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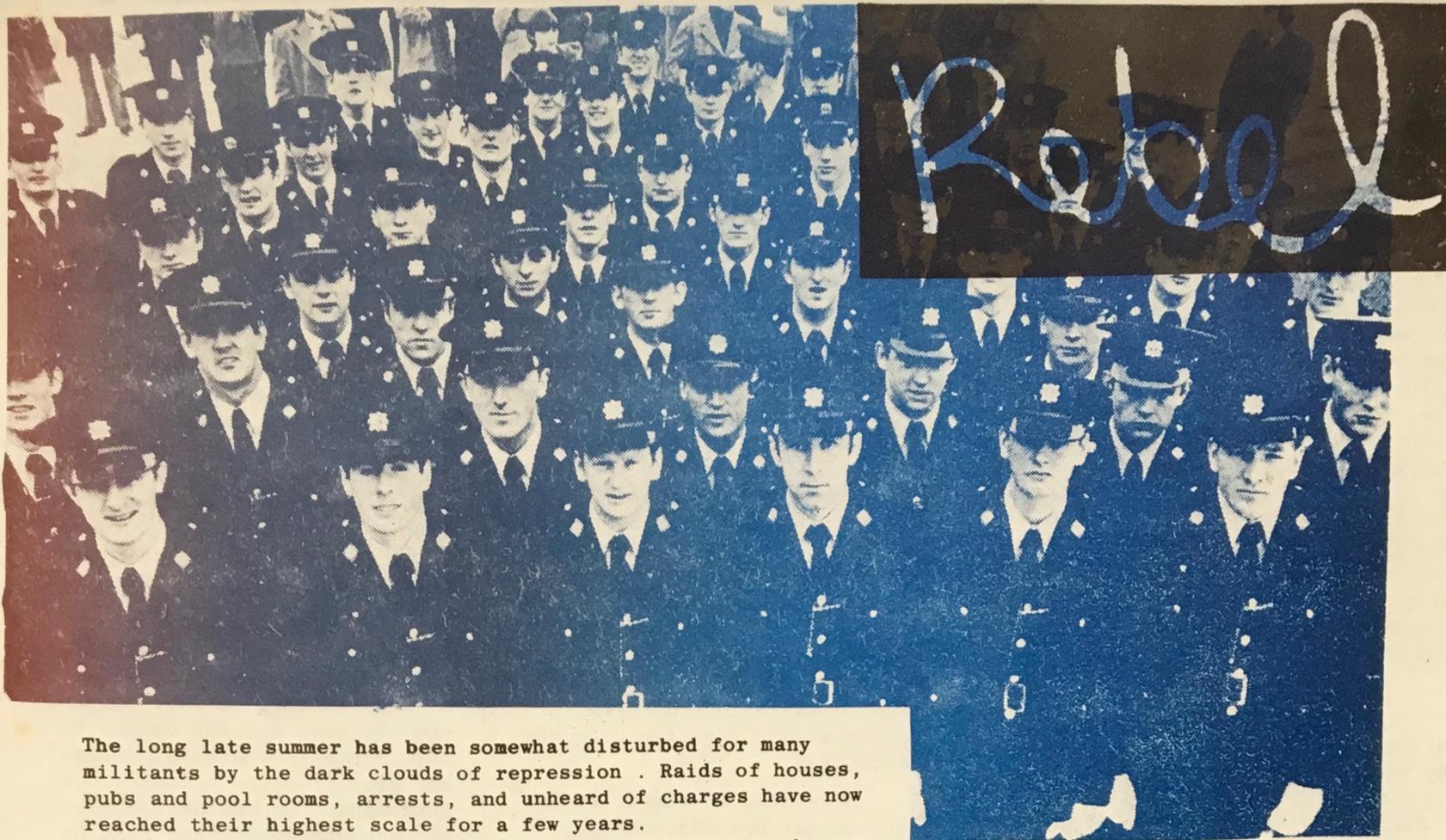
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The long late summer has been somewhat disturbed for many militants by the dark clouds of repression . Raids of houses, pubs and pool rooms, arrests, and unheard of charges have now reached their highest scale for a few years. Task Force cops, Special Branch and Drug Squad cops, and even 'ordinary' detectives have intensified their harassment of many activists.

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# Repression Grows

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# Hunger Strike Over

The hunger strikes have ended. This latest grinding phase in the struggle between the prisoners in Long Kesh and Armagh and the British State came to an end 'officially' last Saturday.

The hunger strikes dominated the political scene not only in Ireland - where they were the major pole all through the latter part of 1980 and this year - but in Britain too. From Australia to Quebec, Iran to Norway , Nigeria to Greece, France and the usa, international public opinion focussed on the struggle of our prisoners.

In the 32 Counties, the two stages of the hunger strike campaign, the deaths of the 10, the continuous mass activity in support of the prisoners , left no corner of the island untouched. There was hardly a village where black flags and the black-on-white pictures of the hunger strikers did not tell their own stark story.

The Irish people, the plain good working people of this land, supported the prisoners, their demands and their struggle. The election of Bobby Sands, then his funeral, the Dublin march to the British Embassy and what followed and many other significant milestones of the Campaign will surely be the signposts of a new generation of fighters - just like the Civil Rights Marches, Bloody Sunday and the burning of the British Embassy in Dublin were for many others 10-12 years ago.

The hunger strikes are over for the time being.



## Hunger Strike Over

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But the echoes of these last 10-12 months are only beginning to reverberate. And, no doubt, they will ring in our ears and consciousness for many a year to come. As the NEWS OF THE WORLD already screams that "the prisoners have surrendered" and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams tells us that "the hunger strikes did not mean defeat and...destabilisation has become the order of the day in both parts of the partitioned State...", surely, the next few weeks and months will be time for reflection and clarification for many parts of the anti-imperialist movement. No possible harm can come from that.

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One can expect a certain lowering of sights; the relief felt by most militants in Ireland, and by masses of people, whether it is "qualified" or not as Gerry Adams feels, will act as a dampener to immediate mobilisation. If one judges from the very poor attendance in Derry last Sunday, comrades of the movement will be quite slow to respond to calls for 'shows of strength' in the aftermath of such a prolonged confrontation. Most militants are emotionally and politically dry.

The protagonists of the hunger strike, the prisoners themselves, have a bit more room to manoeuvre now....after Prior's concessions a good number of them may be out even for Christmas. But there is no room for jubilation. Their latest message says: "We affirm our commitment to the achievement of the five demands by whatever means we believe necessary and expedient...".

On the other hand, the leadership of the Provisionals may afford a rather larger smile and a greater degree of optimism. After all, is it not them who benefitted most from the campaign of the recent 18 months? Is it not their recruitment figures, press circulation figures and income figures which went up? It is true when Adams says "The Republican Movement is now more integrated into its support groups.. Some may say that he is being arrogant in dissolving the supposed autonomy of the H-Block/Armagh Action Groups with his use of the word *its*....but why quibble about words? The Republicans are justifiably proud of their strategy and tactics. Now the road is open to the 'Movement' participating, in Adams' words again, "more directly in political activity".

Whether the mass of the people, or even the majority of the active militants of the H-Block/Armagh Campaign, share this optimism is another matter - very hard to assess. There is a feeling of wanting to stand up to the Brits and say 'No, it's not a defeat!'. On the other hand, there is also a gnawing doubt

that all is not well....there is confusion and a certain dizziness. We just hope that there will be nobody foolish enough to start screaming that we have won.... like a certain Bernadette did at the end of the first hunger strike. If one is to judge from what happened in the recent Dundalk Conference, many comrades felt a certain 'indifference', if not bewilderment or downright hostility for the manoeuvring which is going on up there on the stage. Certain conclusions can be drawn from this....we are afraid that the 'leaders' will only see the 'negative' side and decide to end such 'experiments on mass democracy' and tighten their control with complicated three-tier delegate structures.

More down to earth, it is hard to say how the numerous Action Groups (or what remains of them because many have already disbanded) will respond to the coming attempt of the Republican leadership to turn them into cogs of an electoral machinery. For this is "the political activity"

Adams refers us to. Hunting for votes to get them to the Dail, Westminster or Local Government structures.

Strange use of the concept 'political activity' - don't you agree? As if previous activity of the Movement, like armed struggle or the hunger strike campaign, were somehow *not* political. Otherwise why would he say that the Republicans will enter politics *now*? And then, *what kind of politics is he talking about* anyway? And why is this 'new' strategy comes to operation now? So many questions.

