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Reflect Reason Reject

During the past week a wave of emotion has swept across the battle zones demanding peace. The mass media of communications so well controlled by the occupying power and their sycophantic collaborators have been used to the full to squeeze the last drop of pro-British benefit from what is essentially a very basic, a very understandable and a very human desire for a true and just peace.

All the predictable reactions have come from those so called "Leaders - of - public - opinion" both lay and clerical, some of whom openly seek the perpetuation of British rule in Ireland, others of whom would put the ending of British rule in Ireland at the end of a very, very long finger. One always suspects that some of those same long fingers have a compulsive itch to get at the public purse be it the slender purse of Jack Lynch or the fatter one of Edward Heath.

How disappointed some of them must have been last week when Gauleiter Whitelaw didn't even leave a 10p tip behind him in Newry, let alone drop a few necessary millions into the Armagh-Down economy!

REMEMBER

Remember:-

Do not be carried away on the insistent tide of propaganda that demands PEACE but really means SURRENDER.

The women of Derry want PEACE — not SURRENDER.

Reflect:-

Consider once again the words of Paul VI:

"If you want PEACE work for JUSTICE".

A one-sided truce can bring neither PEACE nor JUSTICE. It could bring back a Taylor — Craig Stormont!

Resist:-

Resist those who once claimed (wrongly of course) that THEY the spear-head of the Civil Disobedience Campaign and who now would seek to return to a recognition of the Government system that YOU, THE PEOPLE HAVE REJECTED.

Maintain your RATE and RENT STRIKE, and remember for future rejection those Politicians who never did give up their seats on local Councils.

Honest Councillors remained on the local Councils:

Honest Councillors resigned from local Councils;

Dishonest Councillors pretended that they had totally rejected the system but still kept their seats on the councils — even got seats for their wives!

Such people who would hunt with the hound and run with the hare have always, unfortunately, been with us. We have always suffered from "Tadhg — an — da — thaobh" in Irish politics, but our people invariably saw their deviousness and ultimately REJECTED them.

Resist them now

Reject them later

Demand a real TRUCE — as a preliminary to a just, total and peaceful settlement.

Work for a situation where violence will be rejected by ALL as a means of policy.

AND ASK YOURSELF THIS — What violence is driving men to the brink of death by going on Hunger and Thirst strike in Armagh and Crumlin Jails?

*TO-DAY'S IRISH LESSON: "TWO-SIDED TIM"

Currie Joins Picket

— BY AIDAN CORRIGAN

MR. CURRIE, the S.D.L.P. member of the prorogued Parliament which used to meet in Stormont and which the IRA brought crashing down around Faulkner and the S.D.L.P. last March, joined the Unionist picket against Sinn Féin in Kevin Street last Saturday. Prominent in this "august" gathering was Mr. Harry Stevenson, of Dungannon. Mr. Stevenson was the chief spokesman of this picket group and appeared on RTE and BBC. Stevenson is a well known industrialist who was one of the owners of the big linen factory at Moygashel, Dungannon prior to its being taken over by Courtaulds four years ago. Before Courtaulds took over this concern it had in the region of three thousand employees. Its record in discrimination equalled and in some instances surpassed that of the Harland and Wolff shipbuilding Firm, Mackeys Foundry, Gallaher's Tobacco and Sirrocco Engineering. During all the years before Courtaulds took it over no student ever from the local Catholic Grammar School, St. Patrick's Academy secured a job in Moygashel. No Catholic, except in a few positions where the management could not get a Unionist had any professional job. It was impossible for any Catholic to get a job in even the Lapping Rooms. At the ground level of employment some Catholics were allowed to sweep the floors. Harry Stevenson and company were responsible for all this vicious sectarianism and desperate injustice.

STEVENSON AND REV. EAKINS

When Stevenson and company saw the writing on the wall a couple of years ago they formed an infamous body known as the South Tyrone Parliamentary Association. They ran an O'Neill candidate in the elections by the name of Rev. Eakins who posed as a fairminded man. He conned the Nationalist community into voting for him. Subsequently it became public that the Rev. Eakin headed one of the most undemocratic Hospital Management Boards in the country with a dreadful record of blatant discrimination. This was the South Tyrone Hospital. Eakins destroyed himself and the STPA by trying to defend the composition of the hospital board, which was 90% Unionist and its record of appointments which gave all the good jobs to Unionists and only about 8% of jobs to Nationalists.

