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The extraordinary General Army Convention at which this Army Executive was elected was held on the 5th June, 1965. An extraordinary Ard Fheis of Sinn Fein was held ~~on the 12th~~ following a week later.

~~It was~~ A certain amount of unrest and reaction set in in various areas after the extraordinary Convention as a result of the many controversial issues dealt with there. A considerable amount ^{of time} had to be spent in dealing with this reaction, which can now be said to have been reasonably and satisfactorily taken care of.

Truce & Cork Tamworth

H.Q. Depts.

A/G, ~~McC~~Clancy whose department is functioning efficiently.

Q.M.G. Prior was appointed after the Convention but in October was relieved at his own request and has been replaced by Quigley.

T.O. and Operations Director: Nolan who is in a full time capacity.

F.O. Drew was appointed after the Convention but was sent back to his unit on his own request and was replaced temporarily (later permanently) by Mackey. *F/T.*

I.O. The Director of this Department was relieved at his own request and has not been replaced as yet. *V.B.*

Publicity: Quirk continued as Director of this department.

Education: Jones ~~has been appointed as~~ continues as director of Education.

The Department most effected by the Convention was ~~that of~~ Education/Agitation. Created or working with this department are the following:

Joint Republican ^{Education} Centre, Wolfe Tone Society, Economic Independence Committee (Free Trade), Housing Action Committee and Comhar Linn.

Agitation ranged over a fairly wide field. Open support was given to the Midleton agitation, Griffith Barracks Housing Agitation. On a local scale Midleton has not been tremendously successful but on the national scale the movement has benefited from it. Griffith Barracks was a somewhat confused agitation but we have gained from it in that from it has grown our Committee on housing and from it also the general public in Dublin were made aware of our interest in social problems.

Our most successful venture in this field was in the Dundalk Engineering Works strike. Here the strikers called upon us for our assistance. We worked with them behind the scenes and can take complete credit for their total victory. The strikers themselves are still in touch with us and the Dundalk Command area O/C has them at his disposal for activity in the Trade Union field. *Robert*

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We tried to organise resistance among the miners in Castlecomer when the mines were to be closed there. ~~The mines have been reopened.~~

Various contacts have been ^{made} throughout the country with a view to having co-operatives started and progress is being made steadily in this sphere. ~~It is~~ ^{WE HOPE} perhaps one of the greatest boosts to the co-operative movement will be the success of Comhar Linn the pool which we initiated. This venture presented many problems and took up a lot of time. ~~It is~~ ^{WE HOPE} within the next three or four weeks that Comhar Linn will be on its feet.

Much of the agitation which we carried out was hampered by the fact that many of our own people did not know exactly what they were at or how to handle the various problems which arose. Similarly not enough of our own people know enough about co-ops. trade unions, to make themselves in this field. It was also found that only Army people were active in this work. To ensure general participation and also to educate our people in the various spheres the Joint Education Centre has begun holding educational conference which will cover the various aspects. Two conferences have already been held one dealing with housing and urban problems, the second dealing with Trade Unionism. The services of experts were availed ^{of} to lecture those attending and both conferences were a tremendous success. This weekend an educational conference on Co-Operation is being held and the Education Centre ~~will~~ have further conferences on Local Government, Free Trade, Trade Unionism in the Six Counties, Region ^{al} Conferences on Co-operation and Local Problems etc. Co-operation
S.B.

Free Trade: The Economic ~~Resist~~ Independence Committee grew out of the Free Trade agitation. This committee which is comprised of people some of whom are expert on economics will be able to supply the Movement with expert knowledge and advice on economic matters.

Jubilee Commemorations:

Preparations for the Jubilee Commemorations are progressing satisfactorily. In the Six Counties where a separate Directorate has been set up tremendous progress is being made, every committee is under our control, widespread publicity is being given to the planned commemorations and we should reap great benefit from the efforts there. In most areas in the 26 Counties a similar position exists.

Military: Plan

After the extraordinary convention the Army Council appointed a Committee ~~appointed~~ to draw up a military and general plan for the Movement. The committee has just completed its work and the plan will be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

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British Warships:

In September last a British Naval Vessel visited Waterfore. It was decided in view of the Army attitude to these visits that the vessel be attacked. The boat was fired on but three Volunteers were arrested. It is significant that a similar visit to Cork planned for shortly afterwards was cancelled when through leaflet distribution our opposition to the visit was made known.

BELFAST PRISONERS:

Five Volunteers are serving terms of imprisonment in Belfast.

DUMP CAPTURED:

It is believed though it has not yet been confirmed that a dump was captured in the Kilkenny/Waterford area in October.

