

*Stafhy Christmas*  
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*Fascist Master*

The front depicts one of the posters which appeared on the walls of Belfast in mid August 1969.

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For more information about the Special Powers Act send 2/= (P.O. or Coin) to the Peoples Democracy, 84 Albert St. Belfast. 14.

The Special Powers Act  
 Northern Ireland

- Under the Act the authorities are empowered to:
- (1) Arrest without warrant;
  - (2) Imprison without charge or trial and deny recourse to *habeus corpus* or a court of law;
  - (3) Enter and search homes without warrant, and with force, at any hours of day or night;
  - (4) Declare a curfew and prohibit meetings, assemblies (including fairs and markets) and processions;
  - (5) Permit punishment by flogging;
  - (6) Deny claim to a trial by jury;
  - (7) Arrest persons it is desired to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions, under penalties, even if answers may incriminate them. Such a person is guilty of an offence if he refuses to be sworn or answer a question;
  - (8) Do any act involving interference with the rights of private property;
  - (9) Prevent access of relatives or legal advisers to a person imprisoned without trial;
  - (10) Prohibit the holding of an inquest after a prisoner's death;
  - (11) Arrest a person who "by word of mouth" spreads false reports or makes false statements;
  - (12) Prohibit the circulation of any newspaper;
  - (13) Prohibit the possession of any film or gramophone record;
  - (14) Arrest a person who does anything "calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of peace or maintenance of order in Northern Ireland and not specifically provided for in the regulations."

