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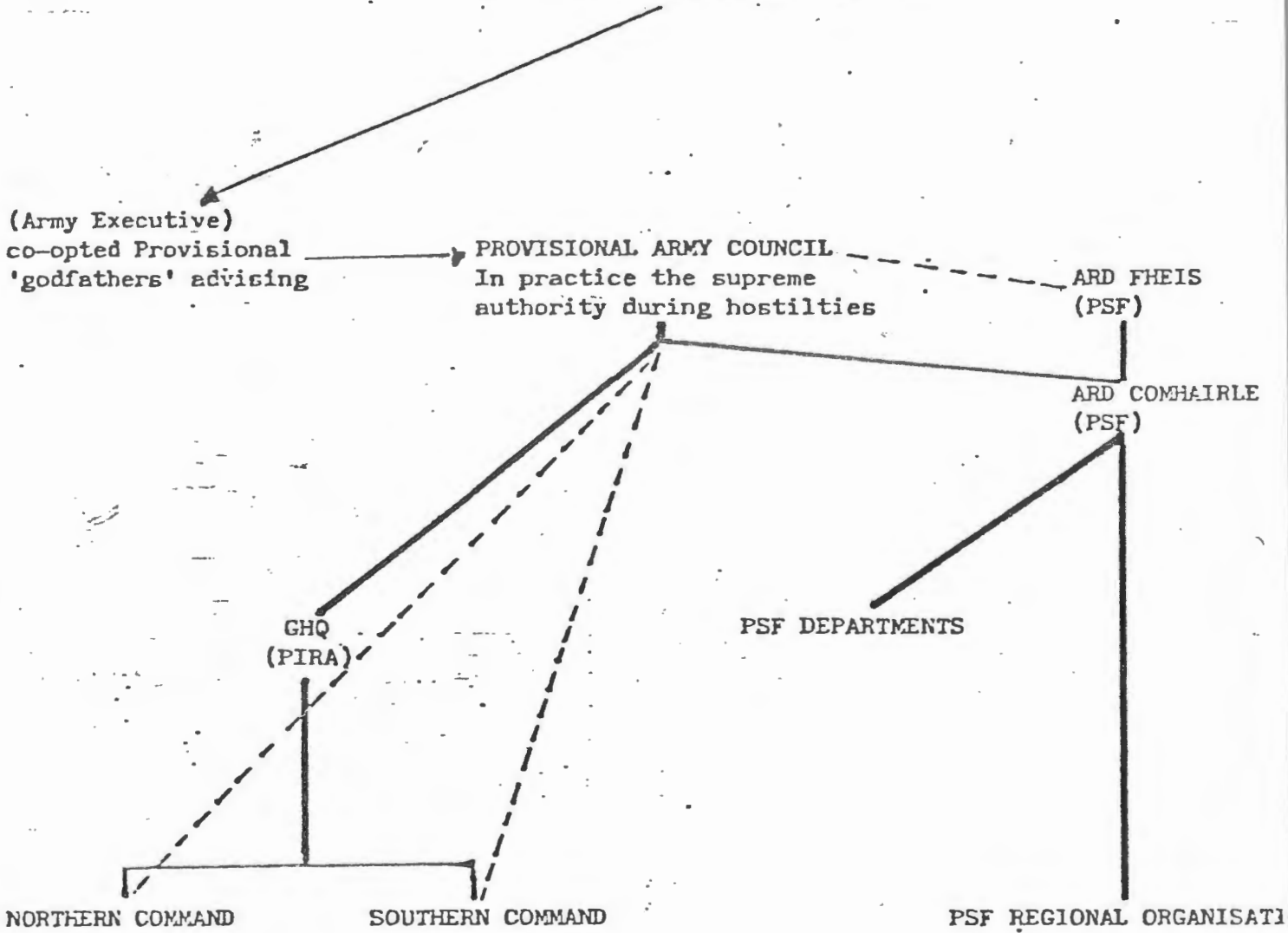
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THE PROVISIONAL MOVEMENT: CHAIN OF COMMAND IN PRACTICE

(General Army Convention)
The 'Supreme Army Authority' in theory,
but has not met since 1969



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CONSTITUTION OF
OGLAIGH NA hEIREANN

1. Title:

The Army shall be known as Oglaiġh na hEireann.

2. Membership:

- (a) Enlistment in Oglaiġh na hEireann shall be open to all Irishmen of good character who have attained the age of sixteen years, and who accept the objects of Oglaiġh na hEireann as stated in the Constitution.
- (b) Membership of Oglaiġh na hEireann is open to women on a basis of full equality.
- (c) Participation in Leinster House, Stormont or Westminster is strictly forbidden and in any other subordinate Parliament, if any.
- (d) Any Volunteer who, by a resolution, proposes entry into Leinster House, Stormont or Westminster automatically dismisses himself from membership of Oglaiġh na hEireann.

3. Objects:

1. To guard the honour and uphold the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Ireland.
2. To establish an Irish Socialist Republic, based on the Proclamation of 1916.
3. To establish and uphold a lawful Government in sole and absolute control of the Republic.
4. To secure and defend civil and religious liberty and equal rights and equal opportunities for all citizens.
5. To promote the revival of the Irish language as the everyday language of the people and to promote the development of the best mental and physical characteristics of our race.

