

**NORTHERN IRELAND SUCCUMBS  
TO ROCKEFELLER;  
CIA'S "UWC" DOES TRICK**

May 31 (IPS) — Northern Ireland is now under direct military rule with a powerless caretaker government, the culmination of years of Tavistock-inspired counter-insurgency. The final ingredient of this final solution was the 21-member Ulster Workers Council, which appeared from "nowhere" to stage what the *Sunday Irish Press* called "the world's first fascist general strike." The province of Ulster has been brought to an advanced state of chaos and confusion, ending in military rule.

**CIA Thumbprint**

The Ulster Workers Council materialized about a month ago, just as it seemed that the Protestant/Catholic power-sharing government established by the Sunningdale Agreement might provide the basis for a minimally civilized bourgeois government. Significantly, the UWC was neither a workers' council, nor had any trade-union connections. Indeed, according to the *Irish Press*, which had never heard of it, the UWC was virtually unknown to Northern Ireland's working class before last month. The *New York Times* mentions that the UWC seems to have been formed solely for the purpose of the strike. A careful check by IPS researchers indicates that the group has absolutely *no history*, just "obscure and dubious origins."

The UWC was manufactured for a specific mission: to organize a breakdown of social and economic life to justify military rule in Northern Ireland. Said an officer of the Ulster Defense Association, a Protestant paramilitary group with which the UWC was closely linked: "When we get our way, we won't need to exist anymore."

**"Stability Operations"**

As a result of the general strike, by last weekend Ulster was brought to the first stage of "stability operations." People were without gas, electricity, water, fresh produce, and jobs. Sewers were about to overflow.

Social control was run by the UWC through "welfare councils" and food distribution centers — Symbionese Liberation Army-style — in key areas. Order was enforced by paramilitary Protestant groups.

As Belfast tottered on the brink of chaos, the 17,000-man Army, bolstered by 300 special engineers flown in from West Germany, merely stood by, permitting the situation to deteriorate completely. Beside dismantling a few barricades for effect, the Army's chief function was to supervise the collapse, leaving the working class no choice but to demand that the troops take over and run all essential services.

At a press conference strike leaders announced further restrictions on essential services which would effectively reduce the standard of living to that of a concentration camp.

In order to avoid mass starvation, at least at this point, British Prime Minister Wilson decided to move. By Friday Wilson had ordered troops into the province to operate fuel depots, power plants, and sewage works.

But Army chiefs in Ulster refused to carry out the order without specialists from the Reserves. The Army took its cue from the UWC, who knew about Wilson's next moves before Wilson did, interestingly; that if British troops touched the petrol dumps, the remaining Protestant technicians would add their support to the walkout. British Army Chief of Staff General Peter Hunt made an unannounced visit to Ulster, followed by the required specialist troops, arriving just in time for the coalition government to submit its resignation.

The UWC promptly announced that it would offer only passive resistance to the takeover and signalled the end of its role by self-destructing: "The Army is now left to control essential services. We are withdrawing from the scene. The Army came in to break the strike, and now it is their responsibility."

In the convenient vacuum left by the strike, Oliver Napier, Minister for Law and Reform, announced Rockefeller's plans for Northern Ireland's future. He predicted that after the election the province would become a Protestant fascist state.