

# NORTHERN IRELAND: A 20 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE

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Last week UNB Conflict Studies has brought a thought-provoking international conference that examined "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland within political, military and social perspectives. Spending 400 years, the conflict's late this one starting in the has presented his political analysts a problems.

The two-day study successfully by Dr. O'Brien, the Republic of Ireland's eminent diplomat. Dr. O'Brien gave the conference some by briefly examining events in the conflict's last segment, including attempts both the government situation.

An interesting feature of the conference that the Centre for Conflict Studies is noted for its diversity of approaches and themes that the selected conference papers use to educate participants. The first session, authored by He Patterson from the University of Ulster, examined the evolution of Republicanism as a political movement and its impact through the life of Gerry Adams.

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Bernadette Devlin, an Irish MP that toured the US in the late 1960's, Wilson traced the shift in techniques used to obtain support from Americans of Irish descent.

Session 2 was an extremely treatment of propaganda and its legitimacy and its political fronts Northern Ireland and the

Author by James Wright the University of the Republic on specific media events in Northern Ireland in the years. Stewart Donovan provided an interesting of Irish writers and the of Irish literature.

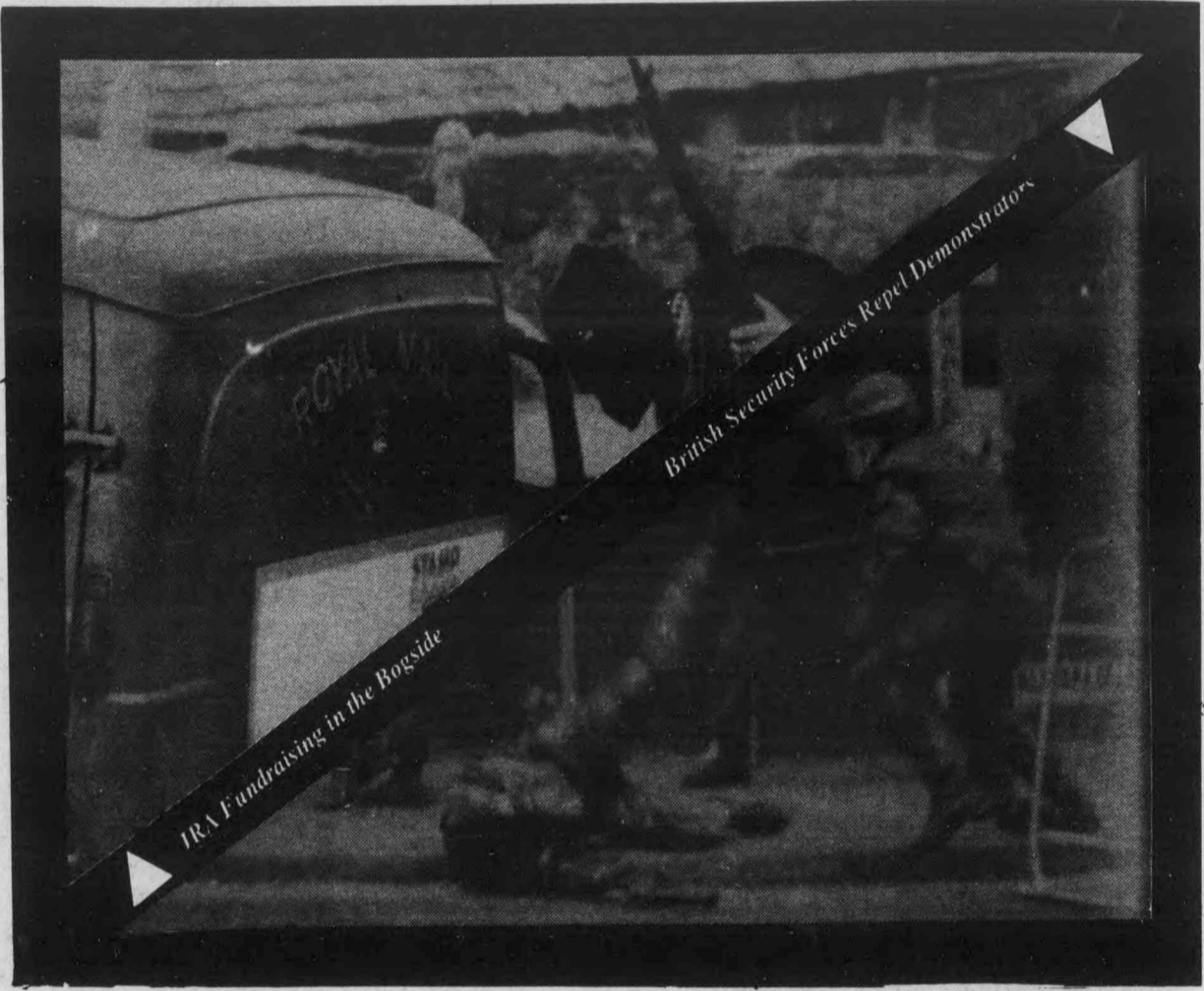
by James Crimmons Huron College, session 3 extensively the problems security forces from both the Republic and Great Britain contend with. Paul Clare detailed the racketeering techniques used by various Irish resistance groups to acquire funds for operations and to garner political support; Eunan O'Halpin from Dublin City University described security liaison policy between the Republic and Great Britain.

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settlement based upon the French Algerian solution and the Scuttle Option. John McGarry from King's College London Ontario suggests the consociationalism alternative, a power sharing agreement between Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland and the Northern Provinces. Finally, Paul Arthur from the University of Ulster, suggested that

efforts to deal with "The Troubles" over the past 10 years have had as independence, Loyalist self-determination, unity by consent, the Sinn Fein proposal, a their objective the regulation of the conflict and not the resolution of it.

In summary, this multi-disciplinary conference expanded almost all participants knowledge of the conflict in Northern Ireland, particularly efforts being taken to resolve or regulate the situation and a healthy respect for the problems that all sides have in the accomplishment of this aim.



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