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## HAIL MAY DAY !



The great leader and teacher of the working and oppressed people of the whole world Chairman Mao and his close comrade-in-arms Vice-Chairman Lin Piao celebrating the First of May, International Labour Day, 1970 at the Tien An Men Square, Peking.

May the First is May Day, the great revolutionary festival of the international working class. Since as far back as last century the workers of all countries have celebrated this day. On it they proclaim their historic mission, to lead mankind forward from the old world of darkness, oppression and decay to the new world of light, freedom and life. They declare to the whole world their intention, to overthrow imperialism and capitalism and all systems of exploitation and to build society anew on the basis of socialism and communism.

Since the first May Day the cause of the working class has advanced

immeasurably as the workers have taken up Karl Marx's great call "Workers of all countries, Unite!". The People's Republic of China now stands as an impregnable bastion of socialism and world revolution. Since May Day 1970 the working and oppressed people of the world have united still more closely behind People's China and her great leader Chairman Mao, and have dealt telling blows against U.S. imperialism, the principal enemy of the world's people. In particular the recent great victories of the Indo-Chinese peoples have completely exposed U.S. imperialism as a paper tiger. Imperialism is heading for total collapse, while

socialism is advancing to worldwide victory.

On May Day the English workers join hands with their class brothers in other countries. They proclaim their resolve to smash British imperialism, the junior partner of U.S. imperialism and enemy of the people of its colonies and neocolonies as well as of the English working class. They proclaim their deep aspiration to smash the bourgeois state and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

British monopoly capitalism is reeling before the rising onslaught of the English working class and

people. In desperation it is lashing out wildly. Instead of the much-vaunted "British democracy", we have vicious assault on the democratic rights of the workers through fascist labour laws, rampant fascist attack on the national minorities, police harassment of progressive individuals and organisations, fascist aggression against the fraternal Irish people. Daily worsening economic and living conditions and all-round cultural oppression are the lot of the working and oppressed people of England under the rule of British monopoly capitalism.

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# WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!

## Slogans for the FIRST of MAY

1. Make May the First the great revolutionary festival of the English working class !
2. Resolutely denounce the labour aristocrats and the agents of the capitalists in the working class movement !
3. Hail May the First, the great revolutionary day of the solidarity and unity of the international working class !
4. Resolutely denounce the agents of imperialism and revisionism who are flimsily buzzing around like flies in an effort to disrupt the great proletarian unity of the working and oppressed people of the whole world !
5. Hail the glorious achievements of the great Chinese working class following the revolutionary principle of relying on one's own resources, keeping the initiative in one's own hands, aiming high, mobilising the masses and resolutely upholding Mao Tsetung Thought !
6. Denounce all the intrigues of the imperialists and revisionists to make the working class dependent on them through 'experts', scholar despots and other bad elements in order to continue the exploitation and repression of the working class !
7. Hail the Chinese People's Liberation Army an invincible force in the hands of the working and oppressed people of the world to safeguard world anti-imperialist socialist revolution and to guarantee lasting peace !
8. Denounce all war preparations and fascist aggression against the world anti-imperialist revolution by the imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists !
9. Hail the great victories of the Chinese working class and people in opposing the restoration of capitalism, in building the socialist economy and in their staunch support for world anti-imperialist socialist revolution !
10. Resolutely denounce the fascist attacks of the U.S. imperialists and their running dogs and their towering crimes against the people of the whole world !
11. Hail the dictatorship of the proletariat, the invincible political power of the working class, and the Communist Party, the core of this political power!
12. Resolutely denounce the dictatorship of the imperialists and social-imperialists, the rotting power, and its core, the imperialist and revisionist 'parties' !
13. Hail the highest stage of the working class ideology in our era Mao Tsetung Thought !
14. Resolutely denounce the most degenerate, anti-working class theories of the imperialists and Soviet social imperialists !
15. Wish the greatest leader and most beloved teacher of the working and oppressed people of the whole world, Chairman Mao Tsetung a long, long life !
16. Death to the most despised and notorious anti-working class and anti-people chieftains, Nixon, Brezhnev, Kosygin, and all their lackies !
17. ESCALATE PEOPLES WAR !
18. DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ALL ITS RUNNING DOGS!
19. DEATH TO BRITISH IMPERIALISM !
20. VICTORY TO THE ENGLISH WORKING CLASS !!!

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## MILITANT STRUGGLE CONTINUES IN WINSON GREEN PRISON

In Winson Green prison in Birmingham the struggle against the fascism of the British monopoly capitalists and their lackeys continues to develop.

Workers' England No 3 reported how the study of Mao Tsetung Thought was advancing, and how the slogans "Death to the fascist police and courts!" and "Long live Chairman Mao!" have come to embody the spirit of rebellion of the broad masses of the prisoners. When the prisoners heard of this report they were extremely enthusiastic to develop their struggle and thus build still closer links with the anti-fascist struggle outside the prisons.

Large numbers of revolutionary posters continue to appear all over the gaol, reading "Death to the lackey police and courts for their fascist crimes against the people!", "Long live Chairman Mao, leader of the world's working and oppressed people!" and "To be attacked by the enemy is not a bad thing but a good thing!" This last poster shows that the broad masses of the prisoners have grasped Chairman Mao's great thesis: "I hold that it is bad as far as we are concerned if a person, a political party, an army or a school is not attacked by the enemy, for in that case it would definitely mean that we have sunk to the level of the enemy. It is good if we are attacked by the enemy, since it proves that we have drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves. It is still better if the enemy attacks us wildly and paints us as utterly black and without a single virtue; it demonstrates that we have not only drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves but achieved a great deal in our work."

