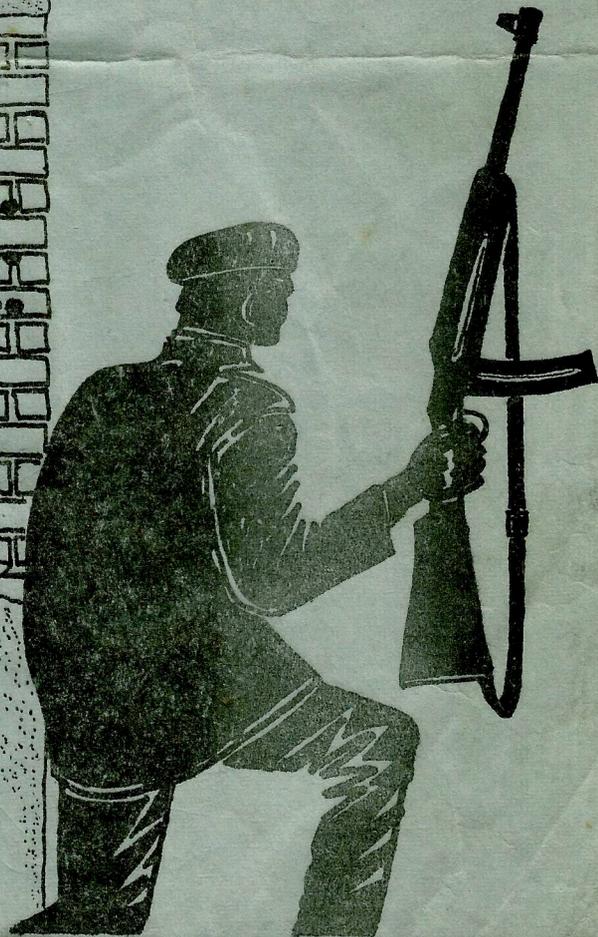
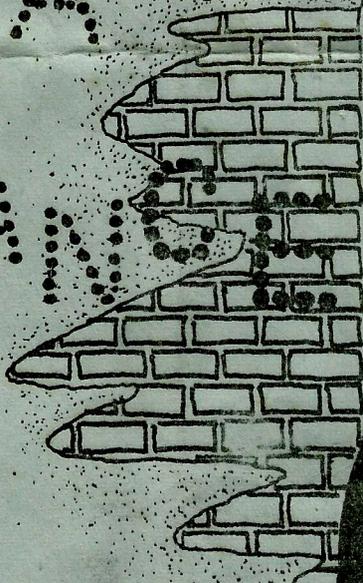


Resistance

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RESISTANCE



Torture!

As reports continue to come in about the outrages against the internees, some indication is being gathered of just how widespread and systematic the torture tactics have been. Every town in the Six COS. has its own tale to tell of the suffering and agony of its sons. This is no case of a few isolated incidents of British Army indiscipline. If only one or two or even fifty had been tortured, then we could have put it down to individual viciousness endemic in any army of occupation.

plan

But no.....this was a planned systematic effort to totally demoralise and mentally cripple every internee. THE aim, as one former internee put it, is to 'let loose 270 lunatics from Crumlin Jail and the Maidstone prison prison hulk'. Just as internment itself was carefully planned and agreed to formally between Heath and FAULKNER, so also was every aspect of the torture and terror to which the internees were subjected. At the very highest level of government men sat down and discussed and finally agreed to this policy of outright and total and massive sadism.....'CROMWELL is alive and well and living in No. 10, Downing St.'

