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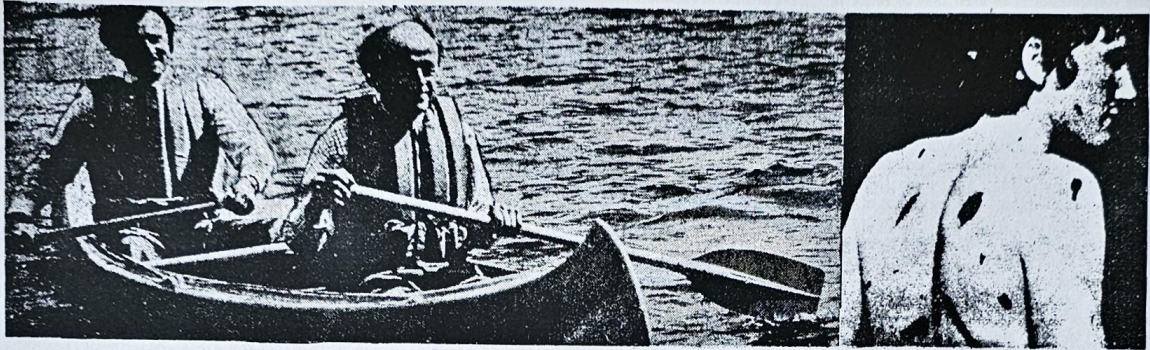
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## ENGLAND'S FIRST COLONY



THE MAN OF ÉRIN

THE IRISHMAN (Joe McCann, Derrylaughan)

DO you know that Ireland was England's first colony; the first colony in an Empire which was to become global in its coverage? In Ireland, Dublin Castle was the seat of the British colonial power. It housed a motley band: the Lord Chancellor, the Attorney-General, the Inspector General of the infamous RIC, the Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police and the Commissioner for Prisons. Even the Chief Secretary and the Assistant Secretary had offices there. All of this title-paraphernalia, cluttering up the Castle, was kept there in readiness to maintain "law and order" in England's first colony. If nothing succeeds like success, and if that implies success by any means, then England succeeded.

### NATION STRANGULATION

The title paraphernalia was "officially" removed from the Castle following an Irish quisling surrender of the Republican claim and the acceptance of an English creation which was to be henceforth known as the Irish "officially" Free State. By this English ploy the dream of the dead generations of Republicans was shattered and Ireland's colony status maintained. Twenty-six of the thirty-two counties of Ireland, the trunk of the nation, was told it was free and sovereign and independent, while at the same time England tightened her colonial grip round the throat of Ireland, and so allowing the whole nation to breathe whenever and at whatever depth England deemed desirable. This nation strangulation we call partition today. England has many times used this political garrotting since in others of her colonies. This nation strangulation device was purely English. No less a person than Carson said as much when he told the House of Lords how he and his colleagues were drawn into the partition "conspiracy" by Lloyd George and Bonar Law.

### BLINDED BY PAIN

Blinded by pain, Ireland, for a little while, was glad of being allowed to breathe at all after generations of experience of the lowest despotism. She was in a comparable position with the man who forgets his mutilation for a while, in his relief at getting off the rack. Only progressively does he become aware of his mutilation. And it was so with Ireland. The dawning of realisation came slowly until latterly it has come with a blinding flash. The North is becoming progressively aware of what Carson meant, but may not have explained, when he said that he and his colleagues had been drawn into the partition "conspiracy". The North is indeed beginning to see itself as also duped by the title paraphernalia and

cipher junk which was removed from Dublin Castle and installed in Belfast (Stormont) Castle. Northern eyes are opening and they are beginning to see the light.