How then will the militants respond? The answer depends, to a large extent, on what happens now. It also depends on whether this process of debate, analysis and clarification actually does take place. On whether people do not get pissed off too fast by the carry on and on the capacity of revolutionaries to put their views forward fearlessly. Today, more than ever, SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN. Silence means opportunism and refusing to stand up for our politics for the sake of unity which never was anyway.

## Dear

# REPUBLICAN NEWS

We would like to address a few remarks to the Editor of *An Phoblacht-Republican News* and whoever it may concern further from there. We, in Revolutionary Struggle, are seriously concerned by a whole series of innuendoes and off the cuff remarks that your paper has been throwing out recently. At a time that militants of our organisation are hounded by the repressive forces, your irresponsible attitude has amazed and saddened many of us who still regard you with respect and comradeship:

(i) A few of your correspondents seem to take a rather perverse pleasure in using 'descriptive' adjectives such as "miniscule", "inconsequential", "ultra-minoritarian", "ultra-left", "extreme-leftist" and possibly others which we may have missed, to describe RS. Comrades, we can understand your pre-occupation with our politics for you are obviously experiencing their growth of influence - thus your constant insistence to tell the world of how small we are. But has it not occurred to you that this is a double-edged sword you have been using....especially with all its Statist pearls of abuse? Comrades, if you disagree, give us arguments, facts and figures. Show us we are wrong. Telling people we don't exist and then devoting tons of print to denigrate us shows you under a very silly light. And people, abroad and here, are copping on....they're less stupid than you make them out to be.

(ii) Further, there have been occasions that this tendency to throw mud and hope some will stick has reached dangerous heights. You have attributed actions to us with no factual basis, you gave us undeserved credit we can do without, but your collaborator D.O'Rourke really reached the pits in your issue of Sept. 26th. Writing an article dealing with the Littlejohns, he managed to infer that revolutionary prisoners of the Free State and this "well-financed miniscule ultra-left group" were somehow of the same mould as the Littlejohns.

As an intelligent crocodile, O'Rourke covered his tracks by admitting that NOTHING of what he says can be "conclusively proven" and that all his nonsense remains "clouded in fascinating obscurity". In other words, he is lying for he has no facts!! Is this how you express your revolutionary spirit comrades? By attacking prisoners who have no well-oiled publicity bureaus to defend them? By smearing organisations which are trying to survive on threepence while large funds are flowing to your coffers from all over the world? You have just killed another informer in your own ranks....how many has it been since the beginning of the year? Whom are you trying to cod D.O'Rourke?

Isn't it high time all this stopped? If there are facts you know make them public. Otherwise involve yourselves with cleaning your own stables and let us get on with our work. For everybody's sake.

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For over 5 years now, the standard of living of most people in Ireland, north and south, has been dropping. Still, sections of the bourgeoisie are united in their efforts to continue their attack on the peoples living standards even further. Recently, the C I I stated that "Irish living standards are artificially high....about two-thirds of Irish inflation results mainly from 3 years of approximately 20% average pay increases..." . As the debate for a New National Understanding is opening up, what is the real situation of the economy in Ireland ?



But has this boom of foreign investment helped the situation here ? Is inflation lower , the dole queues shorter ? Are we better off because of the multinationals ? Is there , in fact, any connection between the present desperate economic situation and this boom in foreign investment ? What is the missing link ?

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Many dumbskulls may go on & on about the multinationals creating jobs, creating a proletariat and who knows what other nonsense which comes to their head. We think these positions are false.

The recent **TELESIS REPORT** which was commissioned by the last Fianna Fail Government and then censored by them, because they didn't like its results makes some useful points for us to consider...this is no revolutionary manifesto. It's a report of bourgeois people about their own affairs.

The Report argues that the overall policy of the Free State, spearheaded by the I D A , has been " a failure " . The type of industries attracted, the Report continues, " will not lead to the creation of a high income and low unemployment economy " . The American consultants describe the 26 Cos economy as a " small satellite export haven " . And they conclude: " Foreign owned companies are not contributing to raising income levels... neither are they increasing the sophistication of the Irish industrial base....key competitive functions are not carried out here. "

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## Two-Faced Irish Economy

First of all, there is the obvious current situation. Factories closing right, left and centre...threats of redundancies in most sectors: shipping (Cork) , sugar industry (Tuam) and car factories (Dublin). In Belfast they're laying off hundreds of workers in MACKIES - for the first time, literally, in 100 years. The dole queues are stretching across the island ... there have never been so many unemployed during the 20th century: 'officially' over 250,000 in the 32 Counties.

Prices, rents and all outlays are going up too. Figures have become a joke....price tags are, literally, changing from Saturday to Saturday.

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Still, there are some people who are shameless enough to argue that this is a ' temporary situation ' and that a boom is around the corner. Therefore, the argument goes, we should sacrifice a bit now for prosperity tomorrow.

This fairytale is mouthed not only by Party bureaucrats , whose job is after all to tell lies, but Trade Union people who have now come with the pearl that things are bad but they could get worse if we are greedy  
**WE SHOULD TELL AND SHOW THESE PEOPLE THAT THINGS ARE DESPERATE AND MORE BLACKMAIL WON'T WORK ANYMORE - WE'VE HAD OUR FILL.**

But is there a way out ? Is there any possible solution to the present mess ?

We are convinced that there is no possible solution inside the capitalist framework. If the economic and political system

remain as they are, THINGS WILL GET WORSE . In parts of this and many other countries, nightmares like children dying from malnutrition have become reality again. Capitalism has no future that's our basic position.

But let us look at the solutions proposed by some of the most intelligent sections of the ruling class:

### Solutions ?

The solution for capital is to cut the living standards of the working class still further . That's why the NESC, for example, proposes a pay pause for 18 months !! Others, more intelligent, argue that workers should get a small increase of around 5% while inflation is around 20% and rising.

The second medicine proposed by the State is further *international investment*. And it is at this area you can see how useless the arguments of these people are. These last five years, 1975-80, has seen foreign investment come to Ireland at a rate which is one of the highest in the world. In 1980, for example, the number of US firms setting up shop in the 26 Counties is equal to that which settled in Japan. The rate of profit of these firms is the **HIGHEST ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD** - according to IDA and US Chamber of Commerce figures . The rate of profit of US companies in the 26 Counties is now around 30% which **THREE TIMES** the average rate of profit of US companies in the EEC as a whole. So now wonder they come - with a tax haven, skilled workers, the works, why not ?



It is well known that not any of these firms come to stay here. Presently, 30 to 35 new companies set up here every year while 15 to existing ones close. And since the 1960s there has been a net loss of jobs despite the so publicised arrival of the multinationals here. In the mechanical engineering industry, to take one glaring example, employment has fallen from a peak of 13,600 to 6,000 in January 1981. Since 1970, of the 78 engineering firms which were grant-aided, 17 have closed and 35 have declined way past their peak.

Other industrial sectors involved in this multinational invasion were textiles (which has suffered major setbacks in COURT AULDS, WRANGLER? ICI, BLUE BELL and many more smaller ones), chemicals and electronics. According to the TELESIS REPORT, the type of electronics firm which is setting up here is "very vulnerable to the shake-out which will occur in the industry...reorganisation in the interest of the larger firms will wipe many of these small ones away...". As for the chemical industry, it is already experiencing problems, which are made heavier by the unwillingness of our people to accept toxic and

dangerous work processes imposed on them....the future of the multinational is really bleak.

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We are convinced that full employment and a living income for all are not possible under the present capitalist system in this country. It would take twice the total amount of jobs created by multinationals in this country since 1960 to find work for the existing unemployed... not to say nothing about all the young ones who are flooding the labour market every year. And miracles like this are not possible under capitalism.

Workers are slowly getting wise to this picture. Look at the disputes going on while these lines are being written: UNIDARE, ALCA.N, the GAS Co., the SUGAR Factory in Carlow, the busmen, the bank workers, DUNLOP's in Cork, CADBURY's, SWITZERS, the Civil Service, GUINNESS etc etc.

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So, this is the background as Unions are measuring their muscle for a new Wage Agreement. Inflation, workplace struggle, unemployment and war. Even in the countryside which was spared

some of the misery in the late 70s, the situation is bad. Official figures show that last year, in all the farms in the 26 Cos, less than 40% of households had a family income of more than £2,000....and this kind of income is not even subsistence wages for workers. And no booms are in sight there either.