PHARISEES

One can see therefore the arrogance of a man like Stevenson to picket in Dublin, a man who operated a system of violence in the form of discrimination in Moygashel, a man who would not join the CR movement, marches or pickets. The people of Ireland will know the sham and the Pharisees those people were who went to Kevin Street last Friday. They are the people more than anyone else who

are responsible for the system which has since steeped the country in war.

WHERE WERE THEY IN '69

Where was Harry Stevenson and his O'Neill Unionist friends in July, '69 when the Hurler family were thrown out on the street, young baby and all, by the Dungannon Urban Council's Crow Bar Brigade? Where was Stevenson and company when Dungannon CR Committee picketed the opening of South Tyrone Hospital in June '69, in order to highlight the injustices practised by the Management Board of that institution? The answer is: inside feasting with the culprits. Where has Stevenson's voice been in the past ten months when the Maguire sisters, the three Newry men, Martin McShane, Mrs. Kathleen Thompson, David Thompson, Christopher Quinn, Gerard McDaid, Joe McCann, the thirteen victims of Bloody Sunday were all callously and cold bloodedly murdered by the British Army? Has Stevenson and company joined any of the pickets in Dungannon and Coalisland against these crimes? Did he walk out of work in protest on 31st January? Has Stevenson been heard to condemn the savage brutality and torture chambers of the British Army? Has he spoken out against the SAS and Brigadier Kitson the man who has mas-

terminated the British murder programme in Northern Ireland? Has Stevenson been heard to stand against the deplorable conditions in Crumlin Road Jail which has forced Billy McKee and his comrades to start a marathon hunger strike?

THE REAL GHANDI

People like Stevenson and Currie misrepresent and malign the Provisionals. Billy McKee was the OC of the Belfast Brigade and the man responsible for fashioning and indeed founding the greatest and most disciplined Urban guerrilla army the world has ever seen. Now that McKee's body is imprisoned his great spirit of self sacrifice is inspiring the people of the North in their struggle. Where have the NUM, the Alliance or the SDLP a leader of McKee's selflessness, courage and determination. McKee, the man who almost single handedly defended the Falls during the pogroms of 1969 and saved hundreds of lives and houses, the man who then went over to East Belfast and was wounded defending St. Matthew's Church is the man who is now leading the struggle and inspiring the oppressed people to final victory. His courage is frightening and makes the rantings of the SDLP and those others who call McKee and his men psychopaths seem the political dwarfs that they are. McKee's leadership is that of giving and making sacrifices. The prominent feature of the leadership of these other maternalistic organisations like the Alliance, SDLP, NUM is callous exploitation of the sufferings of the people for selfish political advantage. McKee is the real Ghandi in the situation.

OPEN AIR RALLY IN GARRISON

To protest against Cratering of roads in the area.

★ For details see next weeks edition

FERMANAGH CITIZENS' ADVISE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Monday, 5th June

MEETING

9.00 p.m.

AT 3 QUEEN STREET

Full Attendance requested

Letters to the Editor

STUDENT OPINION

SIR,—I feel that I, as a young student must express an opinion on our current political situation, in view of my own opinions and those of my contemporaries.

The sickening repression which has been brought into effect against Irishmen must surely encourage everyone to speak out against the actions of the murderous minions of British Imperialism. The scandalous sectarianism of the RUC was evident in their attempt to enforce the brutal laws of Brian Faulkner and his gangsters as long as Stormont existed. Even now they display their sectarian qualities, harassing Catholics yet allowing the notorious Tartan gangs to wander where they will.

Internment still exists. Republicans still suffer while Whitelaw advocates peace and justice — British justice, of course, and we know all about that. British terrorists still walk our streets murdering our people. We only have to think of "Bloody Sunday" and Joe McCann or the ceaseless acts of terrorism exercised by the British Armed Forces, the R.U.C. or the U.D.R. (ex-B-Specials) and we can size up the real terrorists.