### KNICKERBOCKER PHILOSOPHY

As is the situation in the South, here, too, we have some of that mongrel breeding known as the Anglo-Irish. I am sure Anglophile-Irish would be more correct because ever so many of the Anglo-Irish are by no means Anglophiles, and so, if I have offended any of them I hastened to say I am sorry and hope that they will pardon the unintended insult. England's ploy suits the Anglophiles admirably. Take Terence O'Neill, for example. O'Neill changed only when the tide of molten lava of red hot Irish men and women threatened to engulf him after the volcanic crust was cracked by overpressure from the jack-boot. If O'Neill had not been so threatened, he would not have changed and would indeed, possibly, be the oxygen-administering Prime Minister today, administering a whiff whenever or wherever there was report of a gasp or a whimper. Remnants of the knickerbocker philosophers are still very much about, but the time is coming when it will be difficult to find one of them for a national museum. A risen people are surely and inexorably loosening England's strangler's grip from the throat of Ireland and West End chinless idiots—the stranglers—and the knickerbocker philosophers are already thinking of their hides after the manner of their kind. They no longer relish the prospect of burial in some Irish bog. By the latter remark I mean loss of privilege.

### LIMPETS

Only quislings, more chinless than the stranglers, can now prevent the realisation of the dream of generations of Irish patriots, the sovereignty of the Irish people. Here it should be noted that the biggest threat to this glorious realisation comes from the so-called Free State politicians, especially the English limpets, and they are not few. They may be said to act as an EXTRA FINGER to the colonial hand. They can BUY breath and clear air from their colonial masters at will; a privilege denied to their conned masses. The Childers' electioneering slogan, "A President for all the nation" is at once an insult to the intelligent thinking people in the South and a cruel joke at the expense of us up here who have been Poland-ed by more than fifty years of uncaring, self-interested little people of pigmy character. The English Free State is NOT free. Something unspecified as the Republic is either a mischievous deception or the canonisation

of the English creation, or a combination of both, giving us a political Frankenstein end-product and a gross act of irreverence to the mortal remains of generations of Irish patriot dead. Small wonder we are implored to forget the past. While, of course, it is right to isolate sinister happenings like the Littlejohn affair for full investigation by a public enquiry, I believe that more should be demanded. The Dublin Administration should come out of the darkness if it has nothing to hide from the light of day. It certainly leaves so many with the impression that it has dark secrets to hide. I suppose one could say that its very existence is a dark secret.

### COULD THE DARK SECRET BE . . . ?

The potentates whom I listed at the outset no longer live in Dublin Castle, but one is often forced to ask oneself could they have left their "housekeepers" behind? And are those who function there now merely "holding" the place for an English absentee overlordship? Do the alarming revelations over the years, months, but particularly over the past weeks, not prompt you to refrain from pointing me out as a crank or as a body full of bitterness? I do not know what your answer might be to my questions. I regret to say that my answers are to my sad satisfaction. I see the answers in my lack of surprise that so very many of the young people in that ill-managed Statelet are sick and tired of what they see, and see with that singleness of vision proper to youth. Again I see the answers in my lack of surprise when so many young people are shocked, when they see so many of those who claim leadership and authority as something derived from God, as being nothing better than jingoists mouthing conjurers' gibberish to bamboozle whom they would deceive, when they ought to be exemplars and people beyond reproach. Certainly presently, their high claim has no credibility among the youth. Maybe that is for the better. Maybe the young people have discovered the dark secret. If they have they will let the Administration know.

### OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN

To say it is of little consequence to us what goes on in the other section of our truncated country would be nothing short of matching the Dublin Administration in general treachery and their betrayal of the Republican ideal in particular. Our immediate concern is the labour of reclaiming our fourth green field, but at the same time we must keep a watchful eye on the Leinster House performers. For example, the "Irish Independent" of 29th

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# Jack McCabe memorial unveiled

## JOE McCALLION DELIVERS ORATION

COMRADES of Jack McCabe have spoken here today and told us of his life as a young Volunteer soldier of Ogligh Na h-Eireann. They have evoked memories of the 30's and 40's, memories of what was perhaps the blackest period in the long history of the Republican Movement.

England and her Free State allies set out not just to destroy Republicanism in itself, but to break in body and mind the men and women who remained faithful to the ideal of a free and independent Ireland. Native treachery combined with all that corrupt British minds could devise to discredit, blacken and defeat those who served the cause of Irish Republicanism.

