

Happy Christmas from Fascist Ulster

- Under the Act the authorities are empowered to:
- (1) Arrest without warrant;
 - (2) Imprison without charge or trial and deny recourse to *habeas corpus* or a court of law;
 - (3) Enter and search homes without warrant, and with force, at any hours of day or night;
 - (4) Declare a curfew and prohibit meetings, assemblies (including fairs and markets) and processions;
 - (5) Permit punishment by flogging;
 - (6) Deny claim to a trial by jury;
 - (7) Arrest persons if it is desired to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions, under penalties, even if answers may incriminate them. Such a person is guilty of an offence if he refuses to be sworn or answer a question;
 - (8) Do any act involving interference with the rights of private property;
 - (9) Prevent access of relatives or legal advisers to a person imprisoned without trial;
 - (10) Prohibit the holding of an inquest after a prisoner's death;
 - (11) Arrest a person who "by word of mouth" spreads false reports or makes false statements;
 - (12) Prohibit the circulation of any newspaper;
 - (13) Prohibit the possession of any film or gramophone record;
 - (14) Arrest a person who does anything "calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of peace or maintenance of order in Northern Ireland and not specifically provided for in the regulations."

The Special Powers Act Northern Ireland



The front depicts one of the posters which appeared on the walls of Belfast in mid August 1969.

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