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304,735 Voters reject resurrection of Stormont

OVER one quarter of one million people entitled to vote in the recent Six County Elections either refused to vote or spoiled their votes. The exact figure is 304,735. The breakdown is as follows:

East Belfast, 23,637; North Belfast, 24,984; West Belfast, 29,392; South Belfast, 27,269; North Antrim, 28,467; South Antrim, 39,207; North Down, 28,227; South Down, 25,286; Mid Ulster, 15,317; Armagh, 27,656; Derry, 23,386; Fermanagh/South Tyrone, 11,807.

That these voters are all anti-Union there can be no doubt; in fact they are the real anti-Union people—not so much anti the Unionists but anti the Union. There is a big difference: one is narrow and sectarian to the core, the other (anti-Union) is non-sectarian and outward-looking, visualising a new Ireland, free from British or other foreign influences, an Ireland worthy of the aspirations of Tone, McCracken, Emmet, Mitchell and Pearse, an Ireland where past dissensions would be buried forever, a new Ireland where all her sons and daughters would work in a great new brotherhood for the common good, where a lasting peace based on true Christian justice would prevail.

IRISH REPUBLICAN VOTE

To all who seek a true and lasting peace the foregoing figures should give great encouragement. They represent HOPE, FAITH, DETERMINATION, OPTIMISM in the future. They must be a great cause of joy to our tortured brothers in Long Kesh and Crumlin, to our interned and imprisoned sisters in Armagh, to all our sons imprisoned in Irish, British and American jails or concentration camps.

They represent an Irish Republican vote, a vote which was prevented from being expressed by Whitelaw due to his ban on Sinn Féin. To this one must add the thousands of under eighteens who had no vote, the vast majority of whom are Irish Republicans. For proof of this one has only to look at the age group that supported the protest marches, the demonstrations for justice, and if one is to take the word of the so-called security forces it is this age group that is engaged in the military struggle against the British invader. This coupled with the fact that youth is charitable, idealistic and visionary leaves no doubt where their votes would have gone.

Then one must take into account the thousands of votes given to the Republican Clubs. Most of these were Sinn Féin votes were that party in the field. Add to this the thousands who voted SDLP because they were advised by that party's workers to vote and "keep the Unionists out". These people, though voting SDLP, do not want Stormont back. They want an end to partition and are not supporters of any "Unionist" party,

be they Orange or GREEN.

The message from the past Election is, therefore, clear for those who want to see—in a free election the Irish Republican Movement (Provisional) would sweep the field. The people who realise this are the present crop of politicians. Is it any wonder the SDLP are howling for their blood just as Redmond did some sixty-odd years

ago.

Some fifty-one years ago, on 24th June, 1922, England enforced partition by putting British guns into the hands of renegade Irishmen and forcing them to attack the Irish Republican headquarters (the Four Courts) in Dublin.

On 28th June, 1973, England again tried to continue the partition of Ireland by using depraved and unthinking Irish slaves to confuse and misguide our people. These power-hungry slaves would have us believe the new Stormont will be a stepping-stone to a free Ireland. That was tried before and as a result nearly 900 lives have been lost in less than three years.

Correction—The SDLP is the minority voice

by S. MAC EIREANN

I AM sick and tired of hearing British and British satellite references to the SDLP as being the voice of the minority. I feel it necessary to put the record straight and make a correction. The crop of "fresh votes" harvested by the SDLP reapers represents less than ONE THIRD of the minority citizenry of occupied Ireland. Fact is one thing. Political point-scoring casual mathematics another.

Factually, the SDLP is a minority voice, NOT the voice of the minority. If we take into consideration natural population growth and the young voters we shall see this so-called voice of the minority as having less vocal potential than the old AP and Nationalist Party people which happenings of the last few years have shown as having been very much a minority voice and not the voice of the minority.