4. Means:

The means by which Oglaiġh na hEireann shall endeavour to achieve its objects are -

- (a) Force of arms.
- (b) Organising, training and equipping the manhood of Ireland as an efficient military force.
- (c) Annihilating as directed by the Army Authority, all organisations working for the same objects.

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5. Army Control

- (a) The General Army Convention shall be the Supreme Army Authority.
- (b) The Army Council shall be the Supreme Authority when a General Convention is not in session.
- (c) The Army Council shall have power to delegate its powers to a Government which is actively endeavouring to function as the de facto Government of the Republic.
- (d) When a Government is functioning as the de facto Government of the Republic a General Army Convention shall be convened to give the Allegiance of Oglaiġh na hEireann to such a Government.
- (e) All personnel and all armament, equipment and other resources of Oglaiġh na hEireann shall be at the disposal of and subject to the Army Authority, to be employed and utilised as the Army Authority shall direct.

6. General Army Convention

- (a) A General Army Convention of Delegates (selected as set out hereinafter) shall meet every two years unless the majority of these delegates notify the Army Council that they deem it better for military purposes to postpone it. When a General Army Convention is postponed, it shall be summoned to meet as soon as the majority of the delegates shall notify the Army Council that they deem it advisable.
- (b) An Extraordinary General Army Convention shall be called when a majority of the Executive so decide.
- (c) That should it be necessary to summon an Extraordinary General Convention and that the urgency of the issue for the Convention does not permit of the selection of delegates, as prescribed that the delegates to the previous General Convention constitute the Extraordinary General Convention. When for any reason a Delegate to the previous General Convention has become ineligible, or is not available, the Battalion Council shall elect a Delegate in his stead, every active Volunteer in the Battalion being eligible.

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DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ARMY COUNCIL

- (1) The Chairman of the Army Executive or his representative shall, as soon as possible after the election of the Army Council, summon a meeting of the Army Council, over which he shall preside, until a Chairman and Secretary have been elected.
- (2) The Army Council shall meet at least once a month.
- (3) Vacancies occurring in the Army Council shall be filled from substitutes elected by the Executive or co-opted by the Army Council in advance. Co-options by the Army Council must be ratified by the Executive at its next meeting.
- (4) Any Active Volunteer shall be eligible for membership of the Army Council.
- (5) The Army Council shall have power to:
 - (i) Conclude peace or declare war when a majority of the Council so decide.
 - (ii) Appoint a Chief of Staff and ratify all appointments to the Commissioned ranks.
 - (iii) Make regulations regarding organisation, training, discipline, equipment and operations, such as will ensure that the Army will be as efficient as possible.
 - (iv) Take all necessary steps to secure co-ordination with other Republican organisations.
 - (v) Keep in touch with all foreign organisations and countries which may help the Army in any way.
 - (vi) Arrange for the care of wounded Volunteers and their dependents and the dependents of Volunteers killed, imprisoned or on active service.
- (6) The Chief of Staff, Adjutant General and Quartermaster General shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Army Council, but shall not be entitled to vote unless they are members of the Army Council.
- (7) Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum of the Army Council.
- (8) A member of the Army Council who, for any reason ceases to be an active Volunteer, shall cease to be a member of the Army Council.

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SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE COMMAND AND GENERAL ARMY CONVENTIONS

Command Conventions

- (1) Delegates to the Command Conventions shall be elected by ballot as follows:
 - (a) At each parade called for the purpose, each unit in Command Area shall elect a delegate to attend the Command Convention.
 - (b) One member of the Command Staff, elected by the Staff at a special meeting called for the purpose.
 - (c) The Command O.C. shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Command Convention.
 - (d) Each Command Convention shall meet when instructed by the Army Authority and elect one delegate when the total number of Volunteers who parade for Unit Conventions do not exceed twenty (20) and two (2) delegates when the number of Volunteers do not exceed fifty (50) and one (1) delegate for each twenty (20) additional Volunteers on parade at Unit Conventions.

Brigade Conventions

Where the Independent Unit is a Brigade, a Brigade Convention may be held consisting of the delegates elected by the Units, Battalion Staffs and the Brigade Staff, with power to pass or reject any resolution brought forward by these delegates. The delegates from each Battalion shall each select their own delegates to the Army Convention.

ELECTION OF BRIGADE, DIVISIONAL AND COMMAND STAFF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ARMY CONVENTION

Two delegates shall be elected at a meeting of General Headquarters Staff Officers, with the exception of Chief of Staff, Adjutant General & Q. M. General.

RESOLUTIONS TO GENERAL ARMY CONVENTION

Command Conventions and the meetings of G.H.Q. Staff for the election of delegates to General Army Convention shall have power to discuss any matter relating to the Army or to the Nation and to pass resolutions regarding such matters. These resolutions shall be forwarded to G.H.Q. within the time specified by the Army Authority

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and shall appear on the agenda for the General Army Convention.

EVERY VOLUNTEER SHALL MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

"I (name) promise that I will promote the objects of Oglagh na hEireann to the best of my knowledge and ability and that I will obey all orders and regulations issued to me by the Army Authority and by my superiors officers".

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

It shall require a two-thirds majority of a General Army Convention to change articles in this Constitution.

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