The Freedom Fighters have struck many blows against these terrorists who even exercise their sadistic ways on prisoners. Remember Meehan, Doherty and the like who suffered inhuman tortures, capable only of being thought of by the hardened criminals of the Special Branch and British Terrorists.

These savages know no feeling or human emotions. They have lost all that to enjoy seeing Irishmen beaten into the ground; but this they can never do — the forces of the people will see to that. As Pearce said: "They cannot undo the miracles of God who ripens the hearts of young men, the seeds sown by the young men of former generations".

We will let the British know that for too long we have been trodden underfoot by the jackboot of Imperialism. We are a risen people and this time we will win. We will win, in spite of the attempts made by "Green Tories" who would reconcile us with the political philosophy of "Union Jackism" and in spite of the attempts of (Union) Jack Lynch to clamp down on Republicans. I wholeheartedly sympathise with Martin Meehan and his Republican comrades.

Then of course one must make some comment on the EEC issue. Ireland is being trust into this capitalistic community where she is in danger of losing her sovereignty, independence and neutrality. The Free State Government campaign for entry had the desired effect. Little do the people realize what this

means. What do the working classes gain? It seems obvious that the advantages advocated are weighed down by disadvantages.

It seems even more obvious now that the only permanent solution which can be reached is the Independent, Democratic, Socialist Republic based on the Proclamation of 1916 as advocated by Sinn Féin in their Social and Economic Programme, "Éire Nua."

It seems ironic that sincere men should be so basely condemned by the writers of articles such as Erne (Non) Sense. It is hypocrisy to condemn the freedom fighters of today and praise the men of 1916. To advise Lynch to introduce even stricter measures against Republicans in the South displays a sadistic tendency to defeat the risen people. I say to Lynch, Heath and the British Army and their minions, "You cannot defeat the IRA because the IRA are the people and you cannot defeat the risen people."

I wish to add before I conclude, that we as a risen people must and shall overcome.

By the way, who was that famous Minister of (in) Justice who said that Kevin Barry was shot and not hanged, even after all that talk about the gallows-tree.

Yours faithfully,

A YOUNG STUDENT

THERE MUST BE A LASTING SETTLEMENT

SIR—Surely it is of greater importance that we seek a lasting settlement rather than desire peace immediately. We had peace in 1967. We had also institutional violence, gerrymandering, discrimination in jobs, housing, etc. What we didn't have was the womenfolk on the Unionist side crying out against it. But not so with the Nationalists. The women of Andersonstown and Derry wish to collaborate with the Whitelaw administration. We find that a group of ladies from Andersonstown are already in collusion with him.

This same man sat with the Tories after Derry's "Bloody Sunday" and never murmured a word of sympathy to the bereaved of the thirteen dead. He was in office when Joe McCann, the teacher at St. Comgall's School, and an old-age pensioner in Davis Flats were murdered, the latter two reported by the Army to be snipers.

This Supremo allowed the torture of three young men in Broadway military post last month.

Why give up now? That is what the people did in '21 and just look what followed

Certainly the people can go ahead and talk with Whitelaw. They can pass on to the future generations the Irish mistakes of trusting the British and pass on also another '68, '69, '70, '71, '72. And when that generation reaches another '72 what do you think they will do?—

Yours, etc.,

VICTOR McLAGLEN

Belfast, 12

PEEPING FRANK

Sunday last the 28/5/72 saw a meeting in Omagh town organised by Carrickmore "Kevin Street" in sympathy with those Republican prisoners some of a fast to death for their rights as Irishmen. Spying on the protesters behind the venetian blinds of the "Melville Hotel" was none other than Inspector "Frankie Cahillane" Castle hack and informer. Frankie has been assigned to "Special Branch". No doubt his friends in Lisnaskea where he was born and reared, Enniskillen

where he recruited and married, and Omagh where certain Green Tories, will tell you "Frankie is a grand lad takes a "jar" (no talk of the "jars" he gets as presents "Maryah"! Frankie as one reared with you, let me say you are spineless, degenerate, but at last 'your hand' is exposed. You by your actions last Sunday are deliberately sending your fellow Irishmen to the Long Kesh, Crumlin road, etc. But surely these dastardly actions will get you no further promotion.

