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John McGuffin

libertarian socialist, advocate of non-violence, a leading member of People's Democracy was one of the first victims of the new techniques for repressing political opposition to the Unionist junta in Northern Ireland. He describes his experiences during five weeks of internment without trial.

Graham D. Martin

of the University of Edinburgh gives an account of the views of the group associated with the periodical *Tel Quel*. The meaning of poetic language is to be found solely within the text itself or in its relationship to other texts; it says nothing about the world. The group are Maoists who 'by refusing relevance to literature . . . have discovered a means of saving it from the dead hand of Stalinist Social Realist criticism.'

Geoffrey Preston, O.P.

of the Oxford Community continues his series of articles on the sacraments with a consideration of baptism as life and death in Christ.

David Lodge

referees the Kate Millett-Norman Mailer fight over the question of Women's Lib. Even though Mailer loses on points, some of the ones he makes are excellent all the same.

William E. Jerman

who works for IDOC (International Documentation on the Contemporary Church) views with some justifiable alarm the centralization of the main Catholic international aid agencies in curial hands.

This issue also contains the Index of articles, authors and books reviewed in 1971.

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