Struggle is now developing on democratic rights. In church one day recently the lackey priest was putting forth his blatant anti-communism. The prisoners demanded to know why, if Communism was so "bad", they could not have Communist literature to find out for themselves. The priest began feebly muttering that it was "up to the government" when loud and clear the militant slogan "Long Live Chairman Mao!" rang out. The "service" ended in chaos as the fascist warders frantically cleared the room in an effort to find the "culprit". This question of political literature is most important. In order to wage struggle successfully against our oppressors we must arm ourselves with correct revolutionary theory, with Mao Tsetung Thought. For this it is necessary that the prisoners should have access to progressive political literature. To have progressive political literature is a fundamental democratic right, and on questions of democratic rights it is possible to unite the vast majority of the people against the fascists. Therefore the demand for progressive literature is most timely and correct.

On April 23 several prisoners came up for remand at the magis-

trates court where twelve of the March 27th demonstrators were appearing. The prisoners covered the cells with posters and slogans such as "Death to the lackey police and courts!" and loudly shouted "Long live Chairman Mao!" in warm welcome to the demonstrators. Three staunch Irish patriots refused to co-operate with the court, denounced the magistrate as a fascist and shouted "Long Live Chairman Mao!"

To refuse to co-operate with the court, to denounce the court for its fascist crimes against the people, is a revolutionary act of great importance at this time. The British monopoly capitalist class maintains its power by means of the fascist police. Since these lackeys daily commit the most abominable atrocities against the people, they have to have the courts to cover up these crimes. The court is designed to submerge the truth under a mountain of incomprehensible legal procedure, to show that the crimes of the British monopoly capitalists and their lackey police are "legal" while the just actions of the working class and people are "criminal", to hoodwink the people that "British justice" is "impartial" and above classes. To stand up and state the truth, that this is fascism, demolishes the farce and exposes to the people exactly what is going on. As more and more people rise to denounce these courts, more and more the people will demand that the real criminals be brought to justice.

In the prison the three staunch Irish patriots utterly refused to stop shouting "Long Live Chairman Mao!" For thus determinedly saluting the leader of the working and oppressed people of the world, one was viciously beaten up by the fascist warders and put in solitary confinement. The fighting spirit of the proletariat can never be broken by these frenzied atrocities of the fascists. On the contrary these acts only underline the fact that blood debts will certainly be paid in blood.

Persisting in struggle and uniting more closely, arming their hearts and minds with Mao Tsetung Thought, the prisoners in Winson Green are bound to win great victories against the British monopoly capitalist ruling class and its running dogs.

### QUOTATION FROM CHAIRMAN MAO

MARXISM CONSISTS OF THOUSANDS OF TRUTHS, BUT THEY ALL BOIL DOWN TO ONE SENTENCE, "IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL". AND FROM THIS TRUTH THERE FOLLOWS RESISTANCE, STRUGGLE, THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM.

MAO TSE-TUNG

# MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE PICKETS LACKEY MAGISTRATES' COURT

On April 23rd, members and supporters of the March 27th Committee picketed outside the Birmingham magistrates' court. This picket was in support of the twelve people fascistically attacked and unjustifiably arrested by the lackey police at the March 27th demonstration in the Bull Ring. The demonstration had been to support the national liberation struggle of the Irish People. Two of the pickets marched up and down in front of the courts carrying placards: "Down with the fascist suppression of democratic rights", "Support the struggle of the Irish People against British imperialism". Other people gave out hundreds of leaflets to enthusiastic crowds outside the court. The leaflet was entitled "Who are the real criminals?" and summed up the events leading to that days court appearance as follows:

"Today twelve people are appearing in the Birmingham magistrates' court on charges ranging from 'threatening behaviour' to 'malicious wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm'. What are the circumstances of these charges and who are the real criminals?"

"The charges arise from the March 27th demonstration in the Bull Ring, when over 150 people demonstrated their support for the national liberation struggle of the Irish people and their opposition to the occupation of the north of Ireland by British troops.

"The police attacked the demonstration and by doing so provoked the intense opposition and hatred of hundreds of people who witnessed the attack and came forward to denounce it.

"The demonstrators fought back fiercely and by doing so earned the widespread support of the people, many of whom came forward to assist.

"In all, twelve people were arrested for supporting the Irish people and standing up for the democratic rights of the English people."

The leaflet went on to quote a statement issued to the March 27th Committee by eleven of those arrested:

"We have been charged with 'threatening behavior likely to cause a disturbance of the peace', 'assault' and 'malicious wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm'. Now exactly who is guilty of these offences? The demonstration was taking place in a calm and enthusiastic atmosphere with the support of the vast majority of the people present. Did not the police threaten and disturb the peace of the Bull Ring by their attack? Five or six police wantonly attacked each of the demonstrators. Did not the police then commit assault? Several people were viciously attacked in the cells by police chanting Sieg Heil. Did not the police maliciously wound with intent to do grievous bodily harm? Yes, of course they



Lackey police cower before Red Flag as demonstrators resolutely counter their fascist attack on March 27th demonstration. On April 23rd the March 27th Committee picketed the court in support of the twelve people unjustifiably arrested by the fascist police.

did. It is the police who are guilty of all these crimes. It is the gangster logic of fascists that they turn truth on its head and accuse the people of the very crimes they themselves have committed.