Electricity, petrol, drink, tobacco, housing, rents, decent food and entertainment have become luxuries. The recent concessions to unmarried mothers, deserted wives, pensioners and disabled, and all the unemployed were an insult....even the most hardened and cynical Dole employees admit that.

So....what's going to happen Well, for one, heroin, cocaine, uppers and downers, barbs and tranks are on a spiral increase. Small crime too. There is a climate of mass frustration and anger; the hatred of the police was never stronger in the proletarian ghettos.

There is some discussion in various workplaces...some hope in political circles. Potential there is plenty - immediate perspectives very few. It's going to be a hard cold and miserable winter.



## Irish Women & Guide Book

The 1982 Irish and Guide Book has been published and is on sale. It features a startling Jim Fitzpatrick cover of the mythic Morrigan (and we think there has been some discussion on whether the cover is sexist or not - you decide for yourselves). It contains hundreds of details of women's organisations north and south.

Sections are included for parent families, divorce, crisis centres, women's publications, photographs and hi-fi files are liberally included through the yellow pages.

The Diary has been published by the Irish Feminist and is on sale for £1.50. It is available in BOC where you can also find other good books. Discounts are provided on purchases. Definitely worth a look.



The queue of women beginning to form outside George's Quay Labour Exchange, Cork.

## IRTE gag

Employ the disabled :  
More loyal,  
Less absent,  
More productive.

No comment necessary.

## Milk, 1947

Milk was always turning sour in my grandmother's house : tamed from the broad enameled bucket into upright mannerly pints, it turned sour with the first peal of thunder. And summer

raged outside, July raged until August while my father searched for work. A man from the Government Party had refused him a Union card so he walked the penniless avenues as milk grew yellow and hard.

Thomas McCarthy.

## People Struggle

### Ballymun

Over a year ago, a handful of one parent mothers from Ballymun got together to organize a creche. The creche was something we felt was badly needed in the area. It meant we would be able to go out to work - if we can get work - and we wouldn't be stuck in our flats 24 hours a day with our kids.

We got a Prefab in the area and after months of hard work trying to raise money here and there, we will be opening in two weeks time. This is a great achievement for us and it can be done in any part of this island, north, south, east and west.

The creche is behind the school in Shanghan. If any one parents is interested, talk to Rebel sellers or write to the Rebel address

### Finglas

A Parents Alone Action Support Group has recently been formed in Finglas. Their leaflet says :

"Many people living in working class areas, due to financial and practical reasons, feel lonely and isolated.

We meet and discuss our social oppression and immediate problems be they the pittance we are expected to live on, personal and family problems, coping with the kids and bills etc.

We meet once a week, every Tuesday at 11a.m. in the New Health Centre (behind Tesco's), Finglas West.

Why don't you join us? No matter what your status is.

We wish the group well.

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latest 'Task Force  
Childcare'  
26 counties there are:  
young people under 17  
of which  
live on welfare  
have only one parent  
are awaiting rehousing  
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Cork, are intruding  
and further into the  
local young people.  
in guise of a survey to  
test the amenity needs of  
the cops are asking all  
in St. Luke's to furnish  
information as to how  
many there are in each  
house, their sex, age and  
where in the  
house tenant lives.  
The amenities which are  
being investigated: trees,  
paving stones and the

'Venceremos' is a Spanish  
word which means 'We shall win'.  
'Venceremos' is a popular slogan  
of many struggles fighting  
against imperialism all  
over the world. And VENCEREMOS is  
the name of a new 4-page  
zine published by the  
YOUTH O'HARA YOUTH MOVEMENT.  
Issue #1 contains news on the  
situation in Britain, loyalist attacks,  
analysis, letters and poems.  
The zine deals with the  
current strikes:

prisoners have died -  
how many more will die? before  
we see that a change in strategy  
is essential at such a crisis  
in the hunger strike.  
We must have that militant action  
to smash Thatcher's  
The Free State Government  
is a puppet regime controlled by  
imperialism. The SDLP  
is a middle-class organisation  
loyal to Republican socialist  
and the Catholic Church  
and the same reactionary  
forces who have apologised for  
British rule in Ireland for the  
last 100 years.... Britain listens  
to Thatcher but to force.  
The IRA must be exerted at the  
level of the imperialist giant  
and any more prisoners die and  
the Irish people are  
exploited by British mercenaries.

The paper is written by  
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to help "the youth  
to act independently in a poli-  
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A CLEAN RUSH, A SURE THING "  
The Beatles  
" AS SOON AS THIS PUB CLOSES ,  
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THE REVOLUTION STARTS "  
Alex Glasgow

Coke subtra  
life

Let's get it straight. To  
these guys, cocaine is a commodity.  
Coca is harvested in huge  
plantations, much like tobacco or  
banana plantations, mostly by  
native Indians who are among the  
poorest people in the world. They  
chew the coca leaves to keep out  
the cold, dull the pain, much as  
we have a few drinks. To forget  
the daily grind, to put a dull  
glow of colour on a hard life.  
No problems at that level.

But, cocaine, to continue,  
is a commodity. A commodity is  
the basis of business where a  
few get rich and many get wasted.  
There are, of course, worse  
things than Coke, but they're  
dealt by much the same people,  
for much the same reasons: power  
and money.

There is really no serious  
distinction between so-called  
legal drugs and the so-called  
illegal drugs. An illegitimate  
commodity, like cocaine, is one  
over which the State and business  
can exercise no control. Drink  
was illegitimate once. In the  
case of countries like Bolivia,  
Colombia or Thailand, where the  
annual budgets make provisions  
for use of marijuana or opium  
revenues, the distinction is  
blurred into emptiness.

The so-called legit drug  
dispensers, the companies who  
flood us with uppers and downers,  
the doctors who tranquillise  
whole estates into numbness -  
they are all actively or passively  
promoting social control. A  
tranked mother doesn't argue for  
creches, a tranked worker does  
not fight for control in the  
workplace or his life. And human  
values, dignity and meaning  
float gently out beyond the  
mind's edge. And then the Health  
Education Bureau tells us to be  
careful how we use barbiturates.  
Tranquillisers, sedatives, careful?

And the street dealers - the  
'other' drug dispensers? We need  
to make some real distinctions  
here. We believe capitalism  
creates this need for shelter -  
a place to go to when you need to

Cocaine is replacing marijuana as the smart drug in wealthy circles. RAUL SOHR looks at how the fast-growing market for the end product of the humble coca leaf is transforming the power structures of the two main producer countries - Bolivia and Colombia.

officials in the past year: two such  
hauls alone have been worth an  
estimated \$100 million each.

The US drug enforcement  
agents are powerless against such  
a volume of traffic. One official  
commented bitterly: "There is  
probably nothing short of Com-  
munist revolution or nuclear obli-  
teration that will stop it." Maybe  
President Reagan will yet opt for  
the second possibility. But in the  
immediate future neither Commun-  
ism nor mushroom clouds are  
available to contain the flourishing  
trade in the white powder from  
Bolivia and Colombia.

#### BOOMING

In Bolivia, the cocaine mafia is  
in power. The traffickers fomented  
and backed the coup last July by  
General Luis Garcia Meza. Since  
then, business has boomed. The  
price of land in one of the main  
coca-growing areas, Chapare, has  
more than doubled. So have  
exports.

The new authorities in La Paz  
have no false modesty about their  
business. On a visit to Washington  
last November the then-Interior  
Minister, Colonel Luis Arce

Gomez, suggested to the US  
Government that it should pay  
compensation of \$3,000 million, in  
return for the loss of revenue to  
Bolivia if the coca plantations  
were eradicated. The colonel was  
in a good position to put a price  
on the business; he is one of the  
biggest traffickers. He owns a  
number of "factories" for the  
primary processing of the leaves,  
and a fleet of small aircraft which  
transport the basic paste of  
Colombia for further processing.

The marriage of convenience  
between the cocaine industry and  
the Government was consummated  
on the very day of the coup, when  
the new rulers freed from prison a  
number of known and convicted  
drug traffickers. They passed  
immediately into the ranks of the  
para-military groups, which then  
carried out the repression against  
the opponents governments -  
street killings, raids, kidnappings  
and torture of suspected  
"subversives".

Their opponents are the  
supporters of the Left-wing  
Democratic Popular Unity coalition,  
which won the 1980 general  
elections in June. Its leaders and

those of the organised labour  
movement has been exiled or  
hunted down and brutally killed.  
Eight top leaders of the MIR, one  
of the main parties in the coalition,  
were tortured and murdered  
in January this year.

