers, two helicopters hovered over the Republican Plot, creating a deafening clamour. Still hemmed in by the RUC on all sides, the crowd which by then numbered 3,000 people, strained to hear the

burial service.

After wreaths were laid on behalf of the Logue family, Oglai na hEireann and Sinn Fein cumainn in Derry and Strabane, Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams MP gave the main oration.

Extending the sympathy of the Republican Movement to the Logue family, Gerry Adams said:

I came to Derry this morning nervous and apprehensive at the probability of seeing another republican funeral disrupted, but my nervousness vanished when I met Eilish Logue and the Logue family.

I took strength from their strength, and though the media

might later talk of republicans manipulating this funeral, Gerard Logue's wishes to be buried as a republican were honoured by his family and the RUC was forced to move back because his family forced them to move back.

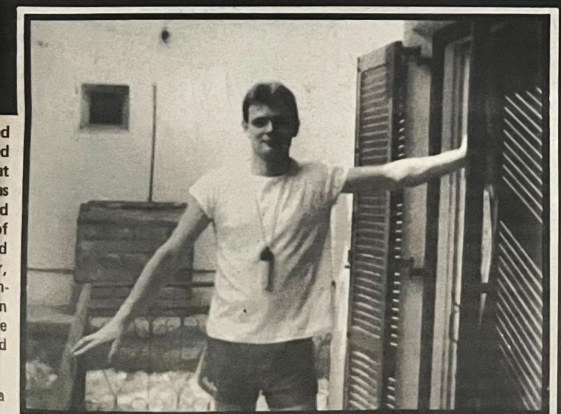
"Even in war there has been a code which allows the dead to be buried with dignity." So said Nicholas Scott, a British godfather, last week. Mr Scott is a liar. Where is his code today? Can we not be allowed to bury our dead with peace and dignity?

This morning, the leader of the SDLP said that the IRA was the enemy of all the people in Derry. It is worth noting that he doesn't use that

type of language to describe the British crown forces.

Volunteer Gerard Logue was not an enemy of his people. He was a freedom fighter and today his comrades paid him a freedom fighter's tribute. He was a son of Derry who wanted to see an end to partition and British rule in his country. As the crowd here shows, he wasn't on his own and, far from being the enemy of the people, the IRA enjoys massive support in this city.

We come here to mourn Volunteer Gerard Logue, to bid him slán, and we should not leave without rededicating ourselves to the struggle in which he played such a full part.



● Volunteer Gerard Logue, Oglai na hEireann



● Gerry Doherty, Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams carrying the Tricolour-draped coffin

Imeachtaí

REPEAL SECTION 31 PICKET
5pm to 6pm Every Friday
O'Connell Street Bridge
DUBLIN

SINN FEIN FUNCTION
Music by Na Lads
Friday 27th March
Slabh an Iarrainn Hotel
BALLINAMORE
County Leitrim

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL FOR MICKEY BURNS
(Ex-Portlaoie POW)
Saturday 28th March
Castle Inn
Christchurch Place
DUBLIN
Taille €2

COUNTY DERRY SOUTH-WEST ANTRIM POWS' RELATIVES MEETING
(To arrange alternative transport)
2pm Sunday 29th March
Memorial Hall
GULLADUFF
County Derry
All concerned please attend

FALLS WOMEN'S CENTRE CLASSES & VIDEOS
8pm Monday 30th March
Video: Coalmining Women
(Women miners in North America)
7.30pm Tuesday 31st March
Class: Women & Mental Health
7.30pm Tuesday 7th April
Class: Self-awareness
8pm Monday 13th April
Video: Women in Arms
(Sandinista women fighters)
All at 170a Falls Road
BELFAST

BIRMINGHAM SIX FUN TABLE QUIZ
Quizmaster: Brush Shiel
8pm Thursday 2nd April
The Bird Flanagan
(formerly County Bar)
Rialto
DUBLIN
Teams of 4 - £12 per team
Buses 17 & 19

DEFEND THE WOMEN'S CLINICS MEETING
2.30pm Sunday 5th April
Conway Mill
BELFAST

FINGLAS PUB QUIZ
8pm Tuesday 7th April
Fingal Inn
FINGLAS
Dublin
Taille €10 per table

'Divorce will come'

"THE PROBLEM of marital breakdown remains; separated people remain; the denial of civil and minority rights remain; the question of divorce will remain until it is introduced - and it will come," said Jean Tansey, chairperson of the Divorce Action Group (DAG), as the group relaunched its campaign for divorce and family rights in Dublin on March 21st.

Over 500,000 people supported divorce in the 1986 referendum although the proposal was defeated. DAG now hopes to increase its support and "build a new majority" for civil rights in the 26 Counties.

EQUALITY

The DAG campaign is based on equality. It demands that wives and husbands should have equal ownership of the family house. (By failing to make this proposal law before the referendum, the FitzGerald government allowed the

anti-divorce lobby claim that divorce would mean wives being put out of their homes.) The DAG also wants a 'one-parent family payment' to replace the varied benefits for single parents which all depend on the parent's legal status. Child benefit can be £12.40 per week, £11.25 or £8.65, depending on whether the parent is male or female, has stamps or not, or is in prison.

Reform of the present laws on judicial separation was recommended by the Leinster House Report on Marital Breakdown. The pres-



Michael Taft, Jean Tansey and Margaret O'Brien at the Divorce Action Group's AGM in Dublin last weekend

ent system means that one partner has to prove the other to be 'guilty' and this leads to great bitterness. The DAG argues that separation should be granted if it

can be proved that a marriage breakdown is irretrievable. It also proposes free comprehensive legal aid for those with marital problems.

