DIRECTORY OF N. IRELAND POLITICAL PERIODICALS

THE NORTHERN Ireland problem has spawned an awesome volume of books, pamphlets, reports, theses and periodicals. The demand for information reflects nowhere more apparent than in the field of political newspapers and magazines.

The Linen Hall Library has, since 1968, been collecting copies of all printed material pertinent to the current 'Troubles'. The Library's collection of periodicals alone contains over 700 titles; some may have lasted for only a few issues and others have run to several hundred. The following list has been compiled by the librarian in charge of the collection, ROBERT BELL.

All these magazines and newspapers were, to the best of our knowledge, still operating at the beginning of 1985 and have therefore been taken as current. Included are: any Northern Ireland periodical (excluding the commercial press) which regularly addresses the political situation here; any Irish political magazine or newspaper and any British and foreign periodical which is published specifically about the current Irish 'Troubles'.

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By the same token, the Library's criterion for collecting this material is without bias and can be simply stated; if an item pertains to the current political situation in Northern Ireland, it will be added to the collection. If the reader is aware of any current political periodical which does not appear in this directory, he/she should notify Robert Bell, Northern Ireland Political Ephemera Collection, Linen Hall Library, 17 Donegall Square North, Belfast BT1 5GD.

BAHD NEWS - Rathcoole Community Newspaper monthly; 4 pages; free; Comm. pub. 1984 Slightly crazy but dynamic campaigning community paper of Rathcoole Self Help Group.

THE BELFAST REVIEW quarterly; 32 pages; 60p; Comm. pub. 1983 Arts and features magazine which often includes political/cultural articles e.g. 'Culture: the voice of the USA' and 'With a bodhrain in one hand... (on Sinn Fein and Irish culture). PO Box 71, Belfast BT17 INB

CHURCH AND STATE - a forum of Irish Secularist Opinion occasional; 4 pages; 10p; Comm. pub. 1978 Attempts to get the British Labour Party to organise in Northern Ireland. Links with the British and Irish Communist Organisation (see The Communist, The Irish Communist, and Workers Weekly). 98 Lansdowne Road, Belfast BT15 4AB

CLASS STRUGGLE - journal of the Irish Workers Group occasional; 28 pages; 50p; Comm. pub. 1977 Trotskyist, anti-imperialist, anti-Sinn Fein discussion journal. Four or five long essays per issue on James Connolly, Republicanism, International Trotskyist affairs etc. 12 Longrishe Place, Dublin 1

CONTAMBA - the journal of the Ulster Volunteers monthly; 8 pages; 15p; Comm. pub. 1974 Paper of the UVF, giving occasional support to the Progressive Unionist Party. Front page policy statement followed by articles on supergrass, Loyalist prisoners, anti-Sinn Fein/IRA comment and news. 214-216 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13 2BJ

THE COMMUNIST monthly; 22 pages; 50p; Comm. pub. 1967 Pro-Unionist/ Marxist journal from the British and Irish Communist Organisation (the main advocates of the 'Two Nations' theory). Differs from The Irish Communist in also dealing with British issues. Long articles attacking (over recent months) 'The Irish Nationalist Bias of the BBC', Arthur Scargill, Eurocommunism, The TGWU in Northern Ireland, Scargill and Scargill again. 10 Athol Street, Belfast BT12 4GX

THE CONSTITUTIONAL GAZETTE - the Ulster Police Magazine monthly; 60 pages; 40p; Comm. pub. 1933 The magazine of the RUC, with articles on the security forces/legal process. Recent headlines include 'War on Crime', 'Exclusion Order justified', 'Judiciary free from Bias' - Hailsham, 'Supporting the use of the Supergrass?' Ulster Journals, 39 Boucher Road, Belfast BT12 6HR

DAWN - An Irish magazine on non-violent action, civil liberties and movements for change monthly; 12 page tabloid; 20p; Comm. pub. 1974 Pacifist magazine covering like nuclear weapons/energy, housing, cooperatives, sexism, Reagan, Greeppeace, etc. Also Dawn Train - An occasional publication from the Dawn Group on Non-Violent Action, Theory, Training and skills. (Comm. pub. 1982)

