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SUBJECT: SINN FEIN/IRA ATTACK U.S., BRITISH, AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS  
AND DEFEND GADAFI IN MORE EXPLICIT TERMS THAN USUAL

1. RECENT EVENTS IN LIBYA HAVE CAUSED SINN FEIN AND THE PROVISIONAL IRA TO ADOPT A MORE PROMINENT APOLOGIST ROLE ON LIBYA THAN IS ORDINARILY THE CASE. IN THE PROCESS, THEY HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED HEAVIER ATTACKS ON THE U.S., THE BRITISH, AND THE IRISH GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR STANCES ON THE LIBYAN QUESTION.

2. THB SINN FEIN/IRA WEEKLY AN PHOBLACHT/REPUBLICAN NEWS OF APRIL 17 ILLUSTRATES THE POINT. THE FRONT PAGE IS A DRAMATIC, NEAR FULL PAGE DRAWING OF A TATTERED AMERICAN FLAG FLYING OVER A FIELD OF DEVASTATION INCLUDING RUBBLE, SKULLS AND THE LIKE. THE PROMINENT CAPTION IS "AND THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE, BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THRO' THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE....." PAGE 2 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "OPINION" IS DEVOTED TO THE UNITED STATES ATTACK ON LIBYA. ITS GENERAL TONE IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE FOLLOWING:

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BEGIN QUOTE

APART FROM THE FACT THAT LIBYA HAS DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THOSE

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ATTACKS, PETER BARRY IGNORES THE REALITY THAT ATTACKS AGAINST  
US PERSONNEL, WHETHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY, IN EUROPE AND THE  
MIDDLE EAST ARE A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY  
THE CURRENT US ADMINISTRATION TO THE ZIONIST REGIME IN OCCUPIED  
PALESTINE. IN PARTICULAR, THOSE ATTACKS FOLLOW US SUPPORT FOR  
THE ZIONIST INVASION OF LEBANON.

END QUOTE

3. SAME EDITION DEVOTES TWO PAGE CENTERFOLD TO ARTICLES ON LIBYA.  
ONE IS ENTITLED "LIBYA: AN ARROGANT ACT OF AGGRESSION" AND  
ANOTHER "THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYA". THE READER IS LEFT IN  
LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AGAINST AN  
INNOCENT LIBYA.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TO EUR/NE THE APRIL 17 AN PHOBLACHT/  
REPUBLICAN NEWS. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THIS SINN  
FEIN/IRA APPROACH IS RECEIVED (IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT IT IS SEEN  
AT ALL) BY NORAIID SUPPORTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

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