

# FREE CITIZEN

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## MORE SECURITY !

WHY DID THE COATES STREET DISASTER OCCUR? WHY DID MORE HOUSES HAVE TO BURN? IS IT BECAUSE THE SOLDIERS IN THE AREA ARE NOT COMPETENT, OR ARE NOT SYMPATHETIC? FAR FROM IT, THE PROBLEM IS THAT THEIR COMMANDERS HAVE TO RETAIN AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIONIST GOVERNMENT AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE R.U.C. TOO OFTEN THE DESPERATE DESIRE OF THE ARMY IS TO PLEASE EVERYONE. THIS MEANS HESITATION. AND ON SATURDAY NIGHT HESITATION MEANT THAT COATES STREET BURNED.

For the moment, as before, the barricades are the best protection. Before they come down people will have to be assured that more soldiers are immediately available in an emergency, and more important that every alarm be treated as a potential emergency. It is all very well for Army commanders to thank the B - Men on the Shankill. Those commanders should realise that the greatest threat to the army is a potential right-wing fascist rising.

For all the army public relations, and Chichester-Clark's pledges of loyalty to the orange order Paisley still got his IO,000 to Stormont (B.B.C. figures were clearly inaccurate).

Significantly the Coates Street attack came after Craig's U.D.I. meeting at the Ulster Hall. Equally significantly Craig spoke of guns to restore law and order in the aftermath of the Coates Street fighting which he himself had provoked.

### CRAIG; GUNS FOR PEACE

Speaking to Newtonbreda Young Unionists Craig said; "whatever force was necessary - it had got to be used, so that Ulster could get back to normality" - "firearms should have been already used by the police during the rioting in Derry (they were - ED.) on August 12th after the mob had taken up position on the top of the block of flats in Bogside" - "a volley shot would have cleared the roof and could have prevented the escalation - -."

Hitler used to refer to the need for law and order in his speeches made to justify the worst excesses of the S.S. Now Craig's talk of guns makes respectable the para-military preparations of the U.V.F. and allied bodies.

Who are the men with Craig? They are the medium size farmers, the small businessmen, the second rate gentry. Men desperately anxious to retain, indeed increase the political power that they have. They would let the working men of Ulster slaughter each other to gain these ends.

He has powerful forces behind him. The Rev. Martin Smyth was on his platform in the Ulster Hall. Smyth was author of the official Orange publication on the disturbances in Belfast, a pamphlet which amongst other things explained how catholics had burned their homes. Smyth is the Deputy Grand Master of the Belfast District of the Orange Order.

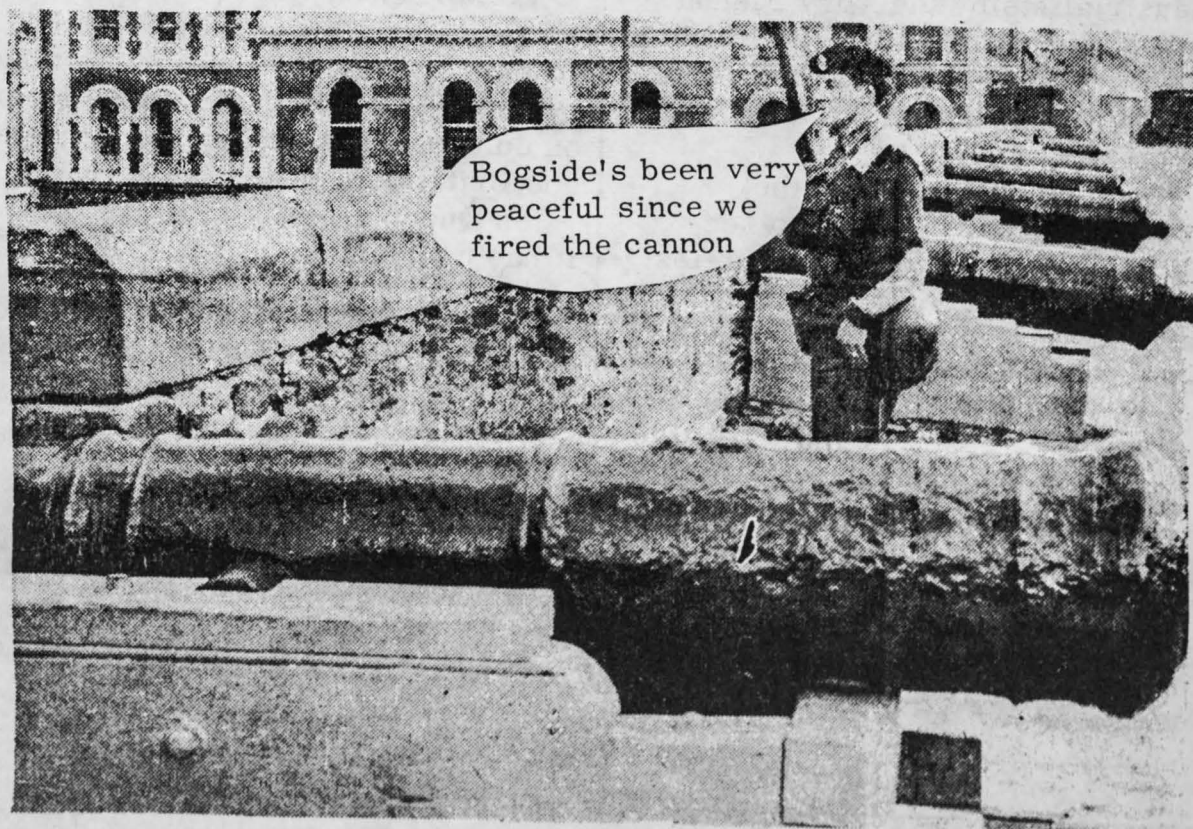
To illustrate another element in the alliance the Newsletter devoted an editorial last week to praise of Smyth and his pamphlet. The Newsletter, which has always played a most irresponsible role in periods of rioting in Belfast, is preparing to jump with Craig.