Ere many moons and when SDLP political flatulence subsides you will see what I mean. And of course in the ALL-NORTH field, when Unionist waters begin to find their own level, the SDLP will become more than ever before the minority voice, reaching only the decibel-high of a mouse squeak in a zoo.

ANATOMY OF THE GROUP, THE CLAIMERS

The SDLP has never shown itself to be a shining model of fidelity. Because of this contrast between "before and after" just will not work as a yardstick to measure WORTH or WORTHLESSNESS. Now that the group has become a party, everyone remembering the group's gymnastics may only expect, and with very good reason, that principles will certainly be deserted. Since Irish cocks are notoriously unpredictable in their crowing habits it is not easy to pin-point the

hour when the shade of dignity presently part-covering the group's past like an over-stretched blanket will be kicked off. I am awaiting, not predicting, great treachery. I am flat-astute. I am waiting for the cock to crow. When the cock crows then the Assembly will have begun to work—for Britain and the SDLP. When the cock crows we will be back to Stormont in all but name. Aye even, maybe unto name.

THEN INDEED . . .

Then indeed the SDLP shall be seen for what it is. Just a minority voice, British-vetted and approved, but purporting to speak for Republican interests. And, in fact . . . a minority making little noises which will go unheeded by a Unionist many-headed creation. Gerry Fitt's "Willi Brandt syndrome", unlike Bill Craig's "Iain Smith syndrome" will not be amusing then. It will not be amusing then, because unlike Bill Craig, Gerry Fitt is not joking. When the cock crows, what emerges when the bundle of eels is untangled will go to show once again the expertise of Britain in the black art of guile, and also the stupidity, born of cupidity, of those prepared to put unpatriotic self-interest before principles.

MANY-CAPPED GERRY

According to himself, Gerry Fitt is now wearing many political caps. I suppose it is not as easy to turn caps as it is to turn coats. Hence his need of many caps. I have just read a statement from John and Gerry saying that they have no objection to "the harmlessly worded oath" (an echo of de Valera's EMPTY FORMULA). John and Gerry said also: "The Party is going to RE-DEDICATE itself to co-operation". Re-dedicate itself?

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DAMN YOUR CONCESSIONS, ENGLAND!

Damn your concessions, England!
Our eyes have seen the dawn:
Our hopes are set, not on English smiles,
But on Irish brain and brawn;
There are Irish men who stand unconquered
Without your Empire still,
And sing defiant fighting songs
By every stream and hill!

Damn your concessions, England!
We know your treachery too well;
Your smiles are for the traitor brood
Who have sacred things to sell.
You sent us Whitelaw in friendly guise,
But on his outstretched hands
Are stains of blood—some fresh, some stale,
Proof of your murderous tyranny in many
lands.

We own them not—the slaves who crawl
To Whitelaw, Heath, your Assembly or Queen,
Then turn around, and with unblushing face,
Try and make us believe they love the Green.
We turn to braver, truer hearts—
The "rebel" hearts you hate—
Who know the kind of smile you wear
Behind your prison gate!

We have faith in Irish manhood still,
In Irish wisdom, too;
Though knaves and dastards toast your Queen
And bend the knee to you.
Young hearts and old are throbbing now
As in the days gone by,
With love for Ireland's holy cause—
The cause that shall not die!

We know your smile, we know your frown,
We know your treachery full well;
They all reflect the cursed craft
That comes to you from hell.
We ask no gift, no assembly gold,
That comes from blood-stained hands!
Damn your concessions, great and small:
We want our Irish land!

MEMBERSHIP OF SDLP DENIED

MR. PATRICK KELLY, Golan, Trillick, County Tyrone, wishes to refute the mischievous and unfounded rumour circulating in the Trillick district during the Assembly election to the effect that he was a member of the SDLP.

Mr. Kelly has asked us to clarify his position. He was elected to Tyrone Council as a Community councillor. This he is and he has NO intention of breaking his word to the people who elected him by now turning round and joining SDLP.