To Brigadier Kitson, Supreme Command, Torture Squad

To you old serpent Kitson,
Where ever you may be
An evil minded scoundrel,
Of a rather low degree.
Who made your way to Ulster,
To promote the Devils plan
And inflict inhuman torture,
Upon your fellow man.
The world knows you are a criminal,
But one fact stands crystal clear.
Where can we place the Government.
And men who brought you here.
All torture and brutality,
Would quickly have to stop
If the whole administration
Was not rotten at the top.
You are banished from all Ulster,
Her cities, towns, and fields,
And sent away to England,
With the Devil at your heels,
With your policy a failure,
And involved in grave disgrace.
May Ulster never see again
A man to take your place.

— H. P. Collins

Lord Widgery's Report on Bloody Sunday

The Lord Chief Justice Widgery.
That champion of the right.
Who tried to prove to all the world.
That really Black is White.
And ever ready to proclaim,
As the struggle goes along,
That what the British soldier does,
Can never once be wrong.
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All virtues can be made,
To rise and fall like milli-bars,
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— H. P. Collins

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The Roots Of Our Problems The Seeds Of Violence

PROTESTANT contempt for Catholics in Northern Ireland goes back beyond most reasons currently advanced. Ulster, the last province of Ireland to be subdued, was planted with mostly Presbyterians from the Scottish borders. Protestant supremacy was confirmed when James II, the only Catholic Monarch in England since Mary Tudor, failed in a brief attempt to reinstate Catholic dominance. He besieged Derry and was later defeated by William of Orange at the battle of the Boyne in 1690 but the fact that the Pope was Williams ally at the Boyne does not remove the magic of the event for Ulster Protestants.

UNITED IRISHMAN

The Presbyterians in Ulster, however were so oppressed by their Anglican landlords that they united with the equally oppressed Catholics to form the United Irishmen. After the rebellion of 1798 this solidarity was broken, chiefly by the influence of the Orange Order and as Ulster began to drift apart from the rest of Ireland the polarization of the two communities began. During the nineteenth century, because of the linen trade and ship-building, Belfast and its neighbourhood developed into an industrial area in a yet basically agricultural island.

RELIGIOUS FEARS

EXPLOITED

The Ulster Protestants were now showing a very anxious but real sense of superiority and it was when this superiority was threatened by the rising tide of nationalism at the beginning of this century that Ulster's wealthier and titled Protestants felt their grip weakening that they exploited the religious fears of their under paid servants and serfs to secure their own position. Religious fears and hatred were nurtured and a deep division created between Catholic and Protestant workers. For their support in the

struggle against Home Rule the working class Protestants were guaranteed special privileges when they achieved A Protestant Parliament for a Protestant People.

A PHONEY WEE

PARLIAMENT

While the new Parliament was given all the appearance of splendour it was initially intended to have little more power than a County Council or as it was more aptly described — "A Phoney Wee Parliament". However because of sheer determination and blackmail it acquired the necessary means of Protestant supremacy. These means may be summarised as follows:

- (1) **Manipulation** in drawing up the border to ensure a comfortable two - to - one Unionist majority.
- (2) **Gerrymander** at local level to guarantee a similar Unionist majority.
- (3) **Control of the Police Force.** In spite of claims to establish a one-third Catholic Police Force the Orange

Order in 1921 supplied upwards on 95% of the R.U.C. and it also supplied the membership of the notorious B-Specials. These two were the military wings of the Unionist Party and had little compunction about using their arms. The spirit of the B-Specials can be judged by the words of their recruiting officer in Magherafelt in 1923 — "I want men, and the younger and wilder the better". Little wonder then that 300 people died violently in the first two years of Northern Ireland's existence.

- (4) **Control of the Judiciary:** The judges were predominantly Unionist and quickly learned what was expected of them. Least there be any slip up juries were carefully handpicked and suitably instructed.