That the Movement survived the dark days of the 40's was due entirely to men like Jack McCabe. With heroic courage, dignity and vision they defeated the enemies of Ireland and the extent of victory is demonstrated here today in the unveiling of this magnificent memorial. There is another demonstration of the victory of Jack McCabe and his comrades—the fight against British forces in the North today. I speak as one of the present generation, who pursues that struggle and openly acknowledge the great debt of gratitude we owe to Jack McCabe.

He taught us many things, but above all he showed us by his own example that unflinching courage in the face of adversity is one of the vital requisites for success in the struggle for freedom. He understood the Northern people as few did; his cool, pragmatic approach to the great problems of our day has become an outstanding characteristic of the present day struggle. His unconquered and unconquerable spirit is imprinted in the Republican Movement today, and that, may I suggest, is the great weapon we possess.

The struggle for freedom has been a long one, embracing countless generations of Irish people. Today we are within sight of victory, of bringing to fruition the dream of the Jack McCabes of every generation. Our enemy tires: militarily he is practically defeated—he searches in vain for a political solution, which he can neither devise nor implement. Despite the enormous military resources at his disposal, he has failed to defeat the Republican Movement, or break the resistance of our heroic people. He may talk of not being open to blackmail or of bowing down to the constant blows of a guerrilla army, but Mr. Heath knows in his heart that there is but one solution open to him, and that is—to withdraw his army of occupation from our country.

He comes to Dublin to instruct his puppets on the workings of a new British Ireland. Foolishly he thinks that the Cosgraves and the O'Briens can implement his plan. He is gravely mistaken. Cosgrave and O'Brien no more represent the aspirations of the Irish nation than Heath himself. Their predecessors in history have been disowned by every generation, and so shall it be today. Cosgrave and O'Brien would do well to remember that the people of the North have paid a heavy price in life, liberty and suffering to secure equal rights and opportunities in their own country, and they have no intention of letting Free State puppet politicians condemn us to another further 50 years of abject slavery.

Let the message go out loud and clear from this spot today to Heath and his quisling Free State allies alike—we want our country rid of British rule, and we are determined to secure it. The determination of this generation has been proved over the past four years. We will prove it with equal vigour until we succeed.

For four years the British Government has waged war on our people. Lately they have intensified their violence against the civilian population. Dublin politicians can afford to be indifferent to British army brutality. They have never suffered from it, but the people who have suffered will not remain indifferent.

It is our duty as Irishman to protect our people from the violence of a foreign army. The Republican movement will act when and where it deems necessary to bring it home to the British Government that they can no longer murder, torture and abuse Irish people with impunity.

Jack McCabe did not live to see the emergence of a New Ireland. He died in bringing it about. We owe it to him and to all those who have suffered and died that the New Ireland is worthy of their idealism. We have chartered the road for a new society in which all our people can live in peace and harmony, but first the connection with England must be broken. Then, and only then, will true peace prevail in our country.

Republicans have guaranteed to respect the religious and civil liberties of all the people of the nation; in the words of Tone, "Be he Catholic, Protestant or dissenter". To do otherwise would be an insult to the memory of Jack McCabe.

He suffered as few have—ten years in an English hell-hole, the struggle to raise a family, and finally the supreme sacrifice of his life. It is men like he who make nations great. You and I have a duty to follow his example.

## THE 'SKEA SCENE

ARCH-BIGOT—sorry, Archbishop—Tickle, top Brit padre, came over to mouth the lying propaganda of the Westminster Government. The Brits apparently think that this pompous clerical ass will gail the Irish people. You're scraping the bottom of the barrel, old chaps. Keep your Tickle at home—the way things are in Britain you need a laugh.

