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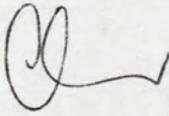
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Incident list
attached
at 5.30pm
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Loyalist Protest: Secretariat Briefing.

Mr. Collins rang at 5.30 p.m. The latest report from the British side of the Secretariat is that the situation is tense but under control. Rioting in East Belfast has abated but the area is described as "a battlefield". The British remain worried about Derry where they think Unionists may seek to march into Catholic areas (the RUC have been instructed to prevent this). Mr. Collins' impression is that the RUC have been more visible this afternoon.



Declan O'Donovan

3 March 1986

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Violent Incidents and Reports of Intimidation
in Northern Ireland - 3 March, 1986.

- Roadblock outside Omagh on Letterkenny Road; traffic turned back by strikers. (Reported to Department 10 a.m.)

- Roadblocks on main roads near loyalist estates in Derry. Main roads cleared by RUC and protestors removed. Some minor roads still blocked at 11 a.m..
(George Jackson on RTE 11 a.m.)

- Reports of nails scattered on road from Derry to Limavaddy.
(George Jackson on RTE 11 a.m.)

- Workers driving through some roadblocks in Derry reported to have been photographed by protestors.
(George Jackson on RTE 11 a.m.)

- Roadblock at Edenderry near Portadown, comprising about 40 protestors. Traffic turned back. Reported to RUC at 9.30 a.m. Still in place at 11.20 a.m.
(Reported to Department at 11.30 a.m.)

- Roadblock on Dublin-Belfast road outside Hillsborough at 9.30 a.m. (Reported to Department at 11.30 a.m.)

- Two roads in Ballymena blocked, one by boulders and another by a parked car. (Press Report, 3.3.1986)

- Road block on Shankhill Road, West Belfast. Bus siezed by five masked men before midnight and used to block road. Bus later removed. (Press Report 3.3. 1986)

- Night shift workers at Glen Mouldings factory confronted with locked gate and group of 20 protestors who 'persuaded them not to go to work'.
(Press Report 3.3.1986)
- Report that newsagents in Belfast had cancelled newspaper deliveries and were planning to remain closed following threats of intimidation.
(London Times 3.3.1986)
- Report of roadblocks in Ballinahinch and Carnaduff Co. Down. Two hospital workers refused passage at Caryduff at 8.30 a.m. Road blocked by protestors and lorries. No RUC presence.
(Reported to Department 12.20 p.m.)
- Protestant Minister from East Belfast detained at roadblock in Newtownards area. RUC present but did not intervene.
(Reported to RTE Office, Belfast)
- Man from Lurgan stopped at roadblock on way to work. RUC present but did not intervene.
(Reported to RTE Office, Belfast)
- Seamus Close of Alliance Party reported that his car was stopped and kicked outside Lisburn. He was verbally abused while RUC stood by. Having complained to an RUC officer, he was kicked on returning to his car. He identified an OUP Councillor in the crowd.
(Reported to RTE Office, Belfast)
- Fr. Pat Buckley reported that he was physically assaulted and his car kicked at a roadblock (location unknown). There was no RUC presence.
(Reported to RTE Office, Belfast)
- Reports of oil spread on roads in Northern Ireland.
(unspecified). (Ulster News 12.30 p.m.)

- Two girls refused access to Belfast Airport by men in Paramilitary uniforms.
(Ulster News 12.30 p.m.)
- Reports that roads are blocked in Markethill area. Newry and Armagh are completely blocked off: RUC are standing by. Individual complaints received by SDLP Head Office are being logged. (Seamus Mallon reported to Department at 1.00 p.m.)
- Portadown and Lurgan reported to be closed to traffic during morning. Seven road blocks between Lurgan and Newry. Loyalists entered Catholic shops in Lurgan and forced them to close down under threat. When RUC asked for help they said there was "nothing they could do" and advised that people would be "wiser to close".
(Brid Rogers. Reported to Department)
- About 300 workers attended for work in Saracen factory in Lurgan. A large crowd of loyalists has gathered outside and is threatening those outside. RUC has not intervened.
(Brid Rogers. Reported to Department at 1.00 p.m.)
- Brid Rogers later contacted the Department (1.30 p.m.) to say that RUC have begun to escort workers from the factory to safety.
- Road block on Newcastle-Ballinahinch road at Clough. Several roads around Ballinahinch area also blocked. Blockage also on Lisburn Road. Reports of cars kicked and tyres slashed. A gang of about 200 hoodlums on streets of Ballinahinch are setting fire to plastic litterbins. SDLP has complained to Chief Superintendent but believes RUC are standing by. Both catholic schools in Ballinahinch are closed. One was unable to open as school caretaker was unable to get to work. The second school closed

subsequently. Councillor Magee, SDLP Councillor in Ballinhinch, expects the situation to deteriorate during the day.