The Special Powers Act, which was introduced in 1922 and renewed annually until 1933 when it was made permanent, was the ultimate weapon of repression.

- (5) **Discrimination in Employment:** This can best be illustrated by some utterances

of the founding fathers:

Sir Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs 1921-43: -

"I do not want the most junior clerk, if a Catholic, assigned to my Ministry."

Basil Brooke, — "I recommend people who are loyalists not to employ Roman Catholics."

Sir Edward Archdale, Minister of Agriculture, March 1925: "I have 109 officials and so far as I know, four of them are Roman Catholics, three of whom were civil servants whom I had to employ."

John Andrews, Minister of Labour and later Prime Minister, July 1933:- "Speaking about the porters at Stormont — I have investigated the matter and I have found that there are thirty Protestants and only one Roman Catholic and that one only temporarily."

Lord Craigavon, the first Premier: "All that I can boast of is that we are a Protestant Parliament for a Protestant state."

Dancing Puppets

THE past weeks will rank in Irish history as the weeks when Britain rallied her forces as never before to impose her will on the people of the Six Counties in particular and the people of the thirty two counties in general. As in 1922 the Church especially the Catholic Church leaders, since the majority of those in revolt against colonial rule are Catholics, the paid politicians ranging from Labour to Alliance, from S.D.L.P. to Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, the middle class Catholic so ably represented by Tom Conaty are all dancing to their new puppet master William Whitelaw. Lynch has been told to introduce new legislation and he has done so. O'Malley has been told to hound Republicans as never before and this he does and for good measure call them "guerrillas" as well. The S.D.L.P. have been ordered by Heath to produce their "initiatives" and so they go into conference. As a prelude to the impending announcement Currie launches two vile vicious attacks on the IRA.

HISTORY REPEATED

Anyone who knows anything of the tragic history of this country has seen it all before. It usually takes the following form: a massive movement which has the support of all the oppressed is on the brink of total victory; Britain moves by granting some of the demands and promises the remainder. This splits the movement and lets Britain off the hook. Four fifths of our demands were granted in 1921. Men of the stature and record up until then of Collins and Griffith cracked. The promise at the time was the boundary Commission which served Britain's purpose admirably for when it reported

and endorsed partition in 1924 the 1916-22 movement was dead and gone. Britain succeeded in 1922 in splitting not only the nation but it rent families, put brother against brother, and Irishmen who had fought side by side against British forces ambushed each other in bloody war. In 1969 Callaghan split the CR movement by his promises and the British army which he sent in to protect was soon sucked into the Stormont system; some of its subsequent crimes makes the Black and Tans look moderates.

WHY NOT ASK WHITELAW

In the furor of the past week no one has advocated

that Whitelaw should meet forthwith the three very reasonable demands of the Provisionals — general amnesty for political prisoners and release of internees; phased withdrawal of troops; total abolition of Stormont as distinct from suspension. Whitelaw could end violence immediately with the stroke of a pen.

THE JUST CASE WILL PREVAIL

Had the Irish forces which we have seen at work during the past week been mustered some years ago in pursuance of justice for the people of this area then it would never have been necessary for the guerrillas to wage a campaign against the British Army. British politicians like Heath and Whitelaw "deplete" violence. It was by violence and armies that the nation held people round the world at ransom. Lloyd George fifty years ago imposed a grave injustice by the treat of violence. The Provisionals are now in a position to undo his dirty deed by being able to carry out a similar threat against George's successor. No Irish man worthy of the name will hamper this. Tom Conaty said in America at the Congress-

sional Hearings in February that he had co-operated with British politicians and worked with British Home Secretaries in the past but that he would never do so again for everything he had done had been in vain. Now Conaty is breaking his neck in his co-operation with Whitelaw. In 1922 the Church threw her full weight behind the Treaty. Free Staters who had been in the IRA executed comrades as happened O'Connor, Mellows, Barrett, McKelvey. They booby trapped Republicans by tying them to a landmine in Ballysheedy. Even De Valera in 1923 before he also became a Freestater was

shot by his former comrades in the Free State Army and arrested on a platform in Clare. No one should wonder very much at the antics and behaviour of Currie today. He is only one in a long line of Irishmen who betrayed and denounced Republicans. Each time the Republicans have been proven right and their selflessness and determination ensures that the attempts to liquidate them fails. It will fail again for their cause is just.