1 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, Dublin 6

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Fortnight 18th November 1985
THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST – Discussion Journal of the Democratic Socialist Party quarterly; 30 pages; £1.00; Comm. pub. 1983
Four or five longish essays plus book reviews. Some recent headlines: 'Lemass in Perspective', 'Communism and Nationalism', 'Ireland – the Secular future'.
Also Spokeswoman – Women's Discussion Journal of the D.S.P. occasional; 12 pages; 50p; Comm. pub. 1984
Aims to be a forum on topics relating to women. More lively than its brother journal above.
Democratic Socialist Party, PO Box 806; Dublin 9

DISARM – Voice of Ireland's CND bi-monthly; 16 pages; 50p
Anti-nuclear magazine. News items on nuclear issues, NATO, Irish neutrality, environment etc. plus regular interview page (recently Sean MacBride and Bob Geldof).
1 Glencloy Road, Larkhill, Dublin 9

FORWARD – a Socialist Magazine for Youth/ by Youth quarterly; up to 30 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. 1979
Journal of the Connolly Youth Movement (youth section of the Communist Party of Ireland.) Mainly general political articles; 'Afghanistan and the Revolution', 'British Law and Order – Plastic Death', 'Give Youth a Chance' etc.
PO Box 85, Belfast BT1 1SR

GAY STAR – Belfast's Magazine for Homosexual Women and Men occasional; up to 20 pages; 40p; Comm. pub. 1990
PO Box 444, Belfast BT1 1SH

GUTH AN PHOBAIL – The voice of the oppressed in British occupied Ireland monthly; 8 pages; subscription only; Comm. pub. 1983
Radical Republican newsletter published for sale in America by Frs. Joseph McVeigh and Des Wilson. Usually five or six articles with titles such as 'The Struggling People and the Complacent Church', 'Strip Searching: Security or Subjugation', 'Origins and Development of the UDR'.
PO Box 200, Throgs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465-0200 or Fr. J. McVeigh, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh

IRISH COMMUNIST – Organ of the Connolly Association monthly; 8 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. 1945
London-Irish Markist newspaper. Has been in print under one title or another since 1935 and retains a rather stolid, old-fashioned image. All-Ireland and Irish in Britain political and industrial news, a page of Irish songs and one of book reviews.

IRELAND'S WAR – Newspaper of the Pro-Republican Irish-Solidarity Movement (PRISM) bi-monthly; 12 pages; 25p; Comm. pub. 1983
Undated articles and news on Irish trade unionism, Sinn Fein, shoot to kill, plastic bullets, etc.
CPGB, 16 St John Street, London EC1 4AY

IRIS – the Republican Magazine twice-yearly; up to 70 pages; £1.00; Comm. pub. 1981
Glossy Sinn Fein discussion journal – cum-feature magazine. Each issue contains extensive review of PIRA 'military operations' plus long articles by Adams, Morrison etc and pieces on education, housing, culture, community, 'internal struggles' and so on. A lot of photographs. The most sophisticated of the Irish propagandist magazines.
51/53 Falls Road, Belfast 12

THE IRISH COMMUNIST monthly; 16 pages; 40p; Comm. pub. 1965
British and Irish Communist Organisation magazine distinguishable from The Communist in that it deals solely with Irish affairs. Likes its other stablemate, Workers Weekly, it specialises in exposures of the error of everyone else's ways.
BICO, 10 Athol Street, Belfast BT12 4GX

THE IRISH PEOPLe – The Voice of Irish Republicanism in America weekly; 16 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. 1972
Irish Northern Aid (Noraid) newspaper. Most
longer articles lifted from An Phoblacht/Republic News, but also contains many short pieces e.g. 'Nine Congressmen Say Lift Galvin Ban', 'IRA Refutes Marxist Smear' etc. Busy pieces e.g. 'Nine Congressmen Say Lift Galvin Ban', 'IRA Refutes Marxist Smear' etc.

THE IRISH POST - The voice of the Irish in Britain weekly; 24 pages (tabloid); 30p; Comm. pub. 1970

Conservative commercial newspaper serving Britain's Irish community. Photofeatures on the 'old country' and Irish people on a night-out, as well as Irish-related news and commentary. Useful book review page.

Lex House, 77 South Road, Southhall, Middlesex

IRISH SOCIALIST monthly; 8 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1971

Communist Party of Ireland newspaper, giving CPI news and general articles.