#### SENATOR'S PRAISE

This is presumably the kind of  
action which the powerful Right-  
wing US Senator, Mr Jesse  
Helms, praised in a Christmas  
letter to President Garcia Meza  
last year as "providing the  
security of its citizens which is  
among the most fundamental of  
human rights". Mr Helms is  
anxious to open "a creative dia-  
logue with the countries which  
have been defending the west  
against socialism and Marxism".

Mr Helms's fellow-senator, Mr  
Dennis DeConcini, cannot share  
his view of the Bolivian regime's  
respect for individual security. Mr  
DeConcini appeared on US televi-  
sion some months ago to accuse  
members of the Bolivian Govern-  
ment of participating directly in  
the drugs trade. He has since had  
to be given round-the-clock police  
protection after enraged members

shelter from the poison rain out-  
side. Everybody needs a batter  
sometimes. Needs to. That's what  
we live with.

But how do we square that  
with dead friends and junkie  
babies? And the not-so-tender  
mercies of the Drug Squad? Never  
heard stories of junkies tortured  
on the way to their death, teased  
questioned non-stop, the supplies  
withdrawn and nothing substitut-  
ed? When is an alternative a  
REAL ALTERNATIVE?

Cheap dope from your local  
dealer, National Health valium  
from your local doctor, the  
pint at 50p. in the Belfast  
Leisure Centres. What is the  
common denominator? The objec-  
tive result is a passive populati-  
on. The commodity functions as  
an instrument of social control  
one more time.

Back to the Bolivian drug  
business and a remark by a Yank  
Narcotics Agent: "There is  
nothing short of nuclear oblite-  
ration or communist revolution  
that would stop it" Is Reagan

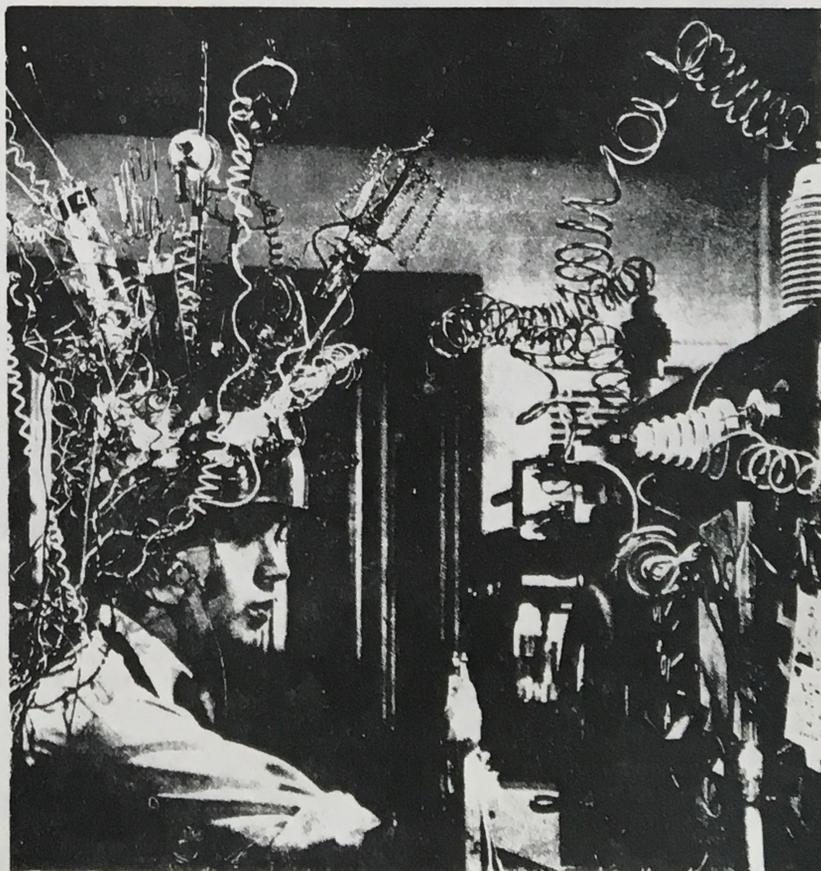
about to nuke a friendly right-  
wing military dictatorship?  
What does that leave?

But is communism a state of  
grace? Do bad things just fade  
away in a communist society?  
Is communism the merciless obli-  
teration of things communists  
do not like?

Communism is a  
fight for control of our lives,  
the fruit of our labour and the  
right to use the wealth we  
create in every and any way we  
can imagine to restore the digni-  
ty, the sense of worth and mean-  
ing we know to be our natural  
right. That's our idea of  
communism.

But you got to be fit to  
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just when do you expect to do  
something? Our good friend.

Keef and Janis



The strategic importance of Ireland for nuclear/toxic capital has been a fundamental aspect of the analysis made by RS of the penetration of the country by international capital. Many have argued and some still do, that this area of opposition is for the environmentalists, middle classes, etc. Our stated position has been that struggles against nuclear/toxic capital are fundamental to the anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist struggle and are an important part of the growing popular resistance to the exploitation by multinationals and native capitalists of the non-renewable resources of this country.



## 6 Anti-Toxic Struggles

The last 2/3 months have seen a sharp rise in the number of fish kills by illegal disposal of wastes, and in opposition to the plans of local authorities and industries for the 'legal' disposal of these wastes. It has become apparent that the struggle against the poisoning of our environment has become an issue that has to be fought on a national level.

Protests have been based in communities and the fight is running into conflict with the plans of industry already. In Ahenny, Co. Tipperary, local residents were put into direct confrontation with workers, mobilized by management. This tactic was also used in the early days of the anti-Raybestos Manhattan struggle, by Stickies in and out of Trade Unions and by management. The argument goes: "Residents are only worried about themselves and their property and trying to deny workers their jobs. The question being put to the State and industries is What kind of jobs? Who wants to work in toxic industries guaranteed to damage your health and even kill? If these industries create so many jobs, how come so many are unemployed? The debate ebbs and flows inside communities, workplaces, anti-groups of all kinds, as we are daily confronted with the effects - economic and healthwise - of toxic industries.

The activities of the I.D.A. in attracting Metal Engineering, Pharmaceutical, fine Chemical and Synthetic fibre industries to Ireland over the last 10 years has brought to crisis point the problem of disposal of wastes from these industries.

Arsenic, Benzene, Trike, sludges of every description, pour into our ditches, rivers and water supplies.....

Struggles against toxic/nuclear such as in Ahenny, Finglas, Carlow, are strategically important because:

- \* Nuclear/toxic capital is the most advanced sector of capital arriving in the country.
- \* Nuclear/toxic capital is in crisis because of workplace and community struggle in their imperialist home bases. Rather than make workplaces safe such capital exports its crisis to countries where they expect no, or little, resistance.
- \* of the direct between nuclear and militarisation.
- \* In the restructuring of Ireland's relationship to international there is a tendency to orient more and more of the economic activity of the country around projects of major economic and military importance in the reproduction of the capitalist system.

The penetration of the country by nuclear/toxic has been met by the growth of popular struggles against both present destruction and the potential for future destruction. Over the past few years there have been important victories against nuclear and toxic capital....

- \* The decision to shelve the plans to build four nuclear power stations at Carnsore Point,
- \* The departure from Donegal of at least some of the companies exploring for uranium,
- \* The formation of defence groups among anglers and fishermen to

deal with indiscriminate dumping of chemical wastes into rivers and lakes

- \* The closure of Raybestos Manhattan following a combination of workplace and community struggle.

These are examples of movement in opposition to plans of State and Capital to further deepen our domination in the interests of the most destructive forms of capital.

The extent to which the country is dominated by international capital is most starkly seen when you realise that multinationals account for 80% of all industrial exports and hold 75% of their profits in Irish banks. If this money was withdrawn, say as popular revolt increases, the punt would collapse loans would be impossible to get, debts would be unpayable. The current debt in the 26 Co.s is over six times that which faced the Sandinista government when they overthrew Somoza.....what will it be in Ireland by the time someone overthrows Garret, Charlie John, Ian & Co. ?

This domination is dangerous: it places international capital in a position to extract major concessions or force governments to take

very repressive and austere measures against all sections of the population not directly benefitting from the position of capital in the country. It places international capital in a position to demand that projects of major importance strategically - such as uranium mining - go ahead no matter what the level of popular resistance.

Whether it would succeed or not depends on the capacity of the anti-imperialist movement to fight

## CONFERENCE

The International Environmentalist Movement are organising an international Conference on environmental problems in Sweden, Stockholm, on June '82.

