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Summary of situation in NI Prisons over the period <u>0830</u> hours on <u>28</u> September 1977 . to <u>0830</u> hours on <u>29</u> September 1977.

ARMAGH (82 female 13 male)

There are now 16 female prisoners refusing to work. Prisoner M Gibson who was sentenced to three years yesterday has joined the protest.

BELFAST (807)

The self imposed segregation in A and C Wings continues and seven prisoners are now refusing to work; three of the streakers were transferred to the Maze yesterday. In Belfast CC yesterday morning 4 Young Prisoners who were each sentenced to 15 years shouted "up the UDA" as they left the dock. They reacted when officers attempted to remove them from court, with the result that one officer (Brownlee) sustained injuries.

MAGILLIGAN (383) The prison remains quiet.

MAZE (1532)

Four new commitals Hunter, Sands, Finnuache and McDonald have joined the protest and are refusing to wear prison clothes. This brings the total number of strippers to 170. Yesterday all prisoners in Phase 5 (PIRA) refused prison food in support of the protestors in H5.

MILLISLE (76 2 absconders)

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