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State curbs for Provos on the way

By CHRIS GLENNON

A GOVERNMENT announcement is expected today or tomorrow setting out legal details of a new drive against subversive groups particularly the Provisional I.R.A. If specific sections of the Offences Against the State Act, 1939, are being re-activated a proclamation in tomorrow's edition of Iris Oifigiul would be the formal way of making the announcement.

A more likely course for the Government, however, would be a ministerial order or statement that a great variety of legislation unused since the late 'fifties, or even for decades, is to be again used to counter all subversive activities.

Justice Minister Mr. Cooney spent part of the weekend involved in the Seanad election canvass and was at a Fine Gael General Election victory celebration in Mullingar last night. So the assumption is that the decision has already been taken on what action the Government has in mind. Underlining this was the tough speech by Mr. Cooney on Friday night, only hours after a Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Cooney's emphasis then on a determination that the State would not be used "as a base or haven" for illegal armies obviously pointed to sterner measures on the "Provos" and, to a lesser extent because of their non-aggression stance, on the "Officials."

His reference to all criminal activities points also to other groups on the Republican side or otherwise feeling the brunt of combined efforts by Garda and Army.

The Taoiseach, Mr. Cosgrave, always a determined upholder of law and order, several times criticised from the Opposition because the Fianna Fail Government was not using all the legal powers available to them. Mr. Cooney and other lawyer members of Fine Gael were on the same theme, particularly before they withdrew their opposition to the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act in November. This would seem to indicate that the main line of the new Government action will be in re-activating law unused for a quite long time.

The former Justice Minister, Mr. O'Malley, last year used sections of an 1875 Act to stop picketing of homes of judges and other prominent people, and there are many more sections of that Act which apparently could be used. It is believed also the Government intends to use more fully the 1939 Offences Act, parts of which have not been in use since the 1956-62 cross-Border campaign or from the time of the 1939-45 war.

They might seek almost to eliminate publicity for the two I.R.A. wings by bringing to the attention of the newspapers, TV and radio that mention of the I.R.A. remains illegal although that particular section of law has not been used for years. A former Coalition Government enforced this piece of legislation.

Since he took over the Justice Department four weeks ago, Mr. Cooney has made a particular study of all files on security and it is believed that he and the Attorney-General, Mr. Declan Costello, made recommendations which were accepted at Friday's Government meeting. As Attorney-General, Mr. Costello is legal adviser to the Government which has also the benefit of the legal advice of Mr. John Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach. Mr. Kelly is former Dean of the Faculty of Law at U.C.D.

Murder and woundings

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McCauley Republican Club.

Detectives at the nearby Donegall Pass Police Station (telephone—Belfast 29181), appealing for help, want anyone who was in the area and saw anything suspicious to come forward. They were particularly interested in two cars which they believe were involved in the killing.

IN HOSPITAL

Two teenagers, brother and sister, were receiving treatment in hospital yesterday after being shot by British troops in the Andersonstown area of Belfast.

A British Army spokesman said shots had been fired at a military observation post shortly after midnight. Sentries had fired back but missed. A short time later a car had been seen leaving the area at high speed. Troops near Andersonstown Park South had seen three people leave the vehicle and run towards a house. The troops had challenged the civilians twice, but they had not respondedq, the spokesman said.

As the front door of the house had slammed behind the hurrying figures, the soldiers had opened fire and wounded two, one seriously, he said.

A spokesman at Lisburn British Army Headquarters said: "If as it now appears, the injured couple were not concerned in the shooting incident, the Army wishes to express its deep regret."

Sources in the area named the couple as **Damian Reel** (15), who is in a serious condition after receiving chest wounds, and his sister, **Geraldine** (19), who suffered minor leg and side injuries.

ARMS HAUL

In the second raid of its kind in less than eight hours on Saturday, R.U.C. men uncovered one of the largest arms caches so far found and detained three loyalists.

A police spokesman said that at about 8 p.m. R.U.C. officers had searched a disused house near **Portglenone, Co. Antrim.** They found 10 .44 m.m. rifles, four Martini rifles, two S.L.R.s (the weapon used by the security forces), two revolvers, a .303 rifle, a .22 rifle and a large quantity of ammunition. Later three men were detained and they were still being questioned last night.

At about 11 o'c. that morning a patrol of soldiers had stumbled on a full scale arms training session being given by the U.D.A. near **Ballyclare, Co. Antrim.** The patrol climbed a ridge and saw a number of men, some of whom were firing rifles at targets. Keeping under cover, the soldiers surrounded the range and ordered the men to raise their hands.

