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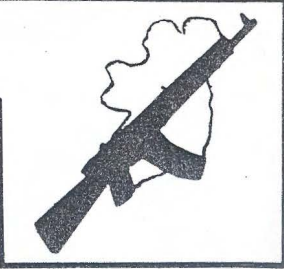


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IN COLD BLOOD—

MRS MAURA

MEEHAN



BRITISH IMPERIALISM IS LOOSING IN IRELAND

British imperialism is loosing its colonial war against the Irish people. With each passing day the people become more steeled, more determined than ever before never to yield to their enemy.

THE AGGRESSOR FAILS
During the past year the aggressor beast has hurled its diminishing might against them. And yet it is a solid fact that the gas, the bullet and the concentration camp has failed, failed totally to stifle the risen people, particularly those fighting in the north-east occupied area.

THE ENEMY ROTTS
With every passing day the enemy rots, gets more demoralised, more aware that its unjust cause can never triumph. Its propaganda lies are wearing thin. No longer are the majority of the people of Britain being hoodwinked into believing the distortions and sheer fabrications churned out every hour by the ruling class lie machine of newspapers, television and radio. Workers and oppressed peoples across the globe are fully behind the struggling people of Ireland.

AN EXCELLENT SITUATION
The situation in Ireland is excellent for the people and terrible for their enemy. The people have many problems to overcome but these will be resolved because history and justice is on their side. The enemy has a different sort of problem, for its problems cannot be solved. In the long term it is doomed for dispatch into history. Outwardly strong and confident, but inwardly weak and panic-stricken the British ruling class can look forward only to a crushing defeat.

WRENCH THE CHAIN ASSUNDER
There are difficult times ahead. The aggressor brute will not peacefully give up his Irish profits haven. He cannot be talked into submission. There has been much of this in Ireland during the last eight centuries. He understands, fears and bows to only one instrument, the instrument of armed national liberation struggle. When the hour arrives that the masses of the people are armed with revolutionary consciousness and guns there will be no chain they cannot wrench assunder.

A COMMON ENEMY
Every worker here in Britain must have it rained into his mind that a mortal blow struck against British imperialism in Ireland is in his greatest interest, for he has the same enemy as his battling Irish counterpart... the British ruling class which lives off both their backs.

FREEDOM—A HISTORIC INEVITABILITY
Ireland will have her freedom. This is a historic inevitability. The breaking of the colonial connection with Britain, the smashing once and for all time of the manacles of imperialist bondage, this the greatest of goals must be supported by every man, woman and child here in Britain who must be politically educated to see the truth. The cause of the heroic people of Ireland is our cause, their fight our fight, the exploited peoples of both nations are class bloodbrothers and sisters against a common foe and we must prepare to spill our blood with theirs in the times ahead.

ENEMIES OF THE IRISH PEOPLE SUPPORT WILSON'S SHAM PROPOSALS FOR IRELAND
The British Labour Party welcomed war-criminal Wilson's proposals for a so-called "united" Ireland. This underlines that Wilson's party do not represent the interests of the working people. In his speech to the House of Commons Wilson praised the aggressor troops and said they should not be withdrawn until "peace" is restored in northern Ireland. But as the people there will never give up the fight for a free country, this means that as far as Wilson's proposals go the Army would never be withdrawn. The leaders of the three major parties in the Republic supported these proposals, which amount to putting all Ireland under the murderous hand of British imperialism, because Wilson hopes his "united" Ireland would seek membership of the Commonwealth and base its social welfare and education systems on those in Britain. Included in his fifteen point plan, for which the Tories have expressed support, is a proposal for the construction of a massive new military town, something like Aldershot.

Unionist Robin Chichester-Clark also supported Wilson's proposals. Thus Lynch and the



"This is one I took showing army Intelligence sifting through photographs in order to prepare "wanted" lists to be handed on to British army raiding squads."