43 East Essex St, Dublin 2

IRLAND - INFORMATIONEN very occasional; 50 pages; DM 3.80; Comm. pub. 1982

Produced by Irland Komitee West Berlin. Unconditional support for Sinn Féin and the PIRA. Reprints some articles in English from APRN, Fortnight etc. but features articles mainly in German e.g. - 'Alex Maskey: Ich Spreche fair Gute Kleine Nachte.'

Irland Komitee West Berlin; Postfach 1000, Berlin 31.

IRLAND RAPPORT quarterly; 20 pages; Kr. 10. Comm. pub. 1983

Norwegian pro-Sinn Féin magazine complete with Norwegian versions of Cormac cartoons.

Dfenrainte Irlands Komitee, Postbaks 60, Blinden 0313, OSLO/3, Norway.

IRLANDE LIBRE bi-monthly; 16 pages; 10 francs; Comm. pub. 1977


LÁ - Nuachtaí Laethuil na nGael daily; 4 pages; 1p; Comm. pub. 1984

The first and only Irish language daily newspaper. News, comment, features photos and advertising centering on nationalist West Belfast. Excellent presentation.

Conway Mill, Falls Road, Belfast 12.

LANCASHIRE ORANGE NEWS bi-monthly; 10 pages; subscription only; Comm. pub. 1984

Duplicated newsletter of Lancashire Orange Order. Headlines in recent issue: 'The Seige of Londonderry Part iv', 'Christian Warfare', 'The Holy Trinity; Fact or fiction?'

15 Dossent St., Haugh, Bolton, Lancashire.

LIBERTY NEWS quarterly; up to 50 pages; free; Comm. pub. (under title Liberty) 1946

Professionally presented glossy magazine of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union. Economic, industrial, political and union news at home and abroad.

ITGWU, Liberty Hall, Dublin 1

MAGILL—Ireland's Current Affairs Monthly Magazine monthly; 64 pages; 85p (stg.); Comm. pub. 1977

Commercial colour glossy. Often one major article—e.g. Out, Out, Out', 'Crime hysteria', 'The Kerry Babies'—and gives it 20 or 30 pages. Out on its own as Ireland's quality political magazine in terms of both writing and presentation.

14 Merrion Row, Dublin 2

MILITANT IRISH MONTHLY—the Marxist News for Workers Unity and Socialism monthly; 12 pages; 25p; Comm. pub. 1972

Irish organ of the Militant Tendency (In N.I. the Labour and Trade Union Group). Trotskyist paper. Optimistic revolutionary response to almost every situation: for example, the Thatcher government's attack on the Welfare State will strengthen "the mood of determined resistance" to Toryism.

75 Middle Abbey St., Dublin 1, 4 Waring St., Belfast 1

THE NATIONAL CRUMB—Our Share of the National Cake monthly; 8 pages; Comm. pub. 1983

Well turned out socialist newsletter of the Cork Unemployed Action Group which folded in June 1984. Group and newsletter shortly to be resurrected.

12 Carrigpen Pk, Ballinaulough, Cork

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THE ORANGE TORCH
monthly; 12 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1974
'Pippins' Manse Road, Whithburn, Westlothian EH47 0DH.

OUT
bi-monthly; 50 pages; 70p (IR); Comm. pub. Dec. 1984
Highly professional Dublin gay magazine. Emphasis on the arts. Articles on AIDS, Lesbian nurses, rock music, books. Produced by the non profit making OUT Collective.
Top floor, 6 Cowen St., Dublin 2

PACE—The Journal where Protestant and Catholics Encounter in Peace
3 issues per year; 24 pages; 25p; Comm. pub. 1969
Rather staid ecumenical magazine with academic feel. About ten essays per issue.
103 University St. Belfast BT7 1SP

NEW LABOUR AND IRELAND
bi-monthly; 24 pages; 50p; Comm. pub. (as Labour and Ireland) 1980
Magazine of a group within the British Labour Party aiming for a "British withdrawal that has no strings attached and preconditions." Uncritical support for Sinn Fein and has featured articles, speeches, book reviews by Gerry Adams and other leading Provisional republicans.
Box 5355, London WC1N 3XX
SAOIRSE
occasional; 12 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1980
Irregular Northern organ of the Irish Republican Socialist Party. Short news pieces on strip searching, extradition, Sinn Féin etc.
IRSP, 392 Falls Road, Belfast

