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**END BRITISH
RULE**

**SUPPORT THE
REPUBLICAN
MOVEMENT**

Na Fianna Éireann is the only true Republican youth movement, which still holds the same principles as when it was founded in 1909 by Countess Markievicz. Those principles include the educating of young boys and girls towards a united Ireland, and to assist all branches of the Republican Movement.

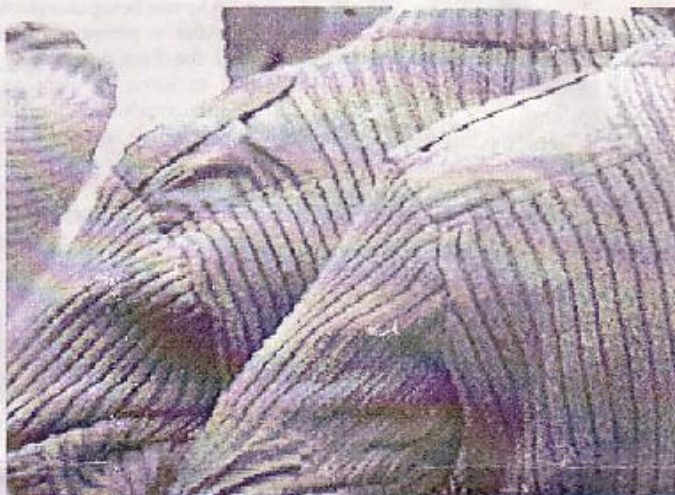
We reject all treaties and boundaries which make Ireland less than a nation free from the centre to the sea.

Progress in the re-organisation

In the past year there has been a lot happening within Na Fianna Éireann. We are presently active throughout Dublin and Limerick. There has been a huge push in membership.

There has recently been a new Sluagh set up in Belfast, with applications coming in from surrounding districts. We are in process of setting up sluaithe in Armagh, Louth and Derry, but we still have much work to do in co-ordinating efforts throughout the country.

The morale and comradeship is building to new heights within the Organisation and is



continuing to build, but we are saddened about the recent developments inside Portlaoise prison where political status has been revoked for CIRA prisoners. This is a very worrying situation.

But rest assured that in the coming weeks and months our protests will escalate if this issue is not resolved quickly. We cannot stand by while prisoners of war are enduring this kind of treatment.

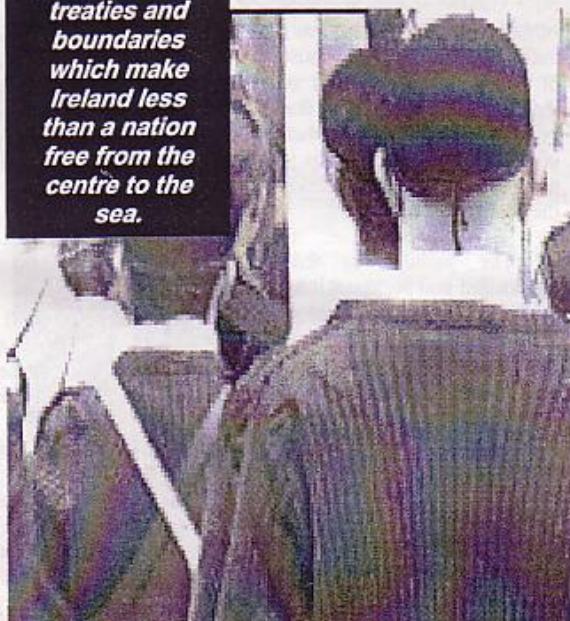
Call for young Republicans to ignore fake groups — Belfast

Fianna Éireann, Beal Feirste are calling not only on the nationalist youth of the Six Counties, but also of the 26 Counties to reject any new pro-British police force in the north of Ireland and to reject the Stormont Agreement as a whole.

We would like to take this opportunity to call on the Republican youth of Ireland to ignore so-called Republican youth groups who are being misled by those who have sold out

the Republic and who's only aim is to seek power in partitionist establishments that are foreign to the very nature of Ireland youth. We call on those such groups to disband and join with us and embrace the true spirit of Irish Republicanism as part of Fianna Éireann.

OFFICER COMMANDING
Fianna Éireann
Beal Feirste



English police on patrol in Dublin

A Sluagh from Na Fianna Éireann returning to Dublin after the Bodinstown commemoration on June 10 were surprised to see an English policeman in full uniform on patrol with a Garda (26-County police) on O'Connell Street. One Fian went closer to have a look. As he walked past the policeman, who was in a West Yorkshire police uniform, he asked him what he was doing there ie in Ireland.

This was apparently enough for the Garda accompanying the Bobby to decide to arrest the Fian. A situation then began to develop on O'Connell Street with the Fian being surrounded by uniformed Gardai, the Bobby, and at least one plain-clothes detective who had been close by at the time, who were pushing

back the Fian's comrades who were trying to find out why he was being arrested.

After a period of between 10-15 minutes the Fian was taken to Store Street Garda barracks.

There was more drama in the barracks when the police on duty refused to give the Fian's comrades any information about his well-being, would not say if he had gotten a solicitor, how long he was likely to be held or what he was being charged with.

After a period of about an hour the Fian's comrades were told to leave the barracks and told the area where they were ie the reception, was not a waiting room. Two Fian refused to leave the area until they got news of their comrade. They were also arrested. The remainder of the Fian's comrades were then forced to stand outside the barracks as they awaited news of those who had been arrested. A lawyer was contacted, who then

got in touch with the barracks and got the details of what the Fiannaitha were being charged with. They were released a short time after the intervention by the lawyer.

