

Statement by Cathal Goulding

The I.R.A. said in Dublin tonight it has sent a number of fully equipped units to the North of Ireland. A statement from the organisation says that all its members have been placed on full alert. The statement warns British soldiers in the North of Ireland that they will be "in a very perilous situation". Statement goes on "We warn you that if you allow yourselves to be used to suppress the legitimate attempts of the people to defend themselves against the "B" Specials and the sectarian Orange murder gang then you will have to take the consequences". The organisation calls on the Dublin Government to use the Irish Army in the North and to call an urgent meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Statement says that I.R.A. units have played their part in defensive operations in Bogside where they have put their discipline and experience at the disposal of the Citizens Defence Association. Statement says the I.R.A. and other Republican organisations have co-operated with the Citizens Defence Group in Belfast and used their all too limited resources in the attempt to hold off what it describes as the terrorist forces of reaction which have been unleashed on peaceful men, women and children.