HELICOPTER CHASE

The troops then noticed another group of men some distance away, running to several cars and driving off at high speed. A radio message had summoned a helicopter which had pursued the fugitives and had forced them to stop, the army said.

Five men had been detained. A .22 rifle, some targets and a quantity of explosives had been recovered from the vehicles they said. Last night the five men were still being questioned by the R.U.C.

At the shooting range where eight men had been detained, soldiers had seized two .303 rifles and two shotguns. They also had found 200 rounds of live ammunition and 400 spent cartridge cases.

The eight men later appeared at a special court in Antrim on Saturday night and they were charged with offences under the Firearms Act.

All those detained in the swoops are understood to be U.D.A. members.

'Law and order used to harass'

A statement issued last night by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau criticised a statement by the Minister for Justice on the law and order issue.

The Republican statement alleged that Mr. Cooney's speech heralded a new phase of "coercion against the Republican movement." The old cliches of "law and order" and "one army" were trotted out to condition the public mind for a policy of increased harassment and jailing of Republicans, the statement claimed, adding the special powers of the Offences Against the State Act, which Mr. Cooney found so objectionable last Dec., were to be used to the full in order to prove to the British Government that Mr. Cooney was as good as Mr. O'Malley in hounding Republicans.

In memory of a dead leader

SOME 1,000 people attended a march and public meeting in the Markets area of Belfast yesterday to commemorate the anniversary of the death of the Official I.R.A. leader, Joe McCann, who was shot dead by members of the Parachute Regiment in the Markets district. The meeting took place on the corner of Hamilton Street and joy Street, near the spot where he was shot down by the Paras a year ago.

Floral tributes and a small altar mark the spot.

Speakers told the crowd, many from other areas in the North, that there could be no negotiations with the British Government until internment ended.

The speakers also referred to the shooting on Saturday night of Protestant Republican Robert Millen, of Belmore Street. The crowd was told that Mr. Millen had been a member of the Gerard McCauley Republican Club and he had had the courage to cross the sectarian divide.

The speakers said that the 23-year-old man was shot by gunmen from a passing car while on vigilante patrol in the area.

British troops in armoured vehicles maintained a watchful presence on the fringes of the area, but did not interfere with the ceremony.

Members of the McCann family, including his young daughter, Aine, attended the commemoration, along with other relatives and friends.

Picture shows little Aine McCann leading yesterday's commemoration parade in Belfast with Sean Flynn, a friend of her late father, and her Irish wolfhound, "Bran."

Thousands sign petition against Paras

By PATSY McARDLE

SOUTH Armagh M.P. Mr. Paddy O'Hanlon is making arrangements to meet Northern Secretary Mr. William Whitelaw this week to protest against the continued harassment of civilians by the Parachute Regiment.

All day yesterday signatures were being canvassed for a petition calling on Mr. Whitelaw to withdraw the regiment.

Church-goers were being asked to sign after services, and already thousands of signatures have been collected.

Mr. O'Hanlon said last night that he was also hoping to have a meeting with a senior officer in charge of Para operations in the Armagh and Down areas to convey the "wave of resentment by the people to the regiment's activities."

Meanwhile, last night there were new reports of incidents involving the Paras in the Culloville area of Co. Armagh. Residents there claimed that one house in the village was ransacked by the troops while another local man said that members of a patrol confiscated a stereo player which was in his car when he was stopped and searched on the concessionary stretch of the main Dublin-Derry road.

A farmer at Clarnagh near the Co. Louth border said the paras caused extensive damage with bayonets to two parked cars at his farmhouse.

Mr. Harry Lewis, chairman of Camlough branch of the Association for Legal Justice, said yesterday: "There is a litany of incidents on record involving the paras all over the area and unless they are confined to barracks the situation will become very serious."

All the organisations in the community were behind the massive petition for the withdrawal of the paras from the area, he added.

In Newry, **Mr. Peter McAteer,** spokesman for a committee of residents in Derrybeg Estate, said: "The paratroopers are driving the people to the limits of their endurance. They have harassed young children and threatened shopkeepers."

Mr. Malachy Toal, spokesman for the Six County Executive of Republican Clubs, said the attitude of the troops during the past fortnight in Armagh indicated a deliberate campaign to destroy the Republican Clubs' effort in the forthcoming local elections.

Their "shoot first" policy was a clear bid to kill legitimate political endeavour, he added.

