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The extraordinary General Army Convention at which this Army Executive was elected was held on the 5th June, 1965. An extraordinary Ard Fheis of Sinn Fein was held a week later.

A certain amount of unrest and reaction set in in various areas after the extraordinary Convention as a result of the many controversial issues dealt with there. A considerable amount had to be spent in dealing with this reaction, which can now be said to have been reasonably and satisfactorily taken care of.

H.Q. Depta.

A/G, Clancy whose department is functioning efficiently.

Q.M.G. Prior was appointed after the Convention but in October was relieved at his own request and has been replaced by Quigley.

T.O. and Operations Director: Nolan who is in a full time capacity.

F.O. Drew was appointed after the Convention but was sent back to his unit on his own request and was replaced temporarily (later permanently) by Mackey. V.B.

I.O. The Director of this Department was relieved at his own request and has not been replaced as yet.

Publicity: Quirke continued as Director of this department.

Education: Jones continues as director of Education.

The Department most affected by the Convention was that of Education/Agitation. Created or working with this department are the following: Education, Joint Republican Centre, Wolfe Tone Society, Economic Independence Committee (Free Trade), Housing Action Committee and Comhar Linn.

Agitation ranged over a fairly wide field. Open support was given to the Midleton agitation, Griffith Barracks Housing Agitation. On a local scale Midleton has not been tremendously successful but on the national scale the movement has benefited from it. Griffith Barracks was a somewhat confused agitation but we have gained from it in that from it has grown our Committee on housing and from it also the general public in Dublin were made aware of our interest in social problems.

Our most successful venture in this field was in the Dundalk Engineering Works strike. Here the strikers called upon us for our assistance. We worked with them behind the scenes and can take complete credit for their total victory. The strikers themselves are still in touch with us and the Dundalk Command area O/C has them at his disposal for activity in the Trade Union field.
We tried to organise resistance among the miners in Castlecomer when the mines were to be closed there. The mines have been reopened.

Various contacts have been made throughout the country with a view to having co-operatives started and progress is being made steadily in this sphere. We hope one of the greatest boosts to the co-operative movement will be the success of Comhar Linn the pool which we initiated. This venture presented many problems and took up a lot of time. Within the next three or four weeks that Comhar Linn will be on its feet.

Much of the agitation which we carried out was hampered by the fact that many of our own people did not know exactly what they were at or how to handle the various problems which arose. Similarly not enough of our own people know enough about co-ops. trade unions, to make themselves in this field. It was also found that only Army people were active in this work. To ensure general participation and also to educate our people in the various spheres the Joint Education Centre has begun holding educational conference which will cover the various aspects. Two conferences have already been held one dealing with housing and urban problems, the second dealing with Trade Unionism. The services of experts were availed to lecture those attending and both conferences were a tremendous success. This weekend an educational conference on Co-Operation is being held and the Education Centre will have further conferences on Local Government, Free Trade, Trade Unionism in the Six Counties, Region conferences on Co-operation and Local Problems etc.

Free Trade: The Economic Resistance Independence Committee grew out of the Free Trade agitation. This committee which is comprised of people some of whom are expert on economics will be able to supply the Movement with expert knowledge and advice on economic matters.

Jubilee Commemorations;

Preparations for the Jubilee Commemorations are progressing satisfactorily. In the Six Counties where a separate Directorate has been set up tremendous progress is being made, every committee is under our control, widespread publicity is being given to the planned commemorations and we should reap great benefit from the efforts there. In most areas in the 26 Counties a similar position exists.

Military Plan

After the extraordinary convention the Army Council appointed a Committee to draw up a military and general plan for the Movement. The committee has just completed its work and the plan will be considered by the Council at its next meeting.
British Warships:

In September last a British Naval Vessel visited Waterfore. It was decided in view of the Army attitude to these visits that the vessel be attacked. The boat was fired on but three Volunteers were arrested. It is significant that a similar visit to Cork planned for shortly afterwards was cancelled when through leaflet distribution our opposition to the visit was made known.

Belfast Prisoners:

Five Volunteers are serving terms of imprisonment in Belfast.

Dump Captured:

It is believed though it has not yet been confirmed that a dump was captured in the Kilkenny/Waterford area in October.