## BARRICADES

On the day the barricades went up again, the Telegraph, the B.B.C. and other news media all carried pictures showing new barricades. How said it is that they chose the magnificent Grosvenor Place barricade which has never come down, and indeed has steadily grown throughout its existence. Carefully tended by a group known as the Dirty Dozen plus one this barricade is now at least 20ft. thick, 15ft. high and contains an unknown number of cars. It is rumoured that a republic of Grosvenor Place is likely to be declared any day.

### Newsletter Headline

Use guns  
to restore  
peace, says  
Craig





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We stand for full and equal rights for all citizens. Every family has the right to a house; everyone has the right to work. Nobody should be subject to arbitrary imprisonment.

The Stormont regime have deliberately stirred up sectarian hatred to try and avoid granting equal rights. From October 5th. last year when Craig ordered his police to use violence against marchers in Derry, the R.U.C. has been used again and again as a political instrument to ban and baton protests. The final episode in this grisly saga came when Chichester-Clarke ordered armed B-Men into the streets to kill, only six weeks ago.

The Unionist junta are not fit to govern, they have allowed Paisleyism and U.V.F. fascism to grow unchecked, and these monsters are now terrorising Catholic workers and all those protestants who dare to speak out against sectarianism. We offer our full support to all those defending the houses and lives under attack in Belfast.

Unlike in the 1920's the British government has this time used its troops in an attempt to stop sectarian massacres. The presence of troops will not be of any use unless basic grievances are resolved. This means the appalling problems of unemployment and bad housing. BUT Northern Ireland's economic problems cannot be solved so long as British capital can exploit the low wages and unemployment here -- so long as we are the surplus labour pool for the British economy.

The connection between the 26 Counties and British capital is also one of exploitation. Trade concessions are offered to British industrialists by the Tory Fianna Fail government while Irish workers are forced to emigrate, and while the Dublin unemployed live in slums.

We especially condemn the Green Tory politicians who see nothing wrong in the 26 - Counties. They are unaware, or could not care that Ireland North and South today forms the second largest market in the world for British goods.

Those who are serious about opposing Unionism in Northern Ireland must oppose Toryism in the 26-Counties since both are based on the connection with British Capital.

We must break this connection.  
We stand for the Worker's Republic.

# AT Q.U.B. FREE

THE DECISION OF THE QUEENS VICE-CHANCELLOR TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM MEETINGS AT QUEENS MEANS THAT HE HAS COMPLETELY CAPITULATED TO UNIONIST PRESSURE, AND A VAGUE THREAT OF FASCIST VIOLENCE. P.D. HAVE ALWAYS DEFENDED FREE SPEECH FOR EVERYONE AT THE UNIVERSITY. IN SALISBURY RHODESIA, DR. WALTER ADAMS, NOW PRINCIPAL OF THE L.S.E. PREFERRED PEACE TO PRINCIPLE AND GAVE IN TO THE SMITH REGIME. NOW IN BELFAST VICK HAS KNUCKLED UNDER IN THE FACE OF EXTREMIST PRESSURE. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CONCESSION MADE TO FASCISTS IS A BLOW AGAINST THE COMMUNITY. THIS BAN IS OBNOXIOUS FOR THAT REASON. NONETHELESS OUTSIDE MEMBERS OF P.D. WILL STAY AWAY FROM THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM. THIS WILL DISPROVE THE MYTH OF THE OUTSIDE AGITATOR.