CLANN na hEIREANN:

The Clann na hEireann Ard Fheis will be held in late February. Kenny has continued as organiser and ~~new~~ branches have been formed in several areas. Clann's main activity last year was their Buy Irish campaign which met with ~~xxxxxx~~ satisfying success. This campaign attracted many people previously not interested in us and also gave the movement a certain amount of respect heretofore missing in England resulting in widespread publicity in Irish as well as British papers. An indication of this publicity is the publicity given in the past few weeks to the Clann campaign for the release of the Belfast prisoners. Clann have contacted and gained the support of many respected ~~names~~ ^{names} in England. Their preparations for the Easter Commemorations are progressing favourably - they expect to make a lot of ground among exiles through the public lectures which they are organising for Easter Week.

From the financial point of view Clann has not been of great direct benefit to us. However they have cleared off a debt which had been standing for some time and also have succeeded in getting a head office in London ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the initial stages needed much of their finance. £100.00

Clan na Gael

A steady though not great flow of finance has been maintained from America. A number of problems have again arisen there: South O'Hanlon Club, Vince - Smith etc. It is intended to start a ~~paper~~ ^{news collection} for America to circulate within Clann to keep them abreast of happenings here and also to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ publicise the activity of various clubs thereby boosting morale. *also again re party of U.I.*

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AFRICA and AUSTRALIA.

Through Joe Clarke the Finance Dept. has come in touch with a number of people in South Africa and Australia and has received subscriptions from them. The willingness of a number of them to collect for the Army indicates the possibility of creating a regular flow of finance from both places.

UNITED IRISHMAN.

A new Editor was appointed last September. Due to mismanagement over a period of years he found the paper in a dire financial position principally due to the failure of sellers to send in their returns. The situation was further complicated by the departure without notice of the Office Manager. It is plainly obvious that if the paper is to survive it will have to be run in a businesslike manner. The present editor through the business approach over the past few months has succeeded in bringing it out of the mess though it cannot yet be described to be in a safe position.

The U.I. now has purchased a machine on which all publicity literature, election literature etc. for the whole movement can be printed in future.

The ULSTERMAN.

This was the U.I. under a different name in an effort to beat the ban in the 6 Cos. It had been started last March but was never a success due 1. to the fact that it contained relatively little news of direct interest to Northern readers, 2. being the U.I. under the different title made no difference to its legality under the Special Powers Act 3. the absence of Northern material did not provide an incentive for sellers. It was decided to discontinue the Ulsterman in December after the sentencing of the men in Belfast.

THE SPARK.

It is intended to commence publishing a paper for the Six Counties starting from Easter. It will be a four pager initially and will be designed towards presenting a Republican viewpoint on social, economic, religious and other matters of day to day importance.

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Cost or 500
pounds

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End of last year police report that dump in Waterford captured. C/S Guinness
Waterford o/c but he could not be sure. Later investigations revealed that Army
dump in Waterford had been captured. C/S instructed o/c Waterford to supply all
particulars with view to holding full inquiry. Particulars not to hand yet.

Clara in Wexham. Organiser active still but has requested to be relieved from
Boy's Club Campaign work. Membership + branches improving. Financial help
to Movement not great. But Clara endeavouring successfully to clear debts.

Clara in Gael. Noddy floor of capital. Don't/O'Hanlon club (new) not actually
official - good - but causing trouble between
Joe Clarke's contacts good but small s.t.o. approx.

U.I. In difficulties - New editor running paper on business lines and
making progress.

Ulsterman Not good. Discontinued. Lack of sellers etc.

Proposed new 4 page paper proposed to be published at Easter "Spark".

Concluding remarks by C/S on intelligence report on Nat'l.O.
Free State Army officers briefing revealed Americans worried about reput.
influence on T.V. movement. Reckoned 500 dissidents in Ireland easily
dealt with.

Discussion on Report. o/c to ask for regular reports from C.L.

Clara raised point would Cruise have been able to repay loans.

- 1 Question of salaries to C.L. Salmon & Co. This explained by C/S
- 2 Question of safety of staff discussed - action against people who caused
loss of staff etc. No decision.

- 3 Resuming raised by Rasputin

- 4 Judge Committee Wexham stated not pleased with same. Only Nat. Comm. under
another name + not able to do job properly.
Prop. Rasputin that G.H. & Co. arrange to meet Judge Committee to ascertain
what commemorative arrangements had been made on a national scale.
Sec. McNeill + accepted.

Eaten at start of minutes -

Reported by C/S that Williams had been consulted to place Richards in Exec.

Rasputin raised need to have our American contacts do something
extra for jubilee year. Suggested possibly send rep. to States this year.
C/S. gave statement of position in States to-day. No decision.

Sympathy telegram to Union of Relatives of Black Quill