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OIFIG POIBLIOCHTA GHLUAISEACHT NA POBLACHTA

Ta an raiteas istigh faoi staid laithreach na Se gContae, arna eisiuint ag Cathal Goulding, Ceann Foirne, Oglaigh na h-Eireann, ar shon Chomhairle Airm Oglaigh na h-Eireann. Ta se a chur chuig Rialtaisi Londain, Bhaile Atha Cliath, Bheal Feirste, chuig Ranna Gnothai Eachtracha chuile Stat, chuig Runai Ginearalta na Naisiun Aontaithe, agus do phreas na h-Eireann agus don phreas thar lear.

SINITHE: J.J. McGarrity,
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IRISH REPUBLICAN PUBLICITY BUREAU

The enclosed statement is being issued by Cathal Goulding, Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army, on behalf of the I.R.A. Army Council in relation to the present situation in the Six Counties. It is being sent to the London, Dublin and Belfast Governments, to the Foreign Ministries of all States, to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and to the Irish and international press.

Signed: J.J. McGarrity,
Secretary.

# IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY STATEMENT August 1969

The Army Council of the Irish Republican Army, acting in its capacity as the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic proclaimed in arms in 1916, and ratified by the universal suffrage of the Irish people in 1918, hereby calls on all Irishmen and Irishwomen, both at home and in exile, to forget all divisions and differences of the past and to stand in unity against the forces of British imperialism.

Already Northern units of the Irish Republican Army have been in action in defence of the lives and homes of the people which have been attacked by deliberately fomented sectarian forces, backed up by the B-Specials, with the aim of destroying the natural solidarity and unity of working class people. These units have played their part in defensive operations in Bogside, Derry, where they have put their discipline and experience at the disposal of the Citizens' Defence Association. In Belfast in the recent period the I.R.A. and other Republican Organisations have cooperated with the Citizens Defence Groups and used their all too limited resources in the attempt to hold off the terrorist forces of reaction which have been unleashed upon peaceful men, women and children. The people of the Falls Road area have gratefully acknowledged this assistance in the past few days and have contrasted it bitterly with the failure of the Dublin Government to act in their defence.

For a number of years past the Republican Movement has been committed to support of the moderate demands of the Civil Rights Movement in the genuine hope that reforms obtained by constitutional agitation would provide a framework within which a peaceful settlement might be arrived at to the outstanding problems of our people. Unfortunately however, because of the intransigent stand of right -wing Unionism, and their meeting of moderate demands with terrorism and violence, we have been reluctantly compelled into military action to defend the lives and homes of the people in the Six County area.

In response to urgent calls for help from an almost defenceless people and because of the failure to date of the Dublin Government to use the forces at its disposal for the defence of the nation and its people, the Army Council has placed all volunteers on full alert and has already sent a number of fully equipped units to the aid of their comrades in the Six Counties and to assist the local Defence Committees, Citizens Action Groups and other popular organisations which are at present the only recourse of the people of the North in the face of terrorist attacks from sectarian Unionist gangs.

These forces of the I.R.A. are being used in a defensive capacity wherever the people are being terrorised by Unionist mobs, backed up by armed B-Specials. Control will rest with local leadership and the instructions given to Volunteers are that they must cooperate fully with all local popular organisations, living with and merging themselves with the people they are called upon to defend.

At this vital juncture in Irish history we repudiate the British Government's political confidence trick of trying to represent her military forces as saviours of the people and arbiters between Irishmen. The sectarian B-Specials rampaging through the streets of the North of Ireland are as much the responsibility of the British Government which permitted their establishment in the first place as they are of the bigoted Unionists in Stormont.

In this connection we issue a warning to the young British soldiers who now find themselves patrolling Irish streets and towns because of the Unionist Government's refusal to grant the just demands of the Civil Rights Movement and the criminal misgovernment and incompetence of the British Parliament at Westminster which has persisted in turning a blind eye to the situation in the Six Counties for so long.

As a result of your Government's continued interference in Irish affairs and its refusal over the years to insist that the North

of Ireland be ruled with fairness and democracy,you now find yourselves caught between the terrorised Catholic minority on the one hand and the Orange mobs,supported by thousands of armed and uniformed "Specials", on the other. Irishmen have no quarrel with you as individuals,but we warn you that until the Westminster Government disarms and disbands the B-Specials,legislates for all the Civil Rights demands,and indeed removes you from the country altogether,you are in a very perilous situation. For this is not your country.It is our country,which your Government and Parliament have divided in order to serve the interests of the imperialist monopolies,financiers and aristocrats who are a curse to the people of England,Scotland and Wales,as thay have been a curse to Ireland.