NORTH'S 'SECOND CLASS' LEADERS

CHAIRMAN **Mr. Brian Walker** told the executive conference of the New Ulster Movement in Belfast last night that Stormont had failed not because it was badly structured or fell into disrepute but because most of those elected to it were not prepared to serve the community intelligently or creatively.

"It was not the people of Ulster who were second class—it was the politicians," Mr. Walker said. "If we rejected the lot, from Unionist to Nationalist, we would be doing ourselves a service.

"The best gift we could give ourselves when we cast our votes for the new Assembly in June is to elect 78 new political faces.

"The non-sectarian centre parties of Alliance, N.I.L.P. and Liberal, together with Tenants Associations, and Community Groups, probably have the best chance now of throwing up new people with new ideas and women should figure prominently in the lists of candidates.

Mr. Walker claimed that to hold new people in the Assembly, Westminster would have to increase the proposed income of Assembly members by about £1,000 per annum. This would attract new talent.

"The proposed level of £2,500 is not enough to entice working class people to stand as candidates. A modern industry pays its junior levels of supervision in excess of this and incentive earnings with shift bonuses provide a higher income for many skilled workers."

Split report is 'rubbish'

REPORTS of a split between the British army and the police were denied yesterday by R.U.C. headquarters in Belfast.

The split according to newspaper reports at the weekend arose out of police dissatisfaction with the activities of the Parachute Regiment

FIGURES FOR FUN
By I. A. H. HUNTER

No story today. Instead we have a regular Magic Square.

That's an arrangement of consecutive positive numbers in a square array. Each row, each column and each of the two diagonals adds up to the same Magic Total. And that's just one less than five times the smallest number in the array.

What must that smallest number be?

ANSWER TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE:

ALMOST was 105726.

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We're winning and it shows — Whitelaw

MORE THAN 1,000 people in Northern Ireland have been charged with serious crimes since "Operation Motorman" last August when the Army moved into the former "no-go" areas, Mr. Whitelaw, the Ulster Secretary, said in Bowness on Windermere, Westmoreland over the weekend.

He told the Northern Area Young Conservatives' Annual Conference: "Increasingly it is getting across in Northern Ireland, in the United Kingdom and in the world, that the security forces are getting on top of the gunmen and the bombers.

"February had been an outstanding success month for the security forces; March was a record month for charges brought in the court; April looks like being even better," he said.

In the first 11 days of the month 48 people had been charged with serious crimes—33 on firearms offences and six on explosives and nine on other offences including armed robbery.

WHIFF OF POLITICS

The total number of people so far charged this year in the North was 478, bringing the total since Operation Motorman to an impressive 1,009, of which 475 had connections with firearms charges.

In a reference to the "perseverence and gallantry" of the security forces and the flow of information indicative of "a breakthrough in public support for the police and the army," Mr. Whitelaw revealed that the authorities were contemplating printing the confidential telephone numbers "on the roads in country areas." They are already splashed on hoardings, on the sides of buses and in the newspapers.

The other change in the North, Mr. Whitelaw claimed, is the "whiff of politics in the air again." The authorities are working hard to explain proportional representation in time for the local elections on May 30.

Mr. Whitelaw claims a "widespread willingness" among the people to "work the proposals outlined in the White Paper." The document, he says, has also been received "virtually unanimously" throughout the world.

Catholics aid Protestants

Two Catholic churches arranged a special day yesterday for Protestants reluctant to attend the city cemetery in the Upper Falls area of Belfast because of the troubles. More than 500 people took advantage of a similar scheme last December and the success of the project led St. John's Church, Falls Road, and Corpus Christi Church, Ballymurphy, to issue a second invitation for Palm Sunday. Catholics in the area yesterday supplied cars and minibuses and were present at the cemetery to greet visitors.

Dearer cheese

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and his French counterpart, M. Chirac.

Mr. Godber is insisting on a price freeze to which Mr. Chirac has replied that there is no question of accepting a compromise "which does not contain increases in the price of milk and meat very close to my own proposals."

The French seek 8.5 per cent and 15 per cent increases in these commodities, compared with the E.E.C. proposals of 4.8 per cent and 10.8 per cent, respectively.

M. Chirac has said he is ready to risk a disruption of the entire European farm system rather than reduce his demands. French farmers plan a massive protest at Valenciennes tomorrow.

In a confrontation at a similar demonstration in Brussels in March, 1971, one person was killed in bloody clashes, several injured and widespread damage was caused.

