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STAFF CAPTAIN TOM O'DONNELL, G.H.Q. Oglaiha na hEireann, was buried in Milltown Cemetery, Belfast, on Monday. He died in Richmond Hospital, Dublin, as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident last February. A volley of shots was fired over his coffin outside the hospital by Republican Volunteers.

The high esteem in which Captain O'Donnell was held, was reflected in the large funeral and the scene at his graveside. Mr. Tom Lyons, Dublin, gave the oration: —

"We are all deeply moved, gathered around this grave, as a gallant, dedicated Irish Republican soldier is placed in his last resting place. Here is an Irishman who was completely dedicated to the Cause of Irish Freedom, a brave volunteer who worked almost 24 per day, seven days a week.

"So successful and unassuming was he, that very few knew the details of the work of great importance he was doing for the Republican Movement. He dedicated himself completely, body, soul and mind to the service of the Irish people.

"At a time when it is popular in certain quarters in the so-called Free State to try and slander our brave Volunteers, it is heartening to know that full military honours were rendered to him in the capital city of the Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916. It is also interesting to know that he died in the heart of the historic Four Courts garrison area, an area of streets and house were some of the fiercest fighting of the Rising took place behind the barricades against the might of the British Army.

"This area was also the place where Rory, Liam, Dick and Joe made their stand in defence of the Irish Republic, and where ultimately, they gave

their lives for Irish Freedom.

"Yes! this man who was our comrade and our friend, was in the true tradition of Irish Separatism. He knew of only one definition of freedom; it was Tone's definition; it was Rossa's definition and it was Seamus Steele's definition... To break the connection with England and to give full freedom to our people.

"My message to the Quislings and traitors, North and South, is this; 'You and your kind will never beat the Risen People'.

"Nobody with humanitarian feelings wants to see anybody die, but as long as Britain occupies one foot of our soil, Bri-

tish soldiers will surely die. The true army of the Irish Republic Oglaiha na h-Eireann, will pursue them, and beat them.

"Let us all here, in communion with our comrades in the front line, in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road, and Armagh, in prisons in the Free State, England and America, re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals that inspired our dear comrade, Tom O' Donnell.

"I trust that we may all share in the fruits of the supreme sacrifice of Tom and his comrades in a just society in a truly free Irish Republic. Go ndeanaidh Dia Trocaire ar a anam uasal."



Mr. Tom Lyons, giving oration at graveside of Staff Capt. Tom O'Donnell, Milltown Cemetery

After the coffin was lowered into the grave, a well-known Belfast Republican veteran handed the National Flag, lovingly folded, and the black beret of Oglaiha na h-Eireann, which had rested on the coffin, to Captain O'Donnell's 13 year old eldest son. It was a very touching sight which brought tears to many at the graveside.

The writer was touched at the tenderness shown by a comrade of Tom from Ballymacarrett about three weeks ago, when he visited him in Richmond Hospital. The man in question, who is normally decisive and remote, fussed around the bed obviously very much moved to see Tom in such a critical condition.

Quislings and traitors may mock and jeer but the Republican Movement knows how to honour their dead.....



Tom O'Donnell, you have gone to join Pearse, Brugha, Steele, and a vast army of Irish patriot dead! Those of us who are left, are only here for a time, after which we too will go to join you. While we are here and have life, your example will inspire us to serve our people and our nation.



Councillor O'Kane protests against internment earlier this year . . .

READ ON PAGE 8 AN OPEN LETTER TO JAMES O'KANE CANDIDATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

FORMER COUNCILLOR,
BELFAST CITY HALL AND
FORMER INTERNEE, AT
LONG KESH
CONCENTRATION CAMP

Intimidation and Harrassment

17 YEAR OLD YOUTH LIFTED OVER 200 TIMES!



A youth, aged 17 years, is known and has been made known to all the various regiments which have been assigned to the Clonard area as 'the most lifted man' in Northern Ireland. He has been lifted on upwards of 200 times - this spans a period from October 1971 to the present day and involves 6 different British Army regiments:
SCOTS GUARDS: GLOSTERS:
KINGSMEN: GREEN JACKETS:
COLDSTREAM GUARDS: and now
THE 2ND LIGHT INFANTRY REG.

When the particular regiment had finished its tour of duty here Thomas was always lifted prior to them departing and introduced to the incoming regiment so that they would know him for future reference.

On frequent occasions after being lifted on the street he has been transported to the North Howard Street billet by Loyalist routes, i.e. down Cypar Street, over Eastland Street etc. He has been told also that some of 'these times' they will just leave him off so that the UDA can get him.