"At the preliminary proceedings the magistrate utterly refused to look into these facts and therefore participated in turning truth on its head and in confounding right and wrong. He hurriedly set ransom of over £750 and ordered one demonstrator incarcerated in Winson Green prison for ten days without bail under the police hoax that he would 'cause further trouble'. The court thus commits further atrocities of its own against the people.

"For whom are the courts, whom do they serve? It may be asked whose 'peace' was 'threatened', who was 'assaulted', who finds it 'malicious' to demonstrate in support of the Irish people and to resist the fascist attack on democratic rights? It is the British imperialist ruling class whose whole existence depends on the continued subjugation of the Irish people, the continued exploitation and oppression of the people of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. It is the British imperialist ruling class which needs 'peace' to continue its exploitation of the people; that is why it finds it extremely 'threatening' when the people oppose exploitation and repression. The working and oppressed people on the other hand find it just fine and warmly support those who stand up to the British imperialist ruling class and its police and courts.

"The police and courts were created by the bourgeoisie; they have always served the bourgeoisie. The police are the armed wing of the bourgeois state sent by the British imperialist ruling class to physically suppress and intimidate the

working class and people. The courts exist 1) to whitewash this fascist suppression and to obscure it under a cloak of 'legality'; to confuse and mislead the people with the 'Law' - the law of the ruling class which is designed to protect the real criminals, the British imperialists and their police and courts 2) under the signboard of 'British justice' to fascistically suppress the people further by robbing them and incarcerating them in the prisons.

"The police and courts are thus the practical instruments used by the British imperialist ruling class to enforce its 'right' of exploiting and oppressing the working class and people.

"However the days are gone when the British imperialists could ride roughshod everywhere. No longer do the people 'go quietly' when attacked by the police in the exercise of their fundamental democratic rights. Instead they fight back militantly, countering reactionary violence with revolutionary violence. No longer do the people try to 'get off' when produced before the courts on trumped-up charges. Instead they stand up resolutely, to state the truth and sternly denounce the police for their fascist atrocities and the courts for participating in confounding right and wrong. Whereas the British imperialist ruling class and its agents are mortally afraid of the people, the people are not afraid of them.

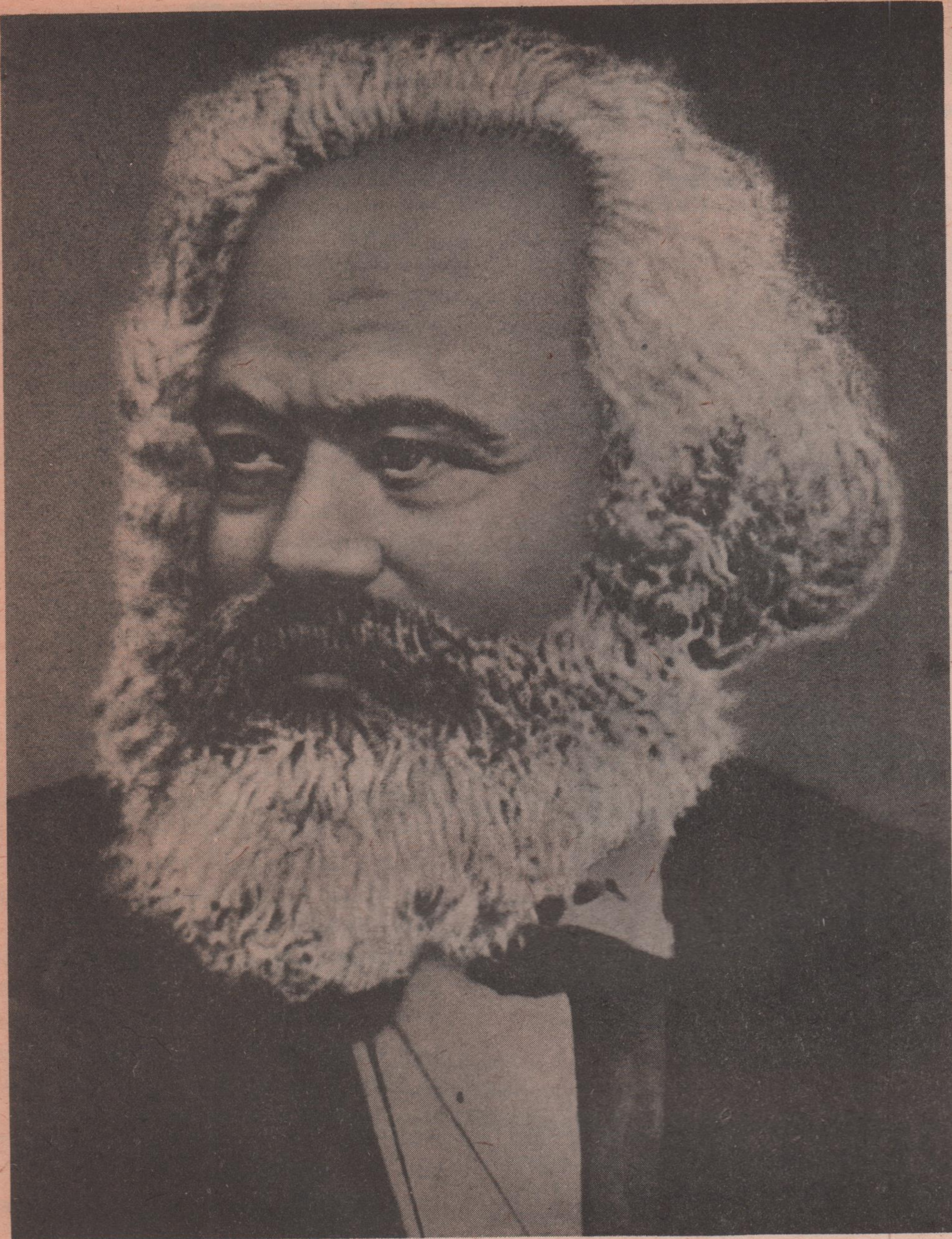
"Our 'crime' is to have supported the national liberation struggle of the Irish people and to have defended the democratic rights of the English people. We consider it a high honour to have committed such a 'crime'."

