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We have received the following statement for publication.

The Irish Republican Army, aware of the murderous provocation to which the people of the Six Counties have been subjected at this time of extrao di y danger, has decided to respond to the call of the Republican Clubs by refusing to be drawn into an open conflict which could only benefit the enemies of the people.

We have, therefore, agreed to participate fully in the ost cising of British Troops, resisting both their repressive presence and their obvious provocative intent. This is how the best interests of the people of the Six Counties can be served at this time.

The Irish Republican Army is determined to persue its immediate and long-term aims, the relief of the people of the Six Counties and the establishment of a 32 County Socialist Republic.

WITHDRAW NOW.

The IRA demands the immediate withdrawal of British troops from the streets, as a preliminary to their withdrawal from Ireland.

The IRA still and resolutely demands;

The release of each and every internee.

An amnesty for all political prisoners

The repeal of repressive legislation

The adoption of a Bill of Rights for the Six Counties

Guaranteeing equal rights for all citizens.

Removal of the threat of imprisonment from the defenders of the working-class.

Full political rights for republicans.

Massive social investment to ensure the redevelopment of the Six County area for the benefit of all its people.

NO TALKS - NO BETRAYAL.

The IRA insists the discussions with British politicians or officials while internment continues are not only a betrayal but useless and irrelevant.

Only the people of Ireland, given the unity of the working-class through its democratic organisations, can achieve an acceptable solution to Ireland's problems. No opportunist whatever his pretended allegiance, can solve anything.

The leaders of the IRA understand and acknowledge the feelings of depression revulsion and resistance which fill the working-class people of the 6 Counties. They are determined to demonstrate that a battle lost does not mean that the war is lost. The will of the people cannot be killed, interned, imprisoned, shackled or defeated.

The IRA has consistently repudiated those attacks on civilians which have given the enemies of the people the excuse for plundering still more the people's rights. The IRA is determined that where the people demand retribution for that plunder it shall be exacted, without the loss of civilian lives.

THE PEOPLE'S WILL.

The people watch, dismayed, their

betrayal by the forces of sectarianism and by the so-called second guarantor of their rights, Jack Lynch. The people recognise the vengeance which the one deliberately draws upon them and the hollow promises made by the other. While Belfast and Derry are put to the sword, Lynch manfully strives to achieve a victory over the people of Mid-Cork.

The news that the British saw fit to inform Lynch of their actions, more than anything else demonstrates the role that the British have allotted to the 26 County politicians in their over-all objective - the role of Quisling.

But the response of the IRA will match neither the awful determination of the one to use the people as pawns in their game of terror nor the greedy determination of the other to maintain power at their expense.

The people alone should be the arbiters of their fate. That is what the socialist republican struggle is about. The leaders of the IRA respond only to the will of the people. The imposition of that will in all Ireland is our struggle. The demands of Irish workers can only be satisfied in a socialist republic of 32 Counties. The people will succeed.

signed: J.J. McGarrity.

WICKLOW

SINN FEIN - NORTH WICKLOW
EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL.

1st Session: The North, The way forward.

SPEAKER: Tomas MacGiolla.

2nd Session: The Co-Operatives in Dundalk and Navan.

SPEAKER; Sam Dowling.

Each session will be followed by questions and discussion.

The school will be held in the BURNABY HOTEL, GREYSTONES on SUNDAY AUGUST 13th. STARTING 2;30 P.M.

SUBSCRIPTION 25p. (including Social at 8 p.m.)
84 bus stops outside Hotel.

SAOIRSE

A Committee has been established among Sinn Fein members in Dublin to support the members of the Republican Movement who are serving terms in jails in Ireland and Britain as a result of their political activities.

The Committee shall be known as "Saoirse" - Committee for the rights and release of Political Prisoners.

The committee will work for the release of political prisoners from all places of detention, North and South, and in Britain. "Saoirse will also be demanding drastic improvements in the conditions under which all prisoners, political and otherwise, are held.

INAUGURAL MEETING.

At the inaugural meeting it was decided that particular attention should be paid to those men who are serving sentences, for political activities unrelated to the events in the North. In particular it was decided that workers and trade unionists in Britain should be asked to call for the release of Oliver MacCaul and Sean Kiernan. Both of these men are serving 15 months as a result of an incident during which coal lorries were burned on the Dundalk/Newry road during the course of the British miners strike. The coal had been imported through Dundalk and was being sent to the North for distribution to Britain, in an attempt to break the strike.

The Committee hopes to win support for the demand for the release of the prisoners by making the public aware of the offences for which they were jailed.