No more Bloody Sundays!



Britain out of Ireland now!

SUN. FEB. 3rd. 1985
SPINNEY HILL PARK, EAST PARK RD LEIC.
MEET 1pm. for 1.30pm.

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Sunday February 3rd. 1985 will be the 13th anniversary of the murder of 14 unarmed civil rights marchers by British Paratroopers in Derry City. Their only 'crime' was to march through a nationalist city, demanding an end to internment without trial. Since then nothing has changed in the six counties of Northern Ireland.

People are still thrown into gaols without proper trials; in juryless courts, on the sole evidence of paid perjurers. Women are strip-searched in Armagh Gaol. Those who protest or resist are still gunned down in shoot-to-kill ambushes or in armed assaults on peaceful demonstrations.

Even Bloody Sunday itself was to return, when in August 1984, in front of the World's Press, the Royal Ulster Constabulary fired hundreds of plastic bullets into a group of <u>peaceful</u> demonstrators, in what was clearly a pre-planned operation. As a result one man, John Downes, was murdered. John Downes therefore was to join the 15 other victims of this so called harmless weapon - the Flastic Bullet.

In all since 1969 more than 2,500 have died and thousands have been imprisoned, as a result of the war. Here in England, there have been scores of Irish Political Prisoners both active Republicans and the innocent victims of frame-up trials. They are all Britain's hostages held for the good behaviour of the Irish People. They are isolated in a prison system designed to break them body and soul. Apart from suffering vicious beatings they are frequently thrown into solitary confinement, and moved continuously from prison to prison always miles from their families and friends at home in Ireland. Five Irish prisoners have been murdered in British gaols already.

This situation can only get worse with the threat from the Tories to open Special Control Units, in which so-called subversive prisoners will be confined, isolated from their fellow prisoners in white, brightly lit and sound-proofed cells in conditions of sensory deprivation. In the past this has led to serious mental and physical damage to prisoners.

Repressive measures, tried and tested on Nationalist people in Ireland are now being used against the miners striking against the destruction of their jobs and communities. Plastic bullets have been stock-piled to beef up the riot squads who have already claimed the lives of striking miners on picket lines. New prisons are being built when all other public spending is being slashed. These are for the British miners, who are going to face the full brunt of a judicial system which has already stolen their union funds and handed them over to a Tory lawyer.

Support the march on February 3rd to show opposition to repression, to support its victims and to demand a complete British withdrawel from Ireland. The march will also support the Irish POW campaign and its five demands:-

- Repatriation; the right of Irish Political Prisoners to serve their sentences in Irish gaols.
- 2. The release of innocent people framed by police.
- The closure of control units and an end to solitary confinement.
- 4. The release of Patrick Hackett on medical grounds.
- 5. The repeal of the racist Prevention of Terrorism Act.

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