by

IF we examine the range of expletives used by the British savages when carrying out their vile work, we find all the old familiar language, so dear to the B, Specials and R.U.C... 'Mickey bastards' 'Fenian scum' etc.. THIS IS EVIDENCE OF AN ARMY INDOCTRINATED FOR A PARTISAN SECTARIAN CAMPAIGN. Gone for ever is any idea that they have any role other than that of maintaining British Imperialist interests in Ireland

british

Britain was the country which first introduced the concentration camp.... she has little to learn from any other country about torture or sadism. However in her use of the helicopter as a method of breaking men she is indebted to the U.S. lads in Vietnam. Armies of occupation everywhere are forced to take the same steps everywhere to hold on to their spoils. Just consider for one moment EXACTLY what is happening to the men who opposed Britain, & plans to bolster up another Unionist administration in order to ensure another half century of misery and suffering for the working class of the Six Cos. . Men whose every effort was devoted selflessly to the service of the oppressedwhose tireless efforts were beginning to bear fruit as a battered and defeated people finally began, at their urging and leadership, to get up from their knees and take what the Robber Class would not willingly give them.....

two cases

MICHAEL FARRELL, badly beaten..... exhausted...the blood drained from his face by lack of sleep and ceaseless hours of interrogationhis clothing torn by guard dogs and his feet lacerated by broken glass. tells his wife that no one would break....that all were more determined than ever before and that the resistance of the people on the streets had given them all the courage necessary to struggle on. The finest and most fearless opponent of British Imperialism is getting his reward for his years of effort on behalf of the unemployed, discriminated against and homeless ..

...Seamus O Tuathail, former editor of the United Irishman, Smuggles out a harrowing account from CRUMLIN ROAD PRISON of just what hundreds of men are suffering Des O Hagan, tied behind alorry with a filthy sack over his head, lies in jail, with injuries which he will bear all his life.....

whitehall

Outrages, affronts to decency humiliations, systematic torture, cruel exploitation of any of the the prisoners' infirmities, mental agony, threats, bribes.....all are used.

Heath and Faulkner preside over a sea of human misery and degradation....They await every report.....

Who has cracked up? Whose spirit has been broken? Who will talk? Who will no longer be able to continue the struggle?

sadists

But they have cold comfort, These armchair sadists of Whitehall and Stormont THE message of the un broken internees to the British Murder Cabinet is, "GET YOUR MURDER GANGS OFF OUR STREETS !"

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The message to the risen people is.....

"STAND FAST STAY ON THE STREETS.....NO COMPROMISE....."
BY NIAL VALLELY P.D.

the last, last, lap

WITH THE PEOPLE UNITED AS NEVER BEFORE, POLITICALLY EDUCATED BY THREE YEARS OF CIVIL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNING....CONFIDENT OF THEIR OWN STRENGTH AFTER A FORMIDABLE LIST OF VICTORIES..... THE WAY TO A REALLY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IS NOW OPENING UP BEFORE US.

writes sam dowling

STORMONT is tottering on the brink of disintegration....but what will replace it ? Certainly, we must not replace it with another regime in which all power is held by one party or one creed. To merely change the colour of the flag flying over the 'Bru' office would be to have sold out on everything we have fought for since 1968.

share the power & wealth !

POWER must not simply pass from Protestant Unionist hands in to Catholic Nationalist hands, but power must pass from the hands of the few in to the hands of the many. The working people must have their real and rightful share of the fruits of labour and wealth. Any solution which does not bring about this fundamental change in our society will leave us, the radical people, the democratic people, with no option but to fight the new gangsterism as we have fought the old.

the people are mobilised

HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE THESE GOALS ? Tens of thousands of people are now mobilised in to a powerful political machine, such as has never been seen in a European country. Faulkner, in desperate straits, brought in Internment without trial to try to remove the radical leadership from the scene. (Civil Rights leaders were rounded up, as were P.D. and other non-violent activists). This was to clear the decks for talks between Heath, Lynch and maybe Faulkner in October...."a federal deal: and then Ireland tied hand and foot to England, would be dragged into the Super-sweatshop of Europe , and good-bye to Irish Culture for all time.

Luckily, Faulkner and Heath made a massive blunder in playing their last trump card.....and they lost the trick.