- Unionists are virtually singing a duet over the planned sell-out.
- DUBLIN WORKERS SUPPORT WATERFORD STRIKERS**
Waterford gas workers in a dispute over redundancy and pension pay were given support from their brothers in Dublin, who organised three pickets.
- NEW "MINISTRY" FOR NORTHERN IRELAND MAY BE ESTABLISHED, SAY REPORTS**
The British government is rumoured to be considering setting up a ministry to deal with its problems in northern Ireland. Whatever the British ruling class concocts the Irish people are bound to defeat it in the end. History shows it is the people who are strong, while the ruling class, which is outwardly strong, is inwardly weak.
- GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO STEM GARDAI'S FALLING MORALE**
Garda complaints have forced the south's "Justice" minister to announce changes in disciplinary regulations. The government is anxious to improve recruitment figures and cut the number of men leaving the force because of

resentment at petty rules and regulations. The worsening economic situation is forcing more workers out of a job. Hence the need of the ruling class to strengthen the police to cope with the inevitable rise in workers' militancy.

30,000 CHILDREN AT STARVATION LEVEL IN NORTHERN IRELAND
Stormont, lackeys of Whitehall, have refused to hold a survey into standards of nutrition of children in northern Ireland. This is despite the estimation by a group of social workers in north-east occupied Ireland that about 30,000 children there are brought up at starvation level.

The reason so many children suffer such conditions is because of the pittance of a wage the breadwinners are paid by their bosses. The



A British aggressor raiding party seated in the back of a lorry, prepares to set off in hunt of Irish men, women and child patriots. Note the darkened faces aimed

EX-SOLDIER EXPOSES BRITISH

The following exposure of British imperialism's "big brother" spy tactics is made all the more important by the fact that the information and photographs have been provided by a man who until a short time ago was a 2nd corporal, acting sergeant attached to Army Intelligence as a spy photographer in north-east occupied Ireland. The material came to this paper unsolicited and from the private resources of the man concerned, who has now left the British aggressor army in disgust. His identity is not being divulged for obvious reasons, though he has stated that he is prepared to testify publicly as to the validity.

QUESTION: What were you doing in north-east occupied Ireland?

ANSWER: Until a few months back I was a second corporal, acting sergeant in the British army. My specific job was that of a spy photographer attached to Military Intelligence...

QUESTION: What did your work involve and how were the photographs you took used?

ANSWER: First and foremost it was

our job (there were about half a dozen that I knew of doing the same thing) to photograph all those people, men, women and children, who were thought to be "involved." These photos were sifted by Intelligence officers and wanted lists drawn up which were then passed on to army raiding squads who would, in dawn raids reminiscent of what I have been told about the darkest days of Nazi Germany, raid the ghetto areas of Belfast, Armagh, Newry and Derry. Officers of Army Intelligence always led such raids.

QUESTION: How were the people treated during these spy raids?

ANSWER: During one period of three days I constantly accompanied the raiders. This was so that I could photograph any "incriminating" objects found in the homes of those wanted by Intelligence. Incidentally, the most harmless leaflet or poster was photographed and later used as evidence of "subversive" activities. Many people have gone to prison for long sentences because of this sort of "evidence." Those raided were treated in a brutal and callous manner. Often their homes were just torn apart, while the British press praised the

"security forces" for their efficiency and Army Intelligence for their "fine work." In reality I saw with my own eyes how they treated the people as if they were cattle. It was disgusting how these bullies pushed people around in their own homes.

QUESTION: How long has this systematic camera spying been going on?

ANSWER: Since the first days of large-scale military intervention in the north, but really for years, though not on the present scale. Army Intelligence, since 1969, has been building up dossiers and card index systems on known activists—and there are thousands. Anybody who was even merely suspected of being politically involved in struggle is photographed by Army Intelligence photographers. They are followed and their names, addresses and photographs are marked on "tribal maps" in various Ops. rooms throughout the six counties.

QUESTION: Have any of these photographs been sent to London?

ANSWER: Hundreds of copies of photographs and miles of film are circulating

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With that combination at work in the future, the "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" to be made as the "IRISH LIBERATION PRESS" has always been made, that is literally on a kitchen table, will go from strength to strength and with it the struggle of the people against the exploitation of man by man.