Very often he is followed into public houses and there instead of being lifted himself, those he happens to be drinking with are taken into custody, leaving a stigma of 'informer' on him. The Royal Green Jackets were among the worst regiment for this underhanded activity. They adopted a practice of lifting lads and asking why Thomas was not liked by the I.R.A., or members of this regiment would call at the home stating that they had information that Thomas was on the I.R.A. death list and that they were worried about him being shot.

INCIDENTS: An incident took place not long before the Royal Green Jackets Departure from Belfast which really set the whole household into panic stations. Thomas was lifted from Welsh's Pub on the Falls Road (bottom of Clonard Street). A local man saw this happening and immediately went to the home to tell his parents (he was 16 at this time). Thomas's sister went immediately to RUC Springfield Road. The RUC there denied having him in custody. However, a British Intelligence Officer rang North Howard Street and found that he had been 'lifted for a little chat.' However, this soldier told Thomas's sister that he had since been released and taken back to the public house. She then went to check up on Thomas's whereabouts only to find that he had not in fact been returned. She again went to the barracks but received no satisfaction being told 'well, that's that.'

She then proceeded to the Association of Legal Justice in Divis Street and reported the whole matter. They rang Lisburn H.O., stating the families fears of assassination etc. Lisburn immediately instituted several regiments into Belfast to search for the missing youth. Missing at this time for about 3 hours,

Thomas was eventually found and the various regiments sent to look for him called at the Haddock home to reassure themselves that he had returned home safe. The Royal Green Jackets must have been hauled over the coals about this incident for Thomas was never lifted again by them. With the coming of the Coldstream Guards the situation again returned to lifting and screening on a daily basis.

A week before Easter Thomas was intimidated along with others from his job in Mackies Foundry. On Friday (Good Fri.), rioting broke out between Clonard residents and Mackies and residents fearing for a repetition on the following Thursday asked for British Army protection for the youths going to work. Thomas was picked out, beaten and searched. He packed in his employment there and then.

INCIDENTS: The latest of this long, long line of intimidation took place on Saturday last (28.4.73) At 11.00 p.m. members of the 2nd Light Infantry Regiment called asking for Thomas at his own home. He was not at home. The following night at exactly the same time these soldiers called again looking for Thomas. Again he was not at home.

The British soldiers indicated to Thomas's sister that this was not good, very suspicious in fact. She then informed them that Thomas had nothing to hide and that she herself would take him down to Springfield Road.

Thomas returned home about an hour later and within seconds the soldiers were pounding on the front door. Both Thomas and his sister were taken into custody and the following is an accurate account from his sister of all that took place in the Barracks at Springfield Road.

"We were taken at top speed through the Clonard area in open jeeps and taken into Springfield Road Barracks. I was directed to the waiting room and Thomas was shoved up against a wall. He was made to stand, legs apart, fingertips against the wall until he was called for interrogation. I waited and watched in the waiting area until about an hour later I saw Thomas being brought through to the interrogation room. He was visibly unsteady on his feet, holding his hands outstretched in front of him as if in pain. He was taken away for photographing (200th time)."

"Thomas, after he was released (4.00 a.m.) gave me an account of all that took place during the interrogation whilst it was still fresh in his mind."

A particular sergeant had expressed a somewhat sadistic interest in him and attempted to push a pencil up his nose. Apparently this sergeant has done this on other youths at different times. However, he did not succeed with Thomas. Another soldier, tall, dark and

burly took up the interrogation from the sergeant and he indicated to Thomas that everytime he would answer a question with No, he (the soldier) was going to write that Thomas had answered Yes. Another procedure apparently adopted by this particular soldier was that on the point of answering a question, he rammed Thomas in the ribs. During the interrogation rude and filthy remarks were made to the lad about and his mother.

This soldier then asked Thomas whom he (Thomas) thought had done all the 'sack killings.' When Thomas said Loyalist organisations, the British soldier said 'no, that they were responsible and that Thomas would meet the same fate.'

1. This 17 year old youth has been lifted a total of 200 times by consecutive regiments of the British Army.
2. His name has been bandied about the Clonard area as an informer by these regiments.

3. He has been lifted frequently since driven through loyalist areas and through his own district (I am sure hoping that perhaps one of his would shoot him).
4. British soldiers have often stated to him that they cannot understand why he cannot be interned, coming from a 'Prova' family, (as the British puts it).
5. Even before and on many occasions since his 17th birthday, (last October), he was assured that he was to be interned, as a birthday present from the Brits.

This family have asked that this information be published and brought to someone's attention before it is too late. The whole family circle however, impending doom about this particular lad, either he will be interned, or else innately to be blamed on a Republican Organisation, or just left with a stone over his head.



An
IRISH TERRIER

ARMAGH REPUBLICAN HOSTAGES SPEAK OUT

Malachy Leonard (Camp 9),
Bryan Hughes (Camp 8),
& Francis Cox (Camp 6).