(Jim Magee Reported to Department at 1.00 p.m.)

- A bus travelling from Downpatrick to Belfast met a roadblock at Saintfield. While detouring, two more barricades, manned by paramilitaries, were met.
(Margaret Ritchie. Reported to Department at 1.20 p.m.)
- Report of car being burned as owner attempted to go to work at Metal Box Factory, Portadown.
(Brid Rogers. Reported to Department at 1.30 p.m)
- Man reported his company van attacked as he drove his wife to work in Portadown.
(Brid Rogers. Reported to Department at 1.30 p.m.)
- In Portadown, a family whose mother died in Craigavon Hospital were unable to get to the hospital. They were told that only the undertaker would be allowed through.
(Brid Rogers. Reported to Department at 1.30 p.m.)
- Reports that RUC have been standing at road blocks chatting to protestors in Cookstown area. No UDR or British Army presence.
(Denis Haughey. Reported to Department 1.15 p.m.)
- Road blocks reported in Fermanagh. RUC seen chatting at road block to Raymond Ferguson, OUP Councillor.
(Mrs. Flanagan. Reported to Department)

- Widespread intimidation reported around Dungannon. M1 motorway blocked from 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Ballygawley roundabout blocked all morning. Thomas Street roundabout only cleared before lunch. Post Office in Dungannon remains closed. RUC reported to be "standing about with their hands in their pockets".
(Mr. Austin Currie. Reported to Department)
- Report that five UDR men seen among protestors at Kilkeel.
(Seamus Mallon has issued statement)
- Road block at Abercorn Road entrance to Bogside. Subsequently cleared. Group of thirty to forty loyalists reported marching up Malven Terrace followed by RUC men. Stones thrown at Catholic church. RUC took no action.
(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)
- Crowd of about one hundred ordering shopkeepers to close business for day in Spencer Road area, Derry.
(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)
- Crowd blocking road at Donemara. Police landrover in attendance. No action taken.
- Trees felled and road blocked at Ardmore. Reports that police stood by and watched.
(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)
- Crowd attacked car at Burntollet. Police slow to intervene.
(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)
- Masked and hooded men block roads at Corryneirin. Despite numerous calls, police have not intervened.
(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)
- Rally planned at Guildhall Square this afternoon. Town Clerk has made it clear Guildhall would be in danger of

attack. Police feel it would be easier to allow Rally to continue than to stop Waterside crowd at Craigavon Bridge and have told SDLP HQ Derry that Rally is likely to be given the go-ahead.

(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department)

- Rioting in Belfast following Rally addressed by Peter Robinson at City Hall. Up to 500 youths overturned lorry and set it alight at junction of Newtownards and Albert Bridge Road. Windows broken and cars damaged in Brunswick Street. Car set on fire in Bedford Street. Car showrooms and several offices damaged.

(3 p.m. news. Downtown Radio)

- Four police officers and two women injured following a loyalist siege at Saracen's factory (see page 3 above). One baton round fired by police.

(3 p.m. news. Downtown Radio)

- Felled tree blocking Upper Crumlin Road in Belfast. Because NIES staff are unavailable, road will not be cleared until tomorrow.

(3 p.m. news. Downtown Radio)

- Eddie McGrady has complained to NIO that if army not on streets within a couple of hours the situation (in South Down) will be lost completely. No effort is being made by RUC to prevent intimidation.

(Mr. McGrady. Reported to Department
4 p.m.)

- Mr. Flanagan, who reported to the Department earlier today (page 4 above), was detained by the RUC and told he would be summoned for conduct leading to a breach of the peace. Having been refused at a roadblock at Killyvilley, he went to a nearby RUC Patrol who were taking no action, and challenged them as to their conduct. He was briefly

detained and, on release, was told that they had been instructed "to watch and observe".

(Rosemary Flanagan. Reported to
Department at 4.20 p.m.)

- Roads in Omagh remain blocked. RUC Inspector challenged by locals to ask protestors to move off but refused. Road to Tyrone County Hospital is blocked. Entrance to barracks also blocked but no action taken. RUC say they have only been instructed to keep the main roads (i.e. Omagh-Belfast) open.

(Reported to Department by local priest
at 4.30 p.m.)

- Solicitor's Office burned down in Belfast. Crowd gathering at Dundonald House. Airport in Belfast completely closed by roadblocks. No effective Police action.

(Alban McGuinness. Reported to
Department at 5.p.m.)

- SDLP report they have names of 3 of 5 UDR members seen at Kilkeel. They are: Jim Donaldson (father of OUP Assembly man, Geoffrey Donaldson); Jim McAtee; Sam McAtee.

(SDLP HQ. Reported to Department
at 5 p.m.)

- Clashes reported between Nationalists and Loyalists in Derry.

(5 p.m. News Radio. Ulster)

- Fire at Saracen's Factory, Lurgan.

(5 p.m. News. Radio Ulster)

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