The simple fact is that they have no real right to be in Ireland. They are conducting aggressive actions in someone else's country. They're not there

AN EYE ON THE RULING CLASS
THE RACE RIOT THAT WASN'T

Sixty working-class children relieved their frustrations by fighting one afternoon in the streets of a south London borough. That evening and the next morning, the children and passers-by who had witnessed the skirmish read accounts of it in the newspapers that wildly contradicted the truth.

The children, from three comprehensives in Brixton, were all black, but could easily have been white, working-class youngsters. The papers were the popular Fleet Street dailies, and their motive was to create racial tension.

The "Evening News" ('the greater London paper'), was especially imaginative in its reporting. Beside itself with glee, it screamed that "a mob of black youth" had "attacked mainly white pupils" and that "passers-by cowered in shop doorways as the white and black gangs clashed." Believing this was not sensational enough, it went on to say: "One gang of more than 100 coloured teenagers were armed with weapons, including a shotgun, stiletto, iron bar and milk bottles." It quoted Mr Stanley Rees, headmaster of Kingsdale school, as saying "I've never seen anything like it".

All this came as news to Mr Rees, who promptly issued a statement emphasising that no white pupils had been involved and that the quote attributed to him was pure invention.

TRUTH

The truth was there had been no "race war", no punch-ups between black children and white.

What happened was that children from Tulse Hill and Norwood comprehensives had gone to Kingsdale comprehensive, Dulwich, where there had been an argument the previous day involving a girl who claimed that some Tulse Hill pupils had insulted her. In the fighting that followed, no property was damaged and no one reported any injuries to the school or police.

Quiz corner

1. Which scab trade-union mis-leader bans communists from posts in his union and runs it like a little Hitler?
2. What is the name of the revolutionary socialist doctor who left his Canadian homeland to apply his medical knowledge for the good of the Chinese people?
3. Which racist and fascist British politician wrote "The Greater London Paper"?