Clann na hEireann:

The Clann na hEireann Ard Fheis will be held in late February. Kenny has continued as organiser and new branches have been formed in several areas. Clann’s main activity last year was their Buy Irish campaign which met with immense satisfying success. This campaign attracted many people previously not interested in us and also gave the movement a certain amount of respect heretofore missing in England resulting in widespread publicity in Irish as well as British papers. An indication of this publicity is the publicity given in the past few weeks to the Clann campaign for the release of the Belfast prisoners. Clann have contacted and gained the support of many respected persons in England. Their preparations for the Easter Comemorations are progressing favourably – they expect to make a lot of ground among exiles through the public lectures which they are organising for Easter Week.

From the financial point of view Clann has not been of great direct benefit to us. However they have cleared off a debt which had been standing for some time and also have succeeded in getting a head office in London in the initial stages needed much of their finance.

Clan na Gael

A steady though not great flow of finance has been maintained from America. A number of problems have again arisen there: South O’Hanlon Club, Vince – Smith etc. It is intended to start a weekly for America to circulate within Clann to keep them abreast of happenings here and also to publicise the activity of various clubs thereby boosting morale.
AFRICA and AUSTRALIA.

Through Joe Clarke, the Finance Dept. has come in touch with a number of people in South Africa and Australia and has received subscriptions from them. The willingness of a number of them to collect for the Army indicates the possibility of creating a regular flow of finance from both places.

UNITED IRISHMAN.

A new Editor was appointed last September. Due to mismanagement over a period of years he found the paper in a dire financial position principally due to the failure of sellers to send in their returns. The situation was further complicated by the departure without notice of the Office Manager. It is plainly obvious that if the paper is to survive it will have to be run in a businesslike manner. The present editor through the business approach over the past few months has succeeded in bringing it out of the mess though it cannot yet be described to be in a safe position.

The U.I. now has purchased a machine on which all publicity literature, election literature etc. for the whole movement can be printed in future.

The ULSTERMAN.

This was the U.I. under a different name in an effort to beat the ban in the 6 Co's. It had been started last March but was never a success due to the fact that it contained relatively little news of direct interest to Northern readers. 2. Being the U.I. under the different title made no difference to its legality under the Special Powers Act 3. the absence of Northern material did not provide an incentive for sellers. It was decided to discontinue the Ulsterman in December after the sentencing of the men in Belfast.

THE SPARK.

It is intended to commence publishing a paper for the Six Counties starting from Easter. It will be a four pager initially and will be designed towards presenting a Republican viewpoint on social, economic, religious and other matters of day to day importance.
In last year police report they found in waterford explosives. C/S gregory.

J.G. But he could not be found. After investigation it revealed that many

guns were waterford had been confiscated. C/S informed of his arrest to aff'y

mill. Interrogated with cover to help fall against particular but not found yet.

Colm - H. O'Connor agree still but has requested to be released now.

Campaign goods. Warrant for 20,000. Branches inserting financial help &

movement not great. But they are leaning successfully to clean champs.

Clean no 4. Selling of capital. Rail 144/158 (50) but actual

official - good - no real trouble between

at Allerch. Contacts good but small not to appear.

Union difficulties. New editor many papers on business lines and

lack progress

Allerch - not great. Discontinued. Lack of sellers etc.

AGP prepared no report before proposed to be published at Easter "Spore"

Concluded remarks by C/S on intelligence report on McCr. O

60 where army officers briefly arrived. American arrived about 500

influence on T-U movement. Received 500 dividends in Ireland easily

direct with.

Discuss men on report. HC to ask for regular report from C/S.

Plan was raised that would cause him to be able to reply down.

1. Question of buying C/S. Aiding reb. This was explained by C/S

2. Casual papers. C/o of staff discussed - action against people not causal

3. Censor 

4. Decision raised by Reidt

5. Decision.

6. Decision.

Extra at start of months. 

Reidt informed C/S that Williams had been instructed to place Richards in Exec

Raidt said need to have American contact; do something

extra for jubilee year. Suggest fairytale and need to adapt this year.

C/S give statement of 100,000 - dated today. He decided

Sympathy to family & a Union of Relatives of Nick Quill.