Internment failed for four reasons :

- 1, They missed 90% of the radical leadership.
2. As well as the leaders now working 'underground', new and dynamic leaders have sprung forward and are carrying on the fight at totally unexpected pace.
3. The ordinary people have revealed that they are even more radical than the leaders Faulkner was trying to intern. The 'extremists' are not extreme enough for the working people of Northern Ireland.
4. Terrorism and torture by British Army thugs have driven a wedge between them and the people which can simply never be removed in our lifetime. These Black-and -Tans must be withdrawn and replaced by a peace force drawn from Trade Union ranks and controlled by The Trade Unions.

cont.....

....end internment ... then a solution

A political settlement is now in sight.....but there must be no seal-out.
WE MUST INSIST.....:

- A. No negotiations until every Internee is released.
- B. MeanwhileNO RENTS....NO RATES.....NO H.P.
- C. NO SOLUTION WITHOUT THE RADICALS....Lynch and SDLP cannot negotiate for the radical masses in Northern ~~Ire~~ Ireland.
- D. The solution when it is arrived at, should include a democratic assembly to advise and influence Government decisions daily and directly. This assembly would carry to the political arena the spirit of The Civil Rights Campaign. It would be outside Parliament and complimentary to it.
Trade Unions, CRA., Republicans, Political Groups, would send delegates to the Assembly so that it would provide a forum for all democratic bodies, would transcend party politics and would and should give the lead in popular street demonstrations.
The Assembly would be organised on a 32-county basis, and would lay the foundation for an all-Ireland democratic republic in the tradition of Tone, Connolly, and The 1916 Proclamation.

NEWRY INTERNEES

Brian Patterson	Paddy White	Sean White	Joe Campbell
Tom Moore	John McKenna	Eugene Moore	Sean McKenna
Joe Conway	Sean Finnegan	Barney Larkin	Gerry Mackin
Art McAlinden	Coleman O'Hagan	Paddy Loy	Raymond Carroll
Paddy O'Hagan	Dessie Smith	Paddy Smith	Tommy Collins
Jimmy Savage	Eammon Kearns	Dickie Rodgers	Peter Mallon
Hugh Mallon	Seamus Henry		

Crossmaglen

Or would it be more true to say that Crossmaglen leads the struggle? The callous murder of HARRY THORNTON in Belfast on the 11th of AUG. brought home in the clearest possible way to the people of Crossmaglen the impossibility of remaining uninvolved. The harsh realities in the Six COS. where life can be terminated at the decision of a trigger happy paratrooper, show the need for the active participation of everyone to oppose a system which needs 12,000 British troops, 5,000 U.D.R. 5,000 R.U.C. and 1,500 Reserve police, to prop it up.

joins the

Since the unleashing by the Government, in August 1969, of a vicious pogrom against the Catholic working class (remember still no riots on the Malone Rd.) the British and Stormont governments have been patiently building up their forces here for a final showdown with the Civil Rights Movement, the Peoples DEMocracy, and the REpublican Movement. It was an unfortunate aspect of this period which saw this build up of repressive forces, that groups like the S.D.L.P. called on Catholics specifically to join oppressive gangs such as the U.D.R.

Some elements actually encouraged the people to believe that a reformed STORMONT was a possibility. The lessons of history should have been learnt -- that in any colonial area, the colonial power tries to recruit a native army to do its dirty work the old R.U.C. was an almost completely Catholic force and this did not prevent it from being the effective arm of BRITISH Imperialist policy in Ireland.

struggle

No one can ever stand aside from the main fight of the people against a system so repellant as to make the NAZIS appear amateurs. The present massive resistance has been achieved by three years of constant political work. At all times the effort was made to explain to as many people as possible the real reasons for and nature of the British occupation of this country. No steps were taken without the support of significant numbers of the people. Thus when the present wave of repression came the radical revolutionary leadership was not deserted by the people whatever sufferings were endured by our internees were fully shared by a heroic people who, this time refused to stand idly by. All over the Six Cos. a spontaneous resistance took place.

murder!

Thus Crossmaglen people, outraged by the murder of Harry Thornton and united in their resistance to the vile policy of internment, organised a series of demonstrations .