The programme of the Conference will range over the whole field of environmental issues, such as air and water pollution, the chemical industry, energy etc. and also the problems of organising the movement..

The organisers are asking organisations all over the world to contact them as soon as possible, if they are interested in participating in the conference and the preparations for it. There is a special request to provide for the organisers any addresses of environmental groups in Asia, Africa and South America.

If interested contact:

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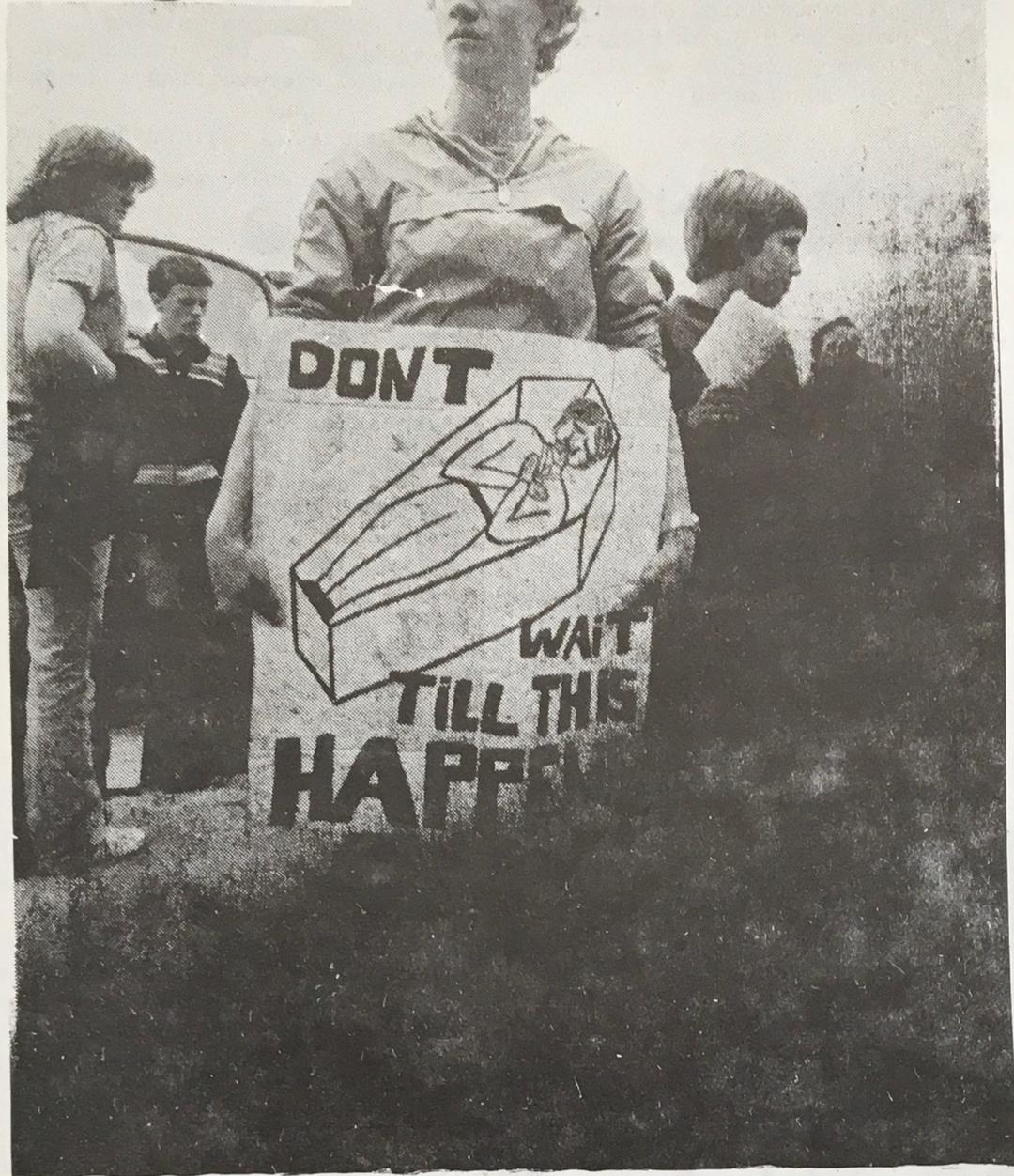
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A number of comrades have sent us a series of excellent articles ranging from the anti-nuclear struggle in Cornwall, England, to the US exporting toxic material to III World countries, to small information on the anti-nuke struggle in the USA and France down to a very nice report of the recent Carnsore Festival.

All of these articles come from comrades of the movement who are not members of RS. We take this opportunity to thank them and promise them that their contributions are appreciated and that they will appear in the next few issues of Rebel. As you will see from this issue, we are overwhelmed with material as we did not come out for 7 weeks ( see explanations on p.12)

This situation while being annoying on the one hand, is also bearer of hope, for it means that our projects for a REGULAR MOVEMENT FORTNIGHTLY - if not weekly - are not simple dreams. Keep on writing to us.

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The Finglas anti-toxic action group was formed to oppose the plans of Dublin Co. Council to site a toxic dump near a housing estate of 50,000 working class people. Early activities of the group included door to door leafletting, gathering and distributing the information needed, pickets and street protests, occupations, there were also incidents of sabotage and burning of equipment during the opposition campaign. These are some of the planned activities of the group for the coming months:

## the struggle goes on !

The lull in activities in the last month has allowed valuable discussion on strategy against the plans of the state and of big local businesses, as well as some self-criticism.

Following recent meetings with the West Finglas Tenants Association and the Valley Park anti-toxic committee there has been discussion on the structure of the group. The W.F.T.A. is a powerful group who have such resources as the main hall in W. Finglas. We have given the group a maximum of help. The Valley Park anti toxic c'tee is an autonomous group, with Stick (SFWP) politics dominating.

Both of these groups who, in their own words have a mandate from the people, find the present structure of the Finglas Anti-toxic Group creates problems: out of the discussions with them came a proposal: apart from the 'looser' group a committee of 12 to 15 people should be formed to meet and discuss strategy. It was felt in

the group that outside groups had no right to start setting down guidelines, while valuing criticism from activists inside and outside the group. The problems of looseness in the group, failure to carry out tasks, lack of direction we felt would not be solved by new structures, but by clear and correct strategy, developed in open discussions. The present structure of the group: autonomous, open to all, with plenty of room for people to take on tasks rather than leaving them to executives, provoking mass discussion and fighting on every front using any means necessary: stands.

The group has compiled a questionnaire on medical problems relating to the Dunsink tip-head. It is hoped to use the results as part of work on producing independent information. We will follow up the questionnaire with a public meeting and we hope to build the basis for street committees and contacts to spread the mass base

of the anti toxic struggle.

... another front the group is beginning an examination of work processes. In our previous work we have come to realize that the struggle against the toxic dump is inextricably linked to the the production of the wastes and their use in the workplace. To this end we are continuing to gather information and beginning analysis of the literature we already have. For the moment, we have agreed to concentrate on local factories, with the idea of a questionnaire to individual factories on the work process, the uses of substances, the safety levels, safety committees, the responses of Union and Management, etc. We feel that while we have a lot of information there is a lot more we can learn by just looking at what's going on around us. Also we are building up contacts in Leinster, Nationally and, slowly, internationally. We hope to be part of an initiative to organize a conference on 'Toxic' during the Winter and support the rejuvenation of groups involved in the fight against plans for an incinerator to burn radioactive waste in Santry.

The Finglas Anti-toxic Group meets every Wednesday at 8p.m. in the Hope prefab in West Finglas. Come along.

The most concentrated raids have centred on the follow-up to the riot at the British Embassy after which, according to Police figures, over 100 Gardai ended up in hospital. The Franch are now boasting of all the pretty photos they took of many militants... masks and scarves where are you? 10 comrades have already been charged under a special clause of the Offences Against the State Act which stipulates a penalty of up to 20 years... (yes, check it for yourselves)... for "obstructing with violence the police during a demonstration".

A number of those arrested are known H-Block activists; they have now been forced to hand over their passports and have been given bail on £3,000 independent sureties. Their case will come up during October and IT MUST BECOME THE FOCUS OF OPPOSITION TO STATE TERRORISM.