FOUR STUDENTS were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act at Manchester Airport on Monday, March 16th.

The students, Micheal Mac Giolla Ghunna, Ciaran McCann, Ann Maguire and Geroid O Muilleoir, were part of a seven-strong delegation from Queen's University Belfast to the National Union of Students in the 'United Kingdom' (NUSUK) conference in Blackpool.

Two of those arrested were carrying leaflets and books for a Students Against Repression in

Students arrested under PTA

Ireland (SARI) stall at the conference when they were arrested. The other two delegates were subjected to thorough body-searches and questioning, and the woman delegate was taunted with comments about strip-searching. All the delegates

were released after two hours when a lawyer was contacted. At the conference itself, 2,000 students listened to Micheal Mac Giolla Ghunna (education officer of Queen's Students' Union) make a statement on the incident and call on them to

get their government out of Ireland.

At a fringe meeting addressed by Una Gillespie (Union of Students in Ireland), students from Britain were asked to organise Students Against Repression groups to make British people aware of the atrocities their government is carrying out in their name.

A commitment was made by Neil MacArthur from the national executive of NUSUK to step up their campaign on Ireland. Their policy calls for British withdrawal and self-determination for the Irish people.



NATIONAL WORKING CONFERENCE ON STRIP-SEARCHING
10.30am Saturday 4th April
Union of Students in Ireland
16 North Great Georges Street
DUBLIN 1

Aims of conference are to:
Improve co-ordination between all working groups
Inform on recent on-going work within the campaign
Provide new ideas and new angles for activity, and
Prepare for this year's plan of work
Proposed structure of meeting:
General report from campaign - political situation.
Report on factual situation in Maghaberry and Durham Prisons.
Campaign for Justice - report.
Questions and discussion.
Workshops on strip-searching and
Trade unions
Women's groups
Medical profession
Clergy/Hierarchy



Republican Publications

REPUBLICAN PUBLICATIONS has produced two new colour postcard designs for Easter 1987. The cards, one of James Connolly and the other of the Proclamation, are available at 20p each.

Three new poster designs are also available. The new women's poster - *Ni saoirse go saoirse na mban* - and the SS/RUC design cost 50p each, while the *Mise Eire* poster (on hard card) costs 70p.

Also available from Republican Publications are three new T-shirts: 'James Connolly 1868-1916', 'IRA' and 'Bobby Sands 1954-1981'. The T-shirts cost £4 each.

All the above can be bought directly from Republican Publications, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 and 51/55 Falls Road, Belfast, or from your local Sinn Fein cumann or AP/RN seller. Bulk orders can be arranged.



BY TOM O'DWYER

"SINCE THE BEGINNING, the Aquino government was pro-US and reactionary." At a meeting of the Filipino-Irish Group in Dublin on March 23rd, Jose Maria Sison, a leading Filipino revolutionary, made a blistering attack on the government of the Philippines. Sison, who spent nine years in prison under the Marcos dictatorship overthrown in February 1986, went on to predict that Cory Aquino's rule would end within three years despite her major success in the recent constitutional referendum.

Jose Sison denounced the "low-intensity military offensive" which General Ilto, Aquino's Defence Minister, is waging (at the request of American imperialism) against the revolutionary New People's Army (NPA). The NPA's liberated areas amount to 20% of the Philippines' territory. "This means low participation of United States troops and high intensity of US arms and funds," Sison said. Under Aquino the military is organising death squads and the Local Government Minister has set up vigilante groups to root out suspected revolutionaries.

The atmosphere of terror is now such that the Irish missionary, Fr Niall O'Brien, has been publicly labelled a "communist priest" on his return to the Philippines. Fr O'Brien dispelled any illusions of the humanitarianism of the Aquino government when he recently wrote that "the massacres continue" under her government and that "non-violence is now almost a dirty word". Jose



● JOSE MARIA SISON

Sison said that Fr O'Brien's views summed up his own.

"Among the rich and powerful in Filipino society there are three factions," says Jose Sison, "and Cory Aquino leads one of them."

Far from bringing in human rights, her troops murdered 18 farmers on a peaceful protest in Manila in January. Recently the faction led by Juan Enrile, who



● Filipino-Irish Group meeting in Dublin

was then Aquino's Defence Minister, tried to overthrow her. Enrile failed, but Sison says that Aquino still faces impossible problems from the increasingly-effective

NPA, from the economic crisis, and from the ruling-class faction which Marcos, despite his exile, still leads.

During his stay in Ireland Jose

Sison had discussions with Sinn Fein and spoke to AP/RN. A survey of the Philippines and an interview with Sison will appear in next week's AP/RN.

US tour success

MORE VISITS to the United States by Sinn Fein representatives are being planned following a successful tour of North Carolina and Washington DC by party cultural spokesperson Mairtin O Muilleoir.

It is unclear whether or not the decision to grant a visa to O Muilleoir, the first Sinn Fein spokesperson to be allowed into the States for several years, represents a shift in policy by the US State Department, but college bodies and Irish-American groups in the US are keen to issue more invitations to republican speakers.

O Muilleoir's visit to North Carolina, an area with little Irish-American activity, aroused significant media interest with several television and radio appearances as well as front-page coverage in the local press. Professor Jeffrey Elliott,

author of the recent book on Fidel Castro *Nothing Can Change the Course of History*, also conducted a lengthy interview with O Muilleoir.