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Sunday, June 4th	One Day
DISTANT DRUMS	8.30
BUG'S BUNNY SHOW	8.00
Monday, June 5th	Two Days
MACHO CALLAHAN	9.10
RIDER ON THE RAIN	7.15
Wednesday, June 7th	Two Days
THE VILLAIN	9.15
THE DEVIL RIDES OUT	7.30
Friday, June 9th	Two Days
THAT'S THE WAY IT IS	9.15
CARRY ON JACK	7.30

Matinee on Saturday at 2.30

ARE YOU CONCERNED?

ARE you concerned that between ten and fifteen thousands hooded and masked members of the Ulster Defence Association marched in military formation through the streets of the centre of Belfast on Saturday last while the British Army and RUC looked on with their hands behind their backs? No action was taken against these subversives who again on Tuesday night last trained quite openly in Belfast while the British Army looked on. From the freedom and toleration given to the U.D.A. can be seen the Jekyll and Hyde character of Mr. William Whitelaw. Mr. Whitelaw has assured us that "the law will be enforced rigorously and impartially." If that is the case then why are the U.D.A. given such liberty while all military activity has been concentrated at hounding and rounding up the so-called "terrorists" on the Catholic side? Even though Mr. Whitelaw may be a charming man we must also remember that Mr. Jim Callaghan, the Labour Home Secretary was also a very charming man when he came to the Six Counties in August 1969. He even spoke to the people of Free Derry from the window of a house in the heart of the Bogside. But what did Mr. Callaghan do to implement the reforms? What pressure did he put on the Stormont Government to change its ways? Answer: NONE WHATSOEVER. We must never allow ourselves to be hoodwinked by the smiles and charm of professional politicians but must be forever vigilant and cautious because we know that we can only be perfectly sure of the good faith of a British Government when she releases all prisoners of war and internees, removes her Army from our streets, smashes The Special Powers Act and declares her intention of clearing out of Ireland for good. We have suffered so much in the past that we should have learned the lesson never to trust a British Government that continues to keep our country divided. Many people on both sides of the religious divide are now talking about the imminence of a civil-war. Regardless of our religion we believe that all Irishmen would agree that a second Civil War would be the greatest tragedy that could befall the Irish nation. We have only to look at the Republic of Ireland today to see that after 50 years it is now beginning to recover from the effects of the Civil War. The existence of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael perpetrates the memory of the Irish Civil War (— that is one more reason why there should be a complete change in the Party Political System in Ireland). But we must never forget that the danger of Civil War in the North has not just arrived in the past few months. There are 105,000 LICENSED guns in the Six Counties. The vast majority of them belong to the Protestant population. The Catholic population has virtually no guns compared with the numbers on the opposite side and God only knows how many unlicensed guns there are in the Unionist community into the bargain. As long as the majority of the people are armed to the teeth while the Minority are defenceless then there is the danger of Civil War. Who would protect the Catholics then? Answer: THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO EVER PROTECTED THEM, that is if they are not BETRAYED AND HANDED OVER TO THE ENEMY in the meantime. There is no point in being unrealistic even though we mightn't agree with everything they do and hope and pray that in the not so distant future the gun and the bomb will be taken out of Irish Politics for ever. Let us remember that no Unionist Government has ever attempted to disarm the Protestant population and allay Catholic fears in this respect — now it seems Mr. Whitelaw is not going to remedy this situation either. Are you concerned that William McKee has been on hunger strike in Crumlin Road Prison for 22 days (on Wednesday May 31st)? Since then an varying dates 14 men, (at time of writing) have joined him. Mr. McKee is also on thirst strike and is campaigning for the status of Political prisoner. All his long life he has been a dedicated Republican and has personified Tone, Pearse and Connolly. His fight is your fight. Support the Hunger Strike. Must these men STARVE TO DEATH?

