

STATEMENT OF

THE PATRICK SHEILS IRISH REPUBLICAN CLUB

WE BELIEVE:

- that the English Army of Occupation has no legal or moral right in Northern Ireland;
- that the English Army of Occupation must be held responsible for the murders of innocent people;
- that the English Army of Occupation are the true terrorists;
- that without the Irish Republican Army, the voices of freedom and democracy would be silenced;
- that only when the partition of Ireland is removed can there be true peace.

WE SUPPORT:

- all peaceful means to reunify Ireland;
- the right of the people to self-defense;
- the right of the Irish people to rule all Ireland

WE ASK:

- that you join us in our demonstration against British tyranny;
- that you boycott British-made goods;
- that you call or write us if you would like to help in any way

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SPECIAL POWERS ACT

Occupied Ireland

The Special Powers Act of 1922 was designed to break the resistance of English dominance in the six northern counties of Ireland.

To men who are free, or who yearn to be free, the following provisions of the Act are particularly oppressive:

- (a) enter and search homes without warrants, with force, at any hour of the day or night;
- (b) deny claim to trial by jury;
- (c) arrest persons the authorities desire to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions under penalties, even if the answers incriminate them;
- (d) prohibit the holding of an inquest after a prisoner's death;
- (e) prohibit the circulation of any newspaper;
- (f) arrest a person who does anything which the authorities would consider was "calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of peace or maintenance of order in Northern Ireland and not specifically provided for in the regulations."

This political weapon was invoked on August 9, 1971 to round up hundreds of civil rights workers and many other people whom the local police considered harmful to the State. Since that time, several reports have been made on the "justice system" with appalling revelations.

Indiscriminate arrests, almost exclusively of Irish Nationalists, long detention in substandard internment camps, brutal and systematic torture, and rigged convictions have served to discredit and dishonor the concept of British justice from which our own American system was derived.