Prior to the Assembly election he was invited to a meeting in Trillick and was told that it was a registration meeting. However, it soon became clear it was a meeting to try to find workers for SDLP to man the polling booths. On discovering this Mr. Kelly left the meeting, making his position quite clear to the prospective candidate who appeared to be in charge of the meeting.

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YOUR LETTERS . . .

RELUCTANT VOTERS

Dear Sir,

Three Unionists and two SDLP were elected to the new Stormont last week. I, like 8,000 other anti-Unionists who stayed at home and nearly 2,000 who spoiled their votes, had no alternative since Whitelaw and the British Government would not allow Sinn Féin, the party we support, to stand for election. I know that thousands of other Sinn Féin supporters in the county went reluctantly to the polls to keep out the Unionists.

However, I had no difficulty in making up my mind after reading Erne Sense's appeal on behalf of the SDLP to us Republicans. SDLP must not have much sense to employ Erne Sense. We would listen to Satan before listening to Erne Sense, a man who has abused our men and our movement so much. Most Republicans believe that he is the most un-Christian, inhuman, blood-thirsty man alive. He gave Fergus McQuillan, a man whom we respect but cannot agree with, the kiss of death. Could he not be kept out of the road? He was the albatross around Fergus's neck.

Yours etc.,

H. G. McF.

DR. I. K. PAISLEY—



BEST PAID OF THE LOT

SOME say "better born lucky than rich". Perhaps Ian K. Paisley would agree with this, and then again he might reject this. Whether he would or not, there is no doubt that Paisley, as he is known, has risen from rabble-rouser armed with a bible and plastic bucket to the best paid politician in Ireland outside the man in the Phoenix Park. Between himself and his wife he now nets £12,000 per year. NOT A BAD PRICE FOR LOYALTY TO THE CROWN!

PAINT GALORE

A GREAT night was had on the 3rd by the depraved half-wits who already appear to have a severe bout of 12th mania.

This mob of scatter-brains took to the highways and byways armed with paint and brushes. The targets—Catholic homes in South Fermanagh. The slogans—"To hell with the Pope", "Prods rule here", "Fenian bastards", "UFF". We are told it's being treated as a joke, even by the security forces, and maybe that's no wonder, as some people in Kinawley noticed the paint marks from one premises in the village let to the local RUC station.

DISILLUSIONED VOTER

Dear Sir,

I voted in the recent Elections, I admit against my better judgment. Perhaps I am a little bigoted, but I felt we should keep the Orange Unionist out. I am not a Marxist, so I had no other choice but SDLP.

May I make it clear at this point that I am not a supporter of this party, but I do have respect for Mr. Fergus McQuillan and I did hope that he would be elected; after all, he did play a part in CR protests and in civil disobedience, and chiefly on this account I voted SDLP.

Imagine now my disgust and disappointment at having elected instead of Mr. McQuillan, Mr. Thomas Daly from Belleek, a man who has played simply no part in the great movement for justice over the past years. The poor, the oppressed, the downtrodden could have been in hell as far as Mr. Daly cared. Outside of Belleek who knows him? Where or when was he seen upholding the just cause of the discriminated poor?

Yes, you may say Mr. Daly was a Co. Councillor, but there, like a lot of others, he was a cap in hand man, timid, not wishing to "rock the boat", satisfied with a few crumbs and the odd Orange smile thrown in his direction.

Oh, God help us if this is the type of representative we will have fighting our case for justice, not to mention national freedom.

A little late now I see the logic of those who said "Spoil your vote".

Yours etc.,

One of the Poor

TOURS OF NATIONAL GRAVES IN GLASNEVIN

A Chara,

The National Graves Association invites your readers to take part in tours of national graves and memorials in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, on Sundays in July.

A committee members will act as guide, and will be available at the cemetery main gate at 11.30 a.m.

The tour will include the graves of such patriots as Ann Devlin, James Clarence Mangan, James Fintan Lalor, The Tallaght Fenians, Austin Stack, Nurse O'Farrell, etc.