We wish to record our support for the Republican leadership in their refusal to call a cease fire while the British Army is still in occupation of our country. We reject any suggestion that the Irish people should accept the British Government's White Paper as a basis for peace in Ireland. The only time true peace shall come to Ireland is when the British cease to interfere in Irish affairs and withdraw her army of occupation.

Republicans have always been in favour of peace but not PEACE AT ANY PRICE. We believe that the Irish people have to resist the British occupation of our country. One has only to look towards the 26 counties to see that acceptance of a British solution has left that part of our country a Neo Colony of Britain and to realise that those people who advocate attendance in British parliament, far from being socialists of Republicans, are in fact the NEW FREE STATERS who have no right to speak in the name of Republicanism.

Mr. Malachy Toal has shown the

complete cowardice of these people when he said that they would stand for the elections under the banner of SINN FEIN-only if Mr. Whitelaw lifted the ban on it. Mr. Toal has no right to use the name of SINN FEIN to describe his Pseudo - Marxist organization which has more in common with EASTERN STATE CAPITALISM than with IRISH REPUBLICANISM and SOCIALISM.

Let it be clearly understood that Mr. Toal and his ilk are in no way connected with Republicanism of PEARSE & CONNOLLY and in no way reflect the views of those imprisoned and detained in LONG KESH CONCENTRATION CAMP.

WE SERVE NEITHER QUEEN NOR KREMLIN BUT IRELAND.

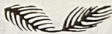
SIGNED Bryan Hughes

Kevin Trainor
Malachy Leonard
Francis Cox.



Mr. Malachy Foots, spokesman for the Sinn Fein Ulster Executives says that:- "The Vice-President Dave O'Connell has asked us to inform the public in Ulster that, with regards to the forthcoming Local Government Election.....

1. There has not been a meeting between our Vice-President and Paddy Kennedy of the Republican Labour Party to discuss the forthcoming elections.
2. The Vice-President has not authorised Paddy Kennedy to ask for support from people on behalf of the Republican Movement.
3. Until there are Free Elections, the Republican Movement will not ask any party to represent it. It will go to the people itself with Its' own well known policies.
4. Any person or Party taking part in the forthcoming election is only rebuilding the Stormont of old, with its' police state. This is clearly evident from the latest Hill on the six-counties from Westminster.
5. In support of the internees in Long Kesh and Armagh, we in Sinn Fein in occupied Ulster call on people to boycott the forthcoming Local Government Elections. Do Not support a new set-up which keeps men in Long Kesh Concentration Camp and women in Armagh, as the old Stormont did.


BOYCOTT ALL
CANDIDATES
INCLUDING
'REPUBLICAN-
LABOUR'


6. Be sure that all those who are doing door to door canvassing are political party representatives and not British Agents under this guise.
In conclusion, in re-affirming our support to the Political Hostages in Armagh, Long Kesh etc; We in Sinn Fein ask the people to ignore these Unfree Elections. Do not support the means and methods which hold our men and women interned."



Only one tribute worthy of Vol. Tony Ahearn

We have been asked to release the following statement:

The Irish Republican Army has refrained from commenting on a statement made by Mr. Cooney in Athlone on the tragic death of Volunteer Anthony Ahearn until the burial services were over. This was done in deference to the wishes of the Ahearn family, who expressed a strong desire that the I.R.A. would not say or do anything which could possibly further upset the distraught mother of the late Volunteer. The family wishes were fully acceded to and full co-operation was offered to the family by two senior representatives of the Movement who travelled to Cork.

It was therefore despicable in the extreme that Mr. Cooney should issue his foolish statement within a day of the death of Volunteer Ahearn. Showing utter disregard for the suffering of the Ahearn family, Mr. Cooney used the opportunity to make a stupid attack on the leadership of the Republican Movement. His conduct must merit the condemnation of all Irish people whose traditional instinct is to help alleviate the grief of a bereaved family and not add to their suffering by uncouth and crude comments.

The distortion by R.T.E. in reporting the age of the late Volunteer as sixteen instead of seventeen and a half years, of which they were informed, was fully in keeping with Cooney's crudity and merits equal condemnation.

Although Volunteer Ahearn was the first Volunteer from the South to die in the North, his death was the ninety-eighth suffered by the Irish Republican Army in the present struggle against British Forces. His comrades knew of his strong attachment to his family and of the effort required to leave them and go North to fight with his fellow countrymen. Others from his native city had talked of 'not standing idly by' whereas his idealism and courage motivated him to act by giving service and eventually his life in defence of the Northern people. He risked and lost his young life because he believed in freedom for all the Irish people and his sacrifice is in sharp contrast with the actions of power hungry politicians whose collaboration with the British army brings shame on all our people.