"This one I took with a 500mm lens from a derelict building near Unity Flats".

children of the Queen have never known what it is to live on a diet of sub-standard food.

COURTS OPPRESS THE PEOPLE
—NORTH AND SOUTH

Two cases in December illustrate the anti-working-class nature of the courts both north and South.

At Belfast Magistrates' Court, Mrs. Marguarite O'Hare, a young mother with three children, was charged with the murder of a British aggressor soldier. She had to limp into court on crutches due to injuries inflicted by aggressor troops. The lackey magistrate revealed his inhumanity and viciousness when, despite the fact the court knew that Mrs. O'Hare had been crippled for life by gunshot wounds, he refused outright to grant her bail.

The other case occurred in the south at Ballyshannon where three patriots were charged with offences under the firearms act, at the end of December.

So scared were the authorities by the people's anger that they called in 150 garda and troops to guard the courtroom while the hearing was in progress. 500 local people picketed the courtroom in support of the patriots. Fighting broke out between the people and the troops and garda, during which the people used paving stones to deal with the troublemakers. The people issued a warning that any further collaboration between the Lynch regime and the British ruling class would be strongly resisted.

SPECIAL AIR SERVICES REGIMENT ACTIVE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Units of the Special Air Services Regiment (a part of the imperialist British Army) have been on active service in northern Ireland since March 1971. The S.A.S. are specially trained in keeping down anti-imperialist movements and in interrogation techniques. Arch-people's enemy Lord Balinell has denied that units of the S.A.S. are in northern Ireland, even though the S.A.S. is being secretly used against anti-imperialist struggles in Aden and the Trucial States. However, the working people in N. Ireland are showing the representatives of British imperialism (its Army and S.A.S.) exactly what it thinks of them, and whatever low tactics the British oppressors may use they will never keep down the working masses.

MORE OUT OF WORK IN THE SOUTH

Over 70,000 workers are jobless in the south. Indications are that the situation will worsen in 1972 following 53 factory closures in 1971. Many of these involved important industries such as textiles. Capitalist financiers admit the increase is due largely to the economic situation in Britain. In the north, too, the unemployment situation is worsening. The jobless total has risen to 8.5 per cent, the highest for 19 years. Many people suspect that the real figure is more like 10-11 per cent and that the bosses class is cooking the facts.

MAUDLING ADMITS IMPERIALIST VICTORY UNLIKELY

Maudling, currently responsible for administering the brutal repression of the heroic Irish

people, has been forced to make an important admission. For the first time since the dispatch of aggressor troops to the north, Maudling has said the Irish people are unlikely to be defeated. This exposes the imperialist lies that the patriots are an insignificant section of the population. It again shows that the true terrorists are the 14,000 British aggressor troops whose function is to smash the just struggle of the Irish people on behalf of the exploiting class.

WILSON "IMPRESSED"

That reactionary scab and ruling-class lackey Wilson said on leaving the north in November he had been impressed by the "wisdom and sense of the General Officer in Command". What he meant is he had been impressed by the way the aggressors are oppressing the people by murder and terror.

DOUBLE OPPRESSION OF IRISH PENSIONERS

A group of middle-class intellectuals at a seminar held in Cork during mid-November 1971, admitted that Irish old-age pensioners get a worse deal from their government than old folk in other European capitalist countries. Social Security benefits are even less and harder to come by for Irish pensioners than for pensioners in other countries. Only under a Socialist system will old people be able to live full and decent lives, without going with sub-standard and poor food, and almost freezing to death in winter, which is the fate of many old-age pensioners who live in a capitalist country.

MASS RAIDS BY AGGRESSOR TROOPS IN ANTI-UNIONIST AREAS

Although the British Army continues to raid the homes of Anti-Unionists, particularly in the Ardooney, where in November 1971, 1,200 troops were used in one raid, there is evidence that there are more arms in the possession of Unionists than patriots. The British Army deny this, although they admit that the great majority of raids are carried out in anti-Unionist areas.