Tinker shooter Donegan, fresh from his three-day Novena, touched an all-time low this week with his announcement that the British Army may cross the so-called Free State border if they wish. All of us know how dearly nations large and small cherish their frontiers. We recall the courage of the freedom fighters in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in defence of their birthright. Today little Iceland proudly protects her waters against the invading British navy and the world admires her for her stand. The Defence Minister in the South, however, has actually invited the British Army terrorist thugs across his frontier. This time he has gone too far. Every man, woman and child in every city, town and hamlet has a duty to raise their voices in protest. Get rid of this traitor, get rid of all the traitors in your midst; anyone, be he politician or plain man, who supports the Donegan line has forfeited the right to membership of the Irish nation. We call upon the people to remove these weeds at once lest they bring our Ireland into disrepute and shame before the world. Let us from this day forward vow never to let the Donegans, the Faulkners, the Lynchs or the Heaths shape our destiny. God knows we have suffered enough at the hands of these criminals.

Ogligh na h-Eireann and Kevin St. Sinn Fein have given us a crystal clear path to follow, a path on which we can all forge our future. We must grasp this opportunity now. Then, and not until then, can our country take its place among the nations of the earth.

See you.

## GALA EVENING

"DISCO", "Cha Cha", "Leap Frog", "Touch Your Toes". Watch it. Don't miss all this excitement at the Black 'n' Tan camp, St. Angelo. Transport from RUC Depot, Enniskillen. For further particulars consult notice board in STC factory, Mill Street, Enniskillen.

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF FRANK McMANUS

A DETERMINED effort was made to murder Mr. Frank McManus, M.P., on Monday night last, 17th September.

Readers are now well aware of the details surrounding the incident, of his miraculous escape from death, and of the claim for responsibility by the UFF and their threat: "Next time we will not miss."

Two questions which come to mind now are: why the attack on this man's life and who are really responsible?

The answer to the first can be found in the fact that Mr. McManus is a Catholic, well-known anti-Unionist politician, outspoken in his criticism of the Orange/Unionist junta that have ruled undemocratically here for the past 50 years. A firm campaigner for British withdrawal and national unification, the would-be assassins would be motivated by a hate of all McManus stands for.

The answer to the second is not clear. The UFF? Mr. Whitelaw told us months ago he had these people locked up. Were they ever tried? Did they escape? Maybe their identity was too embarrassing so they had to be released? Whatever happened no one has ever heard.

If such an organisation exists and is responsible for the McManus attack, they must be based in Enniskillen. Here are a few facts. No one, only a few close friends, knew where Mr. McManus would be on Monday night. His car was parked close to the RUC depot. He was away from it only a few hours, so someone spotted the car and followed him as he drove home. Who could have spotted the car? Not someone driving fast by. No, someone "loitering" about with an interest in a car owned by a man such as Mr. McManus or someone driving slowly by.

This someone must have been able to acquire a gun or guns close by; they must be also pretty well practised in the use of guns.

### BALLYLUCAS INCIDENTS

On Sunday night, 16th September (the night before the attack on Mr. McManus) the homes of Mr. John Cox, of Ballylucas, and Mr. James Lynch were attacked by gunfire. One bullet ripped through the window of the Lynch home.

Three bullets struck the Cox home. One was found in a bedroom and two others ploughed into the roof. This is the second attack on Mr. Cox, who is a well known veteran in the struggle for justice, freedom and equality. In the same locality a young Catholic couple were petrol bombed out of their new home recently.

## HISTORIC VISIT

THE historic meeting between the great leaders is over. Thousands of people lined the streets as Mr. Heath and Mr. Cosgrave drove in open-roofed cars through Dublin. Our former hero, Jack Lynch, was called to the meeting. Afterwards at an open-air press conference the three men spoke to reporters.

Mr. Cosgrave said he was delighted at his appointment to the board of a leading British manufacturing concern. Mr. Heath said he always wanted to come to Ireland as he was a great man for the fairies. Mr. Lynch said that although he had a long chat with the other two he couldn't remember a thing they said.

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# THE SDLP ASSEMBLERS' SONG

"We're going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo,  
How about You, You, You,  
You can come Too, Too, Too,  
Going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo."