The comrades of Tony Ahearn will forever honour his memory. His gaiety, courage and consideration left a mark on all who knew him. His passionate involvement in a New Ireland emerging from the present struggle is all the more meaningful as a result of his death. There are many tributes which could have been paid to this brave young Volunteer; the only one worthy of him and his fellow comrades is an end to British rule and the creation of a new society of free citizens in a free country.

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Damaged in Jonesboro'

In the early hours of Saturday morning a considerable amount of damage was caused to a ballroom in the Jonesboro area. This was done by young hooligans from the area of Newry claiming to be members of the Provisional I.R.A. We have made enquiries and found out that they are not members or have what-so-ever got to do with The Republican Movement. We have given numerous warnings about vandalism in this area and also of people using the name of the Movement to commit these actions. We wish to state that these people from Newry have been recognised by our members and they will be severely dealt with for their actions on this particular night, and for using our name to commit them.

Press Officer.

THE FORT WORTH FIVE

Copy of letter from
Kenneth Tierney,
Building 9,
P.O. Box 1000,
Seagoville, Texas 75159.

Received - London 8.5.73.

It reads as follows:-

Copy of a letter to 'The Long Island
Press 24.4.73.'

Point of View.
'The Fort Worth Five.'

On March 13th, a William Olsen, Asst. Attny. Gen., made a statement before the house committee on the judiciary concerning the 'Fort Worth Five'. The transcript reads: individuals apparently from New York City using aliases, were attempting, in Fort Worth, Texas, to purchase large numbers of illegal weapons from sources in Mexico for shipment to Ireland. It is evident from Mr. Olsens' statement that;

1. the purchase was not consummated.
2. the attempted purchase did not involve weapons in the United States.
3. the attempted purchase did not involve shipment of weapons into the United States.

A Grand Jury was convened, the five men refused to answer Probative questions, were held in contempt and failed.

A Grand Jury was convened

Who gains by this misapplication of justice? Certainly not Mexico or Ireland. Certainly not American just prudence. The beneficiary is Great Britain who seems to be having difficulty with the restless natives again. What has America done to help? We sent 4,000 Troops to Germany, to relieve a British Army Contingent for duty in Northern Ireland, (and trained 800 more in Camp Le Jeune here in North Carolina for Combat duty in Belfast). We attempted to deprive the source of arms to North Ireland by jailing five Americans who refused to talk. We have remained silent and thereby condoned British Anti-Catholic activists. Our Dept. of justice by placing these men in jail, has made Mc Carthyism smell like a Rose.

Thomas J' Sanchez, Maspeth, New York.

F.W.S. Comment.

A letter worth circulating, and God Bless this man who, though not Irish, does care about justice!

UNIONIST

IN

DISGUISE?

READ ON . . .

In my recent reply to Mr. Daniel Macaulay, in conjunction with the Helen Buckley interview with Sean Bourke, I said I was loyal to the laws and institutions of this country.

Some anonymous writer has accused me of being a Unionist in disguise.

Because of this, I wish now to qualify that statement, because, anonymous or not, that person had a point.

I respect law and order in this country.

I acknowledge Queen Elizabeth 11 as head of Britain, but I do not recognise her authority in North-East Ireland.

I think the policy of her Government there stinks to high heaven.

Being an Irish citizen, I owe her no allegiance.

To read that one of her 'gallant' officers ordered a soldier to shoot children was to me like a shadow on the heart, as Stephen Foster put it.

And if the soldier had obeyed orders and killed the children, a neatly groomed army chappie with an Oxford accent would come on T.V. to say that the children were armed.

I once saw a young man die in a road accident. Although he was to me a stranger, I felt a profound sense of sorrow.

But to slaughter children at play! The silence of the media here about this dastardly affair was deafening.

Now that does not sound like a Unionist in disguise, does it, Mr. Anonymous?

Vincent O'Sullivan,
19 Torbay Road,
Kilburn,

LONDON N.W.

*Buion Diobairi
na nOglach
(Sealadach)
i gCorcaigh*

A Chara,

The Band held it's Annual Dinner and Social at the Country Club, Cork, Over 200 people attended including Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mc Cartain and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clarke and Miss Molly Cronin.

Mrs. Clarke sang a few ballads in a fine Tenor voice. Pipers of the Band Pipers in the Soup and Ceilidhe music was supplied by the Blackpool Ceilidhe Band.

The Band Council wish to thank all those who helped in any way, and a special word of thanks to all those who gave Spot Prizes.

Is Mise,

Sean O Murci.

FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONER

Sir,

As a former South African political prisoner (1964-1967), I think the campaign in the British bourgeoisie press and on television over the detention and gaoling of Peter Niesewand in Rhodesia has been a sickening load of hypocrisy. What about your own Irish prisoners, gentlemen? What about the Belfast Ten in Brixton Jail who you are right now subjecting to prolonged isolation and harassment? What about the hundreds of thousands of black prisoners who have had to endure the hell you set up in Rhodesia and South Africa?