In court the lackey magistrate compounded his previous crimes by conniving with the police prosecutor to 'remand' those arrested to May

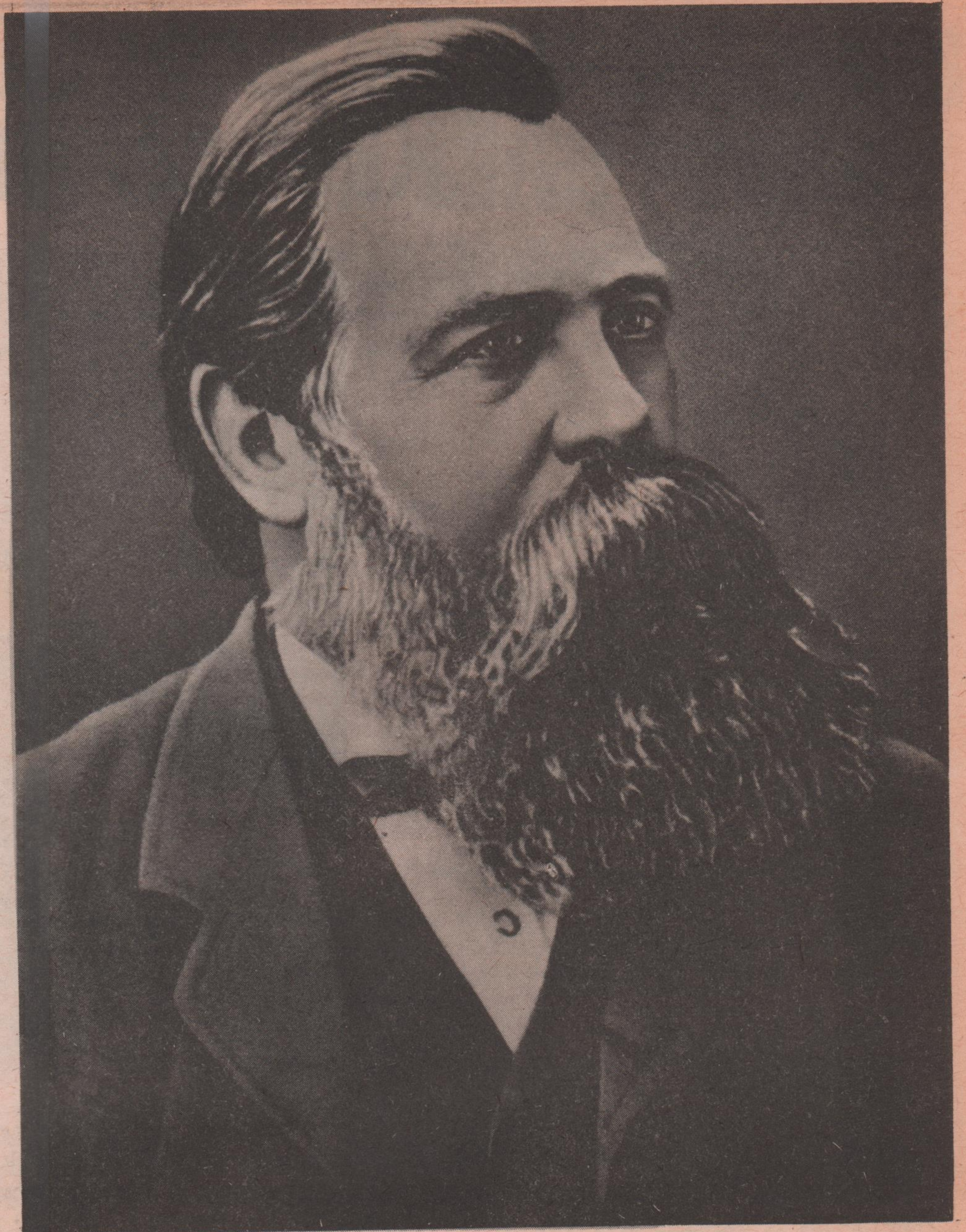
19th on the grounds that 'more serious charges are being considered' and that it may be necessary to go before the Assizes etc. As one of those arrested, a supporter of English Communist Movement (M-L), said afterwards: "Let them go ahead with their 'more serious charges'. The more 'serious' the charges, the more clearly exposed will be the fundamental fact that it is the British monopoly capitalists and their lackey police and courts who are the real criminals. What the reactionaries always misunderstand is that these actions of theirs show not their strength but their weakness. They want to bring 'serious charges' for merely standing up in the Bull Ring and declaring 'British imperialist troops get out of Ireland!' We on the other hand stand here and say 'Go ahead with your "serious charges" and see where you end up'. These lackeys are armed and quite numerous whereas we are unarmed and only twelve in number. So who is afraid of whom? Actually they are quite right to be afraid, for whereas we received the support of the broad masses of the people who are exploited and oppressed every day of their life, they received the outright condemnation and contempt of the people. This trend can only accelerate. It is bound to end with the complete isolation of the British monopoly capitalists and their lackey police and courts!"