Crossmaglen

Saturday August 7th.Protest meeting at Crossmaglen Barracks attended by over 500 people.SAM DOWLING addressed this meeting which condemned the British gunmen.THE outraged people stormed the barracks and with their bare hands tore down an outer wall, which was used with effect against that symbol of British occupation. In the attack on the barracks a bus was hi-jacked, troops fired rubber bullets,savage baton charges were repeatedly made, troops fired flares,....eighteen were arrested.....Crossmaglen took an honoured place alongside the Boqside...

does not

Monday August 9th.....BARRICADES IN Culloville RD, NEWRY RD., AND CARRICK RD.....TROOPS FIRE RUBBER BULLETS.....
.....LARGE CROWD STONES BARRACKSFOUR POST OFFICE VANS BURNT
.....ALLSYMBOLS OF BRITISHIMPERIALISM ARE HATED.....

stand

WEDNESDAY * 11th AUGUST.....BARRICADES UP AGAIN Culloville RD. AND NEWRY RD.....THIS TIME THE BARRACKS ARE BOMBED,TIME THE IMPERIALISTS GOT THE MESSAGE.....FOUR REPLACEMENT POST OFFICE VANS BURNT.....
TROOPS USED TEAR GAS.....REPLACEMENTS SENT FOR.....
RORY Mc SHANE SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE.....

idly by

THURSDAY 19th AUGUST.....MASS MEETING DECIDES TO WITHOLD RENT AND RATESNO ARREARS TO BE PAID EITHER.....THE PEOPLE PREPARE FOR A CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL ONLY END WHEN THE LAST INTERNEE IS RELEASED AND THE LAST BRITISH SOLDIER HAS WITH DRAWN FROM IRELAND FINALLY AND TOTALLY
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BY NIALL VALLELY...

Jail Journal

AN UNUSUALLY vivid document, describing the treatment of men detained at Girdwood Barracks, Belfast, by the British Army has come into the possession of *The Irish Times*. The document is believed to have been written by Seamus O Tuathail, former editor of the *United Irishman*. He was arrested on Monday week in Belfast.

Five torn out fly-leaves of a book, covered with Biro writing, allegedly in Mr. O Tuathail's hand, were smuggled out of Crumlin Road Prison on Monday by a woman who was visiting her own detained husband.

The document states at the top: "O Tuathail, Seamus — a personal account of August 8th."

It says: "Arrived in Belfast on bicycle 6.30 p.m., Sunday, August 7th. (This is the date as given: it should be Sunday, August 8th.) Went to 40 Ton street, Falls. Nobody at home. Cleaned myself up, had meal. Sat watching TV all night. Watched 'Hamlet' and listened to nail bombs explode about 50 yards distant at bottom Cullingtree road. 11.30 p.m., went to bed after looking out into Ton street."

"Windows lit. Doors open. Movement. Tension obvious. Gunfire noises and bomb blasts. Standing in street like inside of Picasso painting. Go to bed. Put chair behind door.

"Five a.m. approx. Woken by thudding at door. Breaking timber. Chair holds for about a minute. English accents. Flashlight. Steps on stairs. Room door kicked in. Pistol gleams in light, blinding.

"Get out."
"Me: 'It's a bit early, isn't it?'"
"Lamp swings nearer, threateningly. Button your lip mate and out quick."

"An Englishman's home is his castle."

"You're not in England now mate—up."

"Get up. Dress. Officer and soldiers search house. Take some documents. One a speech by Tomas Mac Giolla at ard-fheis. Also take me—at gunpoint.

"Street lined with soldiers. No

other movement. Quite dark. still. House fronts gleaming in softening dark.

"Hear a pistol crack some distance away. Around corner and into jeep. Sit down. Other prisoners there. One man mistaken for son. 'No talk you.' Drive at speed to Albert Street Barracks. More lorries, Saracens here. More prisoners. Soldiers threatening and abusive. Looking serious.