The first Fian arrested was charged with insulting or abusive language or behaviour ("What are you doing here?"). He appeared in court on June 15 and the case was adjourned until September. Charges are pending for the other two.

While the first Fian was under arrest, he was stripped to his underwear and left in a cell. Female Gardai came in at times to make insulting comments about him. He was then taken and finger-printed and photographed before being released. He was also asked questions about some of his comrades, who were not involved in the incident.

The Fian appeared in court on September 17. The case was further remanded to November.



A LOCAL squad of Na Fianna Éireann, were out drilling in the Dublin 4 region on August 20 for the upcoming Bundoran Hunger-Strikers Commemoration in Co Donegal. A spokesperson for the squad gave us this

report:

"Just before the drill had commenced a patrol car, containing two Free State policemen from Irishtown barracks, pulled up beside us. Garda E48 asked 'what are you doing here?' The reply was 'We're going for a walk.' This reply obviously annoyed the officer. His reply was 'Are you f----- mad going for a walk?' We were then asked our names and addresses. We complied. Garda E143 searched us and seized a radio transmitter. When this same officer was asked for a receipt his reply was 'oh, you'll get your f----- receipt alright.' He was continually asked for a receipt which annoyed him so much that he grabbed a fian by the jacket and said 'you shut your f----- mouth. I'm warning you.'

"They proceeded to mock the squad by saying 'this must be a gay convention'. We refused to give our date of birth. Garda E48 then said they were arresting everybody under Section 25 of the Misuse of Drugs Act. The officer of the squad pointed out that nobody uses drugs, but their only intention was to get us to the barracks under any section they could.

"The squad was then handcuffed and separated, two in the patrol car and three in the unmarked car that came on the scene moments before. We arrived at Irishtown barracks at approx 8.50pm. Our names and addresses were taken for the record. On 10-15 occasions a solicitor was requested. This was met with little or no reaction from the guards.

"Between 30-40 minutes

after we were put in the cells some four or five members of the Special Branch — the unit in charge of monitoring true Republicans — descended on the barracks under the command of Gary Madden. For the duration of this lock-up the entire squad was subject to humiliating strip searches. Branchmen knocking on the door and opening it and taking Polaroid pictures from every angle they could.

"We were released at 10.40pm without charge after walking through a gauntlet of six-seven Branchmen taking pictures and throwing punches. We refused to leave until we got a receipt for the equipment that was stolen. We eventually did so. We left after a protest at the brutality we endured."



THE FIANNA FLAG

The Fianna Flag is sky blue with a sunburst and "Fianna Éireann" inscribed on it. It symbolises the passing of the long night of sadness and the dawning of a new era of hope in Ireland.

BADGE

The colours of the Fianna badge are green, white and orange. The sunburst on the badge is a symbol of our forefathers' never-ending fight against foreign oppression. There are fifteen points on the sunburst -- twelve represent the Code of Honour and three the Fianna Motto. The pike across the middle of the badge symbolises the victories and defeats that Ireland has suffered in its long fight for freedom. The name "Fianna Éireann" on the badge means "Soldiery of Ireland".

MOTTO

Glaine inár gcroí -- Purity in our hearts
Neart inár ngéaga -- Strength in our arms
Beart de réir ar mbriathar -- Truth on our lips.

JOIN FIANNA ÉIREANN!



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On for Freedom, Fianna Éireann

Na Fianna Éireann pledges its allegiance to the Sovereign Independent Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916 and ratified in the National Parliament of the Irish People on 21st January, 1919. The organisation recognises not Treaties or Boundaries which make of Ireland anything less than a Sovereign, Independent State from the centre to the sea.

The organisation is non sectarian.



WHAT MEMBERSHIP MEANS

To be a member of Na Fianna means that you have devoted yourself to the service of Ireland. It means that you will become trained in mind and body to render that service. It means that the service of Ireland will be your first object in life and that you will strive with all your mind and strength and energy to carry out the promise you made when you became a member.

Associate membership

Associate membership of Na Fianna Éireann is available to people who want to support the work of the Organisation.

The responsibilities of Associate membership are to provide:

Moral support

Inspiration

Financial support Organise functions. Assist Fianna in collections etc, by providing transport.

Publicity This can be achieved by distribution of the Fianna paper — *Fianna*

Help to organise This can be done by supplying our organisers with billets and contacts.

Suggested annual donation to Fianna for associate membership: £20.

Associate members will receive a personal copy of *Fianna* in addition to whatever amount of copies they can distribute in their area.

ROLL OF HONOUR NA FIANNA ÉIREANN

Patsy O'Connor
Seán Healy
James Kelly
James Fox
Seán B Howard
Fred Ryan
Seán Heuston
Con Colbert
Patrick Hanley
Percy Hannifan
Alfred Colley
Seán Cole
Seán Doyle
Gerard McCauley
Michael Sloan

July 1915
April 24, 1916
April 25, 1916
April 25, 1916
April 27, 1916
April 27, 1916
May 8, 1916
May 8, 1916
December 17, 1920
January 1922
August 16, 1922
August 16, 1922
April 19, 1944
August 15, 1969
January 11, 1972

Eamonn McCormick
Gerry Donaghy
David McCauley
Seán Ó Riorden
Michael Magee
Joseph Campbell
John Dougall
Tobias Molloy
Joseph McComiskey
Seán Hughes
Bernard Fox
Patrick McCabe
Robert Allsopp
Paul McWilliams
John Dempsey

January 16, 1972
January 30, 1972
February 19, 1972
March 23, 1972
May 13, 1972
June 11, 1972
July 9, 1972
July 16, 1972
September 20, 1972
December 4, 1972
December 4, 1972
March 27, 1973
March 23, 1975
August 9, 1977
July 8, 1981

