

Incident shows IPLO ready to resume vi

The Irish People's Liberation Organisation has admitted responsibility for the incident in Belfast on Wednesday evening when gunmen hijacked a car in West Belfast in an attempt to assassinate a loyalist, and then fired on police and soldiers as they returned to west Belfast, is consistent with previous escapades associated with the members of the small republican paramilitary group.

The gunmen forced their way into a house in the Protestant Rathcoole area of Newtown-

abbey, Co. Antrim, but left after apparently establishing the man they were looking for was not there. As the gunmen returned to west Belfast, they fired a number of shots at an RUC Land-Rover, but no-one was injured and five were not reported to have been returned.

The IPLO broke away from the Irish National Liberation Army in a move which precipitated the internal feud in early 1987 which resulted directly in 11 killings and several injuries.

Security forces on both sides of the Border suspect that rearming and reorganisation has been taking place among a paramilitary group which was formed when the Irish National Liberation Army splintered almost three years ago. **JIM CUSACK**, Security Correspondent, reports.

carried out a small number of leadership in the IPLO in Belfast killings in Northern Ireland, possibly the most notorious being the assassination of the independent loyalist Belfast councillor, Mr. George Seawright on the Shankill road in November 1987.

Last year there was a change in also carried out something of a military activities in the North.



PAINTING THE TOWN RED: Rudolf Khacharyan, a Russian artist (left), with his London agent, Ms Daphna Fisher, supervising the hanging of his paintings yesterday, prior to the opening of the Soviet and Irish art exhibition in the Mansion House in Dublin. The exhibition continues until March 21st. — (Photograph: Pat Langan)