While Ireland broadly will favour the French demand for greater increases, there is the danger that M. Chirac, if he does not get his way, may use his powers of veto. In the long run, such action would undermine the entire future of the common agricultural policy.

M. Chirac has lashed out frequently at Britain, whose repeated requests for concessions "cast doubt on her ability to be a Market member."

BUTTER SHOCK

The reported sale by the Russians of 50,000 tons of the 200,000 tons of butter she bought cheaply last week from the E.E.C butter "mountain" is a cause of major controversy here on the eve of the crucial agricultural talks.

Questions being asked by officials of most of the nine Market states is: "If Russia can make £3,000,000 by selling our butter to Chile, why couldn't we?"

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CHIEF RABBI

IN A SPECIAL radio message for the Feast of the Passover, the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, Very Rev. Dr. Isaac Cohen last night referred to the situation in Northern Ireland.

He commented: "It surely serves best the cause of Ireland's future to avail of every political invention to be bold masters of an accommodation for life, rather than the sad victims of violent death."

It was, he said, most gratifying to hear in recent days many responsible voices raised in different parts of the country, welcoming the newly-discovered possibilities of political accommodation in replacement of violent opposition and political intransigence.

The burning point in the long and cruel record of community strife, the Chief Rabbi added, was the new-found recognition on many sides that there could be more than one particular viewpoint.

CRITICAL PERIOD

And he stressed that at this critical period in the history of the Irish people, and when politicians and their leaders had met in a historic confrontation in the light of the White Paper, it was the clear duty of every citizen to make his fullest contribution towards achieving unity and whole-hearted co-operation.

Referring to the Jewish struggle in Russia, the Chief Rabbi said that in 50 years of Communist rule, they had been starved of all religious practice and education. They were searching eagerly for the identity of their Jewish consciousness, and no pretence of trumped-up trials or nightmarish penalties, would be strong enough to restrain them.

"It is a tragic perversion of justice that such a great country as the Soviet Union should terrorise its law-abiding citizens with such clusmy methods of *purposeless internment,*" *Dr. Cohen declared.*

Concluding, he hoped that the long saga of brotherly strife in *this country was approaching its* epilogue. Let the sword drop *from our hands, and let us reach* out to our neighbour across all barriers of history, belief and custom, and let the spirit of brotherly love unite the hearts of us all," he said.

O'Higgins welcome

A large crowd turned up in Clifden, Co. Galway, last night for a meeting addressed by **Mr. T. O'Higgins,** the Fine Gael Presidential candidate.

Why women shun politics

ALTHOUGH women in Ireland comprised 51 per cent of the electorate, their participation rate in politics and public life was comparatively low, it was claimed yesterday at a symposium on "Women and Political Action", organised by the Catholic Women's Federation in Dublin.

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Richie Ryan, said that women in Ireland did not engage in politics to anything like the same extent as men. He attributed *this partly to the lack* or formal education beyond primary level, adding that the lack of involvement was stronger in rural areas and areas where lack of education was apparent.

When it came to exercising the right to vote, there was probably little difference between the relative involvement of men and women, but as one moved up the scale through active interest in politics, membership of political parties and membership of elected bodies, the number of women taking part declined significantly.

At party level, although there was a fair representation of women in the membership it must be admitted that, in the main, women were not as active as men and they did not reach official status to the same extent as men.

When women did hold office they were most frequently entrusted with the most onerous and repsonsible post of secretary. Although they were in a minority in the Dail and Seanad and on local authorities, they were noted for their constant and reliable work.

Historical and social attitudes, in no way confined to this country, had tended to reprsent political activity as being more appropriate for men than for women. Faced with this situation women themselves had in the past, at any rate, shown a good deal of apathy and seemed to have been frightened away from involvement in politics, and married women with young children had little free time to devote to politics, even if they wished to.

To some extent, the political institutions were to blame in that they had not been as progressive as they might have been in making women aware of their political role and attracting them towards involvement.

He advised women to avail themselves of every opportunity to increase their awareness and role in politics.

Nuala Fennell of AIM said that women's involvement in campaigning was conditional on *such things as pregnancies, sick* children, no finances, no babysitter and the sometimes insurmountable idea that politics in any form was a man's job.

"As Catholics, I suggest we all examine our attitudes to the full emancipation and participation of women," Miss Fennell said, adding that it was significant that in those countries with Catholic majorities, the status and rights of women were under par.