Sorry, children, we have too many important things to do. Do please watch "the lion". We have not quite tamed him yet. Don't jostle the other party-makers to get too close to him if you have any gashes or unhealed wounds from recent anti-internment protest marches. The smell of blood annoys "the lion", but you all appear uncut and unbruised, so off with you. Gerry, you tell them keep away from the bars while there. Seeing caged creatures might spoil the visit for all of you. You know how sensitive John and Paddy are about these things. Remember, Paddy, how you got a little gun when you were only fourteen and how you were going to kill those who would put creatures in cages? That's all over now, dear, but DO keep away from the bars. I don't want you having nightmares. One more time and then off with you.

"We're going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo,  
How about You, You, You,  
You can come Too, Too, Too,  
Going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo."

## DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM?

"REPLYING to Mr. Jack Beattie (Labour) on Tuesday, Sir Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs, said the total strength of the "B" Specials was at present 12,500. There was no record of the religious denomination of the members of the force, but he hoped that all members were subscribing members of the Unionist Party. The British Parliament had voted £6,492,500 for this force."

(News item, 2nd May, 1940)

Now we know where 12,500 Loyalists were hiding from the war against Hitler.

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DETAILS LATER

## STORMONT CATHOLICS DIVIDED

THE futile policies of the discredited Stormont and Democratic Labour Party received another blow this week when their London bosses named the new head of the RUC.

The SDLP is believed to have been shattered by the news that "Jamie" Flanagan—one of the "silent conspirators" who covered up for the RUC murderers of Samuel Devenny in Derry—is to become chief of the Occupation Forces' political police.

The announcement has caused a split in the ranks of the Stormont Party, with Ivan Cooper leading a faction demanding that collaboration be reduced, while Gerry Fitt insists on continuing the SDLP's policy of total collaboration with the Brits.

The news of Flanagan's appointment comes at a time when the British Army is softening up several areas in Belfast with a view to putting heavily-armed RUC groups back into them.

This policy follows a secret agreement reached between British leader Heath and Stormont Catholic leader Fitt that the SDLP would support moves to re-introduce RUC men into the Short Strand, Ballymacarret, Markets and Lower Ormeau areas in return for several highly-paid positions in a new Stormont regime.

It is now believed in political circles that the promotion of Flanagan will make it impossible for Fitt to fulfill his side of his bargain with the Brits.

The dispute between Fitt and Cooper was underlined when the semi-official organ of the SDLP, the "Irish News", hid news of Flanagan's appointment away on page six, while most English newspapers and all three Dublin dailies gave it front page treatment.

This move fits in with the Fitt line—which is consistently taken by the "Irish News"—that the appointment of a "bash-the-Catholics" RUC man to spearhead another para-military attack on Catholics must not become known too widely.

Significantly, also, the "Irish News" carried no comment on the announcement although it had been welcomed by various Unionist bigots and condemned by the CCDC, Cooper and many Catholic organisations.

## US BISHOP SHOCKED BY LONG KESH

A TEXAS bishop, Most Rev. Thomas J. Drury, a former US Air Force chaplain, has denounced the "appalling conditions" in Long Kesh following a visit to Northern Ireland recently.

"Long Kesh is clearly designed to disorientate its victims. In plain language, it is designed to torture, degrade and drive men out of their minds—and it succeeded in the case of Patrick Crawford (a 19-year-old youth who committed suicide), whose case attracted international attention," the bishop said.

During his visit to the internment camp, arranged by Mr. Frank McManus, M.P., the bishop offered Mass for all 84 internees in the cage where Mr. Crawford had been detained.

He had been shocked and outraged by the "obscene" conditions he found there, but had been "deeply impressed with the internees' spirit, courage and dignity."

Dr. Drury, who was born in Sligo and went to the US as a child, said he had been impressed by Mr. McManus and Mr. Ruairi O Bradaigh, President of Sinn Fein (Kevin St.).

"There must be something fundamentally wrong with Ireland if these two men, and what they stand for, are considered extreme," he said.

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## ERNE SENSE EXPOSED

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to read the exposure of Erne Sense by the fine letter in your letter column last week. Erne Sense is the most unenlightened, arrogant so-called political columnist I know. Did you ever hear of a writer in such a role who never visits or attends political meetings or demonstrations? All reputable journalists and writers go out and see matters for themselves, speak to organisers and demonstrators, but not so British hack Erne Sense.