The memorials will include the Manchester Martyrs Cenotaph, The Young Irelanders, The Skin, the Goat and "Leo" of the Nation.

Visitors to Dublin are especially welcome.

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WOMAN TELLS OF SOLDIER'S GUN

THERE is speculation in Border counties that the closer co-operation existing between British and Irish security forces might eventually lead to joint patrols along the Border.

This was hinted after two British soldiers died in an explosion at Culloville, and after a British army officer referred to the co-operation received from the Gardaí and Irish army after the blast.

And a young housewife claimed last week that an Irish soldier pointed a gun at her after she had photographed a roadside meeting between British paratroopers and Irish soldiers.

The housewife, Mrs. M. Burns, who lives at Carrickarnon, overlooking the main Dublin-Belfast road, about 200 yards on the Republic side of the Border into South Armagh, said: "The Irish army were carrying out a search in the area with the assistance of a helicopter. When they found nothing the Irish army patrol moved down the main road."

"SMASH IT"

Mrs. Burns added: "British paratroopers arrived on the scene and started to chat with the Irish soldiers. They were there for quite a while and I decided to get my camera and photograph this unique meeting.

"When I went to the road with the camera a British officer jumped down from an armoured car and crossed a few yards into the Republic. He told an Irish soldier to get the camera from me and smash it.

"I refused to give the camera," said Mrs. Burns, whose husband was with her at the time. "The Irish soldier pointed his rifle at me and asked for the camera. I still refused to give up the camera and took three photographs. I was able to get into the car and drove away."

Mrs. Burns claims that she had the photographs as proof of the roadside meeting between the Irish troops and the paratroopers.

TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE

MR. EAMON DE VALERA was presented with a gold watch at the annual general meeting of Ireland (Politics) Ltd. The watch was inscribed with a message from the staff of Ireland, which simply thanked President de Valera for his 50 years of faithful service. Mrs. de Valera was presented with a bunch of flowers.

Many members of the board of Ireland spoke affectionately of their memories of the board's longest employee. Among them was the time-keeper of Ireland, who said that "Dev", as he was known in the wages office, was always punctual and never queried his overtime. He seldom was ill and the best interests of the company were always his first concern.

Mr. de Valera and his wife were later the principal guests at a ceilí in Dublin's Mansion House. Members of the military organisation "Soldiers of Destiny" provided a guard of honour and sang a number of songs which were always sung on occasions such as the firm's annual outings, to Bodens-town. Tea and homemade cakes were provided free for the occasion by Groome's Hotel, the caterers. The proceedings ended with a decade of the Family Rosary in Irish.

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COVENTRY PRISONERS

THE Coventry Prisoners' Defence Committee was formed following the police raids throughout Britain on 13th April. Six men have been charged with conspiracy to cause explosions.

The men (one of whom is only 17 years old) are being held in solitary confinement and many difficulties arise from the fact that they are held at Birmingham. The Prisoners' Defence Committee feels that the Irish people should be informed of what is actually going on in Britain at the moment. In Coventry there has been a massive attempt to intimidate the large Irish population. Homes have been raided by Special Branch men (acting in concert with RUC Special Branch). People have been harassed by the police on their way to work and there has been a deliberate attempt to brand the whole Irish community as "mad bombers". Coventry has been singled out for this type of repression because of the memories of the 1939 bombs.

Police repression is not confined to Coventry. In Manchester two men have been charged with "illegal drilling" under an act of 1819. The Belfast Ten case has been well publicised in the Irish press.

The Coventry Prisoners' Defence Committee will continue to defend all those who suffer at the hands of British repression. More detailed information is available from the address below.

LIAM LYNCH,

Coventry Prisoners' Defence Committee
c/o 27 Paynes Lane,
Coventry.