# SPEECH

We should not be suprised that the first reaction of the Queen's authorities to trouble in the City, is to ban contact with the outside world. For fifty years the University has ignored the City in which it exists, it has played safe, its academic life has in the main been a poor imitation of English University life, many of its dons are English and merely see Queens as a stepping stone in the rat race to higher things in the English University system, only in the field of mending bones, the faculty of Medicine, has the University distinguished itself.

Academic studies at Queens have ignored the situation in Ulster. Research has flourished in the field of laser beams, or the coinage of the Minoan civilisation. Meanwhile social and historical and cultural studies of Northern Ireland have been almost totally neglected. The truth is such studies would have revealed the repressive nature of the Unionist State; Queens would not have been given so many nice new buildings.

The University should enlighten and criticise the community in which it exists. Queens academics have never done much needed research into sociology in Northern Ireland. What has Queens produced on the Orange Lodges? The recent history of Northern Ireland? The ghetto system? The working of local government? The influence of sectarianism on culture? The real economic relationship between Northern Ireland and Britain?

Can Queen's really still pretend with Ulster in the state it is now, that it has no business to get involved, that all it must do is churn out another generation of mindless Civil Servants. BUT the senate want more buildings. If they all went up in smoke tomorrow, at least it would mean one thing, Queens would have to go to the town, and play a real part in it.

# DIES



# CIVIL RIGHTS north and south

## BUT CURRIE DISAGREES

ON AUGUST 14TH WHILE PEOPLE WERE BEING SHOT DOWN ON THE STREETS OF BELFAST, "LEADING" MEMBERS OF THE C.R.A., MESSRS. AUSTIN CURRIE M.P. AND AIDAN CORRIGAN FLED ACROSS THE BORDER AND DECIDED TO SET UP A C.R.A. "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE". THEY SOON FOUND A FRIEND. NEIL BLANEY, WHO WITH HIS EYE ON THE OFFICE OF TAOISEACH OFFERED THEM A SUBSTANTIAL SUM OF MONEY TO SET UP AN OFFICE IN MONAGHAN

Once installed in their new citadel, Currie and Co., like the green Tory brethren in the Free State, sent frequent messages "of support", and little else to their beleaguered countrymen in the North.

Readers could be forgiven for thinking that a Monaghan C.R. group might spend some of its time highlighting the problems of the thousands forced to emigrate every year from Leitrim, Monaghan and Cavan. Nothing could be further from the truth. The one condition made by Blaney and his supporters in the Free State was that there would be no criticism of the Fianna Fail semi-state.

Already the Dublin Housing Action Committee has felt the effect of this policy. On Saturday a Solidarity meeting with the North took place outside the G.P.O.

That afternoon many members of the Dublin Housing Action Committee were arrested. Those left free tried to rally support at the Solidarity meeting. The platform party looked at each other shiftily, shuffled their feet, and allowed a

speech. Austin Currie however made his position clear, here was the man who made his political reputation supporting the squatters of Caledon, now he was not going to attack anyone in the South, because the North needed all the help it could get -- even help from those he might have added who carry on the same type of exploitation in the South as the Unionists in the North.

Eamonn McCann, the Derry Young Socialist was the only speaker to take up the issue of the Dublin squatters, and to make it clear that they were fighting the same fight in the 26-Counties that the people of Derry were fighting in the North.

N.B. Preserved in Co. Monaghan are several monuments of the famine times known as "porridge houses", here peasants gave their all for a bowl of porridge, the above story would seem to indicate

that you can still sell your principles for a mess of potage in Monaghan.

## WATCH CORBETT

District-Inspector Corbett is strongly tipped to take over as supremo of the new reformed, post Hunt, R.U.C. His statement to the Scarman Commission, with its advocacy of new police methods such as stone-throwing will count strongly in his favour.

The other major factor is that leading civil rights mealy-mouth Vincent Hanna says "David Corbett is a marvellous man" and adds "we all agree at the bar." Thus the bar agree with the Police Federation (Chairman David Corbett) and well known Unionist reactionary Nelson Elder.

