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This is the first issue of Republican News Bulletin. We will produce it as often as possible. Our aim is to publish it on a daily basis. To begin, it will be issued free mainly to people on a selected mailing list. Use of the material in the bulletin is granted free, provided the source is acknowledged.

## Long Kesh Concentration Camp - Missing Parcels.

We received the following statement last night. It was issued by the P.R.C. Republican Sentenced Prisoners, Long Kesh :-

"Since our arrival in Long Kesh almost a year ago we have been repeatedly plagued by the disappearance of food and other items from the weekly parcels left in by visitors. Due to the poor quality of the camp food we rely largely on these parcels for sustenance and have therefore, on several occasions made strong protests to the camp management about the disappearance of articles.

"The results of these protests was, that to ensure that all complaints were genuine a warder in the presence of a prisoner, delegated by his comrades, checked the parcels when they arrived in the cage. If the items were at variance with the signed list that accompanies the parcel a complaint could be lodged at once and there was a chance that the articles could be recovered or replaced.

"This procedure seemed to cause numerous blushes to our friend the censor, who with the blessing of his Lordship the governor dispensed with the agreed process of checking, leaving the prisoner to accept what might arrive in the cage. The resulting position is that, not only do some of the articles go astray but the parcels themselves are vanishing.

"After yet more representations to the camp management we have completely failed to uncover the whereabouts of the missing items. We can only conclude that someone is stealing the gear."

## COMPLAINT ABOUT LONG KESH WARDER.

We have received complaints from visitors to Long Kesh about a warder who works in the permits office. His name is Frank Mc Hugh. He is reported to be a Catholic who comes from Co. Donegal. If any other visitors have complaints about this man, they should send the details to our office so that the matter may be investigated.

## Long wait at Long Kesh.

The visiting arrangements at Long Kesh were described as scandalous by Mr. Frank Mc Manus, M.P., in a statement on Wednesday, he said that on Saturday last with three other people he arrived at the visitors car park at 2 p.m., the name marked on the visitor's card.

The actual visit did not take place, however, until four hours later,

## WARNING FROM STRABANE.

The West Tyrone Command, Ogliaigh na h-Eireann in a recent statement said that the robbery at Bannigans Bar, Townsend Street, Strabane had been committed by men using their name. "We are pursuing a definite line of enquiry," they stated, "and punishment will be meted out to the guilty."

The I.R.A. in Strabane are reported to be on the lookout for anonymous writers of threatening letters to several people in the town during the past three weeks.

## STILL ON HUNGER STRIKES.

It is understood that seven of the Republicans jailed at Winchester last week are still on hunger strike.

It is believed that Gerard Kelly and William Mc Larnon have been moved to Wormwood Scrubs prison in London. Paul Holmes and William Armstrong are in the maximum security prison at Bristol, while Martin Brady, who is going to appeal his sentence, and the Price sisters, Marion and Dolouris, have not yet been moved from the prison at Winchester.

Sources in London were claiming on Wednesday that once the whereabouts of the prisoners became known, they would be moved again and would continue to be moved about the country for the next few months. This is stated to be in order to prevent any organised rescue by the Irish Republican Army.

## R.U.C. STATION IN LURGAN DESTROYED.

Despite very tight British security, the R.U.C. station in Lurgan has been completely destroyed. The Lurgan postman who claimed he was ordered by masked men to drive his mail van, packed with explosives, to the station in Church Place last Friday, has been charged at a special British court in the town with causing the explosion.

He is Mr. Henry C' Neill (42) Richmond Gardens. An R.U.C. inspector told the court that when the charge was preferred, C' Neill replied: "I am not guilty. I was forced into it".

He was remanded in custody to Belfast Magistrates Court on Friday week.

## ARCH COLLABORATORS.

Referring to William Whitelaw's announcement on Wednesday night about the British-puppet Stormont Assembly, a spokesman for the I.R.A. said that G. Fitt and the S.D.L.F. had shown themselves up for what they were - arch collaborators.

"This is simply another part of Britain's attempt to impose a solution on what it likes to think is its Irish problem. But like many others, it will not doubt be of a short term duration.

"No matter what glab promises Mr. Whitelaw has made, Ogliaigh na h-Eireann still intends to pursue - and intensify - the armed struggle to bring about a 32-county Republic."

## SPECIAL GUARD FOR COLLABORATORS.

The homes of most of the prominent politicians in the Unionist, SDLP and Alliance parties were put on guard by the R.U.C. Special Branch immediately after the announcement that an British-puppet Executive-designate had been formed.

It is reported that the 13 members of the puppet executive will have the use of cars and R.U.C. drivers paid by the British Government.

Each will be getting a salary of about £7,500 per annum plus expenses.

## CALL TO RELEASE CHILD INTERNEES.

The National Youth Council of Ireland have called on William Whitelaw to release the three child internees from Long Kesh Concentration Camp. They have also asked the Head of the Dublin regime and one of his Ministers to intervene in the matter.