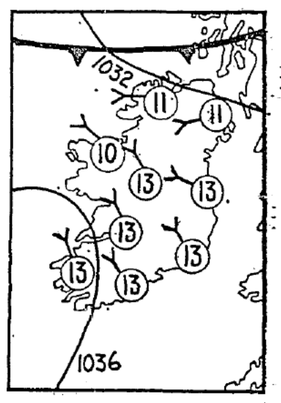
Former British Ambassador, Sir John Peck, presided. Other speakers were Sister Benvenuta, O.P., Department of History, U.C.D., and Mr. Eoin Kenny.

WEATHER

An anti-cyclone is centred just west of Ireland. Weak troughs are coming near the north coast.

Forecast (6 a.m. to midnight): Some bright or sunny spells especially in the south, midlands and east but generally cloudy. Scattered outbreaks of drizzle will occur at times mainly near the north coast. Winds will be light or moderate west or northest and temperatures up to average.

FURTHER OUTLOOK: Little change tomorrow.



This outline map shows the temperatures in Centigrade (in circle and wind direction (arrows) at noon today at Belfast, Derry, Ballina, Athlone, Limerick, Tralee, Cork, Wexford and Dublin (32 deg. Fahenheit equals zero Centigrade).

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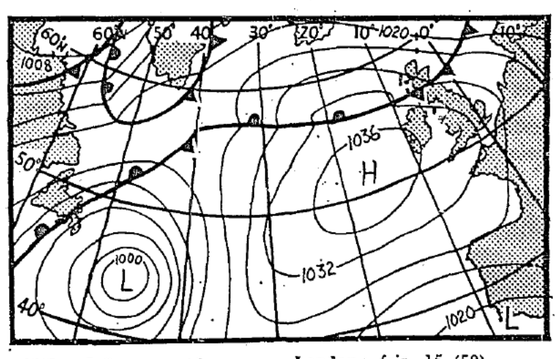

World weather

THE FOLLOWING were the noon conditions and temperatures yesterday at these centres:

Amsterdam: fair, 10 C. (50 F.)
Athens: fair, 17 (63).
Barcelona: cloudy, 14 (57)
Belfast: fair, 12 (54)
Belgrade: fair, 8 (46).
Berlin: cloudy, 8 (46).
Brussels: rain, 7 (45)
Cologne: rain, 6 (43)
Copenhagen: cloudy, 7 (45)
Cork: cloudy, 12 (54)
Dublin: cloudy, 12 (54)
Geneva: sunny, 9 (48)
Guernsey: sunny, 11 (52)
Innsbruck: cloudy, 6 (43).
Jersey: sunny, 14 (57)
Las Palmas: cloudy, 19 (66).
Lisbon: fair, 20 (68).
London: fair, 15 (59)
Los Angeles: clear, 20 (68)
Luxembourg: rain, 5 (41)
Madrid: fair, 15 (59)
Majorca: fair, 16 (61)
Malaga: sunny, 17 (63)
Moscow: fair, 8 (46)
Munich: cloudy, 4 (39)
New York: clear, 14 (57)
Nice: sunny, 14 (57)
Oslo: sunny, 12 (54)
Paris: cloudy, 14 (57)
Rome: sunny, 14 (57)
San Francisco: clear, 16 (61)
Stockholm fair, 11 (52)
Shannon: cloudy, 12 (54)
Toronto: clear, 12 (54)
Venice: sunny, 14 (57)
Vienna: cloudy, 7 (45)

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Curran to stand for Rep. Lab.

IN AN exclusive interview with the *Irish Independent* last night Mr. Philip Curran revealed that he will stand as a Republican Labour candidate in the forthcoming elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Mr. Curran, one of the founder members of the Catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association, said he had resigned his post as general organiser on Saturday night to stand as a candidate in South Armagh.

Mr. Curran said he had been asked by Mr. Paddy Kennedy, M.P., to represent the Republican Labour Party, which will be putting forward a very strong team of candidates.

"I believe that the new Assembly can be used as a basis for bringing about Irish unity," he said. "The White Paper only provides the machinery for government, but decisions have to be taken now for the type of structure which will be acceptable to the Irish people.

"This is our opportunity to end, once and for all, English insolence in Ireland. Out of the new Assembly will come the representatives for the Council of Ireland. The Council of Ireland should be the basis for the future structure of government in the whole island."

Mr. Curran added that he believed that Protestant people in Northern Ireland had been badly misled by Unionist politicians. Protestants had to be shown by Republican Labour leadership that all sections of the community could work together.