Not to worry says Hanna "the Derry 'people' are all for him." Clearly sleek Hanna hasn't talked to many Derry hooligans lately. But says Hanna there is one final proof of Corbett's worth "he was nowhere near Burntollet", clearly Hanna has not seen the many photographs which record Corbett's presence on the march. Clearly he is unaware that Corbett was in command when the January attack on Bogside was ordered, and led the press conference later at which it was claimed that the Bogsiders had wrecked their own houses to discredit the R.U.C.

Truly Corbett is the man to watch, but not quite in the sense that gullible Hanna thinks.

## RED FACES IN ORANGE ORDER

Major Chichester-Clarke has made it clear that he considers membership of the Orange Order as wholly non-sectarian, and quite in keeping with his new progressive image.

Why then has little known non-entity Robert Simpson, the new minister of Community Relations left both the Orange and the Masonic Orders, in order to carry out his role as a new progressive Minister in the Chichester-Clarke government?

The new progressive image of the Orange Order has alas been tarnished by a wholly unsubstantiated rumour in quite the poorest taste, which suggests that Senator Drennan has been suspended from membership of the Order for 6 months after attending a catholic wedding. Worse still Robin Chichester-Clarke only escaped the same fate by pleading that it would be a grave embarrassment to his brother. Rumour mongers are now wondering when keen Orangeman James will next be going to a catholic wedding -- our gossip columnist suggests that they may have a long wait.



**GARDAI ARREST DUBLIN HOUSING PROTESTER**



# ROME MOSCOW AND ULSTER

The masters speak and the servants mimic - that is the golden rule in the Unionist movement. Arch smoothie Stratton Mills decreed that "There shall be a red scare"; the rough-cast scribblers of the Protestant Telegraph accordingly did their work and set out to prove the connection between Moscow, Rome and Belfast.

Thus in the current edition of P.T. Councillor Henderson writes on the unlikely theme "Rome Moscow and Ulster". He tells us that Bernadette Devlin having overthrown the Ulster government will move South "overthrow the Republican Government of the South and set up a communist state supported by the R.C. Church."

Alas this strange tale cannot be sustained for more than a page. Elsewhere we read that the press-officer of the C.D.C. Mr. Dalton Kelly "is renowned amongst his Marxist friends for his setestation of the Roman system, we also read that Marxists jeered Dr. Philbin on the Falls.

So the Paisleyite "intellectuals" have come unstuck. On the one hand the peril to Ulster is that Rome and Moscow work hand in hand, on the other Marxists attack the church on the Falls.

Let us put the Paisleyites right on one thing. They say Bernadette, the P.D. and all Ulster's socialists look to Moscow. Why the were these people in the forefront of the demonstrations against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia? Certainly Ian Paisley was not to be seen protesting over that atrocity. We do the Paisleyites the favour of distinguishing between their brand of evangelical protestantism and ecumenical protestantism. Surely their "scholars" could note the simple difference between Russian style communism and socialism.

Now let us sort out their confusion over the role of socialists and the Catholic Church. Paisleyites will dispute that the Falls area, and the Ardoyne area were brutally attacked on the nights of August 14th, 15th and 16th, in our view they were. When people are being burned out of their homes we will fight side by side with anyone to defend those homes. So long as there is a danger of those atrocities being repeated we will work in alliance with all those working to protect the people in danger.

When peace prevails there is no real basis for this alliance. Two weeks ago Father Murphy was instrumental in getting the barricades removed in "Free Belfast", and also attacked extremists who were at work behind the barricades. This surely destroys the Paisleyite myth that the socialists and the church are working hand in hand. In fact Father Murphy rated two editorials worth of praise in the Belfast Newsletter within a week.

No-one should be suprised that socialists and the church tend to disagree when there is peace. The Catholic Church has usually resolutely set itself against revolution of any kind in Ireland. It even condemned Parnell until his movement grew into an irresistible force. Connolly and the 1916 rebellion were subjected to vicious attacks. I.R.A. members so often condemned for "popery" by Paisley were almost invariably excommunicated for their activities.

Finally as a lesson in the game of guilt by association so often played by the Paisleyites, let us consider the following; When William of Orange won the Battle of the Boyne he was in alliance with the Pope, when the news reached Rome a celebration mass was said. A true story if embarassing to both sides, but William was involved in continental intrigue, and for him Ireland was just a sideshow. Given these facts, if we use Protestant Telegraph methods we can state emphatically that the Pope at the time was an Orangeman, or even worse that William of Orange, the darling of protestant mythology, was a Papal agent.

The truth for the scribblers on the Protestant Telegraph is that you can prove anything however unlikely if you close your little mind and twist your little pen hard enough.

## NEW RIOT SQUAD— BRITISH STYLE



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