The events following the March 27 demonstration bear witness once again to the fact that British monopoly capitalism is in irreversible decline. Faced with the growing opposition of the working class and people to its exploitation and oppression, it has no recourse but to fascism. But as the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Tojos of this world have found, the road to fascism is the road to doom. And so it is with the British monopoly capitalist class. The fascist suppression of democratic rights against the people, the fascist labour laws against the working class, the fascist immigration laws against the national minorities, the fascist cultural oppression against the petit bourgeois youth and students, the fascist aggression against the Irish people - all of these serve only to arouse further the bitter hatred and condemnation of the people, the staunch determination to eliminate this monster, British monopoly capitalism, once and for all from the face of the earth.

By resolutely standing up to the lackey police and courts the demonstrators arrested on March 27 are giving an excellent revolutionary example for the broad masses of the people to follow. They hasten the day when the instruments of suppression of the British monopoly capitalist class shall collapse. They hasten the day when the British monopoly capitalists and their lackeys, the criminals who have exploited and oppressed the working class and people of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for so long, are brought before the People's Courts to answer for their crimes.



Karl Marx



Frederick Engels

# Long live the First of May

Comrades!

As far back as last century, the workers of all countries resolved to celebrate annually this day, the First of May. That was in 1889, when, at the Paris Congress of the Socialists of all countries, the workers resolved to proclaim, precisely on this day, the First of May, when nature is awakening from her winter sleep, when the woods and hills are donning their green mantles and the fields and meadows are adorning themselves with flowers, when the sun shines more warmly, the joy of revival fills the air and nature gives herself up to dancing and rejoicing—they resolved to proclaim loudly and openly to the whole world, precisely on this day, that the workers are bringing spring to mankind and deliverance from the shackles of capitalism, that it is the mission of the workers to renovate the world on the basis of freedom and socialism.

Every class has its own favourite festivals. The nobility introduced their festivals, and on them they proclaim their "right" to rob the peasants. The bourgeoisie have their festivals and on them they "justify" their "right" to exploit the workers. The clergy, too, have their festivals, and on them they eulogize the existing system under which the toilers die in poverty while the idlers wallow in luxury.

The workers, too, must have their festival, and on it they must proclaim: universal labour, universal freedom, universal equality of all men. That festival is the festival of the First of May.

That is what the workers resolved as far back as 1889.

Since then the battle cry of workers' socialism has rung out louder and louder at meetings and demonstrations on the First of May. The ocean of the labour movement is expanding more and more, spreading to new countries and states, from Europe and America to Asia, Africa and Australia. In the course of only a few decades the formerly weak international workers' association has grown into a mighty international brotherhood, which holds regular congresses and unites millions of workers in all parts of the world. The sea of proletarian wrath is rising in towering waves, and is more and more menacingly advancing against the tottering citadels of capitalism. The great coal miners' strike which recently flared up in Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, America, etc., a strike which struck fear into the hearts of the exploiters and rulers all over the world, is a clear

sign that the socialist revolution is not far off. . . .

"We do not worship the golden calf!" We do not want the kingdom of the bourgeoisie and the oppressors! Damnation and death to capitalism and its horrors of poverty and bloodshed! Long live the kingdom of labour, long live socialism!

That is what the class-conscious workers of all countries proclaim on this day.

And confident of victory, calm and strong, they are marching proudly along the road to the promised land, towards glorious socialism, step by step carrying out Karl Marx's great call: "Workers of all countries, unite!"

That is how the workers in free countries celebrate the First of May.

The Russian workers, ever since they began to realize their position, and not wishing to lag behind their comrades, have always joined the general chorus of their foreign comrades and, jointly with them, have celebrated the First of May in spite of everything, in spite of the brutal acts of repression of the tsarist government. True, for the past two or three years, during the period of counter-revolutionary bacchanalia and disorganization of the Party, industrial depression and the deadening political indifference of the broad masses, the Russian workers have been unable to celebrate their glorious workers' festival in the old way. But the revival that has started in the country recently; the economic strikes and the political protests of the workers in connection, say, with the rehearing of the case of the Social-Democratic deputies in the Second Duma; the growing discontent among broad strata of the peasants because of the famine which has affected over twenty gubernias, and the protests of hundreds of thousands of shop assistants against the "renovated" system of the Russian diehards—all go to show that the deadening torpor is passing off, giving place to a political revival in the country, primarily among the proletariat. That is why this year the Russian workers can and must on this day extend a hand to their foreign comrades. That is why they must celebrate the First of May in one way or another together with them.

They must declare today that they are at one with their comrades in the free countries—they do not and will not worship the golden calf.

Moreover, to the general demand of the workers of

all countries they must add their own Russian demand for the overthrow of tsarism and the establishment of a democratic republic.

"We detest the crowns of tyrants!" "We honour the chains of the martyred people!" Death to bloody tsarism! Death to landlordism! Death to the tyranny of the masters in factories, mills and mines! Land for the peasants! An eight-hour day for the workers! A democratic republic for all the citizens of Russia!