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC—Paper of Peoples Democracy
bi-monthly; 8 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1975
Incorporated Unfree Citizen in 1978 (it had run from 1971). A Peoples Democracy commentary on extradition, alienation, summits etc. Some sympathy for Sinn Féin but little for the Communist Party, Militant and other non-republican left-wing groups.
Horizon Books, 6 Avoca Park, Belfast 11

SOCIALIST WORKER—for a Workers Republic and International Socialism
monthly; 9 pages; 20p (IR); Comm. pub. 1984
Attractively produced newspaper of the Socialist Worker’s Movement. Trotskyist, anti-imperialist, although critical of Sinn Féin.
41 Harberton Park, Rialto, Dublin 8

SAOIRSE
annual; 26 pages; 65p; Comm. pub. 1983
Glossy Sinn Féin Irish language discussion journal. Like IRIS and An Phoblacht/Republican News, a very professional production.
44 Ceann og Pharnell, Baile Atha Cliath 1

SAIRSE—New Zealand Irish Post
bi-monthly; 16 pages; NZ$1.00; Comm. pub. 1982
Published by the New Zealand H Block and Armagh Committee. One of the better produced foreign Sinn Féin support magazines. Many pieces lifted direct from IRIS and AP-RN, but also contains original material.
PO Box 9579, Wellington, N.Z.

SHANKILL BULLETIN
monthly; 20 pages; 15p; Comm. pub. 1978
163 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13

THE SHILLELAGH—Official Publication of the American Irish Republican Army
monthly; 8 pages; $0.15; Despite the title, mainly a pro-Sinn Féin political newsletter. Membership application states “welcome regardless of race or creed; No Communists”.
267 Universal Road, Pittsburgh PA 15235

THE SHILLELAGH—Tucson Irish Forum Newsletter
monthly; 4 pages
Another freely titled pro-Sinn Féin Irish-American Newsletter
PO Box 227 Tucson, Arizona 85702

Rosemary—The Journal of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties
quarterly; 8 pages; 30p (IR); Comm. pub. Aug 1984
Does not concern itself directly with Northern Ireland but does deal occasionally with civil liberty issues in the south related to the Northern problem.
ICCI, 4 Nassau St., Dublin 2

SAOIRSE
monthly; 8 pages; Comm. pub. 1972
c/o 69 Eugene St., Dublin 8

PTA
quarterly; 4 pages; free; Comm. pub. Nov 1984
Newsletter of the National Council of Civil Liberties, Prevention of Terrorism Act research project.
NCCIL 21 Tabard St., London SE1 4LA

REBEL
quarterly; up to 20 pages; IR£0.25; Comm. pub. 1978
Youth magazine of Revolutionary Struggle, a Dublin-based Trotskyist group.

SAOIRSE
occasional; 12 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1980
Irregular Northern organ of the Irish Republican Socialist Party. Short news pieces on strip searching, extradition, Sinn Féin etc.
IRSP, 392 Falls Road, Belfast

PHOENIX
monthly; 8 pages; Comm. pub. 1972
c/o 69 Eugene St., Dublin 8

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ULSTER SENTINEL —The Radical Voice of Ulster Loyalism quarterly; 12 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. April 1984
‘Conservative, libertarian, loyalist’ newspaper of the Conservative Friends of Northern Ireland, a small and extreme group within the Scottish Conservative Party. Articles in defense of the UDR, the RUC and Ulster Loyalists and attacking the IRA and INLA.
PO Box 256, Glasgow, G13 2RC

UNITY—For Working Class Unity, Peace and Socialism weekly; 8 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. 1942 (this series 1962)
Newspaper of the Communist Party of Ireland (Northern Area). Northern Ireland trade union and political news and international affairs.
PO Box 85, Belfast BT1 1JR

UNITY—Journal of Associated Staffs for a United Ireland monthly; 8 pages; free; Comm. pub. 1984
Duplicated newsheet of a republican pressure group within the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial staffs.
c/o 5c Park Avenue, Hockley, Birmingham B18

