

arrived at Southampton March 14, according to a Reuters report (and confirmed by Dart Containerline).

The arms were found three weeks later when troops searched the dock area to check on reported Arab terrorist activity. The America's containerized cargo had to pass through both Antwerp and U.S. Customs inspections before arrival at Southampton. Two Canadian nationals are being investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in connection with the arms smuggling, although according to Dart Containerline, the America did not stop in Canada.

#### **Background on Terrorist Build-Up In Northern Ireland**

April 10 — The fact that the Belfast and British population — and the Labour government — accept without resistance the 12-foot "Warsaw Ghetto" wall that the army is constructing around central Belfast indicates the success of the three-and-one-half year counterinsurgency campaign in Northern Ireland. There is now no organized force in Ulster except the army, and the army is prepared to take over.

The first phase of the army's psychological warfare runs from before the introduction of British troops to the fall of 1970, which saw the opening of Long Kesh internment and brainwashing selection center. Long Kesh was established in the aftermath of "Operation Motorman"— the army move into Catholic neighborhoods which resulted in the internment of most of the IRA leaders.

That period was marked by one consistent pattern.

The army never had enough troops of the right quality to actually deal with mass situations! That was no accident. Catholic and Protestant populations, still riding at that point on the crest of mass strike ferment, were "funneled" by the army's tactics into the arms of the IRA and extremist Protestant groups, such as the Vanguard Movement and the Loyalists. Concomitantly, all other political formations, like the unionists, were discredited and fractured.

During the same period the British military, using its agents in the Republic, established the Provisional IRA. This was not only a handy vehicle for terrorist operations. It ensured that there would be no nominally pro-working-class all-Ireland movement to take leadership of the struggle.

#### **Discrediting Politics**

In the fall of 1970 the ferment was ebbing. Army strategists like Kitson, who was at that point in charge of operations in Belfast, picked off the by now visible and vulnerable political leaderships, and then proceeded to develop the full potential of the community self-policing which had been established in major urban areas.

This phase, which lasted until the Sunningdale talks of this year, effectively saw the province turned into an army training ground while the process of discrediting political institutions and politicians was allowed to continue. It was the same process that saw the development of the Provisional IRA, as the mass Vanguard movement was counter-organized into the Ulster Defense Association, which in turn became the Ulster Volunteer Force.