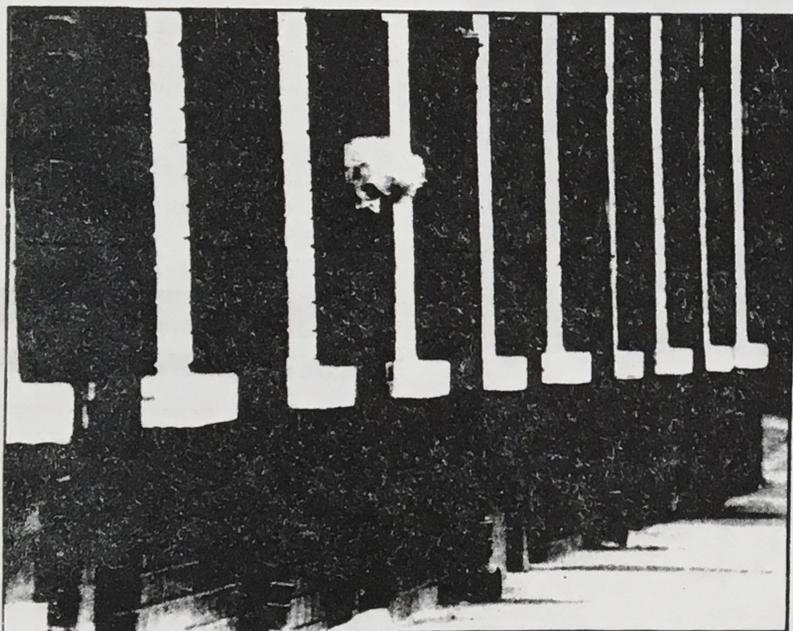
Crumlin Garda Station, once again, has become the centre for terror tactics with a number of reports of serious beatings the-

re recently. One was the subject of a Prisoners Rights Organisation march in late August while there are also stories circulating of policemen using electric cattle prods on H-Block militants....these piggeries should not be left unanswered.

## Anti Nuke Killed

North of the border, the movement was hit by the loss of anti-nuclear activist Liam Canning who was murdered by Loyalists while walking home from a party at Alliance Avenue, on Aug.9th. The following night, two other teenagers, Francis Murdoch and Isaac McShane were fired on as they were walking on the Cliftonville Rd. Since then Eugene Mulholland was killed on the Ormeau Rd.

Is this a new wave of Loyalist provocation?



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## Toxic Rounds

Residents of Camac Park, Ballyfermot, in Dublin, have been lobbying to stop lead emissions from Chloride Ltd. - a British battery manufacturer on the Bluebell Estate in Dublin West. Residents allege the lead levels in the air around their houses is higher than in the most polluted uphill section of the nearby Naas dual carriageway. They link the emissions to a number of 'cot deaths' in the area, respiratory difficulties and bad health in general.

And nearby, in Inchicore, residents of the Bulfin - Emmet Road area, are involved in action against Clondalkin Paper Mills for discharging industrial effluent into the Camac River from their pulp operations. They are dissatisfied with the firm's assurances that they have spent £2 million trying to clean the effluent.

In the north of the city, in Santry, the whole issue of Trinity College's proposal for an incinerator on their playing fields at Santry Avenue, is not yet dead. It has recently emerged, that the proposed incinerator for solid waste contaminated with low level radiation was to receive substances contaminated with CARBON-14...which has a life of 5,770 years! Trinity are apparently still looking for 'alternative' ways of disposing of the contaminated waste.

News leaking from the Wicklow and Arklow areas is that the uranium exploration of the multinationals is being wound up. Ireland may not be as rich in uranium as predicted!

Some interesting figures from the latest 'Task Force Report on Childcare'

In the 26 counties there are:  
1,200,000 young people under 17 of which  
270,000 live on welfare  
43,000 have only one parent  
23,000 are awaiting rehousing and  
3,000 are under supervision  
What a nation we are!

Police in St.Luke's Garda Station, Cork, are intruding further and further into the lives of local young people. Under the guise of a survey to investigate the amenity needs of the area, the cops are asking all landlords in St.Luke's to furnish them with information as to how many tenants there are in each rented house, their sex, age and occupation and WHERE in the house each tenant lives.

And the amenities which are supposedly investigated: trees, flowers, paving stones and the like.

'Venceremos' is a Spanish word which means 'We shall win'. 'Venceremos' is a popular slogan used by many struggles fighting capitalism and imperialism all over the world. And VENCEREMOS is now the name of a new 4-page newsheet published by the PATSY O'HARA YOUTH MOVEMENT.

Issue\*1 contains news on the riots in Britain, loyalist attacks, analysis, letters and poems. The Editorial deals with the hunger strikes:

"Ten prisoners have died - how many more will die? before we realise that a change in strategy is essential at such a crisis time in the hunger strike. We believe that militant action is needed to smash Thatcher's stance. The Free State Government is a puppet regime controlled by British capitalism. The S D L P is a middle-class organisation opposed to Republican socialist ideals and the Catholic Church remains the same reactionary clique who have apologised for British rule in Ireland for the last 800 years....Britain listen not to reason but to force. Pressure must be exerted at the heart of the imperialist giant before any more prisoners die and many more Irish people are slaughtered by British mercenaries..."

The paper is written by young people for young people. It hopes to help "the youth organise independently in a political way to resist British imperialism in Ireland..." We wish the comrades of 'Venceremos' all the best.

Venceremos : 4-pages  
5 pence  
from Just Books  
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VENCEREMOS

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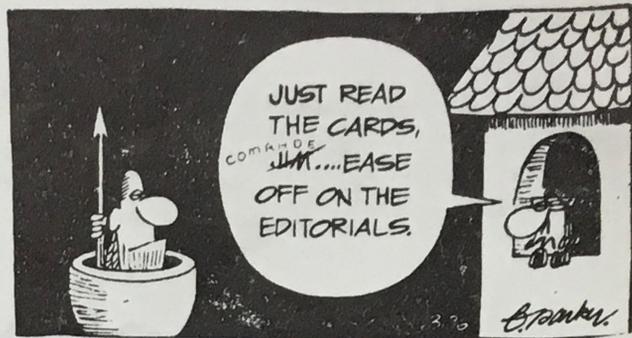
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## Confessions



### Irish Womens Diary & Guide Book 1982

The 1982 Irish Womens Diary and Guide Book has been published and is on sale. Bound with a startling Jim Fitzpatrick cover of the mythical figure of Morrigan ( and we have been told there has been some hassle about the cover on whether it is sexist or not - you can judge for yourselves ), the Diary contains hundreds of useful addresses of womens organisations, north and south.

Sections are included on one parent families, social welfare, divorce, crisis centres and womens publications. Cartoons, photographs and historical profiles are liberally scattered through the yellow and white pages.

The Diary has been produced by the Irish Feminist Information and is on sale for £2.47½. It is available in BOOKS UPSTAIRS, where you can also find Rebel, and other good bookshops. Discounts are provided for bulk purchases. Definitely recommended.

For some unexplained reason, lots of poems have been arriving to our hands. We have no resident art experts to judge their artistic merit. Unless comrades object to them, for good political reasons, we will continue to print them - you're the best judges. It may be also useful to debate sometime why people are leaning towards poems to express some things which obviously move and motivate them. Any ideas?

### H-Block

Romantic Eileen is dead and gone  
That woeful bitch, Ni Houlihan  
And in her stead I'm glad to see  
True sisters of obscenity  
Proudly take their rightful place  
To spit their brothers in the face.

At last we witness raging youth  
Spilling its venom on the streets,  
Vexed, intemperate, uncouth,  
Against a century's deceits;  
Against the tottering controls  
Of greedy governmental souls

O let the aged pray and grumble:  
Wilful fools must take a tumble -  
All is changing sharp and quick  
And those who cannot change are sick.

War's confusion, world despair;  
Bricks and bottles, bloody hair:  
Let images of costernation  
Swell the bracket of the nation.  
Pass the angry jug about -  
Fuck the Government - BRIT'S OUT.

### Take a Pill

My head aches and there's throbbing  
In my ears.....Take a Pill  
My heart aches and my eyes are  
Filled with tears...Take a Pill  
There are rats at my backdoor and  
I nearly fell through our rotten  
Floor - I just can't take much  
More....Take a Pill

But doctor I'm not ill - why do you  
tell me 'take a pill' ?  
My roof is leaking still.....  
Take a Pill .

We've got no money to buy us any  
bread....Take a Pill.

The ceiling will be crashing round  
My head....Take a Pill

My old man got the sack and all  
The Work has bent my back

I feel I'm on the rack  
Take a Pill.