POLICE AND ARMY CRIMINALS CALLED IN TO QUELL KIDNAPPED PATRIOTS

200 troops and police were rushed to Belfast's Crumlin Road jail early on January 9th after an uprising by patriots in the detention wing. An Army spokesman said ridiculously that "there was no question of violence" being involved. Crumlin Road jail houses many kidnapped patriots. Several have escaped recently.

BRITISH RULING-CLASS ARMY TO OPEN NEW INTERNMENT CAMP IN NORTH

One day Magilligan, and the rest of the camps in the north, will come in handy — for keeping venal like Faulkner under lock and key while the liberated people go about building a united socialist Ireland.



at inducing terror and the sheet of photographs of the "wanted" stuck to the inside panel of their vehicle. Here is the inside story of how these terrorists

in khaki came to have those photographs in front of them as they ventured out on the kill in north-east occupied Ireland.



"I took this shot in Armagh in July 1970. It was a propaganda "set-up" for use in British papers and other reaction-

ary media across the world. I did lots like this at various times".

ARMY INTELLIGENCE SPYING METHODS

throughout the police stations and barracks of northern Ireland and Britain. QUESTION: How did you manage to get the photographs?

ANSWER: Army Intelligence provided us with cover. They got us accredited as journalists and we mixed with the press corps for cover. Of course, we wore civilian clothes. We were simply spying on the people. We were given the latest spy camera equipment, special lenses that would allow us to take shots from long distances and others that could take photos during the dark.

QUESTION: But weren't the people ever suspicious of you?

ANSWER: On occasions, yes. But if I ever got into a tight corner I would produce a forged card provided of course by Army Intelligence, which said that I was from a Welsh-language newspaper sympathetic to the Free Wales Army. The idea was that this would make people feel friendly towards me and get me out of the jam.

QUESTION: Were your photographs used for any other purposes?

ANSWER: Yes, one other important use was made of certain pictures. These were ones that were "set-up" for propaganda use in British papers and reactionary publications throughout the world. We used to be ordered by Army Intelligence to kid a group of children into sitting with a soldier. Intelligence would give them sweets and promise them all sorts of presents which their parents could never have afforded with so much unemployment. The kids didn't know what was going on. They thought it was just a game. But it was no game as far as Intelligence was concerned. It was an important part of their job of trying to ensure that people in Britain and elsewhere were subjected to dose after planned dose of poisonous lies about what is happening in the northern part of Ireland.

QUESTION: Who masterminded this aspect of Army Intelligence work?

ANSWER: Men like Major Kennedy, Military Intelligence Liaison Officer between Special Branch and the R.U.C.

QUESTION: Why are you volunteering this statement?

ANSWER: Because what I've seen and what I've done has sickened me. I'm not trying to make any excuses. But the least I feel in my conscience that I must do is to make this thing public. You may be suspicious of me coming to you people. But anyway, this is what I have to tell you. I really believed that Britain was a democratic, free country. Now I see that this is not so. The British establishment has created a police state in northern Ireland and seems intent on doing the same thing here in Britain. I'm told that militants are being photographed here in Britain for doing nothing more than taking part in strikes. They always told me at school that it was socialists and communists who supported terrorism and "big brother" techniques. But it's not the Irish people who are the terrorists. I know, I've seen it from the other side. I've started to read about socialism now. The "Irish Liberation Press" I bought in a pub one night really made me think.

QUESTION: Is there much demoralization in the British army in Ireland?

ANSWER: Yes. A lot of men are confused and more and more are feeling

guilty about being in what they realize is someone else's country. There's no enthusiasm, apart from the real pigs who get a great kick out of beating people up. Yes, there are quite a few who are demoralized and simply want it all to end. They know they can't win in the long run. QUESTION: Has the spying and the brutality frightened the Irish people?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Now that you're out of the army, what are you doing?

ANSWER: I'm not sure. I've tried to get work as a photographer, but things seem tight as far as jobs go. I've walked miles. I've been unemployed since I came out. Funny, most of the people in northern Ireland I was instructed to photograph were protesting about being unemployed. Now here I am in the same position as they are. No money, no job, and I can't see what future there is until things are changed completely. That's what attracts me to socialism.



"If I remember correctly, this one I shot Intelligence that funerals were very