IRELAND ON THE MOVE

THE suggestion made by Mr. Fintan Coogan, the Galway Fine Gael TD, that an electric grid be erected in Eyre Square to keep tinkers out of the shelter on the square has aroused tremendous enthusiasm throughout Ireland. Electric grids have been erected in all the spots where the travelling people are known to linger. Another Fine Gael TD said he thought his own remedy of shooting errant tinkers on the spot was more suitable to the Irish way of life.

The scheme was enthusiastically endorsed by the Regional Tourism Board, who said that the grids, as well as being a tourist attraction in themselves, did present an image of a modern country with technical skills. After the first shocks they were confident that the tinkers would accept that they had to keep moving.

The Regional Tourism organisations suggested that tinkers should be given a distinctive uniform so that there could be no mistakes made. Many Irish people were not above masquerading as tinkers. It was this that often gave the travelling people a bad name.

The National Grid announced that local grids were working extremely satisfactorily. There had been no casualties, but things were definitely moving in the right direction.

WHITELAW

WHITELAW has thanked all those who worked and helped to make his Assembly elections such a great success.

WHITELAW has completely rejected all complaints against the RUC. They are as fine and as impartial a force as can be found anywhere. He is sick hearing old allegations being made over and over again against this body. Has anyone told him of the impartial killing of young Michael Leonard at Belleek?

WHITELAW, ex-Colonel of the British Army who served in Palestine, where the natives got a sample of British impartiality. Ex-member of the committee who drew up plans for Bloody Sunday. Ex-supporter of the hangman's rope. Does the leopard change his spots?

WILSON, COSGRAVE ATTACKED

MR. JAMES O'REILLY, MP, said that Mr. Harold Wilson was using threatening language about the dire consequences that would follow if the White Paper proposals were not accepted and the new Assembly did not work.

His words had been interpreted as meaning that there could be a re-drawing of the Border and the displacement of population.

"THINK AGAIN"

Mr. O'Reilly said: "We say to Mr. Wilson—'Hands off Ireland.' You have drawn one border across our country and we will not allow you to draw another.

"Exchange of populations was tried as a solution in the Austrian Tyrol by Mussolini and Hitler. These dictators are dead and the Tyroles problem still remains. New dictators like Wilson and Heath may rise to try the same solution in Ireland, but we that the flame of Irish nationalism in the North can never be quenched by such methods."

Mr. O'Reilly said Mr. Cosgrave had spoken of realities of legalistic niceties. If his words meant all jail recognition for the Six Counties as part of Britain "we say to him: think again".

Mr. O'Reilly said no fancy phraseology could cloud the fact that the Six Counties are part of Ireland and could never be anything else.

"To depart from this principle," he said, "would leave us with not a leg to stand on if the case for Irish unity should be considered at international level.

"A reinstatement of this principle is not designed to provoke anyone, but it is necessary, at this time, when there is much speculation, to put the matter beyond doubt."

SAVING TO LEAVE BRITISH ARMY

A SOLDIER who has twice served in Northern Ireland is now planning to buy himself out of the Army.

Rifleman John Gray, whose home is in Forest Gate, East London, said: "I didn't realise I would be involved in this kind of fighting when I joined."

John, who is 20, is a member of the 3rd Bn. of the Royal Green Jackets. He is saving towards the £300 needed to buy himself out, and hopes to become a mechanic.

Referring to urban guerrilla warfare and the fact that he himself had been injured in a bomb blast, he said: "That sort of thing plays on your nerves. When I get home I'm edgy and tense. It's just not worth it."

John joined the Army three years ago, signing on for nine years. He has served in Germany and spent a total of nine months in Northern Ireland.

Although due to return to Ulster in the summer, he said he was doing his best to avoid the posting.