REPUBLICAN IRELAND HONOURS

TONE

BODENSTOWN — SUNDAY, 11th JUNE, '72

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM MELVINSIDE

What kept people talking last week was the amount of money, big and small awarded to people for damages to their premises as a result of the present troubles. Making large headlines in the news papers was the amount paid for damages from "terrorists" attacks. But no mention was made, of the damages caused by the legalised terrorists, the army. What about the houses near the border with Killyclogher, practically split open as a result of senseless bombing of the roads. One house in particular, the family are moving house because of the unstable condition of the walls. What compensation was bestowed on this family to offset the hardships brought about by the peace-keeping army? The cottages at Cashel, were split from the windowsills down to the foundations. The County Council "expect" to receive rent, yet failed to register even vocal protest about the incident to the army.

WHAT COMPENSATION FOR ARMY TERROR?

What compensation will be allotted to the people who have lived in terror of the army for months? Prowling along quiet roads at night with blackened faces, holding people for hours on pretence of searching; lying around houses in the country at night to see who visits who, etc., and making no secret of the fact they are there. How much money will the courts pay to these people? And then what about the internees and detainees? Tortured, frustrated, kept away for months and not even a word of token payment. It is any wonder that the awards made are a subject for conversation?

Monday morning peace was once again shattered by the throbbing of helicopter engines, this time two in number, as our peace-keepers set about their infamous carry on of creating a no-go area in our midst. It's funny that in most places the army tries to remove no-go areas but not at Garrison. At about 10 a.m. with the sun breaking through the clouds two army helicopters hovering like buzzards almost as high as the sun, and high ranking officials of the Garda standing to attention on the southern side of the border to ensure that no harm befell the "potholers", two huge explosions shook the village to its very foundations. Before the dust had settled, the army withdrew, the helicopters disappeared, and the traitors in Garda uniform headed back towards their lunch, leaving the people of the area to bemoan their lost highway which had been opened to traffic for only a fortnight.

BEATEN BACK BY FREEDOM FIGHTERS

The incident did have one nostalgic note. Apparently on Saturday morning the army converged on the area to blow up the road. They came in force, with all the weapons of modern warfare, but they forgot their guts and were beaten back twice by a handful of volunteers defending the road. Finally they gave up. However prominent people in Garrison saw fit to condemn in the strongest terms the actions of the defenders. Yet when Monday morning's episode was over these same people choose to remain silent on the army injustice to the people. What a pity.

BINGO AND THE ARMY

The large number of cars outside Brollagh school at Sunday's Games Session must have caused the army some concern. So much so that they airlifted a group of heavily armed soldiers to Farran Cassidy's Cross just as it was ending. They quickly set about stopping and searching cars heading towards Belleek. Bingo fans from Donegal not used to the hazards of life in the Six Counties, and certainly not accustomed to army searches may perhaps think twice about coming back. Would this be the logic behind the army move? Lets hope we hear prominent voices condemning it.

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CONSPIRACY—

LISNASKEA

Many local residents are wondering at the inadequate bomb warnings — none at all in some cases before a car bomb caused devastation at Main street, Lisnaska. On my way home from Enniskillen that night at five past one heading for Newtown butler I was diverted up the "Chapel Blae". Why then were some, from my inquiries I made say most of the residents given no warning. The U.D.R. did not fail to warn "Dowler's watch dog" at 12 minutes past one. He very promptly left his post. It is now definite from police H.Q. Belfast that the man responsible for no warning was sergeant Mannagh. He decided after conferring with a local U.D.R. "Thug Commander" that the people could be cut by flying glass. A very genuine reason — he was prepared to stop people entering the danger zone but not to warn those inside it. But to be fair to the sergeant he had on the spot decision to make. And who planted the bomb? Dowler's watch dogs were twenty yards away — where were McMaster's Thugs? Absent or hidden or lost like a lot of hill cow subsidy. Or perhaps they were in mourning for the "Boss" who will "Bow out" on the 29th. Some say he will get a job with London Transport — on the "Buses" is always a sure recommendation from Fermanagh. And poor "ould Derek," no more to sample "Rowntree's chocolates. Dowler's corner is not safe any more, "Ah shure 'tis hard to "bate" the old customs."

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