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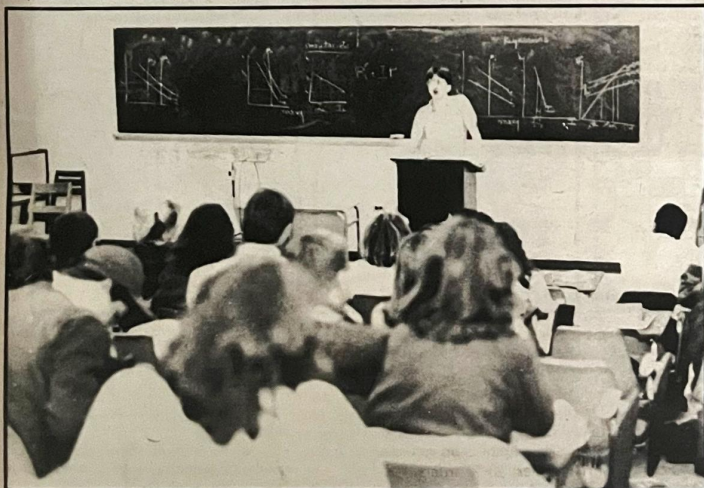
At the predominantly black North Central Carolina University (American colleges are still almost completely segregated along racial lines), O Muilleoir stressed the similarities between the hardships endured by the Irish people and blacks in the US:

"Africa is the richest continent on earth, but the people of Africa, on or off the continent, are the poorest. Ireland, alone

among European countries, did not participate in the rape and plunder of Africa which saw its people scattered throughout the world to serve colonial masters. Indeed, it is estimated that during the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland, some 100,000 Irish people were forcibly transported to the English colonies.

"Your solidarity with liberation movements throughout the Third World - movements which, in many cases, are inspired by the IRA - should be extended to Irish republicans who are also being repressed by a racist and colonial regime."

O Muilleoir rounded off the week-long tour on Friday, March 20th, with an address to students at Georgetown University in Washington DC.



● Mairtin O Muilleoir addressing students at East Carolina University

Strip-searching highlighted in Italy

BY JANE PLUNKETT

RECENTLY-RELEASED republican prisoner Siobhan O'Hanlon returned to Belfast on Monday after a successful tour of Northern Italy on behalf of the Stop the Strip-Searches campaign.

During the 18-day tour, which was sponsored by the International League for the Rights and Liberation of People, Siobhan O'Hanlon spoke at meetings in 18 towns and gave interviews to numerous local newspapers and TV and radio stations.

As a result of the tour, a petition against strip-searching is to be circulated in Italy to present to the European parliament.

On March 10th, 25-year-old Siobhan, who spent 3½ years in Armagh and Maghaberry jails, was the guest at a meeting in the Italian parliament buildings in Rome with two communist women MPs as well as women representatives of national youth, trade union and lawyers' groups.

The Communist Party MPs agreed to raise the issue in the Italian and European parliaments.

Siobhan O'Hanlon also met Euro parliament member Alberto Tridente and in Modena spoke with representatives of Amnesty International.

TRADE UNIONISTS

In Milan, on March 17th, she met ten senior local trade union representatives, who promised to distribute the petition and information within their unions, and to



● SIOBHAN O'HANLON

protest against strip-searching to the British government.

As well as speaking at many public meetings, Siobhan O'Hanlon met women's groups in Livorno, Modena, Perugia and Turin. And in Camoiere, Sarzana, Brescia, Ascoli and Turin, she met groups of local left-wing councillors who promised to raise the issue of strip-searching in local councils and higher bodies.

In Turin, where meetings were organised by the Comito Irlanda Unità solidarity group, the local council has promised to hold an investigation into the overall political situation in Ireland.

"FANCY a working holiday in Portugal?" asked my colleague, Dessie 'Mean Machine' Mackin, eyes atwinklin' as he drew my attention to an advert in *Summer '87*, the latest glossy brochure from John Hill, the holiday-tour operators.

"IRA apartments? Wow! That sounds exciting. Better book early to avoid disappointment."

But no, the 'RA hasn't branched out into the holiday/property business. When I opened up the catalogue, the rest of the headline was revealed on the facing page. The 'Armalite' apartments are on the sun-drenched Algarve coast of Portugal in central Albufeira.



SOUNDS SUBVERSIVE

A couple of suspicious customers had to be shown the door at Club Sandino, London's revolutionary nightclub, recently.



on the Dungannon to Ballygawley Road last week when his car was in a head-on collision with one of a convoy of British army lorries.



● Big Ears, the Royal Charlie, discovers an IRA apartment in a derelict house in Hackney, East London

the community from the hordes in Eastern Europe cannot get tickets for a football match."

I'm not surprised, Mr McMahon - who's going to defend the Belgian community from the hordes of hired professional killers and Cold War bigots such as yourself?



FORMER BRITISH SOLDIER, Peter Edwards (24), of Dolgellau, Wales, has been remanded in custody until April 14th on a charge of killing Gwylfa

of Durham and fled to the United States. There he met Laura Michele Thelen on a bus; Laura was later found strangled at her home in Washington state.

Bridon was arrested in Tucson, Arizona, after a couple accused him of theft. If the death penalty is not sought by Washington state prosecutors then Bridon, if convicted, would be sentenced to life imprisonment with no parole.



FRANK CARSON, the Belfast-born self-styled comedian and former British army paratrooper, has been barred from the

THE FLYING COLUMN

The dubious duo ("two mysterious Americans, one carrying a hi-tech mini camera" - *New Musical Express*) had latched on to a bona fide US news crew filming but were caught out when seen to be more interested in mug-shots of pro-Nicaragua activists than the ambience of the Sandinista-style surroundings.

The club, which is run by the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign and serves such tastefully named cocktails as 'Contra Killers', is open at 144 Upper Street, Islington, London N1, every Thursday. CIA movie buffs are not welcome.