"Taken into small office one by one from yard. Searched. Questioned. Personal belongings taken. Shoes taken. Name not believed. I should be like B. McMillan, Sean Dunne or John Garland. I was sorry. Shooed at gunpoint across rough rubble-strewn yard to barbed wire corral. Put in with other prisoners. More coming in. Soldiers saying we were to be shot. We were 'Fenian bastards', 'fucking Irish swine,' etc.

"After half-hour, taken out one by one. Hands tied in front with strips of cotton. Frogmarched to lorries (two). About 25 prisoners in all by now.

BOMB BLASTS

"Could hear crowds jeering and cheering. Bomb blasts. Thompson sub-machineguns thumping. S.L.R.s. Two plumes of smoke from fires to be seen. Onto lorries and sit down. One—Mr. Brady — has chair kicked from under him by soldiers as he gets in. Falls. Gets in second time. Driven off. More threats. Rifle butts aimed at feet. Driven to Girdwood Barracks. Standing waiting to go in.

"Could see six men taken out by M.P.s (military police). Forced to run and beaten by batons. Saw them coming back five minutes later being forced to crawl on hands and knees and being beaten. Blood on head of two. Feet bleeding. Told not to look by my guard.

"Taken in and photographed. Put sitting down in gym with about 100 others. Hands untied at door. After one hour Special Branch man starts calling out names. Batches of six taken out. Come back breathless, bleeding and limping. One led in with

blood pouring from head wound.

"Now I hear my own name called. Six of us in all. Grabbed on each side at outside door by M.P.s. Forced to run. Half jump, half dragged over low stone wall surround, through rose bed into field. Helicopter about 70 yards away. Propeller churning. Doors open. 'Run you swine.' Kicked and thumped with batons. Police dogs snapping at either side of corridor. Soldiers jump in way. Knock you down. Fall and you are picked up.

"BLIND MAN"

"Kicked up ramp into helicopter. No sooner sitting than told 'jump out.' Now told 'bend down.' Then 'run.' Everything straightened up to run, kicked. Back to gym building. Flung through door. Struck wrist

badly here. A joint military-R.U.C. exercise in brutality. Now taken for interrogation to Special Branch. Two men. Asked solicitor. No chance. No comment. Name, address and little else. 'You could do four years for refusing to cooperate.'

"Taken upstairs. Sit on floor in

crowded room. About 170 there—air short and stuffy. I see Mike Farrell and other P.D. 'Bejasus. the roof's come in.' Sit on floor facing portraits of English Queen and Prince Philip. See Belfast city councillor, James O'Kane. See Frank Glade. He's been in situations like this before. See a blind man led in. Another victory for the all-conquering British Army. Red caps compete to threaten men on floor. Their biggest win since Waterloo.

"Batches of six being called out and marched off. Some no shirts. Pyjamas others. Blue denims and work clothes predominate. One man led in in white overalls. Taken at work in Kennedy's Bakery.

"About 11.00 a.m. now. Get a cup of tea. Now I hear my name called again. What had happened to the others?"

"Led out to rear. Barbed wire rolls from short corridor. Soldiers with batons each side. Here we go again and I know I won't hold out much longer. I am at head of column. 19-year-old (McErlean) behind.

"You got a certain message," says R.S.M. Red Cap to corporal.

"Yes."

"Do it then."

"Come on, you lot — at the double."

All six now running on sharp shingle, over a wooden L plank, onto red bricks upended. Kicking, shouting, baton blows. Big R.S.M. next to me. 'So you're important, now — you're not so important now.' Tries to stamp on my feet. Misses. Sweet Jesus, how far to go.

"Through that dump.' Soldier skirts it. Rotten vegetables, broken glass, boxes. Now tree stumps. Hear the thumping of batons on bodies behind me. Screaming abuse. Can't very well understand English accent at that pitch. Must be their last stand.

"See prison gates ahead. Flung down steps into D wing, Crumlin road. Limping and bloody. But I had survived. Collapsed into cell. Forty-eight hours minus wash and exercise after that."

Title: Resistance: Civilian Resistance

Organisation: Sinn Féin [Official]

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