No wonder then that such simplistic solutions to the Irish question emanate from his constipated thinking, constipated because it is coloured by a combination of serfdom and the shackles of British tyranny.

Unlike Republicans, who have clearly established their mental freedom, Erne Sense has never been able to overcome the 700 years of slavery which was imposed on this country. Republicans, because they are more mentally robust and determined, have asserted this liberty and will not tolerate any compromise on this matter. They will be lackeys to no tyrant or ruler; they will respect every man's dignity, but they will not crawl to an Archduke or anyone else. They have great contempt for landlords whose wealth is due to highway robbery and burglary. Many of the landowners like the Chichester-Clarks are wealthy because their fathers or grandfathers robbed the native Irish people.

Erne Sense, on the other hand, who has not this mental robustness and lacks both courage and perspicacity as well as perspective, cowers to the tyrant. Consequently he keeps protesting his loyalty, his loyalty to traitor O'Brien and other Dublin miscreants.

Fermanagh Republican

## BORDER VICTIM CRITICAL IN DUBLIN

THE condition of the young Armagh man shot by a British soldier on the Armagh-Monaghan border on Sunday night last was stated to be critical in the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

The shot man, Eamon Valley (20) was wounded several times by a soldier during a struggle which took place in his car. It was claimed that Mr. Valley refused to allow his car to be searched at a checkpoint. The soldier was detailed to escort him to Keady RUC station, but Mr. Valley, it is alleged, attempted to drive his car into the Republic.

A young nurse, who saw the incident, took Mr. Valley in her car across the Border despite threats by the soldier to open fire on her and other occupants in the car.

The British army later alleged that Mr. Valley's car was searched and a rifle and 1,280 rounds of ammunition were found along with a quantity of cortex and fuse and 400 lbs. of bomb-making equipment.

Provisional IRA sources in the area claim that the roadblock was set up south of the Border.

Mr. Valley was driven at high speed by the nurse to Monaghan Co. Hospital, where he received first aid. He was later transferred to the Richmond Hospital.

## MAYO GAA DENOUNCE BRITISH ARMY "GURRIERS AND CONVICTS"

FOLLOWING the All-Ireland Semi-Final (Under 21) between Mayo and Tyrone in Dunganon two weeks ago Mayo GAA County Board issued a strong condemnation of the British Army, who harassed both players and spectators as they arrived for the game. One Tyrone player, Tommy Woods, was detained for an hour and taken from a road checkpoint to the barracks. Jody O'Neill and Paddy Corey, the team manager and County Board chairman, respectively, were held for over half an hour; the game was delayed for nearly an hour. In its statement the Mayo County GAA Board denounced the British Army as "gurriers and convicts" whose harassment and abuse of the Mayo young players would not be tolerated.

## SOUTHERN DIARY

"TED HEATH'S visit to Dublin is an insult to the Irish people." This was the statement issued by Sinn Fein (Kevin Street) last week—and it has aroused a storm of controversy. Some Dublin politicians are jubilantly saying this "negative" approach has dashed any hopes Sinn Fein has of making ground politically in the 26-counties and their view is encouraged by a volume of public opinion that, in general, welcomes the Heath visit.

I am not an apologist for the Republican Movement, it doesn't need one, but I feel the Dublin jackens are jumping the gun and their forecasts, as so often, will be proved wrong. The statement does seem at this juncture to be a negative one and motivated more by dogma than sound political thinking, but there is a lot more to it than that.

Just why did Britain's Blundering Boatman come to Dublin—to atone in some way for the Littlejohn affair? Not on your life. The Brits are far too arrogant for that. Is it to appease Liam Cosgrave and restore good relations between the two Governments? Wrong again. Westminster couldn't care a tuppenny cuss what the Dublin Government thinks or doesn't think on any issue. It has nothing but contempt for Irish politicians of any hue.

Heath is coming here for one reason, and one reason only. He wants the Coalition administration to pound the Republican Movement into submission. He wants internment, repression, harassment on a scale heretofore unknown and he wants it quickly. This is a blatant interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign Government and Heath's big-headed idea that he can con the Irish nation, through its elected representatives, into accepting his scheme is an insult to the intelligence of the Irish people.

