

Loyalist 'is ill-treated' in Mountjoy

A LOYALIST prisoner in Dublin's Mountjoy Jail, Fred Parkinson, is being subjected to treatment which "contravenes the Articles of Humna Rights," according to the Ulster Defence Association magazine, titled 'Ulster.'

"Conditions at Mountjoy Prison for Fred Parkinson are aimed at destroying his soul," the article claims.

"He is allowed one hour of exercise in 24. His reading material and handcraft work are greatly restricted. He is stripped naked twice each day. He is not permitted to read any newspaper from Ulster. Whenever Fred does have the opportunity to do any leather work, he must pay the Mountjoy prison authorities the sum of £3. This means that a wallet made by Fred will cost £4." the article said.

Parkinson, who is serving a 12-year-sentence for his part in a fire bomb blitz in Dublin, is visited every week according to the magazine by his wife Shirley

The magazine claims that when his wife visits him weekly neither he nor she is permitted to smoke. The visit is conducted within seeing and hearing distance of a warder, and there is no semblance of privacy, it states.