



(8) A heavily guarded petrol station at Lisburn Road, Belfast, after it had been taken over by the Army. On May 28th under Emergency Regulations the Army seized control of 21 filling stations in the province, and the extensive U.W.C. network of stations closed down. The result was chaos. To make a serious situation worse someone boomed. The three star Generals handling the petrol crisis were supplying priority customers with three star paraffin!



(9) The scene in Belfast on day 14 of the Stoppage and support snowballing rapidly, when thousands attended a meeting addressed by U.W.C. and political leaders. Across the country backing for removal of the Executive was at fever pitch. Farmers who had suffered the biggest financial losses threw in their support with a 4 mile tractor cavalcade to Stormont.

The events next day were a historical milestone for the Ulster people. The contrived, unrepresentative Executive collapsed. A victory had been gained - not by the U.W.C. or any single loyalist organisation, or politician, but by the overwhelming majority of a community which had only demanded what was theirs as of right. May 1974 gave only a hint of the majority population potential in determining their countries future.

Has the lesson been learned by those who would think otherwise?