We warn you that if you allow yourselves to be be used to suppress the legitimate attempts of the people to defend themselves against the B-Specials and the sectarian Orange murder gangs,then you will have to take the consequences.

To the Dublin Government we say this: You must immediately use the Irish Army to defend the persecuted people of the Six Counties.You must then call an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council,followed by a meeting of the General Assembly, in order to expose the British claim that what is happening in the Irish cities of Belfast,Derry,Newry and elsewhere is Britain's own "internal" affair,for the insolent and ludicrous lie that it is. Britain must be exposed to the searchlight of world opinion for the mess she has made of the Six Counties ,which she has tried to hide from the world for so long. The Irish delegation at the United Nations must talk about Ireland for a change,after years of talk about Tibet and Peru.

We recognise that a political solution to the present crisis in the North will have to be found in time.The only solution acceptable to Republicans and to the Irish people as a whole is one in which Britain gets out of our country altogether,withdraws her troops,and control over the whole of Ireland passes to a 32-County Irish Parliament,elected from among all the people of Ireland,North and South, on the proportional representation system of election,the only fair system which will be just to both Catholics and Protestants,under United Nations supervision. For a united, independent,democratic Republic is the only possible constitution within which Protestants and Catholics can live together in friendship under the common name of Irishmen,in which civil rights will be guaranteed to all,the Irish working class be reunited in one political community,and the way opened up for progressive advance in all fields of our national life,leading to the establishment of a socialist workers'and farmers'Republic for the whole country.

Irish people in the 26-Counties......Put every pressure you can on the Dublin Government to support the victimised people of the North.Make Dublin justify its claim to sovereignty over the whole of the national territory.Contribute generously to the relief funds being set up to relieve Catholics and Protestants turned out of their homes.Organise rallies,meetings,demonstrations of support within the coming period.Trade Unionists,farmers,students,people of all political views....let us stand together in this hour of crisis.

The soldiers of the Republic are in the field to serve the people.Let all Irishmen support them so that we may build in our time a united Ireland and lay the basis for democracy and socialism in our country.

(signed) Cathal Goulding
Chief of Staff,
Irish Republican Army

# RAILTEAS O OGLAIGH na h-EIREANN

Iarrann Comhairle an Airm d'Oglaigh na h-Eireann, agus e ag feidhmiu mar Rialtas Sealadach ar Phoblacht na h-Eireann, a fograiodh faoi airm i 1916 agus a dearbhaiodh tre vota phobal uilig na hEireann 1 1918, iarrann se anois ar fhir agus ar mhna uilig na h-Eireann, sa bhaile agus i gcein, dearmad a dheanamh de scoilteanna agus d'aighnis stairiula agus seasamh gualainn le gualainn in aghaidh forsai impiriula na Breataine.

Cheana fein ta aonaid an Tuaiscirt d'Oglaigh na h-Eireann ag deanamh cosaint ar bheatha agus ar theallaigh an phobail a h-ionsaiodh ag forsai seicteacha, forsai a cruinniodh d'aon ghno agus na Poilini Speisialta ar a gcul, agus e de chuspoir acu comhba agus aontas nadurtha an lucht oibre a scriosadh. Chabhraigh na h-aonaid seo i gcosaint an Bhogside i nDoire, ait a bhfuil a dtaithi agus a smacht ag cuidiu le Comhairle Cosanta mhuintir na Cathrach. I mBeal Feirsde le deanai bhi comh-oibriu dluth idir Oglaigh na h-Eireann agus eagraiochtai Poblachtacha eile, agus Grupai Cosanta mhuintir na Cathrach, agus d'usaid siad gach a bhi acu, ce gur teoranta an meid e, le forsai an fhrithghnimh agus an uafais a stopadh, forsai a scaoileadh sa mhullach ar fhir, ar mhna agus ar phaisti siochanta. Ta muintir cheantar na bhFal buioch as an gcunamh a fuair siad le laethanta anuas, agus is searbh leo a fheiceail ar an dtaobh eile gur theip glan ar Rialtas Atha Cliath rud ar bith a dheanamh len iad a chosaint.