THE STARRY PLOUGH—newspaper of the Irish Republican Socialist Party irregular; 12 pages; 25p (IR); Comm. pub. 1975
Southern organ of the IRSP. Includes INLA statements, interviews and ‘war news’. Like Saorise, increasingly irregular.
34 Gardiner St., Dublin 1

TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND monthly; 16 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. (as Tom Tom) 1975
Professional pro-Sinn fein magazine of the Troops Out Movement in Britain. Like Fortnight and Peace by Peace carries a chronological listing of events, ‘Here is the News’.
Box 10, 2A St Pauls Road, London N1

ULSTER monthly; 16 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. 1978
Produced by the UDA’s Ulster Information Service to ‘match the IRA’s propaganda’. Very little UDA news but used periodically to support its political wing the Ulster Loyalist Democratic Party. Articles on Sinn Fein and IRA activities, Ulster culture, Supergrass etc. Recently a Women’s Rights Department page added. By far the most sophisticated of the loyalist papers.
2a Crown Street, Belfast 4

ULSTER—American Newsletter annual; 2 pages; free; Comm. pub. 1982
Newsletter of David McCadden’s right-wing ultra-loyalist Ulster-American Heritage foundation.
Box 3849, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

ULSTER BULWARK bi-monthly; 8 pages; free; Comm. pub. 1971
Published by the Evangelical Protestant Society. Political and religious news, particularly vehement against Roman Catholicism. Recent article on ‘Cardinal O’Fiach—Super Bitch’.
26 Howard St., Belfast BT7 6PD

ULSTER SENTINEL —The Radical Voice of Ulster Loyalism quarterly; 4 pages; 12p; Comm. pub. 1977–78 (revived Summer 1984)
Produced privately by its National Front-inclined editor, Ulster Sentinel ‘stands in defence of the British Family of Nations, the White Race, and the Protestant Religion against the hell-inspired onslaughts and subversion of these alien foes: Zionism, Communism and Capitalism.
PO Box 3, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim

THE YOUNG UNIONIST quarterly; 16 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. Summer 1985
Discussion journal of the Ulster Young Unionist Council. Recent articles on the Loyalist/RUC confrontations, stopping the Anglo–Irish summit, Women’s Aid, Navan Fort etc.
3 Glengall St, Belfast 12

WORKERS SOLIDARITY—Paper of the Workers Solidarity Movement monthly; 8 pages; 20p (IR); Comm. pub. Nov 1984
Anarchist newspaper; anti-imperialist, anticapitalist, anti-Sinn Fein. The WSM “fights for revolution but has no intention of seizing power for itself.”
PO Box 1528, Dublin 8

WORKERS WEEKLY weekly; 4 pages; 10p; Comm. pub. 1972
Another long-running publication from the Workers Association/BICO stable. Strange Marxist/unionist editorial line, January, 3 or 4 discursive articles. Consistent and continual attacks on the Catholic Bishops, the Southern Government, Secretaries of State; the Trade Unions, the Labour Parties of GB and Ireland, the SDLP, the BBC, Sinn Fein etc. An occasional critical aside at the loyalist parties and paramilitaries.
10 Athol St, Belfast 12

UNIONIST quarterly; 12 pages; 30p; Comm. pub. April 1984
‘Conservative, libertarian, loyalist’ newspaper of the Conservative Friends of Northern Ireland, a small and extreme group within the Scottish Conservative Party. Articles in defense of the UDR, the RUC and Ulster Loyalists and attacking the IRA and INLA.

Voice of Revolution: Marxist-Leninist weekly. fortnightly; 8 pages; Comm. pub. (of Red Patriot) 1969 Voice of Rev. 1984
Organ of Communist Part of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist). Usually several very long pieces with titles like Just Patriotic Resistance to Illegal foreign Colonial Occupation and Oppose Cynical Bourgeois Manipulation of the Woman Question. Many articles on Albania.
PO Box 695, Dublin 8

TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND weekly; 4 pages; Comm. pub. 1971
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10 Athol St, Belfast 12

WOMENS’ NEWS monthly; 12 pages; 20p; Comm. pub. March 84 Feminist paper dealing with women’s issues, particularly at community level in Belfast, but also child care, sexuality, education for women, lesbian issues, strip-searching, contraception and abortion etc.
Box WN, 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast 1

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