

Chronicle in History Teaching and Research at the University of Westminster



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The Chronicle Project

- One of several initiatives from BBC Archive Development Group:
 - To explore and facilitate increased access to massive (inaccessible) BBC archive.
- BBC Northern News material 1963-1975:
 - Inherent academic interest in the period;
 - Paucity of widely-available audio-visual material;
 - Deterioration of 16mm film stock.
- Westminster one of five institutions on project steering group:
 - QUB, UU, St Mary's University College, Royal Holloway University of London;
 - Delivered through a partnership between the JISC-funded Strategic Content Alliance, the BUFVC and the BBC.



Questions and Answers

- How should material be selected?
- Should material be held back on grounds of sensitivity?
- Should we impose a thematic structure on it?
- Did we need to provide contextualising material to help users ‘make sense of it’?
- Problems inherent in the material:
 - Much of it is mute;
 - Absence of scripts;
 - Mixture of rushes and broadcast material;
 - Meta-data is often sparse;
 - No recordings of actual news transmissions in broadcast form.



‘The Troubles’ at Westminster

- Twenty-five to thirty students annually take 1HIS656 The Troubles: Britain and Northern Ireland 1968-1998:
 - Student cohort reflects Westminster’s cosmopolitan intake;
 - Normally five or six US ‘study abroad’ students;
 - Typical Level 6 student currently born in 1990.
- Emphasis at level 6 History on primary source work:
 - Enormous variety of available primary source material on ‘The Troubles’;
 - PRONI, CAIN, National Archives, Saville Enquiry.
- Enhanced now by online access to audio-visual data:
 - ITN Newsfilm Online and – now- Chronicle.



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Scene Around Six - 17 Jun 1968
BBC One Northern Ireland on Monday 17th June 1968

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Chronicle provides authenticated users with access to digitised copies of selected news and current affairs material covering Northern Ireland and The Troubles, along with web-based tools allowing it to be searched, viewed and annotated.

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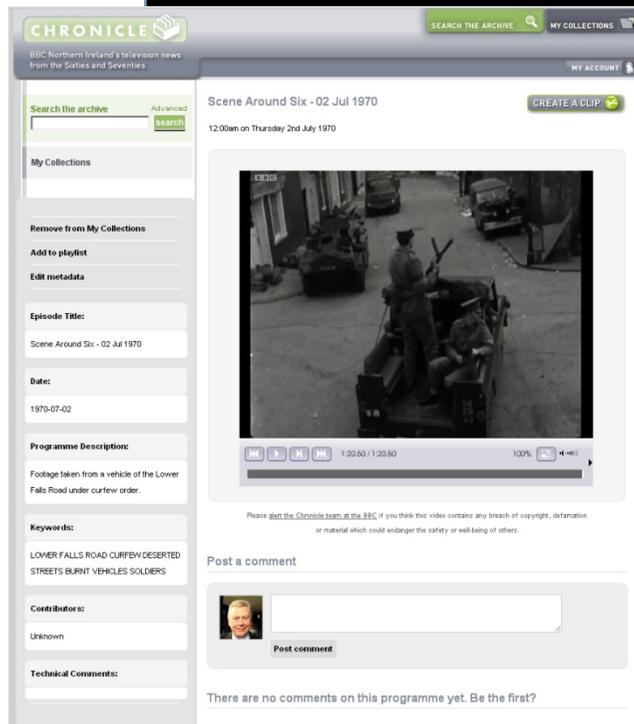
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Chronicle in Teaching and Learning - Lectures

Army and the Catholics



The screenshot shows the BBC Chronicle website interface. The main content area displays a video player for a clip titled "Scene Around Six - 02 Jul 1970", which is 12:00 minutes long. The video player shows a black and white still image of a soldier in a military vehicle. To the left of the video player is a sidebar with various options: "Search the archive", "My Collections", "Remove from My Collections", "Add to playlist", "Edit metadata", "Episode Title", "Date", "Programme Description", "Keywords", "Contributors", and "Technical Comments". The "Keywords" section lists "LOWER FALLS ROAD CURFEW DESERTED STREETS BURNT VEHICLES SOLDIERS". Below the video player is a "Post a comment" section with a text input field and a "Post comment" button. At the bottom of the page, it says "There are no comments on this programme yet. Be the first?".

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Wipso facto anti-state, whereas loyalists pro-state.

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Chronicle in Teaching and Learning - Seminars

1HIS656 The Troubles: Britain and Northern Ireland 1968-1998

Seminar Week Three – Rise of Ian Paisley

Log on to the BBC Northern Ireland TV News system, 'Chronicle'. Search for video material on the early career of Ian Paisley. Limit your search to be period before the end of 1972. Spend some time on your own selecting and viewing some clips. Then, working together in groups of two or three, agree answers to the following questions:

1. What insights are provided by the material into Paisley's appeal to sections of the unionist community in this period?
2. What are the strengths of material such as this as sources for the historian?
3. What are the weaknesses of material of this sort as sources for the historian?
4. What other primary sources would you wish to consider, in seeking to understand Paisley's rise to prominence?



Chronicle in Historical Research

- Unmediated access to hitherto unseen audio-visual material;
- Tremendous value to historians of the Troubles:
 - But also of the *televising* of the Troubles;
 - As regards BBC NI but also comparative studies with ITN.
- But a reminder also that NI had a history *before* the Troubles:
 - and that Ulster life wasn't only bombs and bullets;
 - That life to some extent carried on as normal.

Duke Street's Unsung Hero





Chronicle in Historical Research

- *Chronicle has been very useful for my research into the genesis and development of the civil rights movement .. hitherto unseen footage of civil rights meetings and news coverage relating to NICRA, PD and Unionist reaction to the campaign ... useful coverage of an early civil rights event in London in 1965. John Taylor, sometimes seen as sympathetic to civil rights in this period, staunchly defends Unionism at this meeting which was organised by the Connolly Association ... interesting footage of Betty Sinclair defending NICRA against suggestion that it was being taken over by 'extremists' in 1969. There is also very interesting interviews about factionalism in NICRA in Armagh in 1970.*
 - **Dr Patrick Smylie (UoW)**



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