It may now suit your pockets and your politics to "expose" the human misery from which you've profited for a hundred years and more in Southern Africa. As another correspondent from Southern Africa wrote in your letter columns a little while ago, white liberals are getting scared at the threatening resurgence of the black masses. So it's honed words for the black workers in Southern Africa - but the bullet and the concentration camp for Irish workers in Belfast.

How does your Bloody Sunday massacre in Derry differ from Sharpeville? (your Saracens were in action both from Gaois). How does Long Kesh differ from Gaois? How does Long Kesh differ from Gaois? How does the torture practised by the British Army in Ireland differ from the torture of the South African Special Branch?

WELL DONE, GERRY!

A Chara,

I would like to bring to your attention the wonderful work of your "Republican News" distributor and seller in London of

Gerry Bree. I have watched him now, every Sunday for eight long months, with admiration for all he has done and all he is striving to do for the sale of your paper.

He has come up against such terrible odds from some of our own countrymen and women and even from some who call themselves "Republican" in London.

Every Sunday, I have watched him in a tunnel at Hyde Park, even during the coldest of winter days, when it was obvious Gerry was in pain.

Often, as I left Hyde Park on Sundays, I turned to see that so familiar figure, who would still be there late into the evening, when people sat snug by their fires, he was still there selling his beloved papers.

I only Ireland had more Gerry Brees doing the same wonderful job, no bombs would be needed, no guns either, just dedicated, honest and righteous-minded people like Gerry Bree would make our country one.

Is Mise,

Rose Garvey, 8 Westbourne Crescent, London, W.2.

(This fine tribute to Gerry Bree from a fellow-exile, is well-deserved. It was not meant for publication but we are publishing it as a mark of our own appreciation of the wonderful work done by Gerry in London to promote "Republican News". Editor).

As a Northerner nothing that the slave-minded population of the 26 Counties may do can cause me any further amazement. For the last 50 years you have all sat idly by on your backsides and let your fellow countrymen in the Six Coun-tries be murdered, tortured and interned without one squeak of protest. Since we in the North have got off our knees and attempted to remove the jackboot of England from our neck we have vilified England from our politicians, press, radio and television. We have been accused of dragging Ireland's name in the mud and of making Ireland's name an object of shame throughout the world because we would no longer submit meekly to arrest, internment and torture.

It was not the gallant and brave boys and girls of the north who have made Ireland's name stink, but the back crav-ling cowards that you people of the 26 Counties call your leaders. I can safely say without fear of contradiction that never in the history of mankind has there been such a nation of craven and chicken-hearted people who would let a foreign power occupy part of their country and murder their fellow-countrymen without protest, but then of course you people of the 26 Counties are so engrossed chasing after the almighty dollar with your greedy little souls that you have sold your birthright and heri-tage for a mess of pottage.

As a Northerner it gives me the greatest pleasure to let you know how we up look upon you. We got no help or succour, nothing except Special Courts, that your good English Friends so readily adapted. In spite of all this we are still a deter-mined people and we have at least the satisfaction of knowing that we did not sit idly by.

If you wish to change your National Anthem why not adapt the English "God Save the Queen" and leave "A Soldier's Song" to those people who are worthy of it, namely the Northerners who are not afraid to stand for it and all it implies.

B. Mc Laughlin,
23 Dermott Hill Road,
Belfast.

END FOUR YEAR SPLIT

A Chara,

One must agree with Several recent cor-respondents in the "Republican News" on the necessity for an end to the four year old split in the Republican Move-ment. Whatever the reasons in 1969, and there were several utterly justifiable ones, the divisions between "Provos and Stick-ies" are narrowing as time goes on. The main bone of contention has always been over tactics. While that still stays, it is improbable that the British will force Ogligh na h-Eireann to a military conflict for much longer. Whether they stop their campaign of unnecessary and unavailing violence against Republicans within a month or a year - the result is the same. When the time comes for Sinn Fein to enter the political arena in a big way, they will be in the same boat as the Republican Clubs.

Never-the-less, the way forward is not a plain one, and if only the Republican Movement desire it, it will flop. Magical results will not emerge from an encoun-ter on the diversifying issues. There are many impediments within the "Official"

organisation.

The main one seems to be that they are in an ideological vacuum, and have deliberately spurned some good Provisional ideas to cover it up. They claim to be socialist, but few of us have ever read a manifesto of intent - if there exists one. They have paid lip-service to the decentralisation of government in Ireland, but scorned the ideas of four regional administrations. Good ideas, it would seem, are only acceptable if they emit from Gardiner Place. They do much good work for local people, as do Sinn Fein, but then their lack of commonly known goals places them in a cul-de-sac.