Heath knows, and recent events in the six-counties have proved, that only the absolute defeat of the Republican Movement will allow the implementation of his Assembly plan. Willie Whitelaw and himself first pinned their hopes on the Alliance Party, but the electorate bunged them back into the hole from which they emerged. Then came the SDLP, backed by Dublin cash, and the Brits put their faith in Fitt and Co.—but the "politically immature" Republicans saw through this too quickly and blew the whistle on those lads.

So there had to be a change of emphasis. The Republicans have to be clobbered. Westminster, even with the might of the British army and unlimited cash, had failed to do it in the six-counties because the people stood firm behind their men, women and children. They stood up to be counted.

But, Heath reasons, the 26-county people are soft. They must be to put up with the shower of omadhauns and Brit "fellow travellers" that have passed for elected representatives for so long; for forgetful national leaders and downright traitors.

"Go over there and sort them out," said Heath's advisors. "It's easy to con the politicians and the public will put up with anything. They'll make a big deal out of your visit and be so busy patting themselves on the back they'll agree to anything you suggest. Show the pearly teeth, boy, and shake the shoulders and we'll isolate the Northern Republicans and deal with them at our leisure. The SDLP are in our pockets and we can return to the old status quo."

Is that not an insult to the Irish people?

TWO men who were arrested following the shooting of reserve RUC men in Westport, Co. Mayo, were badly beaten by Special Branch men from Dublin. One man still has the scratch marks of fingernails down the side of his face and neck. Sinn Fein (Kevin Street) produced both men and an independent doctor at a Press conference in Castlebar. Reporters were told the shocking facts and proof was offered. Naturally the Irish Special Branch denied the allegations—shades of Lisburn!

How much space did these allegations get in the Dublin press?—precisely nothing. And the Mayo local newspapers were too busy worrying about local big businessmen losing a pound or two, or how RTE reported the original incident, to care.

Dublin and 26-county reporters will not wake up to the spiralling erosion of civil rights until they are the victims—and then it will be too late. It seems a long time since the West had a dose of insomnia.

## IRISH -AMERICANS

### LAMBASTE DES RUSHE

(of Tatler's Parade, "Irish Independent")

OF several letters from Irish-Americans protesting against his insinuation regarding funds raised in the US to assist the dependants of the victims of British aggression in the Six Counties, here are two. But first let me explain. Mr. Desmond Rushe ("Tatler") of the "Irish Independent", claims that funds raised for the humanitarian purpose I mention are being abused and he claims that he knows this to be true "because of the reliability of his New York contact". He says, further, that his contact "is a person long distinguished for a PRACTICAL commitment to the welfare of Ireland". It could be a quote from the obituary notice of any of the minor Free State politicians who never really made the top: "He was not worth a tinker's curse, but to hold the seat he had better say something broad, like."

Nurse Loretta de Lellis, American born, of Irish stock, says: "Without the funds collected the dependants of political prisoners could not survive. The money raised for Northern Aid is NOT abused." Her mother is in full agreement: "Dollars sent by individual chapters to Northern Aid headquarters are properly receipted and accounted for."

Mr. L. E. Fitzgerald writes: "I, as an Irish-American who has visited Ireland on numerous occasions (his letter was written while once more in Dublin, Ireland) would like to inform you that Americans know more of the truth regarding the North East than the ordinary person in the 26 Counties, thanks to government censorship.

"It is obvious to anyone who takes time out and thinks a little that the SDLP is being tutored to be England's puppets when the British army is finally defeated by the Provisional IRA. However, I personally believe the SDLP will not make it, regardless of all the co-operation they receive from Mr. Whitelaw and friends."

There is more in Mr. Fitzgerald's letter, much more, but I take his dagger thrust at more pernicious insinuations than "Tatler" where he says: "But why should we expect more of a mercenary writer than of your former and present Prime Ministers?"