AN RUC MAN was detained in hospital with serious injuries following an accident

SCOTTISH MERCENARIES serving with the Westminster government's army in West Germany are up in arms because the Belgian soccer authorities won't sell them tickets for the Belgium-Scotland match in Brussels next month.

Following the Heysel Stadium soccer tragedy caused by English supporters, the Belgians have said that they will sell tickets to the Scots only if their soccer authority will guarantee their behaviour. The canny Scottish Football Association has wisely (and not surprisingly) declined to do so.

Strathclyde West Labour MEP Hugh McMahon spluttered:

"I am rather shocked and surprised that Scottish soldiers who can defend

Evans (25) in a stabbing incident in a local nightclub at the weekend.



A BRITISH SOLDIER could face the death penalty when he goes on trial in the United States next Monday, March 30th, for the murder of 15-year-old girl.

Trooper David John Bridon (23), of the 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars, deserted from the Royal Artillery Centre in Bovington, Dorset, while waiting to face theft charges in his home county

Blidworth Miners' Club, near Mansfield, Nottingham, after arriving an hour and 40 minutes late for a show and then telling the Jamaican concert chairperson:

"I am not speaking to you, you black bastard!"



MY FRIEND CHUCKY tells me that the explosion at the British army/RAF headquarters in Rheindahlen, West Germany, was carried out by the Irish Republican Army of the Rhine.

QUIRT SIAD

Others see non-violence as a magic wand, a romantic deus ex machina that will intervene and melt away the guns on both sides without addressing the huge social divide that ultimately gives rise to the battle between the haves and the have-nots - what the present Philippine insurgency is all about.

And yet another group, and these have done the most harm, mean by non-violence simply that the rebels are engaged in counter-violence - counter, that is, to the violence inherent in the social situation. No wonder non-violence has become a dirty word.

- Fr Niall O'Brien.



She borrowed at Christmas, and in August for the clutch of school uniforms that amounted to £250. Now she will borrow for confirmation before her Christmas debt is paid back.

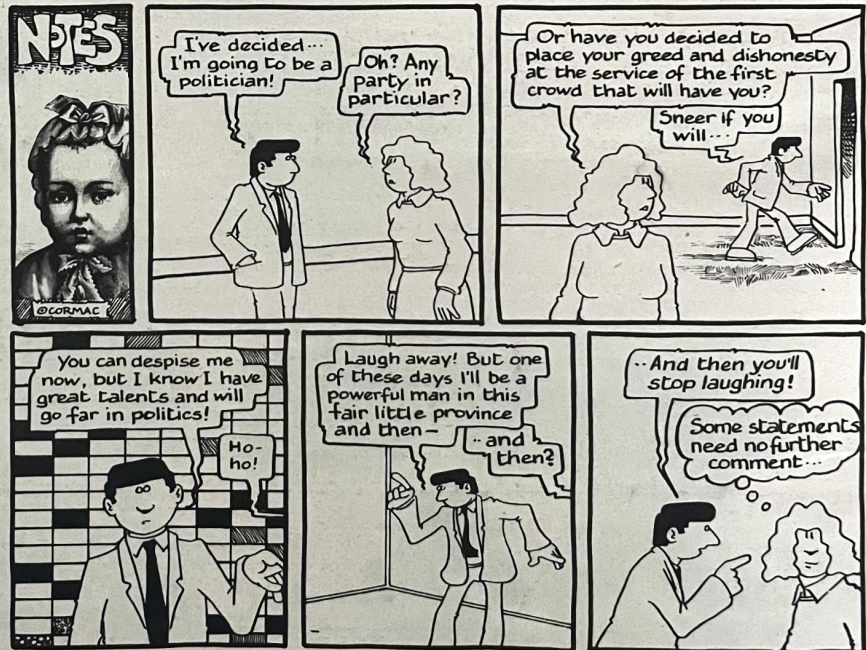
"I will be in debt for the rest of the year. It's as simple as that," she says.

- Kevin Dawson, Sunday Tribune, on how families on social welfare are in the grip of moneylenders.



Ireland remains the British media's enduring blind spot, its raw nerve. Maybe the last word on the subject should go to Paul McCartney. In his No. 16 hit in 1972, Give Ireland Back to the Irish, he said:

"Great Britain, you are tremendous, nobody knows like me, 'But really what are you doing, in



the land across the sea?"

The BBC banned the single.

- Denis Campbell, *New Musical Express*.



We could create a prosperous little country here. There'd be plenty willing to come here - the white South Africans,

for instance. They're looking for someone. They'd understand the situation we're in.

- Alan Wright, chairperson of the Ulster Clubs and district chaplain of Portadown district No.1 Orange Lodge, on the possibility of setting-up an independent 'Ulster'.

Like our brothers and sisters in the South African townships, we shall not stop fighting; we shall not stop defending ourselves; we shall not lay down.

We have the right to live and we are going to use it.

- Stafford Scott, Broadwater Farm youth representative, North London.

REVIEWS

Mouthpiece broadcasting

BY MAIRTIN Mac DIARMADA

'THE BRITISH ARMY murdered 13 civilians on Bloody Sunday.' 'The British army fired shots and killed 13 people.' 'There was rioting. The paratroopers went in to arrest the ringleaders. Shots were fired and 13 civilians were killed.'

You might notice a slight difference in some of these sentences. It's what slick media people mean when they say that the truth is not always black and white: "There are a lot of grey areas."

For the British media — or rather for the image the government-controlled media wants to peddle the public's brain with — the Six Counties is one big grey area.



MEDIA MANAGERS

Panorama (BBC 1, Monday) was a supreme example of mouthpiece broadcasting. The programme *Northern Ireland — The Troubled Peace* was the mouth repeating the words processed by the British government, its army and media managers.

