

The constitutional position has been called into question by the heroic struggle of the Six-County people against armed sectarian violence.

British spokesmen are already twisting the facts to fit a theory that this proves federalism does not work, in order to beat down the Scottish and Welsh.

This lie must be exposed. The Six Counties is not a region or nation within the UK: it has no reason for existence except as a device to divide the historic Irish nation.

The Dublin government must react sharply to this new twist, and must strengthen their case by appealing immediately for an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

The Dublin government must be prepared to use all the resources at its disposal to re-unite the nation. We call on the Irish people to show unanimously their support for this demand by downing tools and offering their services to help the people of the Six Counties in every possible way.

The Republican Movement is actively engaged in organising support for local citizens defence committees in the Six Counties.

There will be no peace until the B Specials are disarmed, the British troops withdrawn, and an all-Ireland election called under a democratic constitution with UN supervision.

We reject the call issued by some misguided elements of the NICRA for direct rule from Westminster and suspension of Stormont.

There is no salvation for the Six-County people in direct rule by Westminster. Strengthening Britain's hold on the North is not the way to a free united Ireland. Those who make this call — Bernadette Devlin, McAteer, Cooper, Currie — have not thought of the dangerous implications of this course. For the next step after that would be London doing a deal with Lynch and the unionists, and bringing the whole of Ireland into a federal United Kingdom. The far-sighted spokesmen of British imperialism in their Whitehall offices are already talking about this. Eddie McAteer called for 'a little UN of these islands'.

PEOPLE OF IRELAND!

Our fellow-countrymen in the North — and especially the working people of the cities — are now in battle with the sectarian armed forces of Unionism — B Specials and Paisleyites — and under siege in places.

Strong blows are being struck at imperialism in this country, and the puppet régime at Stormont is tottering. The imperial master has sent in his troops: to keep order, but not to give our people justice in their own country. Our 'own' government in the 26 Counties have made feeble gestures that have been contemptuously rebuffed, but as yet have done nothing that would really help our embattled people.

A meeting will be held tomorrow (Saturday) the 16th of August, under the auspices of the National Solidarity Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to demand:

- * immediate disarming of the sectarian B Specials
- * withdrawal of British troops
- * all-Ireland elections under UN supervision, using the democratic PR system
- * immediate granting of civil rights over the heads of Stormont as an interim measure

The meeting will call upon the Dublin government to make these demands to the British government, with all the resources of the state, and to call for an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council to support them.

Speakers will include:

Michael Mullen (Secretary, ITGWU)

Noel Harris (Executive Committee, Dublin Trades Council)

Ciarán McKeown (Union of Students in Ireland)

Roy Johnston (Sinn Féin)

Matt Larkin (National Association of

Joe Deasy (Irish Workers' Party)

Tenants' Organisations)

Maolsheachlainn Ó Caollaí (President, Conradh na Gaeilge)

plus Labour Party, GAA, and other speakers (all speakers in their personal capacities).

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