Le blianta beaga anuas bhi Gluaiseacht na Poblachta ag tabhairt tacaiochta d'eilimh reasunta Ghluaiseacht na gCearta Sibhialta, agus iad ag suil dairire go dtiocfadh leasaithe as gniomhu laistigh den bhunreacht a bheadh mar bhunus le reiteach siochanta ar mhor-fhadhbanna ar dtire. I ngeall, afach, ar sheasamh docht na n-Aondachtoiri faisisteacha, agus an t-uafas agus an foreigean a bhi mar fhreagra acu ar eilimh mheasartha, b'eigean duinn tabhairt faoi ghniomhaiocht mhileata le beatha agus teallaigh mhuintir na Se Chontae a chosaint.

Mar fhreagra ar achaini prainneach ar chunamh o phobal a bhi gan cosaint ar bith, agus i ngeall ar gur theip glan ar Rialtas Atha Cliath go dti seo na forsai ata acu a usaid ar mhaithe le muintir an naisiuin, ta na h-Oglaigh uilig anois ar lan-aire, agus roinnt aonaid faoi threallamh iomlan curtha go dti na Se Chontae chun cuidiu lena gcomradaithe ansin, le Coisti Cosanta Aitiula, le Grupai Ghnimh mhuintir na Cathrach agus le eagraiochtai eile an phobail nach bhfuil aon fhoinse chunaimh ach iad faoi lathair ag muintir an Tuaiscirt in aghaidh ionsaithe fiochmhara o bhuionta seicteacha Aondachtoiri.

Le h-aghaidh cosanta ata forsai seo Oglaigh na h-Eireann a n-usaid, ait ar bith a bhfuil an pobal faoi reim uafais ag buionta Aondachtoiri a bhfuil na Poilini Speisialta faoi airm ag cuidiu leo. Beidh na h-Oglaigh faoi smacht aitiuil agus 'siad na h-ordaithe ata acu na comh-oibriu iomlan a thabhairt d'eagraiochtai aitiula an phobail, ag conai ina measc mar chuid den phobal ata a gcosaint acu.

Sa ghear-cheim seo i stair na h-Eireann seanaimid cleasaiocht pholaitiuil Rialtas na Breataine, a thugann le tuiscint go bhfuil forsai na Breataine ag cosaint an phobail agus ina reiteoiri idir Eireannaigh. Ta na Poilini Speisialta seicteacha ata ag imeacht gan smacht tri shraideanna Thuaisceart na h-Eireann, oiread ceanna faoi fhreagracht Rialtas na Breataine a cheadaigh iad a bhunu i dtus baire, is ata siad faoi Aondachtoiri biogoideacha Stormont.

Maidir leis seo, tugaimid folaireamh do shaighdiuiri oga na Breataine, ata anois ar phatrol ar shraideanna agus i mbailte Eireannacha i ngeall ar gur dhiultaigh Rialtas na nAondachtoiri geilleadh d'eilimh reasunta an Ghluaiseacht Chearta Sibhialta, agus i ngeall ar mhi-rialu naireach mi-eifeachtach Phairlimint na Breataine ag Westminster, a thug le fios chomh fada sin nach raibh aon rud as bealach i gcursai na Se Chontae.

I ngeall ar go bhfuil bhur Rialtas ag sa a ladar i gcursai na h-Eireann i gconai, agus gur dhiultaigh se le blianta fada deimhin a dheanamh de go mbeadh Tuaisceart na h-Eireann a rialu go cothrom agus go daonlathach, ta sibh-se anois i sainn idir an mionlach scanraithe Caitliceach ar thaobh amhain, agus na buionta Oraisteacha ar an dtaobh eile, a bhfuil na milte Poilini Speisialta faoi airm agus eide ag cuidiu leo. Nil aon aighneas ag Eireannaigh libh-se mar dhaoine

aonair, ach tugaimid folaireamh dibh go mbeidh sibh i gcontuirt an-mhor go dti go gcuirfidh Rialtas Westminster deireadh leis na Poilini Speisialta, go dtabharfaidh se feidhm dli d'eilimh uilig Gluaiseacht na gCearta Sibhialta agus go deimhin go dti go dtogfaidh se amach as an dtir ar fad sibh. Mar ni h-i seo bhur dtir dhuchais. 'Si ar dtir-ne i, agus i deighilte ag bhur Rialtas agus ag bhur bPairlimint ar mhaithe leis na monoplachtai, na rachmasoiri agus na h-uaisle impiriula ata ina mallacht dubh anuas ar mhuintir Shasana, na h-Alban agus na Breataine Bige, direach mar a bhi siad i gconai in Eirinn.