It purported to show what life is like for the "two communities" in Derry and South Armagh. The conclusion had been reached before the programme was two minutes on the air. A transformation had occurred. Everything in the garden was rosary. Only the nasty gunmen (no gunwomen) were still messing up the flower beds.

Apparently, the RUC is nearly ready to go patrolling unarmed in the Bogside. An RUC officer was interviewed

and told us that everyone should "support your local Bobby".

What was the problem then? *Panorama's* version went like this. In 1969, the Catholics in Derry got a bit hot under the collar about the Orange parade, rioting broke out and "fighting spread to other parts of Ulster". On Bloody Sunday, "13 people died in clashes with paratroopers". But that wasn't the reason the British army was still around. You see, people still feel bad about the Siege of Derry in 1690.

Panorama simplified 300 years of Irish history by telling us that troops are still here "because of the passions surrounding one incident in 1690".

People are getting over that now, and just to "prove" it, we were shown a group of Catholics



● Bogsiders, carrying a body, remonstrate with British soldiers on Bloody Sunday, January 30th 1972 in Derry doing a play on the siege for Radio Foyle. It was like a form of therapy, like the youth project that brought people together to "clean graffiti". At this stage the programme had become almost surreal.

But first *Panorama* had to convince us that the people of Derry had forgotten and forgiven about Bloody Sunday. Quick flashes of newsreels. Rioting broke out at a Derry civil rights march. The Paras moved in to arrest the ringleaders. Shots were fired and 13 civilians were killed.

Cut to Bishop Edward Daly, whom we had just seen on the newsreel. What was he talking about? Bloody Sunday? He

didn't even mention it.

"We have gone through so much in the past 18 years."

Then he told us about Derry City Football Club and how wonderful it was that Derry people supported their home team. John Hume told us how marvellous things were in Derry too before he rode off into the Hillsborough sunset and we took off for 'bandit country'.

The report from South Armagh was a disjointed mess. "Here on the border things couldn't be better," said the presenter.

We got a view of happy mischievous Irish enriching themselves through smuggling. Less happy than most were the

'besieged Protestants' along the border. With unconscious irony, *Panorama* interviewed a young member of a loyalist band:

"The people in the South don't want us, the English people don't want us. Nobody wants us."

That was a statement worth hearing but, like everything else, it had a definite purpose.

HILLSBOROUGH

The only reference to Hillsborough in the whole programme was the statement that the confused loyalists opposed it. A stern-faced Protestant clergyman told us that his neighbours would not look with favour on any Catholic buying up land in

the area. They would not do anything to them of course, but they would be shunned.

No Catholics were interviewed about this point. No reference was made to loyalist sectarian killings of Catholics which have mounted since Hillsborough.

Fifty minutes of sickening broadcasting drew to a close and the programme makers made a mistake. They repeated a little 'joke' the British squaddies told them in the barracks. It was about the republican memorial in Crossmaglen:

"The army says it resembles a man doing something unspeakable with a chicken."

The mouthpiece had slipped.



● Ruth McCabe and Nell McCafferty on the opening night

The Worm in the Heart

BY SIOBHAN O'MALLEY

NELL McCAFFERTY'S first play, *The Worm in the Heart*, opened to a packed house at the Project Theatre in Dublin on Monday night, March 23rd. I loved it.

It's a monologue by a pregnant woman the night before her marriage.

I heard someone say afterwards, "The Northern stuff put people off" — particularly ironic as the play was a lot about women being "put off" and

'putting people off'.

It focused mainly on the women's movement in the 26 Counties — not so much about what it did but what it didn't do for fear of 'putting people off'. As the character says, the women who were on the



'dirty protest' in Armagh put people off. South Africa is okay though. Black women can be supported. "But, please, Winnie Mandela, could you just

not mention the car tyre put around informers' necks then filled with petrol and set on fire?" It puts people off.

The title of the play is taken from the title of a lecture by Nuala O'Faolain. Romance is the worm at the heart of feminism. Romance leads to babies. Babies have to be looked after. Mothers do that and stay at home, dependent, waiting on a Friday night for the money to pay the milkman.

'OFFENSIVE'

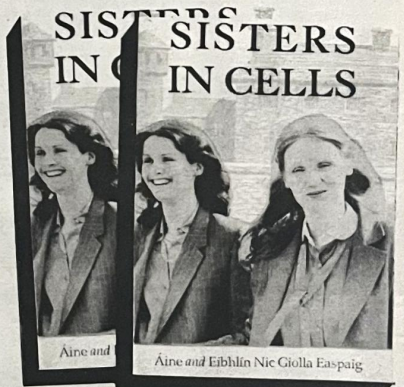
Romance means women don't get to be engineers or astronauts but is the biggest worm the love women have for their children. The character, played by Ruth McCabe, says hers was "the last of the full-time mothers" and tells how her mother, on what assembled children feared was her death-bed, said: "I love all my children." Would an engineer say on their death-bed "I love my job"?

That is why I liked this play so much. It said that mothers that stay at home are as deserving of liberation as any other women.

People can and will find things to be offended by in this play. When they do they must see them in the context of what is being said. The 'offensive' jokes are made in a grim attempt to face what is unbearable. That doesn't mean I agreed with every word, but that's not important.

Ruth McCabe was excellent in the part, a very strong and imaginative performance. Go and risk being offended.

● *The Worm in the Heart* opened last Monday and runs for two weeks at the Project Theatre, Dublin, 8pm nightly. Tickets £5/£3; bookings phone 712321.



THE GILLESPIE SISTERS' controversial account of their traumatic experiences in British jails, which has been reprinted twice since it was published in Irish last year, has now been issued in English.

