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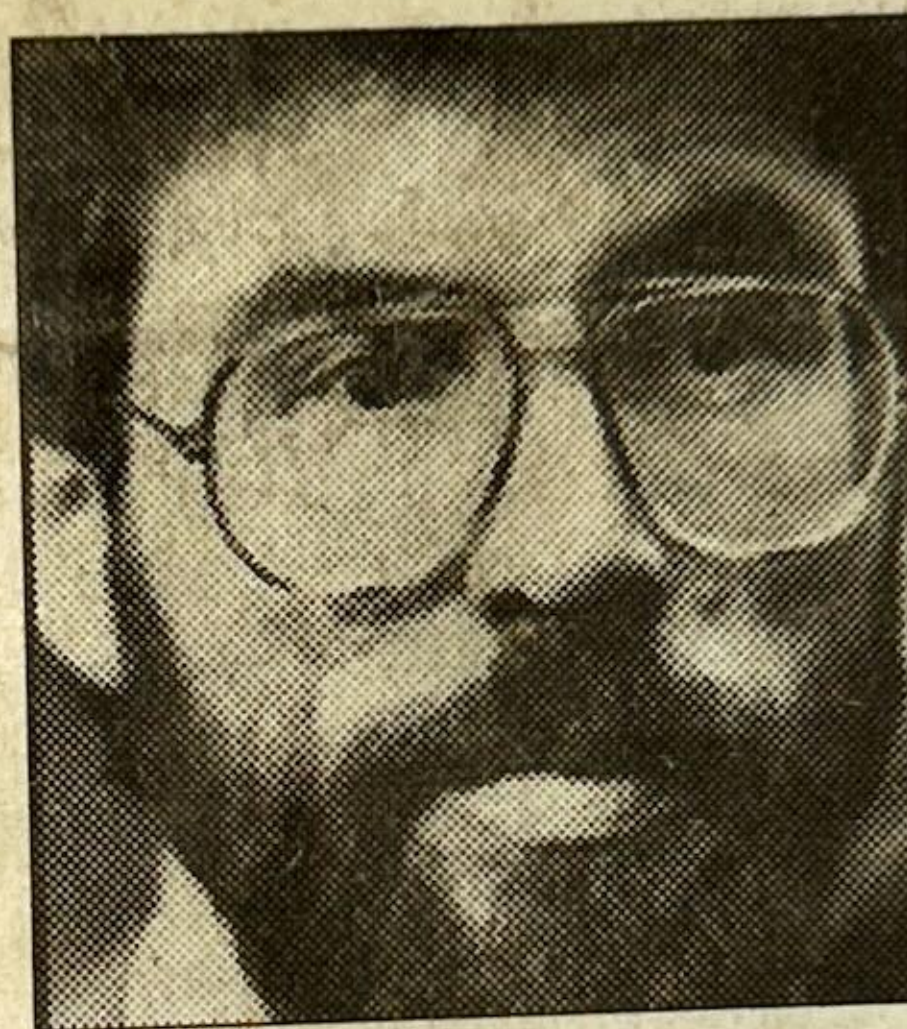
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The wife, sons and daughters and entire family circle of the late Joseph Boardman (R.I.P.) wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Sincere thanks to all who called at the home, telephoned, sent Mass cards and sympathy cards, letters of condolence and floral tributes, also to all who attended and helped at the wake, the removal and at the funeral. Our sincere gratitude extends to Fr. P. McGarry (P.P.), Fr. McCorry (C.C.) and Sr. Maria for their endless support and to Father McGarry in his tribute to Joe in the celebration of the Eucharist which was central to Joe in his lifetime. We impart our appreciation to the doctors of Randalstown Health Centre for their sensitivity and respect for Joe. We would also wish to acknowledge the efficient and caring service of the McCusker Brothers, Funeral Directors and extend our thanks to the Management and Staff of O'Neills Arms Hotel, Toomebridge. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, it is hoped that this acknowledgment will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

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A REPUBLICAN prisoner on temporary transfer from an English jail has passed the first hurdle in being granted permanent status.

Paul Kavanagh from west Belfast, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1985 for a series of bombs in London which claimed three lives.

He was transferred to Maghaberry Prison in July 1994 with Derry man Paddy McLaughlin, Martina Anderson, also from Derry, and Ella O'Dwyer from Tipperary.

Mr Kavanagh was yesterday granted leave to apply for a judicial review of British Home Secretary Michael Howard's decision not to grant him a permanent transfer.

Temporary transfer prisoners must re-apply every six months to remain in a northern jail.

They can be returned to a