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Chun an Aire Dli agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

QUESTION: To ask the Minister for Justice if he will state in what circumstances and on whose authority numerous groups of British Army personnel have been allowed to return across the Border to the Six Counties, having been apprehended by security forces in 26 County territory: and whether in all cases arms carried by the British were confiscated and, if not, why.

- Neil T. Blaney.

THURSDAY 24th
For answer on ~~Wednesday~~, 26th May, 1976.

ANSWER: As I'm sure the Deputy will appreciate, it is not possible for me to deal with the cases mentioned in the question without commenting, if not explicitly at least by necessary implication, on another case that is now before the Courts. Any such comment would of course be highly improper in relation to a matter that is sub-judice.

If the Deputy cares to repeat his question when the latter case has been disposed of by the Courts I shall be glad to answer it.