They have also condemned operations by the Provisional I.R.A., on several occasions, in a manner which has been frankly hypocritical. Some of their lead-ers have been so full of enmity for the Provisional Movement that they have been moved to deny reality.

For instance, we all know by now that the rent and rates strike lost its effec-tive impact when Stormont introduced their plans to get arrears of rent. Yet a member of the Six County Executive of Republican Clubs, Mr. Malachy Mc Gurran, said after Stormont had been smashed that the bombing campaign was not responsible. "It was the rent and rates strike".

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Belfast.

There is other good reasons to distrust them. They have placed undue emphasis on becoming a political party, to the extent of running down their military wing when it was needed most.

The above are not arguments against a unity: they are facts which we must recognise, rather than lumping both the Provisional Movement and Gardiner Place together as divided and entrenched blunderers.

There is too much common ground for Sinn Fein and the Stickies to remain on the defensive. Surely we can exploit that common ground, rather than increasing the exasperation of the Republican minded population? If Gardiner Place and the Provisionals put their minds to it, a unity is possible. A "wind of change is blowing in Republican circles, and can only be ignored at our peril.

Some may point out that the "Officials" have made no move at reconciliation since 1969. On the contrary, they threatened to deal with the Provisional Army after the split, and a resolution at the last Gardiner Place Ard Fheis, making the first tentative step towards a common approach was roundly defeated. If these people have stood still, there is no reason for the Republican Movement to do the same. There has, in fact, been a lack of effort on both sides.

The least which can be done is also the best move open to Sinn Fein in 1973. A Cumann should propose a resolution at the Ard Fheis to approach the N.L.F. on talks - which can hardly be harmful. **SUCH A RESOLUTION MUST BE OVERWHELMINGLY ACCEPTED!** If there is not going to be a united Re-publican Movement and an even more powerful Republican Movement we can at least show to the rank and file of both organisations where the blame is to be found.

Is mise le meas,
REPUBLICAN UNITY,
Strabane.

THE MEN BEHIND THE WIRE

*Armoured Cars, and tanks and guns,
came to take away our sons,
but everyman must stand behind,
the men behind the wire.*

*Through the little streets of Belfast,
in the dark of early morn,
British soldiers came mauling,
Wrecking little homes with scorn.
Heedless of the crying children,
Dragging fathers from their beds,
Beating sons while helpless mothers,
Watched the blood flow from their
heads.*

CHORUS:

*Not for them a judge or jury,
Nor indeed a crime at all
Being Irish means they're guilty,
So we're guilty one and all.
Round the world the truth will echo,
Cromwell's men are here again.
England's name again is sullied,
In the eyes of honest men.*

CHORUS:

THE NEW LODGE SLAUGHTER

*On the New Lodge Road one winter's night
Six men were murdered that did not fight
Three Volunteers without their guns
Were cowardly murdered by British hunns.*

*With a flag of truce one man came out,
Then fell shot dead there was no doubt.
And one boy crawled to escape the hun
His body was raked by a British gun.*

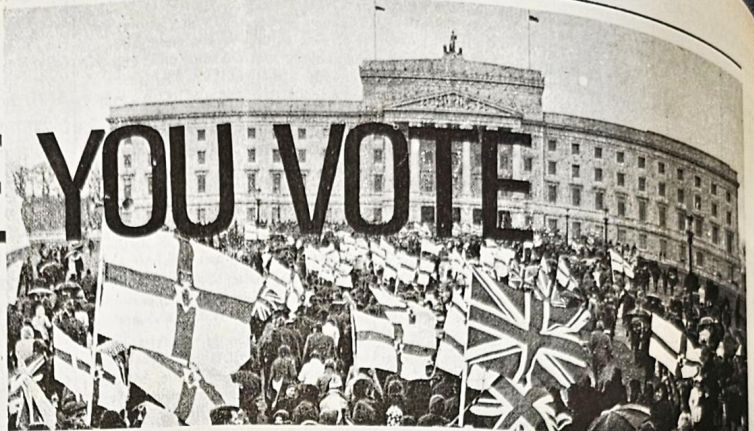
*The Volunteers that did not flee
Were Sloan, Mc Cann and young T.C.
While in their blood they lay to die,
The British bullets kept flashing by.*

*And when the morning had come at last
Why did they die? the question asked
They fired at us claimed Britannia's hunns
But we all know they had no guns.*

*So listen to this word from me
And join the struggle for liberty
Then side by side we face the hun,
And die as rebels the battles won.*

BEFORE YOU VOTE

CONSIDER THESE FACTS



In 1971 Anti-Unionist M.Ps. Senators and Councillors withdrew from Stormont and councils because of :

- (1) British Army's unprovoked killing of unarmed civilians Thornton, Beattie and Cusack etc.
- (2) Internment and Repression.
- (3) Brutality, torture, raids and lies.
- (4) Refusal of Stormont to concede just demands.

