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**Obituaries** 

of their own

DAILY TELEGRAPH readers have continued to inspire and

amuse by writing their own obituaries on My Telegraph, our blogging website. After we published some of

Here are some examples:

105 rescuing a family of

Alf Reece, who has died aged

a truly just society. "It only really got going when I turned 75," he said on his death bed. "Before that it was all golf and crosswords." Mr Baece is survived by four

Mr Reece is survived by four children, 16 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and his wife Suki, 24.

Displaying creative talent

Aegis was born in 1981 somewhere in the remote depths of Eastern England.

English classes, he soon

his stories were enforced

drunken caterwauling became a trademark of his

vocal style, and continued right up until his death.

Death of a poet: Although

Marya's prose was deathless, her poems did not enter the

Halls of the Immortals. She was born in obscurity, lived in

obscurity, yet died in a blaze of publicity as she and her

blogs went up in smoke. A blazing talent, indeed.

became far too embarrassed

to write publicly after many of

the best extracts in yesterday's paper, the autoobituaries have kept on

coming.

# Northern **Ireland may** set up Truth Commission

#### **Bv Tom Peterkin** Ireland Correspondent

THE Government has announced a group to estab-lish if Northern Ireland should have a South African-style Truth Commission to help the province come to terms with time. its violent past.

The group will be led by Lord Eames, the former head of the Anglican Church in Ireland, and Denis Bradley, a former Catholic priest and community mediator.

Ireland Secretary, comes amid mounting concerns about the spiralling costs of any standards, huge sums of inquiries set up to investigate controversial deaths during the Troubles.

By far the most contentious is the £180 million Saville Inquiry into the Bloody Sun-day shootings, which has yet to report nine years after it

was set up. Yesterday Mr Hain admitted that the cost of the investigation into the deaths of 13 civilians shot dead by the Army in Londonderry in 1972 was

"staggering". Mr Hain said: "There has to be a better way of looking at Northern Ireland's past than public inquiries.'

Mr Hain said he still believed that setting up the investigation was the right thing to do at the time. But his comments are the nearest a serving Cabinet minister has

gations of state collusion.

They are examining the murder of Billy Wright, the republicans, Rosemary Nel-

tor Pat Finucane by the Ulster Defence Association, has yet to open.

Superintendents' The Association welcomed the development, but called for the collusion inquiries to be suspended in the mean-

Superintendent Chief Stephen Grange said: "We do however harbour a significant concern that the work of the consultative group, which isn't due to formally report until the summer of 2008, may be The move announced made more difficult by the by Peter Hain, the Northern ongoing public inquiries, none

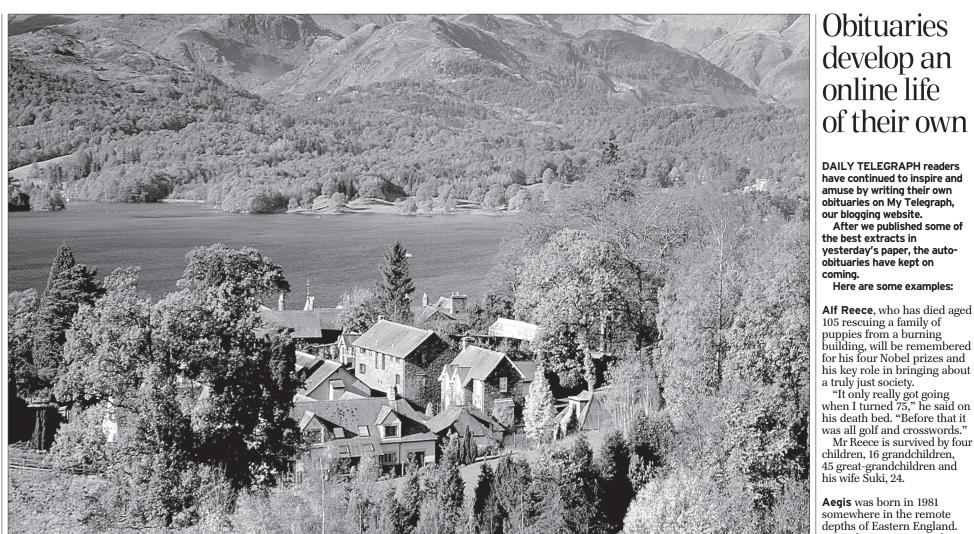
> public money. "We feel therefore that in pausing for reflection and identifying the best way forward, there exists some scope for these inquiries to be suspended.