FERMANAGH CITIZENS' ADVICE SOCIETY

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THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

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Greaghwarren,
Roslea

MAURICE MAGUIRE,
Knockmacmanus,
Brookborough

SOUTHERN DIARY

LIAM COSGRAVE, who has never been harassed by a British soldier, UDF road-blocker or RUC man in his life, spoke out last week for those who have. Peace, he roared, is the aim—and if you have to put up with harassment and discrimination for another 50 years it's a small price to pay.

Liam promised the Brits he would do anything and everything to those who opposed their repression and received an immediate pat on the back from the father of internment, brutality and cruel interrogation techniques in the six-counties, Brian Faulkner.

Mind you, Brian also put Liam firmly in his place. He spelled out half a dozen orders Liam and us Southerners would have to obey. Not an inch, of course, from Brian and his mates.

Union Jack Lynch was delighted. Cosgrave was a man after his own red, white and blue heart. Jack particularly welcomed the promise of further harassment of Republicans in the 26-counties and greater collaboration with the Brits.

Belfast Comhairle Ceanntair, Sinn Féin (Kevin Street), has criticised Cosgrave for his speech and promises, but has not ventured a guess as to why he made it. Let me remedy this. The reason, very simply, is cash.

Liam and Jack and all the Leinster Houser gang have a bob or two to lose if the Republicans succeed in securing a new Ireland. And, boy, how those lads love the shekels.

Britain's all-knowing Whiteowl has hinted that when his Assembly plan doesn't work he and the Blundering Boatman may find it expedient to heed British public opinion and withdraw the troops. Liam, Jack and the lads are quite happy to sacrifice the six-county minority to safeguard their loot. Hence their willingness to do "anything" to help make the Assembly work.

Those Republicans have principles and advocate an equitable distribution of the nation's wealth. Liam and Jack and the rest of the "get rich quick and keep it" boys describe this as a "threat to the State".

It is simply an extension of the "to hell with you, Jack, I'm all right" attitude. Now you know.

THE new 26-county "President of Ireland", Erskine Hamilton Childers, was inaugurated amid due pomp and ceremony last Monday. During the ceremony he attended an inter-denominational service in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Erskine was shown into the Royal Pew, where he sat under the flag of the Royal Irish Rifles, a flag with a union jack on it.

That figures!

SINN Féin (Kevin Street) is starting an educational programme for its members, President Ruairi O Bradaigh announced during the week. This is in response to requests for more and more information on all aspects of policy—the sign of a healthy organisation.

Ruairi was speaking at a press conference in Limerick to launch a new booklet, "The Quality of Life in the New Ireland", which deals with Sinn Féin policy on pollution and allied subjects. One can assume the booklet will be used in the education programme.

I found the booklet worthwhile reading and copies of it can be obtained from 2a Kevin St., Dublin, for a mere 10p a copy.

DAILY Express reporter, who had not done his homework on 26-county politicians, was interviewing An Taoiseach, Liam Cosgrave.

"Let's start at the beginning," said the scribe. "Now, you were born in Cork?"

Liam was suitably shocked. "No. That was my predecessor, Jack Lynch," he replied haughtily. "I was born in a manger."

Think about it!

NEW GAS IS CONDEMNED

CR gas, Britain's new "crowd control" gas which may be used in the North against Catholic and Protestant workers, has been condemned by the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science.

The Society, which has a membership of hundreds of scientists, says:

"Any chemical agent which is capable of affecting the fittest and most healthy sections of the population is likely to be extremely hazardous to the young, the aged and the sick."

Commenting on news that Britain and America have developed CR to replace CS, the Society says there are now reports that CR is to be produced on a large scale at Nancekuke, the British Government chemical manufacturing establishment in Cornwall.

CR, says the statement, is described as "more effective" than CS, irritating the skin as well as affecting the eyes, nose, throat and stomach.

The Society claim that CS has been in the short term a contributory factor in a number of deaths, and some recent research suggests that in the long term it may be carcinogenic.

JAILS BREAK EEC REGULATIONS

Dr. David Thornley, TD, speaking at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, said that conditions in many Irish prisons would certainly not meet new regulations on prison standards laid down by the Council of Europe.