## "HELP US CATCH THESE MADMEN"

AFTER the UFF claimed responsibility for an explosion which wrecked a Catholic Church, the British Army at Lisburn put out an urgent message: "Help us catch these madmen."

Our readers will recall the same press office issuing a statement not very long ago that they had captured the leaders of the UFF. Whatever happened to them? No one has ever heard of them since—no charge, no names, no mention.

Most thinking people today have a strong suspicion who the UFF are. It is believed they are none other than British undercover terror agents. This tactic has been used so often before by the British in Aden, Kenya and Cyprus. But why here? The answer is a simple one. Bishop Philbin gave it on Tuesday last when he asked for more protection from the British Army.

This is what Heath and Whitelaw and Kitson hope to gain by such tactics—a plea from the Catholic community for the protection of their army, and then they can tell the world how they are so badly needed in Ireland; it's the old British imperialist stunt of divide and conquer. It would be also hoped to erode support for all forms of resistance against British interference and British occupation. It has been tried so often before that it will hardly succeed this time.

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## \*ALGERIAN-TYPE TORTURE

Dear Sir,

I notice that a columnist in a weekly paper circulating in Fermanagh speaks of Ireland and Britain being friendly countries. I find this an extraordinary statement in view of the fact that the British Government's agents (reports by all national papers confirm this) have been and are still using Algerian-type tortures on Irish men and women. This Algerian-type torture includes burning with electrodes. A year ago the Fianna Fail Government had no option—in view of the dossiers on torture and brutality by the British presented by Frs. Faul and Murray and in view of the pressure and outrage shown by the ordinary people in the North—to pressing charges against the British Government in Strasbourg on these matters. In the event a prima facie case of guilt was established. Later, in July of this year, the Cosgrave Government at the behest of the Heath Government postponed the Strasbourg hearings. Political observers in Dublin close to the Government there are certain that the Cosgrave Government are resorting to delaying tactics on this matter in the hope that ultimately, in the event of a lame duck Assembly Executive being set up, they would be able to drop the charges altogether.

### SPINELESS COSGRAVE

For Cosgrave and O'Brien to be able to maintain friendly relations with Heath and Co. in spite of the tortures by the British army, in spite of Fr. Wilson's documentation on the outrages committed by that same army, in spite of the severe condemnation of that army by Mayo GAA, who denounced the British soldiers as "gurriers and convicts" whose harassment of their young players would not be tolerated—for Cosgrave and O'Brien continue to be friendly with Heath is a violation of their own constitution which pledges them to "cherish all the children of the nation equally"; it merely proves that Ireland is being led by a few spineless men or worse. Could Cosgrave not be persuaded to make a study of Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya or Mintoff of Malta. All of these men took a rigid, inflexible, no-nonsense line with the British. All of them achieved their ends and with it the admiration of their followers and the respect of the British. No British politician ever respected a spineless and weak opponent. Only a courageous Irish leader, confident that he is leading a determined people, certain that he is not going to compromise their rights, can ever hope to be successful. The slavishing posturings of Cosgrave and O'Brien would make one almost wish that they were not Irish.

### DANGEROUS DIET

The diet which shapes and nurtures this type of grovelling Irishman is being meted out weekly by the columnist referred to already. As long as we have this noxious food produced and distributed in Ireland, so long will we have the weak-kneed Cosgraves and so long will those "wounded knee" policies be pursued by people like him; so long will we remain a nation under subjection.

Signed: Aidan Corrigan

## ENGLAND'S FIRST COLONY

(Continued from page one)

August carried two photographs. One was of "the colonial hand" Heath inspecting his men on the ground—Irish ground. The other was of "the extra colonial finger", Childers, looking like a second childhood canoeist on Roundwood Lake, during his visit to the Tiglin Adventure Centre, Co. Wicklow. The previous week Heath was on the water while Childers was inspecting his (their?) men on the ground. Well, Nero could plead insanity as an explanation for his fiddling while Rome burned. At least so history says. But maybe history and tradition are wrong. Maybe fiddling meant then what we all know it means now. I suppose it would be impossible to dig up an old Roman Littlejohn at this time of day.