Investigating the past takes up a huge amount of police time and resources. The Police Service of Northern Ireland's Historical Enquiries Team, which is re-examining 3,000 Troubles-related deaths, takes millions from the police

budget. Lord Eames and Mr Bradley will report back next summer with their conclusions. One option is a Truth Commission, similar to the one set up in South Africa to investigate crimes committed during the apartheid regime.

They have been appointed come to suggesting that it has to co-chair a small independbeen a waste of money. Other inquiries costing an estimated £17.5 million have roll, a Belfast Presbyterian been set up to investigate alle- minister; Jarleth Burns, a prominent member of the Gaelic Athletic Association; Willie John McBride, former loyalist paramilitary killed by British Lions captain; James Mackey, a visiting professor in son, a Catholic lawyer killed Philosophy at Trinity College, by a loyalist car bomb, and Dublin; Elaine Moore, a prison

**ARE THEY** 



The Popular Liberation Army of Westmorland believes that holiday home owners are 'leech-like scum' that have put properties out of the reach of locals

## from an early age, he was soon enrolled in school choirs; his first experience of Lake District faces war on second homes often commended for his fiction and non-fiction in

#### By Nigel Bunyan

A SELF-STYLED "popular liberation army" has pledged to attack holiday homes in the Lake District in protest at "leech-like scum" whom they claim have pushed property prices so high that local peoe can no longer afford to live in the area.

Cumbria Police are taking the threats so seriously that they have advised household-

Army of Westmorland (PLAW) makes a series of threats and declares its allegiance with other disaffected groups in Wales and Cornwall.

Detectives are checking the organisation's claim that its members have already set fire to one holiday home. The PLAW's emergence

coincides with recent threats against celebrity chefs Rick Stein and Jamie Oliver.

ers to be vigilant. Forensic experts are analys-ing a typed letter in which the Both have been targeted by the Cornwall National Libera-tion Army, seemingly in "retal-

restaurants may have had on house prices. The PLAW letter, entitled *Let* 

It Be Known, reads: "The Popular Liberation

Army of Westmorland hereby pledges that we will one day see an end to the occupation of Westmorland by incomers,

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encroaching leech-like scum of that ilk.

"The Popular Liberation Army of Westmorland wholeheartedly supports any other groups that pledge to get rid of our towns and villages of holiday home owners. "We are at present 25 peo-

ple born and bred in Westmorland and who are unable to buy property in the land of our birth"

The letter refers to an alleged arson attack on a holiday home two years ago, as police immediately"

self-styled Popular Liberation iation" for the effects their holiday home owners and the well as "various acts" of criminal damage throughout the Westmorland area.

It concludes by claiming that it is being supported by

upon his classmates by over-enthusiastic teachers. After several jobs, Aegis became involved in music by singing in a friend's band at a and special training we are able to start our own battle." Cumbria Police said: "We take all threats of this nature gig whilst intoxicated. This

seriously. "We would ask all holiday home owners to be extra vigilant and if they see anything

suspicious to report it to the

## Jamie Oliver dismisses threats from Cornish 'liberation army'

#### By Telegraph Reporter

JAMIE Oliver shrugged off threats from the Cornish National Liberation Army (CNLA), which accused the Robert Hamill, who was alcohol and drugs counsellor celebrity chef of causing "the inflation beaten to death by a loyalist and David Porter, director of of house and other living costs at

who has restaurants in Padstow, "would feel the rosy glow" from the heat of fires.

Speaking at the Fifteen restaurant near Newquay, Mr Oliver said: "Trying to knock off a couple of celebrity chefs is probably not the most poignant answer, even to a terrorist. They

"When anything prospers, the first thing that reacts is house pricing that is reflected across the country.

"If there is an affordable housing" problem, that is the Government's problem."

Malcolm Bell, chief executive of South West Tourism, said that it

Oliver because Fifteen, which opened last year, and the charity behind it was about helping young people in Cornwall and using local produce. Devon and Cornwall Police are investigating the threats made by the

CNLA against the chefs, which were

made in an email to businesses and

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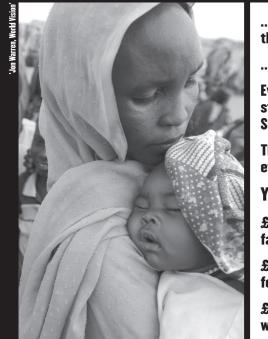
extremists abroad. "With funding from America

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The CNLA also said that Rick Stein, | need to do a bit of homework.

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