These regulations are aimed at changing the concept of prison as a place of punishment, pure and simple, and Dr. Thornley said there were many prisons in Ireland where this was the only conceivable end in view.

The result was that young men came out unreformed and were put on the road to becoming hardened criminals.

JURY DISAGREES ONCE AGAIN IN 'ROCKET' CASE

FOR the second time in a few weeks a jury failed to agree on a verdict at the trial of three Lissakea men.

They are Martin McManus, Gerard Breen and Liam Curran.

They have been charged with the possession of a rocket launcher. Readers will remember the hearing in Omagh only a few weeks ago where Martin McManus, speaking on behalf of all, tore holes in the Crown case.

They were again in Court in Enniskillen on Saturday last, where Liam Curran pleaded not guilty and Martin McManus, speaking from the dock on behalf of Gerard Breen and himself, said that because of their principles they were unable to offer a proper defence or enter a plea. "In the eyes of many," he said, "that is quite sufficient evidence to condemn us. If this applies here we are powerless to do anything about it." He said that "the prosecution has produced a rocket launcher and little else." He said he "could not understand why the UDR man who found the launcher was not in court to give evidence."

Judge Conaghan made the excuse that the man lived in a remote area. He had since resigned from the UDR.

The case is now put back for a third trial to Omagh in October next. In the meantime these three young men are confined to the hell holes of Crumlin or Long Kesh. While a few weeks ago two East Belfast men charged with the possession of many guns and a large quantity of ammunition, were allowed out on bail.

Justice how are you!

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THE ASSEMBLY

I am thinking of the assembly in Long Kesh concentration camp. I hope that the SDLP, presently basking in the warmth of Britain's and quishing Cosgrave's approval, will have time to remember that assembly. That assembly will remember the SDLP.

AND YOU?

If you believe in what you are doing NEVER give up.

"Say not the struggle naught availeth,
The labour and the wounds are vain . . ."

NORTH OF THE BORDER:

TROOPS RAID CAHILL HOME DURING WAKE

BRITISH troops swooped recently on the Belfast home of former Belfast Provisional IRA chief Joe Cahill during his mother's wake.

Mrs. Susan Josephine Cahill died at her home in Rockdale Street, off Falls Road. She was 72. She is survived by her 76-year-old husband, Joseph, four daughters and five sons.

One of her daughters said the army raid began around 12.45 a.m. "They came in and took everybody's name and address. Then they went through the house from top to bottom. They did the same thing twice last week while my mother was dying."

Mrs. Cahill's daughter said her father was present during the latest raid. "He's in a terrible state about it," she said. "The soldiers haven't found anything in any of their searches."

She said that during a raid troops brought her brother Frank into the kitchen and forced him to strip naked. "We just don't know what this was for," she said. Mr. Frank Cahill is a well-known social worker in the Ballymurphy area.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER:

SPECIAL BRANCH ARREST MAN DURING FUNERAL

JUST a few days after the British terrorists showed their complete disrespect for the dead by the raid on the Cahill home in Belfast, the sad funeral of young Crowley from Cork was on its long journey home from the North, where he died fighting to drive the ancient enemy from our shores.

As it reached the Cathedral in Cavan town the cortege stopped for prayers. As the rosary was being recited for the happy repose of the young patriot's soul a few members of the hated and despised Special Branch rushed in through the kneeling people and arrested one of them, a Mr. Joseph O'Hagan from Lurgan, Co. Armagh, a well loved, well respected and fearless defender of the downtrodden and terrorised minority in occupied Ireland. The day will come when Irishmen will forgive and forget the British Army (when they leave), but the depraved creatures of the so-called Irish Special Branch, who have been nurtured on the fruits of Irish soil, who have drawn their first food from the breast of an Irish mother, will be forever despised by their own people. They have found for themselves a place beside Dermott McMurrough and the traitors of the past.