They advocated

- (1) No talks with the British until internment ended.
- (2) No Rent, No Rates, No Arrears.
- (3) Non-participation until Stormont was abolished, repressive laws abolished and political hostages freed.

The demands of representatives, organisations and people were:-

- (1) End of Internment.
- (2) End of Special Powers Act.
- (3) Withdrawal of British Army to peace line pending complete withdrawal.
- (4) Amnesty for political prisoners, political suspects and passive resisters (Rents and Rates).

In 1972 Stormont was suspended for one year and since then what have we got from the British Government?

- (1) Continuing detentions and mock trials for internees, detention of women and girls.
- (2) Emergency Provisions Act and Diplock Report. (Worse than Special Powers Act).
- (3) Operation Motorman, (Occupation of Free Derry, Free Belfast and Gaelic Fields).
- (4) Assassinations squads of the British Army (S.A.S. Paratroopers who shot down innocent Civilians).
- (5) A White Paper which brings in a New Stormont with more British control and more persecution of Republicans.
- (6) Over 1,000 political hostages in atrocious conditions special privileges achieved after long hunger strikes, degrading searches of visitors.

How can anyone advocate sending representatives back in present conditions to Councils or Assemblys. What have we got in the White Paper except meaningless crumbs? The servile salaried slaves who attended Stormont for years gained nothing for the people and received only prestige imaginary glory and British money for themselves. The desires and demands of the people were sold out and will be again if the people don't treat the place seekers with the contempt that they deserve. The old British imposed system corrupted honest men before and will do so again. Don't be misled by Green Unionists, Orange Unionists or the New Green and Orange Unionist of the Alliance Party. Fifty years of participation in elections, councils and parliament has achieved 1,000 dead and no rights for Anti-Unionists.

Ignore the cunning propaganda of the British press, radio and T.V. and their State Allies.

Ignore the Castle Catholic and the Tame Taig who has played no part in the struggle and who wants to capitalise on the efforts of others.

Ignore the political hack who will sell out the political hostages and you when he is elected.

REMEMBER:- British promises can't be depended upon.

REMEMBER:- Politicians can't be trusted no matter how good they may appear to be.

REMEMBER:- The people who sacrificed their lives for us.

REMEMBER:- The men and women still behind the wire and prison bars.

YOUR VOTE could bring you and your children 50 years more of CORRUPT.

BRITISH RULE. Treat the Place Seekers with the contempt that they deserve by BOYCOTTING them on ELECTION DAY

DON'T VOTE FOR INJUSTICE, DECEIT, LIES AND BETRAYAL.

Why should you help somebody else to climb up the social scale at your expense just to help the British to continue to misrule this country? The BOYCOTT baffled the British in the Border Poll. It can do so again. It is simple. Why not use it as the best method of showing your contempt for British Misrule?

BEFORE YOU VOTE REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN STILL BEHIND WIRE.

The struggle for justice and lasting peace still goes on.

Youngest in Long Kesh?

The members of Henry Joy McCracken and Louis Scullion Sinn Fein Cumann at Unity Flats, Belfast, are very disturbed at the recent removal to Long Kesh Concentration Camp of ANTHONY BRADLEY, who is under 17-years of age.

The Cumann say that he has been threatened by British soldiers in the area that on reaching his 17th birthday that he would be interned!

The Cumann ask: "Has Whitelaw introduced un-announced the internment of youths without trial or charge?"

General De Gaulle and the Republican Movement

General de Gaulle was once asked by an Irish diplomat what he thought should be our policy on the National Issue. He answered without a moment's hesitation: "That is very simple; IRELAND SHOULD ASSERT ITSELF."

While leaving open the form of self-assertion, the General was most emphatic how necessary self-assertion was and how effective it would prove to be. Yet no Irish government has ever thought of seriously asserting itself against British occupation of part of our country or even against British control of our total economy. No Irish government has challenged Britain, neither by military means nor by peaceful means.

Freedom is never just given; it can only be asserted, taken and exercised. National rights are really nothing if they are not publicly and strenuously asserted by a government.

The sense of nationality itself is a spiritual thing and other spiritual things such as faith, love of truth, culture, help to keep it alive in adversity. It is not a sense of superiority but of individuality. Charles de Gaulle always and rightly thought of France as a person.

The government and institutions that fail the nation will always be in danger as long as the sense of nationality remains alive, as long as the people have not been totally corrupted. General de Gaulle was absolutely convinced of this from his earliest days as a young soldier when France was in disgrace, and it was a conviction he acted upon without swerving throughout his political career. It is a conviction supported by the whole of history.