That is also what the Russian workers must proclaim on this day.

It is lies and grovelling before Nicholas the Last when the Russian liberals assure themselves and others that tsarism has consolidated itself in Russia and is capable of satisfying the principal needs of the people.

It is deception and hypocrisy when the Russian liberals sing in all keys that the revolution is dead and that we are living under a "renovated" system.

Look-around! Does long-suffering Russia resemble a "renovated," "well-governed" country?

Instead of a democratic constitution—a regime of gallows and brutal tyranny!

Instead of a popular parliament—the black Duma of the black landlords!

Instead of the "unshakable foundations of civil liberty," instead of the freedom of speech, assembly, press, association and strike promised by the Manifesto of October 17—the dead hand of "discretion" and "prevention," the closing of newspapers, the deportation of editors, the suppression of unions and the breaking-up of meetings!

Instead of inviolability of the person—beating up in prisons, outrages against citizens, the bloody suppression of strikers in the Lena goldfields!

Instead of satisfaction of the peasants' needs—the policy of still further driving the peasant masses from the land!

Instead of a well-ordered administration—the thieving by quartermasters, thieving at railway Head Offices, thieving in the Forestry Department, thieving in the Naval Department!

Instead of order and discipline in the governmental machine—forgery in the courts, swindling and blackmail by criminal investigation departments, murder and provocation in the secret-police departments!

Instead of the international greatness of the Russian



V. I. Lenin



J. V. Stalin

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state—the ignominious failure of Russian “policy” in the Near and Far East and the role of butcher and despoiler in the affairs of bleeding Persia!

Instead of peace of mind and security for the inhabitants—suicides in the towns and horrible starvation among 30,000,000 peasants in the rural districts!

Instead of improvement and purification of morals—incredible dissoluteness in the monasteries, those citadels of official morality!

And to complete the picture—the brutal shooting of hundreds of toilers in the Lena goldfields! . . .

Destroyers of already won liberties, worshippers of gallows and firing squads, inventors of “discretion” and “prevention,” thieving quartermasters, thieving engineers, robber police, murdering secret police, dissolute Rasputins—these are the “renovators” of Russia!

And yet there are people in the world who have the effrontery to say that all is well in Russia, that the revolution is dead!

No, comrades; where millions of peasants are starving and workers are shot down for going on strike the revolution will go on living until the disgrace to mankind—Russian tsarism—is swept from the face of the earth.

And on this day, the First of May, we must say in one way or another, at meetings, mass gatherings or at secret assemblies—whichever is the most expedient—that we pledge ourselves to fight for the complete overthrow of the tsarist monarchy, that we welcome the coming Russian revolution, the liberator of Russia!

Let us, then, extend our hands to our comrades abroad and together with them proclaim:

*Down With Capitalism!*

*Long Live Socialism!*

Let us hoist the flag of the Russian revolution bearing the inscriptions:

*Down With the Tsarist Monarchy!*

*Long Live the Democratic Republic!*

Comrades! Today we are celebrating the First of May! *Long Live the First of May!*

*Long Live International Social-Democracy!*

*Long Live the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party!*

*The Central Committee of the R.S.D.L.P.*



Our most respected and beloved great leader and great supreme commander Chairman Mao.

**R**EVOLUTION means liberating the productive forces and promoting their growth," Chairman Mao has said. Profound changes going on in the forging shop of the Changchun No. 1 Motor Vehicle Plant as a result of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution graphically prove this.

One of the principal units of the Changchun plant, the 1,000-man forging shop produces several hundred automobile parts. For the past year and eight months, the shop's revolutionary committee and P.L.A. supporting the proletarian revolutionaries have worked hard to "carry out the tasks of struggle-criticism-transformation conscientiously" as instructed by Chairman Mao. In other words, using Mao Tsetung Thought as their weapon, workers and staff have struggled against Party capitalist-roaders in the shop and sharply and thoroughly repudiated Liu Shao-chi's counter-revolutionary revisionist line in industry in the shop. Then, guided by Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, they eliminated the rules and regulations that hindered production and the workers' creativity and initiative and set up new ones for managing a socialist enterprise.

Today, with the working class in firm control of politics, production and technical matters, the workers are bursting with revolutionary enthusiasm, their wisdom and ingenuity creating leap after leap in production. Last year the shop overfulfilled its state quota one month ahead of schedule. Production in the first half of this year was the highest for the same period in history.

#### Struggle Between Two Lines

For years in China there has been a fierce struggle over what thinking and methods to use in managing a socialist enterprise, a struggle between Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and Liu Shao-chi's counter-revolutionary revisionist line. It has been especially sharp and complicated in the Changchun plant.

The Changchun plant was China's first motor vehicle industry base. Construction on it began in 1953 and it went into production in 1956. From the start, Chairman Mao showed warm concern for the plant and many times gave instructions on its construction and production. The Chinese people expected much from it. But revisionist Liu Shao-chi and his agents tried instead to make the plant a model of their way of running an enterprise, and this put the brakes on the healthy growth of the automobile industry.

They ordered the plant run entirely on the model of a certain foreign automobile plant, following the same rules and regulations to the letter. Drawn up in several million words and printed in 60 thick volumes, these could be boiled down to a few lines: one-man management, the director having sole power over the entire plant, relying on material incentives, specialists, putting technique in first place and profit in command. Chiefs and heads have the right to decide, workers have only the "duty" to be supervised. Workers must abide by technological regulations without question, must not

# Breaking Down the Revisionist System of Industrial Management



A technical innovation shock team studying improvements on a new type of heating furnace.

even a nut or bolt, and so on.