Sisters in Cells is not only a thought-provoking exposé of the pitfalls of the all-embracing British conspiracy laws, particularly where Irish people fall foul of them, but also a chilling indictment of the inhuman and degrading prison regime which has prevailed in both Britain and Ireland in recent years for high-security prisoners — especially republican activists on both sides of the Irish Sea.

While they eschew bitterness, the Donegal girls highlight the failure of successive Dublin governments, the diplomatic service and the media to demonstrate concern for the plight of Irish citizens detained abroad.

Sisters in Cells has two main themes apart from the personal experiences of its two authors:



the failure of the prison system as a means of rehabilitating prisoners rather than merely punishing them and the futility of attacking the symptoms of the British problem in the North without addressing its basic causes.

The translation/adaptation is by Nollaig O Gadhra, who also collaborated in the writing of the original text.

● *Sisters in Cells*, by Aine & Eibhlín Nic Giolla Easpaig, published by Folsach Naí-lunta Teoranta. Price £4.50.

Women and freedom

THE COMMITMENT of South African women to the struggle for liberty was vividly described in Dublin on Friday, March 20th, when Shirley Mashiane of the African National Congress (ANC) said that for black women "the word to live is the same as to be free". She explained that her sisters saw women's liberation as meaningless if it meant "only to suffer the injustice our menfolk suffer". Liberation for South African women meant being "equal partners in the struggle to defeat apartheid" so that a free democratic nation could grant them real equality.

Her lecture was one of a series organised by the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement (IAAM) to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the ANC, the South African liberation movement. Introducing the speaker Louise Asmal (IAAM secretary) pointed out that the following day, 21 years ago, 69 people were massacred at Sharpeville during a peaceful demonstration and a further 20 were killed by police at Langs on a Sharpeville Day commemoration two years ago.

Similarities between the struggles of the Irish and South African women were to be found throughout Shirley Mashiane's lecture. She began by describing South African society as a pyramid,

with black women at the lowest layer while black men were placed just above them. When James Connolly said that Irish women were "the slaves of slaves" he was describing the same thing.

FOUR LEVELS

The ANC speaker described four levels of discrimination against women in her country: racial and sexual oppression, discrimination at work where black women get the lowest and hardest jobs and oppression as 'consumers and homemakers'. Throughout the colonial world, women are left to hold together and provide for communities torn apart by imperialism - it's a situation recognised by many an Irish

prisoner's wife or mother.

Shirley Mashiane gave details of the intense cruelty of the South African regime towards women. She described how women are raped in jail and how the authorities turned women like Winnie Mandela and Albertina Sisulu (wives of ANC leaders) into 'political widows' by refusing to release their husbands despite the world-wide protests.

Apartheid separates most wives from their husbands (60% of households in Soweto are fatherless because men are forced to migrate to find work). September is a 'baby-boom' month because nine months earlier migrant labourers were allowed home for

their short Christmas break. In rural areas, disease is rampant because 90% of homes are without fresh water. Five children die of malnutrition every hour in South Africa.

DUNNES STRIKE

The meeting also paid tribute to the Dunnes strike and striker Brendan Barron told the 70-strong audience how management's refusal to negotiate had caused the long stalemate in the dispute. He described Dunnes Stores as "a chain of South African embassies throughout Ireland" and called for increased support for the boycott of South African goods.

The IAAM has made March

a month of action in the fight for a total boycott of South African goods in Ireland. While fruit from the apartheid state is banned in the 26 Counties, it's freely available north of the border and South African wine, clothing, furniture and granite can be bought all over Ireland. The Anti-Apartheid Movement is also calling for a boycott of Shell products because of that company's links with South Africa. A petition calling for the boycott of South African coal is being circulated by the movement's branches all over Ireland. More information can be obtained from the IAAM at 20 Beechpark Road, Dublin 18 (phone 895035).



Nicaraguan event

MEMBERS of the Belfast Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign staged a street theatre event, with jugglers and a poster display, at Cornmarket in the city centre on Saturday.

This event, and a public meeting on Monday night, highlighted the growing and urgent

US military threat to Nicaragua.

The US, which backed the corrupt Somoza regime prior to its overthrow in 1979, is now supplying arms, training and money to the right-wing *contras* fighting the Nicaragua government.

The government was elected in 1984 in the country's first-ever democratic election.



● Palestinian refugees singing songs of resistance

PALESTINIAN FUND-RAISER

MORE THAN £1,000 was raised at a benefit night for the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon by the Medical Aid for Palestinians organisation in Dublin on Monday, March 23rd.

Among the groups and artists giving their services free for the night were the Sackville String Band, Fleadh Cowboys, members of Scullion, Major to Minor, Mary and Dermott Stokes, Kieran Halpin, Manus Lunny and Joan McDermott, Littlejohn and the Diceman (Tom McGinty).

Food was provided by Palestinian refugees who sang their national anthem and Palestinian songs of resistance.



● SCULLION

A special mention should be given to Jackie McKenna, a former worker in the refugee camps who undertook most of the organising for the event. Anyone who was unable to attend the

benefit but would like to send a donation to Medical Aid for Palestinians should address it to the Palestine Information Office at 79 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 (phone 762959).



● The EEC headquarters in Brussels

and political union in the EEC, and closer co-operation on foreign policy and defence among the member states which are all, apart from Ireland, NATO members.

The European Economic Community is the antithesis of the democratic principle of government of the people, by the people, for the people. It is rather a system of supranational government and law-making by non-elected committees, the commission, council and court of the community. Social control on capital by the state, which not only socialists but enlightened capitalists desire, is made increasingly more difficult by the rules of the EEC system. The scheme of harmonised indirect taxes by 1992, which Ireland agreed to in the Single European Act, violated the classic democratic principle of no taxation without representation. If implemented, it will make it extremely difficult for developing Irish companies or state enterprises to build up capital to enable them to expand.