There has not been a decade of peace in Ireland for 50 years - as Pearse forswore. In each of those five decades a government in Dublin, calling itself Irish, has complained loudly to the world that the "institutions of this state" were being threatened.

In each of those five decades that government calling itself Irish has run concentration camps, tortured and killed Irishmen, and only Irishmen, to deal with that threat. There are only two ways of dealing with that threat. One is to destroy the Irish Nation; the other is to show to the British government and the Irish people an unmistakable sincerity and concern on the National Issue. Let the Irish government and all Irishmen, especially those in politics North and South listen attentively to what one of the true statesmen and most successful leaders of our own time held on this matter.

General de Gaulle believed this: "Every politician knows in his bones that a State which cannot guarantee the defense of the nation is doomed. Any State that does not sooner or later found its legitimacy on the defense of the nation is doomed to disappear."

THE HARD FACTS

(WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO AMERICAN CONGRESS FOR IRISH FREEDOM)

WHY DOES THE WHITE PAPER MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO?

WHY DOES THE WHITE PAPER CONTINUE THE SUPPRESSION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS?

WHY DOES THE WHITE PAPER REQUIRE BRITISH CONTROL OVER THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY?

WHY DOES THE WHITE PAPER DISENFRANCHISE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS BY BANNING CERTAIN POLITICAL PARTIES?

THE BRITISH "WHITE PAPER", billed as the answer to "Ulster's" troubles, calls for more repressive measures in Northern Ireland. It provides for no reform legislation, continues the suppression of basic human rights, outlaws political dissent, disenfranchises thousands, provides for internment without charge or trial and gives the British Army unlimited rights which it never had before.

HERE ARE THE FACTS: CIVIL RIGHTS

Civil rights remain suspended under the "Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill" which incorporates the repressive provisions of the Special Powers Act. All civil rights remain suspended, including free speech, freedom of assembly, the right of political dissent, the right to trial by jury and the right to legal counsel.

DRASTIC NEW POWERS ARE GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT.

Court procedure and the rules of evidence have been re-written to eliminate the presumption of innocence. An accused must now prove his innocence. Hearsay is made admissible. Accusations by absent witnesses are also admissible. The right of an accused to face his accuser is eliminated and written accusations are treated as evidence, though the maker of same never appears in court to be cross-examined.

The political party, Sinn Fein, is outlawed, as are other organizations. The Communist Party is not outlawed. Neither is the U.D.A. (Ulster Defence Association), the so called "English I.R.A" which has smuggled guns into Northern Ireland and assassinated people.

ELECTIONS

Limited "elections" are allowed but about one-half million voters are disenfranchised due to a provision which outlaws parties which oppose the British government, such as Sinn Fein. As a practical matter, only friends of the government can form political parties and vote. A voter whose party is ruled off the ballot is a voter without a vote. Thus, under the White Paper the disenfranchised remain disenfranchised.

LEGISLATURE

An 80 man legislature called the "Assembly" is provided for under the above restrictive election laws. However, the British government

controls the Assembly since the White Paper provides the government has the right to select its committee chairmen and its executive. These agencies control the work and production of the Assembly. These measures ensure that only legislation approved by the London government is enacted into law. The Assembly has no authority until the London government approves its composition and rules of procedure. Only then is legislative authority transferred to the Assembly. The British government can veto any action the Assembly takes.

Discriminatory laws and practices by the government are forbidden in theory but, victims of discrimination cannot enforce these provisions as the law does not provide a remedy or a right to sue to enforce compliance or obtain money damages. This glaring defect (lack of enforcement machinery) means that discrimination will continue, for there is no legal means provided to prevent it. The "Race Relations Act" would have provided the means but, unfortunately, this law still does not apply to "Ulster", although it applies to the rest of the United Kingdom.

Political observers have predicted that the White Paper's failure to bring about reforms will only aggravate the situation. Meanwhile, Irishmen look on the White Paper as a program dictated by Englishmen to be imposed on Irishmen. The White Paper has discarded the idea of peace with justice in Ulster.

THE DRUNKEN MARINES

The Henry Joy McCracken/Louis Scullion Cumann are greatly disturbed by the behaviour of members of the 42nd Marine Commandos in the flats complex when members of this regiment who were under influence of drink fired a number of shots in the air whilst on what appeared to be a drunken escapade through the children's playground.

It is very disturbing to note that this behaviour by troops on the ground is becoming very widespread throughout the minority areas and the most worrying factor is that unless this type of display of indiscriminate shooting is brought under check we fear a serious loss of innocent lives being brought on by these British soldiers.

We in this cumann are of the opinion that in the interest of human wellbeing a complete removal of British Forces from our area is necessary.

People who were stopped by Marines in the area earlier stated that soldiers' breaths revealed a strong smell due to alcohol.