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# SAOR EIRE G.H.Q.

For tactical reasons it has never been the policy of this organization to issue statements disclaiming any actions attributed to it, by misguided or prejudiced persons in Dublin Castle or elsewhere. In releasing this statement we hope we do not appear to be felon setting.

To enable this statement to be issued, which is being done in the public interest, Article 14, Section 7, of the Constitution of Saor Eire has been temporarily suspended for this purpose only. No unit of Saor Eire was ever active in the City of Dublin or on the morning of April 3rd 1970. No member of this organization has been in any way connected with the shooting of a member of the Gardai Siochana in Dublin on that date. In view of the manner in which the hunt has been carried out against Socialist and Republican Organizations, Saor Eire, supported by many people, calls upon the Government to set up an independent commission of investigation to hold a Public Inquiry into :

- (1) The death of Garda Fallon  
and
- (2) The Special Branch with British Authorities against Irishmen and women struggling to end oppression in Ireland.

If such an Inquiry were to be set up, Saor Eire believes that the seven men named in the Garda Circular of 5th April 1970 will come forward to give evidence for the purpose of helping to establish the truth so far as their innocence or otherwise is concerned in the accident which resulted in the unfortunate death of Garda Fallon. It must be guaranteed that they will not be held on any charges of a political or other nature until 48 hours after the publication of the findings.

A member of this organization, Frank Keane, who up to the time of his arrest by the British Special Branch was the National Organizer of Saor Eire and a member of the GHQ, has since been charged with the alleged murder of Garda Fallon of which he states he is innocent.

Signed :

  
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