This revisionist management system ran entirely counter to Chairman Mao's principles for socialist enterprises: put politics in command, strengthen Party leadership, carry out extensive mass movements and technical revolution. The revisionist system hurt the socialist economic base and blocked the workers' initiative and creativity with all kinds of controls, restrictions, suppressive measures and penalties.

From the beginning, the revolutionary workers, leaders and engineers insisted on running the plant according to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. Time after time they had to fight the revisionist line. Inspired by Chairman Mao's call during the big leap forward of 1958-59 to "go all out, aim high and achieve greater, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism", the workers boldly broke away from foreign dogmas, took part in management, started a big technical innovation movement and designed new products. They went on diligently and creatively raising output year by year and multiplying the variety of products. (The plant originally manufactured only one item.) Production shot ahead. But part of the power in the plant was still in the hands of a small number of Party capitalist-roaders who were struggling to restore Liu Shao-chi's revisionist management system under different disguises. Constant interference from this line held back greater production leaps.

Then came the cultural revolution and the decisive battle between the proletarian and bourgeois classes, the revolutionary and the revisionist lines. Led by Chairman Mao, the Chinese people rose to destroy the bourgeois headquarters of Liu Shao-chi. At the Changchun plant too, the working class seized back the power stolen by the capitalist-roaders. At last the revisionist line in industry was thrown out.

#### Material Incentives or Politics in Command?

What happened at the forging

This was breaking down the old. At the same time the revolutionary committee worked to establish and consolidate new practices. Applying Chairman Mao's teaching that "political work is the life-blood of all economic work", it placed the living study and application of Mao Tsetung Thought in first place. It led the workers to study Chairman Mao's works every day and hold regular meetings where workers exchanged experience in the application of what they had learned to their everyday work. As a result, the workers' political consciousness rose as never before. The ideal of forging for the revolution took deep hold in their hearts and generated endless energy for continuing records in production.

The No. 12 steam hammer team of the drop forging section turns out automobile crankshafts. The machine is heavy and the men who operate it put in intense work. The capitalist-roaders therefore used even more material incentives on this team than others. In addition to the long list of awards made out to spur the workers, they added what they called "frontline awards". More than once they came to the shop, waving award money wrapped in red paper and crying, "Hurry up! As soon as you finish you'll get the award!" Even so, the team did not do very well, even failing at times to complete its shift quota.

But in the past year the team, applying Mao Tsetung Thought and vigorously repudiating revisionist ideas, has time after time overfulfilled its shift quota by 75, 100 and 125 per cent. Last March, to honour the Ninth Party Congress and answer the social-imperialist's invasion of China's Chenpao Island, the team determined to overfulfill its shift quota by 150 per cent.

To prepare for this battle, it ran a short Mao Tsetung Thought study class, strengthening the team members' confidence with Chairman

The shop's capitalist-roaders had made material incentives the magic formula for stimulating the workers. There were awards for "all-round good work", for "improving product quality", for "making forward leaps", for "working on holidays", for "team leaders who take extra pains over work", even one called "award according to circumstances" given like a consolation prize to those whose work did not really merit it. Liu Shao-chi and his agents were actually trying to corrupt the workers with material gains, break up unity among them, lead them away from proletarian politics and make them work for money—all this to prepare the way for turning China into a capitalist state.

The shop's new revolutionary committee organized the workers to criticize and repudiate such practices. "Material incentives are Liu Shao-chi's bloodless knife!" the angry workers said. "We want socialism, not awards!"



Li Fu (left), chairman of the revolutionary committee of the forging shop, the Changchun No. 1 Motor Vehicle Plant, discusses all problems with other workers.

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Mao's injunction to "surmount every difficulty to win victory" and "it is people, not things, that are decisive". The team's pledges were: "Smash Liu Shao-chi's revisionist line and forge loyalty to Chairman Mao with our steam hammer! Create new production records, more crankshafts and more automobiles for the Chinese and the world revolution! Strike hard at imperialism, revisionism and reaction!"

March 20 arrived, the day for high output. The team members worked in close coordination, all trying to take the hardest jobs, the different operations dovetailing perfectly. Productivity soared. Doing as Chairman Mao teaches, "Strategically we should despise all our enemies, but tactically we should take them all seriously", the members seized every short interval while the furnace heated up to sum up experience, look for shortcomings and inspect the equipment to prevent accidents. "Hammering a crankshaft is firing a shell at imperialism, revisionism and reaction," they declared, and emulated each other in the spirit of fearing neither hardship nor death.

At one time during the shift, five steel pieces in the furnace got stuck together. If the mass was not removed quickly, production would be held up. Without hesitating, deputy team leader Wang Lien-chu and members Chao Chun-hai and Wang Ching-jung opened the furnace gate and, ignoring the long flames shooting out, pushed their hooks inside and pulled the steel out. In spite of this setback, the team set an all-time high for shift output that day, 150 per cent above quota, a resounding declaration of the bankruptcy of Liu Shao-chi's revisionist line that money is what makes men work, a vivid demonstration that men armed not with awards but with Mao Tsetung Thought possess real might and brave even death for the sake of revolution.