Now doctor I can't do without  
Your pills, but they've upped  
prescriptions and I can't pay  
My bills - Now tell me if you can  
How you'll help me and my old man  
Oh, tell me if you will ?  
TAKE A PILL !!

angie hick  
from Irish Women's Diary

### Hold It!

Hold the front page  
I wanna testify  
Time / Life sells  
Another story of a brave land  
Get yourself an honourable  
History of a great land  
Deliberately avoids sensation  
Sells you suitable beliefs  
Between the white lies  
And it's just another story  
Of the hunted endin'  
Up the winners hero  
Go ask King Arthur  
About that.

So history's just another book  
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Left to scatter some  
Seeds of dissention across  
Some wild waste land  
Puttin up resistance  
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Roll the press  
The winner'll testify  
Shoot the film  
Here's another relentless  
Bloody struggle  
To preserve someone's freedom  
Lookin for salvation  
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To the next generation  
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So you beat the trader down  
Go ask your great chiefs  
About that.

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Unless your really gonna try  
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Many promises as well  
But the only one they kept  
Was when they promised to  
Take the land, they took it  
And possessions nine-tenths  
Of the law, the possessions the  
Law of the land, and possession-  
Theft  
Now ask yourself about that.

So we're here - just another band  
Left to play another song  
Puttin up resistance to take a root



we present here, based on literature... the current situation in Iran. We would like, rather than taking a categorical position now, to examine and try to understand what is happening in Iran. Where and whenever possible, revolutionary links need to be built across borders and seas: following debates such as that presented below is a small step.....

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# iran sharp lines drawn

Hundreds of executions are taking place weekly in Iran. The principal victims seem to be members and supporters of the Mojahedeen-el-Khalq (Peoples Combattants) - referred to as Mojahedeen for short.

Born in 1966, the Mojahedeen started armed struggle against the regime of the Shah as early as 1971; their ideology is inspired by an analysis of imperialism and the role of the Iranian regime in alliance to it as well as some religious appeals based on the Shah's attempt to 'westernise' Iran in opposition to the peoples traditions and practices....it was both aspects of popular feeling which finally overthrew the Shah and laid the road for the rise of power of the present Khomeini regime.

Since 1979, the Mojahedeen have formed part of the opposition to the Governments of Bakhtiar and now Khomeini. In a statement issued from London on Aug. 3rd, the Mojahedeen announce that:

" Having put up with two years of growing dictatorship, having only replied to Khomeini's violence with patience, and now being left with no political room to manoeuvre, the people of Iran have been forced to take up arms against their will to defend their lives and to resist the supression..."

(News Release no.5 London )

On July 29th, the Mojahedeen organised one of their most spectacular operations by flying ex-President Bani Sadr, who was on the run, out of Iran on a military plane piloted by a Mojahedeen member. Bani Sadr has been since granted political asylum in France; he has been working in close alliance with the Mojahedeen and has recently announced the formation of a Council of Resistance uniting all anti-imperialist forces inside Iran.

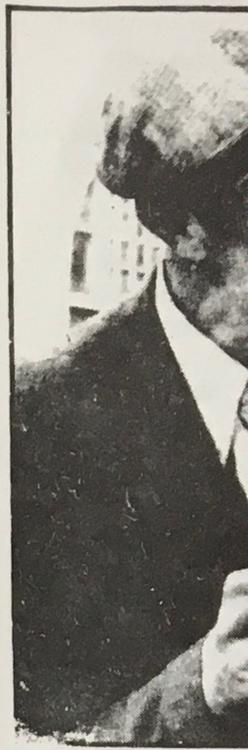
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At the same time, the other major Iranian revolutionary or-

ganisation, the O I P F M Organisation of Iranian Peoples Fedayeen (Majority - in their most recent issue of K A R (Labour) argue that today any kind of activity which opposes the Khomeini regime, given that the country is at war with Iraq " are actions which serve the aims of American imperialism and its internal and external allies..." . The O I P F M - of which we have published a number of analyses in the past in our International Newsletter which is still available to readers for 30p. - asks the Khomeini regime " to respect the constitution and guarantee political freedom..."

More information on Iran can be obtained from the: Moslem Students Society B.M.Box 9270 London W.C.1N 3XX and

O I P F M KAR 29 Islington Park St. London N.1



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# cuba u.s spreads germs

Why is the U.S. accusing the Soviet Union of using biological warfare ?

The reason is that on August 9th, the Cuban weekly newspaper, Granma accused the C.I.A. of being responsible for causing a deadly epidemic in Cuba in June this year. The epidemic is known as Hemorrhagic Dengue, Virus No. 2.

By July 24th, in just seven weeks, the epidemic had hit a quarter of a million Cubans, 113 were dead including 81 children. On July 6 alone, 11,721 new cases were reported. The epidemic is conveyed to the population by a mosquito fly called Aedes Aegypti. This mosquito lays its eggs in fresh water. When the water is emptied from the jar or bucket, the eggs can dehydrate and then hatch when the bucket is filled up with water again. There are many mosquito types in Cuba especially along the coastlands and swamps. This is a species found in cities: it is a vector (carrier) of the Virus and this is the first time such a disease has ever been observed in Cuba. It is the fourth unusual epidemic to hit the country in 2 years.

Cuban suspicions that the Dengue fever caused by the virus conveyed by the mosquito when it bites a person's flesh, were confirmed when the government attempted to

import tons of pesticides, sprays, and air fumigators to wipe out the mosquito. Although a suitable pesticide was available from Mexico, Cuba had to fly in pesticide from Europe! Chemical multinationals based in the U.S. refused to ship the pesticide to Cuba. Orders for 90 fumigators for import to Cuba were cancelled on the same day, ships refused to carry the pesticides. The Soviet Union sent 50 fumigators free, while the Cubans began manufacture of their own in the middle of the epidemic!

In one of his mammoth speeches, Fidel Castro publicly went over the whole history of chemical and biological warfare developed by the U.S. Describing the experiments on gases, sprays, drugs and toxic substances he explained how each could be conveyed by humans, plants or animals, depending on the country targeted for attack. He mentioned the infamous Fort Dietrich Maryland, one of the 'homes' of 245 T / 24 D, used to spray Agent Orange over Vietnam. To combat the disease, 13,000 people have been mobilized into Cuba's health services and for spraying against the fly.

The pesticide being used is Lucathion, a version of Malathion manufactured by the German multi

national Bayer, which is widely used for mosquitos to prevent the spread of malaria. It is part of a group of pesticides known as organophosphates. Malathion itself is a poison which can affect some humans if exposed to spraying. It hits the nerves causing such results as twitches, apathy, sleeplessness, dizziness, fatigue. However, the life cycle of the Dengue Fever - carrying mosquito is such that total eradication has been deemed to require drastic measures to prevent dried out larvae hatching out in months to come

The Cuban attitude to the Dengue Fever has been to explain clearly the scientific and political origins of the disease, sparing no detail. The impact of the fly on the environment, its life cycle, has been spelt out and symptoms described. No question, as after the Sveso disaster in Italy, of blaming the population for ignorance, or as after Three Mile Island in the U.S., minimising the danger. The war against Aedes Aegypti is a war against U.S. Imperialism.

Granma of Aug. 9th '81 covers Chemical and Biological Warfare and the current epidemic. Granma is available from:

