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## **PRESS RELEASE: New Book Challenges 60-year-old Double Hanging... and Attacks Today's Legal Watchdog**

In April 1952 two young, small time Manchester villains, 22-year-old Edward Devlin and 21-year-old Alfred Burns were executed side by side in Liverpool's Walton prison for the murder of Wavertree widow Beatrice Alice Rimmer.

The senior detective in charge of the murder investigation, Herbert Balmer (later Acting Chief Constable of Liverpool) was severely criticised by the judges for withholding evidence in the successful 2003 Cameo Murder appeals.

A new book by the author George Skelly, whose earlier book helped to win those Cameo appeals, is published on **5th December**.

Murderers Or Martyrs is not only a masterful and penetrating expose of Balmer's dirty work in "fitting-up" Devlin and Burns, but is also a scathing indictment of the Criminal Cases

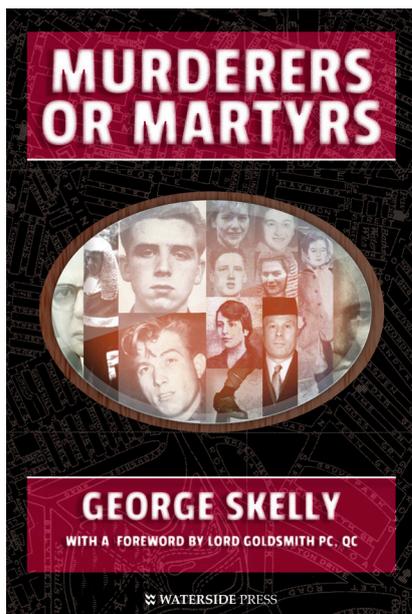
Review Commission, the legal body set up to rectify such miscarriages of justice but which lamentably failed to do so.

Despite being provided by Mr Skelly, with eleven bundles of new (previously suppressed) evidence and fresh argument, the CCRC in 2011 decided not to refer the case to the Court of Appeal—thereby allowing the appalling injustice against the two young men to continue in perpetuity.

The entire gripping story—from the arrests, to the trial, appeal, secret inquiry and double hanging—is meticulously described by the author, who has been lauded by American literary giant Norman Mailer, among others, as a fine writer.

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