Many similar advanced groups are emerging in the forging shop. **Thirty teams have set their highest figures in shop history since April of last year when the shop revolutionary committee came into being.**

#### Specialists or the Masses?

Before the cultural revolution, the shop's capitalist-roaders put power in technical matters entirely in the hands of the bourgeois specialists and authorities. Nothing could be done without them, they claimed. A worker could not start an innovation until his project was approved by the technological assistant, then the engineer in charge of rationalization proposals, then the technical department and several more.

The bourgeois specialists looked on foreign equipment and technology as holy. In their own designing they couldn't get along without foreign books and data. Before the cultural revolution, the bourgeois specialists had formed six "shock groups" for technical innovation. These groups worked behind closed doors on what they called advanced, top-level, high-precision products, hoping to make a name for themselves with a single success. They had no interest in solving the many urgent production problems in the shop. Because they were divorced from proletarian politics, reality and the masses, it was inevitable that they would fail. Working by themselves for several years, they spent

duce a single workable machine.

The workers and revolutionaries among the technical personnel found the revisionist way of doing things increasingly intolerable. The horizontal and free forging section had been using a foreign box furnace for many years. It was huge, burned large amounts of gas, yet had a low performance. The workers had to put in long, tiring hours in high heat. They called it "a clumsy big-bellied ox belching smoke and fire". Many times they had proposed reconstructing the furnace, but the bourgeois specialists insisted that it was rated advanced equipment in foreign countries and must not be tampered with.

In 1965 some of the revolutionary workers, engineers and leaders formed a shock team on their own to design and build a new furnace, determined to work in the spirit of national independence, self-determination and self-reliance as Chairman Mao teaches.

They had no data, no drawings. But they had Mao Tsetung Thought and the masses — sources of inexhaustible strength and wisdom. They asked production and maintenance workers and quality inspectors to join them in studying and analysing why the old box furnace performed so poorly and to help work out a design.

A key problem was the contradiction between hot and cool. Generally if a furnace is hot inside, its outside is also hot and the workers roast. But if the furnace is kept cool, the metal cannot be heated to the required temperature. The group turned to Chairman Mao's works on Marxist philosophy, *On Contradiction* and *On Practice*. By applying the principles in these two articles, they found a scientific solution. Dozens of experiments in their spare time produced a high-efficiency thin-walled rotary furnace which is hot inside and cool outside, truly of advanced world standards. One-fourth the size of the old box furnace, it uses 40 per cent less gas

and heats up 75 per cent faster. Workers no longer roast in the heat. The furnace is now in wide use in the horizontal and free forging section.

The new rotary furnace proves that the working class must and can be masters of science and technology, that "the lowly are most intelligent", as Chairman Mao says.

This truth has been demonstrated again and again in the cultural revolution after the workers took power back from the capitalist-roaders and bourgeois specialists. When the shop's revolutionary committee was established, it mobilized the masses to criticize and repudiate the revisionist line that tied them hand and foot, especially the indiscriminate worship of everything foreign, the practice of trailing snail-like behind other countries and depending on specialists to run the factory. Arming themselves with Chairman Mao's thinking on independence, self-determination and self-reliance, the workers revolutionized all irrational foreign technological processes and made innovations on machines and equipment to raise productivity and cut down on the intensity of labour.

The shop completed more than 100 technical innovations in this past year, many times more than all innovations the bourgeois specialists and authorities had made in a decade. Products made by revolutionary workers and technical personnel themselves include such large advanced equipment as the shot blasting machine for finishing forging surfaces and the electro-slag welding machine. They of course learn from whatever is advanced in other countries, but instead of worshipping and copying everything blindly, they adapt what is usable to create new machines to suit their own working conditions. The vigorous mass movement for technical innovations has spurred new leaps in production. **CHINA RECONSTRUCTS**

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Oppression begets resistance and the English working class is fighting back with renewed vigour against the rising fascism of the British monopoly capitalists. The spontaneous struggles of the workers against exploitation and repression are steadily rising and are at a level unprecedented in post-war years. All the attempts of British monopoly capitalism to curb this rising militant struggle are powerless. Its agents, the Holy Alliance of the "Left" — the labour aristocrats, the revisionists, trotskysts and social democrats of all hues and colours — are failing dismally in their attempts to channel the struggle into economic demands and reformism. More and more the struggles are taking clear political form. The aspiration of the English working class is not for 'higher wages', for a few more crumbs from the table of the monopoly capitalists. It is for the seizure of political power and the building of socialist society in which the initiative is in the hands of the working class, in which the workers are the masters of their destiny. That is why the revisionists, for example, have won the utter contempt of the working class. They preach the "parliamentary road to socialism" and have altogether forgotten about the seizure of state power by armed force, a fundamental principle of Marxism-Leninism. The revisionists most criminally betrayed the struggles of the working class in the twenties and thirties by serving self, refusing to make any sacrifice, refusing to lead. But now they have degenerated completely. What has "parliamentary road" got to do with proletarian revolution? Why, it has nothing whatever to do with it, but everything to do with preserving the rule of the British monopoly capitalists forever.

The ideology of the revisionists and all agents of the Holy Alliance is the slave ideology designed to keep the working class in bondage forever by maintaining that the workers can have no initiative, that society depends for its advance on 'experts' who must explain to the workers what to do. This bourgeois ideology is utterly foreign to the working class. The ideology of the working class is Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. It proclaims that the workers, the sole creators of wealth, are the masters of their destiny and can and must rely on their own initiative.

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Let us make May the First the great revolutionary festival of the English working class. Let us proclaim to the world:

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