Tugaimid folaireamh dibh gur dibhse is measa ma cheadaionn sibh leas a bhaint asaibh chun iarrachtai na ndaoine, ar iad fein a chosaint in aghaidh na Poilini Speisialta agus buionta dunmharfoiri na nOraisteach, a bhru fe chois.

Deirimid seo le Rialtas Bhaile Atha Cliath: Caithfidh sibh leas a bhaint laithreach as Arm na h-Eireann le muintir na Se Chontae a chosaint ar ansmacht. Caithfidh sibh ansin Cruinniu prainneach de Chomhairle Slandala na Naisiun Aontaithe a ghairm, agus ina dhiadh sin cruinniu den Chomhdhail Ginearalta le 'spaint gur breag dana follasach e eileamh na Breataine gur cursai "inmheanacha" iad na rudai ata ag tarlu i gcathracha Eireannacha Bheal Feirste, Dhoire, Iur Chinn Tra, agus in aiteanna eile. Caithfear aird an domhain a tharraingt ar an bpraiseach ata deanta ag an mBreatain do na Se Chontae, praiseach a bhfuil iarracht deanta aici acheilt o shuile an domhain le ro-fhada anois. Caithfidh toscaireacht na h-Eireann chuig na Naisiuin Aontaithe malairt beasa a chleachtadh agus labhairt ar Eirinn tareis na blianta ata caite acu ag labhairt faoi Thibet agus Peru.

Aithnionn muid go gcaithfear socru polaitiochta a aimsiu ar an ngearcheim laithneach, amach anseo. An taon socru ata inghlactha ag Poblachtoiri agus ag muintir na h-Eireann fre cheile na go scuabfaidh an Bhreatain lei as an dtir seo ar fad, a cuid saidhdiuiri a tharraingt siar, agus smacht na h-Eireann a thabhairt do Rialtas Eireannach Triocha do Chontae. Dheanfai an Rialtas seo a thoghadh on bpobal uilig, thuaidh agus theas faoi shuile na Naisiuin Aontaithe de reir na hionadaiochta cionuire, an taon choras macanta a thabharfaidh cothrom feinne don Phrotastunach agus don Chaitliceach. Poblacht aontaithe daonlathach neamhspleach an taon bhunreacht a fhagfaidh ar chumas Chaitlicigh agus Protastunaigh maireachtail le cheile go siochanta mar Eireannaigh, agus cearta sibhialta le fail go dearfa ag 'chuile aicme. Faoi'n mbunreacht seo beidh oibritheoiri na h-Eireann athaontaithe mar aon phobal amhain, agus beidh an bealach oscailte le haghaidh dul chun cinn i ngach gne den saol naisiunta, agus mar chrioch ar an dul chun cinn sin, Poblacht soisialach, Feirmeoiri agus oibritheoiri don tir uilig.

A mhuintir na Se gContae Fichead..... Oibrigi 'chuile bhru dar feidir libh ar Rialtas Bhaile Atha Cliath le go dtabhfarfaidh siad tacaiocht do choismhuintir bruite an tuaiscirt. Tabhair ar Bhaile Atha Cliath seasamh leis an eileamh ata acu ar thalamh uilig na h-Eireann. Tugaigi go fial don chiste ata ar bun le cuidiu le Caitlicigh agus Protastunaigh a dibriodh on a dtithe fein. Eagraigi cruinnithe poibli, agoidi agus eile le linn an ama ata ag teacht. A Cheard-Chumannaigh, a fheirmeoiri, a mhic leinn, a dhaoine den uile dearcadh polaitiochta ..... seasaimis le cheile ag uair seo na ciuniuna.

Ta Oglaigh na h-Eireann faoi airm le fonamh do na daoine. Tugadh 'chuile Eireannach tacaiocht doibh le gur feidir linn Eire aontaithe a thogail len ar linn agus dushraith an daonlathais agus an tsoisialachais a leagan san tir seo againne.

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