EXPERIENCE

The experience of the Irish people in the past 15 years has given the lie to most of the claims which were made to induce them to join the EEC in 1972. We fear that further disappointment and disillusionment with the EEC lies ahead.

The Irish Sovereignty Movement believes that the appropriate response of democrats to this anniversary should be to dedicate themselves now to breaking out of this system of collective neo-colonialism in which peripheral and less-developed countries like Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Spain, Portugal and Greece must become even more disadvantaged and establish instead real national independence for their peoples.

In Ireland's case this means resisting the continual giving away of our power to conduct our trade relations, plan our economy, develop our natural resources, follow an independent foreign policy, and reclaim what has already been surrendered.

The Irish Sovereignty Movement intends in the period ahead to develop closer relations with movements and groups in other EEC countries which are critical of EEC developments and which seek to re-establish their national independence in the face of the EEC's efforts to reduce the status of their countries to that of mere provinces within a West European superstate. It calls for an international campaign in defence of the nation state as the focus of democracy and enlightened politics over the coming century.

Resist EEC propaganda

THE IRISH SOVEREIGNTY MOVEMENT has urged people "to resist the propaganda barrage to be unleashed upon them this week by the European Commission" to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the EEC.

Michael O Loingsigh, secretary of the ISM, said:

Mounting unemployment and emigration, the erosion by the EEC of the powers of the government to take effective countervailing measures and the continued pressures on Irish neutrality should remind us that the EEC is much more a contributory cause of Ireland's problems than their cure.

What this really commemorates is a 30-year successful assault on national independence and democracy, an assault in the interests of Western Europe's

transnational firms and the national political elites who have agreed to sacrifice democratic rights, struggled for over the centuries, in order to construct a supranational system congenial to big capital which can present a common European front to the Third World.

This anniversary is also designed to usher in a new period in which there will be further assaults on democracy through the working of the Single European Act, a push towards monetary

HONOUR IRELAND'S DEAD WEAR AN EASTER LILY

Easter lilies are available from 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, at £15 per 1,000. Cumainn should get their lilies now.

Beannachtas

CUNNINGHAM, Gerry; MULRYAN, Patrick (Long Lartin). All our very best wishes on your birthdays. Regards to the wild bunch. From Mary and Patrick, Buncrana, County Donegal.

CUNNINGHAM, Gerry; MULRYAN, Patrick (Long Lartin). Very best wishes on your birthdays and regards to POWs with you. From the McDid/Gaughan/McLoughlin Sinn Féin Cumann, Buncrana, County Donegal.

FÉIN Cumann, Buncrana, County Donegal.

FERRIS, Martin (Portlaoise). Best wishes on your birthday. Pony. Thinking of you always. All our love, Marie, E.J., Conagh, Tolraeta, Deldele, Claran and Máirín O'S. xxx

FERRIS, Martin (Portlaoise). Best wishes on your birthday. Martin. We'll have a pint of porter for you. From Eileen and Monica.

KELLY, Gerard. Birthday greetings Gerry from the Irishland Informative Centre, Amsterdam, and the ASVA, Dublin. To the local and visiting members of the clergy, to all those local neighbours and friends who went out

McGUIRE, Colm (Portlaoise). Happy birthday Colin. Hope you're keeping well. All the best. From Anthony Leickeen, Dublin.

MCGLOUGHLIN, Colm (Magilligan). All of our very best wishes on your birthday. Our thoughts are with you. From Mary and Patrick, Buncrana, County Donegal.

MCGLOUGHLIN, Colm (Magilligan). All the best on your birthday. Regards to all POWs with you. From the McDid/Gaughan/McLoughlin Sinn Féin Cumann, Buncrana, County Donegal.

O'RIORDAN, Pat. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Pat. From everyone in the Sinn Féin Advice Centre, Cork.

ADMHAIL

McINTYRE, The McIntyre family would like to acknowledge the help and support of the Republican Movement during the last few weeks as we mourned the death of Sarah. Special thanks to the POWs in Portlaoise and Long Kesh for their support.

MAGEE, Dingsu and Maria Magee

of their way, to all those who sent Mass and sympathy cards, messages of sympathy and wreaths, to all those old neighbours and friends who travelled from Belfast, especially the Murphy family. A special mention to the Republican Movement locally, particularly the John Mitchell and Newry Martyrs Sinn Féin Cumann and Councillor Brendan Curran, and all Thomas's old friends and comrades who travelled from Belfast, especially the messages of sympathy. A very special thanks to Róisín O'Donnell and family, Derry.

IMMICHUMHÉ

ALLSOPP, Robert (12th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my dear brother Robert Allsopp, who was shot accidentally during arms training on March 23rd 1972. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in Flanna Éireann.

ALLSOPP, Robert (12th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my dear son Robert Allsopp, who died on March 23rd 1972. RIP. St. Joseph, pray for him. The next time that I meet you will be at Heaven's door, you'll be there to greet me and I will cry no more. I'll put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face, and then this broken heart of mine will fall back into place. Always remembered by his loving mother and his friend Lisa Tang.

ALLSOPP, Robert (12th Anniversary). In loving memory of my dear brother Robert Allsopp, who died on March 23rd 1972. St. Patrick, pray for him. No last farewells were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why. They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal, but neither time nor reason will change the way I feel. Always remembered by his sister Margaret and his brother-in-law Damien Lary.