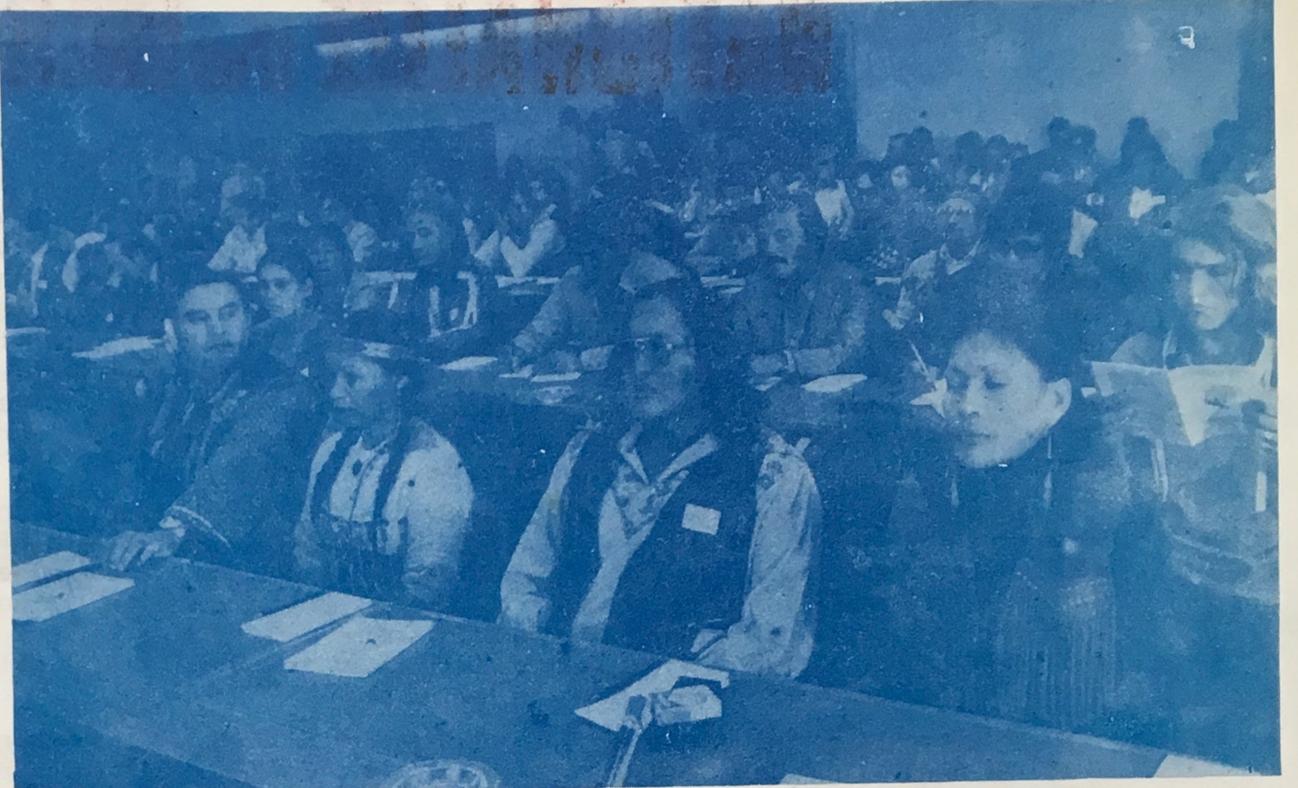
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FROM 15TH-18TH SEPT. , NATIVE PEOPLE FROM CANADA, NORTH CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HELD A UNITED NATIONS NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA-SWITZERLAND.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE WAS ' INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND THE LAND AND SUPPORTERS OF THE NATIVE PEOPLES STRUGGLES FROM MANY COUNTRIES WERE ALSO PRESENT. SINN FEIN AND REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE COMRADES ATTENDED FROM IRELAND.

THE CONFERENCE HEARD SUBMISSIONS TO FOUR COMMISSIONS: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LAW, PHILOSOPHY, THE ARMS RACE AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE RS COMRADES PRESENT HAVE PRESENTED A LONGER REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS. THE ARTICLE BELOW IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THAT REPORT.

# NATIVE STRUGGLE



The Commissions looked for ways to restore to indigenous peoples the possession and use of suitable and sufficient land for them to live in accordance with their customs and traditions. Plans for immediate action include attempts to restructure the relationship of native peoples to national and international law, for instance, to demand recognition of native peoples as N A T I O N S and not 'minorities'. Also the Conference demanded that international law be expanded to include concepts of law used by indigenous societies such as communal ownership of land. Another interesting demand is that borders between countries which separate traditional territories of indigenous people should not restrict the right to free movement of indigenous peoples.

Another crucial area examined by the Conference was uranium mining and the arms race which have already destroyed the lands and lives of native peoples. Activities of the nuclear industry, such as experimental centres looking at nuclear and health using native people as guinea pigs were condemned. It was also stated that mass evictions from the land required by the nuclear industry continue the traditional genocide of many indigenous nations. On this front, the Conference agreed to seek a world-wide moratorium on ALL nuclear related activity, to have investigations of those areas where there have been nuclear accidents or activities affecting indigenous people and to continue consciousness-raising activities to link the struggles of indigenous peoples

with other sections of the social movement. Nuclear firms are just one arm of the many tentacles of the capitalist system seeking control over native lands. Native peoples have used and still use every means necessary to oppose the seizure of their lands and the destruction of their life-style.

The commission on trans-(multi-)national corporations plans to monitor, publicise and oppose the activities of these firms as well as develop contact with Trade Unions, Churches, groups and individuals concerned with the effects of the spread of the transnationals.

The Commission looking at philosophy explored the differences between 'European' and 'Native' philosophies. Historically, the Church is seen as a major force in determining the practice of colonizers. For example, speakers stressed the influence of St. Augustine's concept of 'just war' as an apology of wars conducted in the spiritual and material line of interest of the various Churches. These wars meant plunder, destruction and genocide for the indigenous peoples.

The 'European' concept of civilisation as something to be exported to other, supposedly 'uncivilised' people, has been responsible, all over the world, for the destruction of culturally and ethnically highly developed societies. In this respect, many groups of native peoples, particularly in North America, reject equally capitalism AND communism. They see the difference between them as being solely one of competition as who shares the

exploited resources of "our mother earth and our lives".... and both as being equally oriented in industrial and technological matters.

Another picture emerged from the contributions of native people from Guatemala, El Salvador and other Central and South American contributions - WHERE THE MAJORITY OF NATIVE PEOPLES LIVE TODAY. There, revolutionaries and native peoples fight together, side by side, against the common enemy. In North America too, there are many instances of alliances between the Left and the native peoples.

In this context, we were told that Winona La Duke a leading activist in North America, is planning to reply to the article entitled 'Native Struggles' which appeared in Rebel no.45.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers of the Conference for their kind invitation and to express our heartfelt solidarity with their struggle and objectives.

We have also been able to put together a whole list of addresses and contacts of various Trade Union, Church and revolutionary groups involved on the above themes. The list is available to comrades of the movement

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# editorial

There has been a lot of discussion recently, in a number of meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, at Carnsore and many many informal occasions, on our slogan NATIONALISE THE WAR. A comrade from the West sent us the following article as his views on the debate.

## NATIONALIZE the WAR!!

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR implies that we recognise a basic fact: resolving the national question is a task for the whole people in Ireland - that many fronts may need to be opened against the Brits and their allies. If we recognise this we can then break with all the partitionist views that divide us - whatever the excuse which may be given: technical, historical or 'political' reasons - whatever they may be. This is crucial, because, I believe, the form of the struggle today determines the form of society which will be built after unification. If we fail to mobilise nationally and fight our anti-imperialist war nationally we will deepen the partitionist views which are quite strong - no less in the 6 Cos. How many times have people told us up there that we, down here, are 'free', or that we have 'sold out', or that we are 'apathetic'. It all comes to the same: the ghettos get smaller and smaller, the fighters more marginal and everybody who wants to struggle is called a 'criminal' - by both sides.

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR also accounts for and understands that the economic structure of the whole country - north and south - is undergoing some very deep changes. The Americans are fast replacing the British as the major imperialist force which will determine the medium to long-term future of the whole country. The plans to develop nuclear power in Ireland which go hand in hand with the perspective of Ireland joining NATO are my enemies - as well as the primary enemy: the Brits. We cannot afford to fight for the withdrawal of British troops only to find the Marines or the Rapid Deployment Troops laughing behind us.

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR means that we reject the conception that there are separate and distinct stages in our revolution - valid for all the people all of the time. We must reject the idea that 'Labour must wait' - that social struggles can only begin when the the Brits are gone. If this perspective was ever correct, it is now at least half a century out of date. The peoples struggles in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola show us that social and national liberation must go hand in hand....otherwise both suffer irreparably. And this question will be of major importance in South Africa too.

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR means recognising that the needs of the majority of the people, north and south, go far beyond the deep desire to get the Brits out. The needs of the people for a decent living income, whether at work or not, for a healthy environment, for power over real decisions which effect them, for forms of organisation capable of ensuring and maintaining a country where the bourgeoisie and the capitalist State are defeated....all these things are real and alive as much as the desire to smash partition. This is why we say that we must build a national anti-capitalist movement inside which such needs are put to the fore and acted on by all the force we can muster.....inside a process of prolonged peoples war.

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR means that the experience gained in one struggle, in one part of the country, flows to other parts. The unity of various struggles becomes reality. Ideas, lessons, forms of organisation travel from Derry to Cork and from Kerry to Belfast as well from Galway to Dundalk and vice versa. This way we can forge unity among the youth of Belfast and the youth of Dublin - who after all is said are no different in make-up, spirit, militancy, courage or objectives.

TO NATIONALISE THE WAR means to fight against capital and State, against repression and austerity, against British imperialism and Irish capitalism. North and South.



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