ALLSOPP, Robert (12th Anniversary). In loving memory of my dear nephew Robert Allsopp, who died on March 23rd 1972. RIP. St. Jude, pray for him. A bouquet of beautiful memories sprays with a million tears, wishing God could have spared you, if just for a few more years. Always remembered by his Uncle Bobby, Aunt Anne and family.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Patrick Campbell, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was shot dead while on active service on March 25th 1972. "As long as Ireland remains unfree, the only honourable attitude for Irish men and Irish women is an attitude of revolt." P.H. Pearse. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the Belfast Brigade.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In loving memory of our son Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on March 25th 1972. St. Joseph, pray for him. Rest in peace, Patrick, your memory we will cherish. Remembered always by his loving parents.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Patrick Campbell, who was shot dead on March 25th 1972. Fuar sé in Éireann. Always remembered by his brother Brendan, Josie and family.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell, who was shot dead on March 25th 1972. Fuar sé bás ag tróid ar son muintir na hÉireann. Always remembered by his brother Gerard, Mary and family.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died while on active service on March 25th 1972. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him. Always remembered and sadly missed by his brother Harry, Margaret and family.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell,

2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on March 25th 1972. RIP. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him. Quietly, I loving you always, forgetting you meach laochra na nGael go raibh sé. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in Flanna Éireann, nephews Anthony and Brendan.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on March 25th 1972. RIP. Mary, Queen of the Gael, pray for him. Will those who think of him today, a 15th prayer to Jesus say. Always remembered by his brother Eddie.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on March 25th 1972. RIP. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for him. What I would give if I could say the words and see my brother today. To see his face, to see his smile, and sit and talk with him God knows why. Always remembered by his sister Anne and Leanne.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died on March 25th 1972. RIP. St. Martin, pray for him. There's a gift in life you cannot buy, it's very rare but true, it's the gift of a wonderful brother and one I had in you. Always remembered by his brother Brendan, sister-in-law Josephine, Siobhán and Sorcha.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In loving memory of my brother Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was killed on March 25th 1972. RIP. Padre Pio, pray for him. Always remembered by his sister Brenda and from the graves of patriot men and women springs living nations." Always remembered by his sister Brenda, brother-in-law Colum and Patricia, Eamonn and Ursula.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of our dear friend and comrade Vol Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died in action on March 25th 1972. Always remembered by his friends Isabel and Gerry.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Patrick Campbell, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who was shot dead on March 25th 1972. Fuar sé bás ar son na nGael go raibh sé. Always remembered by his wife and family.

CAMPBELL, Patrick (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Patrick Campbell, who was shot dead on March 25th 1972. Fuar sé bás ar son na nGael go raibh sé. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in Flanna Éireann.

O'RIORDAN, Sean (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Sean O'RIORDAN, Flanna Éireann, who was shot by the British army on March 23rd 1972. 13 years. I meach laochra na nGael go raibh sé. Always remembered by his friends and comrades in Flanna Éireann.

O'RIORDAN, Sean (15th Anniversary). In proud and loving memory of my brother Sean O'RIORDAN, Flanna Éireann, who was shot by British forces on March 23rd 1972. Fuar sé bás ar son na nGael go raibh sé. Always remembered by Sinn Féin Bua na bhFáil.

COMHBHRON

LOGUE. The Republican Movement extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vol Gerard Logue, who died on Saturday, March 21st. Fuar sé bás ar son na saoirse.

LOGUE. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our comrade Vol Gerard Logue, Derry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died while on active service on Saturday, March 21st. "Life springs from death and from the graves of patriot men and patriot women spring living nations". Always remembered by his friends and comrades in the Derry Brigade.

LOGUE. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vol Gerard Logue, who died while on active service on Saturday, March 21st. Sadly missed by his comrades in one Kesh, Crumlin Road, Magilligan, Portlaoise and English Hill.

LOGUE. Derry Sinn Féin wishes to extend deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vol Gerard Logue, Derry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died while on active service on Saturday, March 21st. I meach laochra na nGael go raibh sé.

LOGUE. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family, friends and comrades of Vol Gerard Logue, Derry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died on active service on Saturday, March 21st. From Vincent in Dublin and the Doherty family in Derry city.

LOGUE. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family, friends and comrades of Vol Gerard Logue, Óglaigh

na hÉireann. From Pat McGovern, Cormac King, Dublin; Frankie and the lads, Creggan; Nilly and the lads from the Brigade; Brian, John and kids; and from Ann, Pat and kids.

LOGUE. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vol Gerard Logue, Derry Brigade, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died as a result of an accidental shooting while on active service, on Saturday March 21st. Lay him away on the hillside along with the brave and the bold. Inscribe his name on the roll of fame in letters of purest gold. From Ray, Donna and Sinead.

McINTYRE. Sympathy is extended to Pat McIntyre on the death of his mother Sarah. From his comrades in Portlaoise.

McINTYRE. Deepest sympathy is extended to Pat and his family on the death of his mother. From the POW Department, Dublin.

McINTYRE. The Republican Movement, Kerry, extends deepest sympathy to the McIntyre's family and friends on the death of Sarah McIntyre.

McINTYRE. The members of the McIntyre Department, Belfast, wish to extend their sympathy to Pat McIntyre (Portlaoise) on the death of his mother. Always from the Queen of the Gael, pray for her.

MAGEE. Deepest sympathy to Dingsu and family on the recent death of his brother Alan. From the Republican Movement, Kerry.

MAGEE. Deepest sympathy is extended to Dingsu Magee (Portlaoise) and family on the recent death of his brother Alan. From Joe and Deldele Whelan.

An Cumann Cabhrach

An Cumann Cabhrach, the Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund, is a voluntary organisation which helps alleviate the hardship of republican prisoners and their dependants.

If you wish to help the POWs' dependants send all donations to:
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